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Pressure From the Pearson Family

At that, Analise realized she might have been demanding too much. She let go of Cameron's hand and looked dejected. "Please do your best, then. I don't want Abigail to suffer."

He looked at her, and after a while, he asked, "You seem to harbor some resentment toward Madam Harper. Is it related to Ms. Quinn's disappearance?"

She looked around to ensure no one was listening, then spoke in a low voice, "It might not be related to her, but it's definitely related to her twin sister. I feel it's the responsibility of the entire Pearson Family for what happened to Abigail, and they can't escape that."

"You're right." He immediately agreed. "But do you know exactly how Ms. Quinn went missing?"

She fell silent at his question.

Cameron did not press for details but opted instead to console Analise. "It's okay if you don't want to talk about it. Let me take you for a walk."

"Abigail didn't go missing. She was thrown into the sea and suffered a head injury. Now, she can't remember her biological parents." Analise walked slowly and began recounting the past to him.

He looked at her with surprise. "So, it was done by Mr. Pearson's second wife?"

"Yes. I thought she was her birth mother because they looked so much alike, but Mr. Pearson's first wife also has a twin sister. It doesn't matter now; Abigail has me doting on her, and her grandfather loves her very much." She sighed.

Her words made Cameron feel a deep sense of appreciation. Many parents could not treat their biological children as kindly as Analise and Theodore treated Abigail, let alone an adopted girl.

"Ms. Quinn is truly fortunate to have met all of you," he whispered with a smile.

"We two old folks don't have any children. Her arrival is our blessing." Analise's voice carried an unprecedented softness. "I only hope I can live a little longer to spend more time with her."

He patted her shoulder. "You will."

The streets of Capitalis were bustling as it was not long after the New Year.

Cameron and Analise returned at nearly 10.00PM. Upon seeing that Abigail was still working in the workspace, he could not help but murmur, "She's working so hard."

In the following days, he had a close-up view of her work routine.

She would never leave the office before 11.00PM. Even on Groundhog Day, she remained hunkered down in her workspace, busy with her work.

"She's working very hard. From the time she returned until now, she's been busy working late into the night in just half a month," Cameron said as he prepared a glass of milk for Abigail, all while discreetly making a phone call to Sean.

At that stage, Sean could only get some information about her from Cameron. "You don't know how to persuade her? You're with her, but you can't do anything? His voice conveyed his unhappiness,

"I can't persuade her he doesn't listen to me at all I have to go deliver the milk now, Cameron said as he
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was about to hang up the phone.

His words made Sean incredibly jealous. "Go ahead and deliver the milk. Why do you need to tell me?!" With that, he hung up the phone.

Cameron knew he was jealous. He put the glass of milk by Abigail's side and reminded her, "Drink this before continuing."

She looked at the ivory glass and thanked him. "Thank you."

He smiled carefreely. "You're my boss; I should do this. By the way, why are you in such a rush? Why can't you do it slowly?"

"Fairy Meadow is having a new product launch in early March, and it's crucial for the brand," she said. before sipping the milk.

He nodded. "I see why you're in a hurry. Keep working, then. I won't disturb you."

Fairy Meadow's new product launch this year would determine whether the brand could make a comeback.

Early the next morning, Cameron was intercepted by Sean when he came out of the hotel. He handed Cameron a box. "This is a massager I bought. It's perfect for someone like her who sits for long hours.

"All right. I'll say I bought it." Cameron deliberately teased him.

Sean stared at him coldly. "Say whatever you want."

Cameron chuckled. How is he not angry about this?

Sean left after delivering the item.

He watched Sean's back for a while and could not help but murmur, "Both of them have changed quite a bit. It made sense when he thought about it. After their divorce and the many events that followed, Sean slowly learned how to truly love someone with all his heart.

Cameron, holding the massager, prepared to enter the office when he overheard Abigail and Luna talking inside. "Scarlett came to see me last night. I knew something would happen. Do you think Fairy Meadow's tax is reliable?" Abigail whispered to Luna.

“Howard said it’s uncertain, but the people at Fairy Meadow received info saying that as long as they end their partnership with us, the tax issue will be resolved Luna replied with a touch of coldness in her voice.

“They love these methods, don’t they? Now, we’ve involved Fairy Meadow. I hope it didn’t anger Howard” Abigail was still considerate of the relationship between Luna and him. Although they had not known each other for long, it was clear that they had developed feelings for each other.

She did not want her actions to harm her friend’s relationship.

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Is It Him?

Luna had not said a word yet when the office door swung open. Cameron walked in with a smile and asked, “Are you having some trouble?”

“It’s not a major issue. What do you have there?” She turned her head to look at him, inquiring curiously.

“Oh! It’s a massager I bought for Ms. Quinn. She’s been sitting at her worktable all day and needs something to relax her muscles,” he answered nonchalantly while mentally calculating how to help Abigail and her team resolve the situation.

Abigail looked somewhat surprised as she got up and approached Cameron to take the device. “You’re quite considerate,” she remarked as she unwrapped the packaging.

He scratched his nose and did not give a direct response. The truly considerate one was Sean because it had never crossed Cameron’s mind to buy a massage device for her.

After observing him, Luna had a meaningful look in her eyes. He felt her gaze and quickly averted it. “Well, if there’s nothing else, I’ll head out.”

“Sure,” Abigail replied. “But how much did it cost? I’ll pay you back.”

“Oh, it’s not that expensive, just a few hundred. I even used a coupon I got from a blogger,” Cameron replied casually. He had seen a similar massager earlier while browsing videos, and it cost only a few hundred. Thus, he suspected the massager Sean had bought was likely in the same price range.

Then, Luna followed Cameron out of the office. When he was about to slip away, she grabbed the back of his collar. “Spill the beans. Who bought that thing?”

“I did!” he proclaimed.

She snorted. “Do you really think I’ll believe you?”

“Hey, what can you achieve by digging deeper? As long as it’s useful for Ms. Quinn, that’s all that matters. right?” he replied while adjusting his collar.

Luna held onto him until they exited the company. Then, she frowned and said, “Lying to her like that is unacceptable. Abigail is soft-hearted. She hired you because you were fired by Sean. If you two were conspiring, she’d be genuinely upset.”

"Are you taking Sean's side?" Cameron asked immediately.

"Is that even the point?" She snapped back.

He could not help but scratch his head. "You're right; that's not the point. But I am fired by Sean, and I didn't conspire with him to deceive Ms. Quinn)

Fine. I'll take your word for it. If I find out you were lying. I'll pull your tongue out! She warned him before turning to leave

How about the cooperation issue with Fairy Meadow Can you resolve it?" he asked as he followed i una

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come cheap.

She gazed at the price for a while, then put her phone aside. Considering Cameron's personality, he might not have thought this through so much. The only possibility was that he was in contact with Sean, and he might have shared information about her with him. Yet, she could not imagine Sean stooping to such a

level.

When Luna entered, Abigail asked, "Did you find out who bought it?"

"Oh?" Luna immediately wore a puzzled expression.

Abigail turned her head to look at her.

Luna chuckled. "I didn't ask; I just inquired if he was conspiring with Sean, and he said he wasn't."

"What do you think about this? Is it a gift from Sean?" Abigail asked her.

"I can't be certain of that. You can just give him the money and consider it as if he helped you get it," Luna replied nonchalantly.

Abigail thought for a moment, and it did make sense. In the end, the one who gave her the gift was Cameron, not Sean.

"It's a device that costs 6,750, but he said it was just a few hundred." Abigail sighed with a touch of regret.

"This guy is generous. We'll be rolling in wealth by having an employee like him," Luna commented jokingly.

“But there’s nothing to roll in. I have to spend 6,750 on this, and it pains me,” Abigail said while wincing at the thought.

Luna laughed. “True. It’s quite a loss, but what worries me more is ending our cooperation with Fairy Meadow. We were thinking of raising them as the primary brand for L.Moon, but with this situation, it’s going to be difficult.” As she spoke, Abigail’s mood grew gloomier.

“I’ve already prepared the new products for the launch event. If we discontinue the cooperation, it’d be such a waste. Also, your relationship with Howard may not continue smoothly.” Abigail concluded with a soft sigh.

“It’s not a big deal for me. What concerns me is that your efforts will be in vain, and we don’t know who to allocate our fabric resources to,” Luna said while sitting on the couch. Her head was aching slightly.

March was just around the corner, and selecting a venue for Fairy Meadow’s product launch had taken a while, the preparations had begun since the previous month. Now, with the Pearson Family pulling these kinds of moves for the sake of Kelly, Luna was incredibly frustrated.

Abigail pursed her lips. “Let’s talk to Fairy Meadow and see what they say. You’re also one of the shareholders, so you still hold some influence.”

Luna nodded. “That’s my plan as well” However, she did not have high hopes. When powerful families meddled behind the scenes, it was nearly impossible to salvage such collaborations. After years in the industry, she was well aware of how the game was played.

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No Backing

Abigail was beginning to understand the challenges of operating in Capitalis. Unknown enemies had been working against her and her team since last year, only taking a brief respite while she was in Faglia. Now, the Pearson Family had joined in. Even with L.Moon’s stellar reputation in the industry, it was difficult to make headway without strong backing.

“Luna, do you think we should look for more powerful collaborators?” She turned to Luna.

“Powerful collaborators usually aim to acquire us. If you want help from them, they won’t do it genuinely,” Luna replied. Since L.Moon’s reputation had started to grow, countless investors wanted to buy into the company. They offered a lot of money but came with various demands and traps.

One misstep and L.Moon would end up in someone else’s hands, with both still counting money for others.

Hearing Luna’s response, Abigail sighed involuntarily. “We’re pretty isolated in Capitalis, aren’t we?”

“That’s right, but our goal is to deal with Kelly. Even if she’s making a mess right now, the Pearson Family will resent her even more when her true identity is revealed,” Luna stated.

Abigail nodded but did not say much. From her perspective, they needed a powerful ally for L.Moon to establish a stable foothold in Capitalis. However, their current ownership was divided. While Fairy

Meadow was an established brand, it had already reached the end of its journey. A situation like this was suitable for stable development but not for engaging in more conflicts.

"I'll meet with Fairy Meadow and see how it goes. Regardless of the situation, as long as the new product launch is successful and Fairy Meadow's sales take off, the pressure from the Pearson Family will be temporary," Luna said as she prepared to go find Howard.

Abigail decided to enjoy the massager for a while and consider it a day of rest.

Sean sat on the couch in the Pearson Residence's living room while sipping his tea. When Josh rushed over and saw the figure, he immediately questioned, "What are you doing here?"

"Mr. Pearson, you probably don't know what your parents did, do you?" Sean put down his teacup, his face wearing a cold expression.

"If you have something to say, just spill it." Josh had a big grudge against Sean now. Not for anything else but because Sean's subordinate, Cameron, slapped Kelly at the hospital. After she returned, her face was swollen for days.

"Kelly was hit by my subordinate, but your parents caused trouble for Abigail and Luna. What's the meaning of this?" Sean stood up and questioned Josh with a cold expression.

Josh could not help but furrow his brows. "My parents caused trouble for them?"

You can investigate if you don't know, but don't ask me Sean retorted with a cold expression

"Mr. Graham, now that your subordinate has become Abigail's assistant, it's only nature; for him to bear the consequences of his actions, Scarlett said with a tope filled with disgust as she descended from upstairs.

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Sean looked at her. "Why didn't you try to deal with me when Cameron was one of mine? As soon as he went to Abigail's side, the Pearsons didn't hesitate to demand his accountability. Is your family afraid of me?"

She sneered upon hearing that. "The Pearson Family has no reason to fear you. It's always been Abigail who caused these troubles. She just can't stand Kelly. I know it very well. Originally, it was she who returned to the Pearson Family, but when she found out that Kelly was our biological daughter, she became upset and targeted her. All those moments when she refused to return home was just a facade!"

"Mom, how can you say such things?" Josh could not help but speak up in response to Scarlett's rant.

"Why can't I? Kelly is innocent, yet Abigail deliberately antagonizes her, even having her slapped! Abigail's scheming is beyond your imagination!" she exclaimed angrily. "Kelly is your sister. Why are you always siding with that woman?!"

Before Sean could speak, she continued, "Are you doing this for Luna? For the sake of a woman, you don't even care about the grievances your sister has suffered. How are you still her brother? She was missing for so many years, and when she came back, she was harassed by Abigail. You're not standing by her side as her brother but instead helping outsiders!"

Sean felt irritated by her constant chatter. He said with a cold expression, "Your family's private affairs are not my concern. If you're using Cameron as an excuse, fine. I will make sure he returns to me today. If the Pearson Family has the guts, you know who to come at

"Sean, your interference will only make things worse. L.Moon's collaboration with Fairy Meadow is not to help the latter but an opportunity to establish its brand. If they lose this pillar, L.Moon will only ever remain as a team designing for others. They won't be able to achieve much," Scarlett said with a hint of satisfaction in her eyes.

He gazed at her coldly without responding.

"How could you get involved in suppressing L.Moon as well? Mom, your actions disappoint me! You say Kelly was innocent when she was hit, but let me ask you this-why did she have contact with Old Mrs. Pendorf but suddenly came to Capitalis to harass Abigail. Who

Scarlett, his tone furious.

Graham? She was living peacefully⁶

exactly is behind all of this?" Josh walked up to

If he did not have some concrete evidence, he would have sided with his sister.

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She Doesn't Care

Sean was surprised that Josh did not blindly support Kelly as he did before.

"Did you investigate your sister because of Luna?" Scarlett could not believe it.

Josh looked at her and said, "I don't want to argue with you. Call Kelly over; I have something to ask her."

She retorted, "Don't you know how upset Kelly is? She liked Sean so much but was hit by his subordinate. She hasn't even received an apology. What do you want her to say now?"

"What if she's responsible for this incident?" he retorted.

"So what if she is? She just returned not long ago. As her brother, do you have to side with the outsiders? She's the young lady of the Pearson Family. What's wrong with her being a bit willful?" she argued in defense of her daughter with great intensity and ignored reason.

Sean looked at Scarlett coldly, and for a moment, he was tempted to say that Kelly was not her daughter. However, reason prevailed over his emotions in the end.

Josh was so angry that his chest heaved. "No matter what, I won't allow you to target L.Moon for no reason."

"You can talk to your father and grandmother about this. Kelly is new here, and it's all because of your mistake that she's had to endure so much. If it weren't for you messing things up, I wouldn't even know an Abigail!" Scarlett responded, her voice full of anger.

As soon as she finished her sentence, Sean, who had picked up a teacup at some point, smashed it on the

floor.

The woman fell silent instantly. Although she had mustered the courage to confront Josh, Sean's cup-smashing act had left her trembling.

"You sought Abigail out first, and now that there's trouble, you're shifting all the blame onto her? She repeatedly stated that she didn't want to get involved with Kelly, yet Kelly insisted on having her design the dress. When Kelly couldn't handle it, you stepped in and made things difficult for Abigail at every turn. Do you think Abigail wants you in her life?" Sean coldly retorted to Scarlett.

She gnawed her lip and was unable to find a suitable response.

"Call Kelly over," Josh reiterated.

"She doesn't want to see anyone," Scarlett replied, no longer daring to argue.

Sean watched her coldly and said, "I advise the Pearson Family to stop here. Don't regret it when you no chance for remorse.

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She huffed internally, What is there to regret in dealing with Abigail? The Pearson Family won't have any regrets, "All right. It's fine if she doesn't want to see anyone, but you'd better stay out of L.Moon's collaboration with Fairy Meadow Josh warned.

Scarlett replied coldly, "I can't decide on this. Take it up with your father" After she finished saying she went upstairs.

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The living room fell silent, and the frowning Josh turned to a nearby servant. "Don't you think it's time to lean this up?"

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The servant quickly went into action.

"This matter is for you to handle. Don't involve me in it. If the Pearson Family stirs up any more trouble, I can't promise what will happen," Sean said and prepared to leave after saying that.

Josh followed him to the outside of the villa and finally spoke, "I didn't expect my family to do such things. They weren't like this before."

Sean turned to look at him. "Everything changed when Kelly came into the picture. Josh, you don't know where she's been living these years and what her true colors are like, but I hope you can look at things from a rational perspective, just like you did today."

Josh nodded. "All of this is caused by Kelly, and I will resolve it."

Sean's eyes were deep, and he stared at Josh for a while before speaking calmly, "The fact that the Pearson family has raised a person of your character suggests that your family upbringing is good. However, her arrival has revealed issues within the family's values. You should reflect on the reasons for that yourself instead of constantly shifting blame onto others." After saying that, he walked toward the car in front of the Pearson Residence's entrance.

Josh also pondered the questions Sean had raised. When he mistakenly thought that Abigail was his sister, he spent a lot of time with her, talking about tea, pastries, and wood carving. He could feel her respect for every craft, and he knew she was a very humble learner.

If it were not for Kelly being his sister, it would be difficult for him to like someone with her personality. Gradually moving from an emotional stance to a rational one and discovering what Kelly had done, he realized that she did indeed have many issues.

He stood in the courtyard for a long time.

On the second floor, Kelly watched him for a while. She had not expected Josh, who had always been on her side, to investigate her because he was fond of Luna. It turned out that Abigail and Luna were not the ones to mess with.

"Kelly." Scarlett's voice came from behind her.

Kelly turned around and showed a look of self-blame on her face. "It's all my fault. I made a mistake. Please don't go after Abigail."

Scarlett saw her pale and haggard appearance and could not help but feel a pang of sympathy. She walked up to Kelly and hugged her, her voice with anger as she said, "No matter what, your dad and I will stand up for you!" They finally found their daughter again, only to have her bullied by outsiders, so it was unbearable for them to watch. "If Abigail doesn't design your dress, the Pearson Family won't let her off!"

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Demanding an Explanation

Achoo!

Abigail was watching her show when her nose suddenly itched. She rubbed her nose and mumbled, "The heating is on full blast, but I still feel a bit chilly."

Then, she wondered how Luna and Fairy Meadow were getting along... Even when watching a show, she could not fully relax and aimlessly chatted on her phone when it suddenly rang. She glanced at the phone number, which seemed somewhat familiar, but could not recall immediately.

Nevertheless, she answered the call. As the call connected, she heard Scarlett's voice. "Ms. Quinn, can you spare some time for coffee?"

No wonder it felt familiar. Abigail had blocked her number before but later thought it unnecessary and unblocked it. "Whatever you want to discuss, just say it over the phone. I don't want to go out in this freezing weather." She declined coolly.

"If you don't want to miss out on the collaboration between L.Moon and Fairy Meadow, you better listen to me. Design a set of clothing for Kelly. It doesn't need to be extraordinary, just something suitable for her." Scarlett's voice carried an authoritative tone.

After listening to her, Abigail sneered. "You've already pressured Fairy Meadow, and at this point, you're asking me to design for Kelly. It seems like the Pearson Family is willing to lose all their reputation to resort to such underhanded tactics as threatening people?"

"Abigail, watch your words!"

"Why should I, especially in front of people who only make my life harder? As I've said, there are so many designers that you can find. Why are you forcing me just because Kelly specified me? Is it because she chose me that you can use her as a reason to force me to do something I don't want?" Abigail argued firmly.

Scarlett took a deep breath while trying to keep her composure. "Abigail, we're in Capitalis now, and things work differently here. Even a prestigious family can make all of L.Moon's years of effort go to waste. Don't believe me? Try it and see!"

"That's right. I'm trying right now. Your daughter, Kelly, should never expect me to design for her in her lifetime. I'll say it again-she's unworthy of it!" Abigail hung up the phone directly.

She was in a fit of anger when her assistant knocked on the door and stood at the doorway before saying. "Mr. Pearson wants to see you."

I won't see him. Tell him to get lost, Abigail said as her temper flared for the first time.

The assistant thought that perhaps spending too much time with Luna had started to affect Abigail's temper. She was annoyed whenever she saw people from the Pearson Family.

Just as the assistant left, Josh walked in without permission "Ms. Quinn"

When his voice sounded, Abigail set her phone aside and glared at him. "I told you to leave. Didn't you hear me?"

A trace of disappointment appeared in his eyes. "I've wanted our relationship to one to this point."

I've already investigated Kelly's matter. She indeed revealed Sean's presence in Capitalis, which led to Old

Mrs Grahmi, visit”

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She looked at him indifferently. “So what?”

“Feel free to continue your collaboration with Fairy Meadow and proceed with the new product launch. I’ll handle the rest.” His tone was firm.

Abigail’s anger gradually subsided because of his words. “Josh, you should be very clear about my character. I’ve had no conflict or grievance with the Pearson Family, and there is no need for us to be involved with each other. Can I kindly request you guys to find another designer?” she spoke coldly.

She was well aware that Scarlett was trying to force her to submit. Since she had upset Kelly and had her slapped by Cameron, they wanted to force her into doing undesirable things just to make Kelly feel better.

“You don’t have to worry about designing the dress. I’ll handle that,” Josh said and intended to leave.

She raised her hand and pressed her temples. “I hope you can keep your word. The collaboration between Fairy Meadow and L.Moon is very important to me. If the Pearson Family interferes and ruins it, I won’t let your family and your sister off the hook.”

He nodded in response and felt troubled by the current situation. He never wanted things to escalate to this point. They could have worked things out peacefully, but it had become a mess.

Abigail sat back on the couch and leaned against it before staring at the ceiling in a daze.

Josh walked to the doorway and suddenly stopped. Then, he could not help but say to her, “Sean also came to my place today to ask for an explanation for you. Of course, the fact that Kelly was assaulted by Cameron was a problem he should’ve resolved. Kelly is directing her anger at you probably because Sean cares about you; she’s jealous.”

Abigail did not respond, not wanting to get entangled in these messy matters. It would not help to dismiss Cameron now, anyway, since Kelly’s target had always been her. Since Kelly returned to the Pearson Family, she had never stopped harassing Abigail.

After Josh left for a while, Abigail dialed Ronaldo’s number. He answered almost immediately, and before she could speak, he happily exclaimed, “Ms. Quinn, you finally called me! I thought we were in two different worlds after you won the award!”

“I heard that your pearl sales are doing very well. I haven’t congratulated you yet.” Her gloomy mood eased a bit when she heard him talk.

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Sean Knows More

Upon hearing Abigail’s words, Ronaldo was deeply moved. “Oh, it’s rare for you to still be concerned about my pearl sales. The New Year has passed. Why don’t you visit Eastbay when you’re not busy?”

She felt a bit hesitant. "It's not that I don't want to, but the new product launch with Fairy Meadow in March is quite important, so I've been busy with that recently."

"I'm aware of that. Well, feel free to visit, maybe in August or September. We have a grand fair here." Ronaldo was like a carefree child who spent his days thinking about what to play and eat.

Abigail envied his carefree attitude. After hearing his words, she smiled and said, "I'll come when I can. However, I called you today because I hope you can continue investigating Kelly's background. She's been causing trouble behind the scenes, and L.Moon's development has been rocky."

Without Kelly and the Pearson Family's interference, L.Moon would not have offended so many capital investors. Now that the Pearson Family was after L.Moon, those investors would likely want to crush them.

"I want to, but I can't. Let me give you some advice. Ask Sean. I think he knows more," Ronaldo suggested.

When he was investigating, his uncle told him he did not need to get involved in Kelly's matter because Sean had more information, so he did not want to tip off the culprits by investigating himself.

Abigail looked surprised. "Sean has been investigating this all along?"

"It seems like it. After all, his grandfather was poisoned, which involved matters of life and death. Do you think he'd let the people behind it off easily?" He smiled.

She nodded. "You're right."

After exchanging pleasantries with Ronaldo, Abigail found herself in a dilemma while holding her phone. If Sean was investigating Kelly for the sake of his grandfather, it might not be appropriate for her to intervene. In this case, however, their goals seemed to align

She could not help but sigh.

The Pearson Family was dealing with L.Moon, and Sean was still meddling behind the scenes. Of course, because Cameron had hit Kelly, his involvement was expected.

After thinking for a moment, she decided not to call Sean. She did not have the standing to ask him anything, as their common goal was just to deal with Kelly. As such, she turned off her phone and decided to return to designing clothes.

Around noon, Luna returned from her meeting with Fairy Meadow.

"How did it go?" Abigail asked anxiously when they were about to go out for lunch.

"The situation doesn't look good. The accounts for these past few years at Fairy Meadow are a complete mess. When I went to see Howard, the tax authorities were already there, conducting an audit. It looks like it'll take several days, Luna replied.

If there's a tax issue, we might have to pay back taxes. We don't even know how much" Abigail said with Concert.

Paying back a few hundred million could be catastroph

The liquid assets of L.Moon and Fairy Meadow combined were only around 4.5 to 6 million, and if they could not pay it back, Fairy Meadow would face a severe backlash.

“There’s a problem, for sure. Everything is in disarray at Fairy Meadow. Otherwise, why would they conduct an audit for so many days?” Luna was not optimistic about Fairy Meadow. She had taken a look today, and several people from the finance department were already under detention.

“Even if the Pearson Family isn’t a factor, the situation with Fairy Meadow is still very risky, and sooner or later, it will be exposed,” Abigail said solemnly.

“If we wish to continue cooperating with Fairy Meadow, we must find a way to help the company rectify the tax issue, which would require changing the ownership structure again. But there’s no other choice. Nothing in business ever goes completely smoothly. If we want to find a way out for L.Moon, we have to take on more risks,” Luna explained as she placed her arm around Abigail’s shoulder.

Abigail was talented in design, but when it came to running a company, she was less knowledgeable. While listening, she did not fully grasp all the details and finally concluded, “So, we need to raise money?”

“Yes, but the rumors about Fairy Meadow being investigated are already gaining traction online. Soon, the entire internet will know that the company might’ve engaged in tax evasion. If it turns out to be true, their brand will be tarnished, and it will be difficult to raise the funds we need, even with you, the award-winning designer, leading the way.” Luna was now deeply concerned.

If it were just a regular tax audit, paying the back taxes would be enough, and there would not be a significant impact. However, as soon as things started to circulate on the internet, it would turn into a scandal.

In that case, L.Moon’s moves had not been very effective.

“Today, Scarlett called me and said that as long as I design a gown for Kelly, all these problems will go away,” Abigail said with a hint of compromise.

After all, it was just one gown... But no, I don’t want to.

Fairy Meadow had problems now, but L.Moon was innocent. If they persisted in the conflict, would L.Moon be able to withstand it?

“I don’t want you to compromise. We came here to expose Kelly’s hypocrisy. If you compromise, it means we lose, and our trip to Capitalis would’ve been in vain. There will always be a way.” Luna consoled Abigail

“The fans will be upset. If Fairy Meadow has issues, the fans will demand that we cut ties with them.” Abigail muttered.

Fairy Meadow was deceived by the higher-ups, but is the brand itself problematic? It’s not. The issue lies in the internal management”

In reality, Luna wanted to revive Fairy Meadow. The name is so beautiful, and it’s a decade-old brand....

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We're Not Finished with Her!

With Fairy Meadow undergoing a tax audit, Howard was swamped with work. Abigail had heard that Luna had argued with him several times, and with her strong personality, she wanted him to resolve the matter with Fairy Meadow. However, he was facing pressure from the board of directors, who wanted to end the partnership with L.Moon. As a result, they were locked in a heated argument.

"Is Howard suggesting that we're causing trouble for Fairy Meadow? Did we cause the tax issues at Fairy Meadow?" After ending the call, Luna vented her frustrations to her.

Abigail patted her shoulder and comforted her. "Don't fight with him."

"Who's fighting? I must've been crazy to date him. I shouldn't have associated with Fairy Meadow, nor should I find myself in this situationship," Luna said as she slumped onto the couch, her chest heaving.

Abigail replied softly, "If it's not feasible, we can just give up."

Luna disliked the idea. "We've invested and already designed Fairy Meadow's spring collection. If we abandon it now, what happens to all those clothes?"

"But I don't want to see you suffer like this," said Abigail

Luna sighed. "I'm just venting. Is there a job without difficulties? Many people have it worse than me."

"The shareholders of Fairy Meadow want to remove us, but they won't give us back the investment capital we've put in. Moreover, if there are significant tax issues, I don't believe the Pearson Family will bail Fairy Meadow out." Abigail felt that the Pearson Family was applying pressure but would not get involved in Fairy Meadow's future.

"You're right. I'll call Howard... No. I'll talk to him myself," she said before immediately getting up.

Abigail quickly held her back. "I'll go with you. With your temper, you might end up arguing with him."

Luna sighed deeply. "Fine. You can say there."

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The two of them got into the car. On the way, Abigail thought about Josh and could not help but ask Luna, "Has Josh contacted you recently?"

"No. I've blocked him. After what the Pearson Family did to us, how can he have the audacity to contact me?" Luna expressed angrily.

Josh contacted me and said he'd try to put an end to this, but I don't know if he can do it." Abigail fastened her seatbelt and lowered her gaze.

Luna hummed in response. "Even if he can, what's the point? Solving this issue is something he should do! That Kelly is a troublemaker. After we resolve the matter with L.Moon, I won't be finished with her!"

"What will you do?" Abigail asked out of curiosity.

"I haven't figured that part out yet, Luna replied.

Hearing her words, Abigail did not overthink it.

When they arrived at Fairy Meadow, they two entered the meeting room with Howard. In just one week, his previous spirited demeanor had vanished and was replaced by weariness.

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Abigail glanced at the man, who responded with a slight nod. Meanwhile, Luna observed this with a cold huff, showing her outward disdain for his current state.

"I heard that you want to remove L.Moon from Fairy Meadow. I'd like to understand what's next if that happens, including the investment we've made and the penalties in our contract." Abigail went straight to the point after sitting down.

Howard did not want to talk, but all the shareholders were looking at him. After a moment of silence, he spoke, "This matter hasn't been decided yet, Since we say it's a cooperation, we naturally hope to weather this difficult period together."

Abigail nodded and continued, "What's the progress on your tax issues?"

"Ms. Quinn, regarding the tax audit at Fairy Meadow, it's because of your actions that this situation has arisen. We hope to resolve it as soon as possible, but those you've offended say that as long as you apologize and agree to their modest demands, this matter can be resolved," Mr. Baker, one of the shareholders, spoke up.

Another shareholder, Mr. Macdonald, added, "Indeed. Isn't it just designing a dress for the young lady of the Pearson Family? What's the big deal?"

Luna was so angry that she wanted to slam the table, but the meeting room door was suddenly pushed open. At the door stood Damon with a smile. "Do you mind if I join the meeting?"

Then, Abigail saw Alfie standing behind him. It had been a long time since they had seen each other, so she immediately stood up and exclaimed happily, "It's been a while, Alfie!"

"Ms. Quinn... Oh no, Miss Quinn. It's been a while. How is Old Mrs. Quinn's health?" Alfie entered the room with a grin.

She replied warmly, "She's doing well. How's your recovery going?"

"It's been so long. I'm as healthy as can be," he said with a smile as he walked to the front of the desk and pulled a chair, sitting directly next to her.

In the meantime, Damon sat beside Luna and spoke immediately, "I heard that Fairy Meadow is having tax issues. Ms. Quinn and Miss Smith are my friends. If you're experiencing financial difficulties, I can invest to help you through this."

Alfie sat with his legs crossed while occasionally engaging in casual conversation with Abigail.

The shareholders remained silent. After all, they were all astute individuals, and accepting Damon and Alfie's assistance raised concerns about how the ownership of Fairy Meadow would be divided.

They simply could not let their company fall into the hands of outsiders!

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I've Never Been in Love

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Seeing everyone's silence, Alfie suddenly chuckled and said, "What's wrong? Are there no issues with taxes? I've inquired and heard that Fairy Meadow has evaded a few hundred million in taxes over the past few To continue running the company, these taxes must be paid. And we need to find out where this

years. money from tax evasion ended up."

"Mr. Willis, you don't need to worry about paying the taxes. Fairy Meadow can manage to pay them. You're investing now just to help L.Moon?" Howard looked at Alfie with an unfriendly attitude.

With a grin, Alfie replied, "Of course, it's to help L.Moon. As for whether it's an equity investment, that depends on their decision."

Howard glanced at the shareholders, who exchanged looks with one another.

Finally, Dominic Baker spoke up, "Ms. Quinn and the Pearson Family have a history in the past. Even though your investment is helpful this time, there might be future troubles. Fairy Meadow is a well-established brand with a history of over a century. We won't willingly let it go down in infamy."

"An established brand should be able to withstand storms. The internal issues at Fairy Meadow are significant, and shifting the blame to L.Moon is not right, is it? Even without them, Fairy Meadow will restart after some time. Do you really believe there won't be any underhanded dealings against you behind your back? By not resolving your internal issues, can you safely overcome them?" Damon asked without much emotion.

Abigail listened calmly. However, she had never really considered involving Alfie. Behind Alfie was Sean. and the fact that he and Damon had come together today made her suspect Sean's involvement in the background.

Seeing the shareholders' displeased expressions, Howard responded, "Fairy Meadow will certainly address these matters in due course. However, the feud between the Pearsons and L.Moon will continue, and Fairy Meadow will remain a target for that family."

Luna looked at him and asked, "So, how do you propose to resolve this?"

Standing up, Abigail looked at him and stated, "L.Moon will have conflicts with many companies in the future. If Fairy Meadow is so averse to trouble, return the investment and breach-of-contract money to L.Moon before you pay the taxes."

She did not believe the Pearsons could provide Fairy Meadow with that much money. Anyone with a bit of intelligence, like Howard, knew not to escalate things with L.Moon. Even though the Pearson Family had helped Fairy Meadow with the tax and investment funds this time, what could guarantee their future development?

Luna looked at Howard, and though she had some expectations for him initially, she decided it was better not to have any anticipation at all upon reflection. Fairy Meadow had come this far for a reason, and the obstacle was likely the conservative board and Howard, who had retreated midway.

Before this, he had been willing to face things together with L.Moon despite being targeted, but Luna also knew that she had a role in this. Lately, the couple had argued too much about these matters. Any goodwill they had for each other in the beginning had already been worn away by the bickering. Now, he wanted to distance himself from L. Moon, perhaps to avoid further arguments with her.

He took a deep breath and did not answer immediately. Instead, he contemplated for a while before saying, "I'm content working with L. Moon. There's no need to terminate our cooperation immediately."

"As long as you resolve the conflicts between you and the Pearsons, our cooperation should continue."

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Of course, he could not expect the Pearson Family to help Fairy Meadow. In theory, the Pearsons were now the common enemy of both L.Moon and Fairy Meadow, so it was safer to align with L.Moon than side with the Pearson Family.

"Mr. Creed, no matter what, I hope you'll think carefully. Fairy Meadow is a well-established brand, and choosing the wrong side will be a fatal and final blow," Abigail said, then prepared to leave with Luna.

Luna glanced at Howard, then stood up and followed Abigail as she left.

Similarly, Alfie and Damon followed the two ladies out. After leaving Fairy Meadow, Damon said, "I'll give you a piece of advice; there's no need to save Fairy Meadow. Let them collaborate with the Pearson Family, and I bet it will be bankrupt within a month. When that happens, you can acquire the brand faster."

Abigail looked at him. "In that case, we don't need any funding now. Let's see how Fairy Meadow resolves its issues."

Alfie raised an eyebrow and smiled. "Indeed, let's give Fairy Meadow a chance." He said this on the surface but clearly understood her intentions.

As the four prepared to leave, Howard's voice came behind them. "Miss Smith, let's talk."

Luna stopped. "Wait for me in the car, Abigail." She also wanted to make it clear to him. After all, the situation had come to this point, and she did not want to force an ongoing entanglement.

Abigail looked at her with some concern.

"It's fine. I'm not that fond of him anyway," Luna whispered before heading toward Howard.

Alfie seemed surprised. "They dating?"

"You couldn't tell?" Damon said quietly.

"I've never been in love, so how'd I know?" Alfie muttered.

Abigail watched Luna's retreating figure for a moment before heading back to where the car was parked. "Mr. Copper, how did you know that we were having a meeting with Fairy Meadow here?" she asked Damon while walking.

He had intended to keep it a secret, but Alfie immediately answered, "Oh, I don't want to hide it from you. Sean told us to attend. We're both locals here in Capitalis, and participating a little can be helpful to Moon!"

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For the Serious Only

Damon gave Alfie a disapproving look, but the latter grinned shamelessly. "I may not have many qualities, but I'm straightforward. Ms. Quinn, don't you agree?"

"Thank you for speaking the truth. Please pass a message to Sean on my behalf. There's no need to send me help. He should also remember what he said before. Abigail said politely to Alfie and then headed toward Luna's car.

With an exasperated sigh, Damon looked at Alfie. "I told you not to follow, but you insisted on coming and thought everything was fine... Ms. Quinn and Mr. Graham have no contact anymore."

"I think it's better to be transparent in such matters. Hiding it just feels icky, don't you think?" Alfie said earnestly.

Once Abigail got into the car, she turned on the music and waited for Luna to return.

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Arriving in Howard's office, Luna watched as he poured water for her and immediately cut to the chase before saying, "You might as well just say it. I'm not thirsty."

At that, he placed the glass of water on the counter and turned to look at her, his face filled with hesitation. "Luna, I think our personalities clash, and a romantic relationship doesn't benefit our collaboration either. I don't want to keep arguing with you. Let's break up."

She nodded calmly and said, "Sure. It can cut losses in time. You can focus on resolving the internal issues at Fairy Meadow. As for the investment that L.Moon made and the breach of contract fines, you can repay them when you have the funds."

Not expecting Luna to be so accommodating, Howard was surprised but immediately expressed his gratitude. "Thank you. And Abigail, too."

She looked at him, her lips curling slightly. "Howard, you should take what Abigail said to heart. The current situation within Fairy Meadow is something I believe you understand better than anyone else. How you choose to proceed is entirely up to you."

He nodded but remained relatively silent. She looked at him and gave a slight mocking smile. Without saying more, she turned to leave.

After leaving Fairy Meadow, Luna fell into silent contemplation with a furrowed brow. Eventually, she took out her phone and removed Josh's number from her blacklist.

When: Abigail saw Luna return, she immediately opened the car door. The latter got into the car and asked nonchalantly, "Have Alfie and Damon left?"

"Yes" Abigail replied and continued to look at Luna's face closely.

Luna glanced at her and said with a smile, "I broke up with Howard, but I don't feel much. Maybe that's because I don't love him Alas"

"Aren't you upset! Weren't you quite fond of him? Abigail extended her hand and held I

Luna remained silent before saying "Can't say for sure I just don't have many feelings about it. Let's go

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"If you truly feel upset-"

"Stop, Abigail. I've decided to accept Josh's pursuit."

Abigail was taken aback. "But didn't you say you don't like him?"

Luna shrugged. "I can work things out slowly even if I don't like him now. Besides, nothing ventured, nothing gained. I want to see what tricks the Pearson Family is up to. Kelly alone is not enough; I need to get involved!"

"I think this is too big of a sacrifice." Abigail objected as she believed that deceiving Josh's feelings was unethical.

"Do you think I'm making a bigger sacrifice, or is it Josh?" Luna continued, "I know you still appreciate his help before, but Kelly teamed up with the Pearson Family to target me. I can't let her get away with it!" Luna was contemplating breaking up with Howard, and this was her stance on the matter.

Abigail still disagreed with her approach. "Deceiving one's emotions isn't good, especially when Josh isn't the devil. Don't you think?" She tried to convince her.

Luna pulled her hand back and started the car's engine. How is he not the devil? My relationship with Howard went sour because of him. That day, he told Howard I abandoned him to cooperate with Fairy Meadow. If I don't get back at this scheming man, I'll never get over it!"

So, it was a personal grudge.

Abigail said, "I didn't know about this."

"I didn't want to tell you. I thought it was embarrassing, Luna said as she drove.

"Nothing is embarrassing about it. I still can't believe that Josh liked you. It's just so strange to me." Abigail admitted that she found the whole situation baffling.

Luna continued driving. "I feel the same way."

"Are you really going to be with him?" Abigail was still uncertain.

"Of course. I want to irritate Kelly and the Pearsons. If I can marry Josh, it'll drive Scarlett crazy!" Luna could not wait to be with him, dying to see how the Pearson Family would react when they found out she was with him.

"You're not afraid of angering Josh?" Abigail looked puzzled.

"I'm still angry, you know. He suddenly came and disrupted my relationship with Howard, and I didn't even react in time, alright?" Luna growled.

Abigail sighed. "Please take it easy. If you provoke Josh, I'm afraid he'll retaliate."

Lana smiled with a hint of mockery. "Rest assured. I've got a plan!"

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Are You Here to Stir Up Trouble?

Within a week of breaking up with Howard, Luna officially announced her relationship with Josh. Their high-profile dates, including public displays of affection, made Abigail worry that Luna was pushing things too far and might face backlash.

As Abigail worked diligently on her designs, Eric rushed into her workspace, looking astonished. "Did you know that Josh and Luna are together?"

She felt a bit apprehensive and replied, "Yes..."

"How did they get together? I asked Josh, but he didn't say anything." Eric found it all quite bewildering.

The sudden development of public displays of affection was like throwing a torpedo into the high society circle, causing quite a commotion.

"They're in love, and it's not for us to judge," she replied with lowered eyes.

He went to sit on the nearby single couch and said earnestly, "I certainly wish them happiness in their relationship. But I heard that the Pearson Family has been going after you guys and disrupted the collaboration with Fairy Meadow, which is now being terminated."

"Yes. There were significant tax issues at Fairy Meadow, and the Pearsons reported them. They're still auditing their accounts. The news has spread like wildfire online, and L.Moon fans don't want us to collaborate with Fairy Meadow to avoid scandals that would harm our reputation," she patiently explained

to him.

He nodded. "I see. In that case, it makes sense not to collaborate with them. The situation at Fairy Meadow is too chaotic, and you'd be taking on unnecessary burdens by working with them."

Abigail did not respond. Eric was unaware of L.Moon seeking an alternative, which was why he held that view. She also liked the brand name 'Fairy Meadow.' Regardless of the circumstances, she wanted to acquire them.

He chatted with her in her workspace for a long time, and it was not until Josh called and asked him to bring her to the bar that they decided to leave.

Since Fairy Meadow's new product launch was hanging in the air, Abigail no longer needed to work late into the night, so she went along with Eric. Not for any other reason but because Luna was there.

When they arrived at the bar, they spotted Josh with his arm around Luna's waist, sitting on a couch and chatting intimately. They were a handsome couple, looking close and affectionate.

They were at an upscale bar frequented by wealthy individuals.

As soon as Luna saw Abigail, she waved at her. "You're here!"

Abigail could not understand how she managed to be so intimate with Josh when she claimed not to like him.

"You two seem to be getting along well. Abigail walked closer and quietly commented to Luna.

Luna was all smiles and said. Tve seen worse, he's grown on me more than Howard"

I can't keep up with your progress Abigail remarked

Luna chuckled twice and leaned in close to whisper to her, "Because he's head over heels in love with me."

Abigail pursed her lips and smiled. "You're quite the charmer."

With Luna leading her, Abigail sat down. Josh was engaged in a cheerful conversation with Eric, who appeared to envy his relationship with Luna.

"You can order dishes here as well. The food is pretty good-"

"Oh, what a coincidence! Ms. Quinn and Miss Smith, you're here too?" Luna's words were interrupted by Alfie, who suddenly joined the conversation.

The ladies then turned to see Alfie, Damon, and Sean approaching. "Indeed," said Abigail as she withdrew her gaze.

When Sean saw Eric, he subconsciously tightened his hand on his side. The news of Josh and Luna's relationship had spread throughout the upper-class circles of Capitalis. As Josh's good friend, it was only a matter of time before Eric and Abigail became a couple through Luna.

Plus, it was very likely that Luna agreed to Josh's pursuit because L.Moon could not hold on any longer.

Alfie pulled Damon along and sat down next to Eric. "Since we're all acquaintances, why don't we sit at the same table?"

Damon agreed quickly. "That's a great idea. It's also an excellent opportunity to discuss the situation with the Pearson Family and how they sabotaged the collaboration between Fairy Meadow and L.Moon."

His words were rather inappropriate, rendering the previously relaxed atmosphere tense and awkward. In an attempt to disengage from the situation, Abigail grabbed the menu, after which Sean found a seat and signaled a waiter. "Bring a few more menus," he whispered to the waiter.

Alfie looked at Josh, whose expression was cold, and asked, "What's going on with the Pearsons internally?" "Since you already know it's an internal matter of our family, why ask further?" Josh replied in a cold tone.

Abigail was about to order when Luna leaned over and whispered, "Have you decided what to eat? If not, you can take a look at the drinks first."

Abigail whispered back, "No. Any suggestion?"

Luna looked at the menu while whispering to her, "Are these two close to Sean?"

"Uh.. Alfie has a good relationship with Sean, and isn't Damon in business with the Willis Family? Abigail answered in a hushed tone.

"The relationships seem quite complicated. Are Alfie and Damon deliberately causing a scene here?" Luna said and then cleared her throat.

Moon's two victims had not even cornered Josh yet, but Damon and Alfie seemed to be interrogating him already.