

Spoiled 1431

Chapter 1431: As Long as I'm With You

Charlotte patted her slightly damp sleeve.

Turning her head, she noticed Justin Battleson wearing just a thin shirt and immediately furrowed her brow.

"Don't catch a cold."

Charlotte said as she started to remove the coat from her shoulders to hand it back to Justin, but he reached out and pulled her into a full embrace.

Both of them were sitting in the back seat of the car, and Justin leaning back meant Charlotte was pressed closely to his chest.

"This way, you won't be cold."

His other hand rested on the back of Charlotte's head, gently stroking her slightly damp hair.

With her ear against Justin's chest, Charlotte could hear his heartbeat beneath the skin. She adjusted her position in Justin's arms and then comfortably nestled in.

The sound of raindrops tapped against the car window. Charlotte lifted her gaze to watch the raindrops slide down the glass, then reached out her hand to press against the droplets, which seemed to respond to her touch, slowly rolling down along her finger.

"I'm sorry, I didn't prepare for this in advance. I didn't expect it to rain," Justin whispered beside Charlotte's ear, his tone carrying a hint of apology.

What was supposed to be a romantic date for two had turned out like this.

"Why apologize all of a sudden? I don't think it's a big deal," Charlotte straightened up and looked directly into Justin's eyes as she spoke.

"As long as I'm with you, no matter what we do, it's always good."

Upon hearing Charlotte's words, a subtle brilliance seemed to flicker in Justin's beautiful eyes, making them appear even more dazzling than the starry sky.

Justin hugged Charlotte tightly, his cheek gently brushing against the spot behind her ear. His tousled hair tickled Charlotte's neck, making her feel a bit itchy.

"Charlotte, what did you just say? I didn't quite hear."

Justin's somewhat muffled voice sounded beside Charlotte's ear, his warm breath tickling her earlobe.

To think Justin had such an endearing side, Charlotte smiled slightly before speaking softly to him:

"As long as you're here, everything is fine."

No matter how the future unfolds, I just want to keep walking on, accompanied by you.

"Charlotte."

Justin's voice was filled with emotion, as if each word required all his strength to utter, and within those heavy words was the love overflowing from his heart.

"I love you."

Justin carefully savored those three words between his lips and teeth.

His voice was soft, as if it could blend into the raindrops at any moment and quietly leave, yet it reached Charlotte's ears perfectly.

"I love you too."

Charlotte slowly reached out and embraced Justin, openly responding to his affection.

Listening to the rain outside, Charlotte lay in Justin's arms, gradually falling into slumber.

When she woke up, she found herself lying on the large bed in the villa, the space beside her empty with no sign of Justin.

Charlotte sniffed, her expression still bearing some bewilderment.

"Justin?"

Charlotte looked around and didn't see any sign of Justin.

Stepping out of the bedroom, Charlotte noticed the light spilling from the half-open door of the study.

Chapter 1432: Confirmed Charlotte Thompson's Plagiarism

Charlotte Thompson carefully pushed open the study door.

Sure enough, she saw Justin Battleson sitting in front of the computer, not sure what he was organizing. When he heard the door open, he looked up.

Seeing Charlotte walking in, Justin immediately stood up and approached her.

"It's so late, what are you doing?" Resting her cheek against Justin's chest, Charlotte half-closed her eyes and asked softly.

"There are some documents I haven't finished handling yet. Did I wake you?"

"No... it's just when I woke up, I didn't see you..." Charlotte muttered in a daze, but before she could finish speaking, she fell asleep again in Justin's arms.

Seeing this, Justin's expression showed a bit of helplessness. He picked Charlotte up in his arms and carried her back to the bedroom.

However, as soon as he placed Charlotte on the bed, it was apparent that she, nestled in his arms, didn't want to let go.

Charlotte wrapped her arms around Justin's neck and mumbled in his embrace, "Stop working, go to sleep."

"Alright."

Justin gently brushed aside the hair covering Charlotte's cheek with his fingertips, then lay on the bed, pulling Charlotte into his arms.

He lowered his head and lightly kissed the side of her temple, his gaze incredibly tender.

"Goodnight."

"Mm."

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Although some matters had already been fermenting for two days, discussions about this topic online were still at a fever pitch.

What surprised Charlotte was that the number of people supporting her online was almost equal to those supporting Florienna Ellis this time.

Yesterday, Charlotte thought that with such one-sided public opinion online, maybe everyone would support Florienna, but how did it turn out with such an unexpected outcome?

If everything were to be carefully calculated, it all truly started with the four words that Charlotte initially posted — "the innocent are innocent."

Aside from this, in these past two days, Charlotte hadn't issued any further clarifying statement.

At first, people thought Charlotte surely had no countermeasures and chose to remain silent, but after these two days, as the excitement among netizens calmed down, they gradually started to ponder.

Someone who dares to give such a straightforward explanation usually falls into one of two categories: one, when they face undeniable evidence and have nothing to say.

And two, when they are holding back for some ultimate reveal.

In addition, with the Thompson Family backing Charlotte, it was obvious she wanted to use this hype to completely clear her name from start to finish.

Some onlookers thought so, but there were also some who sided with Florienna, insisting that Charlotte was just bluffing all along.

Yet, just as everyone online was eagerly anticipating when the truth would finally come to light, the Worsen brand suddenly issued an announcement, notifying that they terminated their contract with Riley Group.

Such a statement nearly reignited the online frenzy that was about to die down.

The Worsen brand initially chose to withdraw the trailer, and their stance was already quite clear.

Now, Worsen had directly issued the termination announcement!

Wasn't this action almost blatantly telling everyone that the Worsen brand had concluded Charlotte was indeed guilty of plagiarism?

Sure enough, right after the Worsen brand released the announcement, the comments below increased crazily.

Chapter 1433: Will Never Forgive Plagiarists

"Did I see it wrong, this brand worsen's move, doesn't it confirm Charlotte Thompson's plagiarism?"

"Moreover, didn't the worsen brand say they have already started the investigation? The result of the investigation is this, right?"

"Help, I just believed perhaps Charlotte could clarify something, but now it's like I'm slapping my own face, isn't it?"

At this time, another protagonist, Florienna Ellis, somehow joined a talk show, where most of the questions were related to Charlotte Thompson and the Riley Group.

During the interview, Florienna Ellis almost portrayed herself as an extremely pitiable and innocent character, who had to bear humiliation for the sake of life.

"I think maybe I really did something wrong. If I made a mistake, punishment is deserved, but bullying without reason is what makes people abhorrent."

Florienna spoke gently in front of the camera. She was like a soft dodder flower, invoking sympathy from the viewers, and this weak appearance naturally garnered most people's compassion.

"What are Miss Florienna Ellis's views on the plagiarism matter?" Immediately, the host threw the sharpest question.

However, Florienna almost without hesitation began to speak, her voice full of conviction: "I oppose the act of plagiarism, and here I solemnly declare that I will never forgive plagiarists."

This interview video, after being exposed, instantly stirred up a storm on the internet.

Some even banded together to call for a boycott of Charlotte Thompson, to have her permanently exit the fashion circle.

Nearly all unfavorable factors leaned towards Charlotte Thompson, and at this time, an extremely important statement was released, leaving all the online community baffled.

Brand XTZ issued a statement announcing the imminent start of a fashion show in collaboration with secondary heads, inviting not only designers, directors, and consultants from various XTZ brands but also Justin Battleson from Riley Group and Charlotte Thompson to participate.

This announcement threw all the netizens into chaos.

Because previously, XTZ had already held a fashion show in collaboration with Riley Group, why another one now?

Yet, netizens gradually realized that the lineup invited for this XTZ fashion show was almost entirely different from the last one.

Now worsen brand has terminated their contract, but XYZ still chose to continue the fashion show in cooperation with Riley Group, making the two brands' actions poles apart.

However, due to Charlotte Thompson's plagiarism incident, this fashion show wasn't welcomed by many in the fashion industry.

Some even took out some outfits from the last show to repeatedly criticize, incessantly mocking XTZ's gradual falling behind and claiming Charlotte Thompson's lack of competence.

As the online discussions heated up, a live broadcast link quietly rose to prominence, it was the pre-launch live stream for the upcoming XTZ fashion show.

The person in charge of this live stream was XTZ's Druarus representative, Mr. Carter. He began by introducing this fashion show.

"This fashion show is a formal collaboration between XTZ brand and Riley Group, every gown here is designed by our best designers from both parties, including our company's Mr. Lucas, Nathan Howard, and Riley Group's designer Charlotte Thompson, as well as guest designer Zara Ward from Melissa Tanner Studio..."

Chapter 1434 Counterattack

Mr. Carter gave a brief introduction to all the designers participating in this show.

The result was unexpected, and once mentioned, it surprised many people greatly.

Each of these designers is a big name in the fashion circle, isn't it?

The comments on the live stream began to turn in a strange direction.

"Wait a minute! I'm really confused right now! What's going on here?"

"It's the same fashion show, why is there such a big difference between this time and the last?"

"Please, Mr. Carter, give us a proper explanation."

Mr. Carter was also watching the real-time comments in the live stream. After noticing the common questions from netizens, he suddenly had a look of realization on his face.

"Oh, I see, I guess everyone might have misunderstood something. The last time we collaborated with Riley Group for a fashion show, it was actually an opportunity for some young designers to make their debut. All the designers were our mutual rookie designers, so there wasn't excessive promotional marketing."

As he spoke, Mr. Carter pulled out a list from the file beside him and displayed it simply in front of the camera.

"These are the rookie designers who participated in the last fashion week. As for the gowns we collaborated on with Riley Group..."

"None of the outfits that appeared in the previous fashion show were designed by Riley Group's designer Charlotte Thompson. She was just a nominal supervisor, and the haute couture gowns of the actual collaboration between Riley Group and our brand will be unveiled for the first time in the upcoming fashion show."

"Miss Thompson is an exceptionally talented designer. Even Mr. Lucas from our brand praises her highly. I refuse to believe that such a designer would commit plagiarism."

Mr. Carter's explanation dropped like a giant stone into the lake, creating massive ripples.

Wasn't Mr. Carter's statement a clarification helping Charlotte Thompson with the plagiarism incident in the previous collaboration with XTZ?

Now it's clear; Charlotte was just a nominal supervisor, and the real collaborative gowns hadn't been shown yet, then how could Charlotte be accused of plagiarism?

However, some sharp-eyed netizens quickly took a screenshot when Mr. Carter displayed the list of designers and discovered that among the designers from Riley Group—Florienna Ellis's name stood out.

It was Florienna Ellis's works that netizens previously found to have plagiarism suspicions.

Moreover, XTZ is known as a famous top luxury brand, and designer Lucas is internationally acclaimed, with these two points supporting Charlotte.

All of a sudden, Charlotte's supporters seemed to find evidence to strike back, directly gaining an upper hand over Florienna Ellis's supporters.

The direction of public opinion seemed to quietly shift due to this brief live stream.

However, the impact of this live stream on Florienna Ellis was extremely terrifying.

"How could this happen? Clearly, they were all Charlotte Thompson's designs, so how did this so-called rookie designer emerge?"

Florienna Ellis kept replaying the live stream from XTZ's Mr. Carter, muttering continuously.

Moreover, they mentioned that the haute couture collaboration between XTZ and Riley Group had never been shown, and those were the true designs by Charlotte Thompson.

Florienna Ellis's brow furrowed deeply!

Chapter 1435: Reversal

Florienna Ellis took a deep breath; at this moment, she had to calm down first.

Even if the clothes from XTZ had nothing to do with Charlotte Thompson, as long as she insisted Charlotte was plagiarizing, Charlotte would have no chance to turn things around!

Because the release date of her clothing was much earlier than the date Charlotte submitted her designs.

Moreover, now that the Worsen brand has already shown its stance by directly breaking the contract with Riley Group, there shouldn't be any problem.

Florienna continuously encouraged herself in her heart, but for some reason, her palms had become clammy and cold.

She stood up, wanting to go to the bathroom to wash her hands, but along the way, Florienna felt that her colleagues' gazes toward her had become subtly different.

Thinking of the revelations made online earlier, Florienna's heart shuddered.

She hadn't plagiarized those designs, just simply borrowed some ideas.

She didn't do anything wrong.

However, obviously, things weren't over so quickly; amidst the great anticipation of numerous netizens, Charlotte finally appeared to clarify the situation.

Charlotte posted a record of the time her design drafts were created online. Surprisingly, the time the designs were approximately completed was very close to when Florienna's store launched the new clothes.

And this time, the person whose timeline was earlier, was Charlotte.

But when it came to such documentation edits, whatever Charlotte could post, Florienna could naturally do as well. Thus, it didn't definitively settle the matter.

Just when everyone thought the situation would drag on endlessly, Charlotte suddenly dropped a video link.

"@Designer Charlotte Thompson: The reason I haven't spoken these days is that the surveillance camera in my office was broken, so it was under repair. After the camera was back, I wasn't sure if it caught anything useful, but it turned out to be extremely helpful."

It was just a Weibo post with a video, yet it directly cleared up the prolonged heated discussion among netizens, revealing the truth.

The content of the video, though showing only one person, left viewers utterly astonished.

Because the only star in it was Florienna Ellis.

The surveillance camera clearly captured Florienna entering Charlotte's office and using her phone to photograph some of Charlotte's designs.

A short video, almost turned the whole world upside down—the real plagiarist was Florienna, and the innocent victim was Charlotte.

"Oh my God, there really is a twist!"

"I knew Charlotte must have been biding her time; with her character, how could she be slandered for no reason? Turns out she was looking for key evidence."

"Let those who blindly supported Florienna now come out and explain themselves. See who copied whom, the evidence is right in your faces, let's see if you can still deny it."

"So, Florienna was the one who falsely accused someone else of plagiarism all along, how shameless!"

Now, the ironclad facts were laid bare before everyone, and all doubts and suspicions were thoroughly demolished by this surveillance video.

In just one short hour, everything underwent a dramatic change; Florienna's Weibo, which was previously filled with words of sympathy and encouragement, collapsed instantly.

At this moment, Charlotte also directly released a lawyer's letter.

Charlotte accused Florienna of plagiarizing others' work for profit and also of defamation.

Chapter 1436: Mr. Robbins, Save Me

"No! No! No—"

In the office, when Florienna Ellis saw the news online, she suddenly stood up from her workstation.

However, she wasn't the only one slacking off during work hours.

At that moment, everyone's gaze on her was already filled with disgust.

"I never thought Florienna Ellis would be the truly shameless one!"

"I was really blind before, I even pitied her."

"How could I be in the same office as someone like her, it's really unlucky."

The expressions and words of those who secretly helped Florienna Ellis insult and discuss Charlotte Thompson instantly underwent a drastic change.

Now the person who was despised by everyone was Florienna Ellis, and the one who was harshly knocked off the pedestal—was also Florienna.

Afterwards, the HR department immediately informed Florienna of her dismissal.

"It's not me, I've been framed, framed..."

Florienna tightly pressed her lips together, then reached for her phone, but the online slander had already surged in overwhelmingly, almost engulfing her entire being.

Florienna's face was frighteningly pale as she ran out of the office, not even taking the elevator, but instead sprinting up the stairs to George Robbins's office.

"Open the door, George, open the door! Save me, I can't be ruined like this."

Florienna shouted loudly, then frantically pounded on George's office door.

The next second, the office door was suddenly flung open, and a hand grabbed Florienna's arm, dragging her directly into the office.

"Are you crazy? What are you doing looking for me at a time like this!"

George Robbins looked at Florienna, whose eyes were red from crying, and scolded loudly.

He had already seen the news online and never imagined that Charlotte Thompson would have left surveillance cameras in the office. Now Florienna, his pawn, was entirely useless.

He wanted to get rid of her immediately.

But what he didn't expect was that Florienna would be bold enough to run upstairs to find him and shout so loudly.

Fortunately, his office was on a relatively isolated floor, with not many people around, otherwise his relationship with Florienna might have been exposed.

"Mr. Robbins, I'm begging you, save me. Wasn't it you who told me to steal the manuscript? Now Charlotte has found out, but I have no other way, you have to save me!"

Florienna had never been so humble in front of George Robbins, but now, feeling useless, George did not want to keep her by his side.

"Don't worry, I'll figure something out."

Though he verbally comforted Florienna, trying to calm her emotions, the moment George turned his head, his expression instantly darkened.

He turned and pressed the call button on his desk, a move that left Florienna stunned. She struggled to get up just as footsteps were heard from outside the door.

A security guard pushed the door open, and then Mr. Robbins directly pointed at Florienna in front of him and said loudly:

"Take this crazy woman away for me! Quickly notify HR to fire her, our company can't tolerate someone so shameless."

The humiliating words struck Florienna like a blow to the head, leaving her stunned.

In the end, Florienna could only allow the security guard to take her arm and drag her out...

Chapter 1437: Dog Bites Dog

Florienna Ellis realized what was happening only after a moment of delay.

Then she began to struggle violently, shouting loudly:

"Let me go, let me go, I've been falsely accused! I've been falsely accused..."

As Florienna was being dragged away, George Robbins quickly stepped forward, grabbing a wad of paper from somewhere, and shoved it into her mouth to silence her.

"Quickly, toss her out of the company, such a lunatic is simply unreasonable!"

Afterwards, George Robbins adjusted his perfectly unwrinkled suit, then pulled out his phone and dialed a number, speaking to the person on the other end in a sinister tone:

"Get rid of her immediately, don't let this cause any trouble for me."

He didn't even wait for the reply from the person over the phone before he hung up directly.

George Robbins walked to the desk, staring gravely at the news on his phone, completely unexpected that Charlotte Thompson would leave such a move.

But now, things were not going well on Justin Battleson's side.

He had already encouraged some shareholders to sell all of their shares directly, while he bought them at a low price to become the major equity controller of the company, so it didn't matter if Justin stayed as the company president, the management rights would still fall into his hands.

The current situation was indeed a bit tense for George Robbins, prompting him to urgently contact several other shareholders, persuading them to dump their shares.

After finishing the last call, the person on the other end questioned George Robbins:

"Mr. Robbins, are we really going to dump all the shares right now? I feel it's a bit too early."

"It's not early, now is the best time."

"Mr. Robbins, I feel like you don't need to buy back these shares."

"What do you mean by that?"

"A friend of mine mentioned that our company's stock price keeps dropping; if it continues like this, the situation will definitely become very critical, and I fear for the future..."

The man's words served as a reminder to George Robbins.

"You mean..."

"I mean with the company facing such a massive crisis now, no other company is offering any help, if this continues, we might go bankrupt."

But upon hearing this, Mr. Robbins chose not to believe it.

After all, Riley Group has been a longstanding major company; even if it were to collapse, it wouldn't be that easy.

After hanging up the phone, George Robbins fell into contemplation.

Just as he was contemplating whether to contact Leon Battleson, another news piece exploded online.

Prior to being taken away by George Robbins, Florienna had posted some erratic messages online.

Florienna still held onto a sliver of hope, longing to become the victim in these matters.

She poured all the blame onto George Robbins and Teddy Carter.

Instantly, she remained the pitiful and helpless designer, only now this office plea turned into office harassment.

George Robbins had always envied Charlotte Thompson, wanting to snatch the designer director position from her, so he threatened her to sneak into Charlotte's office to take pictures.

Charlotte Thompson sat in her office, watching as Florienna's complete exposure unfolded, a slight calm smile naturally appeared on her face.

But just at this moment, impatient Teddy Carter finally decided to spring into action!

Chapter 1438 Florienna Ellis Went Crazy

Calmly, he listed almost all the things Florienna Ellis had done.

Moreover, he did not hesitate to make public the relationship between Florienna Ellis and George Robbins, as well as the truth about his departure from the company.

Regarding the plagiarism issue, he placed the blame squarely on Florienna Ellis and presented evidence proving that the three designs attributed to Florienna were actually derived from his own sketches.

Florienna Ellis was the one who stole his work.

In an instant, Florienna Ellis's character became even more colorful.

George Robbins quickly responded, threatening to sue Florienna Ellis and Teddy Carter for defamation.

Now that the truth had already come to light, Charlotte Thompson was already detached from the situation, leaving those few involved to bite each other and lay blame.

"Sister Charlotte! Someone said Florienna seems to have gone mad!"

Coco rushed in hastily, then shared the first-hand news from the company with Charlotte Thompson.

"Mad?" Charlotte raised an eyebrow in mild confusion.

"Apparently someone saw her run to the office floor, and she hasn't been seen since."

Coco said with an increasingly weird expression, mysteriously leaning closer to Charlotte, blinking her eyes in curiosity.

"Surely nothing serious has happened?"

Confronted by Coco's approach, Charlotte flicked her forehead, making Coco yelp and retreat while holding her head.

"Sister Charlotte, what are you doing? That hurt." Coco grumbled.

"There are surveillance cameras in the company. Just check them to know where she is."

Coco suddenly realized, patting her head: "Right, right, if you hadn't said it, I almost forgot."

Then, Coco ran off again in a flash.

"So reckless."

Charlotte shook her head, somewhat speechless, just as she received a call from Henry Thompson.

"Charlotte, as you instructed, I have recovered all the shares thrown away by your group."

"Thank you, big brother." Charlotte sighed in relief, promptly expressing her gratitude.

"Little girl, no need to be polite with your big brother." Henry's tone was filled with indulgence.

After Henry said a few words, Charlotte stood up and headed towards the conference room.

At this time, the shareholder meeting was forcibly convened by George Robbins.

Since the situation had reached this point, he couldn't wait any longer; after contacting the people he had arranged beforehand, George sat in the conference room.

Justin Battleson had the right not to attend, but now, it was the final act of the drama.

Upon entering the conference room and seeing George Robbins's appearance, his brow twitched slightly.

"Mr. Robbins, if you want to explain the rumors online, what's the use of convening a shareholder meeting?"

Justin's words were light-hearted, yet unsurprisingly hit the issue George was most concerned about.

"Those people online are just slinging mud, and Florienna Ellis has already gone mad. Now it really seems that whoever is unlucky enough to get involved with her faces trouble—I don't know how I was so unlucky to get tangled up with her!"

George's expression grew dark, and as he voiced this sentiment, recalling something unpleasant, his face betrayed sheer disgust.

"I've already notified the HR department to fire her." George quickly distanced himself.

"I recall Mr. Robbins saying not long ago that Florienna Ellis was actually the victim?"

Chapter 1439: The Position of President is Mine

"Mr. Robbins, how can you dismiss Florienna Ellis without a thorough investigation? People can be fickle, but not as rapidly as you, can't they?"

Justin Battleson deliberately brought up these issues, leaving George Robbins at a loss for words.

At this moment, Justin delivered a fatal blow to George Robbins.

"Mr. Robbins, do you remember what you said before about eliminating hidden dangers at the root? There were a total of three people involved in these previous incidents. Two of them have already left the company. Who do you think the last one is?"

Justin's words left George Robbins's expression fluctuating between anger and uncertainty. Finally, he glared at Justin and slammed his palm onto the table.

"Mr. Battleson, what do you mean by this? Are you suggesting that you want to fire me?"

"As the company's president, do I not even have the right to dismiss an employee?"

However, Justin's words only made George Robbins burst into laughter.

"Justin Battleson, you indeed have a chance to fire me, but not now!"

With that, George Robbins slowly walked towards Justin, his face showing a hint of schadenfreude.

"Because right now, I am the largest shareholder in Riley Group. This position of president should belong to me, Mr. Battleson."

"What do you mean by this?"

Justin remained calm throughout, but a slight ripple appeared on his face, though a mockery hid in his eyes.

This change was exactly what George Robbins wanted to see.

"Justin Battleson, I thought you were so formidable, but now you're just like a fool, being played around by me."

George Robbins leaned closer to Justin and said:

"Actually, you might not know this, but quite a few shareholders in the company have already been secretly bought by me. I had them dump all their shares during the last stock plunge."

"And I've reclaimed all those shares. Now, my share ratio is the highest in the entire company. So, tell me, who should take the top seat in this company?"

"So that's how it is."

Justin seemed to realize something and replied indifferently, "I didn't expect you to be so despicable."

Although Justin said this, it did not give George Robbins any sense of achievement.

In fact, George Robbins felt that when Justin said these words, there was a faint sarcasm in his gaze.

"Justin Battleson, I have no interest in talking nonsense with you. Hand over the management of the company to me, and I might just keep you as a major shareholder, or else..."

"George Robbins, don't forget, I founded Riley Group with my own hands."

Justin spoke calmly, and when he locked eyes with George Robbins, his sharp gaze matched George Robbins's intensity, even overpowering him in terms of aura.

In an instant, George Robbins felt a frigid chill extend from his back to his shoulders, piercing into his brain.

He stepped back, cold sweat involuntarily trickling down his face. How could he be intimidated by someone as young as Justin Battleson?

Back when he was beside Oliver Battleson, Justin hadn't even been born yet.

Thinking of this, George Robbins regained his courage and said to Justin:

"Justin Battleson, I know you're not convinced, but the fact is settled. The person with the largest shareholding can become the company's manager!"

Chapter 1440 I Am a Shareholder of the Company

However, before Justin Battleson could respond, Charlotte Thompson pushed the door open and walked in.

She almost instantly drew the attention of everyone present.

"Of course there's a problem."

Charlotte spoke up, answering the question that George Robbins had just asked.

"Why are you here?" Upon seeing Charlotte, an ashen expression instantly fell over George's face.

"Isn't this a shareholders' meeting?"

Charlotte glanced around, then exchanged a look with Justin, offering him a subtle smile.

Upon hearing Charlotte's question, nearby shareholders naturally nodded.

"This is indeed a shareholders' meeting, but what does it have to do with you..."

No one knew that Charlotte, just a design director at Riley Group, had suddenly shown up at the shareholders' meeting with clear intentions.

"Because I'm now a shareholder of the company~"

Charlotte found a chair and sat next to Justin, her eyes scanning everyone present before she slowly said, "And the percentage of shares I hold is second only to the company president, Mr. Battleson."

"Impossible!"

As soon as Charlotte finished her sentence, George slammed his hand on the table, loudly reprimanding.

The table's dull thud made Charlotte furrow her brows, as she looked up at the visibly furious George and slowly said, "What's impossible about it?"

As she spoke, Charlotte calmly slid the documents she had brought in front of George.

George picked them up with a face full of puzzlement, and upon seeing the words on them, he began to tremble all over.

"How could this be? Where did you buy these shares? How could there be so many!"

George continuously examined the documents before him, even starting to suspect that Justin and Charlotte had teamed up to deceive him by faking the documents.

But then, Charlotte's explanation provided an extremely reasonable answer.

"First of all, I joined Riley Group as a shareholder in my capacity as president of Allen Corporation."

Charlotte propped up her chin, speaking nonchalantly:

"As for why my shareholding is so significant, I must thank those shareholders lacking market insight."

When George heard Charlotte's words, he was momentarily stunned.

It seemed as though he realized something, reaching frantically into his pocket for his phone, possibly trying to call someone, but Charlotte's voice arrived faster than the phone's dial tone.

"Mr. Robbins, are you trying to call Samuel Carter? To ask why he didn't help you repurchase all the shares that were sold off?"

A look of astonishment filled George's eyes as he turned to look at Charlotte sitting at the table, seeing her grinning at him with her chin propped up.

"What do you know?"

A sense of unease swept over George's mind, and he looked towards both Charlotte and Justin with added wariness.

"What do you mean by that, Mr. Robbins? I know nothing," Charlotte chose to shake her head innocently.

"I just bought into Riley Group and then acquired some more shares, and I didn't expect to end up with so many."

George's eyes were trembling with shock, and he kept retreating until his calf hit a chair, causing him to stagger and fall to the ground.