

Chapter 480 Melissa Was Fired

"Mr. Cooper, what is the matter?"

When Melissa noticed the solemn expression on Peter's face, her tone was cautious.

"We've discovered the thesis you submitted earlier was plagiarized. It's caused damage to the reputation of our hospital. The government has even launched an investigation team to probe our hospital due to this issue. Our hospital is being especially criticized. Aren't you the so-called Divine Surgeon? Is it not possible for you to write a paper on your own?"

Melissa was left stunned for a moment after hearing Peter's words. It took her a while to regain her composure. She stood up from her chair with a frown on her face.

"What are you talking about? I haven't plagiarized anything. I've written all my papers myself."

"If that's true, why are these two thesis papers identical?"

Upon comparing the two papers presented by Peter, Melissa discovered they were indeed quite similar. However, she was perplexed as to how her thesis, which she had meticulously written on her own, could bear such resemblance to another. What was going on now?

"Mr. Cooper, something is wrong. If you give me a little while, I will be able to find out the truth."

"There's no need."

Peter waved his hand in a gesture that conveyed his dissatisfaction with Melissa.

"We hired you, the Divine Surgeon, with the intention of improving our hospital's reputation. However, it seems things have taken a turn for the

worse. Therefore, we regret to inform you we won't be able to continue with your employment beginning tomorrow."

Peter left, completely dismissing Melissa's explanations.

Melissa sat back in her chair, deep in thought about Peter's words. Something seemed amiss, so she decided to go back and examine the two papers once more.

It was only upon closer inspection Melissa noticed a watermark on the other thesis, indicating it was created at a later time than hers. She realized then someone had intentionally tried to frame her.

Melissa could've presented this evidence to Peter, but she was discouraged by his earlier attitude. Additionally, she needed to request a long leave of absence as she was going to Tinton. She decided to let the matter rest for the time being.

In any case, Melissa's reputation was not solely based on a single thesis. It couldn't be completely tarnished by one such incident.

Feeling optimistic, Melissa started packing her belongings.

When Leilany arrived to deliver some medical records to Melissa, she was shocked to see Melissa packing up her things. However, she quickly sprang into action and put everything back in its place.

"What do you think you're doing, Leilany?"

"Just what are you doing?" Leilany sounded incredulous. "Why are you getting your things together? Are you taking off for good?"

Melissa let out a sigh and spoke with a helpless tone. "I was fired by Peter today. I won't be working here anymore."

Leilany was in disbelief upon hearing the news. It wouldn't be a surprise if Peter fired Leilany. After all, she was just an intern. However, Melissa's expertise and experience as a doctor were indisputable now. Furthermore, with Melissa's reputation as the Divine Surgeon, the hospital stood to benefit from the influx of patients who would seek her expertise. Melissa joining the hospital brought fame and recognition to it. Yet, Peter had terminated Melissa's employment. The entire situation was inconceivable to Leilany.

"How could this happen? You've had so many accomplishments here at the hospital. Why would Peter let go of such a valuable asset? Could it be that Peter wants to let go of you like discarding a pawn now that he thinks the hospital has enough patients?"

Melissa rolled her eyes at Leilany. "So you mean I'm a pawn here."

"No, you're not. That's not what I meant."