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Chapter 65

"Why?" A deep and magnetic voice rang out from the door, prompting everyone to turn their attention to the speaker.

Artemis had his arms crossed before his chest as he leaned against the doorframe. With a cigarette resting between his lips, he looked like a laid-back hooligan.

Ironically, it was that handsome, bad-boy style of his that caused women to swoon over him.

After all, how could any woman resist a good-looking, rich guy who was strangely graceful yet unrestrained?

"I'll tell you why. How about because this is my turf, and I can bankrupt cach and every one of you? You got a problem with that? Or do you ihink I don't have what it takes to fire you?" challenged Artemis. "Or perhaps I should let you be the CEO for a couple of days, huh? That way, you can actually experience what it's like to be at the top."

"N-No!" said Janice as she hastily backed away. With a stumble, she fell into Jeremy's arms.

"J-Jeremy, please help me ask Mr. Luther for mercy. Please. I don't want to get fired! I don't

Jeremy's expression was grim. When he turned his attention to Janice, his eyes shone with a hint of disdain.

Rather than a girlfriend, he thought she was more like a friend with benefits because their connection had always been more physical than emotional.

Now, she had offended Artemis and was hoping he would help. She can dream on!

"You're the one responsible for the rumors in the office? There is no evidence to prove them one way or another, so why did you say all that and tarnish Ms. Bailey's reputation? I finally understand why she slapped you. You are the one who started all this drama, and she only slapped you to retaliate and teach you a lesson."

Janice's cyes bulged. She trembled endlessly as she stared strangely at the man beside her.

Is this the man who keeps whispering into my ears about how much he loves me? So his love only crists when were in bed, huh?

"Jeremy y-you..."

Jeremy ignored her. He turned his attention to Dwayne and simpered, "Since Mr. Luther has already issued the order personally, Mr. Derning. I will support his decision wholeheartedly."

Dwayne didn't reply. He simply smiled at Bailey, and the implicit message could not be clearer.

The revelation hit Jeremy. He quickly bowed to Bailey and fearfully said, "Ms. Jefferson. I didn't know that Janice was the malicious one who spread the rumors in the office, so I protected her carlier. I am so

sorry about that. Please don't take that personally or be mad anymore. She already got what she deserves since she's been fired now."

Bailey sneered as disdain flashed past her eyes. I knew it. Bullies are all the same and will only bow to the one who punches the hardest.

She ignored Jeremy completely and shifted her gaze to Janice. Bailey had a skin-deep smile on her lips when she advised, "Here's a hint for all the ladies. Never trust a man. They are all pigs."

No one spoke for a moment there.

Artemis frowned a little.

Did she just insult every single man on Earth?

Janice sat quietly on the floor, feeling numb.

Her lips parted. She thought about throwing Rhonda under the bus, but she got scared when she thought about what that woman was capable of.

If Janice were to expose Rhonda, the former would be able to save her job, but she would inevitably be bullied in the future,

On the other hand, if Janice were to keep Rhonda's secret safe, she would have a shot at being rehired someday.

Bailey Jefferson, you b*tch! Just you want. If I ever get the chance. I will make you suffer.

Despite everyone watching, Artemis made his way to Bailey and quirked a brow, asking, "May ! have the honor of treating you to lunch, Ms. Jefferson?"

Bailey glanced at him before moving toward the exit. "I'm not hungry. You should ask someone else, Mr. Luther."

Silence reigned in the office.

Oh, that is so cool!

Dwayne pretended to rub his nose to hide his smile. He was truly curious about what his tyrant boss was feeling at that moment.

Mr. Luther has always been proud, but his pride has been stomped on countless times after he met Ms. Jefferson

Arteinis' lips twitched a little. His sharp gaze swept across the room full of his employees. Just like that, he scared all of them into silence and prompted them to hide their anger away.

That afternoon al two o'clock, the top managers of Luther Group gathered for the conference on the top floor. The head of every department was there, with none absent.

Bailey and Jessica sat on either side of Artemis, and they both had their drafts with them.

Dwayne cleared his throat before he said, "Everyone is invited here today to be the judges of the competition between these two incredible designers. The winner of this competition will represent Luther Group and become a participant in The Grand Fashion Show, which will only

be held every four years. That, in turn, would mean that the winner will have a shot at earning the title of The Ultimate Designer. It also means that Luther Group's reputation will be on the line, so we pray that everyone here will judge the designers' work fairly and choose wisely."

Artemis had his eyes on Bailey. He noticed how calm she seemed, and anticipation began filling his heart.

This woman has always had a knack for surprising me. I hope the same will happen again.

"Ms. Tanner, Ms.Jefferson, which of you would like to show your work first?"

Jessica harrumphed but stayed quiet otherwise.

As far as she was concerned, competing against an incompetent woman like Bailey was just an insult to her.

She would never have lowered her stance and stood beside Bailcy as an equal if the competition didn't determine who would get to compete in The Grand Fashion Show.

Bailey arched her brows. Her lips curved into an evil smile before she said. "Ms. Tanner is the host, whercas I am but a guest. Therefore, I should not go first because that would just be rude. You should go ahead. Ms. Tanner."

Jessica glared at Bailey with disdain.

I bet she couldn't come up with anything good, so she's stalling now. What's the point? Her defeat is inevitable, and her lies will be exposed soon enough, anyway. She is such a joke.

"Fine, I'll go first. I'd like to see how long you can run from this."

After saying all that, Jessica stood up and slowly revealed her draft to everyone,

"The dress' design is regal, yet inspires a sense of purity and kindness."

"Wow, this is incredible! As expected of a student of Eve Lussohn. It seems she has learned everything her mentor taught her."

"Others mnight mistake this draft as the product of an actual master. I don't think there is anything better out there."

"You're right. This is definitely one of a kind."

Jessica's heart was brimming with joy when she heard the unending praises.

Hah! Given the current situation, I don't even need to socially pressure them into choosing me. My skills have already ensured that I will win that bitch, Bailey, by a landslide.

"I will now explain the concept behind this design."

Jessica's explanation, or rather, her show-off session, lasted thirty long minutes.

It got so bad that Artemis frowned in annoyance and raised his hand to shut her up. "Leave the

rest for after you win the competition. Things are not set in stone, and there's no saying if you'll actually be the candidate for The Grand Fashion Show. Your victory still depends on Ms. Jefferson's design."

"Mr. Luther. 1-"

Artemis waved his arm and gestured for her to take a seat.

Jessica gritted her teeth. Her arms remained on either side of her, but if someone were to pay attention, they would notice that she had clenched her fists in frustration.

D*mn it. Mr. Luther is obviously biased toward her! It doesn't matter how good my designs are. I will still lose. I knew it. That woman is a succubus who managed to seduce even someone as calm and collected as Mr. Luther