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Chapter 261 Sue Me Then

He sneered but elaborated no further. "You want to renege on the promise?" "Yes, I do." A smile curled Hades' lips, but it was a smile of evil; a smile of the devil.

"We signed an agreement, and we clearly agreed that you can't renege." Selena stood her ground. She knew Hades wasn't exactly nice, so she obeyed his every order over the last few years for fear that she would anger him. Of course, Selena knew how far Hades could go.

"Hah!" Hades leaned back on his chair and roared in laughter. "We signed an agreement? Sue me then."

Selena knew that agreement had no binding power in legal terms, for it was done on goodwill and faith. Thus, she could do nothing about it if Hades wanted to break the promise.

"I'll renege whenever I want. What can you do about it?"

"You b*stard!" Selena shot up and pushed down against the table. "Hades! I did everything you asked, including that S-class mission! Why are you doing this?"

Hades smirked, a cunning light gleaming in his eyes. "And that's why I don't want to let you go. You're my best disciple. I can't let you go just like that."

Selena closed her eyes, holding her fury back. When she opened her eyes again, her gaze turned gentle. "I'm different from everyone here. I have Juniper, so just let me go. Let me and Juniper live our lives normally." He was the devil, and his castle was hell. Selena knew she couldn't let Juniper live in this place for life. The moment she set foot in this place back then, she had wanted to leave.

In response, Hades sneered. "This is the price you must pay for the choice you made."

His nonchalant attitude finally made Selena snap. Her anger flared, and she felt hatred for him. She hated him for playing her like a fool, then Selena slapped him. "Why?! You think you're a god? You think you can control

everyone as you please?! I did what you asked me to! What else do you want?"

Everyone downstairs looked upstairs after hearing Selena shouting, including Juniper. Seeing that, Barbie quickly picked her up. "Wanna see the doggy, Juniper? I'll take you to him." Behind her, Ken followed in haste.

Back in the room, Hades stared back at Selena, but instead of a dangerous gaze, there was tenderness in his eyes. As for Selena, she was still in a rage. "What will it take for you to let us go, Hades? I thought you said you like Juniper a lot! Do you think Juniper's going to grow up well living here with me? She's just a child! My life's ruined, but I don't want hers to be as well!"

Hades had forgotten about the fact that Selena was a mother, and he underestimated what parents could do for their children.

After Selena had finished ranting, she hung her head low. "Please, just let us go. I beg you. If you think I haven't done enough, then just give me another S-class mission. One final S-class mission."

Their missions were separated into three categories based on their difficulty: S-class, A-class, and B-class. S-class missions were the highest ranked and the toughest among all missions. A-class missions would take up most of the missions in most cases, while B-class missions could be done solo. However, S-class missions needed one leader and everyone else as assistants.

"Very well then."

His answer made her look up slowly. He agreed. He actually agreed to let me go!

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Chapter 262 Final S-Class Mission

"Don't forget what you said. As long as you finish this perfectly, you'll be let off the hook." Hades' ear stud gleamed cunningly, just like his eyes, and his smile made Selena shiver. "Yes, but this is the final S-class. Deal?"

"Yes, it is." "How should I trust you?" Selena was no fool, for she knew Hades was a capricious man; he could be jolly one moment, but a furious demon the

next. By now, Selena knew Hades to be an illogical and irrational person, as well as an oddity. That was how Selena saw him.

"So what if you don't trust me?" His reply made her heart sink. He's playing me for a fool! But he's right. So what if I don't trust him? What can I do even if he reneges on the promise again? He could make and break me. This man's truly a demon. Selena bit her lip, almost drawing blood, but all she could do was stare at him. She couldn't do anything else.

"This is the last one." Hades took off his ring and put it on the table.

Selena knew that ring; it was Hades' symbol. Now, he was using the ring as collateral. If he would break the promise once again, he would never take the ring back.

"Alright." Selena took the ring and left without saying another word. When she went downstairs, Selena took Juniper and left without saying goodbye to her colleagues.

When everyone had seen her off, Hades came down. "Did you fight, boss?" Joshua asked. "Why didn't you tell her you helped her escape when she was in Astoria? She probably doesn't know it yet."

"Time for an S-class mission." Hades' gaze darkened.

Everyone started becoming nervous, for it had been a long while since they had an S-class mission. They stood straight, waiting for the command, but Hades didn't speak for a long while. When everyone was starting to look at one another in confusion, he blurted, "Prepare for the proposal."

Everyone's eyes widened.

"P-Proposal?"

"Are you sure? The S-class mission is a proposal?" S-class missions are the toughest among all! But it's going to be a proposal?

"Who are you proposing to?" Ken whispered.

Everyone rolled their eyes at him. "Is that a trick question?" Barbie smacked his head.

Everyone could see that Hades loved Selena. He changed drastically ever since Selena joined them, and it was easily noticeable considering the fact that they had been following him for quite a long time.

"Boss, um... Selena, well, she joined us in the first place so she could survive, so she doesn't think much about anything else. And you haven't been exactly nice to her," Barbie said.

Hades had a weird way of expressing his love, for he was cruel and unforgiving toward her when Selena just came. Selena might loathe him to his bones, but Melissa knew Hades was protecting her. The only way for her to live on was to become stronger, and Hades helped her in that aspect.

In response, Hades gave Barbie a cold look, and Ken stood before her immediately. "Boss, what Barbie is saying is that this might not be the best time for a proposal."

Melissa chimed in, "Yes, boss. This is too sudden of a proposal. It's going to fail. Why don't you tell her about your feelings first and slowly transition into the proposal? You'll have a higher chance of success then."

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Chapter 263 Scram if You Cannot Do It

Hades scanned them. "Why else do you think this is an S-class mission?" They had forgotten that Hades was giving them an S-class mission, not making negotiations. "This is a mission, so you'd better keep that in mind. F*ck off if you can't do it!" Hades roared before going back upstairs.

How dare they say I'm going to fail. I can't be that unlucky, can I? Dammit. All they do is discourage me. Hades went up, feeling annoyed.

Meanwhile, the four of them looked at one another in confusion; they didn't know what they should do. "What now?"

"Selena's definitely not gonna say yes." Joshua stretched his arms. "Look alive, mateys. Time for a mission." Now, they started to worry about Hades, for they knew it was bound to fail, but Hades still wanted nothing less than success. When midnight came, a man in a windbreaker disembarked from an airplane. Nothing shone in the darkness of the airport, save for his eyes—Pierre had come. He weaved through the throng and drove to Selena's house; he missed her.

Ever since she left, he had spent every waking moment missing her. It was the first time he felt such passionate longing. He couldn't sleep nor eat, for his mind was occupied by nobody else but her. Thus, he made a sudden decision to see her.

He knew where she lived, so when Pierre reached her place, he stood there in the darkness, staring at the house that was still lit up. I wonder what she's doing at this hour. He stood before the window in silence, but he couldn't see her. All he could do was imagine what she was like in the house. Then, the window swung open, and Pierre quickly took cover in the corner.

A moment later, she closed the window and pulled the blinds down before turning off the lights. After that, Pierre stared at the dark house for a long, long while.

The next morning, sounds of something rustling woke him up. Pierre had been sleeping in the same corner he hid himself last night, so he peeped out from the corner and saw Selena coming out with Juniper, then he quickly found somewhere else to hide.

Selena and Juniper went into a car, going on a road trip. It was the weekend, and Juniper didn't have to attend kindergarten, so Selena decided to spend all her time with Juniper.

Pierre finally saw her again. Now, Selena had become gaunt, and the gleam on her face was gone. Jameson's death hit her hard, and for some reason, he recalled the time she proposed to him. Traditionally speaking, men should be the ones proposing, and for that, Pierre felt that he owed her. Then, he went into his car and followed them wherever they went.

All the while, he followed them from a distance away, and then they stopped before an accessory counter.

Juniper might be young, but she was precocious. "Does this headband look good, Mommy?"

"It does. Try it on."

"Okay!" Juniper chirped. Selena helped her wear the headband, then the salesperson gave them a mirror. When Selena looked into the mirror, she saw someone familiar behind her, but when she swiveled around, there was nobody there.

"What's wrong, Mommy?" Juniper tugged on her mother's clothes.

"Nothing. I thought I saw someone." Selena turned back, looking crestfallen.

"Look, Mommy. Does this headband look good on me?" Juniper asked impatiently.

"Yes, it does." After that, Selena looked into the mirror again. She hoped against hope to see him again in the mirror, but unfortunately, he wasn't there. Thus, she knew she must be seeing things because of her longing for Pierre.

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Chapter 264 Blood Transfusion Required

"I'll pick one for you too, Mommy." Juniper took a star-shaped clip and clipped it on Selena's head. It was embedded with diamond dust, and it gleamed brightly under the light. "It's so pretty!" Juniper clapped with delight.

Selena thought it was nice as well, but inexplicably, she thought of Jameson. We don't even know if he's alive or dead. I don't have the right to be happy here. "I don't really like it. Let's go." Then, Selena took Juniper and left.

Once they were done shopping around, Selena and Juniper went to the parking lot, ready to go home. It was at that moment when Selena's phone rang, and she held her phone in one hand while holding Juniper's hand in the other. Someone went past them and brushed against Juniper, making her new hair clip fall out and tumble a distance away.

"My hair clip!" Juniper let go of her mother's hand and went to pick her hair clip, then a car drove toward her.

"Juniper!" Selena yelled, but she could only watch helplessly as the car crashed into Juniper. It skidded to a halt, but it was too late. A pool of blood was already starting to form around Juniper, and Selena scrambled toward her. Pierre saw what happened, so he tried to go to them, but another car crashed into him, making him fall.

She heard another car screeching to a halt, but Selena didn't have time to look back; Juniper came first. "Wake up, Juniper! Look at me!"

Pierre wanted to get up, thinking that his injury was mild, but the moment he stood up, a stab of pain shot up from his leg. The driver quickly came out of the car. "Are you alright, sir?"

The driver was a woman, and she was shocked about the matter. It was the first time she crashed into someone, so she was at a loss. "I-I'll call you an ambulance." Then, she took her phone out, her hands trembling.

Pierre pressed down on his injured spot. It's probably fractured. The pain was stopping him from standing up, and all he could do was to press down on it. A while later, the pain subsided, so he struggled to stand up. When he looked at the accident spot, Juniper was nowhere to be found. Selena must have taken her to the hospital.

"Just stay here, sir. You don't want to hurt yourself again."

In response, he held the woman by her shoulder. "Which hospital will someone go to if they have an accident here?"

"Springvale Central Hospital. It's the nearest one."

"What if it's a child?"

"Central Hospital's pediatrics is as good as other child specialist clinics," she answered.

"Got it." Pierre limped away, then he remembered something and took the woman's car. "Lend me your car."

"Hey, the ambulance's coming! Can't you—" Before she could finish speaking though, Pierre had driven her car away, and the woman could only watch.

He drove to Springvale Central Hospital despite his pain and the sweat that was already drenching him.

Meanwhile, Juniper was sent to the emergency room, leaving Selena outside, waiting in panic. Then, a doctor came out. "Who's the patient's family?"

"I am!" Selena rushed up to him.

"The child has suffered excessive blood loss, and she needs a blood transfusion, but her blood type is..."

This was exactly Selena's worst fear—Juniper's blood type was special. It was rare to see someone with the same Rh negative blood type as her, which made a blood loss event all the more devastating.

"We don't have her type of blood in our blood bank."

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Chapter 265 Emergency

"You have to do something, doctor. Don't you have registers of people with the same blood type? You can try contacting them." Selena held the doctor's hand. "Please save her."

"We'll try our best, but you have to prepare for the worst." When she heard that, Selena plopped down onto the ground. Her worst fear had finally come to pass.

A moment later, Pierre came to the hospital, and he limped toward the blood donation center. The nurse was calling the people on the name list, but she only had so much to work with. They didn't receive patients with rare blood types that much, and even fewer were willing to register as a blood donor. Hence, there were only about five people on the record.

"I see. You're not around, but thank you for your help." The nurse hung up again. If nobody is available, then it seems that not even god is willing to help.

"I can do it!" Pierre shuffled up to the nurse.

"What can you do?"

"I can donate my blood. It's the same one as the girl's. Rh negative!" He rolled his sleeves up. "Take my blood, quickly!"

The nurse was surprised, but she did the blood test for him first. When she saw that Pierre indeed had the same blood type as Juniper, she quickly

prepared for the blood donation, and the blood bag was sent to the emergency room.

After everything was done, Pierre heaved a sigh of relief, almost forgetting that his leg was hurt.

When the nurse noticed that he was sweating profusely, she asked, "What happened to you? Why are you sweating so much? You were limping earlier. Did something happen to your leg?"

Then, she realized the spots of blood on Pierre's face and the dirt on his clothes. He looks like he just got out of an accident.

"I'm fine." Pierre wanted to wait until Juniper was safe before he would leave, but a phone call swept that plan away. "Come back quickly, Young Master Pierre! Young Master Jojo has fallen sick!"

"What?!" Immediately, Pierre started worrying again. He gritted his teeth, stood up, and hung up. "Is the girl fine now?" he asked the nurse.

"She had the blood transfusion and is already out of the woods. Thank you, kind sir."

"Good to know." Now, Pierre could go without worries then. He had to go back as soon as possible, though he remembered he drove someone's car to the hospital when he came out. Hence, Pierre asked his men to handle the matter while he flew back to Astoria.

At the same time, everything was merry in Selena's house.

Barbie was sitting on Ken's shoulder, hanging the colorful pom poms on the ceiling. On the other hand, Joshua and Melissa were also busy decorating the place with flowers. They thought they had to do it well, for it was a proposal, though they knew it would fail horribly.

Also, Hades would come down once in a while to supervise them. He was the one who ordered the flowers, ribbons, and lights to be used in the proposal. It was... retro, to say the least.

"This is so 1970! It's just... so old school! If the proposal was a hundred percent failure, the decoration just made it two hundred percent." Barbie spoke as she slid down from Ken's shoulder.

"Can't do anything about it. It's an S-class mission after all," Melissa answered.

A moment later, Joshua looked at the time. "It's almost time. Why isn't Selena back yet?"

"Hey, you're right. She should be back by now. It's late."

They looked outside the window, where dusk had descended upon the city. Selena had gone out early that morning just to shop with Juniper, so she shouldn't still be out this late.

In the middle of their discussion, Hades came down again. He looked around at the decorations, though he showed no happiness nor dissatisfaction.

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Chapter 266 Proposal Preparation

Everything was prepared, and they were only waiting for Selena, who still hadn't shown up. "What do you think, boss?" Ken pointed at the decorations.

Hades merely grunted in response. "Boss, this might be an S-class mission, but the main guy here is you. Nobody can propose in your place, so you have to do it yourself," Barbie piped up.

Hades snorted once more. "Naturally." "So what's your goosebump-inducing, eighties-romcom-esque proposal speech have you come up with?" Barbie gave him a curious look.

When he heard that, Hades glanced at her from the corner of his eye. "Stay out of it."

"Aw, tell us. We can modify it a bit. Make it more romantic." Unexpectedly, Joshua raised his hand slowly. "I wrote it for him."

"What?!" Everyone gasped. He even asks someone else to write a proposal speech for him? If Selena finds out about it, she wouldn't say yes even if she wants to.

"Why isn't she back yet?" Hades was getting impatient. "Why don't I call her?" Melissa took her phone out. A moment later, she exclaimed, "What?! Car crash?!"

Meanwhile, Selena was still in the hospital. Thanks to the timely blood transfusion, Juniper had gotten out of the woods, and was transferred to a normal ward.

The little girl was in a coma, bandages wrapped around her head and the many injuries on her body. The doctor said Juniper's leg was fractured, but they had handled it during the surgery.

Selena sat by the bed, her heart broken into a million pieces. Why does Juniper have to go through so much suffering? It's all my fault. I didn't do enough for her.

At that thought, tears streamed down Selena's cheek. There were times when she just wanted to stop, do nothing, and take care of Juniper properly.

However, she was only human; she only had two arms, two legs, one heart, and a brain, so she could only do one thing at a time. If she did more than one thing at once, everything would go wrong. Selena just wanted to stop, but she couldn't.

Then, she patted Juniper's head. As the girl had just gotten out of a terrible circumstance, she was constantly monitored by machines, and they kept beeping.

When she was about to get some water to wipe the blood off Juniper, the sudden sound of alarm from the machines made her jump.

After Selena saw what was on the screen, she bolted to the nurse, who called the doctor after taking a look at Juniper. Then, Selena was pushed out of the room. "Sorry, but you need to leave. We have to apply some emergency measures."

"What's happening to her? I thought she's out of the woods?" Despite Selena's protests, she was still pushed out of the room, so she stood outside, alone and at a loss, her heart sinking once again to the depths of despair.

A short while later, the doctor and nurses pushed Juniper out, and Selena stopped them. "Where are you taking her?"

"It's an emergency. We have to send her to the ICU," the nurse answered curtly. "Please move away. If we get there even one moment later, it might mean the child's death."

Fearing for Juniper's safety, Selena immediately moved out of the way, though she followed the medical staff to the ICU where Juniper was sent to, but she couldn't go in. ICUs didn't allow anyone's entrance, not even if it was the patient's family.

Hence, Selena was barred from taking one more step ahead. "What is going on, doctor? I thought she's already out of the critical state." Selena was extremely distressed.

The doctor shook his head. "We aren't very sure. The patient's condition is unstable, and we need to save her quickly." Then, the doctor left in a hurry, apparently not having any time to talk. Hence, Selena was left alone, staring dumbly at the ICU.

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Chapter 267 It's Truly a Miracle

Why? Why is God doing this to me and Juniper? We only survived after a long struggle! Hades, Barbie, and the others then arrived at the hospital. "What's the situation now, Selena?"

"I don't know..." Selena didn't quite know how to answer that. At this time, a nurse ran over. "As you're the child's mother, you should be aware that her blood type is very unique. Do you usually have contact with people of the same blood type? We need to give the child a blood transfusion again!"

"Isn't the hospital going to figure out a way? You should know more people than I do!" "Yes, there are indeed people with Rh negative registered with the hospital, but we can't reach them! That's why I'm asking you this." The nurse was so panicked that he was on the verge of tears.

Everyone looked at each other. "Take mine." A cold voice rang out, upon which everyone swung their gazes in the direction of the voice. It was Hades. Indeed, Hades was Rh negative.

"You're certain you're Rh negative?"

"Yes."

"Come with me, then. Hurry!" There was no time to say anything superfluous when time was life. Hades went with the nurse to have his blood taken.

The nurse promptly started drawing his blood. "I can only take 400 milliliters from you at one time."

"Is that enough?"

The nurse lifted his eyes and glanced at Hades. "It might not be quite enough, but I can't take more. It'll affect you adversely if I draw too much blood from you."

"Take more from me, then. Until it's enough."

Hades' words sounded like an order, so the nurse looked at him. "But the hospital's policy—"

"Is policy or life more important?"

The nurse naturally knew that life was more important. Back when he was still a student, he'd known that life trumped everything. Their responsibility was to save lives, so it was the most important thing. Thus, he drew 800 milliliters of blood from Hades. "I'll take this much first. I'm going to send this blood plasma over, but you should sit here for a while longer. Otherwise, you'll have a dizzy spell. Call your friend over and eat something. You need to fortify your nutrient intake and rest more during this period." Then, he left with the blood plasma.

Hades initially thought that he would be fine, but the moment he stood up, he dropped back onto the chair again. Looks like having 800 milliliters of blood drawn is not a simple matter.

The blood plasma was thereby sent to the ICU ward. Selena kept praying fervently, begging God to spare Juniper's life. If possible, I'm willing to bear all this on Juniper's behalf!

After an excruciating wait of over an hour, the doctor finally walked out of the ICU ward. "It's a miracle! It's truly a miracle!"

"How is she, doctor?" Selena swiftly rushed forward.

The doctor grabbed her hand with a smile. "Your daughter is truly lucky! She's fine now and has pulled through!"

Selena's tears instantly streamed down her face. "Thank you! Thank you!"

"This is also the first time I've ever witnessed such a miracle."

"What miracle? What actually happened to Juniper? Isn't it just a blood transfusion?" Barbie asked at the side.

"We suspect that it was caused by the initial blood transfusion. This is a type of transfusion-associated graft-versus-host disease and is very critical. Although the incidence rate is very low, once someone contracts the disease, the mortality rate is 99%. Thus, your daughter has created a miracle." The doctor likewise breathed a sigh of relief.

"Transfusion-associated graft..." Barbie couldn't even remember its name.

"However, this disease is usually caused by a transfusion from an immediate family member, so we find it rather strange as well." The doctor nudged his glasses up the bridge of his nose.

Selena paid no mind to the doctor's words, for she didn't care what disease Juniper had exactly. Her only concern was whether Juniper had truly recovered. "In that case, doctor, is Juniper really out of the woods? She won't have a sudden attack like before, yes?"

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Chapter 268 Good Fortune After Adversity

Selena couldn't take it a second time. "Most likely not, but in view of this situation, she still needs to stay in the ICU for a few more days for observation. Don't worry. We'll definitely tell you if anything changes."

Selena could finally breathe a sigh of relief. However, her heart remained in her throat since Juniper was also purportedly out of the woods back then.

"Hey, didn't Boss go to get his blood drawn? Juniper is already fine now, so why isn't he back yet?" Only then did they realize that Hades wasn't back yet. As they were talking, Hades returned while trembling slightly. Nonetheless, he tried to maintain his usual composure despite feeling drained of energy. Everyone looked in his direction. "Are you okay, Boss? Why were you gone for so long?"

"Oh, I just smoked a cigarette."

Melissa noticed something amiss with Hades. "Why do you look so pale, Boss? Was there a problem during the blood draw?"

"What problem could there be?" A wintry glare flew at Melissa.

At this, Melissa kept quiet and shrugged.

Selena endured another three excruciating days before Juniper's condition finally stabilized, and she was transferred to the VIP ward. As she gazed at Juniper's smiling countenance, a bright smile blossomed on her face. "Juniper, please don't scare me anymore. I can't take it."

Pursing her lips, Juniper smiled. "I love you, Mommy."

"I love you too, Juniper."

While they were talking, a nurse came in. "Let's have your temperature taken first before I give you an intravenous drip." This was routine every day, and they might have to put up with it for some time.

Juniper was very obedient. Taking the thermometer, she placed it under her armpit. Meanwhile, the nurse started making preparations for the intravenous drip. "This child is truly lucky. However, it's all thanks to the gentleman who donated blood the other day. If it weren't for him, the consequences would've been disastrous," the nurse murmured.

"Indeed. It's all thanks to him," Selena echoed.

"It must have been bad to have 1,000 milliliters of blood drawn at one time."

"What? 1,000 milliliters?" Shock swamped Selena upon hearing this figure.

"Yup. Didn't you know? Actually, every person can only donate 400 milliliters, but you know your child's condition at that time. It was very critical, so even 400 milliliters might not have been enough. When he heard this, he immediately asked to have more taken. The nurse later drew 800 milliliters from him, but he ordered him to just take 1,000 milliliters! The nurse had no choice but to acquiesce."

At this, the nurse shook her head. "When blood loss reaches 500 to 800 milliliters, a blood transfusion is generally necessary on a discretionary basis. If blood loss reaches 1,000 milliliters, a blood transfusion is mandatory. Otherwise, it's easy for the person to go into shock. It's a good thing he's in excellent health. Anyway, he still needs to nourish his body well during this time."

Selena was rendered speechless by astonishment. Never had she thought that Hades actually ordered the nurse to draw 1,000 milliliters of his blood for Juniper!

"Fortunately, he donated a lot of blood, for it saved the child. The doctor must have told you this, no? The mortality rate for such a disease is 99%." The nurse then looked at Juniper and caressed her head. "Therefore, sweetheart, you're bound to have good fortune after surviving such adversity. You're a lucky girl!"

The nurse then left after giving Juniper an intravenous drip, but Selena remained in her trance for a long time.

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After returning to Astoria, Pierre underwent surgery. He had a broken leg, so the doctor lamented the fact that he actually endured the pain during those few days and even took a plane back. Since treatment was delayed, it was likely that he had to recuperate for quite a while this time. He was then discharged a few days later though he had to sit in a wheelchair.

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Chapter 269 All Evidence Points to Selena Yard

Joaquin's illness was no big deal, for he merely ran a fever for a few days. However, everyone was still immersed in the agony of having lost Jameson, so they were anxious about his fever and hovered like a mother hen. John became utterly dispirited. When Pierre offered to take care of Joaquin himself, he agreed since he thought of Jameson every time he saw Joaquin. Pierre went to work in his wheelchair. Just when he was about to enter his office, he caught sight of Chris in a suit and leather shoes. I didn't know that Chris joined the company!

"Pierre!" Chris went over to him exuberantly. "Is your leg okay?" "It's okay."

"I'm glad to hear that. I've joined the company and am now in the finance department." "That's a good department. Do your best."

However, Chris wore a pained expression. "As you know, I'm not suited to office work. It's my mother who insisted that I work here."

"Anyway, just do your best." After saying that, Pierre left and went right into his office. His fingers drummed the table rhythmically. The finance department is indeed an excellent department. Helen is smart to arrange such a good place for her son.

"President Fowler, Young Master Chris has malicious intentions in joining the company. Should we do anything about it?" Niall had also foreseen something in the works.

"Never mind. We've got something more important." Lifting his head, Pierre stared at him. "What's the progress of that matter I asked you to investigate?"

All at once, Niall went silent. "It's difficult to say."

"What does that mean? Spit it out!"

"I've investigated it time and again, but it all leads back to Miss Yard. I mean, Miss Selena Yard!" Niall hurriedly added. "All evidence points to Miss Yard."

Pierre's brows creased deeply, his chilly gaze radiating a suspicious gleam.

"I don't believe that Miss Yard did this, but that's the evidence for you. There's also a possibility that the perpetrator wants to frame Miss Yard, and that's why..." Niall only hazarded such a guess because he was aware of Pierre's feelings toward Selena.

"Continue investigating," Pierre ordered.

"Understood." Niall could only do as instructed; knowing Pierre's character, he'd never give up until the truth came to light.

"Also, you can shift the focus of searching for Jamie from within the country to abroad." After all, it's not that easy to hide a child.

"Do you think this is still necessary, President Fowler? If it were me, I definitely wouldn't leave the child alive. It's too troublesome, after all. Besides, there's not much use in doing so." Niall expressed his opinion.

"I said continue searching, so just continue searching!" Pierre would never believe that his son had died so easily. In fact, he felt very much conflicted inwardly. I don't believe that Selena killed Jamie, but I also believe that he's still alive. However, if he's still alive, then there's only one possibility—Selena couldn't bring herself to kill him! This is just too contradictory!

Niall wanted to point out that this was self-contradictory, but he said nothing in the end.

At this time, the highly-anticipated awards ceremony for Silver Fox Awards was being held in the auditorium. This was a paramount award in the entertainment industry. It was the Best Actress Award next, and the nominees included Jude, Meredith, as well as three other actresses.

Jude was forever aloof as though everything had nothing to do with her. Meredith, on the other hand, grew nervous because she desperately needed this award considering her declining popularity after the incident with her family as well as some scandals about her.

Everyone held their breaths.

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Chapter 270 Clinching the Award

"Next, we're going to hand out the Best Actress Award for the 23rd Silver Fox Awards. The actress who clinched the Best Actress Award this time is... Meredith Yard!"

Streamers rained down the entire auditorium. Meredith couldn't believe her ears. She indeed wanted the award, but she also felt that Jude was more likely to get it because the movie for which she was shortlisted was truly superb.

All cameras focused on Meredith who once again clinched the award for best actress. Meredith hesitated for a moment before she stood up. She then flashed a smile at the people around her before hugging those near her. Finally, she picked up her silver gown and sashayed up the stage.

Subsequently, the cameras even panned over Jude since she was the most promising actress for the Best Actress Award this year. When the awards ceremony announced the shortlisted actresses, many had speculated that she'd win.

There weren't many good works this year, and that meant lesser competition. At a single glance, one could tell that the other shortlisted actresses were merely there for the sake of show since their work was right there for all to see. However, the movie in which Jude acted was unique. While it wasn't a box office hit, her performance was favored by many influential directors, and several renowned directors even complimented her acting skills on Twitter after watching the movie. On the other hand, Meredith's work was also quite good, but there was no significant breakthrough in her acting skills. It was average, neither good nor bad. Thus, Jude was the more likely winner, but unexpectedly, it turned out to be Meredith.

Meredith choked up a few times, but applause rang out from below the stage again and again, giving her much encouragement. Taking the trophy, she picked up the microphone. "Actually, I didn't prepare an acceptance speech today. Too many things have happened recently that caused me to start doubting myself constantly, so I didn't even believe that I could win this award. I hereby thank all the judges' affirmation of me. Thank you!"

Everyone present knew that she hadn't had it easy, what with the Yard Family going bankrupt and her sister going to prison. Every single incident was a huge blow to her, and her image as the perfect goddess was crumbling bit by bit. But at this critical moment, she clinched the Best Actress Award. This had people inevitably envious of her. She's truly lucky and blessed.

"Taking this opportunity, I'd like to thank someone in particular for always supporting me at my back silently when I was at my lowest. His hug comforted my battered heart, and his smile ceased my perpetual tears. Here, I'd like to say, I love you."

The auditorium plunged into silence before thunderous applause broke out. After all, what did this acceptance speech by Meredith imply? It implied that she had a boyfriend! So, is she publicizing her relationship? Backstage, Landy smiled as she looked at Meredith on the stage. This Best Actress Award has solved all current problems. Besides, her statement earlier will probably occupy the top search queries on Twitter for several days. She can be rid of her family scandal and continue being the most popular actress.

Meanwhile, Jude merely found it laughable as she stared at Meredith on the stage.

When the awards ceremony had ended, the media naturally surrounded Meredith. Meredith's smile was bright and dazzling as she held her trophy. "Miss Yard, is the person you mentioned in your acceptance speech earlier your boyfriend? Can you please respond to this?"

"Miss Yard, can you reveal who your boyfriend is?"

As expected, all the reporters kept pursuing this question.