

## The Return 311

### Chapter 311

“Yes, we’re already at the hotel Joanna let out a long sigh of relief and stretched her numb neck.

Jaydon looked at Joanna’s tired face and said in distress, “Are you tired? You have been too devoted to your work, you workaholic.

“Joann, don’t push yourself too hard. You have me, and you can count on me. I am not very successful, but I can assure you a wealthy life.”

Hearing that, Joanna smiled. “I know!

“Don’t worry! I’m stronger than you think, I can take it. It’s just fine.”

“Joann..” Jaydon sighed helplessly.

“Jay, are you done packing?”

“Yeah, I’m done packing and ready to go.”

Joanna frowned slightly. “I’ll be busy for another day. I might not be able to return to Greypport until tomorrow afternoon.

“And I’ll go to Venturas on Thursday morning.”

Jaydon comforted her gently. “It’s okay. You don’t have to be in such a hurry. Anyway, my legs can’t be worse. It doesn’t matter if we are one day later.”

“Take good care of yourself while I’m away.”

“You too!”

“It’s getting late. You should go to bed now!”

“Okay, good night!”

After saying goodnight to each other, Joanna hung up the video call.

She had been exhausted for the past two days. She took a quick shower and fell asleep as she hit the pillow.

It was 7 a.m. the next day.

Joanna got up early and went through the contract carefully again.

At nine in the morning, she met Brother Trumpet and officially signed the contract with him.

After signing the contract, Brother Trumpet looked at Joanna tenderly. “Miss Haynes, we’re partners from now on.”

Joanna also smiled knowingly. “Yeah! I hope we can work well together!”

“I’m looking forward to our pleasant cooperation.” They solemnly shook hands again.

Brother Trumpet paused and asked again, "Right! What have you been busy with recently? I heard from Cora that you've been in Venturas."

Joanna heard it, and her eyes flickered. "Oh, a friend of mine got into a car accident! I was there to take care of him."

"Oh, I see." When Brother Trumpet heard this, his eyes darkened.

Although Cora did not tell him what exactly Joanna had been doing these days, he could vaguely guess something.

were everywhere. At the same time, Brother

is... Brother Trumpet glanced at her diamond

this, Joanna showed her ring generously and smiled lightly. "It's a

Trumpet pursed his lips. "Oh, I

not have any chance to pursue Joanna. It made sense because they had very different family backgrounds.

disappointment in Brother Trumpet's eyes. She quickly changed the topic and said, "We've already rented the shop.

be in charge

"Yes, Miss Haynes."

better get going, then. I might be

leave the job here to you

Haynes. We won't let you

said nothing else since she

one o'clock in

back to

already packed the luggage for her.

Joanna arrived early to

were at Venturas

you booked the flight

I have" Jaydon sat in the wheelchair with a smile. Beside him were four bodyguards and

of people met up with

arms to Joanna. "Oh,

intimately.

kissed her on the forehead gently. They looked at each other, smiled,  
another.

is the flight?”

“Ten o’clock!”

nine o’clock now. Let’s take a

“Okay!”

in the VIP lounge

them easily.

booked a return flight for

want to go back so

we are more likely to be seen there. We’ll be

put her arms around

you. I’ll fly to see you after I finish my work.”

affectionately and tiptoed

wearing sunglasses, a mask, and a cap on his head. He looked around in alert.

no one was paying attention to them, Bruce took his mask off and gave her a peck.

moment, he was afraid of being photographed by the

just finished kissing Princess Martha and abruptly looked up.

familiar figure came into sight.

pupils dilated.

that time, Joanna was leaning against Jaydon. The two of

were going to

trip overseas when she came to see the children the other day.

was going abroad with Jaydon.

turned sharp, and he felt his anger surging to his

and

back when she heard the voice.

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Joanna, stop right there. I'm not done yet" Seeing that Joanna was about to leave, Bruce pushed Princess Martha away

He took a few steps forward and grabbed Joanna's arm tightly

"Ouch!" Joanna screamed out and was almost dragged to the ground.

"Bruce, we have nothing to talk about"

"Mr. Everett, please calm down and control yourself" Tatiana and Jaydon's bodyguards stood in front of Joanna

"Joanna, be clear with me! Do you have to be with Jaydon?" Bruce asked and still refused to pve up

Joanna pondered for a few seconds and decided to tell him everything "Bruce, I've already said yes to Jay's proposal

"At the same time. I wish you happiness"

Bruce heard this and immediately gasped for a breath. His heart instantly tank to the

"What You' agreed to his proposal?"

"Yes I love Jay When he fully recovers, we're going to get married"

Bruce raised his eyebrows and his face looked twisted. "Who said you could do that? Who has agreed to i87"

"Bruce, this is private affairs make the decision myself, I don't need anyone't appe

Bruor's heart was broken. He pointed at Joanna's nose and caid ferociously, "Joanna, I'm warning you. If you dare to marry him, I'll make you feel

Sorry (twear "

Jaydon was also extremely mad "Bruce you've gone too far Joann has divorced you Leave her als

"if you find fault with Joann again, I won't i maty on you"

firuce's eyes turned sharp in a second, and he glared at Jaydon in disdain. "Hingh, Jaydon, mark

Joanna will be my

an for the mat of

"If you dare to touch hm. /'ll make you suffer like hell? Bruce said and wanted to step forward to grabi Jaydon's collar

Seeing this, Joanna stopped in front of daydon "Bruce, what are you doing?"

"What? You want a piece of me?\*

The bodyguards on both sides stepped forward and began to push and pull

Jaydon brought four bodyguards, while fruce also brought five to sis bodygu good fight

The security guards at the airport also rushed over.

“Calm down, gentlemen Please don’t make trouble at the airport”

Both sides refused to give in, looking like they were about to have a

Jaydon looked at Bruce gibamily “Bruce, don’t be too arrogant I’m not  
ud of you

\*This is Venturas, not Greyport”

Joanna pushed

you feel

I hope you can get over

bottom of my heart,

the

that she pushed Javdon toward the boarding gate.

his arms angrily

Martha saw Bruce’s furious look on his face, she stood rooted to the ground in shock

Bruce was with her, he was always gentle and considerate. But she did not expect he would be so  
terrifying when he lost his temper

“Bruce.”

Hurry up! We’ll contact each other by

Princess Martha’s request and

felt uneasy on the plane.

her, and she wondered what he would do to get back at her this time.

comforted her softly, “Joann, don’t worry too much about

I’ve

extreme personality. I’m afraid he’ll take revenge

the company if you

his life, and I can’t let it be ruined in my

matter what happens, I will be there for you and protect you.” Jaydon could

indeed a bad

offended him would come

closed down. It turned out that Bruce had played tricks under the table and caused  
of

yet to swallow his anger and hadn't forgotten

he had to ask his father for help.

returned to the

to his office and felt like

make you feel sorry!

to go bankrupt within a

Joanna dared to fight him head-on was that she had the Haynes Group behind her..

her to

looked at Bruce

afraid it'll be too difficult to make the Haynes Group

make the Haynes

did you forget that Miss Haynes has

that, Bruce suddenly remembered

Right!

signed a betting agreement with Joanna.

Haynes Group to the world's top 500, Joanna would have to leave the Haynes Group unconditionally.

wouldn't be happy enough even if she

destroy the Haynes Group!"

"Okay"

came out of the office and was

is Mr. Everett mad about this time?"

he might be having an issue with Miss Haynes

up with Miss Haynes?"

with a frown, "Yeah! But who knows what

that Mr. Everett and Princess Martha are secretly dating. Mr. Everett has won the princess's heart. Why  
is he still

The more he loves her, the more

what

gave an order and wanted the Haynes Group

“Fuck! That’s mean!”

Everett have against

in her life. What

We’d better come up with something the

we do? The Haynes Group is also a listed company. It’s

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He could flirt with other women but couldn’t stand Joanna flirting with other guys.

Carl Hospital, Palistian City.

It was the most authoritative hospital in Gaprington. Doctor Carl had excellent medical skills and published medical papers that shocked the world. Therefore, this hospital was named after him.

They had made an appointment one month ago, so Joanna and Jaydon had met Doctor Carl as planned.

Doctor Carl arranged for Jaydon to undergo various tests.

“If you want your nervous system to recover as soon as possible, you’ll have to do rehabilitation treatment and training for at least three to six months.”

Doctor Carl was in his sixties. He had grey hair and a big hawk nose. He looked hale and hearty, kind and gentlemanlike.

“Oh, it’s good news as long as it can be cured.”

Doctor Carl continued in fluent Antlenish, “Now, I’m going to give him a nerve test to see how active his nerves are.”

“Okay, Doctor.”

“Jay, did you hear that? The doctor said it could be cured.” Joanna held Jaydon’s hand to comfort him.

Jaydon also heaved a sigh of relief. “I hope so!”

Then, Doctor Carl took out a specialized medical instrument and tested his nervous sensitivity.

Unfortunately, Jaydon’s nerves could hardly react.

This was not good news.

In the next few days, Joanna completed the hospitalization procedures for Jaydon.

Jaydon began a new round of treatment at Carl Hospital.

In the blink of an eye, a week was gone.

Other than taking care of Jaydon, Joanna Haynes would have meetings with domestic employees online.

Beep!

Seeing that it was Luna calling, Joanna quickly answered the call. "Hello, Luna."

"Miss Haynes, have you paid attention to the stock market in the past few days?"

"What happened?"

"The Haynes Group's shares have declined dramatically and might be at risk of delisting"

When Joanna heard this, her heart sank. "How did this happen?"

"Maybe it's also because of Mr. Haynes. What he did some time ago has very negative influences. A large number of shareholders have undersold their

shares.

wants to end his cooperation with the Haynes Group and will no longer serve as the

day. It's useless even

Paul are worried sick. They have held a staff meeting every day for the past few days. Please come back as fast as you can!" Luna reported

frowned even more tightly. "Okay,

her right after she hung up on

but to answer the call again.

the phone. "Miss Haynes, there's a problem with the

telling the finance department to pay taxes

department always pay the

Mr. West has already run away. We can't find him now. He's not answering his phone or replying to his messages. He's completely

Joanna felt a chill in

I'll return as soon as

"Okay, Miss Haynes."

up the phone, Joanna felt her heart cold as ice and couldn't

too difficult to survive in the business world. Shit happened

calls from her employees or higher ups every

to fly back and deal with the shits immediately.



and

ask for more since Joanna had been there for him for many days.

If you're worried about the company, fly back to Greyport first!"

smile on her face. "Jay, you're doing rehabilitation here! How

your treatment. Don't get

gently, "Joann, I'm fine here. I mean it. You don't have

can live with the fact now. I won't give up on myself again, whether my

knew Joanna was worried about him. That was why

back to Greyport first. I'll come back and keep

go. I'll be

anything happens. If I can't solve it, I'll get someone

to make any more polite remarks. "Okay. I'll book the flight tickets."

"Okay. Go ahead."

and told Tatiana to book the flight tickets

booked the

in Greyport

went straight

saw Joanna, she quickly came forward and said

Haynes comes to the office every day to

it, we've already called the police three

can't solve the problem radically in this way. Mr. Haynes still

that and knitted her eyebrows tightly. "Inform all the higher-ups to attend

"Okay, Miss Haynes!"

the office with

not help but ask again, "Miss Haynes,

him for now! Let him do

Luna sighed and quickly sent the

was 2 p.m. in the conference room.

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Joanna knew that they wanted to evict her from the Haynes Group

At this point, she can't pretend to be polite anymore, Joanna sneered and said, "I'm more anxious than anyone else about this matter with the company. I also hope our company can grow and prosper more than anyone else!

"Now is the time to solve the problem, not the time to blame each other! At the very least, the financial growth of the Haynes Group last year increased by 5%!

"To make a compromise, even if I'm not qualified for the position of chairman, I'll automatically withdraw from the Haynes Group after three years! You can still benefit from the betting agreement, so your loss will be covered. Don't worry.

"You guys will absolutely make a profit. I don't understand what's there to worry about. When I make money, all of you will benefit from it. Even if I lose money, I'll lose myself and you won't be involved. I'm under much more pressure than you guys."

This was the first time that Joanna was so angry during a conference..

He felt overwhelmingly pressed from the very beginning, yet Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul kept criticizing him. They acted out the reality of 'we can share riches and honor, but difficulties are for your own.

"Miss Haynes, take some water! Let's calm down first!" The company's vice president Ethan acted quickly when he sensed the situation was out of control.

"At this stake, you don't care about how to get the company out of the difficulties. And all you did was criticize me. You think that's the way out?"

Joanna was no longer as humble and low key as before. Her words were sharp and her aura was fierce.

When Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul heard this, they were also stunned by Joanna's imposing manner. Actually, we are discussing the problem! You're so noisy. I thought you were arguing with someone!"

Joanna's face sank. She said coldly, "I'm not arguing with anyone. I just hope that everyone can work together and think of a way to get through the current difficulties.

"When the three-year contract expires, if I'm not qualified for the position of chairman, I'll automatically withdraw from the Haynes Group, even if none of you chase me away.

"The deadline isn't up yet. What's the point of forcing me to leave now?\*

Mr. Roger laughed dryly and quickly responded, "Joann! Mr. Paul was also anxious just now. He meant nothing bad and was worried about the future of the company!

"He's an elder Just listen to him complain! You're just a junior. Just calm down and forget it

When Joanna heard this, she grew even angrier. These two wily old foars were used to taking advantage of their seniority!

"Mr. Roger, we're in the company now. There are no seniors or juniors! We are equal. Everything will be done according to the company's rules.

“if a company keeps showing off its seniority and makes no effort to seek progress, it won’t be far from bankruptcy Joanna’s words were quite rude. When Mr. Paul and Mr. Roger heard this, they felt more disgraced. They were so angry that they could not say anything for quite a long time.

“Alright, alright, alright. I don’t care anymore. Do as you see fit!

“If anything happens, don’t look for my help. Now I’m leaving, Hmph. Mr. Roger said in anger and stood up to leave the conference room. Anyway, Joanna had been chairman for more than a year. It was just another two years before she would leave office. Thinking of this, he felt much more relieved.

Let her do it for the next two years! As long as the company didn’t go bankrupt, he couldn’t be bothered.

When the three-year deadline was up, if she could not complete the betting agreement, she would have to hand over her shares unconditionally

that day finally came, she would be

that’s all for today’s

everyone writes a proposal and submits it at

“Okay, Miss Haynes.”

stood up and left the

past five

continued to deal with the piles of

in work until 11 p.m.

empty, Joanna turned off the computer and left

home, Miranda was still awake. She saw Joanna dragging her suitcase with a tired

the door for Joanna. “Joann, why did you

back home so that Kelly

Joanna entered the house weakly.

a bath later!” Miranda said and quickly went forward to take

“Alright!”

took off her coat and changed into slippers. She

bathtub and quietly came over to call her. “Joann, the

to take a bath first, I’ll make some

she had not eaten anything for the entire day. Her stomach also

extremely annoyed as she soaked in the

had been thinking about how to  
bath, Miranda's cakes were  
this moment, Joanna was  
hypoglycemia for years. After not eating for a day, she  
all the cakes in, Joanna returned  
was so tired that she felt sleepy so much and her eyes nearly closed, but she  
all.

public image of the Haynes Group had  
all night. Perhaps she could only change the company's  
was changed eventually, the original name that his grandfather had  
to minimize the loss, changing the  
next day came.

the company

to discuss with the

Mr. Paul and Mr. Roger also arrived at the conference

the Haynes Group's Brain Industrial Co., Ltd. to Golden Rule Technology." When everyone heard this,  
they looked at each other,

option, right? This name, Brain Industrial, was personally given by your

been in business for half a century, and its reputation has already been established after decades of  
efforts. How can we dismantle

the company's name be changed

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Luna continued, "Mr. Haynes has been causing trouble downstairs every day. There's even nothing the  
police can do about him."

"Miss Haynes, please go down and take a look. If it doesn't work, at least find a way to persuade Mr.  
Haynes."

"That's all for the meeting. Hand over all the opinions you've written. I'll give you an answer tomorrow."

"Luna, collect the papers!"

"Alright!"

Joanna took a deep breath and walked out of the conference room with a dark face towards the elevator!

Downstairs in the company, Shaun was sitting in a wheelchair with a large sign hanging around his neck and a loudspeaker in his hand, from which came an endless loop of curses cursing Joanna.

“Joanna is an unfilial daughter. She’s crazy! She’s insane!”

“Joanna is not even human. He’s worse than animals. She caused her family to be destroyed...”

The loudspeaker kept repeating curses at Joanna!

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Due to cerebral infarction, Shaun was now hemiplegic. It was even difficult for him to stand up on his feet, and his mind was a little confused. However, this also deepened his hatred for Joanna.

Every morning, he would ask the nanny to push him downstairs to the Haynes Group. He came here for nothing else but to create trouble for Joanna.

Seeing this, Joanna was so angry that her heart ached. She rushed forward and grabbed Shaun’s arm!

“Dad, when are you gonna let it go?”

Shaun was originally sitting paralyzed, but when he saw Joanna come out, he turned lunatic in an instant, stretching his neck and scolding Joanna.

“You devil girl. Beast. Animal. Now you are finally coming out? Why are you a coward? Do you not dare to come out and meet your father after doing something wrong?” Shaun’s words were unclear, and he was extremely angry.

Joanna could not hold it in anymore. “What did I do wrong? Why would I be afraid to see anyone?” Joanna was indignant and retorted directly!

“You unfilial daughter, I’m going to beat you to death! I’m going to beat you to death!” Shaun scolded in pain. He raised his walking stick shakily and hit Joanna.

Joanna also flew into a rage. She came closer to him and said, “Hit me, hit me! What right do you have to hit me?”

“I’m your father. Since I gave birth to you, I naturally have the right to hit you!”

“Heh, you’re really unreasonable. I’m heartbroken and disappointed to have a father like you!”

When Shaun heard this, he scolded, “Having a daughter like you, I’m even more heartbroken and disappointed! If I had known that you were such an ingrate, I wouldn’t have let you give birth. You should have died overseas early, and you wouldn’t have had to add such a big baby to the family.”

mouth, still

there an old man like you? Is there a father like you?

your father now? You know that I'm your father now! I won't acknowledge you as my daughter. Didn't you break off the relationship

took a deep breath. She was so angry that his heart was trembling. However, Shaun was already so sick. If she were to provoke

hide her tears. "Dad, leave the

to fight you to the death. You destroyed Roxy. You caused my family to be separated. I won't let you much when Ingrid was brought

was mentally unstable and had his uterus removed.

was not completely innocent. That was why

he hated Joanna to the core and directed all his anger at Joanna.

want? What do you want?" Joanna was going

anything now. I

you know how miserable Roxy is now? She's crazy and pathetic in the

your subordinates. You're high and mighty, carefree, and enjoying everything

who had your uterus removed? Roxy is such a well-behaved and beautiful girl. But she lost everything because of a vicious sister like

on? You should die. Even if you die,

understood

knives that stabbed fiercely

she probably wouldn't have been so

these most vicious words came

turned out that in her father's heart, there was actually

many passers-by

also rushed over

the Greyport media had finally found another piece of melodramatic news that caught

sank. She only wanted to end the battle

later, and she

won't show mercy

father!"

to be rude to

has already been ruined by you.

have to lose? You unfilial daughter, I'm going to beat you to death..." Shaun cursed and trembled as he tried to stand up

disappointed. She said coldly, "Dad, your behavior really makes

do anything to you. But don't forget that the evidence of your son's crime is

lose your son, just go home!"

in anger. "Are

say

cold air and fell heavily into

as she looked at the nanny coldly. "Hurry up

again, I will fix you! He's my father, so I naturally can't hold him accountable! But that doesn't

to my father,

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Although Joanna had announced in front of the media that she had cut ties with Shaun, he was her father after all. She could not really take tough measures against him

After the trouble caused by Shaun, the Haynes Group's reputation could not get any worse. A company name change was necessary.

The internet was filled with news about Joanna angering her father to the point that he became paralyzed, driving her sister crazy and sending her stepmother to prison.

Because of such news, there was nothing Joanna could do to clear her name.

A ringing sound was heard.

Joanna's phone rang again.

"Hello, Cora, what's up?"

When Joanna saw that it was a call from Cora, her heart was in her mouth again.

On the other end, Cora's voice was a little grim. "Miss Haynes, come to Mossbourne immediately!

\*2 million dollars was taken from the factory's accounts. This money was set aside for the payment of taxes.

"Now that the accountant has absconded with the money, it will be troublesome if the taxes can't be paid."

"I got it!"

“Also, the renovations for the media company in Greene Town are almost completed. The remaining payment must be settled. We also need to buy various equipment and have the start-up capital.”

Joanna sighed. “Around how much do we need?”

“The final renovation fee is about 200 thousand dollars. The purchase of equipment might cost 400 to 600 thousand dollars!”

“Give me a list of the specific items!”

“Alright, Miss Haynes! I’ll send it to your email later.”

“What else is there?”

Cora said solemnly, “it’s almost the 10th. It’s time for the factory’s employees to get paid again. Now that the entire sum has been taken, we still need 400 thousand dollars for the employees’ salaries!”

“Okay, I got it!”

After Joanna hung up the phone, her head throbbed even more.

The capital account of the factory in Mossbourne was short of 2 million dollars!

Including the money for the equipment and employees’ salaries, it added up to more than 3.2 million dollars.

Although she could afford to fork out 3.2 million dollars, she had just invested 4 million dollars to start a media company not long ago.

She really did not have much cash in her hands now!

However, if the company did not pay the taxes soon, there would be endless trouble in the future!

The accountant absconded with the money. She had no idea when she could get the money back.

felt powerless. It was a really terrible feeling.

when she was feeling vexed,

rang again.

was a video call on

“Hello, Jay!”

are you doing?”

the

looked at Joanna and said worriedly, “Why do you look so pale? Did

with her hand. “No, it’s just a small problem. I can handle it. You don’t

pondered for a few seconds and said in a serious tone, “Joann, I’m your fiancé now. I hope we



trouble. When do you plan to rely on  
at a loss for words.

reddened, and her delicate shoulders trembled involuntarily.

feel Joanna's

quickly! Besides, I'm also a shareholder of the company. I have the right to know what happened to the  
company!"

out a long

she briefly told Jaydon

if she did not say it, Jaydon had a general

to what happened, Jaydon smiled and comforted Joanna. "It's just

refused. "Jay, no. You've already helped

also a director of the company. Now that the company is in trouble,

a man. Of course, I should bear the

she still refused repeatedly. "Jay, I'll think of a way. Take

to worry about anything

3 million dollars to you. Take it that

"Oh..."

that, she did not know what to

in Mossbourne because she had a cash flow problem. Jaydon

investment now, she would feel bad about it.

to be anxious or worried. I can do everything!" Jaydon comforted Joanna

already used to helping Joanna!.

him. He liked the feeling of helping her

plenty

not compare to Bruce's, his net worth was more than 2 billion dollars. In particular, he was

backing of the leading tycoon of the gambling industry in

period of time. "Mr. Everett, the share price of the Haynes Group

we attack them one more

market, it won't be long before they declare bankruptcy!

higher-ups from the Haynes Group have been poached by Group, the situation will worsen for the Haynes Group. The company won't smiled darkly.

Haynes's factory in Porash has also made a loss of over 2 million dollars. The accountant has already taken the money and gone to Elmerton. He probably won't come

Bruce heard this, he crossed his arms, and a sinister smile appeared in his bankrupt in

Add fuel to the fire. I must make sure Joanna can't make a sympathy for Joanna appeared

the outcome was really terrible.

doing things. He would make whoever

not a

day, at the Haynes

was nine in the

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Everyone was stunned and speechless as they looked at Bruce in shock.

Joanna also widened her eyes and looked at Bruce in a daze.

"What did you say?" Joanna gulped, and her voice was a little hoarse.

Looking at Joanna's shocked expression, Bruce curled his lips slightly and repeated what he had said, "I now announce my withdrawal from the Haynes Group!"

"What?" Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul were completely dumbfounded. The smile on their faces froze.

It could be said that people had confidence in the Haynes Group because of Bruce.

Even if he did not participate in the company's management, his shareholding ensured that the Haynes Group would not become a third-rate

company.

The Haynes Group was currently in a precarious situation. His withdrawal was undoubtedly the last straw that broke the camel's back.

Joanna pursed her lips and frowned. "Mr. Everett, are you serious?"

"Of course!" Bruce shrugged and looked at Joanna mockingly.

If he withdrew from the board, the Haynes Group would have to buy back his shares at a high price.

Based on the current situation, the Haynes Group could not fork out so much money unless they sold a portion of their shares to buy back Bruce's shares.

In short, it was a blow to the Haynes Group. The Haynes Group was very likely to face liquidity problems and collapse soon.

Mr. Roger laughed dryly and asked cautiously. "Mr. Everett, can you tell us your reason?"

Bruce raised his eyebrows slightly and replied coldly. "There's no reason! I merely want to withdraw my investment, that's all!"

Mr. Paul also had a serious expression on his face. "Mr. Everett, can you reconsider it?"

"That's right. The Haynes Group is in deep trouble now. Mr. Everett, can't you put it on hold first?"

Bruce rejected coldly, "I'm sorry, I'm not a philanthropist!

"I withdraw my investments in companies that are too risky. I'm not targeting any company in particular!"

"Oh, but..."

"Mr. Everett, can you reconsider it? Give the Haynes Group a little more time!"

Mr. Paul and Mr. Roger were still trying to persuade Bruce to change his mind.

Joanna took a deep breath. "Everyone, please leave the room, I'll talk to Mr. Everett alone!"

"Oh, okay, okay, okay!" Mr. Roger, Mr. Paul, and the other higher-ups stood up one after another and hurriedly left the conference room.

Miss Haynes's ex-husband. If they were to talk alone, the chances

everyone left the room, the mockery in Bruce's eyes deepened as he looked at Joanna mockingly.

"Why? Are

a dark expression, "Bruce, did you do

could you say that? The share price of the Haynes Group has fallen so much that the Haynes Group is about to go bankrupt. I'm merely cutting my losses in time!

all businessmen, so we naturally have to prioritize our interests!"

Joanna heard that, she

so many investments. So, naturally, some profited, while some

the Haynes Group did not affect him at all!

to take revenge on

not behave this way?"

behaved?" Bruce pretended to play dumb and stared at Joanna maliciously.

and her pale face was filled with anger. "You clearly  
in a difficult situation now. By choosing to withdraw at  
his chair and casually lit a cigarette. "I don't care about that!" As he  
times because of the smoke. She was so angry  
exactly do you want?"  
sinister expression. "Nothing. I merely want to withdraw my investment from the Haynes Group!"  
there no room for negotiation?"  
aloof  
was room for  
to him. Lastly, she should hug  
the Haynes Group, he was even  
She clearly knew  
care about his feelings, he could only  
something,  
sadly. Her tone became more vulnerable as  
begging  
"I guess so!"  
Bruce's face was cold, and his  
forgotten the betting agreement I signed with you? Can't  
withdraw now, , what will happen to the betting agreement which  
affect our betting agreement! Our agreement is still valid."  
what you're doing will put me in a desperate situation!"  
was trying to drive her  
bankrupt before  
problem. Why should I care about  
to me. Why should I sympathize  
as she looked at Bruce in  
looked into Joanna's eyes  
his

you beg me so that my pride can be salvaged, return to my side,  
was just Bruce's imagination!

two of them stared at each

"If you insist on withdrawing from the

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Joanna panicked and struggled desperately. "Bruce, don't touch me again. I'm already engaged!"

"I won't allow you to marry him. You're mine. You can only belong to me..."

With a ripping sound, Joanna's blouse was torn.

"Oh, help!" Joanna struggled and bit Bruce fiercely.

"Ow!" Bruce's shoulder hurt from the bite, infuriating him even more.

"Bruce, if you touch me again, I'll die in front of you!" Joanna struggled with all her might. Her face was filled with resistance and fear, and tears fell from her eyes.

Bruce was silent. He frowned and stopped.

The way Joanna resisted hurt him deeply. It was as if a sharp knife had pierced his heart. It was unbearably painful.

Whatever he wanted had always come to him effortlessly.

However, he only realized now that it was so difficult to change the mind of someone he had once lost.

"Joanna, just wait and see. I'll make you regret it!

"When the time comes, don't cry and beg me!"

Bruce let go of Joanna resentfully and strode out coldly.

Joanna got off the table and slumped into a chair. Tears of humiliation slid down her pale cheeks.

Outside the conference room, Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul were feeling uneasy. They were also mumbling softly!

"Do you think Miss Haynes can persuade Mr. Everett?"

Mr. Roger looked up and replied in a low voice, "Don't worry! Miss Haynes is Mr. Everett's old flame. As long as Miss Haynes uses her feminine wiles, it will definitely be alright!"

"Well..." Mr. Paul was speechless.

Seeing the look of disbelief on Mr. Paul's face, Mr. Roger continued to tease, "Why? Don't you believe me? It's not like Miss Haynes hasn't done it

before."

“I hope so!”

Just as the two of them were whispering, the door of the conference room was pulled open with a loud bam!

Bruce walked out with a dark expression. His face was menacingly dark!

“Mr. Everett...” The two wily old men hurried over.

Bruce coldly walked toward the elevator without saying a word!

The bodyguards behind him followed him, stopping the others from approaching.

“W—what is going on?”

“Don’t tell me the negotiation fell through?”

“Let’s go in and take a look!”

Mr. Roger, Mr. Paul, and the others hurriedly walked toward the conference room!

In the conference room, Joanna was still in shock, and her clothes were a little messy. Fortunately, no intimate parts of her body were exposed!

Mr. Paul asked anxiously. “Miss Haynes, how did it go? Has Mr. Everett changed his mind?”

She cried out, “All of you, get out. Who told

were speechless and taken aback by the roar. They left the conference room again after they were snubbed.

automatically imagined some scenes.

feminine wiles on Mr. Everett, but

was why she was so flustered and

help but whisper among themselves. They also believed that Joanna must have taken the initiative at Mr.

like Mr. Everett isn’t interested in

matter how nice something is, one

course. I heard that Mr. Everett and Princess Martha

be true,

that Princess Martha specially flew over

wonder Mr. Everett can’t wait to make a clean break with his ex–wife!”

is a princess. Miss Haynes is already a mother, How can she

say that. Miss Haynes is

gone, she still has Mr.

“That’s true...”

on, let’s get to work! If word of this reaches Miss

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to the company in

his office, his phone rang before he could sit down to

sound was heard.

Princess Martha’s persistent phone call

at the phone and

him, it was easy to pick up girls but too

he just wanted some novelty, but women always fell for him, and there was

would claim the moral high ground and

status, if he looked at any woman for a second longer, it would make the other party’s heart

as a good man who was chaste and

was

kept ringing!

frustration and braced himself to answer the call.

disappointed voice could be heard on the other end of the line. “Bruce,

just now. What’s wrong?” Bruce asked perfunctorily.

Princess Martha had clearly subsided, and

men were wolves that liked to chase

was to catch the

were always some prey that threw themselves at

would that satisfy his desire to

you say you were coming to see me this week?”

don’t think I can spare the

over 5

I’ll visit you after

father about us! My father wants to meet you

heard that, and his head throbbed even  
had not even thought it through yet. Was he going to meet her parent so soon?  
you saying  
each other for a short time. Isn't it too soon to  
other for over three months. We've known each  
each other, the  
now. I'll call you tonight!"

### Chapter 319

The next day at the Rainville Coffee Estate.

This was a private coffee estate filled with expensive coffee plants. The coffee estate was surrounded by mountains and water, and an artificial lake had been built. At the end of the lake was a villa that occupied more than half of the hill.

In a place like Greypoint, where every inch of land was expensive, it was obvious that anyone who could own a private coffee estate must be wealthy.

This was John's private coffee estate.

John had already retired from the business world. His only hobby was drinking coffee. Now, he planted and brewed coffee to cultivate his mind.

At ten in the morning, Bruce arrived at the coffee estate as agreed!

John was fiddling with a few expensive coffee plants.

Greypoint was close to the sea, and the climate was hot and humid. The coffee plants were very delicate and hard to grow. Besides stringent requirements for sunlight and temperature, there were also extremely high requirements for soil quality.

However, John had grown the coffee plants to be green and lush. It could be seen that he had put in a lot of effort.

"John, how have you been?" Bruce was wearing casual clothes with a black windbreaker.

Unlike his domineering and composed style when he wore a suit, he looked more cheerful and amiable.

"Bruce, how have you been?" John asked warmly as if he was greeting his grandson.

Although John was over 90 years old, he looked to be only in his sixties or seventies. He was hale and hearty. Dressed in white, he looked like an amiable and ordinary old man.

However, from his eyes, one could see a trace of the domineering and ruthless youth he had once been.

In his early years, John made his fortune in the sea trade. In that era, piracy was prevalent at sea, and sailors lost their lives if they were not careful.



John was able to make a name for himself in that era and monopolize the trade at the pier of Greyport. Becoming the Ship King of his generation was a testament to his courage and skills back then.

Bruce carried a tin of high-end coffee beans and walked forward with a smile. "They're all doing quite fine!

"John, you're in the pink!"

As Bruce spoke, Bruce placed the gift container on the bamboo coffee table.

John chuckled. "I invited you here for coffee. Why did you bring a gift?"

"How could I come empty-handed after not visiting you for so long? I know you like to drink coffee, so I specially brought you authentic Arabica coffee beans."

The Arabica coffee beans were produced in Hanston. They were extracted from the two coffee plants grown by the king

back then.

They could not be bought on the market at all.

"Try the coffee from the coffee plant which I grew myself. I grew the plant and brewed the coffee myself."

John grabbed Bruce and brought him to his coffee room affectionately.

room, the rich aroma of coffee wafted into his nose.

in the room. The coffee set was all made of clay. They did not look modern

took John a long time before a pot of coffee was

it to Bruce

a sip. "Yes, it's mellow and aromatic in my mouth. It has a

he smiled even more kindly

be honest, the coffee beans were

all, John was not

at the bamboo forest and drink coffee with a vintage coffee set, drinking coffee was no longer the

was to bask

two of them exchanged pleasantries

the topic and looked at Bruce meaningfully. "The most important thing for men is to

does things.

speechless and stunned. A hint

what

that you've been bullying Raymond's

Bruce frowned, and his face was slightly

and I had struggled during the same

was bitter during that era. It was not like modern times. Everything had to be fought with one's life. Those who could. make a name for themselves have

do so

your grandfather and Raymond are no longer alive! When I see your generation, I am reminded

liked to talk

He talked endlessly about the past.

Bruce still had basic manners and self-restraint. He just

Raymond's granddaughter. No matter

another cup of

hand that was holding the coffee cup

seemed to have struck

"You're the most outstanding boy among the younger

he would probably be smiling in his grave when he saw how well you've developed his business.

with him in the afterworld, I'm sure he'd flaunt that

He actually felt a little

Exactly!

be said to be the bellwether of the business

the greater the responsibility.

should pursue a higher realm and do things that would contribute

goes, a gentleman doesn't fight with a woman. There are so many meaningful things that can be done.

Why do you have to hold it against

and directly

down his coffee

I've made a fool of myself! It seems that you're young at heart. You're so enlightened

laughed. Have some

and care for all things

heard that, he was at a loss for words again.

If someone else had said those words to him, he would

And coupled with his seniority,

Joanna. It seemed that he had indeed

was silent when a sweet female

beautiful woman walked in from outside the house.

and was surprised. "Jennie! Why are you

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"Mr. Everett, when the stock market opens tomorrow, we can give the Haynes Group another blow through the Walton Street financial market. The Haynes Group will soon collapse completely..."

Andy was reporting the progress of the past two days.

"In addition, we have already bribed the quality inspection department. They will determine that the Haynes Group's products have exceeded the limit for formaldehyde and do not meet international safety requirements.

"Once this news is exposed, the Haynes Group's reputation will definitely be beyond repair!"

"Andy... Bruce frowned, looking troubled!

Andy paused, thinking that Bruce thought the method was not vicious enough. "Mr. Everett, we can only take it one step at a time currently!

"But don't worry, I'll think of other ways. I'll definitely bring down the Haynes Group..."

Bruce gasped. "Andy, do you think I'm too cruel to Joanna?"

"Well..." Andy rolled his eyes and looked at Bruce in confusion.

He would not dare to comment on Bruce's actions.

"Mr. Everett, why are you suddenly asking this?"

Bruce lit a cigarette and took a few deep puffs. "Nothing!"

"Then, do we carry on with the operation?"

Bruce thought for a few seconds and said in a deep voice, "Tell Darcy and the others not to carry out the next step in the plan for now."

"Oh, alright," Andy answered submissively.

He really could not figure out Mr. Everett's personality!

Mr. Everett had unpredictable moods. One second, he wanted to drive Miss Haynes into a corner, but the next, he suddenly stopped.

“Then I’ll inform Darcy and Mark now.”

“You may leave!”

“Oh, alright!”

After Andy left, Bruce frowned gloomily and lit another cigarette.

Between him and Joanna, perhaps he really should be more magnanimous.

John was right!

After all, she was a woman. Why should he be calculative with a woman?

In any case, she was still his children’s mother. He should be magnanimous and hope that she could lead a good life.

The Haynes Group.

Joanna had been on the verge of collapse for the past few days. Based on the speed at which the share price had hit rock bottom, the situation would probably be more tragic today!

She did not even dare to check the stock market.

However, to her surprise, after the stock market opened for the day, the share price did not fall as much as she had expected.

On the contrary, it had increased a little.

Joanna was still in shock when her phone rang.

A ringing sound was heard.

Cora had called again.

“Hello, Cora.

workers

worry, Miss Haynes. The salaries and

“Let

“Alright.”

Carmel pushed the ward door open and walked in.

skirt that reached her hips, a tank top, and a thick fur shawl.

exceptionally gorgeous and

a fruit

“Oh, thank  
out first. I’m going  
nurses left the  
nurses left, Carmel threw herself into Jaydon’s arms and spoke  
much...”  
“Carmel, stop it!”  
miss me?” Carmel pressed her pouty lips against his  
restless little hands even attacked his  
pushed Carmel away coldly.  
looked disappointed and said softly, “Mr. Grimm, I merely want to make you happy. I’ll be  
won’t affect your relationship. I  
to maintain her former romantic  
even though she was Jaydon’s girlfriend, she was like a kept  
feeling in his legs, he  
a normal  
who knew how to torture him sweetly, and her skills were also  
he used to dote  
agreed to be his girlfriend. He could no longer have anything to do  
our relationship ends here. I’m already engaged!”  
know, I  
cause you any trouble. I just want to make you happy!”  
really no need. I’ll tell you one last time. Our relationship ends here.  
in my company, and I’m  
you really  
but I have a girlfriend now. I don’t want to do anything to let my girlfriend  
Grimm, when have you become so  
chaste for Joanna here. Do you think she’ll stay chaste  
was speechless  
Now that

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That won't happen!"

"Who doesn't know that the chairman of the Haynes Group has an affair with Mr.

talking and get

"Mr. Grimm...\*

out. If you do this again, I'll disregard our past friendship." Jaydon

looked indignant and aggrieved. In the end, she swallowed her grievance. "I'm sorry, Mr. Grimmm. I won't dare to do

sound was

video

"Hello, Jay!"

you busy

work at the

so much!" Jaydon thought of Carmel's words and still felt a little

had never been a good

not by Joanna's side and could not