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“What nonsense are you spouting?”

“Plaintiff, please control your emotions and keep quiet!” the judge said sternly.

Michael's face contorted in anger.

Monica said to the judge, “The case has been made clear. Michael was the mastermind behind the entire incident. He used his authority as the former director of the quality inspection department and his help and influence on Daniel to force Daniel to produce a fake quality inspection report for him. Now that the matter had been exposed, in order to clear his name, he wanted to use Brie as a scapegoat and get Daniel to fabricate the truth. I also have evidence that can prove why Michael did this. It's not just to take revenge on me for exposing his true colors at the wedding. The real reason is that he now controls Sunny Pharmaceutical, which has a huge competitive edge over Cardellini Enterprise. Once Cardellini Enterprise collapses, Sunny Pharmaceutical will monopolize the pharmaceutical market in Harken.”

“Do you have any evidence to prove that Michael is related to Sunny Pharmaceutical?” Judah asked Monica.

“I think the senior management of Sunny Pharmaceutical should be able to prove it.”

“Your Honor, we need to have a witness from Sunny Pharmaceutical.”

“Permission granted,”

Half an hour later, the senior manager of Sunny Pharmaceutical was brought to the courtroom.

“Is Michael the shareholder of Sunny Pharmaceutical?” Judah asked Wilson Sonny, the general manager of Sunny Pharmaceutical.

“Yes, Sunny Pharmaceutical was originally a small pharmaceutical company. It was indeed Michael who injected a large amount of capital into it and gained control of Sunny Pharmaceutical. To the public, I'm the General Manager of Sunny Pharmaceutical, but in fact, I only have less than 10 percent of Sunny Pharmaceutical's shares. The remaining 90 percent belongs to Michael.”

Michael's eyes were red.

At that moment, he could even guess that Wilson's disregard for his feelings was the Sanders' orders!

“Do you have proof?”

“This is the cooperation agreement I signed with Michael.” Wilson took out the document, seemingly having prepared for this.

Judah quickly took it and looked at it a few times before presenting it to the jury.

After the jury confirmed it, he gave the judge a definitive reply.

“In order to get Sunny Pharmaceutical to shut down Cardellini Pharmaceutical, Michael created this murderous frame-up incident.” Monica was emotional when she said that.

Michael could really disregard human lives to achieve his goal!

The crowd was also in an uproar because of what Monica said.

“Your Honor, based on the statements my client has made to the defendants, Daniel and Brie, as well as other relevant evidence, we can fully testify that the vaccine accident at Cardellini Pharmaceutical was caused by Michael. Your Honor, please make a legal judgment.”

“I admit.” Michael suddenly said loudly, “I admit that I instructed Daniel to make a fake quality inspection report, and I did want to use Brie as a scapegoat.”

Michael's admission surprised the crowd. He had been defending himself, yet now he suddenly admitted it.

Of course, it was no longer important whether he admitted to it or not. The facts of the crime were clear, and he would be sentenced even if he did not admit it.

“But the boy's death from the vaccine had nothing to do with me!” Michael said loud and clear.

Monica's eyes narrowed.

The maximum sentence for creating a fake quality test report was three to five years, and only when human life was involved could the death penalty be imposed.

“Everything Monica said is true. Indeed, in order to take revenge on her and develop Sunny Pharmaceutical, I did use this vaccine accident to achieve my desired goal. However, I didn't do anything like secretly swapping the vaccines, so that matter has nothing to do with me.”

“There's no such coincidence in this world!” Monica said fiercely.

“Just because it's a coincidence doesn't mean that I did it. What evidence do you have to prove that I did it? Daniel, Brie, or someone else? Can they testify that I did it?”

Monica looked at Daniel and Brie.

The two of them were not in the incident where Michael had secretly swapped the vaccine and instructed others to inject potassium cyanide, so they could not provide any valid evidence or testimony.

Monica was silent for a moment before saying, “The staff member who injected the vaccine into the little boy, Wally Fisk, can testify.”

Wally Fisk was also in the defendant's seat.

He confessed that he had secretly swapped the vaccines, causing the little boy to be poisoned with potassium cyanide. Moreover, his confession stated that it was Brie who ordered him to do so.

Now, everyone's attention was on Wally again.

Monica said, "Your Honor, with Michael's confession and Brie's crime, can we conclude that Brie wasn't the mastermind behind this?"

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The judge looked at the jury, who exchanged opinions among each other before giving the judge a clear answer.

The judge said, "From the current evidence and the facts at the scene, we can determine that Brie wasn't the mastermind behind this."

"In that case, we can be sure that Wally's confession statement was also fabricated and cannot be used as a legal basis."

"The plaintiff's argument stands." The judge affirmed.

"Since Wally has concealed the truth of this incident, I have some questions for him."

"Permission granted." The judge agreed.

Monica faced Wally, who also looked at Monica without much change in his mood.

Monica said, "You said you were instructed by Brie and that she gave you the potassium cyanide?"

Wally did not answer.

“May I ask how Brie gave it to you?”

However, Wally still did not answer.

Monica's eyes narrowed. “According to Harken's law, if the defendant knows the truth and doesn't answer, we can assume that the relevant facts stated by the plaintiff are true. Is that right, Mr. Smith?”

Judah was stunned. He did not expect Monica to be so familiar with the law.

He quickly replied, “Yes.”

“In that case, the truth of my statement is that Wally's potassium cyanide was provided by Michael. He was instructed by Michael to inject the child with the vaccine and then shift the blame to Cardellini Pharmaceutical.”

“I object! I object to Monica framing me like this! Just because Wally didn't answer doesn't mean that I gave it to him. That is not true!” Michael was flustered.

“I'm going to tell Wally the truth now. She should be the one to answer, not you.” Monica paused after every word.

Michael gritted his teeth.

Monica looked at Wally again, “If you don't answer, it means that the facts of my statement are true. Once established, it can be used as evidence against Michael!”

“No,” Wally said.

Monica sneered. “If not, who gave it to you?”

“Brie,” Wally insisted.

Michael sneered. Monica had really underestimated him.

Wally would rather lie than fulfill Monica's wish because Michael had bribed Wally, and the latter would never betray him.

"If the defendant is obviously lying, we can also conclude that the plaintiff's statement is true." Monica enunciated each word clearly.

Michael's face turned pale.

When did Monica become so powerful that she even knew the laws of Harken?

Wally was starting to panic.

Like Daniel, he probably did not expect such a thing to happen, so he had not prepared any countermeasures.

He could not betray Michael. According to their rules, he could not expose his employer. If he did, he would have to face something a hundred times more painful than a normal death!

With that, he looked straight at Monica, who said, "You can choose not to answer, or you can choose to lie, but it won't help you in hiding Michael's crime. I'll give you two minutes to think about it. If you answer truthfully, I can plead with the judge to give you a lighter sentence. But if you insist on doing it your way, I won't force you."

After saying that, Monica calmly waited for Wally's answer.

As time passed, Michael was also very nervous.

Regardless of whether Wally admitted it or not, once it was determined that Wally was lying, the court would use the plaintiff's statement of facts as a basis. Most importantly, he could not find any evidence to clear his suspicion.

He really did not expect that he would fall into Monica's hands one day.

He originally thought that even if he admitted to the crime of instigating the quality inspection department to issue a false report, he would only be sentenced to three to five years in prison. As long as he was alive, he could still make a comeback!

However, it was obvious that Monica wanted to exterminate him!

After two minutes, Monica said again, "I'll ask you one more time. Did Michael instruct you to do everything?"

Wally looked at Monica and remained silent for a while. Then, he said, "I only have one request."

"Go ahead."

Michael was on the brink of losing control of his emotions!

"I hope I can be executed immediately," Wally said.

Shocked, Monica looked at Judah.

Judah quickly said, "According to the laws of Harken, regardless of whether the mastermind or the instigator, as long as that person directly caused the death of a person, and it is a foul deed, they can be sentenced to death immediately. Wally's crimes fulfill the above conditions."

Having gotten his answer, Wally said, "Yes, it was Michael who told me to do so. I signed a life-and-death agreement with him. He paid me 5 million dollars, and I have a transaction record."

"Please show me your transaction record." Judah was getting a little excited.

Although Michael's conviction was obvious, it still gave people a sense of accomplishment after the truth was revealed. At least, there would be no gossip, and the court's decision would be firmer.

“My account...” Wally gave him the account number. “It's not my name, but I've been using it. Michael first transferred 2.5 million as a deposit, and after the job was done, he transferred another 2.5 million. Now, both payments are already in my account, and I haven't embezzled them yet.”

“Your Honor, please confirm.”

The judge arranged for the bank to verify it, and the bank staff came to the court to confirm that Wally's designated account had received a transfer record of 5 million dollars, but it was not from Michael's account. Nevertheless, that account had multiple transfer records with Michael's own account.

In that way, it could be determined that the transaction between Michael and Wally existed, which was enough to prove that Michael had deliberately swapped the vaccine.

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Michael glared at Monica with his bloodshot eyes.

He probably had never dreamed that he would fall into Monica's hands one day. In his mind, he was the only one who could make use of Monica.

How was it possible that Monica could put him in such a state, making him lose his reputation and bringing him to his demise?

However, Monica did not react to Michael's gaze. She did not even look at Michael as she coldly waited for Michael to be sentenced.

In the courtroom, the judge said, "The defendant, Michael, do you have any objections to the crimes you're being accused of in court?"

Michael's gaze was fixed on Monica, but he could not say a word.

Since he had been exposed, and there was both witness and evidence, he had no way to refute it.

The judge asked again, "If the defendant, Michael, does not answer, this court will take it that you acquiesce to all your crimes."

Again, Michael did not answer.

At that moment, he still had his pride. He would rather die than admit defeat in front of Monica.

"The defendants, Daniel Cook, Brie Larson, and Wally Fisk..." the judge read out the names of all the people. "Do you have any objections to crimes indicted in this court?"

"No, I don't," everyone answered.

Once he received an affirmative reply, the judge stood up from his seat and said, "The case will be adjourned for half an hour. The judges and I will—"

"Your Honor, I have another appeal to make," Monica suddenly said.

At the moment when everyone was already feeling extremely satisfied, Monica calmly told the judge that she still wanted to file an appeal.

That sentence naturally caused another uproar among the crowd. They felt a sense of excitement like they were watching a show that was at a climax.

Therefore, everyone looked at Monica, the woman who had really undergone a transformation, with anticipation.

The judge frowned.

If it were not for the fact that the trial was live broadcasted on the internet and his superiors had instructed him to judge this lawsuit fairly, he would have rejected Monica's sudden appeal again and again.

He said, "Does the plaintiff have any more crimes to sue the defendants present?"

"I'm suing Michael!" Monica said out loud.

The judge looked at Monica.

With Michael's current situation, the death penalty was inevitable, and there was no need to accuse him again.

However, from the perspective of the law, as long as the accused was guilty, no matter what the accused was guilty of, he must be tried thoroughly.

"What are you suing him of? Is there any reliable evidence and legal proof?" the judge asked her.

"There is," Monica answered. Then, she explained clearly, "I am suing Michael for using illegal means to obtain Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and development information and illegally using it in Sunny Pharmaceutical's products, which caused Cardellini Pharmaceutical to suffer a fatal blow!"

As soon as she said that, the audience was really amazed by Monica.

In the beginning, it was to protect her own rights, but now, it was clear that she was attacking him.

Monica's ability was slowly showing, and everyone started to look at her in a different light!

At that moment, Michael, who had been pushed to his limit, had a huge emotional reaction because of Monica's words.

He kept glaring at Monica, who he could not have and had been forced by him to grow into an unattainable figure!

He clenched his fists.

He knew very well that if Sunny Pharmaceutical was finished this time, he would have no chance of survival.

He was still hoping that the Sanders needed him to deal with Sunny Pharmaceutical. Then, he might still be of some use to the Sanders. In that way, at least he would not be executed immediately. Yet now, Monica had forced him to a dead end!

In the courtroom, Monica gave her evidence to Judah, who handed it to the judge and the jury.

Monica explained, "Cardellini Pharmaceutical has always been committed to the research and development of pharmaceutical products. Once the research and development are successful, no matter how expensive they cost, the profits of our products are extremely low. From the start, we have always served the people by making affordable drugs to give back to society. But now, the research and development of our company have been stolen by Sunny Pharmaceutical. The document I handed to you, Your Honor, and the jury are the inspection report of the drugs produced by our pharmaceutical company and Sunny Pharmaceutical on the market. The ingredients and dosage of the drugs are exactly the same. It's impossible for such a coincidence to happen as Cardellini Pharmaceutical hasn't disclosed made pharmaceutical technologies public."

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The judge and the jury studied the document carefully.

"Who issued this report?"

"Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team." Monica enunciated each word clearly.

That was the world's most high-end and authoritative research and development team. The products and many technologies they had developed were now at least 20 years ahead of Avalon's medical treatment!

When the judge heard the news, he was a little shocked.

Logically speaking, a pharmaceutical research and development team like that would not accept a drug test report from Cardellini Pharmaceutical. Yet now, the document was clearly stamped with the seal of Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team.

"I've invited the person in charge of Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team, Ms. Lena." Under everyone's doubts, Monica went straight to the point.

"Your Honor, please allow our witness to appear in court," Judah quickly said.

"Permission granted."

With that, a foreigner appeared in the court.

To everyone's surprise, Monica had invited the person in charge of Willis here.

It was already hard to accept that she had managed to get a report done, and now she even got someone to testify for her.

The court staff verified Lena's identity in front of everyone. After making sure that it was Lena, Judah began to ask questions.

"Ms. Lena, may I ask if the document in my hand is the report issued by Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team?"

Leena took the document and confirmed, "Yes."

“Ms. Lena, why did you help my client to produce such a report? As far as I know, Willis's team has never accepted any pharmaceutical company's test application.”

“Harken has an important member of my research team. He went through my team through the formal procedures and applied for us to run a test on Cardellini Pharmaceutical's products. My team accepted his request.”

“May I know who's the important member you mentioned?”

“This concerns the confidentiality of my team's personnel, so I'm not going to tell you.” Lena refused.

In fact, it was understandable. Any team in an important field would keep their technical researchers a secret.

Just like Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and development staff, they had always been kept confidential, if not for Michael stealing that information.

“In that case, can you swear in front of the Supreme Court of Harken that the test report in my hands is true and valid? That it is not fake?” Judah asked.

“In the name of the Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team, I swear to the Supreme Court of Harken that the test report that Willis International Pharmaceutical Research Team submitted to the court of Harken is true and valid. It is not fake.” Lina enunciated each word clearly.

Judah quickly looked at the judge. “Your Honor, can we determine through this document and Lena's statement that this report is true and valid?”

The judge asked the jury, who then all agreed.

The judge concluded, “Based on the evidence presented by the plaintiff and the witness, it can be determined that the report is true and valid.”

“Thank you, Your Honor,” Judah said respectfully. Then, he said to Lena, “Thank you for appearing in court.”

Lena gave a small nod and left the court with the staff.

“Based on the evidence and witnesses provided by the plaintiff, it proves the possibility that Sunny Pharmaceutical stole Cardellini Enterprise's research and development information. However, it can't completely prove that they did it, nor can it be fully proven that Cardellini Pharmaceutical's theft is related to the defendant, Michael!” The judge explained his argument.

“I still have a witness,” Monica said shamelessly.

Judah quickly said, “Your Honor, please allow our witness to go to court.”

“Permission granted.”

At that moment, Rob appeared in court.

Michael looked at Rob, and his expression was extremely cold.

Back then, he was the one who arranged for Rob to join Cardellini Enterprise. At that time, in order for him to get into the Cardellini Enterprise's Research and Development Institute, he used his connection with Monica to send Rob in.

Nevertheless, he gritted his teeth and endured it.

Rob did not even dare to look at Michael. At that moment, he appeared on the witness stand, a little nervous.

“May I know your name?” Judah asked.

“Rob Witherspoon.”

“What is your relationship with the defendant, Michael?”

“We're distant relatives. My grandfather and Michael's grandmother are biological siblings.”

“May I ask what's your relationship with Cardellini Pharmaceutical?”

“Three months ago, I entered Cardellini Pharmaceutical under Michael's arrangement.”

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“During your time in Cardellini Pharmaceutical, did you help Michael to steal Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and development information?” Judah pressed.

Rob did not dare to answer.

“Rob, please answer me truthfully!” Judah's tone was heavy.

Startled, Rob quickly said, “Yes. Back then, Michael told me to enter Cardellini Pharmaceutical to steal their research and development information so that he can use them to sell in one of his markets. While I was working at Cardellini Enterprise's Research and Development Institute, I stole the research and development technology of six kinds of drugs for Michael, including the gastric medicine and the hepatitis B vaccine produced by Sunny Pharmaceutical on the market...”

All the medicines were listed.

Then, he added, “Including the micro hydroxyl technology that Cardellini Pharmaceutical has patented.”

“How do you prove that it was Michael who ordered you to do this?” Judah went straight to the point.

“I have chat records with Michael, as well as the records of the money Michael transferred to me,” Rob answered.

“Please show me your record.”

“Yes.” Rob quickly took out his bank statement. “This is all the transactions between me and Michael. Once I get the copy of the technology for a drug, he will transfer two million dollars to my account, usually in four separate payments.”

Judah took the bank statement and handed it to the judge and the jury.

This time, there was no need for the bank to verify because the transaction was directly from Michael's account.

It was probably because they were relatives, so having transfer records with each other would not arouse too much suspicion. More importantly, Michael did not expect Monica to go so far as to prove his crimes.

From the defendant's seat, Michael looked at Monica coldly. At that moment, he even wanted to tear her into pieces.

“This is my chat history with Michael,” Rob said. Then, he took out his phone, clicked on his WhatsApp chat with Michael, and explained, “Although he kept asking me to delete the records, I was still very careful. After all, his payments were divided into four separate payments, and I was worried that he would owe me money.”

Judah took Rob's phone from his hand again and looked at the chat history.

The chat records recorded in detail the entire process of Rob stealing the research and development technology from Cardellini Pharmaceutical for Michael.

Again, there were witnesses and material evidence, so Michael did not need to refute to be sentenced directly.

The judge and the jury seemed to have a clear understanding of Michael's crime. The judge asked Michael, "Regarding the plaintiff, Monica's accusation that you stole Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and development technology, do you have anything to say to defend yourself?"

Michael was furious, but he did not say a word.

"If you remain silent, the court will take it that you admit to the plaintiff's accusations of you."

Still, Michael did not speak.

With that, the court tacitly accepted Michael's guilty plea.

"Your Honor," Monica suddenly said as she wanted to make it clear. "According to Harken's laws, the person who stole Cardellini Pharmaceutical's research and development technology for commercial use for other pharmaceutical companies will be punished by the law. However, will Sunny Pharmaceutical, who violated the rules and used Cardellini Enterprise's technology, also receive the corresponding punishment?"

"If the main shareholder of Sunny Pharmaceutical is the one who stole the research and development technology, he will be punished according to his crimes. If it was not done by the main shareholder, we will investigate according to the law whether Sunny Pharmaceutical knew and acquiesced to the fact that the person had stolen another company's technology and used it for commercial production. If they did, they will be punished by law. If they didn't, they will only be punished for the stolen research and development technology."

"Thank you, Your Honor," Monica said respectfully.

The General Manager of Sunny Pharmaceutical had already made it clear that the person with most of the shares was Michael.

It meant that Sunny Pharmaceutical would receive the highest punishment.

"The plaintiff, Monica, do you have any objections or additional remarks to the case?" the judge asked her.

“No, I don't. Thank you, Your Honor.”

The judge stood up and announced, “May the members of the jury adjourn from the court for the trial while the others wait!”

As the judge and the jury left the court, the court was still silent, maintaining a solemn atmosphere.

Only then did Monica turn to look at Michael, who was trying his best to hold it all in.

His eyes were also fixed on Monica as if he wanted to kill her.

However, to Monica, it could no longer hurt her.

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A full hour passed before the judge and the jury returned to the courtroom.

Everyone stood up.

The judge announced the result of the trial. “After some deliberation, we believe that the case has been investigated and defended by the court and that there are sufficient pieces of evidence. The defendant, Michael Ross, in order to take revenge on Monica and suppress Cardellini Pharmaceutical to monopolize the pharmaceutical market, is found guilty of replacing the original vaccine with potassium cyanide, which caused the death of a child. He also instigated Daniel Cook, the director of the quality inspection department, and Brie Larson... The people mentioned are found guilty of producing a false quality inspection report.

“Michael is also found guilty of instigating Wally Fisk to inject potassium cyanide into a child and instructing Rob Witherspoon to steal Cardellini Pharmaceutical's six core research and development technologies. The defendant, Daniel, was found guilty of bending the law for personal gain, helping Michael to produce a fake quality inspection report, and helping Michael conceal the truth and forging the facts.

“The defendant, Brie, is found guilty of bending the law for personal gain and helping Michael issue a fake quality inspection report. The defendant, Wally Fisk, is guilty of being bribed by Michael to inject potassium cyanide into a child, which caused the child's death. The defendant, Rob Witherspoon, is found guilty of illegally stealing the technology developed by Cardellini Pharmaceutical under Michael's bribe. The defendant...”

“Based on the facts of the defendant's crime, the nature of the crime, the circumstances, and the degree of harm to society, according to article 120, article 230, article 96, article 89 of the Criminal Code of Harken... The verdict is as follows:

“Firstly, the defendant, Michael, is charged with intentional homicide and is sentenced to death. He is sentenced to five years in prison for instigating others to break the law. He will be sentenced to eight years in prison for infringing the law and stealing trade secrets. For intentional framing, he will be sentenced to two years in prison. In the end, he will be sentenced to death and executed immediately.

“Second, the defendant, Daniel...”

The others were not important to Monica.

She just watched as the judge announced the court's verdict, listening to the judge's sonorous, powerful, and solemn sentence.

Finally, Michael was done for. He was given the death penalty and would be executed immediately.

There was no room for him to turn things around.

The judge finished announcing everyone's sentence.

“Finally, because Sunny Pharmaceutical stole Cardellini Pharmaceutica's research and development information, we now require all of Sunny Pharmaceutical's products to include the following: All of them are to stop production, and sales are prohibited. Once found, they will be held legally accountable for the illegal sales of products in Harken. At the same time, according to the losses caused by Sunny Pharmaceutical's illegal theft of Cardellini Enterprise's research and development technology, Cardellini Pharmaceutical will be compensated according to the market value, which is a total of 230 million dollars. If they can't compensate, they'll be held responsible according to the law, and the person in charge of Sunny Pharmaceuticals, Michael, will bear the responsibility.”

It meant that Sunny Pharmaceutical would have to stop all of its production and sales. In other words, Sunny Pharmaceutical would be completely out of business, but Cardellini Pharmaceutical would not be compensated for its financial losses. After all, Michael would be responsible, and since he had been sentenced to death, he would not have to bear the responsibility.

At that moment, Monica could tell that it was the Sanders' arrangement.

It was impossible for the Sanders to foot the bill for Michael again and again.

Without Sunny Pharmaceutical, they would already be at a huge loss, so they would not be willing to lose another sum of money.

Although Monica was unwilling, the result was fair, and Monica achieved everything she wanted.

If they lost some money, they could get it back.

As long as Michael was dead, that was enough!

“The above is the verdict of the court of South Hampton City. If there is any disagreement, please do this within seven days of receiving the verdict! The court is adjourned!”

With the court adjourned, the jury stood up and left with the judge. After that, the rest of the people left one after another.

However, Monica did not leave. Instead, she sat in the plaintiff's seat and watched Michael being taken away emotionlessly.

He was taken away by the prison guards in a sorry state.

She did not know what was in Michael's mind. All she knew was that Michael was finally getting what he deserved!

“Ms. Cardellini.” Judah was sorting out his information and was a little surprised to see that she had no intention of leaving.

Logically speaking, she should be happy that she had won the case.

However, she did not look happy. In fact, she looked like she was overcome with despair. It was as if she could not feel the victory at that moment, like she was alone in her own world and could not sense any information from the outside world.

“Ms. Cardellini?” Judah could not help but call out to her again when he did not get a response from Monica.

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“Yes.” Monica's eyes moved slightly. She said, “You don't have to wait for me. You can leave first.”

“But—”

“Thank you for today,” Monica said politely.

She was so polite and there was a lack of emotion in her tone that it made people think she was unreal.

Seeing that Monica had rejected him, Judah no longer insisted. He said, “Ms. Cardellini, if you have any needs in the future, you can come and look for me again. Of course, I hope everything will go well for you for the rest of your life and that you won't need me in any way.”

Monica's lips curved into a faint smile, a smile that was not sincere, and she said, “Okay.”

With that, Judah left.

After he left, she was the only one left in the court.

She looked at the majestic courtroom and suddenly did not know where she should go. Suddenly, she felt a little lost.

All her goals had been achieved — she had finally made Michael receive a death sentence. The man she had even wanted to die with had finally met a tragic end.

On top of that, the crisis of Cardellini Pharmaceutical had also been resolved. Once Sunny Pharmaceutical went bankrupt, and Sunny Pharmaceutical's drugs could no longer be circulated in the market, Cardellini Pharmaceutical would become a platform for all pharmaceutical companies and hospitals to compete for its products. It was only a matter of time before Cardellini Pharmaceutical returned to its former glory.

Everything was done, but she was not happy at all.

Was it that extreme joy begets sorrow?

However, she had to do something. In fact, she had never been happy. She just suddenly felt that she had lost her purpose of living.

By then, a staff of the court was urging her to leave because they needed to clean up the courtroom.

Monica responded. Then, she lowered her head, took out a pill from her bag, and swallowed it.

After that, he got up and left the courtroom.

At the entrance of the court, the few black bodyguards were standing there, waiting for her respectfully.

Monica looked at them and said, "You don't have to follow me anymore."

The few of them did not understand.

"There's no danger anymore, so there's no need to follow me," Monica said bluntly.

“But—”

“I will explain to Nox.” Monica was firm with her decision.

As such, the bodyguard could only obey.

The moment Monica left, she suddenly remembered that Nox had been kicked out of court because of her.

To be honest, Nox's actions really touched her. Regardless of whether it was Jeanne's request or any other reason, she had decided to call Nox her friend.

Monica walked passed the long flight of stairs outside the courtroom.

As it had been a while since the trial ended, and the reporters waiting there had all left, she got into her car and drove away.

She heard Michael would be locked up and executed in the nearest prison.

She felt the need to visit him before he died. Therefore, she parked her car at the prison gate in the suburbs, went through the procedures, and saw Michael.

Perhaps it was because Michael would be executed tomorrow, so from a humane point of view, outsiders would not be stopped from visiting as long as they did not violate any rules.

She sat on a stool in the prison and watched as Michael show up in front of her in his prison uniform and with his hair shaved.

The moment Michael saw Monica, his originally cold face finally showed a trace of emotion.

“Only 20 minutes!” the prison guard said grimly.

Then, he rudely pressed Michael down on the stool in front of him.

Michael's eyes met Monica's, and the two of them were silent for a while.

Monica said, "Michael, have you ever thought that such a day would come?"

Michael just stared at Monica coldly.

"I've never really thought about it," Monica said bluntly and looked at Michael, taking in all his forbearance and anger.

Perhaps only a person like Michael could force himself to not go crazy at a time like that.

"I've always thought that you were a good, cheerful, uplifting, and upright person. I even thought that you'd do a lot of good to the people of Harken in the future because you'd be a clean and honest government servant. I was even very proud that I had a great friend like you," Monica whispered.

There was no sarcasm and, of course, no emotion in her tone.

"Back then, for the sake of your image, I was willing to give up my marriage to help you not because I loved you very much, but because I felt that you were worth it — for me and the people of this country. I always thought that if a good person like you could serve the country, it must be a blessing for the people, and I shouldn't ruin your political career. So, even if I was misunderstood by everyone and lost the person I loved the most, I would do it without any hesitation," Monica said.

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She finally told him the truth about why she had done that.

She did not tell anyone. After all, how could a commoner like her worry about the country and the people? She was afraid that no one would believe her and that everyone would think that she was crazy.

She looked at Michael. “You've let me and all the people of Harken down. I don't know if your father's parenting taught you to use the most despicable means to obtain a bright future, or if he too hoped that you could serve the country. I don't know if you regret your life because of this, but I hope that if there's a next life — if such a thing exists — and you can contribute to the country, please don't fail to live up to the destiny you are given.”

Michael's face was red, and his suppressed emotions were on the verge of exploding. As his hands were handcuffed, and he was trying his best to control himself, his exposed skin turned red.

Monica saw it, but she did not pity him at all.

After all, it was all Michael's fault.

If there was a next life, she hoped that he could start over.

With that, she stood up and left.

She had no feelings for Michael, and they were just acquaintances. She had given him what he deserved for doing all the cruel things he did to her, and they did not owe each other anything anymore. However, since she had set aside all her hatred for him, and they both had no more malicious intentions toward each other, she thought she would see him one last time.

However, that was all. She could not do anything else for him, not even a little bit.

The moment she left, Michael suddenly lost control. He pounded on the table in front of him and even kicked over the tables and chairs violently.

The prison guard immediately stepped forward to restrain him and shackle him to the ground. However, Michael fought back with all his might and did not stop.

Michael's ferocious appearance was the scariest that Monica had ever seen.

She watched as the prison guards took out electric batons and hit Michael's body with a high-voltage electric shock.

Michael looked like he was in great pain, but he still wanted to resist.

Perhaps he was still struggling for his life.

Monica watched as Michael's struggle became weaker and weaker until he finally fell to the ground, motionless.

Monica thought that was the bitter ending for Michael, one that he did not want but still got in the end.

The moment she left, she heard someone behind her say in a deep voice, "I'm sorry."

It was a deep voice that could only be squeezed out with all of one's strength.

Monica's eyes reddened. However, she did not turn around.

She did not know how much emotion was contained in Michael's apology.

A smile appeared on her face, and a tear fell from her eye. She thought that she would smile to forget her grudge against Michael. However, she did not show Michael her smile.

When she walked out of the prison, the sun was shining brightly outside.

Unfortunately, Michael would never be able to see it again. After tomorrow, he would not even be able to see the world.

Monica walked toward her car and was ready to leave.

"Monica!" A heart-wrenching scream suddenly sounded in the parking lot of the prison.

Monica watched as Reese rushed toward her like a mad woman and raised her hand to slap Monica's face.

Monica reacted quickly by grabbing Reese's arm in place. She even used all her strength to push Reese to the ground.

The second after Reese was thrown hard to the ground, she got up madly and attacked Monica.

She kept saying, "You b*tch, you killed my son. For that, I'll beat you to death!"

Monica gritted her teeth and got into a tussle with Reese.

She could let go of her hatred for Michael, but for Reese... She had no reason to forgive her!

Reese went crazy, but Monica was just as crazy. The two of them clawed at each other like they were mad.

However, Reese was over 50 years old, so it was impossible for her to defeat Monica, who was only 25 years old.

Monica pressed Reese down fiercely before grabbing the latter's hair and pushing her face onto the rough ground.

Reese's continuous resistance only left deep bloodstains on her face.

"Monica, let me go. Let me go, you b*tch. I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you for my son!" Reese screamed until her voice cracked.

"You and your family must be part of the reason why Michael is like this! Reese, you should reflect on yourself. It was your parenting that to Michael's extreme behavior. It's not my fault that he received the justice he deserved!" Monica enunciated each word clearly to Reese.

“Shut up, shut up! If it weren't because of you and the fact that Michael liked you, how could you have schemed against him? My son is so outstanding. How could a stupid woman like you— Ah!” Reese shrieked.

It was because, at that moment, Monica grabbed her hair and slammed her face against the floor.

Reese was in so much pain that tears streamed down her face. She was filled with so much hatred and pain that she really wanted to kill Monica.

“I suddenly feel sad for Michael. After all, even at the moment of his death, the woman who forced him onto the path of no return is still looking for other reasons to shirk her responsibility. She still doesn't know what she has done wrong!” Monica gritted her teeth.

“Monica!” Reese screamed.

“Michael will be executed tomorrow. After today, you will never see your so-called outstanding son again.” Monica suddenly let go of Reese. “I send you my condolences!”

“No... No, no, Michael can't die. My son can't die. He's my only son. Everyone is envious of my outstanding son. He can't die...” Reese kept muttering as if she had gone mad.

Even if Monica had let her go and left her side, she did not seem to react to it. It was as if she was still immersed in her own fantasy and was unwilling to snap out of it.

Monica sat in her car, stepped on the accelerator, and slammed it all the way down.

Reese should also suffer the consequences that she deserved!

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Michael was executed the next day.

Michael's incident had a great impact on the public. Not only was his trial broadcast live, but he had also been exposed to the media since the death of the little boy. Hence, after his execution, the warden of the prison personally announced the results of the execution to the public.

All of a sudden, everyone was overjoyed! After all, bad people deserved the punishment they deserved.

However, something unexpected happened next.

On the day of Michael's death sentence, his mother, Reese, chose to jump off a building and died.

When Monica saw that news, she was also a little surprised. However, she quickly felt relieved.

Michael's end was inextricably linked to everything that his primitive family had given him, so it was understandable that Reese died with him.

Monica sat on the chair and read the news about Michael coldly.

Just then, someone knocked on the door.

Monica put down her phone and responded, "Come in."

Steve pushed the door open and entered.

Steve was not someone who liked to show his emotions, but he still looked like he was delighted after Cardellini Enterprise won the lawsuit. He said, "We have now received orders from many pharmacies and hospitals. According to the current order volume we've received so far, the total number of orders received in the country has exceeded 3 billion, and it's still increasing."

"Go through the list of all the pharmacies and hospitals that want our products. We will not provide any supplies to those who didn't help us when we were in trouble and even hit us when we were down," Monica said bluntly.

“...If that’s the case, we’ll lose more than half of our orders.” Although Steve was also very unhappy about being ostracized by the market, he would still treat business competition rationally.

“It doesn’t matter. Once we release the news that we won’t supply those former big agents, other pharmaceutical agents will approach us. This market has never lacked bold and visionary businessmen. It’s only a matter of time.”

“The most important thing for us now is to bring Cardellini Enterprise back to a profitable state from its previous loss. If we reject the purchase request for those drugs now, we will continue to lose money.”

“I’ve promised that I would produce another billion worth of medicine to give away for free, and that will not change. We’ll take advantage of the free period and wait for the new pharmaceutical market in Harken.”

“Chairman, but you’re playing with money!” Steve’s heart ached.

That was really a waste of money.

“I just want some people to understand that although it’s important to make money, it’s important to conduct themselves with integrity too.” Monica was very determined.

Steve had no choice but to nod. “Alright.”

Although his heart ached for Cardellini Enterprise’s money, he had to admit that Monica’s vengeful personality, whether or not it was because she was impulsive and would not think of the bigger picture, was a good thing. When he thought of those people’s disgusting faces when they were in a crisis, he found it difficult to calm down if he did not teach them a lesson.

Besides, Monica was rich. She had gained her wealth so suddenly that she probably would not care about that amount of money either.

Moreover, with that amount, once Cardellini Pharmaceutical’s business returned to normal, they could quickly make a profit.

“There are a few things I need to tell you. Remember to let me know when you’re done,” Monica said. She did not know when it started, but ever since she had an aura to her, her expressions became controlled, and she no longer laughed heartlessly. Once she stopped laughing and coupled with her calm personality, she appeared very dignified.

“Yes,” Steve said respectfully.

He had also accepted all of Monica’s changes.

Monica said, “First, because of the fall of Sunny Pharmaceutical, after we’ve given away all one billion worth of drugs, according to the market estimates, Cardellini Enterprise should have a crazy amount of orders in the next month. It will be even more than what you have received now, so we must prepare enough supplies. Get the sales department to calculate the exact value and give me a specific number. If there are no problems, we will start production.”

“Yes.”

“Secondly, Cardellini Pharmaceutical has been committed to drug research and development for so many years. Now that more than half of the research and development team has left, rebuilding the research and development team is key. Otherwise, Cardellini Pharmaceutical will crash and go bankrupt again. I hope you’ll be personally in charge of this matter.”

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“Yes.” Steve took down Monica’s instructions very seriously and asked, “Regarding those in the research and development team who left Cardellini Pharmaceutical, if they turn a new leaf, can we recruit them back?”

“No.” Monica gave an affirmative reply. “I’ve said it before. Cardellini Enterprise will never accept anyone who left. As long as they stick around, nothing will happen to them!”

“...Yes.” As he expected, Monica was willful.

One had to know that nurturing an experienced researcher was not something that could be measured with money.

“Third, I’ve promised all the employees of Cardellini Pharmaceutical, including the remaining members of the research and development team, that once Cardellini Enterprise gets through the crisis and gets back on the right track, I will treat them all. Now, help me calculate how much Cardellini Enterprise will have to pay for labor costs every year if we increase every employee’s salary by 10 percent. If the amount is okay, I’ll raise everyone’s salary.”

Steve was speechless. Cardellini Enterprise had not even made any money and they were already increasing their costs.

However, that was indeed Monica’s style.

“Lastly, I still think that the person Michael bribed is still in the company. Find a way to persuade him to quit. I won’t allow my company to have anyone who had anything to do with Michael.”

Steve felt that Monica must really hate Michael a lot to go that far.

In fact, that was not true. Monica’s hatred for Michael ended the moment Michael was sentenced to death.

She was only being so thorough in eliminating anyone related to Michael because she was a vengeful person. She had no need to treat those who had done her harm with kindness.

“Give me a weekly progress report on the above matters,” Monica said.

“Yes.” Steve agreed.

“Mr. Warren,” Monica suddenly called out to him.

“Yes, Chairman?”

“Thank you,” Monica said sincerely.

Steve was stunned. He did not expect Monica to suddenly become emotional.

Just a second ago, she was so serious and did not look like she cared about anyone.

“As I should.”

Monica smiled faintly.

Nothing was as he should. It was a matter of his sense of responsibility and character.

She said, “You can go ahead with your work.”

“Yes.”

With that, Steve left.

The moment he left, he truly felt that under Monica’s leadership, Cardellini Enterprise would have a bright future.

Monica looked at Steve’s back and then at the time before leaving the office.

It was 3 p.m. in the afternoon, which should be a good time for her to pick Nox up.

Nox was detained for a day because he broke court order, and apparently, he even repented for a day. In short, he was tortured miserably.

When she drove into the detention center's parking lot, she saw a familiar car. Even in such a large parking lot, she could recognize it at a glance.

However, she did not react to it. She simply parked the car and got out to wait for Nox in the detention center.

When she entered the waiting room, she saw Finn, who also saw her.

There seemed to be a trace of surprise in his eyes, but he would definitely not take the initiative to ask her why she was there.

Monica did not take the initiative to greet him either. She sat a distance away from him and took out her phone to read some current news while waiting for Nox to come out.

Only the two of them were in the waiting room, so it was unusually quiet.

After about half an hour, before she could see anyone, she heard Nox's voice. "If you dare to expose what I've repented on, I will definitely sue you in court!"

Monica's mouth suddenly curved into a smile.

From the moment she walked in, there had been no change in her expression. In fact, she did not feel any emotion.

Yet, the moment she heard Nox's voice, she smiled sincerely.

Finn also raised his head because he heard Nox's voice. The moment he raised his head, he saw Monica smiling.

His eyes flickered.

Then, he saw Nox walk out.

When Nox came out and saw Monica and Finn, he was a little surprised. "You two came to pick me up together?!"

He did not expect it to be the two of them. In fact, he thought Edward would come to pick him up, but alas, that heartless Edward did not come.

"No, it's a coincidence," Monica explained.

"A coincidence?" Nox did not believe it, and there was a pensive look on his face.

"Fourth Master told me to pick you up because he has something on," Finn said his reason.

"What about you?" Nox asked Monica.