

## **CEOs Baby 171**

### Chapter 171: Framing and Conspiracy

At the Lawrence Enterprise's sales department.

Jeanne frowned.

She looked straight at the man in front of her.

The moment this man said that, it instantly shocked all the employees in the sales department.

“This is the investigation order.” Ron took out a freshly stamped document.

Jeanne was not panicking.

At that moment, she was only thinking about how the Sanders had gone to this extent to kill her.

Was she the one fighting with the Sanders, or were the Sanders not letting her off?

Jeanne responded, “Okay.”

She did not hesitate and left with the people from the prosecutor's office.

After leaving, the entire Lawrence Enterprise was in an uproar.

Most of them did not know what had happened. They only knew that Jeanne had been arrested.

It seemed to be an economic crime.

Joshua stood in front of the French window in his office and watched Jeanne get into the inspection car. Only then did he pick up the phone to call Eden. His smile was especially sinister. "Eden, Jeanne has been taken away."

"Okay." Eden also sneered.

"Eden, I knew you wouldn't let Jeanne continue to flaunt her power." Joshua flattered Eden. "Jeanne provoked you. She was asking for trouble."

"I'm also doing this to help you," Eden said in a dignified manner.

"Thank you, Eden." Joshua was delighted. He appeared to be very excited, "Right now, Jeanne is being praised so much by the media. They say that she's a rare dark horse in Harken's business industry. Now, she's being investigated for an economic crime. She'll probably be slapped hard in the face."

Eden sneered.

This was the effect he wanted.

He wanted to make Jeanne fall from the highest point.

He wanted her to fall to her death!

"Joshua." Eden's expression changed, and his tone became serious.

"Yes?" Joshua quickly agreed.

"Jeanne is very smart. Keep a close watch on the accounts and the witnesses found."

“Don't worry, everything has been settled.” Joshua was confident, “Moreover, I found an excuse for our financial director to look at the accounts that you gave me. He couldn't find any clues, so most people wouldn't be able to see through it.”

“Jeanne isn't an ordinary person.”

“Didn't you say that this matter would be resolved quickly? That is to say, before Jeanne even has the time to find the problem, the case would be closed. At that time, she'd be in jail. Who would she look for to seek redress?!”

“In short, you just have to be more careful,” Eden reminded Joshua worriedly.

“Alright, I'll do whatever you want me to do. As long as you get Jeanne out of the Lawrence Enterprise and disappear from my sight, I'll do whatever you want me to do!”

“If there's any movement on your side, you have to tell me!”

“Understood.”

Eden put down his phone.

Originally, before the amusement park project, he had wanted to use this method to end Jeanne's life. However, Micheal wanted to use open countermeasures to deal with her. After all, it was a matter of breaking the law, so of course, it would be better if there was a proper way. Hence, Eden chose Micheal's method.

Despite that, Eden did not expect Jeanne to not know how to appreciate favors and to go head-to-head with them.

Now, he wanted to let Jeanne know how powerful he was!

Eden hurriedly made a call. “Ms. Sanders.”

"How did everything go?"

"Jeanne has been taken away. The evidence and witnesses are all present. She has sought personal gains of 30 million dollars. According to the laws of Harken, she'll probably get a sentence of 10 years!"

"Alright." Melody nodded.

"However, Ms. Sanders, you must make good use of your connections. No matter how flawless this matter is, it is, after all, made up by us. If someone investigates, they'll find a loophole. Therefore, we still need you to use your power to make this case go to court earlier so that it can be finished earlier," Eden said solemnly, "Also, for nearly a week, my fourth uncle won't be around."

"Where did he go?" Melody asked.

"I don't know. He leaves at this time every year. No one knows where he goes. He'll also rest for a period of time when he comes back and won't see anyone."

Melody was surprised.

"In short, we need to end this quickly." Eden was used to his fourth uncle's disappearance and did not think it was a big deal.

Melody did not think too much and said coldly, "Just do your own thing."

"Okay."

Melody hung up the phone.

She thought for a moment and dialed Micheal's number.

Micheal looked at the call and frowned. He picked up the call. "Mel."

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"Jeanne has been arrested."

Micheal pursed his lips.

He felt that everything would not go so smoothly.

"I'm just telling you. I don't want you to help me with anything."

"I feel that you have to be extra careful in handling this matter."

"I know."

"Your father has given me too much work. I won't talk to you anymore."

"You should develop well. When the time comes, you can help me even more."

"Okay."

Micheal hung up the phone.

He also refused to participate in this matter because he was too busy with work and could not take care of himself.

Micheal could help them if they did not break the law. He was not that stupid. He would not bet his future without absolute confidence.

This time, it would depend on their results.

If the results were good, Jeanne would be dealt with, and Melody would have gotten rid of her eyesore. It might even be possible for Eden to acquire Lawrence Enterprise. It was a good thing.

If the results were not good, Micheal could get a better understanding of Jeanne's strengths. He would be more careful in the future!

At the same time, he would be glad that he did not participate in this.

Jeanne was brought to the examination room.

The evidence of her crime was clearly listed.

She used a dual contract to sign an agreement with the builders to replace the originally expensive construction equipment with ordinary materials, thus profiting from the huge price difference.

From the evidence provided, it seemed that there was an additional 30 million dollars in her private account.

The 30 million dollars was the money given to her by the builders.

What surprised Jeanne was that she had never used that account before, but it was opened in her name. She thought about it carefully and realized that after she entered the Lawrence Enterprise, the general department had made a payroll card for her. The payroll card was from Swanhaven Bank. Of course, all the payroll cards of the Lawrence Enterprise were from Swanhaven Bank. After all, the relationship between the Swans and the Lawrences was very different. Eden was also in charge of the operation of Swanhaven Bank. There was no way that Alexander would not take care of his son-in-law, so it was not surprising.

The so-called payroll card was with Jeanne, but because she had just joined the company, she had not received her first salary. As such, she had not managed the account situation of the card at all. She was also very sure that she had not received any account information.

Of course, these were not important.

Once someone deliberately tampered with it, she would not receive the relevant reminder.

Even if Jeanne pursued the fact that she did not receive any notification for her card, Swanhaven Bank could also let a salesperson take the blame and do a small disciplinary action, and the matter would be settled. It would not be of any help to her case and would instead be a waste of time.

Jeanne silently looked at all the materials provided in front of her.

Her brain was constantly working.

Since she was framed, she would definitely be able to find a loophole. No matter how perfect a crime was, there would eventually be a loophole. It was just that time was needed to crack it.

However, what Jeanne was worried about at the moment was that the case would be closed quickly because the Sanders had enough power.

If it was completed quickly, she would not have the time to clear her name.

“The evidence is conclusive and there are witnesses, so we'll provide everything to the court within a week and announce the verdict. Due to the lack of time, we won't grant you the right to be released on bail pending trial. We'll send you to the detention center instead. Please sign here, Ms. Lawrence.” The prosecutor's attitude was cold. He coldly placed a detention slip in front of Jeanne.

“According to Harken's law, I can't even hire a lawyer?” Jeanne asked calmly.

“Of course, you can,” the prosecutor replied, “It's just that you can't leave. The lawyer can come here to see you. As the prosecutor, I have to remind you that the facts of your crime are very obvious. I suggest that you don't make too many excuses for yourself. Ask your lawyer to help you get a lighter punishment and plead for leniency with the judge. Otherwise, given your current situation, the outcome won't be too good.”

Jeanne pursed her lips.

“Ms. Lawrence, you can sign first. After signing, I'll arrange for the staff to be in charge of the support work for this case, including the matter of you hiring a lawyer and informing you of the specific court date. You'll need all kinds of evidence related to the case,” the prosecutor urged impatiently.

Jeanne hesitated for a moment, but in the end, she signed her name.

She was very clear that even if she did not sign it, the other party could force her to sign it.

Not to mention, the fake contract had the same handwriting as hers, so she knew the other party could forge her signature.

Jeanne signed the document.

The prosecutor took it, “I've informed the police to bring you to the detention center. If anything, you can apply to the relevant person in charge of the detention center. The staff of our inspection department will also do our best to support all your legitimate needs during this period before you go to court.”

Jeanne nodded.

The prosecutor coldly took the detention form that she had signed and left.

Not long after, Jeanne was sent directly to the detention center.

She was a special criminal and was about to go to court, so she was locked in a separate room.

All the procedures seemed to have been set and only needed to be carried out step by step, so everything happened very quickly and smoothly.

Moreover, Jeanne had to admit that it was really unexpected for her.

She did not expect that the other party would fabricate such complete criminal evidence in such a short period of time.

Or... Had it been planned for a long time but was not executed because the time was not right?!

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Jeanne sat on the cold and stiff edge of the bed in the detention center.

From the beginning to the end, from the moment she received the news until now, she had not stopped thinking!

She had no way of stopping herself. After all, she only had one week.

Only one week.

If she could not find any evidence within one week, she would be sentenced.

Once she was sentenced, it would be even more difficult to appeal.

Jeanne tried to calm herself down.

It was undeniable that the other party's frame-up made her feel a little threatened.

After all, Harken was different from other countries. It was a traditional hereditary country, and the military regime was all in the hands of the Sanders. Once the Sanders wanted to do something, they would have 10,000 people to support them. Especially in court politics, everyone would respond to a single call from the Sanders. That was to say, if the Sanders wanted to kill Jeanne, it would be easy.

Moreover, now that the Sanders had locked Jeanne up here, they were not giving her any chance to find evidence.

As such, Jeanne could only wait for Kingsley's arrival.

In the end, she still caused a lot of trouble for Kingsley.

Initially, Jeanne just wanted to come back and take revenge, help Kingsley do something he wanted to accomplish, and then leave with George...

When did she go off track?

After she thought about it carefully, she realized it started when she was targeted by Fourth Master Swan.

In the end, all of this was because of Fourth Master Swan. If he had not provoked her on purpose, she would not have been treated like this by Melody!

Jeanne took a deep breath.

Now was not the time to complain.

She would just sit and wait for Kingsley!

The news of Jeanne's economic crime suddenly trended again!

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Everyone thought that they had read the wrong headline. How did the dark horse of the business world a few days ago suddenly fall into the net again?!

She was slapped in the face too quickly.

Nevertheless, facts spoke louder than words.

The photo of Jeanne being taken away by the prosecutors was everywhere online. Her being arrested became a trending topic as well.

Even though this was not good news, it was worth noting that Jeanne became popular in South Hampton City and even Harken. She was even more popular than list celebrities.

There were plenty of searches for Jeanne's name on the Internet. It was simply a synonym for "traffic".

Monica also saw the news and only then did she know that Jeanne had been arrested.

She did not believe her own eyes. She rubbed her eyes and looked at it again and again. The moment she confirmed that the person who was arrested was Jeanne, she exploded.

Was it not a few days ago, no, yesterday, when she saw Jeanne being on the news and admired by everyone?!

The financial news said that Jeanne was a rare dark horse in the business world. In the future, her development in the business world would be limitless. Due to Jeanne's existence, the Lawrence Enterprise's stock market was booming. Their family business that was on the decline had risen to a whole new level, causing those businesses that were originally on the same level as them to be envious. Now, why did something so big suddenly happen?!

After a moment of shock, Monica was certain that Jeanne had been framed.

Her best friend would definitely not do such a thing.

Monica was so anxious that she rushed out of her office at the next second and rushed toward her dad's office.

Gary frowned when he saw Monica's reckless behavior.

This child never seemed to grow up.

How could he trust her with such a large fortune of the Cardellinis in the future?

Monica was not interested in doing business. She also understood that she was not suited to do business with her dad. Although she was not against following his dad in the business world, she spent most of her time loafing on the job. Other than occasionally going on a business trip for her father, she spent most of her time at the company with the mindset of benefiting by proximity to her dad. Gary also knew that Monica's mind was not on doing business, so he did not have too much hope for her. He just hoped that he could find a son-in-law that he trusted to take over the Cardellini Enterprise.

Finn was very good.

Gary had watched Finn grow up. Finn knew the roots and also knew how to be grateful. Whether it was the company or Monica, Gary felt at ease handing them over to Finn. However... The heavens did not follow his wishes. Micheal suddenly appeared out of nowhere and almost angered Gary to his death.

With a serious expression, Gary asked, "What happened? Why are you so impatient?"

"Dad, Jeannie has been arrested. They said that she committed some economic crime." Monica was very agitated. "Help me ask the people at the prosecutor's office if it's true. Is it serious? What crime did she commit?"

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Gary was also a little surprised.

'Wasn't Jeanne fine a few days ago?'

A few days ago, he even saw how capable Jeannie was and had the urge to beat Monica to death. As Jeannie had a good relationship with Monica and Jeannie's mother passed away early, he also treated Jeannie as his daughter. Seeing Jeannie return and develop so well, he was mostly relieved.

Now that something suddenly happened...

Gary said, "Don't be anxious. I'll ask about the situation."

Monica nodded like a chick pecking on rice, looking at her dad with anticipation.

Gary called his friend in the prosecution hall.

Monica did not know what the other party had said to her dad. She felt that her dad's expression was especially grave as if something big had happened.

Could it be...

Could it be that Jeannie was going to be sentenced to death?!

At the thought of this, Monica was scared to death.

Fortunately, Gary had hung up the phone.

Monica went forward and grabbed her dad's arm. "Dad, how is it? Will Jeannie die?!"

Gary Glanced at Monica. "According to Harken's law, one will only pay with one's life if they took someone's life. Those who commit other crimes won't be sentenced to death. Can you have some common sense?"

Monica was stunned.

She was anxious and flustered.

She was just afraid that something would happen to Jeannie.

"However, it is indeed very serious." Gary did not hide the truth from Monica, "Jeannie signed a dual contract and took a personal gain of 30 million dollars. Now, the evidence is conclusive, and she's currently not allowed to be released on bail pending trial. She's being detained in the detention center. According to Harken's law, pocketing such a huge sum of money without permission will result in a sentence of at least 10 years."

"What?!" Monica widened her eyes.

"Not only that..." Gary seemed to hesitate for a moment.

Monica looked straight at her dad, extremely nervous.

"Did Jeannie offend anyone during this time?" Gary asked Monica.

Monica frowned.

How would she know?!

Jeannie was so busy during this period that she did not even have time to hang with her.

Whenever Monica called Jeannie, Jeannie hung up after saying a few words.

Monica could not think of who Jeannie had offended during this time.

Gary said with concern, "They said that Jeannie's case will be judged the fastest and that it was already assigned to someone. Other than the people in charge of the specific circumstances of the case, no one else is clear about it. They also said that the internal political angle on her case has increased to a very high level. Usually, this only occurs when a higher-up specially gave the instruction."

"Jeannie has just returned. Who can she offend?!" Monica was clueless.

"A famous person attracts criticism. It could be anyone," Gary said straightforwardly.

"Then what do we do now? What about Jeannie?" Monica looked at her dad anxiously.

"I originally wanted to use my connections to meet Jeannie. At the very least, I could find out the reason for the matter from Jeannie. However, the other party directly rejected me, saying that no one within their ranks dared to interfere in her case. If they crossed the line, not only will they be fired, but they'll also be held accountable. I can't make things difficult for the other party."

"How could this be?!" Monica was on the verge of breaking down.

"I'll think of a way to find out about Jeannie's situation. That said, from the other party's tone, she should've committed an economic crime. Hence, even if I find out anything, it might not be of much help to her. The only way is to make up for the 30 million dollars that she obtained for her private interests, together with the interest, and try to make up for her mistakes as much as possible. Plead with the judge and reduce her sentence as much as possible."

"Jeannie wouldn't commit a crime—definitely not." Monica could not accept this.

"I also believe that Jeannie wouldn't do such a thing, but this is the current situation." Gary was helpless, "I'll go prepare the funds for Jeannie now to ensure that she can successfully repay the 30 million dollars that she gained. I'll also arrange for the people handling her case so that she won't suffer any grievances there."

Monica still wanted to say something.

Gary said, "Right now, this is the only way to help Jeannie."

Monica bit her lip.

She knew that even if she cried herself to death, this was all her dad could do.

Nevertheless, she could not accept the fact that Jeannie would go to jail.

No.

She had to see Jeannie. She had to know the truth!

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If Jeanne was framed, even if she had to go bankrupt, she had to win the case for Jeannie and get justice.

When Monica returned to the office, she did not hesitate anymore and called Micheal.

During this period, she had obviously kept a distance from Micheal.

However, for Jeannie's sake, she could not care too much.

Micheal picked up. His voice was always warm. He called Monica's name very warmly, "Monica."

"Micheal, Jeannie is in trouble," Monica said. Her eyes were red.

"Yes, I heard about it," Micheal replied.

"My dad said that Jeannie's condition is very bad now. It's even difficult for us to see her, but I..." Monica wanted to say something but hesitated.

It was because she did not want to make things difficult for Micheal.

Since her dad said that no one dared to interfere in Jeannie's matter at the moment, if Micheal interfered, she was also worried that it would affect him.

"You want to see her, right?" Micheal asked straightforwardly.

Monica's heart warmed.

Micheal always knew what she wanted.

"I'll think of a way. Give me some time." Micheal agreed without thinking.

"Micheal, thank you," Monica said sincerely.

"Silly." Micheal smiled dotingly and promised, "Don't worry. I'll definitely let you meet Jeannie."

"Okay." Monica nodded hard.

At this moment, she was truly moved.

She was deeply moved by Micheal.

She always felt that Micheal treated her very well.

“Wait for my news,” Micheal said.

After he said that, he hung up the phone.

Following that, the gentleness on his face slowly faded away.

His expression was stiff and cold. He was thinking about something.

Micheal would definitely do whatever Monica asked him to do so that he could move her even more. He did not know if she had rekindled the old relationship with Finn over the past few years. He only knew very well that she had fallen deep in love with Finn back then. If he did not hold Monica tightly in his hands, it was highly possible that she would return to Finn's side and everything he had done would be in vain.

Despite that, Melody was clearly targeting Jeanne at this moment.

How could Micheal have the best of both worlds? On one hand, he had to satisfy Monica's request. On the other hand, he could not let Melody think that he had forgotten his loyalty and would affect his future official career.

Micheal pondered.

After a long time, he picked up the phone and dialed Melody's number. “Mel.”

“What is it?”

“Monica wants to see Jeanne,” Micheal said straightforwardly.

He thought about it a lot, and in the end, he felt that being direct was the best way to gain the other party's trust and acceptance.

It would be the biggest taboo if he were to bring Monica to meet Jeanne behind Melody's back at this time.

Nonetheless, this method was obviously not too good either.

At this moment, Melody was completely silent. Micheal could faintly feel that she was angry.

He explained, "I'm currently pursuing Monica again, and the best way to get her back is to move her. Don't worry, Monica has a relatively simple personality. Even if she meets Jeanne, it won't be of any help to her case. I promise."

Melody still did not say anything.

Micheal continued, "The most important thing is that yesterday, Chief specifically instructed me to take down the Cardellini Enterprise through Monica as soon as possible. I don't want to let him down."

"Micheal," Melody finally spoke.

Micheal said straightforwardly, "If you feel troubled, then forget it. I know that you spent a lot of effort to get Jeanne arrested."

"I don't feel troubled, and I also believe in you. I believe that Monica has a simple personality and that she won't be of much use in this case," Melody said. "I'm just afraid that you like her too much."

"I admit that I like her, but the prerequisite for liking her is that she won't affect my development." Micheal's eyes turned cold.

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Micheal held his phone and told Melody clearly.

Melody fell silent for a few seconds again.

Micheal continued, "Mel, I thought you knew what kind of person I am."

"In that case, I believe you," Melody said bluntly, "In the end, in terms of politics in the Sanders, the only person I trust is you. I don't even trust my other brothers and sisters."

"I won't let you down." Micheal was solemn.

"When are you bringing Monica to see Jeanne?" Melody asked.

"It can't be too early or too late. I estimate that it'll be 10:00 am tomorrow."

"Okay.

"I'm ready to lend you a hand." Melody sneered.

"Hmm?"

Melody told Micheal her thoughts.

Micheal smiled. "Thank you for your support."

"Micheal, I really hope that you can develop very well," Melody said sincerely.

"I'll do my best."

The two of them ended the call.

Micheal's eyes narrowed.

He would develop very well. What he was afraid of was that when he developed, Melody would have...  
Stepped down.

The next day.

Monica had been anxious for a day and a night.

At 10:00 am, she received a call from Micheal. He said that he had gotten through to someone and that she could meet Jeanne now.

Monica was truly grateful to Micheal.

That said, she was still thinking about Jeanne the most at this moment.

She did not even know what Jeanne's life was like in the detention center!

Micheal came to pick up Monica at the Cardellini Enterprise.

It had been more than half a month since they last met.

"Monica." Micheal reached out and took the initiative to hold Monica's hand.

Monica was stunned. She turned her head to look at Micheal.

The palm of her hand was filled with his warmth.

Nonetheless, at that moment, for some reason, she wanted to leave.

It was just that...

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They did not have a proper relationship at this time.

Despite that, Monica did not let go in the end..

Micheal said, "Don't worry, I've asked around. Jeannie is fine inside. It's a private room, so she won't be ostracized and threatened by other prisoners. Moreover, Jeannie is someone with status, so the prison guards will take care of her more."

Monica nodded.

Even so, before seeing Jeannie with her own eyes, she did not dare to relax.

The car soon arrived at the detention center in the suburbs.

Micheal went through a series of procedures, and Monica finally saw Jeanne.

Jeanne was a little surprised when she saw Monica.

She did not expect that Monica would be the first to see her through her connections. She could not help but look at Micheal.

Micheal was very polite. He said to Monica, "I'll wait for you outside."

After saying that, Micheal left.

It was as if he was giving them some privacy.

Jeanne watched him leave and was deep in thought.

Monica did not notice that much at that moment. When she saw Jeanne appear in front of her, her eyes turned red. "Jeannie, how are you?"

Jeanne regained her senses.

She regained her senses and looked at Monica. Her heart moved slightly, and she forced a smile. "I'm alright."

"You always say it's alright. Now that you're in jail, you're still saying it's alright!" Monica was on the verge of breaking down. "Can you not be so strong-willed? I feel uncomfortable looking at you."

"Monica, I didn't commit a crime." Jeanne did not explain further and told her bluntly.

"I know, I know you didn't," Monica said, "but what do we do now? I heard that there are both witnesses and evidence. The facts of the crime are very obvious. Who exactly did you offend?"

"Isn't it obvious?" Jeanne looked at Monica.

From the moment Monica knew about Jeanne's arrest until now, her mind was filled with the image of Jeanne being locked up in the detention center alone. In fact, she had not thought about the case.

At this moment, Jeanne did not say anything. However, after being reminded by her, Monica suddenly quivered and asked, "Is it that woman, Melody?!"

Jeanne nodded.

'If this silly girl isn't too emotional, she wouldn't be stupid.'

“Could she have done this for Fourth Master Swan?!” Monica could not believe it.

Jeanne nodded.

“I knew she was sick!” Monica cursed and continued, “Fourth Master Swan doesn't like her. Instead of finding fault with herself, she came to deal with you. This woman should be struck by lightning and drowned in a wicker basket!”

As compared to Monica's excitement, Jeanne appeared much calmer. She said, “I didn't do it. I'll eventually clear my name.”

“What about Fourth Master Swan?” Monica suddenly thought of Edward.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

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'Fourth Master Swan?

'How would I know where he is?!

Moreover, Jeanne had just rejected Fourth Master Swan outright the night before.

After what happened to her yesterday, the first person who came to see her was Monica.

She knew Kingsley would come too.

Even so, Kingsley needed time to rush back from abroad, so he would be a little late.

As for Fourth Master Swan...

He had no reason to help her even though everything had started because of him.

“Fourth Master Swan can't just let it be!” Monica looked at Jeanne's expression, and she appeared exceptionally agitated.

“Monica, Fourth Master Swan and I only have a normal relationship. Now that I've offended the Sanders, it's reasonable for him not to interfere. You have to know that Harken is still the world of the Sanders, and no one is willing to go against them.”

“Even if that's the case, this matter was caused by Fourth Master Swan. Isn't he afraid of being punished by the heavens if he just stands by and does nothing? Besides, doesn't he like you? Shouldn't liking someone mean that you should disregard everything?!” Monica said indignantly.

Sometimes, Jeanne really envied Monica's innocence.

Monica would always consider whether she loved someone or not. She would not get it mixed up with other interests and schemes.

Jeanne said, “Monica, don't interfere in my current matters.”

Monica was stunned, but she quickly looked triggered. “Jeanne, what kind of person do you think I am?!”

“Firstly, I can solve it. I won't tell you how I'm going to solve this matter, but I'll definitely walk out of here safely no matter what method I use! Secondly, our identities are different. In the end, you're still the daughter of the Cardellini Enterprise. The Cardellini Enterprise is still an enterprise of Harken. If you need to establish yourself in Harken, you can't go against the Sanders. I don't want to implicate your enterprise.”

“Jeanne, how are you still so rational?” Monica's eyes were red again.

If she were to encounter such a situation, she would wish for everyone to help her.

How could Jeanne be so calm? How could she be so strong?!

“Monica.” Jeanne took the initiative to pull Monica's hand.

Monica's heart palpitated.

“You're my best friend. I don't want anything to happen to you because of me.”

“I don't want anything to happen to you either...”

“I said that I can solve it. What you need to do now is to wait for me to go out safely.”

“How are you going to solve it? How are you going to solve it when it comes to the Sanders?!” Monica felt that Jeanne was giving her the runaround.

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“You have to believe me!” Jeanne was very certain.

Her tone of affirmation was enough to make Monica believe her instantly.

It was clear that given the situation, Jeanne could not resist at all. Having said that, at this moment, Monica was convinced by Jeanne's determination.

Her eyes were red, and she looked at Jeanne as though she was going to cry at any moment.

Jeanne smiled again. “Don't worry, I won't let anything happen to me again.”

“Okay.” Monica nodded.

At this moment, she could only nod.

“On the other hand...” Jeanne's eyes narrowed. “Was Micheal the one who helped you come to see me?”

“Right now, no one can interfere with your case. My dad can't let me come to see you through his connections, so I could only find Micheal. Micheal also spent a lot of effort to let me come in to see you.”

“How's your relationship with Micheal now?”

“You're already like this, yet you still care about me. Can you care about yourself?” Monica was flustered.

At this time, Jeanne was still thinking about other things.

“I just want to remind you that Micheal and Melody have a good relationship.”

“I know,” Monica said, “They grew up together.”

“So, as long as Micheal talks to Melody, it won't be difficult for you to come and see me.”

Monica blinked and looked at Jeanne.

She did not quite understand what Jeanne meant.

Jeanne did not say anything more.

She was not sure if Micheal had other intentions for Monica. She simply felt that him helping Monica to come and see her was more of an act.

Also, Jeanne did not know if Micheal was putting on an act just to win Monica over.

If so, she could understand if Micheal would occasionally use some kind-hearted methods because he loved Monica too much.

However, if it was more than that...

Jeanne always felt that Micheal had too many deep thoughts. She did not know if he was an enemy, but she was sure that they would never become friends.

“Monica.” Micheal suddenly walked into the meeting room.

Chapter 176: Is Fourth Master Swan Not Going to Interfere?

Jeanne and Monica's conversation was interrupted.

Micheal said, “It's about time to leave.”

Monica looked at Jeanne reluctantly.

Jeanne nodded. “Okay, don't make things too difficult for Micheal.”

Monica's eyes reddened again.

Jeanne was speechless by this silly girl, but she could not deny that she was touched. She said, “Don't worry, I can take care of myself.”

Monica bit her lip as if she did not want to leave just like that.

“Monica, Micheal had a hard time letting you see me,” Jeanne reminded.

Monica knew, but she said, “Then I'll come and see you again when I have the chance.”

'There's no need.

'I'll leave this place on my own.'

Nonetheless, Jeanne just nodded. “Okay.”

Monica still followed Micheal and left.

When she left, her eyes were extremely red.

She was afraid that something would happen to Jeanne.

Monica followed Micheal to the entrance of the detention center.

She saw Melody and Eden.

Monica's expression changed immediately.

Before Monica could speak, Melody said to Micheal with an extremely ugly expression, “Micheal, if I didn't see it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have thought that you'd really bring Monica to see Jeanne! Do you think it's worth it to go against me for a woman?”

Micheal pursed his lips tightly, and his face was stiff.

Monica did not react in time.

At the next second, she looked at Micheal beside her, then at Melody.

'So what Melody meant was that Micheal went against her for me.'

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"Micheal, you better know your identity and the consequences of what you did!" Melody said as she walked past Micheal with Eden.

Monica gritted her teeth.

At this moment, she wanted to beat Melody to death, but she was afraid that she would cause trouble for Micheal, so she chose to endure.

"Let's go." Micheal suddenly held her hand.

Monica's heart skipped a beat.

Micheal brought her into the car.

He drove on the streets of South Hampton City.

"Do you have a conflict with Melody now because of me?" Monica could not help but ask.

"It's alright." Micheal smiled gently.

"Will it affect you?"

"It's not too serious."

"I'm sorry, I..." Monica felt guilty.

"Monica." Micheal held her hand in his. "Compared to Melody's opinion of me, I'm more afraid of seeing you sad."

Monica looked at Micheal.

He always made her feel very touched.

"So, don't think too much." Micheal smiled. "Besides, on the matter of Melody targeting Jeanne, we already have our differences. In other words, the conflict between us happened a long time ago."

"Is it really Melody targeting Jeanne? How can she be so cheap?!" Monica was agitated.

"Melody grew up with the Sanders and was also the chief's favorite woman. She was used to being superior since she was young. Now that she suffered a loss from Fourth Master Swan, she's naturally unhappy. On top of that, she can't do anything to him despite liking him, so she could only vent her anger on Jeanne. Of course. I can't guarantee whether Jeanne's crime was done on purpose by Melody or not, but I personally feel that no matter how willful Melody is, she should know the law and not break it. However, one thing is for sure. Once something happens to Jeanne, Melody will use all means to increase the severity of the original legal sanctions!"

Monica was nervous.

"I have to say that Jeannie's case this time isn't looking good."

Micheal analyzed the situation as a bystander.

He even looked worried.

Chapter 177: Compared to Micheal, You're Worthless, Finn!

Micheal's words made Monica even more nervous.

She said, "I believe that Jeannie will never do anything illegal."

"I also believe that, but the current situation is very disadvantageous to her." Micheal echoed.

"The Sanders can do anything just because they're in Harken?!" Monica gritted her teeth.

"Only the Swans can barely contend against them." Micheal was straightforward.

Monica was stunned.

"In other words, if Fourth Master Swan makes a move, it might be of some use. Of course, the prerequisite is that Jeannie is really innocent. If her crime is established, no one can change the situation!"

"I'll give Fourth Master Swan a call," Monica quickly said.

Micheal nodded.

He was not giving Monica any advice.

Micheal simply wanted to know if Fourth Master Swan was serious about Jeanne, or if he was just using her as a shield for the Sanders.

He knew very well that his position in the imperial court was not high enough. If something happened to his dad, based on his dad's power in the court over the years, he would have made countless enemies. The Rosses would most likely suffer a violent revenge. Therefore, Micheal needed to clear up all his connections and know which ones he could use.

Monica took out her phone and dialed nervously.

Nevertheless, a voice message came from the phone. "The number you have dialed is unavailable. Please try again later."

Monica called several times, but the voice message kept repeating.

She was furious. "Fourth Master Swan turned off his phone at this time. Damn it!"

Micheal was also a little surprised at that moment.

"Can you send me to the Swans' manor?" Monica made a prompt decision.

For Jeanne's sake, she did not care anymore.

"Okay." Micheal nodded.

He drove toward the Swans' manor.

Micheal said purposely while driving, "Eden and Melody are on good terms now."

Monica turned her head to look at him.

"Didn't you see? He and Melody appeared in the detention center together," Micheal reminded.

"That scum!" Monica gritted his teeth. "Jeanne was really blind back then to have met that kind of scum! Calling him a scum is an understatement! His lowly manner has really changed my view of people!"

"I also didn't expect Eden to be such a person. As we were classmates, he had always asked me to help him connect with Melody. I couldn't refuse him. I didn't expect that he's so close to Melody now."

“In the future, you shouldn't associate with such a man who forgets righteousness for profit,” Monica said firmly.

“Okay.” Micheal agreed immediately.

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Monica was touched again.

Micheal always seemed to always listen to her.

The car soon arrived at the Swans' manor.

Monica directly rushed into the Swans' Bamboo Garden to look for Fourth Master Swan, but he was really not at home.

She rushed to the Swans' main commercial building, but she still could not find Fourth Master Swan.

The key was that no one knew where he went. It was as if he had vanished!

'Damn it.

'He wouldn't go so far as to go missing just to get rid of his relationship with Jeanne, right?!

'Are all men from the Swans scums?!'

“What do we do now?” Micheal accompanied Monica to look for Fourth Master Swan. He asked her when the two of them returned to the car.

Monica gritted her teeth.

At this moment, she really wanted to kill someone.

“Why don't I send you back first? If Fourth Master Swan really doesn't want to see you and doesn't want to interfere in this matter, everything we do will be in vain.”

Monica understood as well, but she was just... Furious.

“I'll send you back to the Cardellini Enterprise?”

“Send me to the hospital.” Monica gritted her teeth.

“Hmm?” Micheal frowned.

“Finn and Fourth Master Swan have a bit of a relationship. I'll go ask him.”

Micheal's expression changed slightly.

Monica also noticed it at that moment.

She said, “Don't think too much.”

“I'm not.” Micheal smiled slightly. “If you want to be with Finn, you wouldn't have promised me again.”

Monica nodded.

“I'll send you there.”

“Okay.”

Micheal parked the car at the entrance of the hospital.

Monica unfastened her seatbelt. “Micheal, go back first. I'll call a taxi after I'm done.”

Micheal was a little hesitant.

“Didn't you receive a lot of work calls just now? I've stalled you for a whole day. Don't worry, it's easy to call a taxi here.”

Micheal agreed hesitantly. “If you need anything, give me a call.”

“Okay.” Monica nodded.

At that moment, she hurriedly wanted to get out of the car.

The moment she opened the car door, her body suddenly tensed up.

Monica felt Micheal's kiss on her lips.

She was stunned.

It was a peck.

After the kiss, neither of them was in a hurry to leave.

The two of them maintained a very close distance and looked at each other.

“Monica, I really miss you.” Micheal was extremely affectionate.

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Monica pursed her lips.

For a second, she did not know how to answer.

Micheal did not make things too difficult for her. He kissed her forehead again. “Go.”

Monica looked at Micheal.

She looked at the man with a faint smile on her lips.

Afterward, she suddenly approached him and planted a kiss on his face.

Micheal was shocked.

He had always been the one who took the initiative between the two of them.

It did not matter if it was their previous relationship or his current initiative.

Monica said, “Micheal, thank you.”

Micheal smiled. When he smiled, he looked like the boy next door. “With this kiss of yours, I feel that everything I do is worth it.”

Monica blushed and was shy.

She pulled away from Micheal and said, "I'm getting out of the car."

"Okay."

Monica opened the car door and left.

Micheal watched her leave and suddenly turned around. He looked at the man in a white coat at the entrance of the hospital and sneered.

He drove away.

The man in the white coat also turned around and walked into the hospital.

Monica rushed into the hospital and quickly pressed the elevator that was about to close.

As soon as she entered, she was caught off guard by Finn.

The moment Monica was about to speak, she heard Finn say to the person next to her, "We've just sent away the medical team from Yarra. Next, you should organize the medical research that they left behind and report it to your leader in the afternoon."

"Yes, Director," the doctor next to Finn quickly replied.

Finn was arranging some work again, and he looked very serious.

Monica pursed her lips and chose to remain silent in the end.

It was until...

The elevator stopped.

Finn returned to his office.

Monica followed him.

From the beginning to the end, Finn treated her coldly like a stranger.

No matter how bad it was, they had lived under the same roof for several years. Monica did not know how Finn could be so indifferent to her.

'Forget it.

'I don't care.'

If Monica wanted to argue with Finn, she would die of anger sooner or later.

She said, "Finn, Jeannie is in trouble."

"Oh."

Finn sat in his office, flipping through his medical documents as he responded.

Monica had said the same thing to Micheal.

What she received from Micheal was care and warmth.

On the other hand, what she received from Finn was indifference.

Monica said, "I just went to see Jeannie. Jeannie was wronged. She was deliberately framed by Melody, a member of the Sanders. The situation is very serious now. Other than Fourth Master Swan, I can't find anyone else who can help Jeannie, but I can't contact Fourth Master Swan right now. I hope you can help me find him."

"I can't contact him either," Finn said bluntly.

"How do you know you can't contact him if you haven't tried?!" Monica was furious.

At this moment, she was infuriated.

Monica could tolerate Finn's attitude, but she could not tolerate him trying to not get involved.

It was just a piece of cake. Did he have to treat her like this?!

Finn glanced at Monica.

He said, "Fourth Master Swan only has one number. If you can't get through, I can't get through either."

"What about Nox?"

"Don't you have Nox's number too?" Finn raised his eyebrow.

Indeed.

Monica had also called Nox, but his phone was also switched off.

"What about the others? What about the other people around Fourth Master Swan?" Monica could not control her emotions at all.

“Fourth Master Swan only has Nox by his side. If we can't contact him, that's it.”

“Finn, do you not want to help me at all?” Monica said fiercely.

Finn pursed his lips.

“I thought that even if we don't have any feelings for each other, at least we're still friends. I think it's normal for friends to help each other. Now I f\*cking feel like I'm embarrassing myself.” Monica exploded.

Finn's expression changed slightly.

“Forget it, forget I was here.” Monica turned around and was about to leave.

“Micheal can't help you?” Finn, who was behind her, suddenly asked.

“Yeah.” Monica turned around and looked at Finn. “That said, compared to what Micheal gave me, you're really worthless!”

Finn's expression was obviously ugly.

Monica left after saying that.

She was so angry that her lungs were about to explode!

She must have been crazy to place her hopes on that b\*stard.

Monica left.

Finn's face was dark. He looked around then pulled open the drawer under his desk.

Inside was a copy of all the information regarding Jeanne's case.

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South Hampton City Central Hospital.

Finn took out all the information on Jeanne's case and studied them.

Jeanne's case this time was rather tricky. The evidence of the crime was well prepared. It was obvious that it was premeditated.

The so-called dual contract? Jeanne's signature was clear. The amount of each sum of money generated was even added. The detailed accounts were so well done. Moreover, it was hard to explain the 30 million dollars that came out of nowhere.

Finn thought about it seriously.

He carefully circled the contract and financial statements where there might be loopholes. He also noted down what he could look into.

In fact, when Jeanne's accident happened yesterday, he had contacted Fourth Master.

Yes.

Apart from his normal phone number, Fourth Master Swan also had a very personal number. That would always be reachable, but very few people knew about it.

When the accident happened, Finn had told Fourth Master Swan about what happened to Jeanne. Nevertheless, there were many things about Fourth Master Swan that he could not tell other people, including Monica.

Fourth Master Swan instructed Finn to gather all the information on Jeanne's case. He would rush back as soon as possible.

Everything that was required to be done must not alert the enemy and be done in secret.

After Finn finished organizing Jeanne's case, he put the documents back into the drawer.

From the moment he received all the contents of the case yesterday, he had started to research and investigate. Now, he was only gathering information, so he did not need to spend too much time.

Finn stood up from his office chair, took a cigarette, and walked to an open-air balcony in the office.

The scene of Monica and Micheal kissing appeared in his mind.

In fact, Finn was quite a distance away at that time, but he seemed to have seen everything clearly at that moment, including when Monica initiated a kiss.

Finn took a deep puff of the cigarette.

Monica seemed to like to take the initiative toward everyone.

It was the same for him.

When they had just started dating, not long after they had confirmed their relationship, Monica had started to entice him in all sorts of ways. Although they were only limited to holding hands during the year of their relationship, Monica would still flirt with him from time to time.

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The reason Finn did not fidget was only because of traditional thoughts. He thought that he should wait until after marriage.

He thought that precious things should have a sense of ceremony.

Who knew, the marriage between them became a complete marriage of convenience.

Now, this marriage of convenience was about to end!

In the detention center, Jeanne had just returned to the detention room when she was called out again.

Then, she saw Melody and Eden.

Her eyes moved, but she appeared very calm.

Melody looked at her, and the corners of her mouth curled into a cold smile. "How is it? Do you feel good now?"

Jeanne did not answer.

"I've always been curious. Where did you get the confidence to go against me? You're just the daughter of a businessman, so what qualifications do you have to go against me?!" Melody was full of sarcasm.

"Ms. Sanders, before the final result of anything comes out, don't jump to conclusions."

"You're still so stubborn at this time. You're really more powerful than I thought." Melody sneered. "But so what?! If I want to crush you in Harken, it would be easy!"

Jeanne's face darkened slightly.

"Jeanne, if you were more sensible, you wouldn't have to go through this." Melody was really arrogant. "I heard that you also didn't know what was good for you seven years ago. Right, Eden?"

Melody deliberately asked Eden, who was standing next to her.

Eden smiled sinisterly. "Yes. Seven years ago, a certain lady was just as ungrateful as she is now. Back then, I was dating her well. It was just a mistake that men often make. After I slept with Jasmine, she clung to me and insisted that I apologize to her in front of the nation!"

Jeanne watched the two of them speak in unison.

She only wanted to sneer.

"Jeanne, who do you think you are? You wanted me to apologize to you in front of the nation and admit that I let you down? Why don't you see what qualifications you have to make me do that?! It's undeniable that I did like you back then, but a woman should know her limits. Did you think that you could do whatever you want just because I liked you? Was the lesson I taught you seven years ago not enough?! You're still so full of yourself. Do you really think that you can beat me?!" Eden was sarcastic. "On this point, Jasmine is much smarter than you."

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Jeanne continued to look at Eden coldly.

"Women should serve their husbands and follow the four virtues. If you didn't think so highly of yourself, you wouldn't have fallen into this state. This applies to seven years ago as well! Seven years ago, if you had graciously accepted the fact that I slept with Jasmine, if you hadn't been so aggressive, you would be the one who could marry me and enjoy the glory and riches now instead of Jasmine. Compared to Jasmine, I have to admit that you're at least more attractive."

'Glory and riches? Accepting that he cheated on me?'

Jeanne really felt that Eden was extremely laughable at the moment.

Did he think that women should obey men and that it was only right for men to do whatever they wanted?

Moreover, a dog would not change its course.

Having cheated once meant that he would cheat twice.

During this period, did Eden not give Jeanne all sorts of hints so that he could do something disgusting behind Jasmine's back?!

Jeanne had to admit that there was a period when she did regret it. When she was penniless and living a miserable life abroad, she regretted her impulsive actions. Even after the media exposed that Eden slept with Jasmine, at a certain moment, Jeanne wanted to forgive him. She was also telling herself that Eden did not really like Jasmine and that it was just a spur of the moment...

Now, Jeanne was glad that everything that she had done back then had led to a break with Eden.

Otherwise, if she had forgiven him and gotten back together with him, now that she knew all of Eden's disgust, she might do something even more extreme.

Eden saw how Jeanne was not saying anything and thought that she was regretting it.

He appeared even more pleased. He asked, "Do you regret everything that you did back then? Do you envy Jasmine very much now?"

Jeanne's eyes moved slightly.

Eden seemed to be very eager to get her to admit that she regretted treating him that way back then.

Jeanne was cold. She said, "I don't regret it. I'm even glad that I could get rid of a dirty person like you!"

The smile on Eden's face instantly froze. He stared fiercely at Jeanne.

"As for Jasmine..." Jeanne smiled sarcastically. "Other than feeling pity for her, there's nothing else."

"You're still a stubborn duck!" Eden gritted his teeth.

"What's there to be envious about a woman who can't even control her husband?!"

"Jeanne, you still can't learn how to please people!" Eden asked fiercely, "Do you know what kind of situation you're in now?"

Jeanne's expression changed slightly.

She had to admit that she wanted to kill Eden at this time.

She was clear at this moment that other than Melody leading this matter, Eden had also put a lot of effort into this.

In the past, she was blind to fall for a disgusting man like Eden!

"The facts of your crime are clear now. Once you go to court, the judge will directly sentence you and won't even give you a second chance to appeal. In other words, this is the only time you can beg me now. Yet, you're still behaving like seven years ago and don't know what's good for you!" Eden said fiercely, "Seven years ago, you might've been young and full of vigor. Now, you're 25 years old and not young anymore, but you're still so stubborn. Do you think that the things that happened to you seven years ago were not bad enough?!"

Jeanne smiled.

Her smile was very cold.

Even so, she was just so indifferent.

Eden gritted his teeth.

He looked at Jeanne fiercely.

Yes.

Today, he came to see Jeanne with Melody to trample on her. He wanted Jeanne to please him. He wanted her to regret everything that happened in the past and present. He could not accept the fact that Jeanne was showing off in front of him. He could not accept the fact that she was living very well.

Despite that, no matter how Eden tried to guide her, Jeanne was still the same. She treated him lightly.

Compared to letting Jeanne suffer a tragic outcome, Jeanne wanted to see her submit to him. He wanted to see her truly regret and submit to him!

“If I beg you, will you let me go?” Jeanne suddenly opened her mouth. “If I beg you, I'll only humiliate myself more. I'll only let you trample on me more happily. Other than that, I won't get any benefits.”

Eden looked at Jeanne coldly.

This woman knew everything.

She was indeed very smart.

Ever since Jeanne came back, she had displayed a series of actions in the business world. Although Eden was unwilling, he had to admit that she had her abilities. If he did not have the incident with Jasmine back then, he would be married to Jeanne, and she might be able to give him a helping hand in the business world!

Eden gritted his teeth.

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He would not admit that he actually despised Jasmine now.

It was to the point that he would feel annoyed whenever he saw Jasmine at home during this period.

Other than fawning on him, acting coquettishly to him, and crying, Jasmine knew nothing else. She could not help him at all in his career!

Eden originally thought that he needed such a woman who would treat him like a king. After all, any man had the desire to conquer, and they all hoped that their woman could completely submit to them. However...

He was starting to hate Jasmine.

He hated that she was useless!

"Jeanne, at this point, you can still think so much. I really admire you," Melody suddenly said, "If it wasn't because we're enemies, you'd really be a talent."

"Ms. Sanders, you flatter me," Jeanne replied in a neither servile nor overbearing manner.

Melody sneered. "It's just that in the greater world, there are many people with talent and ability, but there are very few people with supreme power. Eden is right. If you had a little self-awareness and restrained yourself, you wouldn't have come to this stage."

Jeanne did not have any reaction.

"I did come here today to see your sorry state," Melody admitted.

She was much more straightforward than Eden.

It was probably because of the environment she grew up in, which gave her that confidence and domineering bearing. In front of others, she could be unrestrained.

Melody continued, "If you do as we wish and humble yourself to admit your mistakes... Of course, you'll still get what you deserve, but at least the process wouldn't be so tragic."

Jeanne's eyes narrowed.

She knew that Melody's words were the main point.

She looked at her warily.

Melody also saw Jeanne's sudden change in mood.

'She's really smart.

'She knows when she's really being threatened.

'But it's too late now.

'It's too late to beg me.'

Melody wanted to let Jeanne know that if she provoked her, she would suffer a fate worse than death.

She asked, "Eden, I heard that seven years ago, you didn't even lay a finger on Jeanne?"

"That's right." Eden was extremely sarcastic. "Back then, Ms. Lawrence protected herself very well. Even holding hands made her angry. Now, she has brought back an illegitimate child. It's simply disgusting."

“Then, if I let you f\*ck this woman now, do you think she's dirty?” Melody was very indifferent. “If you think it's dirty, I'll let someone else do it.”

“It's a little dirty, but I still have my regrets.” Eden smiled viciously.

“In that case, do it before you let someone else do it.” Melody was straightforward. She said such cruel words coldly.

Eden nodded.

“Then I'll leave it to you.” After Melody finished giving her instructions, she turned around and left.

She was not the least bit sloppy.

Jeanne coldly watched her leave. At this moment, she felt Eden's intense gaze!

She turned around.

Eden's eyes were filled with malevolence. “Jeanne, have you ever thought that you'd one day be trampled on by me when you never let me touch you back then?!”

Jeanne sneered.

'Trampled on?!

'It depends on whether you can actually do it or not.'

Jeanne just watched Eden approach.

Just when she gritted her teeth and prepared to resist...

A familiar male voice suddenly appeared at the door. An incomparably cold voice sounded in the dark detention center. "Eden, you're really not afraid of death!"

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"Eden, you're really not afraid of death!" A bloodthirsty voice sounded.

Eden was shocked all of a sudden, and his hair stood on end.

He turned his head abruptly, and the moment he turned his head, he saw his fourth uncle.

'Why is he suddenly here?

'Shouldn't he disappear for at least a week?!'

At this moment.

Melody had also returned.

It was obvious that she had been forced back by Eden's fourth uncle.

Edward's aura completely suppressed everyone at this moment. This included Melody, who was supposed to be at her home ground.

Melody seemed to be shocked by Eden's fourth uncle's vicious aura at this moment. She just looked straight at Edward and did not let anyone stop him from entering.

Jeanne was also a little surprised.

She did not think that Fourth Master Swan would appear here. She had always thought that the person who would appear would only be Kingsley.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

She was to be able to remain calm and face everything calmly.

Edward glared fiercely at Eden.

Eden unconsciously clenched his fists tightly. He was trying his best to calm himself down. He even felt that he would be so frightened by his fourth uncle's appearance at the next second that his body would tremble.

Edward's eyes shifted. He no longer looked at the others and walked straight toward Jeanne.

Jeanne's heart... Throbbled.

It was obvious that she was touched. At this moment, she could not even ignore it.

Not only could she not ignore it, but she also felt that her heart was beating at an unusual rate.

Her heart was beating hard.

She suddenly felt that this scene was somewhat familiar.

It was a familiar scene in her imagination.

Seven years ago, when Jeanne was faced with her father's cruelty, Eden's despicable act, as well as everyone's insults and slurs, she had also thought that if only someone could appear to defend her against everything she was facing...

It turned out that... This was how it would feel.

Jeanne's eyes moved slightly.

She was also trying her best to restrain herself.

She did not want to be impulsive.

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After all, she was no longer that 18-year-old girl.

If Fourth Master Swan had appeared when she was 18 years old and held her in his arms, perhaps...

There was no 'perhaps'.

There were also no 'ifs'.

This world was just so realistic.

"I'm late," Fourth Master Swan said. It was completely different from the cold-blooded tone he had used on Eden earlier. There was even regret and tenderness in his tone.

Jeanne smiled faintly.

He was indeed late.

He was seven years too late.

Nonetheless, she could play along at this time. "No, it's just right."

Edward smiled.

His smile was truly captivating at this time.

He took off his coat and placed it gently on Jeanne's thin body.

Afterward, he hugged her very naturally in his arms.

At this moment, Jeanne did not push him away. She leaned gently into his arms.

It was such an uncontradictory scene where they looked like a match made in heaven. However, Melody and Eden had an even more ferocious look on their faces.

They seemed to be outsiders while Edward and Jeanne were expressing their love for each other.

Under the pressure of Edward's aura, Melody forced herself to take the initiative again. She said, "Edward, it's useless even if you come! The evidence of Jeanne's crime is conclusive, and she'll still be punished by the law. I advise you not to interfere at this time, lest you get your feet wet. Your loss will outweigh your gain."

"Whether or not I want to interfere and if my loss outweighs my gain, that's my business. Ms. Sanders, you seem to be too controlling."

"Edward, why are you still obstinate?! Don't you know who's the ruler of Harken now? How dare you go against the Sanders? You..."

"If you want to take Jeanne away, you need my permission! If I don't agree..." Edward suddenly gave off a cold aura, making the others gasp. "Let alone the Sanders, even if it's the king of heaven, I can kill him!"

Melody was stunned.

At this moment, Eden was so scared that he did not dare to speak. Even his breathing changed.

Edward narrowed his eyes, but he then looked at Jeanne with a gentle gaze.

He asked in a calm tone, "Ms. Sanders, do you understand?"

Melody gritted her teeth.

She would not be threatened by Edward.

The Swans were merely a meritorious contributor to the founding of the country. The Sanders would respect the Swans from the standpoint of humanism, but if the Swans violated the rights of the Sanders, the Sanders would also go against them. As for the Swans, what could they do to counter the Sanders? The Sanders would suffer some economic losses at most, but the Swans would suffer terribly.