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Chapter 441: Humiliating Eden In Public

In Swan Enterprise's senior management meeting room, the finger was directly pointed at Eden!

The entire place was silent for a moment, and everyone was stunned.

They all looked at Jeanne in unison and then at Eden.

Looking at Eden sitting on the other side, their expressions were extremely ugly.

It was already hard for him to accept that Jeanne had 8 percent of the Swan Enterprise's original shares. Yet now, Jeanne was accusing him in front of so many of the senior management. After all, during that time, especially after he got married... he had been working hard to perform at work and obtain everyone's approval.

He had to admit that he had a huge ambition.

His eyes were on his Fourth Uncle's position, and he always thought he could one day ban his Fourth Uncle. However, he could not believe that during the rapid development of his career, Jeanne was publicly accusing him!

That woman!

Was that woman not looking for local suppliers to negotiate with and trying to convince them to stop the in-store bulk-buying campaign?

Then, almost in an instant, Eden realized Jeanne's trick.

He found out that she was deliberately trying to confuse his attention and create a diversion to make him think that her focus was on the supplier. It never crossed his mind that she had changed her direction long ago, making it impossible for him to guard against her.

Eden gritted his teeth.

At that moment, even though Jeanne was accusing him, he was not particularly flustered.

Jeanne was smart — smart enough to think he might have done something behind the scenes. However, it was impossible for Jeanne to find any evidence against him. He even suspected that the woman was making such a big fuss because she wanted to use this to threaten him and make him admit that he had done something like that.

How ridiculous.

He, Eden, had been taught by the Swans since young, so he could remain calm at all times. Did Jeanne really think she could scare him with just a few words?

He looked at Jeanne and said unhurriedly, “Jeanne, what right do you have to say that an in-store bulk-buying activity in Minze District is related to Swanhaven Bank? I didn't even know there was such a thing going on.”

When he said it, he even laughed sarcastically.

Jeanne looked at Eden.

She had expected that he would not admit it.

Before she could speak, Edward suddenly spoke. He said coldly to Eden, “In a formal setting, call her Director Lawrence.”

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Since she was a shareholder, she was a director in Swan Enterprise.

Eden's expression changed.

In front of his Fourth Uncle, he still had to be respectful. After all, his Fourth Uncle still had the final say in the Swans.

However, he would replace her one day.

“Usually, you can call her Fourth Aunt,” Edward added, her tone still stern. “But you can't call her Jeanne.”

Eden suppressed his anger, but he looked furious.

He was supposed to call Jeanne his Fourth Aunt?

How could he call Jeanne his Fourth Aunt, which would make him lower in seniority than that woman!

He unconsciously clenched his fists and endured it.

“Madam, please continue.” Edward looked over at Jeanne with an amiable gaze. It was totally different compared to the way he looked at Eden earlier.

All the senior management present were a little surprised.

The impression Edward usually gave people was that he was cold, hard to approach, and did things cleanly and swiftly. He did not show any mercy.

Not to mention the employed senior manager here, even the members of the Swans, including Henry, the eldest son of the Swans, did not dare to go against Edward and would follow his word at work. Hence, him treating Jeanne like that at the moment... was a little hard for them to accept.

It was rumored that Fourth Master Swan married the eldest daughter of the Lawrences with rows of cars filled with flowers. Now, it seemed that was indeed an intentional act and not just a formality.

He really did not know how a second-hand good like the Lawrences' eldest daughter had fallen in love with Fourth Master Swan and so deeply in love at that.

At that moment, Jeanne smiled faintly at Edward.

To everyone, they were showing off their affection with that interaction.

With that, Eden's fists clenched even tighter!

He could not understand why his Fourth Uncle liked Jeanne so much!

What did he like about that woman?

He admitted that he was also attracted to Jeanne back then and really liked the woman. However, no matter how much he liked her, he could still be seduced by other women. When that woman ruined his reputation, he could also use all means to deal with her. Even now, he had no choice but to admit that he still felt like conquering that woman. Even if Jeanne could indeed make many men fall in love with her, his Fourth Uncle, who was rumored to have never liked women and did not smile, should not have been so easily attracted to Jeanne to such an extent!

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He kept suppressing the anger in his heart.

Rather than saying he could not accept Jeanne flaunting her power in front of him, what he could not accept even more was the fact that after Jeanne abandoned him...

That was right.

It seemed like he was the one who abandoned Jeanne back then, but in reality, Jeanne was the one who chose to abandon him. If Jeanne had endured it back then, they could still be together, but she chose to fight to the death.

All these years, he had always wanted Jeanne to submit to him completely.

However, after Jeanne had abandoned him, she seduced his Fourth Uncle, whom the entire South Hampton City, including him, was afraid of.

His Fourth Uncle even spoiled her so much that she was now lawless!

He could not accept that Jeanne was living such a good life after she abandoned him!

He looked at Jeanne coldly as she said calmly, "I have evidence!"

The moment she said that, Eden felt a chill down his spine. He thought he was meticulous in doing things but was also afraid that he left some traces behind.

Despite that, he just looked at Jeanne without batting an eyelid.

All he could do now was wait and see.

Jeanne said, "To subsidize the merchants a normal profit for the Minze District's in-store bulk-buying campaign... According to the current transaction situation, the amount of subsidy needed for a month's sales will be 300 million. Of course, with small profits and high sales, the merchants will also give out a part of the profit. According to the principle of 88 percent discount in the market, it will add to 264 million."

"So, Director Lawrence is trying to say that I took out 264 million and gave charity to the Chamber of Commerce in Minze District?" Eden asked somewhat sarcastically.

"Yes," Jeanne replied.

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Eden smiled again and said, "During this time, none of the projects that Swanhaven Bank loaned from were 264 million yuan. I can even provide an internal financial account of Swanhaven recently. To say the least, if the charity fund exceeds 50 million dollars, I have to apply for approval from the headquarters, which is my Fourth Uncle. I don't have such authority to allocate funds privately. Even if I allocate funds privately, the loan will not go through. Director Lawrence, before you're familiar with the internal procedures of Swan Enterprise, it's best not to make irresponsible remarks. It will make people think you're very unprofessional and... unreasonable."

Eden looked confident.

He believed that Jeanne was deliberately threatening him on such an occasion, thinking that he would panic and admit it just like that in front of so many people!

She was simply underestimating him. Since he could do such a thing, he had long been prepared!

He looked at Jeanne coldly.

He could take that opportunity to slap his Fourth Uncle in the face!

If it were not for his Fourth Uncle indulging Jeanne, Jeanne would not be so arrogant!

Jeanne was about to speak, but Henry could not hold it in any longer.

At first, his heart was pounding nervously. After Jeanne accused his son so firmly, he felt a little guilty. He was afraid that his son would have really done something that would go against the company's principles. However, at that moment, seeing how confident his son was, he also believed that Jeanne was deliberately framing Eden. Hence, he could not help but stand up for his son.

He said, "I'm not saying these words because I'm Eden's father. I think that, with my understanding of Eden, he would not do such an arduous and unrewarding thing. Eden would not be so reckless.

Moreover, a 264 million charity fund is a huge investment, and Eden really doesn't have the authority to do so. Sister-in-law, in front of all the senior management, I might as well tell you that the funds allocated by Swanhaven Bank aren't something that can be simply signed and sealed. After the approval process, they need to be approved by the system. Doing it manually is impossible. Simply put, if Edward didn't sign and approve the funds through the system, the funds would not be allocated."

"Is that so?" Jeanne looked at Henry.

"I don't blame you if you don't know. After all, you don't work at Swan Enterprise, and you don't know that our internal procedures are so strict. A company like the Lawrence Enterprise probably doesn't have such thorough system software."

"Indeed, they don't. The Lawrence Enterprise has many projects that can be implemented through the manual signing and approval system."

"So, if there really is such a sum of money, this fund for charity should be approved by Edward and have little to do with Eden. Of course, I don't think it exists. The Swans have never been so foolish as to do such a meaningless thing!" Henry mocked and then said, "Putting aside whether the charity undertakings are done silently or announced to the world, the Swans will definitely not do such charity to subsidize the merchants. After all, whether the merchants could make up for the difference will depend on how much they earn. After all, that is their marketing method. I personally think that such a thing is not called charity and has no charity value! The charity that we, the Swans, have to do is either educational support, building roads in the countryside, medical treatment for diseases, or some scientific research and development. How can we subsidize the merchants for their losses? The Swans' money doesn't fall from the trees!"

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The more Henry spoke, the more he felt that Jeanne was spouting nonsense, and the more he looked down on her.

"I agree with your point of view." Jeanne nodded.

"In that case, why are you here today? To attract everyone's attention? To let all of us know that you're the second largest shareholder of Swan Enterprise? For you to show off to us that Edward gave all of his shares to you?" Henry's sarcasm could not be any more obvious.

“Brother, I don't think I'm as stupid as you think to use this method to highlight my status.” Jeanne smiled.

She smirked at Henry's point of view.

Henry's expression was a little ugly.

“Let's not talk about anything else!” Henry did not seem to want to get into an argument with Jeanne. “If you don't have concrete evidence to prove that Eden did such a thing...”

Henry smiled again.

This time, it was a sarcastic smile as if he thought it was impossible for Eden to do such a thing!

He said again, “I think our meeting today can end here. I really don't want to waste my time on this nonsense. Everyone part of the senior management has their own work to do, and we don't have time to fool around with you.”

After that, he said to Edward, “Edward, when there's a senior management meeting in the future, please let us know the subject of the meeting in advance. I personally think that we don't have to be here for some unimportant meeting. The time we wasted today can be considered as me showing you respect. But in the future, I hope you won't use your authority to do things that don't conform to your status...”

“Brother.” Jeanne interrupted him.

Henry's expression darkened. “On a formal occasion, please address me by my position.”

“Director Henry.” Jeanne addressed him differently and was not embarrassed.

However, Henry did not appreciate her kindness. “Since you can't give me a reason, let's end today's meeting here.”

After that, he stood up and prepared to leave.

“May I ask if you've ever given me a chance to speak in this meeting? From the beginning to the end, it was you and Eden who kept denying that this matter was funny and ridiculous. Did you give me a chance to prove that this funny and ridiculous matter is real?” Jeanne's eyes narrowed.

“Because I'm certain this matter doesn't exist, so I don't want to waste my time with you!” Henry insisted.

“What makes you think that it doesn't exist?”

“I believe in Eden.” Henry was very certain. “He was groomed by me since he was young and received the highest level of education. He is more than capable. How could he make such a low-level mistake?”

“Of course, he won't make a mistake...”

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“Since he won't, what else is there to say?” Henry just did not want Jeanne to speak.

Every single thing she said was directly hit back at her halfway through.

Jeanne's expression was clearly a little ugly.

It was obvious.

Henry was deliberately targeting her so that she could not speak in front of the senior management and tell them the whole story. He just did not give her the chance to verify everything.

He just wanted to make her leave in a sorry state, right?

Edward's expression changed.

Just as he was about to speak, Jeanne's slender fingers directly pressed onto Edward's lips.

The touch of her palm made Edward pause for a moment, and he even kissed her.

'That pervert!' Jeanne thought as she retracted her palm without reacting to him.

She did not need Edward to help her.

To be more precise, she did not want all the senior management here to think that she was easy to bully and that she needed Edward's protection.

Jeanne looked at Henry with a serious expression. "Director Henry, you keep interrupting me. Since you don't want me to speak, does this mean you have a guilty conscience?"

"What nonsense are you spouting?" Henry flew into a rage.

"Otherwise, is interrupting someone like this your usual style?" Jeanne raised her eyebrows.

It was obvious that she was questioning Henry's upbringing.

Henry's expression turned grim. He said fiercely, "I just don't want to waste everyone's time!"

"What do you mean by waste?" Jeanne's eyes narrowed. Suddenly, her presence seemed stronger as she asked word by word, "As a director of the company and the second largest shareholder, don't I have the right to have everyone sit down for a meeting?!"

Henry was speechless.

He was silent for a few seconds before he retorted, "It's not that you don't have the right, but even if you have a high status, you still need a reasonable reason for everyone to sit down and have a meeting. Even the chairman has his reason for having a meeting. As for you, I really don't know what your purpose is! Is it to deliberately suppress Eden? Is it to show that you're dissatisfied with Eden's work? Jeanne, are you using your current status to benefit yourself?"

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Jeanne's expression turned cold.

"Because of your unhappiness with Eden back, you're deliberately trying to take revenge against Eden now—"

"Director Henry, Eden didn't abandon me back then," Jeanne reminded him.

This time, Henry's expression darkened.

"Back then, when Eden cheated on me, I was the one who broke up with him. As Eden's father, you should be very clear about all of it, and now you're trying to slander me? Are you deliberately trying to smear my name? Can I also suspect that because of my current identity, you father and son are jealous—"

"Jeanne!" Henry was really angered.

He slammed his hands on the conference table in front of him fiercely.

"In the company, I think it's better for you to call me Director Lawrence, Director Henry," Jeanne said bluntly.

Henry was so angry that his body was trembling.

However, Jeanne did not care at all. She did not even look at Henry as she turned to look at the others and said, "I have to say that the conversation with Director Henry just now did delay all of your time, and I apologize to everyone here."

The underlying meaning was that Henry had said a lot of nonsense today.

Henry suppressed his anger.

Elaine tugged at his big brother's clothes and gestured for him to sit down.

After all, Edward had been indulging Jeanne all along, and now that Edward was in charge of the entire Swan Enterprise, they could not win against her.

With that, Henry sat down in anger.

"Before I bring out the evidence, I will first state that I'm not here today to flaunt my identity. I am not that childish. I'm here because I'm now a member of the Swans, and I have the responsibility and obligation to expose the financial losses to Swan Enterprise. Then, I will try my best to stop the losses."

No one said anything else.

After all, if it was useless for Henry to make a fuss, let alone the others.

"President, can I borrow your projection?"

"Madam, please." Edward gave a look to the staff member, who went forward respectfully.

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Jeanne gave a few simple instructions and passed the USB to the staff member.

At the same time, a huge projector wined down from above. On the projector, the internal loan information of Swanhaven Bank appeared.

Eden's expression immediately changed.

How did Jeanne get her hands on Swanhaven Bank's loan information?

He looked at her without batting an eyelid. Then, he started getting a little nervous.

Although he had already rearranged it, if things really got to a point where he had to hand over the loan information, handing it over voluntarily and passively were two completely different things. He did not even know how Jeanne got it!

He looked coldly at the data on the screen.

“Excuse me, but where is the 264 million?” Henry was deliberately mocking her.

Jeanne glanced at Henry as if she could not be bothered with him anymore.

She turned her head to the screen and used a pointer to point at the data on the screen. She said, “Here, here, here, here, here, and finally here!”

She marked a few places on the screen.

Jeanne said, “It adds up to exactly 270 million.”

At that moment, Eden's face sank.

He had indeed split up that sum of money into a few batches and made a non-reimbursable loan.

He looked at Jeanne in disbelief.

"I've checked. These six sums of money were transferred to six different charity undertakings, and then, they all ended up in one place." Jeanne looked up and said, "In the public accounts of the Minze District's Chamber of Commerce."

As Eden's face tensed, his body also tensed unconsciously.

He looked coldly at Jeanne. At that moment, she looked so nonchalant, as if she was waiting for him to make a fool of himself.

Jeanne said, "The six charity organizations all have a deep relationship with Swanhaven Bank. I've looked into it and verified the fact that Swan Enterprise has never concealed the fact that we do charity. I have to say, Swan Enterprise really has done a lot of charity in the past few years. We've invested in many charity projects and donated a lot of money. 80 percent of the charity organizations in Harken have a relationship with the Swans. With that relationship, Eden, as the general manager of Swanhaven Bank, is responsible for all the loans of the Swanhaven Bank, including the charity funding, so it's natural for him to have a good relationship with these merchants. Therefore, it's a piece of cake for Eden to find a few charity organizations to transfer the funds."

"How can you say that I was the one who transferred the funds?" Eden stood up and looked at Jeanne. "Swan Enterprise is to do charity with these charity organizations, so it's normal for me to donate money to them. If you look at more than just the data, you will realize that when these charity organizations needed funds, the Swan Enterprise will always allocate them some. This is a very common donation project, and the amount doesn't exceed 50 million. Since it's a long-term charity project, there's no problem for me to approve the funds!"

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"Why is there no news that Swan Enterprise is doing charity?" Jeanne asked.

"I have too many things to do and haven't followed up on the news for a while. I admit this is my mistake, but Director Lawrence can't just take this as me allocating funds to Minze District! Moreover, what benefits do I get from allocating funds to Minze District?" Eden asked in return.

"Don't you know full well whether there are benefits or not?" Jeanne asked sarcastically.

Eden's expression darkened. "Director Lawrence, I think you've concluded that I was the one who did this based on these few sets of data. Do you think you're convincing?"

"But all these funds eventually ended up in Minze District's Chamber of Commerce. Doesn't that prove something?"

"I've donated the money, and since the social organizations have accepted my money, they'll use it wherever they need to. It's their business what they do with the money. Out of courtesy, they can report the money they used to us. But now, I can tell you very clearly that I haven't received a single financial statement from them, so I really don't know where their money went," Eden said bluntly, seemingly having thought of all the measures.

He had probably thought about the matter very carefully, and that was why he appeared so calm throughout the entire process.

He continued, "Moreover, the six charity organizations that you're accusing are government public welfare organizations. To put it bluntly, they are approved of by the Sanders. The Chamber of Commerce, under the Sanders' government, is responsible for promoting the development of the local economy. Now, these six charity organizations are investing the funds into the Chamber of Commerce, which is also an investment in the public's social welfare. Isn't operations like that a very normal thing?"

Jeanne just looked at Eden with a magnanimous look.

When Henry heard what Eden said, he quickly spoke as well. He was probably still a little unconvinced by Jeanne's words earlier. "Did you hear that? Charity funds are very complicated, to begin with. If you don't understand, don't question it here. I suggest you ask more questions before holding this kind of meeting. Otherwise... you will embarrass Edward!"

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Jeanne glanced at Henry before ignoring him.

She continued to look straight at Eden. "What you mean is that you were only responsible for allocating the funds to these few charity organizations and did not manage where the funds ended up. You were just following Swan Enterprise's standard procedures."

"Yes." Eden was very confident.

"In that case..." Jeanne scrolled down the screen on the projector. "I would like to ask again. The Swan Enterprise allocated some funds to One Organization a month ago, but why did we donate more money to them in less than 20 days? One Organization is not the only one. Sunshine Organization was also just allocated funds two months ago. Why didn't Director Eden review such frequent allocation? Does he think he could get it approved since the request went through?"

Suddenly, Eden felt a little nervous.

At that time, all he wanted was to transfer all the money into the Chamber of Commerce for a reasonable reason, so he looked for a few government public welfare organizations to carry out his plans. To begin with, there were not many government public welfare organizations. Hence, to split the funds... he had no choice at all, and that was why he had not considered the fact that the allocation of funds was too frequent.

He gritted his teeth and said, "I really didn't pay too much attention to this. I'll check it later."

"Do you always make such mistakes, Director Eden?" Jeanne asked.

"As I said, I've been busy, so I might not have been paying enough attention to these donations. What's more, I have to say that Swan Enterprise has a donation quota to meet every year. In principle, it can't be too much or too little. The current donation quota is under control, so I didn't pay much attention to it! Moreover, Swanhaven Bank still has a lot of things I need to deal with. Right now, I'm negotiating a loan contract with a foreign country, and I admit I don't have enough energy for these trivial matters."

Of course, Jeanne would not listen to Eden's words. She said, "Swan Enterprise's annual donation quota can't exceed 300 million. This is only October. According to the usual practice, the end of the year is when every company does charitable activities. Now that Director Eden has used up the Swan Enterprise's quota, isn't this something you should be putting more attention on? Logically speaking, under such circumstances, you should at least report it to the headquarters."

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Eden gritted his teeth.

It was better to be caught for a work mistake than to be caught for deliberately ruining the company's interests. As such, he said, "That is indeed my fault. I was too busy, so I didn't have time to report it to the president. I am willing to accept the punishment."

"So, you still won't admit that you deliberately gave money to the Chamber of Commerce, huh?"

"It's not that I don't want to admit it, but I didn't do it at all." Eden was very certain.

"I originally thought you had your reasons for doing so, Director Eden. After all, my purpose here today is just to find out the truth. Perhaps I don't understand how allocating money to the Chamber of Commerce is useful to our Swans?" Jeanne said calmly.

"It's not." Henry interrupted, "This kind of thing doesn't benefit Swan Enterprise, and we won't take out such a huge sum of money."

Jeanne raised her eyebrows. "Is that so? Since that's the case, I won't beat around the bush anymore."

Eden frowned. Could it be that the woman was hiding something?

She had just told him so much and forced him to deny that he was related to the issue with the Chamber of Commerce.

However, once he was exposed, he would not be able to explain himself.

He gritted his teeth.

He had to admit that he was very nervous. His entire body was drenched in cold sweat as he looked at Jeanne, watching her open a video on the USB drive.

In the video was the person in charge of One Organization.

Eden's expression was very ugly.

Jeanne opened the video and played it.

The person in charge of One Organization said to the big screen, "Director Eden kept looking for me and asking me to help him allocate a sum of money to the Chamber of Commerce in Minze District to support an in-store bulk-buying campaign of theirs. Because the amount of money for this activity was too large, he needed me to split the amount of money for them. Since it doesn't violate the rules, and I have a close relationship with Swan Enterprise, I agreed to it without hesitation. Of course, my organization was not the only one that got the money. Five other public welfare organizations were also involved. I received 48 million yuan, but I'm not sure how much the other organizations got."

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With that, the video ended.

Jeanne turned to look at Eden, whose face was red with anxiety.

Back then, he had clearly explained to those people and told them not to say anything to anyone. If they did, they knew the consequences.

Moreover, he trusted those people more, but he did not expect that they would still betray him!

In fact, he had never thought that Jeanne would go so deep into investigating it, so he only explained it to those people without threatening them.

However, the people in the business world were all shrewd people, and a word from him was enough to warn them.

Unless there were other conflicts of interest, which he had no choice but to admit!

Eden glared fiercely at Jeanne.

Jeanne looked into his eyes and even smiled. She said, "I discovered some things he did that could not see the light of day, and in exchange, he admitted it."

“This is slandering! You're deliberately getting people to slander me!” Eden said, refusing to admit it.

“Of course, you can doubt me.” Jeanne nodded. “But I'm only here today to confirm the facts with you. There's nothing I can do if you don't admit it. After all, I can't legally do anything to you! However, I am one who will always see things through to the end. I now suspect that you have deliberately and illegally split the Swans' donation amount, causing a huge loss to Swan Enterprise's business. I will take my evidence to the court, and then, I can let the court give you the justice you deserve.”

“Jeanne!” Eden burst out in rage. “The law is based on facts. What benefits do I get from doing this and from financially subsidizing the Chamber of Commerce? Would I profit from it myself? I didn't take a single cent more from Swan Enterprise or gain any benefits from it. By doing this, you're only creating more conflicts within the family and damaging our reputation! You're simply unreasonable!”

“It's true. You didn't profit from it,” Jeanne said straightforwardly.

That was why Eden was still confident at that moment.

“But that doesn't mean you can't gain benefits from doing so!” Jeanne's eyes narrowed. “Your benefits aren't money but to suppress me.”

“What are you talking about?” Eden refused to admit it.

“It's a simple answer. As everyone knows, you and I parted on bad terms. Don't deny you can't bear to see me doing well, as I can't with me. Right now, Lawrence Enterprise is piloting an online e-commerce project. But coincidentally, just at the time and the area of our pilot, a sale started, so our online project naturally suffered heavy losses!”

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“You're blaming me for the Lawrence Enterprise suffering a heavy loss? Don't forget. I married Jasmine, so I'm also a part of the Lawrence family. The Lawrences' loss is also my loss!” Eden was still agitated.

“To the Swan Enterprise, this small loss is like a drop in the ocean. You don't have to care about it at all! More importantly, the reason you did this was to use this opportunity to make me leave Lawrence Enterprise. After all, this project is my responsibility, and if the project fails, it'll be my responsibility!”

“Jeanne, what nonsense are you spouting? Who hurt you? I don't give a damn about you! Since we broke up seven years ago, I haven't cared about you at all. Who gave you the confidence to make you think that I still care about you? You think too highly of yourself!” Eden ridiculed her.

Jeanne sneered.

At that moment, Henry said again, "Jeanne, I think you're unhappy that Eden chose to be with Jasmine back then. To be honest, I don't think that Jasmine has any outstanding qualities. But now that I see you like this and how ugly you are deep down, I'm really glad that my son didn't choose you back then. Or else—"

"Or else, what?" Edward's face darkened.

He had been silent the entire time, but the moment he opened his mouth, he could not suppress his anger anymore

Henry was still a little afraid of Edward, so he paused and did not say anything more.

Then, Jeanne played another voice message in front of everyone.

It was the conversation between Jeanne and Eden.

“Are you still hung up on what happened seven years ago?” It was Eden's voice.

“Young Master Swan, you're overthinking it...”

“... I'm not that indifferent to you. As long as you take the initiative, I can help you with many things.”

“...I dare not ask Young Master Swan for help either... Right now, I don't have the guts to go against Jasmine...”

“If I promise Jasmine won't do anything to you, will you—”

“Young Master Swan, your actions have consequences.”

The voice message ended there.

Eden's face instantly turned black.

He could not believe Jeanne had that recording, and neither did he notice Jeanne was recording!

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When Jeanne saw Eden's expression, she smiled.

When she returned after seven years, she told herself that she would collect as much evidence as she could with a recording device, a miniature camera...

She was everywhere!

At that moment, everyone was also looking at Eden. They did not expect Eden would do such a thing behind Jeanne's back!

Everyone thought it was Eden who did not want Jeanne back then.

Moreover, Eden had indeed humiliated Jeanne. He did it so resolutely. To the world, he showed that he was in love with Jasmine, but unexpectedly, he was now so shameless toward Jeanne!

Henry's expression changed as he glared fiercely at his son.

Eden gritted his teeth and kept quibbling, "I was testing Jeanne on purpose!"

Jeanne sneered.

Eden said, "I saw Jeanne was seducing Fourth Uncle, and I thought she was up to no good. That was why I wanted to test her. Jeanne, you think too highly of yourself. I can't believe you even recorded our conversation. Do you really think that I still have feelings for you?"

“Whether you do or not, you're well aware of it, Director Eden.”

“Don't think too highly of yourself...” Eden gritted his teeth.

Jeanne said, “Director Eden, since everyone has their own opinions, let's meet in court.”

It seemed that she did not want to say anything anymore.

Eden's body tensed up.

Jeanne ignored Eden and turned her head toward Edward. “Call the police. Let the Judicial Department investigate and collect evidence first.”

Edward nodded before picking up the phone.

“Wait!” Eden became anxious.

Everyone looked at him, who was suddenly looking extremely flustered!

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In the huge senior management meeting room in Swan Enterprise, under Jeanne's cold and calm demeanor, Eden was a little flustered.

He looked at the phone his Fourth Uncle was holding and hurriedly shouted, “Wait!”

That one word was enough for everyone to look at him and his sudden change in expression.

They watched him defend himself in the end and said, “Fourth Uncle, are you going to let Jeanne do this?”

Jeanne snickered.

At that moment, Eden was still refusing to admit defeat.

Edward glanced at Eden and asked in return, "Shouldn't I?"

Eden's expression turned cold.

"If I don't dote on my own wife, who will?" Edward was not shy about saying that in front of everyone.

Eden gritted his teeth.

He really could not understand how Jeanne seduced his Fourth Uncle. How did she, in a short time, make his Fourth Uncle fall head over heels for her?

He even saw a huge difference in his Fourth Uncle ever since he and Jeanne got together!

“Moreover,” Edward said, “in this matter, I really didn't indulge her. After all, what she said was reasonable. If you're innocent, the law will let you go!”

Eden gritted his teeth and could not say a word.

Edward said, “Let me remind you again. You are not allowed to call her Jeanne. Know your place!”

Eden looked at his Fourth Uncle coldly.

In front of him, he had never dared to resist. Sometimes, he was even intimidated by his aura.

At that moment, it was the same.

He looked at his fourth uncle, his eyes were red.

The meeting room was quiet. Everyone seemed to be waiting for the truth of whether or not Eden had done anything.

Time ticked away, and Eden did not say anything for a long time.

Edward did not seem to want to waste his time with Eden either, so he lowered his eyes and made a call.

Eden simply watched as Edward dialed the number with a nonchalant expression.

After the call connected, Edward said, "Is this the judicial authority—"

"I admit it!" Eden suddenly said out loud.

Edward narrowed his eyes.

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Suddenly, Eden compromised and said anxiously, "Fourth Uncle, don't call the police!"

Edward's hand holding the phone tightened as he looked at Eden coldly. At that moment, his expression was grim.

Eden could also feel the gaze of his Fourth Uncle, and under that gaze, he had nowhere to hide.

Eden had indeed gone against Edward and Edward's principles!

When Jeanne asked him to hold a senior management meeting today to accuse Eden, he knew Eden must have done such a thing. In fact, he had to admit that he was somewhat touched that Eden admitted it. At least for a very long time, he had regarded Eden as one of Swan Enterprise's heirs. Therefore, he actually treated Eden quite well and gave Eden quite a bit of advice on the developments in the business industry.

At that moment, Edward hung up the phone.

His expression was ice-cold as he looked at Eden, who had become flustered.

In the senior management meeting room, a few seconds of silence filled the air.

While everyone was still caught off guard by the turn of events, Henry flew into a rage. He glared fiercely at his son. "Eden, what are you talking about?"

Eden's body tensed up.

He had to admit it now.

If he did not, the judicial authorities would be involved in the investigation. With the evidence Jeanne had, it would be hard for him to explain himself. He did not know what else Jeanne had in her hands!

Once it involved the judicial authorities, it would be impossible to resolve it privately.

Once it was known to the public, he would be imprisoned for allegedly abusing his power and harming the Swan Enterprise's profits!

At that thought, he could no longer persist with defending himself.

Hence, he admitted it right away.

The fact that he was defending himself so desperately just now made him even more embarrassed!

He did not dare to look at his father.

He just stood there, feeling humiliated in front of all the senior management.

When Henry did not get an answer from Eden, his expression darkened. “Eden, tell me now! Did you or did you not give the money to the Chamber of Commerce in Minze District? Did you do such a thing?”

Eden clenched his fists.

“Speak!” Henry was furious.

Still, Eden chose to remain silent.

In fact, silence meant tacitly agreeing to it.

Henry was so angry that his body was trembling.

He could not believe that his son, whom he had always been proud of, had done such a thing.

To think that he was mocking Jeanne so indignantly just a moment ago. Now, he was more than ashamed of himself.

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He had never thought that his proud son would do such a thing!

Eden had never been such a reckless person!

He asked Eden furiously, “Are you crazy? How could you do such a thing? Do you know the consequences of abusing your power?”

He did, but he just could not bear to see Jeanne live a good life. He just wanted that woman to fall into his hands slowly and become miserable.

“Eden!” Henry was so angry that he really wanted to beat Eden to death.

After all, he was the head of the Swans and the eldest son. In front of so many of the senior management, he felt utterly humiliated!

“I had no choice. Jasmine forced my hand!” Eden looked like he was about to break down.

Jeanne's eyes narrowed.

That man, Eden, really knew how to find someone else to take the fall.

She looked at him coldly as he said, “Jasmine has always been jealous of Jeanne. Now that Jeanne is doing very well in Lawrence Enterprise, she's afraid that Jeanne will be in the limelight and that Lawrence Enterprise will end up in Jeanne's hands. That was why she asked me to help her chase Jeanne out of the Lawrence Enterprise! I love Jasmine so much that I can't reject her request. That was why I was so muddle-headed and did such a thing!”

“How could you do everything for a woman? Was that what I taught you?” Henry scolded his son, feeling a little resentful that Eden did not live up to his expectations.

“Dad, you know Jasmine and I have a good relationship. She begged me every night...” Eden said. At that moment, he looked like he was on the verge of breaking down.

Suddenly, he had lost his previous arrogance and became extremely emotional.

Jeanne looked at Eden's performance coldly, thinking about how she fell in love with Eden back then.

Was this the Eden she saw back then? How sinister and cunning he was!

Could he really betray anyone for his own benefit?

At that moment, she even pitied Jasmine a little.

Now that Eden had put all the blame on Jasmine, she would probably not live a good life from now on, be it in the Swans or the Lawrences.

Jasmine would not be able to please anybody.

Hence, she said calmly, "You mean Jasmine made you do all of this?"

Eden nodded, pushing all the blame onto Jasmine.

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"You finally admit it now, huh? So, you did use your authority to give up to 270 million dollars to the Chamber of Commerce?" Jeanne asked.

Eden nodded uncomfortably.

"It's good that you admit it. Otherwise, we will be wasting more of everyone's time," Jeanne said indifferently.

Eden frowned.

He had a feeling that there was another meaning to what Jeanne said.

The next second, he heard Jeanne say coldly, "Eden, go and turn yourself in!"

What?

Eden thought he had heard wrongly and looked straight at Jeanne in complete disbelief.

The woman had done so much just to embarrass him into admitting it, but she had never thought of letting him go.

As soon as she said that, the others were also a little surprised.

Although Eden had indeed abused his power to break the law, Eden was still a member of the Swans no matter what. Therefore, they could solve the matter internally and had never thought it would go to such an extent!

Jeanne took in everyone's gazes. "Eden's abuse of power has caused losses to the Swan Enterprise. Now, we need to use legal means to punish Eden and get our money back from the Chamber of Commerce through the proper channels so as to minimize our losses even more."

They had to admit that, according to the rules, that was the best solution. If it were anyone else, they would have done that without a doubt.

However, Eden was still a member of the Swans.

Even if it caused a certain amount of losses to the company, it was considered the Swans' loss. There was no need to go so far.

Nevertheless, Jeanne did not look like she was joking as she said it with a serious face.

Eden stared fiercely at Jeanne.

At that moment, he really wanted to strangle that woman to death and take her down with him.

“Jeanne!” Henry's voice was very loud. “Are you crazy? You want Eden to turn himself in? Do you want to destroy Eden?”

Although he hated Eden for not living up to expectations, Eden was still his son. He could not watch as Eden went to jail!

Jeanne's eyes moved as she looked at Henry and said, “That was Eden's choice. He should pay the price for his choice!”

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“Didn't you hear what Eden said? Jasmine forced him to do this!”

“No matter if she did or did not...” Jeanne's eyes narrowed. “Without the person involved present here, none of us will know the truth!”

“What do you mean?” Henry's face turned grim.

“Do you believe Eden's one-sided story?”

“Eden has never lied!” Henry was certain.

“In that case, why did he keep defending himself just now?” Jeanne mocked.

Jeanne made Henry speechless.

At that moment, he was also extremely embarrassed.

Not only Henry but Eden was also extremely embarrassed.

From the moment he entered the company until now, his development had been smooth. Although he was not as outstanding as his fourth uncle, he was still a rather capable leader. The people under him and even some senior executives had high evaluations of him.

However, that woman, Jeanne, ran his reputation through the mud today.

He really did not expect that one day, he would be reduced to such a sorry state by that woman!

Jeanne said, “Of course, even if Jasmine forced him, the person who did wrong was ultimately Eden. Shouldn't he be punished for his wrongdoings?”

Henry was furious.

Then, Elaine finally started to speak up for Eden.

Henry and Elaine were on the same page because the two of them were not very satisfied with Old Master Swan's arrangements for Edward. As such, they had formed a united front.

At that moment, she said to Jeanne with the tone of an elder, “Jeanne, don't be unreasonable!”

Jeanne's gaze fell on Elaine again.

She even smiled at her. "Sister— No, Director Elaine, do you think I've taken it too far?"

"Yes." Elaine nodded.

"The way you see it is he shouldn't be responsible for something wrong he's done, and our company should be the one bearing the financial loss instead! However, if the person who made the mistake wasn't Eden but another person with another family name who has nothing to do with the Swans, would you think so too?"

"But Eden is a Swan!" Elaine was biased. "This is Swan Enterprise, so the Swans naturally have their privileges!"

"What you mean is that the Swans can do whatever they want, even if it means destroying the family."

"Don't twist the facts around!" Elaine's presence was intimidating!

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"Are you saying that since the Swans slowly built this company up from the ground, it can also be slowly destroyed?" Jeanne's presence was no less intimidating. "It cannot be denied that the Swans are part of Swan Enterprise, but the company is not only made up of the Swans. Swan Enterprise doesn't only need the Swans, but we also need the tens of thousands of employees as well! You're so biased towards Eden, but have you thought about how to convince the public? Or do you think there's no need to convince the public? After all, the Swans have the final say in Swan Enterprise!"

"Jeanne!" Elaine was also embarrassed by Jeanne's words.

"I'm just reminding you, Director Elaine, that as a leader, you should act like a leader. Leading by example is what a leader should do!"

"It's not your place to lecture me!"

“You have misunderstood. I'm only stating my point of view. My intention wasn't to lecture you.” Jeanne even smiled. Her attitude was very good.

The more she acted like that, the angrier Elaine became.

However, Elaine suppressed her anger and turned her head to look at Edward. “Tell me how you're going to deal with this!”

Everyone was also looking at Edward.

Even though Jeanne was now the second largest shareholder of Swan Enterprise, the real power lay in Edward's hands.

He was the key person who could dictate that matter.

Edward said without thinking twice, “Let's go with what Jeanne said.”

“Edward!” Henry started to throw a fit.

Edward said, “If you did something wrong, being a Swan won't give you any privileges.”

“He's your nephew. How could you bear to do that?” Henry was so angry that his body was trembling.

“All the more for you to take this as a lesson.” Edward said indifferently, “If you, as a member of the Swans, don't consider things from the family's standpoint, you'll be punished even more.”

“You!” Henry looked at Edward and could not find the word to say.

Edward could not care less about Henry.

Then, he moved his finger, gesturing for the staff next to him to come forward.

“Call the judicial department to come over and collect evidence to investigate—”

“Edward, you're not the only one with the final say in the company's matters!” Henry stopped him.

Edward's eyes narrowed.

Just that alone could make all of them shudder.

“After all, our father is the chairman of the company! You can't make a decision on your own!” Henry said fiercely, “This matter should be handled by the chairman and not you!”