

## **CEOs Baby 531**

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"Finn, let's get a divorce," Monica said seriously.

Finn simply looked at her coldly, and his lack of reaction was scary.

Monica quickly said, "It's a temporary divorce. Michael's current situation requires me to help him restore his image. Once outsiders know that we've been divorced for a long time and that I'm in a normal relationship with him, he'll be able to rebuild his image and get everything that belongs to him. As long as he's on the right track, we'll be together again."

Monica explained to Finn seriously, hoping that Finn could understand her.

She believed that it was only a matter of time before she would return to Finn's side and be together with him.

"Monica, you don't take me seriously, do you?" Finn asked.

Monica was stunned.

Finn said, "I said you absolutely can't help Michael by being together with him. Have you forgotten about it so quickly?"

"I just--"

"I don't agree with it," Finn answered confidently.

"But I don't have a choice now. Michael's mother has told the reporters today that I'm in a relationship with Michael. If I refute them now, it'll be the end of Michael's career. The media will even use his mother's words to slander Michael even more. Finn, if I'm the reason Michael loses his reputation and everything that belongs to him, I will feel very guilty," Monica said emotionally.

Finn, on the other hand, became even colder. He sneered. "Guilty?"

"Michael is a good person. He shouldn't have to suffer everything that's happening to him now."

"He's a good person, so I'm that despicable villain, huh?" Finn glared at Monica.

"That's not what I mean. What I mean is that if I can help Michael, why wouldn't I help him? If I just let him be, I will never be able to be with you in peace. Even if we were to be together, I wouldn't be happy. I would still think of Michael—"

"Monica," Finn interrupted her. "If Michael is considerate of you, he wouldn't have used such a method to make things difficult for you!"

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"He didn't. I was the one who offered to help him. He had never thought of asking me for help. He wanted to solve it himself, but now, no one else other than me can help him resolve the issue. Finn, with Michael's ability, it won't take long for him to regain his position in the political scene. By then, we can be together again. Okay?" Monica asked cautiously, with anticipation written across her face.

She admitted she was selfish, and she knew it was unfair to Finn.

However, she could not let Michael be, especially since she was the only one who could help him. She could not bring herself to turn a blind eye to it.

She actually knew very well that if Michael lost everything because of her, she would never be able to live happily with Finn.

There would always be a knot in her heart that she would never be able to let go of.

Rather than being tormented by her feelings, it was better to settle everything once and for all so that she could be with Finn without any burden.

“Monica, have you thought about how long it would take for Michael to regain his position?” Finn asked her coldly.

“I believe in Michael's ability.”

“How long will it take?” Finn asked her aggressively. “One year, two years, or ten years? This is the political and not the business scene. Do you understand politics? If you agree to be together with Michael now, the entire country will know that you're together. Do you think you can separate? Once you do, it'll hurt his reputation again. It's an endless cycle. Do you really think that you can really separate from him? As I said, once you compromise, you'll do it again.”

“I won't!” Monica told Finn firmly. “I believe in Michael. He promised me that he would settle his matters as quickly as possible, and I believe he will be able to do it!”

“Yes, you believe in him, but you never believe in me.”

Monica was stunned.

“If you believed me, you wouldn't have agreed to Michael's request.”

Monica bit her lip.

It was not that she did not believe Finn. She just had no other choice.

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All she wanted was to help Michael.

Once he got everything he needed, she did not need to feel emotionally burdened.

Finn said, “Monica, let me tell you one more time. If you choose to help Michael in this way, it means you will always be with Michael. Once something happens between you and Michael, the media will not

let it go, and you will not be able to leave. You will be with Michael for the rest of your life! If that's the case, do you still choose to be with Michael?"

"Since Michael promised he would sort out his matters, he will definitely do it. I believe in him, and he will not lie to me!"

"He will not lie to you, huh?" Finn thought it was ironic.

He originally thought Monica really loved him very much, so she would listen to whatever he said.

However, it turned out that no matter how much she loved him, nothing he said could ever compare to Michael.

In her heart, whatever Michael said was true, but not Finn.

"In that case," Finn said coldly to Monica, "If you choose to be with Michael, our relationship will be over. Do you still want to do it?"

Monica looked at Finn, dumbfounded. Even after a long time, she could not find the words to say.

Finn repeated what he said before. "If you choose to be with Michael, our divorce will be real. I won't wait for you."

Monica's eyes were red.

She bit her lips and looked straight at Finn, saying, "Why do you have to force me?"

Force her? Was he forcing her?

He said, "Yes, I'm forcing you. I'm forcing you to make a decision."

“Finn, you have never understood my pain. Agreeing to help Michael also pains me because I know it's unfair to you, but I've been thinking about how to make it fair to you. Yet, have you thought about me at all? Have you ever thought about how much pain I would feel if something happened to Michael because I didn't help him?”

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“Make it fair to me? How are you going to do that? You want me to divorce you, watch you love another man, and wait for you until the end of time? Monica, all you can think about right now is what Michael is going through. But have you ever thought about what will happen to me after you divorce me? Do I have to pretend to be pitiful to gain your sympathy?” The sarcasm in Finn's tone was obvious. “Are you a saint?”

Monica's eyes were red as she looked at Finn.

She only wanted to help others. Why was Finn insulting her?

Was it wrong for her to be nice to others?

“Did you say you love me because you sympathize with me? Because I saved you and almost died, so it triggered your saint-like heart? Was that why you said you liked me and wanted to be with me again? Now that someone else needs you to be a saint for them, you won't hesitate to help him, huh? Monica, how can you be so selfless?”

“Finn, that's enough!” Monica yelled at Finn as his words had upset her. She did not expect Finn to mock her and hurt her deeply.

She was helping Michael, but why did he have to make her feel ashamed for doing so?

Why was he trampling on her pride like that?

“Monica, I won't agree to it. As I said, I won't agree to divorce you and then wait for you until whenever. Either you choose to separate from Michael and not interfere in his affairs, or we can get a real divorce. Then, I will never be together with you again. Even if all the women in the world die, I will never be together with you!” Finn sounded determined.

At that moment, her eyes seemed to have turned scarlet.

“Why do you have to say that, Finn?” Monica was on the verge of breaking down.

In fact, she felt terrible.

“Why do you have to do this? Why won't you believe me just this once? I said I will return to you, and I will keep my word. Why don't you believe me?”

“I don't believe Michael!” Finn shouted, “I refuse to believe he will let you go!”

“Finn, Michael isn't the person you think he is. Don't think so badly of him!”

“I'm bad?” Finn said fiercely, “He's a good person, and I'm the bad one. That's why I don't want to help him. That's why I won't let you help him this way! No matter what happens to him in the end, that's his own business. It has nothing to do with me and us!”

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“When did you become like this?” Monica looked at Finn in disbelief.

She had dated Finn for a year and had been married to him for three years. Although she hated him sometimes and thought he was narrow-minded and treated her badly, she never found anything wrong with Finn's character. She believed he was a principled man and always thought that...

Anyhow, she did not expect Finn would one day disregard the life and death of others.

“How can you be so selfish?” Monica asked him.

Selfish?

That was right. He was a selfish man who neither wanted her to have any interactions with other men nor wanted her to leave him.

He laughed sarcastically and said, "Monica, you're supposed to be selfish about your feelings for someone. If everyone could be as caring as you, do you think faithful love would exist in this world?"

"I said it before. Michael and I are just putting on a show, but you and I are serious. It's just a temporary separation. Once Michael—"

"You trust Michael, but I don't." Finn interrupted Monica. "So, I won't let you go to him."

"Can you trust me? Just trust me!" Monica was getting a little anxious.

If he did not trust Michael, could he trust her?

"I only trust myself." Finn enunciated each word, and there was no room for rebuttal.

Monica looked at him with her eyes red.

He said, "You only have two choices. It's either you choose him or me! Once you choose him, I will never have any feelings for you, and I will do as I say!" Finn was forcing Monica to make a decision — the decision to leave Michael.

Even if she found him despicable and disgusting, he would not allow her to go to Michael's side.

He knew very well that once Monica returned to Michael's side, it would be impossible for her to return!

"Finn, are you really going to force my hand?" Monica asked him.

Finn did not compromise.

“Do you have to make me feel so bad?” Monica asked Finn.

Other than saving her with his life, Finn had never treated her well.

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She had always thought that Finn would never express his feelings for her, but since he saved her with his life, it must be because he loved her very much.

Yet now, she suddenly felt that... maybe that was not the case. Perhaps it was as he said. In that situation, he would save anyone, but it just happened to be her at that time.

She even realized that other than the time he saved her, Finn had not done anything for her. He had also never confessed that he liked her.

“Finn, do you really like me? Do you really know what I want? Do you really know how sad I would be if you forced me to make a decision? I always thought that as long as I explained it to you, you would understand me and know I had no choice but to help Michael. However, you don't. You just keep forcing me to make a decision!” Monica's tears kept streaming down her face.

She did not expect Finn would treat her like that.

Despite seeing Monica in pain, Finn simply looked at her coldly and said, “Have you ever liked me?”

Monica was stunned, and her tears continued to overflow.

Was it not obvious that she liked him? Could he not sense that she liked him so much?

“Or do you like me because I saved you? Now that you think Michael is in his current predicament because of you, you'll run toward him! Monica, how can your love be so cheap? How it be so disgustingly—”

“Slap!” Monica suddenly gave Finn a tight slap on the face.

Finn glared at her with bloodshot eyes.

Monica clenched her fists so tightly that her whole body was trembling.

Why did Finn have to question her love for him?

Why did Finn have to trample on her feelings like that?

She had made it clear from the start that she had always liked him.

It was because she liked him that she felt guilty toward Michael.

That was why she wanted to help Michael to get through the difficult times, which she was part of the cause.

Only by helping Michael could she be together with him in peace.

She had made it clear to him, yet why did he still question her?

Her tears kept falling.

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She said, “Finn, Jeannie once told me you're an orphan, and orphans often don't have a sense of security. I didn't think much of it before, but now I see it. Because you don't feel secure, you think badly of the world and that you need others to do more for you! Finn, don't you think it's hard for people to accept you like this?”

Finn stared intently at Monica with his Adam's apple bobbing up and down.

In Monica's heart, Michael was despicable, but Michael was great.

"Let's get a divorce," Monica said again.

Finn glared at her.

"Tomorrow morning at 7 a.m. Michael has already spoken to the people from the civil affairs bureau. Before they open, they will first process our divorce certificate, and after that, Michael and I will announce to the public that we've been together this entire time— Mm..."

Monica was taken aback.

Suddenly, her words disappeared in Finn's kiss.

She instinctively resisted, for she was not in the mood to do that with Finn at that moment.

She twisted her body and pushed Finn away. However, Finn hugged her even tighter until both of them fell onto the sofa together.

"Ah!" Monica cried out.

It was because her head had hit the armguard on the sofa. Although it was soft, falling from a high altitude still frightened her. However, Finn kissed her again the next second.

"Mm." Monica resisted.

She kept pushing Finn away, trying to escape.

Finn's current behavior was frightening. What was more, the doctor said he had yet recovered fully to have sex.

At that thought, Monica pushed harder.

She managed to push him away forcefully, but in less than a second, Finn pressed her down again ruthlessly.

Finn was so strong that Monica could not resist at all.

No matter how she struggled, he trapped her under his body and kissed her fiercely and madly.

Monica suddenly fell quiet, and her tears kept streaming down her face.

She did not know why Finn was suddenly acting like that, especially at a time like that.

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All she knew was that him kissing her somehow made her feel even worse.

Finn kissed her like he had lost his mind, and only after a very long time did he stop.

She could feel him stopping just as he was about to go deeper into the kiss.

Then, he looked at her crying her heart out, and the anger and desire in his eyes seemed to disappear.

He looked straight at the woman under him and her pale, tear-filled face.

Suddenly, his rationality returned to him.

He said in a deep and cold voice, "Was my kiss so agonizing?"

Monica's eyes moved.

"Was what I did to you so agonizing?"

Monica's tears flowed even more.

She believed there was a huge gap separating her and Finn, and no matter how hard they tried, they could never understand each other.

She could not understand him, and he could not understand her either.

Even if they were in love, and their feelings were mutual, ultimately, they were different people.

Once a conflict arose, their relationship would be broken into pieces.

Since Finn did not get any response from Monica, he got up from her body, tidied her messed-up clothes for her, and sat aside.

Monica's heart ached.

In fact, she was fine with having sex and doing anything with Finn. She even looked forward to this day, but at that moment, under Finn's coercion, she felt a pang in her heart.

The two of them suddenly fell silent.

Amid the silence, Monica did not stop crying.

She did not even know why she was crying like the world was ending if Finn did not understand her.

After a long time, Finn suddenly spoke. He said, "Monica, regarding Michael's matter, let's think about how to help him."

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Monica was surprised to hear Finn's calm voice.

He said, "If you want to help Michael, being with him isn't the best or the only choice. We should think of a better solution."

Monica sat up from the sofa and said, "There's no better way. Right now, all the negative news about Michael is coming from him having an affair with me, so only by admitting that I'm in an official relationship with him can we solve this problem. Anything else will just be an excuse to the public. The more excuses we make, the more trouble we'll get into."

"That's why we have to think carefully about how to solve this problem." Finn was trying his best to calm himself down so that he could solve Michael's problem.

"It's useless. Michael has already thought it through. He wanted to use his previous image to make people forget about this, and he also tried to use his connections to get the officials in the political circles to give him a little help. However, all his attempts failed. More importantly, his father has passed away. Although it hasn't been announced to the public, it's true, and his father's death means that Michael is all alone and helpless among the officials." Monica also tried to keep herself calm as she told him, "We've thought of everything we can think of, and this is the only way."

"Give me some time. I'll discuss it with Fourth Master and Nox."

"There's no other way. Michael said there's no other way, so there must be no other way. Otherwise, he wouldn't have made things difficult for me."

"Monica, can you trust me just this once?" Finn suppressed his anger, which was ignited by the unconditional trust Monica had toward Michael.

“Other than Michael, none of us know anything about politics.” Monica was certain about it.

Finn looked at her coldly.

Monica gritted her teeth and said, “Finn, you've always told me to trust you, so can you trust me just this once? Once Michael is back on the right track, I will leave him and return to your side. Everything I'm doing is only to help him, and other than that, I have no feelings for him! I promise you. Give me a year at most. If Michael hasn't solidified his position within a year, and I've done my best, I won't feel guilty toward him anymore. Then, I'll return to your side—”

“So you've made up your mind to help him in this way?” Finn asked her.

“Yes.” Monica nodded firmly.

Finn's expression was cold.

Monica said, “I won't be staying here for the time being. Tomorrow morning, I'll pick you up to go to the civil affairs bureau—”

“Monica,” Finn interrupted her.

Monica bit her lip.

“There's no way I'll wait for you.”

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There was no way he would wait for her after she abandoned him.

At that, Monica felt a stab in her heart, but she said, "One year. It's just one year."

"I won't wait for even one day," Finn said straightforwardly. "You'd better think it through. Do you want to think of a way with me to help Michael, or do you want to break up with me and be with him?"

Monica said without hesitation, "I choose my way. I choose to help Michael by being with him."

Finn clenched his fists.

Then, Monica picked up her crutches from the ground and stood up from the sofa.

She said, "I'll go and find our marriage certificate."

Following that, she went to the bedroom.

The marriage certificate was with Monica because Finn had never asked for them. After all, three years ago, the marriage between Finn and her was just an act.

However, three years later...

Her eyes were a little red.

If Finn really loved her, she believed that even if he was angry and could not understand her now, he would wait for her.

As long as he loved her, all he had to do was wait for her for one year.

When she found the marriage certificate, she saw a photo of both of them on it, looking serious. Back then, they both thought the other party did not love them, so they pretended to act aloof.

She picked up the marriage certificate and limped out of the room without dwelling on it anymore.

In the living room, Finn was still sitting there motionlessly.

She may not be able to convince Finn now, but she believed time could prove it all — that everything she did was really just to help Michael.

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Finn would eventually understand.

Hence, she held onto her crutches, walked straight toward the door, and opened it.

Just as she was about to leave, the person sitting on the sofa suddenly held her and pushed her against the wall beside her.

Monica looked at Finn, who was agitated but was trying to suppress his emotions.

He said, "Once you walk out this door, we will have nothing to do with each other anymore."

Monica's heart hurt.

She could not understand why Finn had to use such a method to force her to make a decision.

She said, "Finn, if you can understand, please understand. But if you can't, anything I say now will be useless. I can't just leave Michael alone when I can help him. I can't—"

"I love you," Finn said suddenly and seriously.

Finn's confession suddenly made Monica speechless.

She looked at Finn.

“Because I love you so much, I can't accept seeing you with another man. Because I love you so much, I want to keep you by my side. Because I love you so much...” Finn's eyes were red.

Monica's eyes were also red as she said, “Finn, do you have to make me feel so bad?”

Finn could not believe it.

It turned out his confession was now a torment to her.

“You know I've made up my mind to help Michael, so why are you using such a method to stop me? Do you want me to die of sadness? Why are you so sad? How can you be so despicable?”

“Because I don't want you to leave. I really don't.” Finn enunciated each word as he said, “I've kept it to myself for many years, and you're right. I am an orphan. I don't have a sense of security. Unlike you, I don't dare to give unconditionally because I'm always afraid of being abandoned, so I always pretend to be cold to you. I admit that it was my fault when we broke up back then. I should've trusted you more and fought for you more. If I had been braver, you and Michael wouldn't be together...”

Monica could not stop crying.

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In fact, she had already let go of the past.

“Now, I want to be brave for once to confess my love for you and fight for you to stay with me. Monica, don't leave me!” Finn hugged her tightly in his arms.

However, that only made Monica feel even worse.

Why did Finn have to tell her those things at a time like that?

Why did he have to make it so hard for her to leave?

Despite that, she pushed him away and said, "Finn, I love you very much too. I do, but I have no choice but to leave now! I know it's useless for me to say anything because you won't understand why I'm helping Michael. However, I'll show you. I'll make you understand that I'm not the kind of person who abandons her principles. I know what I'm doing, and I'm not fooling around. Michael isn't the kind of person you think he is. Since he said he would let me go, he'll definitely do it—"

"Clang!" Finn punched the glass on the wall beside Monica, and the glass instantly shattered.

Shocked, Monica turned to look at Finn's fist, which was covered in blood from the glass shards.

She said, "Finn, are you crazy?"

"So, because you trust Michael, I deserve to be abandoned by you, time and time again?" Finn asked furiously.

"I'm not abandoning you. I said—"

"If you're not abandoning me, why do you have to leave me time and time again? Why? Monica, do you have to be so cruel? You give me hope every time, only to kill it in the end!" Finn was suppressing the rage boiling in him by punching the broken glass beside him.

He was already at his boiling point, so he had to vent his anger.

Monica looked at Finn, and her body trembled.

She did not understand why Finn could not understand her.

She said, "You can't feel pain anyway!"

He would not feel pain anyway, so no matter how violent he became or hurt himself, she would not do anything to help him.

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As for Michael, he only suffered a little injury and a setback, and she thought the sky was falling!

Finn said to Monica in a cold voice, "It doesn't mean I won't die!"

Monica felt a pang in her heart when he heard him saying that he could not feel pain, but it did not mean he would not die.

Her tears kept flowing as she said, "Finn, Michael won't ask me to help him even if he died because he doesn't want to make things difficult for me. Yet, you keep forcing me to do things I don't want to. Your so-called love is just so selfish that I find it scary!"

Finn kept pushing his fists into the wall.

Now, he wished he could feel the pain. If he could feel the pain physically, would his heart hurt less?

Monica gritted her teeth and pushed Finn away.

"Even if you and I break up, I will help Michael. This is my moral baseline. I can't abandon my principles just because of love, and one day, you will know how selfish you are."

Finn watched as she attacked him, showing him how great she was and how despicable he was.

Monica also stared at Finn for a while before turning around and leaving heartlessly.

No matter how much he was suffering, she would leave for the sake of her so-called human nature.

Finn looked at Monica's indifferent silhouette.

“Don't go,” Finn called out to her one last time.

Monica stopped in her tracks, but she did not look back.

“Please. Don't go...” Finn said. He tried to hold back his emotions, but it sounded like he was choking up.

In the end, Monica left. Even with her crutches, her walk was firm.

After she entered the elevator, Monica broke down crying.

She could not take it when Finn tried to persuade her to stay. He even lowered his ego and begged her not to leave.

Why did Finn refuse to support her decision?

Why could he not trust her?

Why did he have to make her feel so bad about her decision?

She squatted in the elevator and cried like a child.

At the thought of how Finn acted just now and how he had begged her not to leave after she abandoned him, she felt terrible.

She never wanted to see Finn take it to such an extent...

She cried bitterly.

When the elevator door opened, Michael was standing by the door.

Michael had sent her back, and seeing her crying so sadly, he knew very well that with Finn's personality, Finn would never support Monica's decision to be with him.

He even believed that with Finn's intelligence, Finn might notice that he had other motives for doing so.

However, Finn did not know Monica well enough — that Monica could not be forced. The more he asked her not to do something, the more she would do it.

The only thing that could make Monica do something without hesitation was to make her feel guilty.

With that, he walked into the elevator, squatted beside Monica, and gently stroked her back. “If this is too hard on you, you don't have to do this.”

Monica raised her head and looked at Michael with tears in her eyes, saying, “Michael, you'll let me leave after all of this, right?”

“Yes,” Michael answered affirmatively.

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Monica stood up from the ground, and Michael stood up with her.

With her crutches, Monica walked out of the elevator and said, “Finn will eventually understand.”

He would come to understand that she was just trying to help Michael and that Michael was not as bad as he thought!

At that moment, she really thought she would prove through her action that everything Finn was biased.

However, it did not cross her mind that her foolishness had caused her to lose the person she loved the most and that she was the one who brought a lifetime of sadness upon herself.

As Michael stared at Monica's back, an evil smile stretched across his face.

He said it before.

Even if he had to resort to all means, Monica would be his, and he got her!

At 7 a.m. the next day, Finn's phone rang.

He glanced at the incoming call but did not pick it up. Instead, he slowly got up and brushed his teeth.

Meanwhile, a lot of calls and text messages came through.

"Finn, I'm waiting for you in the garage. Call me back when you see the message."

"Finn, why aren't you answering your phone?"

"Finn, I'm in the garage."

"Finn..."

Finn rinsed his mouth and washed his face before going back to his room to get changes.

He had just taken off her clothes when the door was suddenly pushed open.

Monica came in with her crutches, looking a little angry. "Why didn't you answer my call?"

However, Finn did not respond to her. He simply took his time to take off his clothes and put a new set on.

He still had a lot of injuries on his body, so the doctor had told him not to prevent making any big movements. If possible, he should have someone help him to put on his clothes.

Without thinking about it, Monica put her crutches aside and went over to help him.

Finn's body moved as he avoided her.

Monica looked at him, who said, "Stay away from me."

Monica gritted her teeth, but she knew Finn was angry, especially after she left last night.

Hence, she put down her hands and said, "Hurry up."

Finn kept quiet as he put on his clothes.

After putting them on, with all the injuries on his body covered and his back straight, he suddenly did not look like he was injured.

Then, he put on the glasses.

In fact, Finn's nearsightedness was very low, so he could live without glasses.

He did not wear them once during his stay at the hospital. Yet now, he took them out and put them on.

Monica did not know why, but seeing Finn in his glasses made him feel much more distant.

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Once Finn was ready, he walked out of the bedroom.

Monica paused for two seconds before she followed behind him with her crutches.

The two of them walked out of the house together, entered the elevator, and went to the underground garage.

From the start to the end, Finn did not say another word. He was so indifferent to Monica that she had nothing to say.

In fact, Monica cried the entire night yesterday.

Especially at the thought of how Finn had put his ego down and begged her not to leave, she could not help but cry. She thought she could talk to him and comfort him today, but Finn's coldness made it hard for her to speak.

Every time she had a conflict with Finn, she seemed to be the one struggling and suffering. Finn, on the other end, could make it seem like nothing happened after the night.

Monica bit her lip.

Seeing that Finn could regulate his emotions so quickly, there was no need for her to dwell on it and make herself feel worse anymore.

At the garage, Michael was waiting for them in a car.

Finn walked over without any expression.

As Michael's chauffeur opened the car door for Finn and Monica, Finn sat in it, and Monica followed.

The two of them sat in the back seat while Michael sat in the passenger seat.

After that, the car drove to the civil affairs bureau.

It was still early, but the workers in South Hampton City had already started to go to work, and the number of cars on the street was gradually increasing.

In the car, it was extremely quiet.

Finn's eyes were fixed on the street outside the car, and the same with Monica's. Occasionally, she would turn her head to look at Finn, but she saw the back of his cold head every time.

Michael was also tactful, knowing not to speak, so the car moved quietly on the street.

Suddenly, Monica's phone rang.

Monica took a glance at the incoming call and pursed her lips before answering the call. "Jeannie—"

"Where are you?" Jeanne's tone was a little harsh.

Monica's eyes moved slightly. "In the car."

'On the way to get a divorce.'

"What's going on between you and Michael?" Jeanne went straight to the point.

"It's just..." Monica looked at Michael in the front row and then at Finn beside her. She said, "Why are you asking me that?"

"I saw the news." Jeanne got up and went to the bathroom.

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Out of habit, she read the news on her phone as she sat on the toilet. That was when she saw Monica and Michael's news in the headline about Monica accompanying Michael when he was discharged from the hospital and taking good care of him at his home after.

The news also said that the two of them were suspected to be in an official relationship since Monica and Finn's marriage had ended long ago.

When she saw the news, she was a little surprised.

She had always thought that no matter how heartless Monica was, she would not be so inconsiderate.

"News?" Monica was stunned.

What news?

Oh. Was it the news about Michael being surrounded by reporters and her helping Michael out when he was discharged from the hospital yesterday?

She, too, was a little surprised.

She thought it would have been out yesterday, but unexpectedly, it was only out today.

Whatever.

It did not matter when it came out because the result would be the same anyway, and she did not want to explain anymore.

She said, "I plan to divorce Finn."

One sentence was enough to make Jeanne on the other end of the call choke.

It took her quite a while to calm herself down and say, "Have you thought it through?"

"I have thought it through very clearly." Monica, on the contrary, was calm. "Right now, Michael needs me the most. I can't just ignore him."

"There should be a limit to your sympathy." Jeanne's voice was a little loud as she was angered by Monica's actions.

"I know what I'm doing."

"Do you like Michael or Finn?" Jeanne asked.

Monica bit her lip and turned to look at Finn, whose cold back was facing her.

She did not answer.

"It's Finn, right?" Jeanne knew it.

"Yes." Monica nodded.

"Since it's him, don't divorce him. I also know a little about Michael's situation. Indeed, his current situation isn't great, but it has nothing to do with you. This is the result of a political struggle. You can't sacrifice your happiness for him!"

Monica bit her lips.

She was not sacrificing her happiness. She just thought that she could get it back after she helped Michael.

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Monica said, "Jeannie, Michael's image is damaged because of me. If I can help him, I have to."

"Even if you can help him, there has to be a limit. You're not great but foolish to use yourself to help him! If you help him and destroy yourself, do you think such help is meaningful? Monica, don't think of yourself as a saint who is here to help all living beings!"

Monica was rendered speechless by Jeanne.

"Monica, we're ordinary people, and you should care more about yourself. If you think this person is worth you doing so many things for him, you can as long as you don't have to harm your interests in doing so. If you lose everything you have, that's not considered helping at all."

Monica was a little upset. She retorted, "I didn't lose everything I have. Once Michael has everything back on track, I'll leave him-"

"And be with Finn, right?" Jeanne asked.

Monica nodded. "Yes."

"Do you think Finn will agree?" Jeanne found herself annoyed.

Monica's heart ached.

Then, her eyes darted at Finn. As she looked at his indifference, she said, "If he loves me, he will agree."

"Do you think marriage is a child's game, or what the hell do you think love is? Monica, do you know that the most unbearable part of love is suffering? Do you think that if you and Michael were to be together, based on the current political situation, you would be able to escape unscathed? I'm telling you, that's a no! Once you compromise and be with Michael, you will always compromise because

Michael's positive image requires you to maintain it. Once you choose to leave, Michael's image will be damaged again. That way, you'll have to constantly compromise, and in the end, you can only be with Michael."

"I won't. I believe in what Michael promised me." Monica seemed a little agitated. "One year. The agreement between Michael and I is one year."

"Monica—"

"Don't think so badly of Michael! He would never do anything to hurt me." Monica interrupted Jeanne.

She refused to listen anymore.

Jeanne decided to swallow the words she was about to say. Right now, she was helpless against Monica.

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When she first saw the gossip about Michael and Monica, she wanted to remind Monica not to make any wrong choices. However, after much consideration, she felt that since Monica had decided to be together with Finn, she would not do such a stupid thing. Moreover, if she deliberately called to remind Monica, it would only make the latter feel uncomfortable.

Edward said that Nox was secretly investigating Michael. If Michael had ulterior motives, it would be a good reason to convince Monica to stay with him. However, if Michael was really a good person, he would not make things difficult for Monica.

Little did she expect to see Michael and Monica in the headlines again this morning.

That was when she started realizing that something about it was off, but she could not believe that Monica had made the stupidest decision.

She had to calm herself down before saying, “Monica, not all forms of hurt have to be a wound on your body. Some are invisible, and the hurt comes gradually. In this case, you're hurting yourself by giving up your happiness to help Michael. Do you understand?”

“No.” Monica kept retorting, “Michael didn't ask me to help him. I was the one who volunteered.”

“So you willingly gave up your happiness and broke off your relationship with Finn?” Jeanne was furious now. “Is this voluntary or forced voluntary? If it puts you in a difficult position or makes you feel bad — even just a tiny bit of it — it isn't voluntary! You're just hurting yourself!”

Monica's eyes were a little red.

Seeing that no one in the world, including Jeanne, understood why she was doing that, her tears started to fall.

On the other end of the phone, Jeanne could feel her emotions.

Knowing that she had spoken too harshly today, Jeanne took a deep breath and said, “You're in the car, aren't you? Come over to Bamboo Garden, and we'll talk about it.”

“I'm on my way to get a divorce right now,” Monica said bluntly.

Jeanne could not hold it in any longer. “Monica, come over right now!”

“I'm going to get a divorce.”

“Monica, have you thought it through? You can't act rashly.”

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“I have thought it through. I know all of you think I'm stupid for using this method to help Michael. You think I think of myself as a saint, but I'm actually evil. However, you're not me. You don't know how bad I feel when I see Michael like this because of me. I feel so guilty!” Monica's sobbing voice sounded, and she said fiercely to Jeanne, “Michael is really, really good to me...”

Jeanne did not expect Michael to be such a good person in Monica's heart.

In fact, did she know what kind of person Michael was?

Edward and Nox had been secretly investigating Michael, but after so long, they did not find any evidence against Michael.

Moreover, Michael and Eden were friends. Yet, out of so many things Eden had done to hurt her on purpose, none of them had anything to do with Michael.

She held her phone tightly.

At that moment, she was also a little speechless.

In the end, no one knew what kind of person Michael was, and Monica was not so stupid as to not tell if a person was good or bad to her!

If she was willing to sacrifice herself to that extent for Michael, at least Michael must be treating Monica pretty well.

Jeanne was silent for a moment while Monica cried from all the grievance she was feeling.

She was also sad to have made the decision to help Michael, and what she needed was everyone's encouragement instead of their disapproval.

If she had other choices, why would she choose such a method?

If she had other choices, she would not have had to do this.

Jeanne said, "Even if Michael is good to you, what about Finn? Is he not good to you?"

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The tears that Monica was holding back overflowed.

"He almost died because of you. Is he not good enough for you? All you can see now is Michael's misery, but have you seen Finn suffer? He has to watch you and Michael be together. Have you ever thought about how he feels about that? Monica, I know you sympathize with Michael and want to help him. But when you help him, you must first consider whether you can afford the price you have to pay for helping him!"

"Ever since we were young, I have never been as good as you when it comes to considering things. I have grown up in a happy family, and I... I really can't think of so many things, and I don't want to think too much about them. The only thing I can think of now is that I can help Michael. As for Finn..." Monica kept looking at him and his indifference toward her.

Throughout her phone call with Jeanne, he did not even turn around to look at her.

On the contrary, Michael, who was in the passenger seat, kept looking at her with concern.

She said, "As for Finn, even if he doesn't understand me now, he'll wait for me as long as he still loves me. When that day comes, everything will return to normal, and I believe we can get back together."

"You won't." Jeanne was sure of her answer.

At that, Monica felt her heart ache.

"You won't get back together. If you and Finn divorce, you will never get back together. Let's not talk about whether you can leave Michael, but even if you do, you will never be able to get back together with Finn. The reason is simple. I don't know how good Michael is to you, but wanting to repay him is your business. Finn has nothing to do with Michael, so he has no reason to bear the pain of someone

who has nothing to do with him. If I were Finn and you really wanted to help Michael by being with him, I would choose to fulfill your wish.”

Monica held her phone tightly.

“Monica, don't think so highly of love. Love has never been selfless. If it were, loyalty or the saying 'till death do us part' would not exist. If Finn could watch you and Michael together, he definitely doesn't love you. If he does, he'll choose to let you go because you're trampling on his feelings by doing so...”

Just as Monica was about to speak, Finn suddenly took the phone.

Monica looked at Finn saying into the phone, “Jeanne.”

“Dr. Jones?” Surprised, Jeanne paused for a moment.