

When Her “Death” Couldn’t Break Him Chapter 1241

Chapter 1241 How To Win Cecilia Over

There’s a popular saying online: I still believe in love, but don’t believe it will ever happen to me.

This sentiment resonated deeply with Cecilia at that moment.

Particularly after Nathaniel mentioned Calvin, Nicholas, and Eric, an unsettling chill gripped her.

She sensed Nathaniel’s feelings for her but wondered if this affection was merely superficial.

Trust had never been a stronghold in their relationship, and she struggled to believe that Nathaniel could truly be devoted to her. Likewise, Nathaniel didn’t fully trust her, fearing she might gravitate toward Calvin or the others.

“You’re such an amazing person. How could you lack confidence? To me, you’re better than so many others,” Madeline remarked, gazing into Cecilia’s eyes filled with admiration.

The fact that Cecilia could single-handedly raise two sons, write music, and even establish her own company was a testament to her extraordinary capabilities.

“I suppose I lack confidence in love,” Cecilia responded with a wry grin.

She had never truly experienced a relationship before her marriage.

Even during that time, she found herself tied to the wrong person. As a result, she never tasted the joy of newlywed bliss or felt the thrill of being in love.

Now, fear had taken root within her.

Madeline, though somewhat perplexed, respected Cecilia’s feelings. “Ceci, you must believe in yourself. regardless of everything. I think you’re wonderful, and I aspire to be as independent as you.”

Madeline didn’t want to repeat the past when she had been so dependent on Darren, even after she managed to escape. “You know, when I ran away from Darren a couple of years ago, I thought I could manage on my own, but I nearly got sold. I was terrified. In the end, Darren came and rescued me.”

Cecilia listened quietly as Madeline, with a bitter smile, continued, “But do you know what’s the most ironic part of it all?”

“What is it?”

“He told me he orchestrated everything. He wanted me to experience the harshness of the world. He claimed that without him, I wouldn’t be able to survive Madeline clenched her fists tightly, unable to shake off the anger that bubbled up at the memory.

At that moment, Madeline felt utterly helpless. All she could do was harbor resentment toward Darren for his words and actions, yet she felt powerless to change anything.

Cecilia was taken aback to learn that Darren hadn’t changed at all.

“He’s truly gone too far.” She reached out to embrace Madeline. What he did to her was gaslighting.

Madeline nodded. “That’s why I must divorce him. I don’t want to be with him. I don’t want my future daughter to have a father like him.”

Cecilia gently patted her shoulder.

Before long, Madeline realized she had inadvertently made the conversation about herself. “I was supposed to be the one comforting you. How did it end up with you comforting me?”

Cecilia chuckled softly. “It’s therapeutic for both of us, isn’t it?”

Madeline wiped away the tears at the corners of her eyes and nodded in response.

After Lucille and Charlotte finally finished their bath, they emerged from the bathroom to find Cecilia and Madeline in tears.

Bewildered, they asked, “What’s wrong?”

“Nothing”

“Okay…”

What neither Cecilia nor Madeline realized was that Elliot had been surreptitiously listening to their

conversation.

He finally understood why Cecilia was hesitant to reconcile with Nathaniel. It stemmed from Nathaniel’s inability to trust her and his failure to provide a sense of security.

While others might not have a clear grasp of the situation, Elliot was well aware of the dynamics at play. During Cecilia's time abroad, no matter how challenging things became, she never resorted to underhanded tactics to help her rise to the top.

Cecilia's exceptional beauty had captivated numerous foreign admirers, yet she had firmly rejected them all.

When it was time to sleep in the late evening, Elliot discreetly made a phone call to Nathaniel, ready to offer him some advice on how to win Cecilia over.

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Chapter 1242 The Scandal

“Why are you still awake at this hour?”

Nathaniel had been brooding all day, unsure whether Cecilia had indeed met up with Eric that afternoon. When he saw a call from Elliot, he was somewhat stirred, but he managed to keep his emotions in check.

“Isn’t it because you always act foolishly, constantly making Mommy angry, to the extent that I have to step in and lend a hand?” Elliot said with a pout.

After hearing the response, Nathaniel immediately asked him, “Your mom, was she still angry when she went home?”

“So, you want to know why Mommy was upset, why she wouldn’t remarry you?” Elliot teased

“Tell me, and I’ll buy whatever you want for you,” Nathaniel immediately said.

Elliot let out a yawn. “I don’t desire things that can be bought with money. As the man of the house, it’s my duty to keep Mommy happy. Let me tell you a secret. You need to be treat Mommy better. She doesn’t feel secure with you, do you understand?”

Elliot wasn’t sure if his words would make any sense to his clueless father.

However, he had said all he could. As for what Nathaniel would do, it was entirely up to him.

Nathaniel wanted to ask something else, but Elliot interrupted with a big yawn, stating, “I’m tired. I need to sleep now.”

With that, he ended the call.

Nathaniel was deep in thought over what Elliot had said. He knew he needed to treat Cecilia better, but he wasn't sure how to win her back.

The very next morning, Cecilia was awakened by Charlotte.

"Boss, we've a problem."

Rubbing her eyes, Cecilia was visibly exhausted, as her sleep was clearly interrupted. "What's happened?" she asked.

Charlotte took out her phone and showed it to Cecilia.

Upon seeing the news content on the phone, Cecilia was instantly wide awake.

The trending news headlines revealed that the renowned composer, Cecilia, post-divorce, had shamelessly seduced a married man.

The post even included an accompanying image; it was indeed a picture of Cecilia supporting Nicholas on their way to the hospital. However, from the picture itself, one couldn't tell it was a hospital. It seemed like the image had been maliciously edited and cropped.

The news didn't mention that the man was Nicholas; it simply stated that he was married.

Cecilia slightly furrowed her brows. "This photo was taken when I was helping Nicholas to the hospital. I

She was experiencing a bit of a headache at the moment.

Upon hearing this, Charlotte couldn't help but curse, "These media outlets are so good at twisting the truth. They accuse you of things that clearly never happened."

She then stood up in anger. "I'm going to confront them right now!"

"Hold on," Cecilia stopped her. "I think there's more to this than meets the eye. I'm not some big celebrity, nor have I offended the mainstream media. Why would they all be covering my activities?"

Cecilia showed Charlotte the comments. "Look, many netizens in these comments still don't know who I

As a composer, she wasn't as famous as a celebrity.

Even news about Cassandra would attract more attention than hers. This could only mean one thing- someone was deliberately paying for trending spots and bribing the media to tarnish her image.

After hearing what Cecilia had to say, Charlotte also calmed down. "You're right, it seems like these media outlets have an ulterior motive."

"Who would want to harm you, though?" Charlotte pondered out loud.

After some thought, Cecilia realized there were only a possible few—Cassandra, Miranda, and Adrian.

"Let's not worry about the news. We should head to work."

"Are we just going to let them falsely accuse you like this?" Charlotte felt a bit indignant.

Cecilia knew that even if she went online to clarify things now, it would be futile. However, she wouldn't just sit back and do nothing.

"Lottie, how about you take a day off today and head to the hospital to check the surveillance footage? Ideally, we need a video of me and Ms. Wright helping Nicholas."

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Chapter 1243 What Is Best For You

The photos and videos posted online were taken out of context. They were captured just when Jocelyn had gone to find a doctor, leaving her alone to support Nicholas, "Alright," Charlotte readily agreed.

Without any hesitation, she took the day off and headed to the hospital Cecilia had previously visited.

Online, everyone was berating Cecilia for being the third party.

Even the employees at Orion Corporation had heard about this incident. The staff in Team Five found it hard to believe that their boss could be such an unscrupulous woman.

"Our boss just doesn't seem like the type to wreck someone else's marriage."

"Yeah, could there have been some kind of misunderstanding?"

Some employees disagreed, "You've all seen the photos and videos. She was so close to the man. It's hard to justify that."

On that day, Adrian had regained his health, and Miranda had also accompanied Robert to the office. Upon seeing the news on the internet, she knew for certain that it was Cassandra's handiwork.

Seeing many married women in the company disparaging Cecilia, she was particularly pleased and called Cassandra..

"Cassandra, have you seen the news? It's truly satisfying, isn't it?" She feigned ignorance about who was responsible.

Cassandra smugly said, "This is just a small lesson for her."

"Did you really arrange all this? You must have spent a considerable amount of money, right? I remember that some of these mainstream media outlets, wouldn't necessarily do your bidding even if you pay them." Miranda asked curiously.

"Do I really need to pay to expose someone?" Cassandra scoffed, "My aunt happens to be the CEO of the biggest media company. With just one word from her, she can easily manipulate the truth."

Upon hearing these words, Miranda felt a wave of jealousy surged within her.

Despite being just an adopted daughter, Cassandra is incredibly fortunate.

"I see. Cassandra, I'll be relying on your help in the future. I've truly had enough of Cecilia."

"Don't worry."

After hanging up the phone, Cassandra continued to admire her work on the internet.

In the CEO's office at Orion Corporation, Nicholas had also seen the news. At that moment, his body hadn't fully recovered yet.

By his side, Jocelyn remarked, "Who is the shameless one to make such blatantly false accusations?"

After hearing this, Jocelyn had nothing but hesitation in her eyes.

"Mr. Nicholas, the internet is ever-changing. Shouldn't we just sit back and watch how things unfold? The media is notorious for exaggerating and twisting the truth. If you attempt to clarify now, they might take it as an opportunity to further their agenda. Besides, Robert and his faction have their eyes on you right now. If they were to catch even the slightest slip-up from you, the consequences would be unimaginable."

Those who spread rumors about Cecilia must have been aware of this fact. They knew that Nicholas would not clear things up, for his identity wasn't revealed in the news.

If he had taken the initiative to confess, there was a chance that he might have been misunderstood by the netizens. This would undoubtedly have had an impact on Orion Corporation.

Moreover, the netizens were just interested in the drama; they didn't really care about the truth.

"Just do it. You don't have to worry about me," Nicholas said again.

This time, Jocelyn stood her ground, remaining completely still.

Even though she was well aware that Cecilia was a good person, Nicholas' interests mattered more to her.

If Nicholas were to lose his position as the CEO of Orion Corporation, he would undoubtedly be filled with resentment.

"Are you disobeying me now?" Nicholas was clearly taken aback. He didn't expect Jocelyn to go against his wishes, and it irked him.

Jocelyn lowered her head. "I just want what's best for you."

In response, Nicholas couldn't find a reason to reprimand her.

He turned on his computer, ready to personally post a clarification, only to see another trending topic pop up.

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Chapter 1244 Defending His Wife

The name on the trending list instantly caught the eye of Nicholas.

Nathaniel Rainsworth!

Nathaniel hadn't touched his dormant Twitter account for what seemed like ages. Yet, on that day, he surprisingly posted an update. It read: Am I not good enough? Which married man is worthy of my wife leaving me to pursue? What a joke!

This Twitter account was rarely used before and was primarily managed by his subordinates.

Even then, the account was filled with female followers.

One had to remember that back then, Nathaniel was the most eligible bachelor yet out of reach of many women. Additionally, there was a small portion of men who admired and paid attention to him.

In total, he had ten million followers.

So, when he posted this on his Twitter, it instantly took the top spot on all the trending topics.

The netizens exploded in an uproar:

Nathaniel responded?

Ah, so Nathaniel actually uses Twitter now. It's been quite a while since I last saw him.

True, after he left Orion Corporation last year, he completely fell off the radar. I was worried something had happened, to him.

A domineering CEO is always just that. Even while fiercely protecting his wife, he never forgets to assert his dominance.

You're absolutely right. With Nathaniel as a husband, who would even give a second thought to other men?

The person above is mistaken. It is common knowledge that no matter how beautiful or capable a man's wife may be at home, he will still be tempted by less attractive women outside. After all, it's human nature to desire what one hasn't obtained.

Absolutely. Now that you mention it, Cecilia has made us proud. Despite having a husband who is not only outstanding but also remarkably handsome, she's out there seducing someone else's husband Cecilia is truly a role model for us women.

The narrative gradually shifted. Indeed, everything on the internet was beyond anyone's control.

Nicholas looked at the trending news, his hand tightening into a fist.

Jocelyn also noticed it. She felt a wave of relief surge within her. "Mr. Nicholas, it seems everything is under control. We don't need to clarify anything. Doing so might actually drag Ms. Smith into a whirlpool of public opinion."

Nicholas also understood her point. He nodded and said, "I got it"

She knew it was because of the online controversy, but she didn't pay it any mind.

However, not long after she had left, the employees began to whisper among themselves.

“I must admit that Cecilia is truly stunning. No wonder the former CEO personally stepped in to dispel rumors about her.”

“Indeed, I’m so envious of her. She’s married to such an amazing man, who’s not only handsome and wealthy but also incredibly protective of his wife.”

These people only saw how much faith Nathaniel had in his wife and how he protected her, but they didn’t know that Nathaniel was somewhat frustrated at the office at that moment, unable to focus on anything

He wished he could turn the city upside down just to bring that man out.

“Did you find out where exactly did Ceci go yesterday? Was the man she was with Eric?” he asked Mason

Mason had just finished his investigation, panting heavily. “I have. Mrs. Rainsworth was with Nicholas yesterday...

Before he could finish speaking, he felt tension filling the surroundings.

Mason couldn’t help but shiver, hastily explaining. “It seems like Nicholas had a relapse of his illness. Mrs. Rainsworth and Ms. Wright took him to the hospital together. The photos and videos circulating online have been edited, so they don’t reveal the whole story.

After he finished explaining, the previously chilly atmosphere returned to normal.

At last, Nathaniel had finally calmed down.

“Send cease and desist letters to those rumor–spreading media outlets. Sue every one of them. Don’t let any of them off the hook.”

He didn’t sleep well the night before, and seeing such a bombshell online that day only added fuel to his frustration.

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Chapter 1245 The Tide Turns

Mason was well aware of his boss’s temperament. He knew that when faced with such a situation, his boss would surely seek vengeance.

“Right, I’ll do so right away.”

Nathaniel stopped him again, "Let Ernest handle it. Also, tell Ernest to have those media outlets issue apologies one by one."

"Understood."

Mason stepped out and relayed the matter to Ernest.

Ernest had been feeling rather down lately because Vivian was about to marry Zachary

Previously, they were only engaged, but now, the news was official

"Mr. Ernest, are you alright?" Mason couldn't help but call out, noticing Ernest's distracted state.

Regaining his composure, Ernest assured, "Don't worry. I'll handle it."

That's good, I appreciate it."

Mason thought to himself that he could finally have a good rest.

Ernest was highly efficient in his work. First, he had people gather evidence of the media's fabrications, and then he had them draft a legal letter.

On top of that, he sought out some media outlets to publicize the truth.

Meanwhile, at Orion Corporation, Cecilia had seen Nathaniel's post on Twitter and found it hard to believe. She had assumed that Nathaniel would be suspicious of her and then call to confront her.

The sentiment online had begun to shift, and everyone felt that Cecilia would unlikely abandon Nathaniel for another.

Still, there were those who remained skeptical.

Cassandra had also seen the news and had her aunt announce a significant piece of information: Cecilia and Nathaniel has been divorced for a while now. They are just covering for each other currently.

Upon the release of this news, the internet once again erupted into a frenzy, with everyone starting to exchange their thoughts and opinions.

Similarly, Charlotte's attempt to gather evidence in the hospital did not go smoothly. The video recordings from that day had been destroyed.

She called Cecilia, informing the latter about it Cecilia also realized it.

Why would anyone trying to frame me leave any evidence behind? However, the truth would always come out, wouldn't it?

"Then you should go and check the surveillance footage covering our journey to the hospital. You'll likely find something."

"Alright," Charlotte readily agreed.

Cecilia was resting against the back of the chair when her phone buzzed with a notification. Picking it up, she saw that it was a message from Eric.

"Ms. Cecille, what's the story with the controversy online?"

A part of Aiden was curious, and the other part was worried. He feigned anger as he said, "So, you stood me up yesterday to meet someone else, huh?"

Upon hearing his words, Cecilia felt somewhat embarrassed and began to explain, "Sorry for the misunderstanding. I was merely accompanying a friend to the hospital yesterday. The media just took it out of context."

Upon hearing these words, Eric felt the tension within him ease.

He was no longer as upset as he was earlier. "I see. I was wondering how you could possibly be with a man who's already married."

"Right, I'm still at work. Let's chat some other time."

"Alright."

After finishing the conversation with Cecilia, Eric hung up.

He didn't consult with his manager before posting on social media: I have faith in Ms. Cecille's character. Some media outlets like to stir up controversy with unclear photos, causing no small amount of harm.

As soon as Eric made the post, his fans rallied in support.

With the backing of his fans, the criticism toward Cecilia gradually began to evolve.

Cecilia hadn't yet checked the updates online, but Cassandra was certainly keeping a close eye on them.

She hadn't shown up at Orion Corporation that day, fearing that Nicholas would be upset upon finding out that she was the one responsible. Unexpectedly, aside from Nicholas, Cecilia had another guardian by her side.

Moreover, he was a famous celebrity.

Infuriated by the turn of events, Cassandra gave her aunt another call.

Her aunt swiftly uncovered the past rumors involving Cecilia and Eric, reigniting the dormant scandal.

It was insinuated that Cecilia had a penchant for having affairs.

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Chapter 1246 To Imminence Corporation

“Aunt Brooklyn, you’re truly impressive.” Cassandra knew that her Queenie was formidable, but she didn’t expect Brooklyn to be this capable.

Suddenly, public opinion shifted again, and everyone began to criticize Cecilia and Eric. Eric’s fan base started to dwindle as a result.

On the other end of the line, Brooklyn replied nonchalantly, “This is nothing. A woman as shameless as her deserves what’s coming.”

“Sure, thank you, Aunt Brooklyn,” Cassandra said before ending the call cheerfully.

Even if Cecilia managed to find evidence now, proving that she was taking Nicholas to the hospital, it wouldn’t matter anymore. This was because the past scandal had been dredged up again.

This time, it was about Eric and her.

Upon seeing the news, Nathaniel frowned. “That fool!”

He was initially set to resolve this crisis, but unexpectedly. Eric made a statement.

Mason also hadn’t expected this.

“Boss, it seems like this guy, Eric, really has feelings for Mr. Rainsworth. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have taken, the risk to clear things up for her.”

The words caused Nathaniel’s face to turn grim as he rolled his eyes at Mason. “Did I ask for your opinion?”

The crux of the matter was, under his personal Twitter account, quite a number of people were leaving comments, questioning him about his divorce with Cecilia.

As if that wasn’t enough, Eric was being thrown into the mix:

Mr. Rainsworth, why didn't you tell us that you and Cecilia are already divorced?

Mr. Rainsworth, were you dumped by Cecilia? I saw the statement posted by the famous star, Eric.

Hey, watch your words. Nathaniel is far more successful than Eric.

Who said that Nathaniel is better than Eric? Eric is the best! Compared to him, Nathaniel is just an old man!

Nathaniel had always been indifferent to the rumors circulating online. However, seeing netizens comparing him to his romantic rival and calling him an old man was just too much..

I'm not that much older than Eric. Besides, what's so great about a young punk like him?

Has he not arrived at the company yet?" Nathaniel asked Mason.

Mason shook his head. "He hasn't"

With that, Nathaniel gently closed his eyes.

"Huh?" Mason was somewhat taken aback, but as soon as he regained his composure, he immediately nodded. "Alright."

Meanwhile, Eric's manager, upon seeing what was happening online, was so frustrated with Eric that he wished he could give him a piece of his mind.

In truth, Eric still has a lot of potential for growth. Yet, seemed like he had no interest whatsoever in becoming more famous.

"My goodness, we're supposed to discuss contract termination today. What on earth have you done? Do you think the termination fee isn't big enough already?" the manager lamented.

If the senior management of Imminence Corporation were to exploit this situation online, it would be quite difficult for Eric to terminate the contract

Even if the contract was successfully terminated, it would take a huge toll on them..

Eric maintained his nonchalant demeanor. "It's alright. We just need to remember not to sign contracts with companies carelessly in the future. Let's go. We're due at Imminence Corporation to discuss the termination of the contract."

Seeing his nonchalant demeanor, the agent followed him out, feeling rather disheartened.

“Alright.”

They journeyed by car to the headquarters of Imminence Corporation.

It had only been a few months since their last visit, yet the headquarters of Imminence Corporation had grown even more impressive in its appearance, becoming a new landmark.

“Who exactly is behind this company?” The manager couldn’t help but exclaim, “Their growth is skyrocketing, and they’re about to surpass Orion Corporation.”

Although he was a manager, he understood that all major industries had reached saturation and it was rare for a new company to break out.

Eric didn’t bother about all these, as he had no interest in running a company, nor did he aspire to be a boss.

Guided by someone all the way, they took the elevator to the top floor.

When Eric saw the sign “CEO’s Office, he was somewhat taken aback. Is my situation so serious that it needs the attention of the CEO?

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Chapter 1247 The Surprising Meeting

The secretary gave a knock on the door and, upon receiving permission, ushered Eric and his manager inside.

Upon entering the office, Eric was left dumbstruck by the familiar figure seated in the CEO’s chair.

He had seen Nathaniel before and studied the latter.

However, because Nathaniel had a twin brother, Nicholas, who had no issues with his eyes, he naturally assumed that the person in front of him was Nicholas,

“Are you the CEO of Orion Corporation, Nicholas?” Eric asked directly.

If he is Nicholas, then everything will make sense.

After all, Nicholas was managing Orion Corporation, and it was reasonable that he established Imminence Corporation privately.

Nathaniel's thin lips parted slightly, his eyes darkening.

"Ian, Cecilia's ex-husband, Nathaniel. We've met before." he stated, each word articulated clearly.

Astonished once again, Eric asked, "Don't you have a problem with your eyes?"

"I've recovered."

The words lightly echoed in Eric's ears.

Eric had never imagined that his superior would turn out to be Cecilia's ex-husband.

The confidence he harbored the day before vanished in an instant.

"You're the founder of Imminence Corporation?" Despite his disbelief, Eric continued to press on with his questions.

"Right, I have always been the CEO before you joined the company," Nathaniel stated, addressing the confusion he saw in Eric's eyes.

Eric's emotions were particularly complicated, for he had actually ended up working for his romantic rival.

No wonder the company didn't use or nurture me properly for profit. All it wanted to do was ship me off to Alendor!

"Heh, you were just settling personal scores under the guise of business, weren't you? Aren't you afraid that Cecilia would find out?" Eric commented about Nathaniel's tactics in a disdainful tone.

The remark caused Nathaniel's lips to curl up even more, his expression filled with mockery. "So, what you're implying is that you plan to tattle on me to Cecilia?"

Eric suddenly shocked.

Nathaniel continued, "What's the matter, do you need a woman to stand up for you, over an affair between men?"

"That's not what I meant

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Before Eric could finish his sentence, Nathaniel interjected, "What do you mean then? Celebrities are indeed actors, but unfortunately, your acting skills are lacking. If you're not afraid of losing face, you tell Cecilia how I made you sign the contract, how I sent

you to Alendor, and how I targeted you. By the way, have you ever heard that people tend to admire the strong? Since you're so weak that you need my ex-wife to protect you, I doubt she would ever fancy a man like you!"

Throughout his entire life, this was the first time Airey was mocked for needing a woman's protection.

He was instantly filled with anger.

He wasn't some young pretty boy who relied on wealthy women. Everything he had today was the result of his own hard work and determination, all built through time.

"Nathaniel, what nonsense are you spouting? I don't need Cecilia's protection. If I could, I would take your place and protect Cecilia properly!"

As soon as these words were spoken, the atmosphere in the office grew tense.

Outside, Mason listened and felt indignant on behalf of Nathaniel

This pretty boy really has some nerve, daring to say such things to Cecilia's husband in public. Does he have a death wish?

If this were the Nathaniel of the past, Eric would not be leaving the office in one piece.

However, the former had grown more patient now. "In that case, let's discuss your contract termination. Also, about the comments you posted online which have consequently damaged both your reputation and the company's, we need to talk about compensation."

A frown creased Eric's brow.

How was the company's reputation damaged?

Before he could react, Nathaniel had already summoned Ernest.

"Ernest, you talk to him."

"Understood."

Ernest looked toward Eric, "Mr. Palmer, could you please make way?"

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Chapter 1248 Going To Court It Is

Nathaniel had long since had someone investigate all of Eric's assets, which even included those of his father's.

If Eric wanted to terminate the contract, he would definitely not be able to afford the hefty termination fee.

Indeed, it didn't take long for Ernest to have a conversation with Eric before Eric completely lost it. "Two billion? That's ridiculous!"

"If you have issues with the compensation amount, feel free to have your lawyer discuss it with me," Ernest stated bluntly.

Over the years, Eric had indeed made some money. However, he was not one to save, often spending wantonly. Whenever he had a substantial amount of money, he would use it to support impoverished areas and children.

At that moment, he simply couldn't come up with that much money. Even if he sought to borrow, he couldn't find anyone who could lend him such a large amount.

He stood up. "Fine. Get ready for a lawsuit then."

Since negotiations had fallen through, there was no other choice but to go to court.

Ernest found it somewhat amusing. "Of course, you can do that, but let me give you a piece of advice—get yourself a top-notch legal team.

It was clear that a celebrity breaching a contract and then having to battle it out in court with their employer was not going to be an easy ordeal.

After learning everything outside, the manager couldn't help but comment, "I've been telling you all along that Nathaniel is no ordinary man. You didn't believe me. Do you believe me now?"

"Who would have thought that the CEO of Imminence Corporation would turn out to be Nathaniel!"

The manager exclaimed, "If this news were to be released, it would surely cause a stir in the business. world, wouldn't it?"

Thinking on his feet, he then suggested, "Two billion is definitely something we can't afford. How about this, you apologize to Nathaniel and say that the incident with Cecilia was just a misunderstanding. I don't think a big boss like him would go out of his way to make things difficult for you

Upon hearing these words, Eric frowned. "Are you joking? You want me to admit defeat to him?"

“Why not? You need to understand, you’re bending over backward for money, the manager advised. earnestly.

Eric wasn’t paying attention to a single word from him “I’ve made up my mind. We’ll just go to court.”

He closed his eyes, no longer listening to what his manager was saying.

He didn’t just have romantic feelings for Cecilia. He was also deeply grateful to her, as she was his. benefactor.

Had it not been for Cecilia, he would still be a small-time singer in a foreign bar. Compared to that, two billion was no big deal.

He would pay it off even if it meant bankruptcy, as he was determined not to let Nathaniel look down on him.

Meanwhile, the ring of a cell phone broke the silence.

Eric quickly grabbed it, opened it and a glint of joy flashed in his eyes. He immediately answered. “Ms. Cecille.”

From the side, the manager couldn’t help but shake his head as he watched how invigorated Eric was.

“Are you free time this afternoon? I’d like to buy you lunch,” Cecilia asked.

She had also seen the news and only then did she realize that Eric had defended her online.

Cecilia was truly grateful to Eric and was determined to resolve the matter thoroughly.

“Of course I’m free. I thought you had forgotten about me.” There was a hint of glee in Eric’s eyes.

“How could that be? Don’t worry. I always keep my word.”

After finalizing plans with him, Cecilia ended the call.

Charlotte had also returned by then, having found evidence that proved it was indeed Jocelyn and Cecilia who had accompanied Nicholas to the hospital that day.

“The evidence has been found. However, how did the matter between you and Eric get dragged into this again?”

Charlotte was somewhat at a loss for words.

There was absolutely nothing going on between Cecilia and Eric.

“Right, the situation is complicated, Lottie. Let’s think of a solution together. I don’t want to drag Eric into this.”

“Alright,” Charlotte readily agreed.

She sat next to Cecilia, scouring ways to resolve public controversies.

“I never thought I’d see the day where I’d play the role of a PR Manager, Charlotte joked.

Cecilia gave a smile. “I appreciate what you’re doing.”

“I’ve got it!” Charlotte suddenly exclaimed.

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Chapter 1249 Sowing Discord

“What’s the plan?” Cecilia asked.

Charlotte explained, “I’ve looked at some examples online. Apart from clearing things up, one way to deal with negative rumors is to expose even bigger scandals.

“Also... does Eric have a secret girlfriend?” Charlotte asked.

Cecilia seemed to know where this was leading but shook her head. “I’m not sure, probably not.”

She hadn’t spent much time with Eric and was unsure whether Eric was in a relationship at the moment.

“It would be great if he could openly have a girlfriend.”

This afternoon, I made plans to have lunch with him, Cecilia said. “Why don’t you come along? We can ask him about it.”

Upon hearing that she was to meet Eric, a sparkle lit up in Charlotte’s eyes. “Great! It’s been a while since I last saw such a handsome guy. I could use a feast for my eyes.

“Cahn down now, calm down,” Cecilia said with a laugh.

“I will.” Charlotte nodded repeatedly.

Outside the door, Miranda happened to pass by. Through the glass window, she saw the two chatting and laughing, which she found somewhat peculiar.

Shouldn't Cecilia be busy dealing with the controversy online? How can she remain so composed? She's even laughing and chatting with her subordinate. Has she already found a solution?

Miranda found a secluded spot and dialed Cassandra's number. "Cassandra, watch out. Cecilia doesn't seem to be anxious at all. She's even bantering with her subordinate. I suspect she has figured out a solution."

After hearing this, Cassandra looked at the swarm of comments criticizing Cecilia on the internet, feeling that it was still not enough.

"It seems she's not easily intimidated. I'll just have to up the ante."

"Alright."

Miranda was happy to sit back and watch the unfolding drama.

However, she understood that if Cecilia were to fall, the one who would undoubtedly benefit would be Cassandra.

With such an influential family background, Cassandra is essentially invincible.

Upon having that thought, Miranda immediately turned back and knocked on Cecilia's door.

Cecilia looked up, a flicker of surprise crossing her eyes "Please, come in."

Miranda entered the room in her high heels. Seeing this, Charlotte decided to leave the office first.

"Miranda, what can I do for you?" asked Cecilia.

The two of them had long been at odds, but they still had to maintain a facade of civility.

"Nothing in particular. It's just that I saw some news online and got a bit worried for you," Miranda said as she pulled out a chair to sit, crossing her left leg over her right. "Ceci, we've known each other for many years, and I hate to see you being treated so poorly by others. Let me tell you, Cassandra is behind the online controversy."

Cecilia knew she only had a handful of enemies, but she wasn't sure which one was responsible...

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Consequently, Cecilia was unsure of her intentions.

Everyone in the world is driven by self-interest, hustling for their own gains. Miranda is no different. She has exposed Cassandra to me purely for her own benefit. However, seeking Nicholas out is definitely out of the question.

Cecilia knew she had to resolve the matter herself. However, she didn't have any real solutions to Cassandra's attempts to undermine her.

The controversy had caused quite a stir, and the internet was rife with all sorts of baseless rumors. They painted Cecilia in a negative light, claiming she had been involved with countless men before her marriage. The allegations were growing increasingly outrageous.

After getting married, she moved abroad. Rumor had it that she had been involved with quite a few men there and even had a child with a foreigner.

Such rumors began to spread far and wide, and quite a few people took them as truth. They started to disparage Cecilia indiscriminately:

My God, this woman is so repulsive. If she's so into foreigners she might as well not come back.

Absolutely, I really can't stand people who idolize everything foreign.

Nathaniel must be crying his eyes out by now. Poor CEO.

Charlotte stared at the barrage of insulting messages, feeling numb.

"These people were truly revolting."

Cecilia, however, was nonchalant. "Stop reading the comments. Ignore those trolls,"

The situation online was escalating dramatically. Even Jonathan, who was at school, had noticed it while scrolling through his computer.

"Darn it!"

He hadn't expected anyone to have the audacity to slander his mother. Upon seeing those hateful comments, he hacked the trolls, leaving their accounts bone-dry..

However, his capabilities were still limited. He could only punish those malicious rumor-mongers and independent media outlets.

So, he called Elliot, "People are saying that our father is a foreigner."

At school, Elliot was in the midst of being clamored over by a group of younger students when he suddenly heard the news, leaving him somewhat puzzled.

"Who said that?"

"Many people online. When you go back tonight, reveal whose child you are." Jonathan said.

After hearing this, Elliot agreed without hesitation, simply saying, "Alright."

How did I, a true-bred local, end up being considered a foreigner's child? Aren't they just framing Mommy? I can't believe how disgusting they can be!

Nowadays, many people detested those who admire and pander to foreigners.

After hanging up the phone, Jonathan went back to dealing with the online trolls.

There was this particularly annoying individual, a blogger with millions of followers. Even though they clearly didn't know Cecilia, they claimed to do so on the internet. They even said:

We went to the same school, and she really wasn't a good person. Everyone knew that. She stole Nathaniel from someone else. Back then, the Smith family was affluent, while Nathaniel's girlfriend was an orphan with nothing to her name. She was relentlessly bullied by Cecilia. I saw the news just now about her being involved with a married man. It doesn't surprise me at all. She's always been that kind of person."

This blogger was essentially paid to write such lies.

Upon investigation, Jonathan found out that the company he worked for was actually run by Brooklyn.

At the sight of the numerous fans agreeing in the comments section of his video, a chill ran through Jonathan's eyes as he typed quickly on the keyboard.

In less than a minute, the blogger's live stream was abruptly interrupted, leaving nothing but a black screen.

The blogger who had falsely accused Cecilia was completely baffled. Despi