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Chapter 1541 Another False Alarm

Atlas was waiting in front of the building. He came over when he spotted me, gave me a gentle embrace, and helped me to the car.

As we passed by, people were looking at us. After all, I hadn't been to the company much lately. Seeing me visibly pregnant next to Atlas was quite a sight.

However, I was calm. After all, I was legally married to him.

After settling me in the car, Atlas got in, and the car drove off amidst the astonished gazes of the onlookers.

He put his arm around me inside the car, and I leaned comfortably towards his chest. It felt nice.

"I showed no mercy!" I said to Atlas, and he understood perfectly what I meant.

After all, his wife was an absolute trump card.

"I'll never forgive the Morgan family for what they did to Archie! No matter what, I am a legitimate daughter of the Beringer family," I said sternly. Then I asked, "Can you find a way for me to see Archie?"

Atlas's lips curled as he said, "No one is allowed to visit during the isolation period."

I was disappointed and started worrying more about the Beringer family.

After a moment, I said helplessly, "Then bring Grandma here. She must be so distressed. Especially since everything happened to Dad Archie because of us!"

I felt highly uneasy every time I thought of the sudden upheaval in the Beringer family,

The car suddenly fell silent, and I wondered if Atlas also felt guilty about this.

I was astounded as soon as we entered the hall upon our return to Fremont Bay. Archie was seated in the living room, mingling with family members. My biological father was also present.

This really threw me off balance!

Wasn't Archie dismissed and under investigation? Wasn't it said that no outsiders were allowed to visit during the isolation period?

All the news online reported that he had been isolated and under investigation. Everyone knew what 'isolation' meant!

But there he was, chatting and laughing with several elders in our living room as if nothing had happened.

I stood dumbfounded before eagerly running up to Archie. "I was so worried about you! I thought you..."

Atlas exclaimed as he chased after me. He patted my back with a hint of reproach, "Why are you running?"

Then he changed to a smirk and teased me, "Didn't your husband tell you already? Everything is under my control! Silly!"

I turned around and looked at him with a hint of anger, "And you still say that? Is it fun playing dumb with me? I know what you mean by control! You're all so secretive! It's making me anxious all the time!"

I was getting frustrated. I was kept in the dark, tossing and turning all night, only to find out it was a false alarm!

Atlas smiled contentedly and looked at Archie. Both of them had a satisfied expression.

"Why don't you think about why I suddenly returned to Foswood?" Atlas asked me.

Indeed, when Atlas found the distribution map and retrieved what was stored in the bank, he immediately decided to return to Foswood. At the time, I thought it was too hasty, without any preparation.

However, I didn't think much about it. Now, it seemed Atlas had suddenly changed his strategy.

"After finding half of the distribution map, I released Celine. I wanted to

make her thoroughly terrified so that she would be determined to turn the situation around. But the assets in the bank made me change my mind immediately, so I brought you back to Foswood, met Archie and Rory as soon as possible, and discussed corresponding countermeasures!"

Atlas was grinning and wearing a determined expression.

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"I'm sure they won't give up. Two of our missing exploration engineers had been preempted by the other party. We can't be too confident anymore. The matter of the distribution map used to be a secret of our fathers, and it's possible that it has been leaked!"

My father nodded and said, "After all, we still have half of the map out there. We're still one step away! The risk rises for each day that half

escapes our control. In addition ne

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Southeast Torado will be lost completely."

Chapter 1542 The Illegitimate Child

I understood what my father meant. After all, the other half of the distribution map had yet to be found.

"So, we staged a play to provoke the Tomlinson family! But Leonard isn't the main leader of-there's someone else!" Atlas said.

"Someone else?"

"If Archie doesn't fall, they won't dare to act recklessly. Only by 'taking down' Archie, they would dare to act without restraint. Then we can capture the main leader." Atlas looked at me confidently and said, "And only Archie and I know about this plan."

"What about Arthur Morgan?" I asked, feeling a bit puzzled.

Archie mentioned Arthur with some anger, "He's a complete villain! Despite grooming him for so many years, he betrayed me in the face of self-interest! Our national security has frozen his overseas accounts."

"...National security?" I was surprised as I did not expect that we had national security guarding us from behind.

"Grayson and Gavin are both soldiers of national security."

"Ah..." I was utterly stunned, realizing they were omnipotent in my eyes for a reason.

"Arthur's daughter is not simple. She is the middleman who launders corrupt money for Arthur's wealth. A lot of funds were being transferred abroad by her and laundered through her operations overseas." Archie's words sent chills down my spine.

It turned out that I saw Mia's cold and arrogant surface. I didn't expect her to be such a substantial person.

"She was eager to return to Foswood. She publicized her return to the country for development, projects, and investments because she's already noticed that national security is watching her," Atlas said. He sat next to me on the sofa.

"Especially after Denton was arrested, she became nervously alert. Denton was a key link in Mia's chain," Atlas said calmly. "So Denton was targeted by Arnold a long time ago!"

"Arnold?" I was surprised.

Archie smiled proudly, "Arnold is a member of national security sent overseas by us. The Beringer can easily cover up his true identity."

"So that's why he never graduates!" Suddenly, I understood the mystery behind it.

"Mia's chain couldn't operate

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normally with Denton in trouble. She was resolved to take action because you have been holding onto her 'investment.' She used her minions to uncover the details of Hartz Group and pulled me down to achieve her goal," Archie added.

"And what about the Tomlinson family...?" I found it hard to believe all this.

"The Tomlinson family is just one of her minions. Ernest is not her fiance! She has another man!"

"My goodness!" I exclaimed, "Mia is good at acting. She acted so convincingly at the engagement banquet, and we all believed it!"

"Atticus is the one she targeted. She

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intended to knock down Echelon Group and then take control of it. This explains why Atticus always believed that, despite the Sunny family's actions, there were other forces at work!" Atlas explained to me.

"Is Ernest related to Celine?" I looked at Atlas and asked.

"Ernest is indeed Celine's son, but he is Leonard's illegitimate child. Leonard's legal wife, Lindsay Tomlinson, is the true successor of the Monora Chamber of Commerce. Leonard's original surname is Norman.

"He was noticed by Lindsay Tomlinson because of his appearance. He's a son-in-law living at wife's parent's house, so he changed his surname to Tomlinson!"

"So that's how it is?" I couldn't believe it.

"This makes Ernest's identity quite awkward. He's the kind of floating duckweed unloved by his grandma and uncles, surviving in a precarious situation.

"So Ernest hates his parents, who

are ashamed of him. This has always been a pain for Celine because she dared not openly admit that Ernest was her son. I'm afraid it's his first and last public appearance in Foswood!"

"Why?" I asked.

Chapter 1543 Late Night Emergency Meeting

"Because there was an agreement between Grandpa William and Celine. She'd managed the Pierce family, and when she got married, it would be taken back by Grandpa William." Atlas sneered. "So, if Celine publicly acknowledges having a child, everything will be lost!"

"This is also why Celine has never dared to resolve her personal issues," Atlas said contemptuously.

"Moreover, Grandpa made a will for all of the Pierce family's assets when he verified that she was Kevin Ellis's offspring. I became the sole heir of the Pierce family. When we went to see him that time, he handed over the real vault keys of the Pierce family to me."

"No wonder Grandpa William had a private conversation with you!" I finally understood the reason behind it. "Is this also because Celine drugged Grandpa William?"

"Yes, as long as Grandpa is alive, she won't have a moment of peace. She's most afraid of Grandpa taking this action! So she has been racking her brains, trying everything to make Grandpa let go." Atlas sneered, "That's also why Grandpa refused to see her later!"

"The Pierce family isn't that weak. Louis had already secretly handed over the assets to Grandpa. What Celine received was superficial, while all the substantial assets were in Grandpa's hands. The outside world knows nothing about this."

My father interjected, "Louis dedicated himself to the Pierce family back then, selflessly! He didn't harbor any selfish motives. Mr. William isn't stupid!"

I couldn't believe my ears, "I never expected that Grandpa William was the truly shrewd one! He's not confused at all!"

"But my father paid the price for him due to his sins. His great confusion cost my father's life!" Atlas's tone was full of resentment. "He can't even compare to my father!"

Seeing his painful expression, I quickly changed the subject.

"I didn't expect it to be like this. Mia can be considered outstanding in the way she concealed herself, just as a negative example!"

Sure enough, my words diverted Atlas's attention. He looked at me and said, "No, it's not Mia who's concealed, but the person behind her!" "Who is it?" I was eager to know the answer to this mystery.

"This person is actually hidden, and for now, we can't identify them," Archie said.

Arnold strode in from outside with a solemn expression, no longer seeming like the playful monkey he used to be.

After greeting everyone, he looked at Archie. "Dad, everything is ready. Ready to follow orders at any time!"

Atlas glanced at his watch and said, "Wait for Jared."

Grayson and Gavin entered. Behind them were Jared, Trinity, and Kane, who emerged from the elevator door in the main hall.

After a moment of surprise, I realized what was going on. They had entered the garden through the secret passage together, so they wouldn't know the internal situation even if someone were watching outside.

This meeting would continue until late at night.

The next day, another big news spread online: Tanum Construction and Development will acquire Echelon Group.

Public opinion was once again in an uproar. Tanum acquiring Echelon? On what grounds?

It was just a tiny company that did

not know its place. Did they think they could swallow the prestigious Echelon Group in Foswood? What were they using to acquire it? Were they delusional?

I was leisurely sitting in the garden, eating fruit and watching the children running around in the yard.

Atlas temporarily let Ava and Jenny

take a break at home without

sending them to kindergarten. Jhad also arranged for the arrival of

Mannie and Myra, the mother and son.

Ivanna had just given birth one month ago. The mother and the little daughter also came with the guidance of a nanny and Lauren.

The garden became lively again. I was relaxed and at ease, but someone couldn't contain their anxiety.

Chapter 1544 Fight Openly And Maneuver Covertly

Mia's call finally came through. As soon as I answered, she said, "Chloe, I heard you're planning to acquire Echelon Group. Is that true or just a rumor?"

"What's the matter? If it's said online that I'm acquiring it, then I will! Can't let these people complain for nothing!" I replied with an annoyed tone while munching on strawberries.

My tone displeased Mia a bit. She couldn't contain her impatience and said, "One should have self-awareness. What capital do you have to acquire Echelon Group? Atticus is currently missing. Who gave you the right to announce the acquisition?"

"Mia," I smiled. "How did you know Atticus is missing? Is that not what you did? What does it have to do with me?"

"My dream has always been to acquire Echelon Group. I've had this goal ever since I established Tanum! I aim to make the company the most outstanding and prominent to take over Echelon Group! Haha! " I said, sounding bold and arrogant.

I put down the strawberry in my hand and continued, "I got a sudden notion while I was relaxing at home and was really bored. If I acquire Echelon Group, won't it strengthen Tanum?"

"Chloe, you're quite the confident soldier! Enough is enough! Don't make it too difficult for Atlas!" Mia's voice was cold and stern.

I grinned, "Well, that's the result of my casual chat with Atlas! Once we acquire Echelon, won't we become the largest construction and development group in Foswood and even in Zydun? If that's the case, I won't have to deal with this annoyance anymore, right?"

"At least by then, people like you won't be able to interrogate me anymore. Who gave you the confidence anyway?"

There was no response from the other side. However, based on my understanding of Mia, she must find it hard to digest my words.

But I didn't even consider her

feelings, "After all, my husband is the

real deal, the kind with a marriage certificate. Others might not know but you do, right? I didn't get someone to pretend to be my partner! So, this decision was made quite happily!"

"Chloe, I've always respected you, but don't go too far," Mia said slowly, emphasizing each word, indicating she was trying hard to control her emotions.

"Thanks for the reminder, Mia. But since I've started, I'm going all the way. Not only will I acquire Echelon Group, but I've also decided about the Old Bourdamun project. I definitely won't give it up without a fight. You better be prepared."

I swayed in the rocking chair. "Mia, let's make a bet. Who do you think will win, you or me?"

"Haha! Chloe, you're confident! Let's wait and see who comes out on top!" Mia's voice was sinister but carried a hint of amusement.

"Oh, by the way, I got some new

information! Archie has been handed over to the authorities. The tables have turned and his subordinates will suffer! Who knows how much of his dark past will be revealed if he is investigated? Chloe, it might be difficult for you to see him again!" Mia's tone was sarcastic and eerie. Then, she chuckled.

"That's all thanks to Mr. Arthur. Congratulations in advance. Mia, you're better off pursuing a political career than a businessman. You should inherit your father's legacy and pursue a career in politics. It might be more promising!" I said.

"But now you're in a bit of a

predicament. You find yourself in a

situation where you cannot move or down. So, this step in life is crucial, Why do you insist on

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changing careers and becoming a

businesswoman?" I sighed with

feigned regret. "What a pity!"

I couldn't help but laugh, and Ivanna started laughing, too. "Haha! Chloe, you're killing me! You've gone soft again, haven't you? Why be so kind- hearted?"

I glanced at Ivanna and said, "It's like a meeting one's match. You wouldn't understand."

"I don't understand! Aren't you just trying to make fun of yourself? Why say so much? When the old man dies, just set off some firecrackers! It's practical and generous. Why bother with all this talk? Let it go!"

Chapter 1545 The Shareholders' Meeting of Echelon

I chuckled and said into the phone, "Well then, I'll hang up, Mia! The acquisition of Echelon is a done deal. I'll make it happen whether or not I have the capital. I have no choice since I'm doing it for someone else's sake.

"Once it's done, I'll have all the capital I need. Don't worry, okay?"

After saying that, I hung up the phone.

Everyone around me burst into laughter. Lauren said, "That response was priceless!"

I disdainfully dropped the phone and said, "Really? She's the major shareholder, after all!"

As soon as I said this, everyone understood what I meant, and they all burst into laughter again.

Two days later, there was a meeting in the conference room on the tenth floor of the Echelon Building.

My team and I arrived at the Echelon Building on time. The entrance was swarmed with people, crowded by the reporters, making it impossible to pass through.

Atlas had made arrangements for today's event. He had divided the reporters into two sides and stationed them at the entrance of the building, preventing them from stepping over the security barrier. Otherwise, they would be immediately expelled from the scene.

Thus, the situation today was quite orderly. Those media outlets that had previously intruded into Fremont Bay without authorization had long disappeared from the scene. With such a precedent, everyone was apprehensive.

Today, only my team and I appeared in the public eye. There was no sign of anyone related to the ATL Empire, which would undoubtedly arouse speculation from some people with ulterior motives.

They were all criticizing me for being ignorant.

With my pregnant belly, I confidently walked inward with a group of attendants. I pretended not to see or hear anything.

Upon entering the conference room, several major shareholders were already present. They were eagerly anticipated with different expressions on their faces.

I went to the main seat, and Tris immediately pulled a chair for me. I had a gut feeling that there would be a good show later!

The shareholders in the room

exchanged glances when they

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noticed that I was seated in the main seat, and several of them. seemed eager to speak up. But none

spoke first, realizing that most

others were still waiting.

I calmly scanned the people present, some of whom I not only recognized but were also quite familiar with.

"Sorry for the wait, everyone!" I greeted them with a smile.

"Ms. Chloe!" A slightly chubby middle-aged man looked at me, and his gaze involuntarily fell on my protruding belly.

After an awkward pause, he tried to

stabilize his emotions and said, "Today's shareholders' meeting of Echelon, I think... you don't have the qualification to preside over it, do you?"

His name was Joshua Abbott, the third largest shareholder of Echelon Group. Usually, he was also a trusted aide of Atticus.

When he said this, it was very

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difficult for him; after all, everyone was very familiar with the same circle. Although they couldn't be called friends, they still respected each other. Saying such things in front of everyone required some consideration.

But when it came to personal interests, he had to speak up.

He glanced at the others. Seeing they all lowered their eyes, he swallowed nervously.

Just then, the conference room door was suddenly pushed open, and a woman's sharp voice rang out, "Of course, she's not qualified to preside!" Without turning around, I knew who had come.

I couldn't help but curl up the corners of my mouth, secretly admiring. Haha! Here she comes!

Chapter 1546 Opening Act of the Grand Drama

Everyone suddenly looked at the door, but I casually focused on the uneasy shareholders below.

I could see the complex emotions in the eyes of the shareholders at that one sentence.

Some had a sudden sparkle in their eyes.

Some furrowed their brows.

Some immediately turned their gaze toward me, seemingly observing my expression.

A few others were surprised and stared at the woman who was walking in briskly.

I remained calm and composed. I sat steadily in my seat without looking back at the newcomers.

I didn't even look up when I heard footsteps entering the conference room.

The group walked to the spacious conference table opposite me, appearing directly in my line of sight and taking up positions opposite me.

I smiled and looked at Mia. She had walked in confidently like a shining star and sat opposite me. She arched her eyebrows and stared straight at

me.

"Sorry for the unexpected encounter, Ms. Chloe. But you're not qualified to preside over or participate in this Echelon shareholder meeting today." Mia had an air of certainty as she looked at me. Her tone was firm.

"Please leave the conference room, Ms. Chloe," Mia added arrogantly.

I looked at her calmly and asked, "Why?"

Her entourage was quite impressive. The useless illegitimate son was with her, and she had also brought along several legal advisors, Lance, and his followers. What surprised me even more was that Mia had brought a team of media reporters to support her.

They seemed intense, as if they were determined to succeed.

When they entered the conference room, they started asking me a barrage of questions.

Mia smiled faintly when she heard my response. "This is an Echelon shareholder meeting. I can tell you with certainty that Echelon will refuse to be acquired!"

I stared at her momentarily and asked, "What makes you qualified to refuse?"

Mia couldn't help but burst into laughter. "Haha, Ms. Chloe! You really can play dumb! I know you've done a lot of homework to make this decision, but I'm sorry, this isn't how things are done!"

She seemed to be reprimanding me. "Just because you have a supporter doesn't mean you can act so recklessly. It's not a problem if you want to acquire us, but you have to apply to do so, and you also have to give the shareholders of Echelon some time to think about it. These shareholders have the right to refuse."

"Oh!" I said softly.

"You should take the opportunity to learn about corporate law during your pregnancy, Chloe. It's good that you have goals and want to grow the company, but it'll be bad if you become a laughingstock."

After Mia finished speaking, the bootlickers who were with her smirked arrogantly, especially that useless illegitimate son. It seemed that his borrowed fiancé was doing quite well.

Mia became even more arrogant when she saw that everyone was supporting her, showing the domineering attitude of the top woman in Foswood.

I glanced at everyone present. "Well, you're right. So, I'd like to ask you all, do you still need to think about it, or do you unanimously refuse?"

Joshua, who had spoken earlier, glanced at the others present, feeling somewhat surprised. They all had complex and timid expressions on their faces as if they were sitting on pins and needles.

"Why is everyone quiet?" Joshua asked. This time, his tone was stern and mixed with anger.

When he saw that those who were present were as indecisive as weaklings, his face immediately turned dark.

"Ms. Chloe, Ms. Mia! Us

shareholders will discuss whether

Echelon agrees to the acquisition or not. Our CEO is missing, and the second largest shareholder resides overseas and is in poor health. KIT make the decisions today. We need to discuss the acquisition of Echelon. So..." Joshua raised his voice while observing the people on both sides and continued, "I think you two should leave the conference room. I'll give you an answer after I finish this meeting." Content belongs

Joshua cast a dismissive glance at Mia and me and made a gesture of dismissal while maintaining his cold attitude.

I looked at Joshua in approval.

However, Mia was disdainful. She glanced at the seemingly incompetent shareholders and said, "Please leave, everyone! Haven't you heard? The Echelon shareholder meeting is about to begin!"

Chapter 1547 Naked Threats

As Mia said that, the shareholders who had been watching the situation immediately looked at each other. Some stood up and fled the conference room as if they were running for their lives. When the others realized that some of them had taken the initiative to leave, they hurried out of the conference room one by one, acting as though they had been given a pass.

The media personnel quickly snapped some photos, and the flashing lights made my eyes hurt

Joshua's face instantly turned pale. The veins on his hands that were resting on the table bulged.

I kept my composure and smiled gently as I watched everything that was happening while glancing at Mia. The smile on her face grew even brighter as people hurried to leave.

The contrast between Mia's confident smile and Joshua's stern expression was stark.

Finally, she looked at me and smiled. "It's time for you to leave, Chloe. Echelon Group will see a change in ownership today, but you definitely have no chance of winning. Look, you've seen it already!"

"How do you know?" I asked, but my question seemed forced.

"I own all of the shares of everyone who left, including Gilbert Peterson, the second-largest shareholder. He transferred his shares of Echelon Group to me six months ago. So..." She looked at me arrogantly. "I am now the second largest shareholder in Echelon Group!"

A fist slammed on the table with a bang. "What a bunch of scoundrels!"

Joshua couldn't bear it any longer and cursed angrily.

Mia looked at Joshua. "You can sell your shares to me too. I can increase your share value by two points according to the market value, no problem!" With a stiff neck and a face full of anger, Joshua retorted without any gentlemanly demeanor, "Don't even think about it! I won't collaborate with you if you act like this. I won't sell the shares, even if they're devalued!"

"Don't be so impulsive, Mr. Joshua." Mia raised her voice and looked at Joshua with a sly smile. "I'll definitely take over Echelon. I have the money! Next, I'll restructure the funds. You may not be the largest shareholder anymore then, Mr. Joshua," she threatened Joshua with a smile.

Joshua looked at her. "You're cunning, Miss Mia! Looks like you're resorting to force!"

"Don't get angry, Mr. Joshua. They

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want to sell, and I want to acquire. It's fair and reasonable. What do you e mean I'm resorting to force? You need to be more careful about what you say." Mia turned to face Joshua with an odd expression on her face and a cold spark in her eyes.

I had to admit that I was seeing a different side of Mia.

Joshua's face turned purple with anger, and his lips trembled incessantly.

Mia ignored his response and gazed at me, the one witnessing the show.

"I'm sorry, Ms. Chloe, but I only have the right to speak here now. Echelon Group... is not for sale!" She said each word firmly to me.

I put away my smile, sat up straight, and looked around the large conference room.

Joshua was sitting in the middle of a long conference table. He was already becoming a mere figurehead. He seemed powerless.

"You should be more generous, Mia.

After all, Mr. Joshua is the mainstay of Echelon Group. He's a senior figure with three decades of experience and holds a managerial position higher than ten thousand

other people. He's kept Echelon

going during difficult times

especially when Atticus

was

disappeared. You might have the

upper hand, but you shouldn't treat a major shareholder like this." I spoke softly with the demeanor of a

bystander to Mia.

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"Are you sure you won't leave a single old person behind after you take over? The biggest advantage of having an elder figure like Mr. Joshua is that he understands company. He's the core and anchor of the company."

Joshua looked at me, his eyes red from my remarks.

"You shouldn't be too eager for success, Mia. This is something you need to learn. You may not get what you want even if you go all in."

Mia calmed down and suppressed her dominance.

After a moment, she spoke again. "I'll decide how to manage my company, Ms. Chloe. It's not up to you! Please leave and go home to take care of your pregnancy."

She issued an order for me to leave once again.

Chapter 1548 Something That Doesn't Know Its Place

After glancing at her, I reached over to the side, and Mr. Brown immediately gave me something. I turned to face her with a relaxed smile and replied, "I have my reasons for staying."

I threw the file bag I was holding across the table arrogantly.

The bag whirled and slid toward Mia like it was figuring out where to go.

After stiffening briefly, Mia coolly raised her palm and caught the bag that had slid in front of her with a "smack."

She stared at my face and didn't say a word. Instead, she kept staring at my face as if she was trying to guess what might be inside.

I shrugged at her and gestured to indicate that she could open it herself.

While staring intently at my face, she slowly picked up the file bag, unzipped it, and pulled out the documents inside.

Joshua, who was sitting in the middle, nervously fixed his gaze on the documents Mia was slowly pulling out of the bag.

After Mia took out the documents, she finally withdrew her gaze from me and looked at the contents.

At first, she looked surprised. Then, she calmed down, smirked, and raised the sheets of paper to me. "Looks like you're playing a trick, Chloe! It's been over a month since Atticus disappeared, but you're telling me that this piece of paper is Atticus's authorization letter. I can't believe it!"

The journalists surged forward, trying to snatch the documents from her hands.

Joshua's eyes suddenly narrowed as he looked at me.

Mia continued, "Or... did you have something to do with Atticus's disappearance?"

Her words instantly aroused the interest of the journalists in the conference room. They all turned their cameras toward me.

"It's not wise to bring this out now, Chloe. It's obvious that there's a problem with this document. You're a newcomer who's only been in Tanum for less than two years, but you want to acquire a company like Echelon Group that's in a different league. What a joke!"

The people beside her immediately said, "Yes, what a joke!"

"You overestimate yourself, Chloe! You think you can do whatever you want just because you have connections with ATL Empire. ATL Empire is the largest consortium in the world, but you can't just use it at will. ATL Empire might still be involved in the Beringer family's case and hasn't cleaned up yet, but you're acting recklessly like this. You don't know your place, do you?"

Mia's tone was full of disdain and contempt.

"Don't you think it's a headache for Atlas to have someone like you as his partner? And since we can't avoid this battle today, don't blame me for being merciless. He hasn't revealed your identity publicly, but you refuse to mind your own business and behave recklessly."

It was clear that she didn't approve of the relationship between me and Atlas.

"I'll give you some advice, Chloe. You should be modest. Go home, take care of your pregnancy, talk to Atlas, and make your relationship public as soon as possible. That's the right way to do it.

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"A wealthy family can tolerate a lot. Your first marriage caused a lot of trouble and criticism, but you didn't learn your lesson. I see you're anxious. This is the business world. Don't do anything that'll make you a joke. I'd advise you to protect Atlas's reputation."

As she spoke, she put the documents back into the bag, then, following my lead, threw the bag back at me.

"Just leave! Don't embarrass

yourself. This won't end well. Be

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careful; someone might report Atticus's disappearance to the police. You won't be able to deceive anyone with those fake papers then. After Mia finished speaking, she shouted to her entourage, "Escort her out!"

A male voice sounded at the door. "How ignorant!"

Mia's eyes widened as she looked at the door. Atlas walked in, pushing a wheelchair.

A group of reporters was also behind Atlas, but the logos on the badges of those reporters intimidated the other journalists.

At this moment, Joshua suddenly stood up and exclaimed in surprise, "Mr. Atticus!"

Chapter 1549 Insider of the Official Announcement

Everyone's gaze went to the man in the wheelchair-it was none other than Atticus, who had been missing for over a month. Joshua quickly approached Atticus after realising this and exclaimed, "Mr. Atticus, how... how is this possible?"

Choked with emotion, Joshua couldn't continue and reached out to take Atticus from Atlas's hands.

Atticus patted Joshua's arm in a comforting manner before turning to Mia. "Miss Mia, long time no see!"

Mia seemed like she was still in shock. Atticus continued, "The documents are fake, but I'm real, aren't I?"

"Atticus!" Mia murmured his name as if she was in shock.

"What's wrong? Are you surprised?" Atticus looked at Mia, a hint of indescribable amusement playing at the corners of his lips.

Then he looked up and faced the room of reporters. "Hello, everyone. I'm Atticus. I apologize for meeting you all under these circumstances. I was in a coma for a month. I was saved from the brink of death only ten days ago.

"The CEOs of ATL Empire, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas, saved me. I'm using this opportunity to hold a press conference today. I solemnly declare that the contents of this conference can only be officially released by authorized media. Other media outlets are not permitted to reprint anything! Before I announce my decision regarding Echelon Group, I'll first hand over the floor to Mr. Atlas."

He gestured for Joshua to push him to one side of the meeting table and handed the lead to Atlas.

I stood up and sat at the first position at the table too.

Atlas walked to the center of the stage and cast his stern gaze over the embarrassed face of Mia, who was at a loss.

"Hello, everyone! I'm Atlas. I'm holding this press conference to officially announce a few things and address recent online doubts and concerns."

To the shock of everyone present, the first thing he announced was our marriage. He displayed our marriage certificate.

I had been mentally prepared before coming here, but the solemn announcement still moved me.

Atlas extended his arm to embrace

me and allowed the official media to

take photos. Then, he solemnly declared, "Chloe is my wife, and the only wife I'll ever have!"

He planted a sweet kiss on my lips in front of the cameras before putting me back in my seat.

He then turned to Mia, who looked pale. "Are you satisfied, Ms. Mia?"

Mia looked as if she had been smacked across the face.

Even Ernest and Lance, who had stood beside her arrogantly, looked lost.

"You might be an Echelon

shareholder, but the acquisition of Echelon Group by Tanum is a foregone conclusion. My wife Chloe doesn't need to bear any burden. I support all her decisions!" Atlas said domineeringly.

"What makes Tanum qualified to acquire Echelon Group? I have the right to speak as Echelon's largest shareholder!" Mia clenched her fists on the table, her knuckles turning white.

"Good question! Let's all see whether Tanum is qualified to acquire Echelon, then!" Atlas ignored Mia's excitement and looked at her coldly. The legal department of ATL Empire switched on the large screen in the meeting room and displayed all the documents and information about the owner of ATL Empire.

My name was on all documents. I was the actual owner of ATL Empire.

Mia was stunned, and I was also shocked. When I signed those documents, Atlas said it was a precautionary measure, but I didn't expect him to use it to protect me.

Mia's face went pale, and she muttered incredulously, "How could it be?"

"That's right. Chloe is the real owner of ATL Empire. Don't you think she has the capital to acquire Echelon now?" Atlas looked at Mia aggressively.

Mia clenched her hands on the table.

She looked at me unwillingly, then turned to Atticus and said, "Atticus, I'm currently the only major shareholder of Echelon Group, and I oppose this merger!"

Everyone looked at Atticus, but he just smiled strangely.

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Atticus carefully watched the agitated Mia as he sat in the wheelchair. He pulled out a document and held it out for the media to see.

"ATL Empire invested 10 billion in Echelon Group a month ago, intending to work together to build a new real estate development and construction field in Zydan. I regret to inform you that you're no longer a significant shareholder in Echelon, Miss Mia."

Even I was shocked by that investment certificate. I looked at Atlas, who seemed confident.

"To be more accurate, Echelon Group had already signed this agreement before I went to Celestis Island. The real largest shareholder of Echelon Group is ATL Empire. I'm just a partner.

"As you planned, the shares had long been diluted, but unfortunately, not by you, but by ATL Empire. But I still want to thank you for helping me remove the scum from Echelon Group and purifying Echelon's ranks."

Mia suddenly stood up and banged her fist on the table. She shouted, "Impossible! Atticus, are you playing me?"

"You've gone too far, Mia! Don't you understand that those who try to reach too far above themselves will be caught? Did you think kidnapping me would help you achieve your goal of stealing Echelon Group? How naive!" Atticus's eyes were contemptuous.

"You're talking nonsense!" Mia retorted. "You can't just say anything you want. When did I kidnap you?"

Atlas glanced at Cane, who was standing beside him. Cane nodded to the legal department, and suddenly, several suspects and clear surveillance footage of Atticus being kidnapped appeared on the big screen.

We saw Atticus being rescued, along with interrogation videos, the records of their payments, the banks they used, and their account information... all the evidence pointed to Mia, who was still shouting furiously.

Before Mia could resist, a team of police officers had entered and subdued her.

Next, Atlas calmly faced the media and presented the bidding proposal, bidding process, and qualification assessment of several major companies bidding for the Solaris project.

It was clear that Hartz, operating under the ATL Empire, was the front-runner in every facet of the bidding process thanks to its substantial financial resources, elite worldwide design team, and skilled professional construction team. Therefore, the Solaris project was unquestionably awarded to Hartz.

The officials also announced an investigation into the Beringer family, which had no relation to the bidding project.

They reported on the investigation

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into the financial accounts and assets Archie had managed from before his employment until now detailing every mary transaction and fisting Archie's political achievements over the past 30 years.

Everything was laid bare. Archie was reinstated to his position.

Meanwhile, emergency action was taken across Zydán to sweep away corrupt officials. Arthur Morgan was arrested first, along with his daughter. Zydán's National Security Agency and the Overseas

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Investigation Bureau froze all the accounts involved in money

laundering.

Everything happened so quickly that no malicious parties could turn things around. By the time they woke up, they were trapped; everything was settled, and peace was restored in Foswood.

Atlas had been busy the last two days, and I hadn't seen him.

Ryan could not return to Foswood for a while because he had a lot of work to do at the Solaris company.

Hence, I had to bear with my big belly and go to the company every day to handle business.

Atlas, who hadn't been seen in two days, arrived at noon to take me to lunch. I nestled in his arms, wanting to say something, but ultimately remained silent. In the end, Atlas pinched my cheek and said, "Speak!"

I squinted and giggled mischievously, then said, "I just wanted to ask, is Arnold really with the National Security Agency?"

Atlas hadn't expected me to ask that and looked surprised. "You looked like that just because you wanted to ask that question?"

I quickly suppressed my curiosity and asked again, "Then tell me, are you?"

Atlas smiled and casually replied, "I just provide funding."

His answer puzzled me. I could understand that he provided funding, but how did he know about the internal operational plans? That raised some questions.

His phone rang as we were in the car after lunch. I knew something had happened again when I saw the expression on his face as he looked at the

screen.