

Chapter 697 Investigation On Alec

Everyone looked at each other in shock.

Alec's heart almost stopped, but then he quickly came to his senses and thought of an excuse. "Celia, did you hear what I just said? Don't get me wrong. I mean I'm old enough to be your father and I've always treated you like the daughter I never had. I don't have any improper desire for you."

Nora breathed out in relief and patted him on the shoulder. "Mr. Wagner, you scared me for a minute. I thought Cece was really your daughter!"

Alec groaned in pain as she hit his wound so carelessly.

"Mr. Wagner, are you okay?" she asked with concern, stepping forward.

He shook his head at her, but he was distracted by Tyson, who was standing beside Celia.

Before arriving in Hosworth, he had heard rumors about Tyson, and he was certainly unlikeable.

His daughter deserved better than this unrecognized bastard.

Tyson sensed there was something wrong with Alec, and was determined to get to the bottom of it.

"Mr. Wagner, you're getting old, and yet you aren't married. It seems you don't yearn for marriage and a family, and yet you treat Cece as your daughter," pondered Tyson out loud.

"It's not that I don't want to get married. It's just that I can't be with the woman that I love, so there is no point in getting married for me. Celia very much resembles my first love. She also has a daughter the same age as Celia. So when I first met her, I started treating her as if she were my own."

The two men continued bickering, neither one seeming to back down.

As she watched the masked Tyson, Nora felt a sense of familiarity.

She pulled Celia aside. "Cece, don't you think your husband looks like Mr. Reyes?"

Celia coughed and stammered, "No... I ... I don't think so! They don't look at all alike. How could you compare my husband to Mr. Reyes? Besides, you know my husband's name. How could he be Mr. Reyes?"

Celia sounded guilty, but Nora knew that Tyson and Nolan couldn't really be the same person, so she dropped the subject.

Celia was feeling bad and didn't feel like staying much longer. Tyson and Alec were almost finished talking, so she left, her fist tightly clenched.

On their way back, Celia was feeling suspicious.

"I can see Alec doesn't have a crush on me. But if he's just treating me like a daughter like he says he is, then he's being too good to me."

Tyson had doubts, too. "Honey, I don't think things are that simple. The mark on the ring your mother left you is exactly the same as Orchi's logo. There must be a connection between the two."

His eyes darkened as he continued, "If you want, I can help you investigate. I think Alec might have something to do with your mother."

This made Celia feel nervous and a thought crossed her mind.

When Alec told Nora that Celia was his daughter, she couldn't help but believe it.

In the Shaw family's home, as Mack scrolled through the news on his phone, a cruel idea crossed his mind.

He knew how he could really make a fuss.

Over the phone, he asked his assistant, "Have you seen the news? Make sure everyone has seen it. Make sure it spreads all over the city, and make sure my grandpa sees it!"

"Mr. Shaw, I've been keeping an eye on the matter. There seems to be someone else pushing it. We don't need to add any more fuel to the fire," his assistant responded.

Mack looked puzzled, and asked his assistant to investigate the whole situation.

As soon as he hung up, he received another call. It was an unknown number.

After some hesitation, he decided to pick up. "Who is it?"

The voice on the other end didn't sound like a real person's. It had been processed somehow.

"You don't need to know that. Just note that I can help you get rid of Tyson Shaw."

Chapter 698 Gossiping

Tyson went for a shower after arriving home with Celia. Meanwhile, Celia was lying on the sofa, browsing through a social media platform.

She wasn't surprised to see herself still a hot topic. Interested in what others were discussing, she casually read through the comments on one of the posts.

"If I recall correctly, this isn't the first time this woman has been involved in such gossip, right? Her husband must be a very compromising person! He doesn't even want a divorce when his wife cheats on him. What a shame for him."

"I work in the same company as Celia. Everyone knows she seduces the higher-ups to get a fast track in her career. What's worse, she also got several of her colleagues fired."

"How could she be so brutal? Her colleagues didn't even provoke her. If I work together with her, I will kill myself."

Reading through all the vulgar hate comments, Celia felt a little conflicted.

The netizens were always commenting on whatever they wanted without investigating the truth. However, when the false rumors were cleared up, they would disappear and never apologize for their mistakes.

They were just a bunch of cowards.

When Celia wanted to continue reading, her phone was suddenly snatched away.

She lifted her head in surprise and saw Tyson looking at

her in concern.

He had just finished his shower. He sat next to Celia and held her in his arms, comforting her, "Don't take their comments to heart. It's getting late. Go take a shower and turn in early. I'll handle the rumors. Don't worry. I won't let this affect our lives."

Celia nodded and went for a shower.

Tyson walked into the study and called Briar, "I don't care what method you use. Remove all topics and hashtags about Celia from all the social media platforms. You can even use Nolan Reyes' name to do this. Also, find out who is the one behind this. I can't let them continue to sully the name of the woman I care about!"

After Tyson hung up, Briar busied himself the entire night. When Celia got to work the next day, all the trending topics and news related to her were gone.

However, rumors about her had been trending for far too long, so many people had already known about the rumors.

As soon as Celia walked into the company, she could feel everyone's eyes on her.

Some people were even whispering behind her back. However, their whispers were so loud it was as if they were meant for her ears.

"I've told you before that she used her sex appeal to get to where she is now, and you didn't believe me! Now, even people outside the company know about it too."

"Didn't she stress that everyone must rely on their own strengths to be recognized? I don't see her strengths. Anyway, I guess I won't have a chance to get promoted in my life since I don't know the art of seduction."

"Her seduction techniques sure are powerful. She could even gain the favors of Mr. Reyes and the CEO of Orchi."

"Doesn't she have a husband already? So she's dating three men at once? That's such an eye-opener."

When Celia was promoted soon after she joined the company, she unconsciously offended many of her colleagues.

She figured there would be people who would seize the opportunity to mock her. However, she could only endure their insults. After all, the situation was already bad enough. She didn't want it to worsen.

Several women were engrossed in gossiping in the coffee room, unaware that Celia was at the door. They were still giggling and humiliating her.

Nora, who was on her way to Celia, happened to hear their conversation.

She was not submissive as Celia. She couldn't bear her friend being humiliated, so she rushed in and scolded them.

"If you have the time to gossip behind people's backs, you'd better use the time to improve your abilities! Your abilities are only subpar, yet you are still jealous of others. Pigs will fly before you can get promoted to Celia's position! Besides, since you are so dissatisfied with your company, how about I help convey your feelings to Mr. Reyes? He'll be more than happy to let you leave!"

The women exchanged glances and felt indignant.

One of them stood out and retorted politely, "Miss Aston, please don't get cheated by Celia. Although it's true our abilities are not very high, at least we are real, unlike Celia. Everyone knows you like Mr. Reyes, and Celia is no

different. She befriended you and enjoyed the benefits you brought to her. But when you were not around, she seduced Mr. Reyes. She doesn't deserve your kindness at all."

Nora glanced at Celia and back at the person who spoke up, refuting crossly, "Who I befriend is none of your business. Even if Celia is deceiving me, you are in no position to blame her. If you don't want Mr. Reyes to know you are gossiping about your superior and him in the coffee room during working hours, then get back to work."

The women hung their heads and left after Nora's scolding.

Nora turned around and comforted Celia, "How can you let your subordinates bully you like this? You are their supervisor. Please act like one!"