

Sorry Sir I Don't Want You Back Chapter 16

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In love with Cherry?

Those words made Logan's hand stop spinning the glass on the table. His whole countenance **changed** – the dark, dangerous glint in his eyes was gone, replaced by tenderness, and his lips curled into a soft and gentle smile.

Erika was always amazed by how quickly Logan changed. One second, he was like the Devil himself, about to destroy the world; the next, he became gentle because of the mention of Cherish's name!

"She's my life, and you know that," Logan fixed his tender gaze on the **glass** he had been spinning and caressed it gently as if it was Cherise himself.

"I know," Erika rolled her beautiful baby blue eyes. They had been friends for so long, but she had never seen him act inappropriately or even try to show his love except his 'brotherly' love; that was why she asked her question. "But that was not my question."

Logan lifted her head and fixed his eyes on the seductive woman before him, his gentle smile still in place.

His thin lips opened as he finally gave Erika the answer she wanted to hear. "I more than love her."

Erika's perfectly shaped eyebrows raised, silently asking **him** to explain more.

Logan leaned back in his seat and looked at the club's ceiling. The crowd had thinned, and the music had died as the club was nearing its closing time. He closed his eyes briefly, thinking of the feisty girl who had grown into a stunning and noble woman; his smile grew even more tender.

Erika waited patiently **as** her seductive smile deepened. Even she could feel Logan's overflowing love for Cherise at this moment. It would be good if her two best friends could end up together.

A waiter suddenly came to them and told them that the club was closing and they needed to settle the bill, cutting their conversation short. Erika gave Cherise's card to the waiter, making Logan chuckle.

"What?" Erika flipped her hair over her shoulder and raised an eyebrow, challenging Logan to repay Cherise's money

"You are really shameless," Logan smirked, and Erika's seductive laughter filled the now-quiet club.

"You know I am," she winked at him, making him shake his head helplessly. He knew the relationship between the two girls, so there was no use stopping Erika from spending Cherise's money tonight.

Once the waiter returned the card, they stood to leave. Logan asked for a designated driver from the club and offered to accompany Erika.

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The seductive woman, still sober, chuckled, "You don't have to do it. I'm still sober, and there's no danger. I just need to stay in the car, and it will take me back home."

"I've promised Cherry to make sure you arrive home safely, he said, and, ever the gentleman, he opened the Limo's back passenger door for her.

Left with no choice, Erika slid into the door, followed by Logan. After he closed the door, the car drove away.

“You’ll do anything Cherise says even if she’s not here to see it,” Erica chuckled.

“I’ll do everything for her those she asks me to and those that she doesn’t,” Logan answered calmly as he stretched his long legs on the spacious space in front of him.

“Even sacrificing your life for her?” she asked even though she knew the answer.

“Even burning the whole world for her if she wants it.” Logan’s voice was light, but Erika, having been friends with him for so long, knew how serious he was and could hear the dangerous tinge in

his words.

Others might fear him, but Erika was not one of them. She knew his true self. She knew how dangerous Logan could be once it involved Cherise, and she didn’t mind it at all. She should even encourage him to do **so**, especially after another traumatic experience for Cherise of being bullied when marrying Hudson Amery.

“I’ll approve if you want to chase after Cherise and make her **yours**,” Erika said, her eyes flashing with her teasing.

Logan looked outside the **car’s** window. The **lights** from outside pierced through the darkened window, painting him in a different color and shadow as they passed through the city, still bustling with energy even early in the dawn.

Erika heard his soft chuckle and saw him shake his head.

“I won’t chase after her,” he said.

For once, Erika was shocked. Most men would undoubtedly try to get the woman they loved...

“You **don’t** want to be her boyfriend? Her husband?” she asked with curiosity.

With his head leaned against the headrest, Logan’s deep voice sounded tinged with a smile as he **said**, “If she needs a brother, I’ll be her brother. If she needs a best friend, I’ll be her best friend. If she needs a boyfriend, I’ll be her bo

yfriend. If she needs a husband, I'll be her husband. I'll be whoever and whatever she needs me to be."

Hearing his declarations, Erika finally understood what he meant by he more than loved Cherise. He

put her feelings first and foremost and would be there for her always; no matter what she needed, he would give it to her, including any relationship status. He would never force her to

She looked at him and admired his side profile. Logan was really handsome – gentle, yet with that

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dangerous air around him. Fortunately, she didn't harbor any feelings for him, or she'd be heartbroken. But for **once**, she was envious of Cherise. It made her wonder... Would there be someone who loved her as much as Logan loved Cherise?

Cherise, unaware of her best friend and adopted brother's conversations, finally reached home with Julian still waiting for her, sitting languidly on the living room couch.

The moment she stepped into the house, Julian went to her and noticed the change in her emotions and the newly opened wound on her arm. His eyes glinted ruthlessly briefly as he knew something must have happened.

With Logan and Erika around her, his sister should have been happy. Nothing should be able to worsen her wound, as they would protect her, and dancing wouldn't affect it.

"Brother," Cherise stepped forward and circled her arms around Julian's waist, needing a shoulder to lean on for a while.

Sensing his sister's vulnerability, Julian refrained from asking what had happened. Instead, he hugged his sister back, offering solace only he, as an older brother, could.

"Did you have fun tonight?" he asked as he let his sister lean on him.

“I did.” Cherise nodded.

Julian pulled back and playfully pinched Cherise’s cheek. “Go have a shower and sleep. You’ll need to go to the Angelworld building tomorrow.”

Cherise groaned and acted like a spoiled child again, clinging to his arm. “Can I not start tomorrow?”

“You can ask Grandpa about it.” Julian said lazily.

Cherise shivered when she thought of her stern grandpa. She’d rather drag herself to work than be teased by her grandpa.

Julian laughed, seeing her sister’s ‘fear’ of the grandpa. “Go to your room now. Don’t forget to reapply the ointment,” he ordered her, hinting at her he knew something must have happened at the club, but he’d allow her not to discuss it with him since she didn’t want to.

“Thank you, Brother,” Cherise smiled sweetly and hugged him again.

“Good night,” Julian said, wrapping her in his arms and kissing her forehead before letting her go to her room. Once Cherise had entered her room, he dialed Logan’s phone and asked, in a dangerously low tone, “What happened at the club tonight?”

Once Cherise settled in bed, her mind subconsciously replayed the scene between her and Hudson, making her seething in fury. ‘How dare he still kiss and touch her!’ she shouted in her mind and felt like taking another shower and brushing her teeth to wash him off.

Then Finley’s words cut through her mind – Hudson was going to marry Emely, and her heart felt

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like it was broken into pieces again.

What did she expect? Emely was his first love, and he still longed for her. Cherise **once** accidentally saw her picture in his phone gallery. He still couldn’t let her go to the point where they had a relationship behind everyone else and got her pregnant.

Cherise had been yearning to have a child with Husdon, but she remembered the harsh words he had spoken to her she wasn't worthy to have his child!

Tears gathered in her eyes, but she quickly hardened her heart. There was no way she would shed another tear for that jerk!

She sneered and thought of how she could finally start her revenge against him tomorrow.

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Let the **bustling city** center of Country B, the employees of a particular **company** were filled **with** gossip, **Neil**, having been a competent and most trusted **PA** of Julian Alster, had already **gathered** all the executives at the entrance of the building to welcome their new CEO.

"I **wonder** what our CEO looks like," a female employee gossiped with her friends.

"I hope he's a handsome man like Julian Alster or Hudson Amery," another replied with a giggle.

"But why hasn't he shown himself up until now?"

"Yeah, **no** one **has** seen him yet until **now**. He **always** works behind the scenes."

They kept gossiping until a stretch limo arrived, and a handsome man stepped out from the **door on** the other side of the car, wearing a black fitted suit. His striking facial features left all the female employees dumbfounded; even all the executives were surprised.

"Oh my God! Is Logan Jennings our CEO?" one of the female employees squealed with delight, which caused the other employees to join in the excitement.

Even being from Country C, Logan was as well-known as Julian and Hudson. He was a powerful CEO, just like the other two: Julian Alster, the most powerful CEO of Country A; Hudson Amery, the most p

powerful CEO of Country B; and Logan Jennings, the most powerful CEO of Country C. Everyone from **all** over the world knew about them.

Amidst all the excitement from employees and executives, Logan surprised them by going around the car and opening the door before stretching out his hand like a perfect Prince Charming.

Everyone was puzzled, but then they saw a slender hand putting itself on his palm and a black high-heeled stiletto followed by a long, slim leg clad in white pants.

The moment the person exited the car, everyone was dazzled by her beauty. Cherise stood elegant and calm in her white power suit with a thin black belt around her waist, accentuating her slim waist. Her hair was pulled back and tied into a ponytail, with only diamond earrings and necklace **as** accessories, looking like a lady boss despite her youthful appearance.

Everyone was thinking who she was. Logan Jennings had never been seen in the company of any woman. Could this beautiful lady be his lady companion? No, it couldn't be. He wouldn't bring her to the company if she were just his lady companion, especially as they would have a shareholder meeting this morning.

Looking at her professional attire, could she be his assistant? But seeing the tender gaze he gave her, could she be...his girlfriend?

Neil quickly went to them, led them to the executives, and introduced Cherise. Everyone was still thinking that Logan would be their CEO and Cherise was his girlfriend.

"This is Miss Cherise, Angelworld Jewelry's CEO from this moment on," Neil said, deliberately

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concealing her last name as per Cherise’s order, and his announcement nearl y made everyone present stand frozen in **shock**.

Cherise swept her gaze across the executives and employees, offered them a faint smile, and walked confidently straight into the building with Logan walkin g beside her and Neil respectfully showing her the way to the conference roo m,

The executives and shareholders finally snapped back to their senses once C herise, Logan, and Neal disappeared into the elevator while the female emplo yees gossiped even more.

Entering the conference room, Cherise sat on the main CEO seat while Logan sat on her right, and Neil stood behind him. Looking at the carefully planned r oom, with reports already placed on the table in front of each seat, Cherise tur ned her head to look at Neil and smiled, “You did a great job, Neil.”

"This is my job, Miss Cherise. Mr. Julian had asked me to assist you in your job," Neil said as he adjusted his glasses.

Cherise chuckled, looking at his professional and cold demeanor. "I think you've been with my brother for too long that you've become like a cold CEO," she teased him.

Neil's ears turned slightly red, but he maintained his composure, "Mr. Julian has been kind to me" he replied simply.

Cherise smiled and looked at the door as it opened, and the shareholders and other executives came into the room and took their respective seats.

She started off by asking the executives to report about their departments as she sat there watching and listening intently. Although she was seated languidly and calmly, her domineering aura could still be felt by everyone present; even the older shareholders were kind of impressed by it.

Cherise realized Logan had managed the company well. Their finance reports were balanced, with no errors or anyone embellishing the company's money.

Nothing else

When it was time for the part of presentation of Angelworld Jewelry's current cooperation, Cherise smirked when she heard the words 'La Jewel'.

Logan's lips curved slightly when he noticed it. He knew it was time for Cherise to take her revenge on Hudson. As he had expected, the moment everyone had finished their reports, the first words that came out from Cherise's mouth were about their cooperation with 'La Jewel'.

"Everyone has done a great job," Cherise praised them with a smile on her face, and everyone let out a breath of relief. It seemed their new CEO wouldn't be a killer boss. "But," Cherise continued, "there are some things I'd like to change. I want Angelworld to terminate our contract with 'La Jewel' "there are some things I'd like to change. I Jewel

Cherise's words made everyone frown. La Jewel was part of the Amery's company. If they terminated the contract, not only would they have to pay a heavy cost

contract termination price, but they also might fall off with the Amery, which was not something a small company like Angelworld

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Jewelry could afford, even if it was a subsidiary of the Alster Group.

Everyone who at first was impressed by Cherise now all thought that she was reckless and had no idea how to manage a company,

“Miss Cherise, it won’t be a good idea to terminate the contract,” a shareholder spoke up and the rest agreed with him.

“You might not know it, but La Jewel is part of Amery Group, and we’ve been having successful cooperation with them since three years ago,” the shareholder continued.

Cherise rolled her eyes inwardly. Of course, she knew. That was why she wanted to stop their cooperation. No one knew that for the past three years, Cherise had been using her design under Erika’s name to help La Jewel.

Angel was another of her secret identities – a renowned jewelry designer who had never shown her face and only designed a few pieces of jewelry each year, and they were all worth a lot. Not everyone who had money could buy her designs due to their limited quantity.

Erika was also great at designing jewelry. Everyone knew her name, though she seldom appeared as Erika Sterling, the jewelry designer,

If not for her, La Jewel wouldn’t have many intricate jewelry designs and wouldn’t be as successful as it was now, La Jewel was the one who needed Angelworld Jewelry and not the other way round. Now that they were divorced, she saw no point in helping him.

Especially because her latest design was for couples. She had designed it with Hudson in mind, hoping they could wear a matching wedding band one day since he never gave her any

also high.” All the shareholders kept trying “And the penalty for breaching a contract with them is to persuade her to change her mind. They didn’t want to cut off their relationship with the most influential group in Country 15,

“Don’t worry about it. I’ll bear the loss myself,” Cherise said with a calm smile. She’d rather be scolded by her grandpa than give that special collection to La Jewel.

Seeing the restless shareholders and executives, Logan decided to speak up. “Jennings Group will take over the cooperation.”

Everyone looked at him in surprise. Even Cherise **was** surprised. Logan squeezed her hand under the table and gave her a smile before looking at the others.

“I don’t think Jennings Group is worse than Amery Group, are we?” he said smoothly, his fox eyes curved up slightly as if in amusement. “We can widen Angelworld Jewelry’s scope to Country C.

Logan’s words swayed the shareholders’ doubts. Even if La Jewel was a part of Amery Group, their products were mainly marketed for the local market, and the thought of making their companies well-known in other countries was very tempting.

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I can help in terminating the contract with the Amery Group and draft a new contract with Angelworld Jewelry as Jennings Groups’ CEO immediately,” he continued.

With his reassurance, all the shareholders finally agreed to the termination and new contract.

Once the meeting was over, Cherise turned to look at Logan.

“Logan...”

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Cherise

bit her bottom lip, feeling conflicted. It wasn't that she was ungrateful for Logan's help, but she had never wanted to involve him in whatever revenge she was plotting against Hudson **and** the Amery family.

Knowing the internal battle in his beloved girl's heart, Logan gently pulled her into his arms and said, "I'm your **brother**. Shouldn't I help you? I'm sure Julian would have done the same if he were here. And Jennings Group is basically yours, Cherry. It was your mom's legacy. It was only right for me to help you."

Cherise sighed and mumbled against his chest. "Mom gave you the Jennings Group; you are her

successor."

Logan only smiled faintly as he buried **his** face in Cherise's hair. No one knew, not even Julian or Grandpa Alster, that everything he had accumulated since he became the CEO of the Jennings Group would belong to his beloved Cherry in the event of his death. Only his lawyer knew about it, and he planned to keep it that

way.

"I'm only an adopted son," he said lightly. "You are the real heiress."

Cherise pulled back from his embrace and frowned. She didn't like it when he said the word 'adopted. Everyone in the Alster and Jennings families had treated him as their biological son.

"Don't ever say you are adopted anymore," she scowled at him. "I'll tell Grandpa and Julian about it if you dare to repeat it."

Looking at her cute, scowling face, Logan couldn't help but throw back his head and let out a deep, melodious laugh. "Alright, I won't say it anymore." he said as he pinched Cherise's nose tip. "I wouldn't want Grandpa and Julian to scold me. Grandpa can be very frightening sometimes.

Cherise nodded with a sly smile. “Good **that** you know it.” Then she asked him, “Ar want to cooperate with us? Jennings Group does n’t have a jewelry subsidiary comp

sure **you** loesn’t it?”

“The more it will make an impact,” Logan said. “Tell me more about the new c ollection.”

“It’s called “True Love’ and will be for couples....” Cherise began explaining to him while Logan listened patiently. He was one of the people who knew of Ch erise’s identity as Angel, so he knew Cherise must have designed it with Huds on in mind, but he kept it in his mind.

“It’s **a** great concept,” he nodded once Cherise finished explaining everything. “Do you have. drawings of the designs?”

“The designs were actually already being produced,” Cherise said as she lean ed back on her seat and tapped her finger on the desk, Her brows furrowed slightly together. She didn’t like how it remin ded her of how much she had stupidly loved Hudson until she designed that collection for them.

“What’s the matter?” Logany **asked**.

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Cherise shook her head to let go of her thought and laughed softly. “Erika kept the products. They are **in** one of her stores.”

“Then we should go together to see them and Erika,” Logan offered her a smile. “But for now, let’s call our lawyers to draft our collaboration and the termination with La Jewel.”

Cherise couldn’t agree fast enough, so they called Angelworld Jewelry’s lawyer to draft everything. **Once** it was done, Logan’s phone suddenly rang, and he picked it up without even moving away from Cherise.

He said few words, mostly humming as a sign of agreement to whatever the other person said, but Cherise, sitting close to him, could hear their conversations.

She could only fix her unapproving gaze on him, frown, and purse her lips, disagreeing with what the other party was saying, who was obviously following instructions from Logan.

The moment Logan finished with his call, Cherise opened her mouth to show her dissatisfaction. “Logan, you don’t have to do it.”

Logan chuckled and patted her cheek playfully. “I’ve made up my mind the moment I knew you had divorced him and how he and his family had treated you for the three years you were married to him. It’s too late to back out now.”

“But-”

“Don’t worry about this, Cherry,” he assured her. Even without the collaboration with the Amery Group, the Jennings Group will still be strong and influential.”

Yes, Logan had also asked the Jennings Group’s lawyer to cease collaboration with the Amery Group!

“Furthermore, I have a new project with you, don’t I?” he added as he looked at Cherise, still feeling conflicted. “And since Jennings Group never had anything to do with jewelries, we

use your

identity as Angel to market it. You were the one who designed them after all. I’m sure jewelry designed by Angel will sell like crazy and will be able to cover the losses from severing the contracts with the Amery Group.”

“Are you sure?” Cherise was still hesitant. She didn’t want Logan to suffer because of her beef with Hudson and the Amery family.

“Affirmative,” Logan said firmly for once.

Cherise sighed, knowing there was nothing she could do to change his mind.

Logan took her into his embrace once more and patted her back soothingly. “You are not alone anymore, Cherise. You have two brothers to back you up, friends to help you, and, of course, Grandpa.”

Cherise stayed silent because she felt something disturbing in her heart before she finally spilled

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her heart content. “Logan... I don’t want to bankrupt the Amery Group.”

Logan smiled, asking. “Is it because of Agatha Amery?” He and Julian had investigated everything about Hudson and the Amery and discovered how Agatha had loved and treated Cherise like her granddaughter. Cherise, being left by her parents and grandmother, would have Agatha in a special place in her heart.

“Yes,” Cherise nodded in his arms. “She was the only mother figure I had and I didn’t want her to suffer just because of me wanting to take revenge on Hudson, his mother and sister.”

“I understand,” Logan ran his hand up and down Cherise’s back, offering comfort. “We’ll just cause a little trouble to the Amery Group.” If Cherise didn’t want to bankrupt the Amery Group, he and Julian would do what she wanted. She was their beloved sister; they would do anything to make her happy, even if it were against their own wishes.

In the Amery Group, the ambiance was tense. No employee dared to make any sound, and they didn’t even dare to breathe too loudly. Hudson Amery, their CEO, was in a terrible mood, and everyone who reported to him would receive a harsh scolding.

Currently, the supervisor from one of the departments was trembling slightly, sweating in Hudson’s office as he read his report.

When he saw his CEO’s dark face after reading his report, he knew he was doomed.

“Trash!” Hudson threw the report at him. “Is this the level of competency an employee of the Amery Group has? I’ll give you until tonight to redo and submit it to me!”

The employee quickly apologized and fled the CEO’s room like a ghost was chasing him. No one knew what had happened to their CEO. Even though he was cold and domineering, he seldom lost his temper like this.

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Hudson, being alone in his office, rubbed his aching temple. He woke up this morning with a massive hangover and reached out to his bedside for a hangover soup that Cherise usually prepared whenever he got a bit drunk from attention.

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Jennings Group?

Hudson sneered when he heard it. He should have anticipated this the moment he saw Cherise with Logan Jennings in the club last night and how protective he was of her. It seemed he had underestimated his ex-

wife's seduction technique or even the relationship between her and the CEO of the Jennings Group.

Hudson flipped through the document and sneered again as he saw how easily they were willing to pay for the breach of contract. Terminating contracts with the Jennings Group would not affect the Amery Group too much. It'd be easy to find another group to take their place. He believed it would be the Jennings Group's loss and not the Amery's with this termination of their collaboration.

Closing the document and sliding it across the table for Miles to take, he ordered, "Ask the Jennings Group's lawyers to come so we can finalize the termination."

"Alright," Miles nodded as he collected the document and put it in his mind to call all the Jennings Group immediately after delivering another piece of news, which undoubtedly would cause him to sweat bullets even more.

"Anything else?" Hudson asked his PA, who stood there, not moving after receiving his order. Miles should know he was not in a good mood, yet he still didn't do what **was** ordered. This only increased Hudson's annoyance, and his splitting headache nearly caused him to hurl an ashtray at

Miles.

"Sir," Miles gulped before continuing his words, readying himself to be lashed out by his irritated boss, "there's another news."

"Speak!" Hudson glared at him. He didn't know why Miles still acted like he was new to the job after working for him for so long.

What he didn't know was that his cold demeanor was really frightening, and not everyone could stand his iciness, especially when his coldness had seemed to reach below freezing level today.

Miles placed another document on Hudson's table and bravely said, "There is another company that wants to terminate their contract with us."

As he had expected, his boss' face darkened. Hudson couldn't believe any company dared to terminate their corporation with his company. Didn't they know the Amery Group is the most influential group in country B, and termination of contracts might get them on the bad side with him?

“Which company?” Hudson narrowed his eyes; his coldness spilled out from every pore of his being, nearly making Miles shake like a leaf.

“The Angelword,” Miles squeaked but quickly cleared his throat and repeated his words in a calmer tone, “the Angelworld Jewelry.” As Hudson’s PA, he had to be able to maintain pressure from everyone, even if he mostly pretended in front of his boss. His boss was one scary boss!

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Much **to** Miles’s surprise, his boss didn’t lose his temper. Instead, a frown appeared on his handsome face, and Miles sighed in relief secretly. At least he wouldn’t feel his boss’s wrath this

time.

Hudson took the document and, **as** before, flipped through it, this time reading it more carefully than the termination contract of Jennings Groups. It was a standard document for contract termination, only with the signature of the head of the department and not only the CEO’s, just like their usual contract, but he was confused about it, and his frown deepened even further.

He tapped his finger against the table while thinking of the reason for this termination. Angelworld Jewelry and La Jewel had just started working together for the past three years, and their collaboration **had** always been successful.

Both companies had reaped great benefits and became well-known, especially since the designs. from Angelworld Jewelry were one of a kind intricate and elegant, yet at the same time, there was always a mysterious layer to them that made all the ladies in the Elite class clamor to get their h

ands on them, and every collection was always sold out even before they were released. So what could be the reason behind this?

Hudson's finger stopped moving before he asked Miles, "Is there any change happening in the Angelworld Jewelry?" That seemed to be the only plausible explanation.

Miles thought about it a while and remembered something important he had heard about the Angelworld Jewelry. "It seems the CEO has **finally** shown herself"

Hudson's usually cold and indifferent facial expression finally showed some emotions as his eyebrows shot up in surprise. No one had **ever** seen the CEO of Angelworld Jewelry. They had been working with the head of the department and not even the CEO's personal secretary.

Although he was initially skeptical of working with them, the moment Hudson saw the design, he was captivated, and the contract also worked in his favor. So, at that moment there wouldn't be any loss in collaboration with them, and he was right..

When he first saw the jewelry, he decided

But now the CEO had appeared, and it was a female. This piqued his interest.

"Did they sever any other collaboration besides the one with us?" Hudson asked.

Miles shook his head. "I'm not so sure, but I have a feeling they don't." For the past three years, Angelworld Jewelry's primary collaboration has been with L a Jewel. Terminating other contracts seemed impossible if they had already lost their main partner. It would be like a suicide mission straight to bankruptcy if they did that.

"Make an appointment with the CEO. Tell them I won't agree with the termination of the contract. without being given a valid reason for it," Hudson decided.

"Right away," Miles nodded and went to do the tasks he was assigned to. Both tasks were easy, so he quickly made phone calls to both companies.

At Angelworld Jewelry, Logan and Cherise were eating dinner when Neil knocked on the door and

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walked in.

“Miss Cherise, we have just received a call from Miles saying Mr. Hudson will not terminate the contract without meeting you,” he reported.

Cherise smirked. She knew it would happen. With the help she had given La Jewel for the past three years, there wouldn't be a chance for Hudson to let their collaboration go easily.

At the same time, Logan received a call from his secretary about Hudson's request.

“What does he want?” Cherise asked once he ended the call.

“He wants my lawyer to meet him to finalize the termination of contracts,” Logan replied.

“Oh, it's easy for you, then,” Cherise said as she continued eating.

“What will you do with his request?” Logan frowned, worried for her. All the employees of Angelworld Jewelry had signed a non-disclosure agreement not to tell anyone who their new CEO **was**. So how was she to meet Hudson as the CEO?

“I have a plan,” Cherise said after she munched and swallowed her food. She turned to look at Neil and said, “Tell him to come in three days' time.”

“Alright, Miss Cherise,” Neil replied before leaving the room. After calling Miles to make the appointment, he dialed another number. Knowing how his real boss cared for his sister a lot, he decided to let Julian know everything that was happening in Angelworld Jewelry.

“Am I allowed to know what your plan is?” Logan teased Cherise once Neil left the room.

Cherise laughed and smiled slyly. “Of course! I will need your help in executing the plan.”

“How so?” he raised an eyebrow at her, interested to know how he could help her.

“Tell your lawyer to come here in three days’ time, and we will announce to the jackass that Angelworld Jewelry has decided to cooperate with the Jennings Group,” she said lightly, causing Logan to frown.

“We can’t really sign the contract between our companies before you terminate the one you. with him since it’s for the same collection,” he pointed out.

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“I’ll offer him five times the amount for breaching the contract. He’s a CEO. He’s all about money and profit. He won’t be able to say no to that,” Cherise laughed.

“Cherry...” Logan said helplessly. “You are now the CEO of a company. You can’t be this reckless.”

“**I know**,” Cherise smiled. “It’ll only be this one time, and I’ll use my own money to pay for **it**. I won’t use the company money.

“Cherry.” Logan was still unsure of her **decision**.

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*Please don’t forget that I’m the heiress of the Alster Group, Logan,” Cherise said playfully. “I’m sure Grandpa and Julian will agree with me this one time as long as I can get rid of him from my

life.”

With that, Logan could only shake his head helplessly.

“This is just the first step of my revenge against him, Logan,” Cherise smirked.

“Without my help, La Femme will lose its customers while our companies will flourish.”

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In the hospital, Emely was getting confused. It had been a few days since last Hudson visited her. It

was when he told her he would marry her, to be exact, and after that, no calls, no nothing. She was the one who had to call him, and although he still seemed as gentle as usual, the phone calls were always short.

He only left a caretaker for her. Did that bitch Cherise get in her way again, or maybe that old witch Agatha? Did he change his mind about marrying her because of those two vile women? If that was the **case**, she needed to do something about it. But what could she do when she was confined in this ward?

With frustration mounting in her heart and mind, she started biting her fingernails and thought of calling the mysterious man when suddenly the ward's door was opened, and hope lit up in her eyes only to be extinguished as she saw two women entering instead of the man she wanted to see.

She quickly adjusted her emotions and offered them a smile, looking gentle and poised even if she was still wearing a hospital gown. Emely hated these two women, but they were essentials for her relationship with Hudson.

"Hello, Mrs. Amery and Polly," she greeted them softly.

These two were the mother-daughter duo of the Amery family, who thought they were above everyone else because of their last name. They loved looking down on people and didn't even hold back when they wanted to cuss at someone, especially Polly, Hudson's spoiled sister.

Dahlia Amery, Hudson's mother, came from an upper-class family. Her goal was to marry into the elite class, and she achieved this using a malicious method to marry Hudson's dad. She drugged him to sleep with her, and due to her luck, she got pregnant with Luis right away.

Hudson's grandparents and many from the Elite class knew about it, but for the sake of the Amery family's reputation, they had to let them get married. They wouldn't let any of their grandchildren be a bastard, either. No matter how much they disliked Dahlia and her trap, they had to give the child a proper last name.

But, of course, it was a cold marriage. They slept in separate bedrooms. Hudson's Dad, Nicholas Amery, didn't care about Dahlia and only gave her the money she needed to flaunt her new wealth among the Elite ladies and tell them how much her husband loved her.

Even though he disliked his wife, they still appeared as a loving couple in front of everyone just for the sake of it. But Anthony really loved Luis. No matter what, he was still his own flesh and blood.

Dahlia hated Emely ever since she dated Luis back then. She knew Emely was like herself, but at least she came from an upper-class family, while Emely wasn't. She wasn't even beautiful, pretty at most. Dahlia knew she just pretended to be gentle and fragile but was actually a scheming woman.

Still, since Hudson had brought her to Luis' funeral and acted so gently toward her in front of everyone in the Elite class, she had to pretend to like her. What was worse, the news of Emely's

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miscarriage had started to spread.

While Hudson had kept his marriage and divorce with that orphan low-key, many people knew about it. They just didn't dare to gossip for fear of offending the most influential family in their country.

With all the gossip surrounding them, Dahlia had no choice but to make Hudson marry Emely. She knew no matter what, Emely couldn't win against her. Maybe she could even use her to covet the whole Amery's wealth,

"I'm sorry it took us so long to visit you, my dear," Dahlia offered Emely a gentle smile, looking like a caring mother-in-law.

Emely was surprised to see Dahlia being so gentle toward her. Dahlia used to be mean to her, not even caring to cover her disdain. Did she change because of her miscarriage

ge? Well, then, she could use Dahlia to make it easier for Hudson to marry her!

The two women – one older and one other younger didn't know that they were scheming to use one another in their minds.

"It's alright, Mrs. Amery. I know you must be busy," Emely responded understandingly.

"You must feel miserable right now after losing your baby," Dahlia embraced her briefly and fake apologized to her, "I'm sorry that Hudson's ex-wife caused this."

"It was my fault. I was the one who **wasn't** careful enough," Emely blamed herself.

"What are you talking about, Emely?" Polly suddenly chimed in, her eyes glaring with anger. "It was that bitch's fault. She must have done it purposely because she was jealous of you!"

Emely bit her bottom lip. "It was my fault. I was the one who came between their Hudson didn't bring me back..."

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"Oh please," Polly rolled her eyes. "Everyone knew Hudson never loved that gold-digger orphan. If Grandma didn't like her, she wouldn't have a chance with my brother."

"Alright, alright," Dahlia tried **to** stir the conversation to the topic she wanted. "I'll make sure Hudson marries you. He had to take responsibility after impregnating you, after all."

"Yeah!" Polly's eyes lit up with joy. She also disliked Emely, but Emely was better than the orphan. Cherise, who was a disgrace as her brother's wife. Emely was graceful and gentle. "We will make sure my brother will marry you."

Polly was a simple-minded girl, easily manipulated. She couldn't see that Emely was a scheming

woman.

“Actually, he already promised to marry me,” Emely’s cheeks flushed with shyness.

“Is that so?” Dahlia’s eyebrows shot up in surprise. She knew her second son had always been in love with Emely, but she never thought he would move this fast. But this was good. As long as

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Emely could control Hudson, Dahlia could reap the benefits, too.

“Yes,” Emely replied, her cheeks still pinked from her shyness, and her eyes shone from joy, making her look like a delicate doll. “He promised to announce our engagement after I’ve recovered.”

“This is good news!” Polly squealed with joy. “I will have a sister-in-law who could go shopping with

me!”

She had never gone shopping with Cherise because she didn’t want to be embarrassed being together with a lowly orphan with a poor fashion sense, so she was happy to have a sister-in-law like Emely. Emely was a dancer who had a slender body and knew how to dress fashionably. She wouldn’t embarrass Polly if they walked together side by side.

“Did the doctor say when you can be discharged?” Dahlia asked.

“I can be discharged anytime, but Hudson wants me to stay here longer,” Emely replied helplessly.

“My brother cares so much about you!” Polly grinned, making Emely blush. She thought the same thing, too.

Dahlia frowned and shook her head. “No, if you are allowed to be discharged, it’s better for you to recuperate at home. We have many servants and a private doctor who can care for you. And you won’t be bored staying alone in the hospital.”

At that exact moment, Hudson and Miles stood outside Emely's ward and heard Dahlia's words loud and **clear**.

Hudson opened the ward's door, his face devoid of emotion, and passed by his mother without glancing at her. He hated his mother. His hatred for gold-diggers stemmed from the fact that he was conceived in the same way Luis was by his mother drugging his father.

He knew his mother was also a greedy gold-digger. She just wanted to be Mrs. Amery and gave heirs to his dad. She never cared for his brother or himself.

"Are you feeling better?" Hudson asked Emely, his voice softening a bit.

"Yes," Emely nodded shyly.

"Hudson, Emely told us about your upcoming engagement," Dahlia interrupted them, used by his son's coldness. As long as he allowed her to spend money, she didn't really care about anything else.

Hudson frowned and unknowingly turned icy again. He didn't know why, but the notion of marrying her felt uncomfortable now.

Emely looked at his frosty demeanor and froze. Had he really changed his mind? But Hudson's **reply** made her breathe in relief.

"I'll marry her." He had made, the promise, and he would keep it even if it felt unsettling.

"That's great!" Dahlia voiced her approval. "Go and process Emely's discharge. She'll be staying

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with us from now on."

Hudson nodded, stood up, and left with Miles without saying another word. Once outside, he ordered Miles, "Take care of it. I'm going to see Keith."

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