

## Chapter 538 Framing Karl

Karl was sipping tea at home when several men barged into his house out of the blue. They turned out to be Joyce's bodyguards.

"Mr. Carter, Mrs. Carter wishes to meet you. Please come with us now," one of the bodyguards said.

Karl was taken aback. "If she wants to see me, she can just give me a call. Is there any reason for your presence here?"

"Mrs. Carter was afraid that you might run away, so she asked us to escort you."

Run away?

Karl sensed something was amiss. Did Joyce know that he let Melissa run away?

But now that she had Melissa, why would she require his presence?

"Mr. Carter, this way."

Seeing as Karl stood rooted to the spot and was unwilling to leave, the bodyguards came over and gave him a push.

Karl was a thin man. As such, he nearly fell down when he was shoved forward.

"Why are you being so rude? I'm still her son!"

The bodyguard sneered and said, "True, but we're just following Mrs. Carter's orders. Do you dare to disobey her?"

Hearing this, Karl showed a trace of cowardice. In the end, he allowed himself to be taken away obediently.

"Karl, do you know why you are here?" Joyce looked at Karl with an indifferent expression.

Seeing the cold expression on Joyce's face, Karl finally gave in. "Mom, I didn't mean to let Melissa go. My brother had a knife on my neck. If it weren't for him, I would have caught her. The reason why I didn't tell you this was that I was afraid that he would be implicated. Mercer is innocent. I believed that Melissa had tricked him into doing that."

"Really?" With raised eyebrows, Joyce continued to show her distrust.

"Mom, I'm not lying. In fact, you can ask my men."

"Everyone knows that they are your henchmen. Do you expect me to believe anything they say?"

Karl felt a sudden chill down his spine.

Cautiously, he asked, "Mom, what do you mean? Don't you believe me? Do you think I'm lying to you?"

"Well, I didn't mean to make things difficult for you as long as you give me the jade pendant."

Karl trembled and fell to his knees immediately.

"Mom, why would I have that jade pendant? If I had it, I would have given it to you a long time ago."

"You didn't have it before. But it's in your hands now. Give it to me now, and I won't hurt you."

"Mom! I didn't take that jade pendant. Please believe me. Who told you those lies?! That person must be framing me."

As he spoke, Melissa came out from behind the screen.

At the sight of Melissa, Karl was dumbfounded. "Why are you here? Did you say that to my mom?"

Melissa lowered her head. "I'm so sorry, Mr. Carter. I betrayed you. That dark basement had me thinking things through. Why do I need that jade pendant? I'd rather give it to the Carter family and let them use it against their enemies. I know it's nice of you to keep it for me, but can I have it back now?"

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Astonished, Karl bellowed furiously, "Melissa! Are you freaking insane?! Since when did I take that jade pendant? Everyone knows that the jade pendant is akin to a ticking time bomb! Who in their right mind would want to take it?!"

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