

Chapter 539 Grievance

Karl crawled toward Joyce and hugged her leg.

"Mom! Please trust me! The jade pendant is not with me! You know very well that I wouldn't dare to betray you! I'm not lying. When I found Melissa, she was talking to Mercer. I believe that he is the one who has the jade pendant now!"

Joyce was a cynical person. As such, she did not trust anybody easily, even if they were her own children.

She narrowed her eyes slightly, as if contemplating whether Karl was lying to her.

After a while, she said slowly, "Bring in Mercer as well!"

Karl clenched his fists, suppressing his excitement. How dare Mercer collude with Melissa? Mercer was someone he could not handle previously. As such, the thought of him getting into trouble was a soothing balm to his wounds.

He wondered how long would Joyce last? And since his second elder brother, Fabian, was a useless prick, Karl believed that he would be the one to inherit all the Carter family's property as well as the secrets in the basement. All of these would belong to him!

His eyes lit up with glee the moment he thought of this.

Moments later, Mercer was brought in by the bodyguards.

"Mercer, Karl said that the jade pendant is with you at the moment. Is this true?" Joyce asked.

Karl snickered as he waited with anticipation at Mercer's answer.

However, Mercer took a glance at Joyce and shook his head. "No, it's not in my possession. I heard that Karl was always close to Melissa. Perhaps the jade pendant might be in his possession?"

Karl was beside himself with fury for he didn't expect Mercer to say this.

"That's impossible. If Melissa gave it to me, how could I not know anything about it? You are full of horseshit!" Karl suddenly screamed like a rabid dog.

Joyce had lost all her patience. Everybody denied having the jade pendant in their possession, but it couldn't just disappear into thin air! It seemed that they were all liars!

"What the hell is going on? Since all of you deny that the jade pendant is in your possession, so where is it? Fine! I will ask someone to search your homes right now. If they find it, don't blame me for the rude treatment you are going to endure later."

With that, Joyce immediately dispatched her men to their houses.

On the other side, Melissa and Mercer exchanged glances secretly.

After a long time, the men returned.

"Mrs. Carter, we found this in Mr. Karl Carter's room," a bodyguard said.

Joyce took the tightly wrapped package from the bodyguard's hands. The moment she opened it, the jade pendant was seen in the inside. She immediately clenched her hands excitedly.

"It's the jade pendant! It's really the jade pendant!"

Hearing the bodyguard said that they found it in his room, Karl sat down on the floor dejectedly.

"That's impossible! I never colluded with Melissa. So, how did the jade pendant end up in my place?"

Joyce put away the jade pendant and looked at Karl fiercely. "Karl, how do you explain the presence of the jade pendant in your place?"

Trembling, Karl pointed at Melissa and said, "It must be her. They must have framed me! They deliberately put the jade pendant in my house."

Joyce didn't believe what Karl said at all. With a cold, chilly tone, she said, "I think you're the one who has been framing others!"

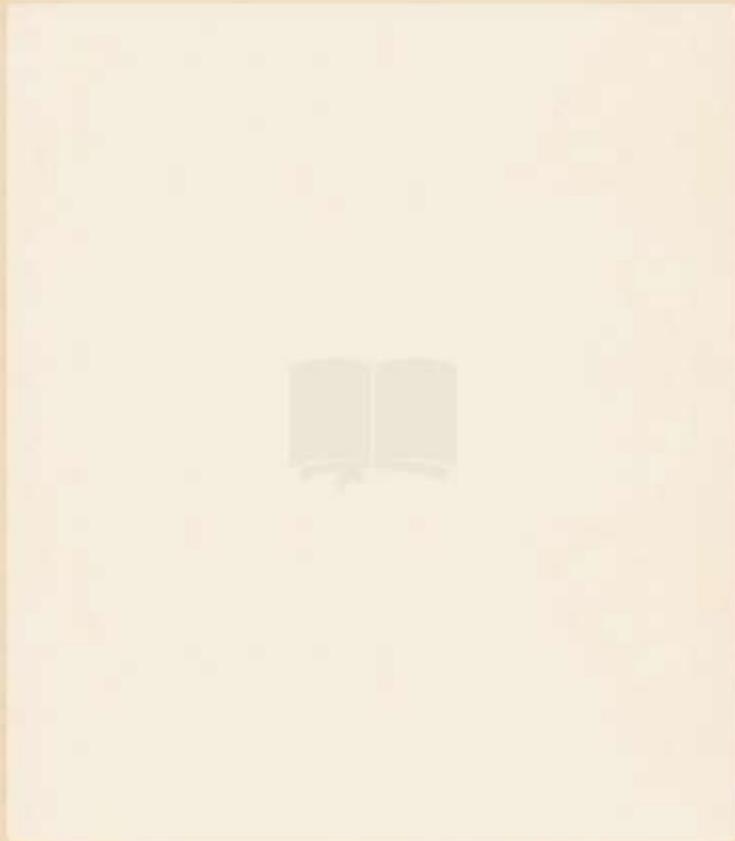
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"No, Mom! Trust me. I did not take the jade pendant!"

"Guards! Take him away now! I never want to see him ever again! And, punish him according to the family rules!"

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