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Chapter 328 A Cooperation

The next day at the Sawyer Group, Hayley's father, Nero, went to look for Tobias to speak about business, as she mentioned.

When both men were chatting casually, he pretended to say unintentionally, "I heard that Nicholas has his eyes on a project from a foreign company. It seems like it's a project with bright prospects that many companies are interested in."

"That's true," Tobias admitted with a nod.

Nero chuckled and said, "Well, we recently found out that the managing director of that company happens to be Hayley's classmate."

"Really? That's such a wonderful coincidence." Despite the smile on Tobias' face, he secretly cursed, You wily old fox.

He was aware that Nero was saying this to him on purpose, as well as the reason why he was doing this. This wily old fox wants to create an opportunity for Hayley so that Nicholas will think highly of her.

Even so, he still made a mental note of this, and Nero didn't continue this particular conversation after that. After all, he should stop after making his point. Otherwise, it would seem like they were throwing themselves at the Sawyers if he said more.

Later, after Tobias had seen Nero off, he went straight to Nicholas' office.

Nicholas was a little surprised to see his father's arrival in the spacious and bright president's office. Nevertheless, he stood up from his seat, greeted his father, and showed him to a seat on the couch.

After placing a glass of water in front of Tobias, he asked, "Why are you here, Dad?"

"There's something I would like to discuss with you." After taking a seat, Tobias told him his purpose for the visit. "Earlier, Nero came over to speak about the cooperation between our families. I know that you're not interested in Hayley, but the business with the Stone Family has to continue."

"I'm not against our families' continued cooperation," Nicholas said composedly.

"I know that you're not against it, but I want to speak about something else." Tobias paused for a moment and then told him the news he had received from Nero earlier. "I know that you're interested in a project from a foreign company, but there hasn't been any progress the whole time. So, I think you should use Hayley as a bridge between

your company and that foreign company you had your eye on for a while. Then, later, ask her out for a meal when you're free."

Nicholas clearly didn't seem willing with his furrowed brows, and Tobias could see it. "I know you couldn't be bothered to resort to such a method, but there are quite a few companies within the country who have their eyes on this project as well. Of course, our company has no lack of capabilities, but if it's experience in the industry we're talking about, then the Sawyer Group is a newbie in this category."

Even Nicholas had to admit that this point certainly caught his interest because the prospect of that company's project was very promising, but to the Sawyer Group, it was new territory. In order to obtain that project, they had to use a different way.

As he sensed that Nicholas was a little swayed, Tobias continued, "Furthermore, the Stone Family is also interested in this project, and they want the two families to work together. So, you don't have to overthink it."

When Nicholas heard that, he agreed to it. After all, he had no reason to turn it down since it was a cooperation with a clear-cut line between private and work affairs.

After Tobias left, Nicholas returned to his desk and contemplated before giving Tessa a video call.

"Hi, Nicholas." Tessa was wearing pajamas on the screen, and the smile on her face was stunning and alluring.

Due to the time difference, it was already night time in Vienna.

As he saw the smile on her face, Nicholas couldn't help but smile as well, saying gently, "What are you doing?"

"I just washed up and am about to get into bed," she answered truthfully and asked, "Where's Greg? Why isn't he with you?"

For the past few days, when they were in a video call, Gregory would always be next to him, and she found it a little odd that he wasn't there now.

"He's at home while I'm still in the office," Nicholas explained, smiling.

"I see," she uttered. "What time are you going home, then?" she asked.

"I'll be meeting a client with Hayley tonight, so I'll be going home later," he said honestly. He didn't want to hide this matter from her for some unknown reason.

Tessa was quiet all of a sudden as she heard the news. "Just the both of you?" she asked, not realizing that she sounded a little jealous.

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Chapter 329 Why Me?

“Yes, just the two of us.” Nicholas nodded, but as though he was worried that Tessa would misunderstand, he quickly explained earnestly, “This client is one of the major development projects that the company has set its sights on for the second half of the year. This project can not only broaden our market overseas, but it can also add another industry under the Sawyer Group’s belt. Hayley knows some insider information, and since both our companies want to cooperate, I have to meet up with her.”

After hearing that Nicholas had broken down into details of his company’s development plans for the second half of the year, Tessa couldn’t help but giggle. She knew that he said so much just to put her mind at ease, and because of this, she suddenly felt that she was being taken seriously.

Even though his explanation touched her, there was still a trace of doubt in her heart.

“Nicholas, I have a question.”

“What is it?”

“I think, be it Roselle or Hayley, they have better qualifications than me, but why are you only interested in me?” After saying that, she fixed her gaze on him with an expectant look in her eyes.

He raised his brows in surprise as he wasn’t expecting her to ask such a question, and he asked himself, Why?

After he pondered over it for a while, something came into his mind, and he said, “I’ve never been involved in a relationship before this, so there are many things which I don’t really understand. But now I know that regardless of how outstanding Roselle and Hayley are, I’m just following my heart in this. My heart says it’s you that it wants, so I want only you by my side.” At this point, he gazed deeply into Tessa’s eyes through the screen. “When I see you, it makes me feel like you’re the only one for me in this life.”

Thump, thump.

At that moment, she could feel her heart beating against her chest, and after a few seconds, she composed herself. Then, finally, she couldn’t help but murmur, “Yet here you are, saying that you know nothing about relationships, but nobody will believe it if they see how well you flirt.”

“What did you say?” Even though he heard her saying something, he couldn’t clearly hear what she said.

She was startled as she didn't think she actually said aloud what she was thinking.

"Uh, nothing." In order to avoid being questioned, she hurriedly changed the topic. "It's getting late for you. Aren't you going to prepare to meet your client?"

He pretended not to notice her sudden subject change and glanced down at his watch. "It's still early. How was your practice today? Did anyone cause you any problems?" he asked in concern.

"I'm Miss Hathaway's protégé. Nobody dares to make any trouble for me."

The proud and charming look she had made it hard for Nicholas to look away, and he thought that she was so attractive no matter how much he looked at her.

Then, they chatted for a little more, mainly with Tessa speaking about her learning experience and the fun things she observed from the band. Later, they said goodnight to each other and hung up.

As Tessa lay in bed to rest, Nicholas contacted Hayley to make an appointment for tonight.

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Hayley and Nicholas sat inside facing each other in a traditionally decorated VIP room of a Chinese restaurant.

Hayley had spent three hours solely dressing up for dinner tonight, but when she saw the aloof man in front of her, a sense of frustration started to build up in her. Right now, she had to admit that her charm, which she was so proud of in the past, was nothing at all in his eyes.

He gestured for the menu from the waiter and passed it to her, utterly oblivious to her train of thought. "Please order what you would like to eat, Miss Stone."

Looking at the menu in front of her, she blinked and accepted it. Since she couldn't attract Nicholas with her beauty, then she would show him the virtuous side of herself.

After placing the order, she turned to him with a smile. "I ordered a few dishes that you like, which I usually hear from Mrs. Sawyer, and I also informed the restaurant not to make it too spicy."

He nodded expressionlessly and went straight to the point. "How much do you know about the project?"

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Chapter 330 A Business Dinner

When she saw how business-like Nicholas was, the smile on her face wavered, but she quickly recovered herself. "I don't know that much, but I can make an appointment to meet up with my classmate," she said.

After dinner, they walked out of the restaurant together, and their striking appearance attracted the attention of many passersby. There were even some who whispered, saying that they were very compatible.

Hayley smiled alluringly as she heard those whispers and tilted her head at Nicholas. "Nicholas, it's still early now. Would you like to go for a walk?" she asked.

He declined the offer immediately. "No, thank you. Greg is waiting for me to come home."

However, his rejection didn't strike her as a surprise because she was just trying her luck by asking earlier. "That's okay. Since you're not free, we'll come out again next time," she said, following him to where he parked his car. Afterward, she went straight to the passenger seat, opened the door, and sat inside.

Nicholas paused and frowned as he saw her actions while getting into the car.

Naturally, Hayley felt the annoyance exuding from him, but she pretended not to notice and flashed him a smile. "I'll have to trouble you to drop me home tonight, Nicholas. My driver went back after he dropped me off."

He pursed his lips together at her explanation but didn't refuse her a ride, and the car was completely silent when they were on the way.

At this moment, she turned her head, glanced at his sculptured features, and asked, "Nicholas, are you avoiding me?"

His brows knitted at the question, and he asked instead, "Why should I avoid you?"

"I thought that you have no reason to do that, too. After all, I'm not that scary, am I? It's not like I'm a cannibal."

She stared straight at him and didn't hide the adoration in her eyes because she hoped that he would give her some response, but the man in front of her remained unmoved.

Finally, she couldn't help but ask, "Nicholas, I don't think I'm that bad, so why do you refuse to accept me? Are you concerned about Gregory? If that's the case, you don't have to worry about anything because I will care for him as if he is my own. So even if we're married in the future, I can accept not having a biological child of my own."

"Miss Stone, this has nothing to do with Greg, but I'm the one who's unwilling." Then, he cast a fleeting gaze at her, and he decided not to beat about the bush. "I don't like playing games, and even more so for my marriage to be a chess piece for others."

The expression on Hayley's face turned sour, and she clutched her handbag tightly. After all her efforts for so long, this man didn't have a sliver of feeling for her.

As though he didn't see the look on her face, he continued, "Actually, with your conditions, you can have any man you want, so you don't waste your efforts on me."

"But you're the one I want." She looked at him determinedly as she bit her bottom lip.

However, that only made his tone turn icy cold. "But I don't want you!"

Once again, the car slipped into complete silence, which made Hayley feel incredibly unbearable. This was the first time in her life that she was repeatedly rejected.

After a while, the car stopped in front of her house, and she couldn't help but feel aggrieved when she saw the expressionless man in the driver's seat. She placed both hands against the car window and asked, "If you don't like a woman like me, then what type of woman do you like?"

"That has nothing to do with you." Nicholas felt that this was his private affair, so he didn't need to explain himself to anyone.

Hayley's face twisted into a scowl as she felt mad with frustration, but it didn't bother him one bit as he said before turning the car around to leave, "I hope that you won't appear before me with this idea in your mind in the future. If you keep this up, I'll send others to speak with you about work."

As she watched the elegant, black Maybach disappear at the street's end, she gradually calmed down.

Unfortunately for him, the more he turned her down, the more interest she had in him.

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Chapter 331 I Really Want to Go Back

Hayley knew very well that once a man like Nicholas got serious, he would absolutely be loyal to his feelings. And she needed a man like this in her life.

A hint of resolution sparked in her beautiful eyes as she stared in the direction where Nicholas had disappeared. "I will win you over!"

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In Dynasty Gardens, Nicholas heard the sound of a violin coming from the second floor as soon as he entered the living room.

At this moment, Andrew came over respectfully. "Master Nicholas, you're back."

Nicholas nodded and handed over the briefcase in his hand. After that, he asked, "Is Greg practicing his violin upstairs?"

"Yes. The young master started practicing in the music room this afternoon. Then, after he had his dinner, he went into the music room again."

Nicholas was quite surprised as he listened to Andrew's reply. He was astonished because Gregory had not touched his violin much since Tessa left.

Nicholas made his way upstairs and then pushed the door into the music room.

"Daddy!" Gregory immediately put down his violin and trotted over happily as he saw Nicholas enter the room. He hugged Nicholas' long legs. Then, he raised his head and asked, "Daddy, when did you come back?"

"Oh, I just came back. I heard you're practicing your violin, so I came over to have a look."

Nicholas ruffled Gregory's hair with his hand. His initially austere facial features softened. "Why did you start playing the violin again?"

"Daddy, stop rubbing my head. You're ruining my hairstyle!" Gregory immediately loosened his hold on Nicholas' thighs and stepped aside to straighten the hair that Nicholas messed up.

Nicholas let out a hearty laugh when he saw that and walked straight into the music room.

After straightening his hair, Gregory followed him. Then, he bragged in his soft and adorable voice and said, "Miss Tessa and I had a video call during the day, and she even taught me a new song."

When Nicholas saw the arrogant look on Gregory's face, his facial expression softened up even more. As a matter of fact, he had already guessed that Gregory practicing his violin might have something to do with Tessa.

“So, was the song you played a while ago a new song that you had just learned?”

“Yeah! Miss Tessa even sent me the music sheet and asked me to practice more.” Gregory looked at Nicholas. His gaze was very bright, as if there was starlight glimmering in his black pupils.

After that, Nicholas asked again, “Well then, how is your practice coming along?”

“Daddy, do you want to listen to me play?” Gregory blinked his big eyes and looked at Nicholas cutely.

As he was interested in discovering Gregory’s violin skills, he nodded.

“Then I’ll play it for you.”

As Gregory said that, he picked up his violin and put it in between his neck and shoulders. Then, he started playing while looking at the music score.

After Gregory played for a while, Nicholas finally recognized the song that he was playing. It was ‘A Time for Us’ and was supposed to be a tender and romantic piece. But unfortunately, under Gregory’s rocky performance, Nicholas did not feel any tender love or romance that he was supposed to feel in this piece. Instead, Gregory had somewhat ruined such a good piece of music with his unskilled performance and made him chuckle in amusement.

I didn’t expect Tessa to teach him such a difficult music score remotely. Isn’t this too difficult for Greg?

When he heard sounds of laughter, Gregory immediately stopped playing. Then, puffing up his cheeks in anger, he glared at Nicholas.

Nicholas knew then that his laughter had angered Gregory. He then complimented Gregory with a light cough while suppressing his laugh, “Your violin skill is all right. It’s quite good.”

There was a noticeable tint of disdain in Gregory’s eyes as he heard Nicholas’ insincere compliment.

“Who says it’s good? I can’t even finish playing the whole song without pausing here and there. You only know how to coax me like I’m a child,” Gregory retorted.

Meanwhile, in Vienna, Tessa had a good night’s sleep until dawn in her apartment. However, when she finally got up and had a good stretch, she was a little stunned when she looked at the unfamiliar yet familiar environment, followed by a sense of loss that crept into her heart.

I have lived in this apartment for several days. But Timothy, Greg, and even Nicholas are not here. I keep feeling that something is missing. Although I have made up my mind to work hard, I can't help but miss them.

"What should I do? I really want to go back," Tessa whispered as she hung her head.

In an instant, the atmosphere in the room also turned gloomy. But fortunately, her emotions came and went very quickly.

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Chapter 332 Be There for Your Birthday

After a while, Tessa regained her spirit and started her daily routine. Finally, she began her daily practice. Time flew by in a blink of an eye while she was immersed in her intense practice session. And thus, another day went by just like that.

In the evening, Tessa received a video call from Timothy after she went home and had her dinner.

Timothy wore a tailored black suit in the video, and he had fastidiously groomed his hair. He looked decent yet gentle with a pair of gold-rimmed glasses on his tall nose bridge.

As Tessa looked at Timothy, who became more and more handsome and reliable through the video call, she suddenly felt that her baby brother was all grown up now. I wonder which girl will be lucky enough to hit the jackpot and win my outstanding brother over in the future. She could not help but start looking forward to it at that thought.

Not knowing she was already indulged in thinking about his future girlfriend, Timothy put up a faint smile on his handsome face. "Tess, what are you doing?"

"I just finished having my dinner, and you? What are you doing?"

"I just finished my work."

After that, the siblings chatted for a while. Then, Timothy suddenly said, "Tess, I just flipped through the calendar and realized it's your birthday at the end of this month. So I decided to fly over to celebrate your birthday with you."

Tessa was stunned, and after counting silently, she realized it really was her birthday at the month's end. She could not help but sigh. "Time does fly! I would have nearly forgotten about it if it wasn't for your reminder."

"I knew it! I knew you would have forgotten." Timothy smiled. "Then, that settles it. I'll come over and accompany you on your birthday at the end of this month."

Tessa felt a warmth through her heart as she heard his declaration. The feeling of being cared about by someone sure is great.

Although Tessa was moved, she did not want Timothy to travel such a long distance. "It's just a birthday. You don't have to travel so far for me."

Timothy refuted as he disagreed with her, "It's your birthday! Why wouldn't I do something special for you?"

"Tim, I know you want to accompany me on my birthday. I truly appreciate this." She tried to persuade him, "However, your company has just started, and it's still in the developing stages. I think it's not the right time for you to leave the country suddenly. Moreover, I don't know how much of your work will be piled up by coming all the way here. Have you considered the time for you to travel to and fro, including the delays in between when you made such a plan?"

However, he still insisted. "No way! It's your birthday! How can I miss it?"

Truthfully, she was very moved by his words and actions. But, even so, she still did not want him to rush about.

Before she could start speaking again, he added, "Tess, say no more. I'll definitely be there for your birthday. Although the company is important, it's not as important as you. You're the most important thing in this world to me! Besides, we had always been celebrating each other's birthdays together before. So, there's no way I will miss it this time!"

After she heard this, her eyes could not help but get teary. She sniffled, and with a hint of a whimper in her voice, she said, "Oh, alright. I'll wait for you on my birthday."

He nodded agreeably. Then, he switched subjects and talked about some interesting matters, which made her laugh. Only then did he hang up the phone. After the call, he immersed himself in his hefty workload again.

During this period of time, Timothy's company had developed a tracking and positioning software. However, the whole company was still in a hectic mode as there was still a lot of data that had not been refined.

As the co-owner of this company, Timothy needed to get his hands on many things. Although it was very tough, he enjoyed doing it. He was even more motivated, especially now that Tessa could chase her dreams.

Later, Henry knocked on the door and entered.

“Tim, here’s the business proposal that Sawyer Group asked for. Here, take a look at it. Then, if there’s no problem with it, bring it over to President Sawyer when you go there to discuss matters later.”

As Henry spoke, he handed over a document, and he even sat himself on the desk.

Timothy pushed him off in disdain. “Hey, you’re also the boss of this company. So pay some attention to your image.”

“It’s just the two of us in the office. So why do I have to care about my image?”

Even though Henry said that, he still got off the desk.

Timothy ignored him, picked up the document on the table, and looked through it. After a while, he put down the file and said, “There’s no problem with the business proposal. I’ll bring it over to Sawyer Group later.”

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Chapter 333 Stop Right There, Timothy!

Henry nodded, but he did not leave.

“What’s wrong? Is there anything else?” Timothy looked over at Henry.

“There is something…” Henry scratched his head, not knowing what to say next.

Timothy laughed teasingly as he saw Henry’s hesitation. “Look at you, acting like this. Do you mean to tell me you’re in love?”

“No one’s chasing me, so who will I date?” Henry felt extremely heartbroken each time he spoke of this matter.

I can also be considered a small-scale business owner. But in the end, Tim still receives more attention from the ladies when we return to school.

Timothy continued his guesses, utterly oblivious to Henry’s inner thoughts. “Then, do you want to borrow money?”

Henry was speechless. Do I look like someone who’s really short on money?

Eventually, Henry did not wait for Timothy to continue guessing, and he directly said what he wanted to say just now, “I just wanted to ask you about our sister… Tess’ life abroad.”

“Our sister? That’s my sister!”

Timothy suddenly felt like his beloved toy was being snatched away as he looked at Henry in dissatisfaction.

However, Henry didn't care as he continued gaily and said, "We had gone through so many tough times together. So, it's natural for me to regard your sister as my sister. Come on, tell me. Is Tess doing well abroad?"

"Why do you care so much whether Tess is doing well or not? Don't tell me... I'm telling you. Tess has someone she likes." Timothy stared at Henry with a strange yet defensive look.

Timothy's wild imagination honestly had Henry exasperated as he retorted, "It's true! I'm just asking!"

However, one could not blame Henry for wanting to know about Tessa's situation so much. In fact, he was one of the few who knew that Tessa was forced away. Moreover, she was forced to leave to save Henry's father. Therefore, he always felt guilty whenever he thought about her.

Timothy replied honestly after sensing that Henry was indeed just concerned, "Tess is doing well abroad."

Henry breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing the good news. After joking with Timothy for a while, he left the office.

Finally getting off work that evening, Timothy simply tidied up the desk. Then, he picked up his suit jacket on the back of the chair and Henry's business proposal. Then, he walked out of the office.

As he made his way out of the company, he did not expect to stumble upon the unreasonable and mean Amber at the company's entrance.

Likewise, Amber also noticed Timothy, and a trace of annoyance instantly appeared on her aging face. Then, she strode toward Timothy.

His facial expression slightly darkened as he looked at the clearly hostile Amber. Then, he directly disregarded her presence and walked over from the side.

When Amber saw this, she was extremely furious.

"Stop right there, Timothy!"

"What do you want?"

Timothy, who was wearing a black suit, suddenly turned around. A hint of coldness appeared on his handsome face, exuding an intimidating aura.

For a moment, Amber was unnerved. However, when she regained her senses, she felt even more enraged and scolded, "Timothy, what's with this attitude when talking to your elders?"

"This is my attitude toward you," Timothy said, still expressionless. Yet, he could feel his patience was running out at the same time. "If you have nothing to say, I'm leaving."

"I do have something to say!" Amber stepped forward and spread her hands out as she stepped in front of Timothy to stop him from leaving. "You and Tessa have ruined this family. Your father is missing. Now, I'm just a poor old lady that doesn't have enough money for food. It's all your fault!"

When Silas kidnapped Henry, he probably knew he might be going to prison for that. So, he ran away with the cash and valuables at home overnight. Up to today, his whereabouts were still unknown.

Initially, Timothy was not aware of these things. But now that Amber spilled the beans, he only felt vindicated. He sneered as he looked at her. "What does this have to do with me? You dug your own grave, so lie in it."

"You son of a b*tch! Who taught you all these?!"

At this moment, she was foaming at the mouth at his attitude. "As expected from an ill-bred ingrate. I should have asked your father to strangle you and Tessa to death when you two were born."

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Chapter 334 No Obligation to Support You

The facial expression on Timothy's face instantly turned gloomy when he heard that. The aura surrounding him became terrifying as he icily stared at Amber.

When Amber met his terrifying glare, she felt a little unnerved. However, her years of tyrannicalness made her regain her composure. She even raised her chest and said, "What? You want to hit me?"

"Ha! Hit you? I'm afraid my hands will get dirty." Timothy regarded her coldly in a disgusted tone.

Soon, his patience ran out, so he didn't plan to waste more time on her. So, he directly walked past her from the side.

"Timothy, did I say you can go? Stop right there! I haven't finished talking!" She immediately strode up to catch up with him and grabbed him.

“Let go!” He flung his hand away from her in disdain. Then, he said frigidly, “What more do you want?”

“What do you mean by that? Both of you destroyed Silas’ home! Shouldn’t you siblings compensate the family?”

Finally, Amber revealed the purpose of her coming here. There was mockery in Timothy’s eyes. I knew it! The members of the Reinhart Family won’t come to me if they don’t have something they want from me.

“I’ve told you. You’ve made your bed, now lie in it!” In other words, he wouldn’t compensate them financially.

However, she went selectively deaf as she maniacally said, “I don’t care. You siblings ruined the family. As a grandson, you must take on the responsibility of supporting me financially.”

Timothy could not conceal the revulsion on his face as he saw the bloodsucking leech Amber truly was.

“A few years ago, your precious son disowned the both of us! In other words, we have no obligation to support you!”

After saying those words, he no longer gave her the time of day. Instead, he immediately stopped a taxi on the roadside and left without looking back. Then, he went directly to Sawyer Group.

Silas deserves whatever he gets. Plus, I never saw this “grandma” of mine when Silas disinherited Tessa and me from the Reinhart Family. But now, she suddenly comes to acknowledge me as her grandson when she’s desperate for money. What kind of sick joke is this?! Timothy couldn’t help but think.

Finally arriving at Sawyer Group, Timothy completely threw Amber out of his thoughts.

“Mr. Reinhart, right this way, please.”

The front desk staff saw Timothy and respectfully stepped forward to lead the way.

He nodded politely and followed the staff toward the elevator.

Earlier, Nicholas gave an order in the company to give Timothy the privilege of using the VIP passage. Hence, Timothy could directly head upstairs with Nicholas’ private elevator.

Edward was already there by the door greeting him respectfully when he walked out of the elevator.

“President Reinhart, President Sawyer is already waiting for you in the office.”

There was some admiration in Edward’s eyes as he looked at Timothy’s sharp figure in a black suit.

Edward was also considered as one of those who witnessed Timothy’s transformation from being a nobody into becoming someone noteworthy. Given time, he believed that this young man in front of him would definitely be able to build his own remarkable career in Southend.

Nicholas wore a black suit and sat on the leather executive chair like a king in the office. But, as always, there was a lack of expression on his handsome facial features that seemed to be carefully carved by the hand of God.

When Timothy came in, he was somewhat fazed by the powerful aura that Nicholas unintentionally exuded.

“What are you doing standing by the door? Please, come in.”

Nicholas said with a faint smile on the corner of his mouth when he saw Timothy standing by the door in a daze. Perhaps he was reminded of Tessa when he saw Timothy, so Nicholas’ attitude toward Timothy was relatively gentle.

Naturally, Timothy noticed Nicholas’ change and suddenly recalled what Tessa had said before. When he remembered that they were dating, he felt a little awkward.

Meanwhile, Nicholas did not notice anything unusual about Timothy as he left his desk and sat on the sofa opposite Timothy. Then, they started to discuss work.

“Have you brought the latest business proposal?”

Timothy immediately snapped back from his thoughts when he heard the question. Then, he handed the document to Nicholas.

In the slightly luxurious black and white office, the two started exchanging opinions back and forth.

Suddenly, Timothy’s phone rang. It was a call from Henry. He gave Nicholas an apologetic look and answered the call, “What’s the matter?”

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Chapter 335 My Grandson is Timothy Reinhart

“Tim, what should I do? Your grandma keeps staying at the company’s entrance and won’t budge!” Henry’s anxious voice sounded from the phone.

Timothy frowned upon hearing the news. His eyes were filled with resentment as he instructed in a cold voice, "Ignore her! Don't give her the attention she wants!"

He returned to the discussion after he hung up. However, he still had a rather dark look on his face.

Nicholas caught on to his terrible mood and asked, "Is something the matter?"

"Nothing. It's just some trifle affairs."

Since Timothy did not want to trouble Nicholas, he expunged on the matter.

But in the end, Timothy was still worried as he was concerned that Amber would cause trouble in the company. So, he said, "President Sawyer, that's about that for the specific plan. I still have to attend to some matters in my company, so I shall take my leave first."

Timothy started to put away the notebook and other items on the coffee table as he spoke. Nicholas frowned slightly at his actions. However, he did not stop him.

Timothy hurriedly packed up and prepared to leave. However, he suddenly remembered something when he walked to the door. And thus, he turned around abruptly and asked, "It's Tess' birthday at the end of the month. President Sawyer, do you want to visit her?"

Nicholas was taken aback for a moment. Then, he nodded and said, "I'll make sure to clear my schedule."

"Alright, I'll take my leave now." Timothy nodded politely and bid farewell to Nicholas again.

Nicholas pondered for a moment as he watched Timothy's retreating silhouette. Then, he turned, went back to his desk, and called Edward into his office via internal line.

"President Sawyer, what's the matter?"

"Send someone to follow Timothy and see what's going on in his company."

Edward assented and left.

Timothy took the taxi back to the company and saw a group of people surrounding the company's entrance. Before he could get close, he saw Amber sitting on the ground in the middle of the crowd. She was crying and being an absolute nuisance.

"I don't want to live! Let me die! I'm old, but my children and grandchildren are unfilial. They're unwilling to support me. I was just here to ask for some financial aid, but I got chased out instead."

“Everyone, just look at me! How can such a cruel grandson exist?”

“Timothy, come out! You and your sister had ruined our home. Your father’s whereabouts are still unknown at this moment. If you don’t care for me, how can I live?”

Many passersby started sympathizing with her upon seeing an old lady in such a piteous state.

Someone among the crowd even planned to help her. “Old madam, do you know where your grandson is? We’ll call him out for you.”

“My grandson is Timothy Reinhart, and he runs a software company in this building,” Amber said as she pointed to the building in front of her.

When the passersby saw this, they once again felt unjustified in her place.

“For him to be able to open a company here in this building, it’s enough to show he has money. But such a person does not support his elderly? He’s simply a scumbag.”

“Does anyone know any people in this building? Let’s find this person and expose him.”

“I have an acquaintance working in this building. I’ll call and ask. By the way, old madam, what’s your grandson’s name again?”

“His name is Timothy Reinhart,” she replied. Amber withheld nothing when she saw people helping her. Instead, she started twisting the truth to suit her version of reality when it came to the Reinhart siblings.

Standing behind the crowd, Timothy trembled in anger when he heard her pressing false charges on him and Tessa. But then, those nosy passersby who knew absolutely nothing of the truth started throwing accusations on their character too.

“This person is so ruthless!”

“Such an unfilial person should be sent to the police station and let the police teach him a lesson.”

“I heard that he has an older sister. They say an eldest sister is like a mother. But, judging from the brother’s misbehavior, I think his elder sister isn’t a good person either.”

Timothy’s face turned livid as he listened to all the criticisms in stony silence.

I can accept any condemnation, but I can’t stand people criticizing Tess!

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Chapter 336 Solve It as Soon as Possible

At last, Timothy could not bear it anymore and called security. His voice was as cold as a glacier when he ordered, "Someone is causing a scene downstairs in my company. Please escort them away immediately."

A few minutes later, the security guards came, and they dismissed the crowd, then walked to Amber. "This is a public area. You have disturbed the peace, so it is in your best interest to leave."

"I'm not leaving! I will never leave! I'm going to wait for Timothy! He is yet to pay me alimony!"

Amber waved her arms in resistance as she saw security guards approaching her.

At this time, Amber suddenly spotted Timothy standing behind the crowd. She immediately understood how these security guards suddenly showed up. She wanted to pounce on him and hit him in her rage. "Timothy, you actually called someone over to chase me away? You ingrate! I will teach you a lesson on behalf of your father!"

He didn't respond but only gave her a dark stare. Then, he raised his hand to grab her hand that was about to hit him and pushed her away with slight force in response.

Even so, she still staggered back several steps.

Once Amber stood firm, she was even more furious as she laid her ferocious glare on him. If looks could kill, Timothy would be long dead by now.

"Timothy! How dare you act against me! Trust me. I will call the police and sue you!"

"That's fine with me! Go ahead and sue me! I'll wait!"

Timothy went directly into the office building after he had said his piece. I have long hated the Reinhart Family. I held myself back in every aspect because of Tess in the past. However, now that Tess has left the country, I will show them never to mess with us ever again.

However, Timothy did not expect that the scene of the commotion earlier was filmed by a passerby and spread on the Internet. As soon as the video appeared on the Internet, it immediately created havoc throughout the whole network.

'He looked like a decent man, but I didn't expect him to be worse than an animal!'

'Youngsters nowadays are heartless. They have the money to establish a company, but they don't have money to support their grandma.'

'Such a sc*mbag doesn't deserve to live!'

Nearly all the comments below the video condemned Timothy. Some netizens even opened a specialized post and dug up his school information.

'The f*ck! Such a sc*mbag is actually a student at Southend University!?'

'The main point is that he is even listed as an outstanding student. Are the educators in Southend University blind?'

'Well, it's possible he bought his way in. After all, considering he can establish a company, he's probably loaded.'

Things eventually grew out of control with the netizens maliciously slandering Timothy. When Henry saw the news on the Internet, he immediately notified Timothy.

Timothy did not look well after learning about what happened on the Internet. The next day, he received constant criticism and judgmental stares from the passersby when he went to his class.

"Hey, look! It's the sc*mbag that went viral on the Internet!"

"I didn't expect him to have the dignity to go out. If it were me, I would have hung myself."

"Hmph... he usually looked aloof. I didn't expect his nature would turn out to be so bad that he would actually act against an elderly."

"I forbid you to talk about Timothy in that way! I believe he isn't what the media portray him as. So there must be something we're not privy to."

"I say, can't you girls get a grip? Even if Timothy is handsome and has some money now, you girls still have to differentiate between good looks and morality! So you girls still fancy such an unfilial guy? Have you girls lost your minds?"

"You're the one who's out of your mind! Concluding Timothy as unfilial simply based on a video! Don't you know words of mouth alone don't carry conviction?"

Some people criticized Timothy, so naturally, there would be some who defended him. However, Timothy did not know about these. He was notified by the tutor to go to the office as soon as he entered the classroom.

"Sir." Timothy stood by the door and knocked.

"Come in."

Timothy entered the office at that order.

When Timothy saw the teacher's computer screen showing what happened on the Internet, he pursed his lips. Then, he asked, "Sir, you called me over because of what happened on the Internet?"

The teacher nodded and asked, "What's the matter?"

"Sir, do you believe me?" Timothy stared at his teacher calmly. "My family situation is complicated, but I'm definitely not unfaithful or unfilial."

When he looked back at Timothy, the teacher remembered that he had never seen Timothy's parents in the past few years. It was only his sister who attended the parents' meeting. At the thought of that, the teacher sighed secretly.

Every family has its own problems.

"I won't ask you about your family's situation, but this incident has become a big deal on the Internet. It has caused a social impact, which is very bad for you. So, you need to find a way to solve it as soon as possible."

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Chapter 337 I'm Doing Fine

Timothy nodded and said he would deal with this matter as soon as possible after hearing his teacher's remarks.

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In the president's office of Sawyer Group, Edward brought up Timothy's online problems after he reported on his work. He asked, "President Sawyer, should we lend a hand in solving Mr. Timothy's affairs?"

"There's no need for that. Timothy will handle this matter."

"But—"

Edward wanted to explain the huge impact of this matter. Unfortunately, with Timothy's current ability, I'm afraid that he will not be able to solve this matter in a short time.

It was just that Nicholas interrupted Edward before he could say anything. He said coldly, "There are no ifs and buts about this. Timothy's a grown man. He can't always rely on others to solve his problems every time. Plus, I don't think he wants anyone to interfere with his private matters. What's more, I'm sure he'll also deal with this matter as soon as possible in order to not worry Tessa."

Meanwhile, Tessa had no idea what was happening in her home country. She simply practiced every day, going off in the early morning and returning till late at night. Miss Hathaway was very strict with Tessa in particular. Hence, she wished time would pass by slower so that she could practice more.

After a day of intense practice, she returned to the apartment. Once everything was sorted, she sat on the sofa in her pajamas and then decided to first make a video call to Timothy.

Timothy's handsome and mature face appeared in the video in a few seconds. Tessa held her chin in the palm of her hand and jokingly said, "Tim, I find that you are getting more and more handsome now."

"Was I not handsome before?" Timothy asked with a chuckle.

"You're handsome before, but something was missing. But now it feels different when I look at your handsome face."

"What's different?"

"I don't know. It's just different."

Since Tessa could not explain, she might as well leave everything ambiguous. After that, the siblings chatted and laughed for a while. Then, Tessa asked Timothy about his situation back in the country.

"How are you doing over there these two days?"

"I'm doing quite well here. So don't worry about me, Tess. By the way, our company has signed a cooperative deal with President Sawyer again."

Timothy only told her the good news and deliberately concealed what was unpleasant. He did not say a word about what happened to him in the country. I don't want Tess to still worry about me even after she left.

In the meantime, she did not know what thoughts ran through his mind. When she heard that Timothy had signed another project, she was thrilled and praised, "Tim, you're getting better and better. I'll be in your care in the future."

"Well, I'll definitely make you the happiest person in the world if I support you!" He nodded firmly and looked at her with an earnest and determined gaze.

She was incredibly moved when she saw that. She knew that he wasn't joking. He meant what he said, just like the things that he had promised her before.

Later, the two talked for a while, and she hung up the phone. After pouring herself a glass of water, Tessa sat back on the sofa and called Nicholas. The call was connected almost as soon as she dialed the number.

Tessa smiled when she looked at the handsome man in the video and said, "Picking up so quickly? Could it be that you're holding the phone in your hand?"

Nicholas smiled without saying a word as he heard her teasing. However, the expression on his face explained everything. Then, he asked, "How was your practice today? Are you tired?"

"It's going well. I'm used to it now."

After that, Tessa recounted today's training situation and some exciting things she saw in the orchestra.

While he looked at the girl who was full of confidence and brilliance on the screen, the corners of his mouth lifted into a faint smile, and his gaze was so gentle that it seemed like it could drown a person.

After Tessa finished speaking, she was a little shy when she met his deep dark eyes, which seemed to draw people in. She lightly coughed as if to hide her discomfort. Then, she asked, "Where's Greg? Why isn't he here today?"

"He's practicing in the music room. Do you want to see him?"

"Yes!"

Although they video-called each other every day, Tessa could not stop thinking about the adorable Gregory. She wanted to hear him calling her 'Miss Tessa' with his soft voice.

The video vibrated for a while, and Tessa heard Nicholas' gentle voice coming from the phone. "Greg! Miss Tessa is calling."

Stomp, stomp, stomp...

Gregory's chubby face appeared almost immediately in the video call in the next second.

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Chapter 338 Alimony

"Miss Tessa, I miss you!"

“I miss you too, Greg. What did you do today?”

“I took a culture class in the morning. I was practicing the violin just now, but I always get this area wrong.” As he spoke, he looked at her expectantly.

She naturally understood his thoughts. So, she asked him to play the song again. When she found any problems, she gave him advice for him to improve. Meanwhile, Gregory took his lessons seriously, and soon he was able to play the song rather well.

After the call ended, Tessa had a content smile on her lips. Even though she was on the bed, she didn't feel sleepy. If anything, she felt that although she currently could not accompany the people she cared about in her life, the days she spent right now were still very fulfilling.

Tessa grabbed her phone as she had those thoughts in her mind. She planned to browse through the news back in her home country while waiting for her sleepiness to kick in. But, in the end, the trending news made all her sleepiness go away.

‘Such unfilial grandchild should be expelled from Southend University.’

Below the news headline was a photo of Timothy.

At once, Tessa browsed through the news. The look on her face turned nasty with each condemnation. I never expected Grandma would dare to pester Tim! Furthermore, she twisted the truth and made herself a victim. She even slandered Tim!

Initially, Tessa wanted to give Timothy a call and asked him what was going on. However, she hung up the moment she made the call. Since Tim didn't tell me about this in the call earlier, he obviously doesn't want me to worry about it.

At this thought, Tessa stared at the news on her phone again and felt utterly angered and repulsed by Amber. At a moment of impulsiveness, she wished she could immediately fly back home to help him, but she eventually squashed the urge.

Tim is all grown up now. I can't always protect him.

Although her thoughts said to let him deal with it, she was still worried throughout the night.

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Meanwhile, in a cafe in Southend, Timothy gazed coldly at Amber, who was in front of him, with an unprecedented look of revulsion in his eyes.

“What the hell do you want?”

“It looks like you’re having a bad day, aren’t you?” Amber smiled smugly. “My request is very simple. Give me money! I want at least half a million per month in alimony!”

“Half a million?” Timothy smiled and laughed sardonically.

However, she didn’t care as she continued triumphantly. “Yes, only half a million. Don’t even think about telling me you don’t have that much money. I’d hired someone to learn about your company, so I know your company is very profitable. You earn millions with just any software. Anyway, let me tell you: I want exactly half a million. No less. Otherwise, I’ll continue exposing you on the Internet, including Tessa!”

Amber knew that Tessa was his weakness. Sure enough, his facial expression changed in the next second, and it was arctic.

It’s clear to see that the Reinhart Family is extremely greedy. These people, they just can’t live with the fact that I’m doing better than them now. They also can’t live with the fact that Tess is doing well. So, there’s no need for me to be merciful in this case.

In the meantime, she had no idea what was going on in his mind. She thought she had successfully threatened him with her words when he gave her no response. Hence, she reached out her hand and began to ask for money.

“Give me this month’s alimony now!”

Timothy lowered his head and looked at the hand that reached out in front of him. He stood up with a sneer and said condescendingly, “Even if I have to burn that half a million, I will never give it to someone like you.”

After that, he couldn’t care less how nasty her facial expression became, and he simply turned around and left.

Once he returned to the company, Timothy immediately asked for a lawyer’s letter to be published on the Internet. He also issued a public statement at the same time.

‘Regarding the alimony, I hereby announce that I will not pay her a single cent. As for the reason? The Reinhart Family did not give me any support or financial aid when I grew up in the first place. Moreover, they disinherited me. Over the years, all the expenses, including my surgical expenses and living expenses, have been earned by my sister, Tessa Reinhart. She has put in blood, sweat, and tears to earn that money by taking up several part-time jobs. Therefore, in this life, I will only support my sister.’

Below the post, there was a copy of the living expenses listed by Timothy over the years, as well as the income and expenditure of their bank accounts. These accounts all had a specific time. Some even dated back more than ten years ago.

Toward the end, Timothy also said that netizens could run a check if they wanted to because he had nothing to hide.