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Chapter 221 Big Appetite

As soon as she opened the door, she saw Hereward sitting on the couch in the room. She looked at him in horror and stammered, "Hereward, why are you here?"

Because she was too shocked, Bella forgot about her delicate and beautiful act all of a sudden and could only stand at the door blankly.

Meanwhile, Hereward narrowed his eyes dangerously, his hands holding up his greasy stomach as he asked, "What's wrong? Can't I come over now?"

Seeing that Hereward was getting a little angry, Bella immediately stepped forward to comfort him. At this time, her panic had eased a lot, and she coaxed him, "Oh come on, how could that be? Of course you can come over whenever you want. You're more than welcome."

Hereward raised his eyebrows and looked at the woman in front of him who was obviously lying. "Really? But, looking at your expression, it doesn't look like you welcome me."

Bella felt awkward for a moment as she touched her face with her hand. "Uh... That's not true. It might be because I've just finished filming and am still immersed in my character, so I don't look natural yet." Then, resisting her nervousness, she asked in her usual coy and sweet voice, "When did you come over? Have you been waiting for me for a long time?"

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As she spoke, she deliberately wriggled her body and sat on Hereward's lap, showing her charm to let him know that she still wanted to serve him with all her heart. However, Hereward scoffed coldly and shoved her down from his lap with a heavy push.

"Ahh!" Bella immediately collapsed to the ground. After being pushed around twice in a day, she was in immense pain, but she still held it in, not daring to show her temper at all. "Hereward, what happened? Why are you so angry all of a sudden?"

Saying that, she got up from the ground to sit on Hereward's lap again. Moreover, when she got up, she deliberately pulled her clothes down further. After all, Hereward was only with her for her body, so Bella didn't mind using this way to get his attention. However, Hereward obviously didn't feel anything for her, and his face remained cold.

Looking at Hereward who was being so indifferent, Bella completely panicked. She didn't know how she had offended him, and feared that he would give up on her. She couldn't afford to lose his support yet as she had just started in the entertainment industry. If she didn't have him to pave the way for her, then her entertainment career would probably end here.

Hereward looked at her naive and vulnerable face, saying coldly, "I didn't know you had such a big appetite."

Bella lowered her head with tears in her eyes, trying to win his sympathy as she asked weakly, "What do you mean? I don't understand. You gave me everything that I have now. No matter what you ask me to do, it is my duty to listen to you completely."

Although she said that, inwardly, she felt anxious. Did Hereward find out that I went to look for Hanson?

However, Hereward kept sneering as he looked at Bella with a face full of mockery. "Really?"

She immediately nodded. "Everything I said is true. Hereward, you have to believe me."

"All right. Then, come over and help me take off my clothes," Hereward said in a greasy and sarcastic tone.

Bella hadn't expected that Hereward would make such a request at all. She was clearly taken aback and couldn't process his words all of a sudden as she stood frozen in place.

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Chapter 222 A Warning

At this time, Hereward's laughter became even more obvious. "Didn't you say yourself that you would do whatever I ask you to do? Why did you forget about me after you met someone better?"

Bella immediately shook her head and denied, "No, how could that be?"

Saying that, she immediately reached out, trying to help him unbutton his shirt, but as soon as she approached him, he grabbed her hand with all his strength, hurting her. However, she could only grit her teeth, not daring to say a word. She knew that Hereward was genuinely angry now and didn't dare to act rashly, and could only let him vent his anger.

Hereward looked impassive. He was a manager after all, and his way of speech carried authority and impact. Narrowing his eyes dangerously, he said to Bella, "I told you a long time ago that you should act wisely and not touch anything that doesn't belong to you, or I'll crush you. What's wrong now? Have you forgotten everything I said?"

"No, no, I've never forgotten," she immediately denied.

"Never? Then, tell me, what did you do earlier tonight?"

Bella's eyes widened in an instant. It seemed that he had really found out. Knowing that she couldn't fool him, she came clean about it. "It was only because President Luke and Miss Greyson chose me in the beginning that gave me the opportunity to enter the entertainment industry. That's why when I saw them come over today, I went to visit them. I really didn't mean anything else by that."

"Oh? I thought you'd switched to a better target and forgotten about me."

"No. I belong to you, and I only listen to everything you say. I would never find someone else." Bella immediately vowed that she would never betray him.

"That better be the case. I'm warning you, I don't care if you get into trouble yourself, but you'd better not get me involved. This is the last time I'll say something like this to you. If I find out next time, I'll immediately crush you."

Hereward was already clearly telling Bella that he knew everything she did, just like how she had gone to see Hanson today. As long as he wanted to know, he could find out at any time and quickly appear in front of her. To him, women were not important, and only his current status was the most crucial thing to him. If Bella offended Hanson, his position as a department manager would probably be jeopardized, and he absolutely would not allow this woman to threaten his status.

Bella hurriedly nodded. "Yes, I'll keep in mind what you just said. I won't make this kind of mistake anymore."

As she spoke, she stepped forward and stretched out her hand, trying to undo Hereward's clothes. "You've been working for an entire day, but because I made a mistake, you hurriedly came here to worry about me. You must be exhausted, right? Let me give you a massage."

Hereward didn't push her away this time. How could he refuse a woman who was offering herself to him? What was more, he hadn't had enough of her yet.

Pinching Bella's chin with his hand, he said, "This is your reality."

Bella didn't dare to say any more and immediately clung onto his body.

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Meanwhile, Melanie had dispatched more manpower to pay attention to Vania and Hanson's whereabouts since the last public trial of Vania's case. However, Hanson was not someone that ordinary people could follow around casually. Even some of the intel gathered by her men were obtained merely by chance. As it happened

Chapter 223 Bear With It

As Melanie looked at the photo, she gritted her teeth and said bitterly, "That b*tch Vania always acts pure and innocent, but isn't she showing her true nature in front of Hanson?"

Upon hearing Melanie's resentful tone, Josie asked worriedly, "What happened this time?"

"See for yourself," Melanie snapped and tossed her phone out.

When Josie picked up the phone and looked at the photo, she growled, "Vania Greyson, she really does have a way with men."

"Mom, what do you think we should do now?" Melanie was at sixes and sevens, entirely overwhelmed with fury.

Josie was also unwilling to fall behind. But ever since the trial, many people around them and on the internet had been keeping their eye on them, so they might be caught if they weren't careful. Then, they might never have another chance in the future.

Hence, she suppressed her anger and persuaded Melanie, "Right now, we can only lie low and wait for an opportunity. Although the rumors on the internet have disappeared now, and Hanson isn't tracking it down, it doesn't mean that he didn't see it. So, we must be more careful lest he shifts his focus to us. If that happens, we'll be in constant trouble."

Melanie was dissatisfied by that answer. "Of course I know that, but until when do we have to wait? Do I have to keep watching Vania and Hanson being together like this? Is there no other way but to endure now?"

Josie shook her head. "The time is not right yet. We have to be patient and avoid being anxious so that all of our hard work wouldn't be wasted."

Melanie really couldn't accept the fact that she always had to hold everything in. She smashed her phone again for the umpteenth time during the past few weeks.

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Early in the morning at Luke Corporation, the person in charge of the advertising department held the samples that were made in a hurry overnight at the company meeting early in the morning and said respectfully to Hanson, "President Luke, this is the sample from the expedited production. Please have a look."

Hanson opened the file and browsed all the contents before ordering, "Early tomorrow morning. I want to see the advertisement released."

Early tomorrow morning? So soon? It was the first time that the person in charge of the advertising department had to accept such an urgent job.

However, as Hanson had already spoken, they did not dare to refuse and immediately accepted. "Yes, President Luke. I will arrange for the staff to work overtime immediately. The finished product will be completed by tomorrow morning."

Hanson nodded, not forgetting to add a reminder. "Pay attention to the quality."

How could he allow his and Vania's first advertisement to be shoddy?

"Yes, I will definitely give you a perfect advertisement, President Luke."

The person in charge of the advertising department had already tooted his own horn, so he could only let all employees in his department work overtime overnight. Sure enough, before the morning meeting, the draft for the advertisement was completed. Early in the morning, before Hanson arrived at the office, the person in charge of the advertising department was already waiting at his door. Judging from his bloodshot eyes, it was clear that he hadn't slept all night. And looking at the unchanged clothes he was wearing from yesterday, it was even more obvious that he'd worked overnight in the company.

Upon seeing Hanson arrive at the company, he immediately stepped forward and said, "President Luke, the advertisement has been completed as per your request."

Hanson nodded, not giving him any more trouble as he said, "Work together with the other departments, and it can be released after that."

"Yes, I'll work on it this instant."

Before Hanson entered his office, he stopped and added, "Also, your department has worked hard during these past few days. I'll double your bonus for this month, so go and retrieve it from the finance department."

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Chapter 224 Light Chaser

“Thank you, President Luke, on behalf of all the employees in my department.” After getting Hanson’s affirmation, the person in charge of the advertising department breathed a sigh of relief. The bonus didn’t matter as long as Hanson gave his approval, or they might have to work overtime in the company for another night.

Hanson nodded. “Go ahead.”

“Yes, sir.”

Soon, they published this advertisement on Luke Corporation’s official Twitter account without notice as per their plan. Almost in an instant, it was reported by major media and spread all across the internet at the same time, with headlines such as ‘Hanson and Vania’s Advertisement Endorsement,’ ‘Luke Corporation and Galaxy Corporation’s Strong Union,’ ‘Fantasy Daydream Jewelry’s New Release—Light Chaser,’ ‘Luke Corporation’s Advertising Spokesperson,’ ‘Vania Greyson’s Work,’ and so on.

‘I’m not hallucinating, right? President Luke and Vania Greyson are the spokespeople?’

‘Wouldn’t this advertisement break records?’

‘Why does it look like a wedding photo to me? They look too good with each other.’

‘Wasn’t Bella Godwin the spokesperson? What’s with the sudden change? What is going on?’

‘Right, why did they change the spokesperson all of a sudden? Is there not an official statement?’

‘I heard that Bella went to endorse another advertisement from Luke Corporation instead of Fantasy Daydream Jewelry.’

‘But, it’s a good thing that we can see the two people in charge film an advertisement together.’

Of course, Melanie had a huge contribution to the polarized comments on the internet, and more and more people began to wonder why the spokesperson was not Bella.

‘Then, was the audition a lie?’

‘Since they didn’t need the champion as their spokesperson, why did they hold that audition?’

As more netizens tagged Bella in their comments, she saw the contents on Twitter and immediately posted a statement to explain the matter.

'First of all, I would like to apologize to all my followers. This advertisement was too perfect, and I could never express the emotions behind it personally, so I took the initiative to resign from the endorsement myself. It was my failure to explain this in time, and I have caused a misunderstanding for everyone. President Luke and President Greyson have always taken great care of me, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. I hope everyone can understand and continue to support me in my future acting career.'

Bella's well-thought-out statement quickly made netizens who didn't know the truth praise her unanimously, and they also stopped their suspicion of Vania and Hanson.

Seeing that she was being praised so well on the internet, Bella smiled triumphantly and once again sat in Hereward's arms, saying to him in a coy voice, "This time, it's thanks to your advice that I've become so popular."

Hereward was still pinching her chin as he said, "As long as you listen to me, I can guarantee that you will become the most famous celebrity. I can do that much."

Bella immediately nodded obediently. "I'll do everything you say."

Melanie hadn't expected that the posts she had carefully come up with would be destroyed by Bella's statement, and she trembled with anger. Now that Vania was gaining popularity on the internet, Melanie felt that she couldn't remain patient anymore.

She picked up her phone and posted on Twitter, but as she still didn't have the guts to post it with her true identity, she sent the Tweet anonymously and hired some paid posters to boost her up on the trending searches.

Celebrity Scandals posted: 'Vania intervened in Melanie and Hanson's relationship. According to a source, Melanie had given birth to a child with Hanson as early as five years ago and has been staying by Hanson's side discreetly since then. However, Vania suddenly appeared and used various methods to destroy their relationship and intervene in the lives of the two, even threatening their children.'

Chapter 225 Hanson Finds Out

For the sake of bagging Hanson, Vania even tried seducing him in bed.

The Internet went wild over this news.

'Is this for real? This news popped up just when Vania and Hanson launched an advertisement together, so it seems suspicious.'

'She's such an accomplished woman too, but she couldn't escape the temptations of becoming a homewrecker. Why is it that all these accomplished people often end up becoming homewreckers?'

'I heard that Hanson's children were born five years ago and the mother is Melanie. For the sake of maintaining a low profile, Melanie was willing to stay beside him without exposing her identity, but Vania came along and ruined everything. Melanie was heartbroken and has since left Hanson.'

'Vania is such an evil woman! No wonder Melanie kept trying to pick a fight with her. It turns out this was the cause. I feel bad for Melanie now.'

'Melanie and Hanson were together once. Don't you guys remember the jewelry appraisal event that happened not too long ago? Didn't Melanie show up with Hanson back then? There were two little boys with them too.'

'Oh, you're right! I remember that too. This means Vania is the other woman.'

The Internet was full of gossip and salacious news, and most online commenters tended to simply agree with the loudest voices. Therefore, the comments were flooded with sympathy and support for Melanie.

When Melanie saw that the commenters were supporting her, she began to gloat.

She was still Morales and Morgan's mother, and Hanson could not deny this fact.

There was no chance for Vania to make an excuse this time.

Melanie finally managed to get her revenge.

Meanwhile, Hanson, who had no idea what was happening on Twitter, was happily admiring his and Vania's advertisement.

They had taken quite a lot of pictures too to use for other promotional activities.

Every single one of them looked like a masterpiece to him.

Hanson never liked taking pictures, but now he wished he could turn back time so that he could take even more pictures with Vania.

He picked out a few clear shots of Vania and set them as the background for his computer and his phone, as well as several other devices of his. As long as he opened them up, the first thing he saw would be her face.

Then, he instructed his secretary, "Get these pictures printed at once and put them up in all the most eye-catching areas in the company." He could claim that it was for the sake of complying with the promotional activities, but in reality, he just wanted as many people as possible to see the pictures of him and Vania together.

His secretary had no clue why he wanted to do this and was puzzled as well, but she did not ask any questions. She carried out his instructions at once and made sure all the pictures were put up in the company.

Even the digital signboard that hung outside Luke Corporation's building displayed an image of Vania and Hanson together as if they were about to get married.

After seeing the walls covered in these pictures, Larry muttered to himself, President Luke really has his heart set on Ms. Greyson.

Immediately, he walked into Hanson's office to report what was happening on Twitter. He was afraid that Hanson would find out about it himself and blow up at him.

However, Hanson was completely engrossed in the pictures.

Larry rubbed his temples and cleared his throat to make his presence known.

Once Hanson looked up at him, Larry asked hesitantly, "President Luke, did you see the news on Twitter?"

Hanson took one look at Larry's expression and surmised that it would not be something good.

He calmly opened his Twitter to check.

Immediately, he saw the gossip about him and Melanie.

Hanson's expression turned cold. He was about to instruct Larry to sort it out at once, but he changed his mind once he recalled that Vania and her children felt strongly about Melanie.

Chapter 226 Not Worthy

Hanson kept tapping away on his phone.

Larry was stumped by the fact that Hanson did not seem to have much of a reaction after seeing what was happening on Twitter. Does he plan on just leaving this be?

It was true that Melanie had given birth to two of Hanson's sons, but it was wrong to say that Vania was the third party in their relationship. Why isn't President Luke making a statement about this? Ms. Greyson would never take another look at him if he didn't do anything.

Larry was beginning to worry for his boss when he heard a notification from his phone. It was a Twitter notification.

Larry had turned off all notifications save for three accounts.

The first was President Luke's, the second was Vania's, and the third was the company's.

Now that he got a notification from Twitter, he immediately took his phone out to check for the update.

Did Ms. Greyson send out a tweet?

However, when he opened his Twitter app to check, his eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

There was a tweet from Hanson himself.

Hanson had never used his Twitter account before despite having registered for one.

If Larry was not Hanson's assistant, he would not have believed that this account belonged to Hanson.

Hanson Luke: 'Melanie Greyson isn't worthy.'

His tweet instantly started trending.

'Is that President Luke? Did he get hacked?'

'Who would hack his account? Do you think the IT department at Luke Corporation is just there for show?'

'So President Luke, who has never paid any attention to such gossip, is responding to this one?!'

'What does this mean? Is he saying that the news is fake?'

A few seconds later, Hanson sent out another earth-shattering tweet.

Hanson Luke: 'I'm in the process of wooing Vania Greyson, and I hope no one jeopardizes this for me. If I lose my chance for a wife, I will come after those who ruined it for me.'

Who would have expected the president of such a monumental corporation to joke like this? Everyone was floored.

'OMG! Is this how a president flirts?!'

'Don't come after me, man. I'd pee my pants!'

'Who said Vania's a homewrecker? President Luke himself says that he's trying to date her! Melanie's nothing to him.'

'Did Melanie sign up for some kind of negative publicity package? Every time there's news about her, she always ends up being the one that gets exposed.'

'This is so sweet of President Luke. Vania would surely agree to date him now.'

'I can't wait to hear the news of President Luke and Vania getting together.'

'But what about President Luke's children? Can anyone confirm whether Melanie is their mother?'

'Is President Luke divorced and trying for his second marriage?'

'Hey, the one who said President Luke's divorced, do you have a death wish? The president might come after you for ruining his chance.'

'Did anyone else notice that President Luke is only following Vania?'

The commenters were split into those who were expressing support for Hanson and Vania to start dating, and those who were trying to figure out who the mother of Hanson's children was. No one cared about who Melanie was anymore.

"Vania... Argh! You b*tch!" When Melanie saw the comments on Twitter, she was nearly driven mad with rage.

She could not believe that Hanson had taken the initiative to send out a tweet that claimed she was not worthy of him! Hah! I'm not worthy, huh?

Did he not care about the fact that she was Morales and Morgan's mother anymore?

Melanie's eyes were full of hatred as she glared at the comments on Twitter.

If things did not go her way, she would not be letting Vania get her way either.

Melanie had developed a heinous plan in her mind.

The Internet was abuzz over this series of events. It had become the hottest gossip in town, surpassing news about all the other celebrities and influential people.

Even the police who had taken Vania into police custody earlier on came out to make a statement saying that the case had been resolved and the people involved had been let go.

They even released a statement detailing the entire investigation process. Apparently, it was an act of revenge by Wesley's family members over the incident at Red Allure in Eastland. Both parties were willing to settle, so the case ended just like that.

Chapter 227 The Children Strike Back

Everyone began to cheer for Vania and Hanson as many of them wished that they would end up together.

Vania was taken by surprise when she saw Hanson's tweets too. She glanced at the words she had written and her smile widened.

After putting what she had written into an envelope, she passed it to Linda and said, "Send this off."

"Okay."

Meanwhile, the four children at home had strange feelings in their hearts when they saw the way Hanson publicly defended their mother.

Somewhere deep in the recesses of their minds, their attitude toward him was slowly changing, but none of them recognized it yet.

Jack commented in a standoffish manner, "We can't let him win us over just because of one little thing he did. We need to keep our eyes peeled and stop him if he ever does anything that hurts Mommy."

Jacob raised his fist in support. "You're right, Jack. We can't approve of him just because of this."

James and Jude nodded solemnly.

"They even called Mommy a homewrecker! This must be that awful woman, Melanie's doing. We have to teach her a lesson." Jack began tapping away on his laptop, and soon, he found the IP address of the anonymous account that sent out the tweet.

James saw what Jack had done and thought it was not enough. "We need to do more than that. Let's expose the news of her poisoning her own children. We'll see how she can continue using her children as an excuse."

Jack agreed. "You always think a few steps forward, James. I agree."

“That’s right! If she dares to disrespect Mommy this way, she should get a taste of her own medicine.” Jacob did not want to let Melanie get away with this.

Jude nodded as well. He felt protective of Vania as well, but he still rarely spoke since he was not used to speaking yet.

The four children came up with a detailed plan. First, they tweeted an image that showed that the IP address of the Twitter account, Secrets of the Rich and Famous, belonged to Melanie’s place of residence.

This proved that the person who framed Vania was someone close to Melanie. After all, why would a stranger appear in her house?

While everyone was trying to wrap their heads around this piece of gossip, another audio recording was released on Twitter.

This time, the audio recording exposed how Melanie had poisoned Morales and Morgan.

The Internet went nuts over this. No one would have thought that Melanie would harm her own children.

They assumed Melanie was just trying to pick a fight with Vania, but it shocked them to find out that she was so cruel that she even acted against her children.

‘I thought she’s the children’s mother? How could she do such a horrible thing? This doesn’t sound like something a mother would do.’

‘President Luke needs to look into this and see who the children’s mother really is.’

‘I’m getting goosebumps all over now. Thank goodness she’s not with President Luke, or else, I’m afraid she’d do something even more heinous in the future.’

‘Vania needs to be careful. Melanie’s willing to hurt even her own children, so I wouldn’t put anything past her.’

At first, Melanie thought that everything would blow over soon, but she was thrown for a loop when the recording was made public.

Only a few people knew about the poisoning incident. Was this Hanson’s doing?

No! It must be Vania! She must have set up a series of exposés to ruin me!

Once Melanie saw the comments online, she grew fearful.

The comments that claimed she might not be the children’s mother after all sent a chill down her spine. If Hanson believed what they were saying and decided to investigate, that would be the end of her.

Chapter 228 Gossip Dies Down

Melanie chided herself for the careless mistake of posting the tweets at home. She continued to think things through, and she was even more determined to carry out her plan.

However, now was not the time to act. Morales and Morgan were not back yet, so she could not do anything. How was she going to deal with the news online?

Feeling rather helpless, Melanie turned to Josie and asked, "Mom, what should I do now?"

Josie sighed, and her tone was a little accusatory as she said, "I told you to just bear with it for now, but you didn't listen to me."

It had to be said that Josie was fretting too. If Hanson did decide to look into everything, they would surely be exposed, and it went without saying that Vania would not be letting them get away with this either.

"Mom, you didn't try to stop me when I released the news, so what's the point of saying this now? Hurry up and think of a way out of this. What should we do now?" Melanie huffed. She was beginning to regret her recklessness too.

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Josie rested her forehead against her hand and said, "What else can we do? Whatever you do right now will just make things worse. Stop paying any attention to this. Just let the news die out by itself. We'll find another chance to go after Vania."

"But what if Hanson gets suspicious after seeing those comments?" This was what Melanie feared the most.

"Find someone to deal with those comments then, but don't bother with anything else." Josie was feeling rather helpless too.

Melanie had nothing better to suggest, so she had to swallow her anger and nod in agreement.

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Back at Luke Corporation, when Hanson saw the new information that exposed Melanie, he was intrigued and started to look into the IP address of the Twitter account that posted that information.

When he saw the location of the IP address, he was stunned. It was the same location as the hackers from before, which was Vania's residence.

The cogs in Hanson's mind began spinning as he recalled everything that happened so far, as well as those children's interests. A thought popped into his head. Could it be them?

He decided against looking into it now, but he made a mental note of it. Perhaps there would be a surprise in store for him someday.

In any case, the news died down just like that. This was always the case with all these sorts of online gossip. Good or bad, it would all die down with time.

Many people would soon forget about this since it did not involve them personally anyway. Furthermore, many of these comments were either from eager gossipers or fake accounts that were fanning the flames on purpose, so they were not concerned about the truth at all.

After a while, all the nasty comments about Melanie died off too.

Meanwhile, Fantasy Daydream Jewelry kept breaking sales record after sales record.

Luke Corporation's jewelry arm had never seen such high revenue before.

"Congratulations, President Luke! Wonderful news, President Luke!" The director of the sales department was grinning from ear to ear.

Hanson stared at the director who was as jolly as Santa Claus right now and commented teasingly, "Others might think that I'm getting married."

Immediately, the sales director tried to wipe the smile off his face as he scratched his head awkwardly. "I'm just too excited that I ended up speaking without thinking."

Hanson had already seen the sales report, so he nodded and said, "You did well."

Praises rarely came out of Hanson's mouth, and the sales director's cheeks were aching from how wide his smile was.

As for Larry, he was wise enough to discern that this was all due to Vania. Otherwise, Hanson would not be as enthusiastic about this.

Hanson was indeed in an excellent mood, so he declared, "I know how hard everyone worked on this, so let's have a celebratory dinner at Hammond International Hotel tomorrow. We'll start at 5.00PM."

Chapter 229 An Enigma

"Thank you so much, President Luke!"

The director was so ecstatic that he kept repeating his thanks.

Hanson waved him off. He did not want to see such a silly grin on an employee of his.

Just then, Hanson turned to Larry and instructed him, "There's something else you need to do."

"Yes, President Luke."

Hanson had an ulterior motive for throwing this celebratory dinner.

Meanwhile, the employees were overjoyed to hear that they would be having a celebratory dinner. They began to nickname the collaboration between Luke Corporation and Galaxy Corporation as one that would be going down in history.

They had a very good impression of Vania too; thanks to Hanson, they began to address her as the boss' wife whenever they talked about her.

Hanson gave word that since they would be having a celebratory dinner tomorrow, it would be a half-day at work.

Once again, cheers broke out all over Luke Corporation. Dinners thrown at Hammond International Hotel were some of the finest, and not many people could claim that they had been to one before.

News about this celebratory dinner spread like wildfire, and many people wanted to attend for the sake of meeting Vania and Hanson and hopefully finding an opportunity to work with them in the future.

Many people could tell that both Luke Corporation and Galaxy Corporation were giants in the business world right now, and anyone who worked with them would benefit greatly.

It was meant to be an ordinary celebratory dinner, but more and more people kept coming, and it ended up being a grand affair.

This was excellent news to Melanie as it was just the right opportunity for her to set the record straight and cleanse herself of all the negative publicity.

Unfortunately for her, the celebratory dinner was invite-only, and Luke Corporation ran a tight ship when it came to these things. She would not be able to weasel her way in if she did not have an invite.

Melanie paced back and forth in her room as she exclaimed, "Mom, hurry up and help me find a way to get in. As long as I get in, I can go up on stage to perform that song. Hanson might be so moved by my performance that he would take me back."

Josie nodded. "You're right. The song I got you to learn is the favorite song of Luke Corporation's last president, who's deceased now. When you perform, put on the clothes you wore when you two first met. I'm sure it would stir his memories. As long as he's moved by it, seize this opportunity to plead with him by using the children as your excuse too. It might just work out."

Still, Melanie's expression was dark with not a single trace of joy. She frowned and said, "What you said is a given, but we don't have a way to get in right now."

Did she have to go and snatch an invite from one of the employees?

Melanie could only think of such a blunt idea. She even began to consider her chances of success if she did this.

Josie began to pace as well. "Don't get so impatient. Let me think about this."

How could Melanie not be impatient at a time like this? Still, there was no point in being impatient, so she sighed.

"Mom, let's just go and snatch one of the invites from someone."

Josie shut that down at once. "Definitely not!"

"What's your idea then?" Melanie stomped her foot in frustration.

Just as the two of them were about to tear their hair out over this, Melanie received a strange but familiar call.

She heard a man's voice, but she did not know who it was. "Come to the door and take your invite."

The call ended once the man said those few words. Melanie did not even have the chance to speak.

Melanie looked out the window at once and saw a delivery man standing outside the villa. He was waiting with some kind of document in hand.

Deep down inside, Melanie was stunned and also a little wary. This man was an enigma. He always came and went like the wind.

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Even so, this mysterious man would always be the one who gave Melanie a way out whenever she encountered any kind of trouble.

Five years ago, this man had been the one who told her about what happened between Vania and Hanson.

This was how she managed to find Vania, seize two children from her, and use them to stay by Hanson's side.

To this day, she did not know who that man was or why he gave such information to her, and why he delivered her to Hanson's side.

She also had no idea how the man managed to stop Hanson from finding out the truth about that night.

What was his goal? Melanie could not make head or tail of the situation. Why would that man be so well-informed about everything that happened?

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However, she could not dwell on this right now. The most important thing now was to attend the celebratory dinner and meet Hanson.

Melanie rushed downstairs and took the invite before saying to Josie, "Mom, can you find a way to get some money from Dad? I want to buy a new gown."

"Why do you want to buy a new gown? Aren't you going to wear what you wore when you two first met to stir his memories?" Josie waited for Melanie's answer.

"He has probably already forgotten all about our first meeting. I want to wear a style I've never worn before today and show up in front of him in a whole new light." In Melanie's mind, she could already picture the scene.

Josie nodded and agreed to her request. "I'll get you that money. Oh, by the way, how have you been getting along with the piano?"

Melanie was confident that she could play the song well, so she said, "Don't worry, Mom. I've practiced it countless times. I'm ready."

"Great."

Once Melanie got the money from Josie, she went to her favorite boutique to buy an incredibly sexy gown. She had never worn such a daring gown before.

After changing into her new gown, she made sure her makeup was immaculate before rushing over to Hammond International Hotel without further ado.

Inside the hotel, many guests had arrived for the celebratory dinner.

Melanie hurriedly handed her invite over at the entrance, and once the guards checked that it was valid, she rushed in out of fear that someone might recognize her. She kept walking with her head bowed and did not dare to catch anyone's eye.

She walked to a corner and chose the most discreet seat possible before sitting down in wait for the right moment.

Melanie kept a close watch on the entrance. She wanted to see Hanson, who she had not seen in a long time, and she wanted to see if Vania came with him.

Just as Melanie was occupied with all these thoughts, she heard a voice beside her ring out. "Nice to meet you. May I have a drink with you?"

At first, Melanie feared that someone had recognized her, but now that she realized it was an unfamiliar voice, she looked up at the man in front of her.

She found that the man was studying her carefully. He seemed like a man in his thirties with average looks. There was nothing about him that stood out at all.

His eyes were curious, but she did not see anything else in his gaze, so she did not know what his intentions were.

Melanie frowned, but a thought flashed across her mind. Anyone who managed to score an invite to this event would not be someone ordinary.

Therefore, she smiled and raised the wine glass in front of her. "Of course."

The man clinked his glass with hers before taking a sip of wine. He smiled and gave a simple introduction. "Hi, my name is Chris Jonas. I'm a manager at Epic Media Inc."