

Spoiled by Mr. Russell by Luminous Night Chapter 186-190

Chapter 186

“Mom?” Nathaniel asked Eloise in confusion. He was stunned as he had not expected her to say that “Why would Lily tamper with the formula? How many years have you been dating each other? You know very well that most of your company’s products were created by Lily. She had always been obedient to you. Why’d you force her to leave?” While Eloise spoke, she capped her knuckles on the tabletop, her expression severe. She looked like a stern teacher reprimanding a student who had just made a mistake.

Eloise’s questions puzzled Nathaniel. He was embarrassed and was about to break out in a cold sweat. “Mom...”

“I asked Frank to help you because you’re my son. I don’t want to see you fail after you’ve worked hard for such a long time. However, that didn’t mean that you did nothing wrong. Nate, you made a big mistake!”

She was merciless in her criticisms, and the person who felt most awkward now was Melanie.

‘What’s going on? I came here with Nathaniel to meet my future mother-in-law, but she didn’t care about me. Ever since she arrived, she did not look at me properly or said anything to me! Not only that, she’s praising his son’s ex-girlfriend when I’m here. What in the world is this?’

Melanie felt awkward just sitting at the table. It was giving her anxiety.

Nathaniel defended himself against his mother’s rebuke, unwilling to back down. “Mom, I can’t control my heart. Mel is the woman I love. I can’t possibly spend the rest of my life with Lily when I don’t love her!”

“Yes, you’re right. Lily is a talented perfumer, but you can’t expect me to marry her just because of that, can you? I admit I took advantage of her, but I also gave her a lot in return! Like you said, we’ve been dating for so many years, and yet she could just turn her back on me overnight. This just proves how heartless she is.”

He paused for a moment before continuing, “A person like her might betray me any time in the future, even if she did not do it now! I just got rid of things that might harm the company.”

His voice grew softer toward the end. Maybe he was not confident about his justification as well.

Eloise glared at him. “Do you want me to praise you for that?”

“That’s not what I mean. Mom, I brought Mel here to meet you today. Let’s not bring up the past anymore. No matter what Lily did, everything is history, and she’s gone. I love Mel, and she’s going to be your daughter-in-law. I’m going to marry her.”

After Eloise said her piece, she stopped rebuking Nathaniel and looked closely at Melanie. However, Melanie sensed from Eloise’s stare that she did not like her.

“You’re an adult now, and I can’t stop you from doing whatever you want. You have your own plans in life too. Still, about the marriage, I’d like to advise you... the both of you, to think about it carefully,” Eloise said and took her bag from the chair next to her. “Marriage isn’t a game. If you insist on getting married, just go ahead.” Then, she handed a debit card to Nathaniel. “This is a gift from me. You know very well that I can’t attend your wedding. The passcode is your birthdate. No matter what, I want you to live a good life.”

“Thanks, Mom!” Nathaniel accepted the card and said happily. “I understand. Your approval and blessings are already enough for us.” “Well then, today’s meal had taken up a lot of time. I’ll be leaving now.” Eloise stood up, preparing to leave. “Yeah, I’ll leave after an hour. Mom, take care.” Nathaniel stood up but realized that Melanie was still slouching in her seat. He immediately pulled her up, and finally, she got up to her feet, too, albeit slowly. That did not bother Eloise. She just patted Nathaniel on his shoulder. “You too.”

Chapter 187

Nathaniel was overjoyed. He held the debit card with one of his hands and Melanie’s hand with the other. “Mel, we can finally get married!”

Melanie glanced at the card and coldly shrugged his hand off her. “Really?”

“Look. This card is a gift from my mom, meaning she has already approved you as her daughter-in-law. I know what she said earlier made you upset, but don’t overthink them because she meant nothing ill. She just wants the best for me, that’s all.”

“I’m sure she wants that. She even chose a wife for you. However, I am not the woman she thinks is qualified to be her daughter-in-law.” Melanie was mad upon thinking of what Nathaniel’s mother had said earlier.

‘She kept talking about Lily when I was the one who sat in front of her! I am the woman who will marry her son, not Lily!’

Melanie could tell that Nathaniel’s mother looked down on her, making her uncomfortable.

“You’re upset again, aren’t you? I told you my mom didn’t mean what she said. It doesn’t matter how much she likes Lily because the most important thing is I don’t like her. What can my mom do about that? I am the one getting married, so her opinions will only remain as opinions and not a deciding factor. Her words can’t change anything!” Nathaniel coaxed Melanie patiently because he knew she felt aggrieved due to this matter.

“Really?” Melanie turned to look at him and said, “What if you change your mind?”

“Why would I do that? After all these years, don’t you know what I truly want? I have always loved you and you only! We’ll have a kid soon, so I would never change my mind!”

He held her hand and placed the card on her palm to make her feel at ease. “In the future, you will be in charge of our family’s finances. I will be under your control too. You can make the call for everything, okay?”

Melanie looked at the card in her hand, then at his sincere gaze again before nodding in satisfaction. “That depends on how you act!” After sending Melanie home, Nathaniel headed right to the lab. They were already at the final stages of the development of the new product, and they had to be careful to stop anything from going wrong. As Melanie said, Nathaniel placed his hopes on these two new products to bring back awards and recognition for the company.

Over the past few weeks, they recruited a few perfumers and researchers to work on the new products. Although they were not at the top of their fields, they were at least professionals. Even if they could not create anything unique, creating a few basic items would be no problem.

Everyone was working on their task at hand. Nathaniel looked around, and since the project’s progress was satisfactory, he made no comments. He just encouraged his team members to work harder during this period. Once the products succeeded in the market, everyone would get a raise in pay.

After walking around, he realized that someone was absent again. He called the person in charge of the lab over. “Where’s Olivia? Did she apply for leave again? Or is she playing hooky at work?” “This stupid b*tch was only obedient for a few days. What is she up to again now?” “Mr. Hall, that’s not it. She said she resigned from work,” the person in charge said softly. He thought Nathaniel knew about the matter.

“Resigned?” Nathaniel raised his voice “When did she resign? Who approved her resignation? I didn’t accept her resignation letter! I disapproved of her resignation! Call her now! Call her and ask her to come here this instant! She’s going overboard!” He stood, arms akimbo, as he ordered fiercely

The person in charge made a call with mindful movements before he said, “The call isn’t going through.”

Chapter 188

“Try again! If you still can’t get through, go to her house and drag her here! How dare she skip coming to work?!” Nathaniel rebuked, but he felt he had not fully expressed his anger. After pondering for a moment, he said, “Forget it. I’ll do it myself!” Then he drove back to the company and headed straight to the HR Department as soon as he arrived. “Get me Olivia Hart’s information. She left her position without getting prior approval from higher management. Tell the Legal Department to devise the appropriate punishment and compensation for this case.”

One of the executives from the HR Department looked at Nathaniel and said, “Mr. Hall, Olivia submitted her resignation letter more than a month ago. According to the Labor Law, she can leave her job position 30 days after submitting her resignation letter regardless of your approval.”

“What kind of stupid law is that? Why haven’t I heard of it before?” Nathaniel was astonished as this was not something he had expected. He was under the impression that Olivia would remain an

employee of the company if he did not sign her resignation letter. Upon hearing what the HR executive said, Nathaniel felt fury burning within him. "That is what the Labor Law states." The executive's voice diminished. No matter how furious Nathaniel was, that was the law set by the government. "Then... she can just leave as she wishes? Is there nothing the company can do?" Nathaniel could not believe that there was nothing his company could do to a mere employee. "She hasn't taken her pay and bonus from last month," the executive browsed through the documents and said.

"Deduct it!" Nathaniel ordered without any hesitation.

"Due to the unique nature of her work before this, we can require her to sign a non-compete clause."

Nathaniel's eyes lit up at the sound of that. "That sounds good! Get that done and stop her from working in other companies in this industry. If she disobeys, file a lawsuit against her to claim for the company's losses!"

He could guess Olivia insisted on leaving because she wanted to join Lily's team. He could not let Olivia have her way. Fine, Nathaniel would let her go if she wanted to leave, but she should not hope to get a job at another company in this industry within a year.

He would sue her for breaching the contract if she dared to. Lily could pay the compensation for Olivia by then. Nathaniel felt much better at thinking he still had something to threaten them.

It was never good to flirt with a man who had just tasted the forbidden fruit. Lily took a shower, changed into a blouse with a high neck, and wrapped a scarf around her neck. Finally, she managed to cover all the love bites.

In a hurry, she rushed to the lab. She told Olivia to report there today and get familiar with the work environment first. Unfortunately, she was still late to meet Olivia. When she arrived at

the door breathlessly, Olivia was already there, chatting away with Jenny.

Lily was unsure how long Olivia had been here, but looking at the two chatting happily, it seemed they had known each other for years. Jenny turned around upon hearing some movements. Smiling, she said, "Wow! Our workaholic is actually late today."

Chapter 189

"Sorry, I overslept." Lily looked at Olivia. "I guess I don't need to introduce you two to each other."

"We're a team from today onward! Just drop the formalities," Jenny said with a smile as she put her hand around Olivia's shoulders.

"Jen, you're so biased! You weren't this kind to me back then." Lily shook her head, fighting against the injustice she went through.

"That's different. I thought you made it here because of your connections back then, but I approved of Olivia coming in this way." Jenny joked and patted Olivia on her shoulder.

“You sure have double standards!” Lily exclaimed, chuckling before she continued, “Well then. Let’s get to work now that you’re here. Coincidentally, I lack staffing here. I want to find out the new product’s formula as soon as possible.”

“Sure, you two get to work then. You can complete the paperwork for your recruitment in a few days, right? Just head to the HR Department to complete them,” Jenny said.

The question was for Olivia, to which she nodded and replied, “No problem.” Olivia could complete the procedures and paperwork at any time. The most important thing for employees was their team and whether they were happy at work. Upon entering the lab, Olivia scanned the surroundings and praised, “This place looks good! There are more types of equipment here than where we worked before. Wow, you have these too?”

Lily changed into her work clothes while explaining, “Although Rebirth is a small-scale company, it has the support of La Beauté Group. Hence, we have decent facilities too. Also, Ms. Gray said we can ask the company if we need any other equipment not provided here for our

work.”

“Working in a big company is the best! You made the right choice to leave.” Olivia also changed into her work clothes and washed her hands, preparing to work. “By the way, Nathaniel didn’t make things difficult for you when you left, did he?” Lily asked, concerned. Olivia looked relaxed, so she probably settled her matters at MN Inc. However, Lily was still worried.

“I didn’t even see him.” Olivia waved and said, “Anyway, I can resign now according to the Labor Law. He can’t stop me. Plus, I moved to a new place.” Olivia got closer to Lily and whispered the last few words happily.

“You moved?”

.

“Yeah.” Olivia nodded. “I thought about it carefully. Although I managed to convince my mom, I feared she would change her mind if he came over and bothered her one time after another. She’s soft-hearted and easily influenced. I’m coming here to work anyway, so I might as well move to a place closer to the lab. This is killing two birds with one stone, isn’t it?”

“Is it easy for you to find a place here in such a short time? Do you want me to ask around for you?”

Looking for a place to stay was a hassle. Lily felt guilty toward Olivia for dragging her into this mess between herself and Nathaniel.

“It’s alright. I had this plan in mind for quite some time, so I’ve been looking around for places to rent. After I decided to work here, I called the agent and moved in right away. Thank God the place was still available. I’m efficient, aren’t I?” Olivia raised one eyebrow, proud of what she had done.

“That’s great.” Lily nodded and started her work. She told Olivia her thoughts, as well as the list of ingredients Olivia would have to prepare for the research process. They were partners in the past and

performed their respective duties well, making the research process go smoothly. Olivia listened carefully and made notes the entire time as well.

Perfumers would typically create many samples whenever they planned to launch new products. Then they would observe and record the relevant data. After all, any variables would create a vast difference in the outcome.

Soon, night fell, and the sky turned dark. Lily stretched her sore shoulders as she exited the lab. She saw Olivia bringing two cups of coffee to the lounge. Smiling, Olivia said, "You came out just at the right time. Let's take a break." Lily nodded, and the two took a seat on the couch.

When Olivia saw Lily moving her shoulders to release the tension in her muscles, she said in a concerned tone, "You must be tired. Let me give you a massage."

Chapter 190

Back when they were still working at MN Inc., Olivia would give Lily shoulder massages too. It had been a long time since she last did it.

Lily did not refuse her offer and turned around, sweeping her hair to one side and revealing her slender neck. With both hands, Olivia massaged Lily's shoulders, applying just enough pressure to make Lily feel better after the muscles in her neck had relaxed.

"It's so good to have you here. I was overwhelmed the past two days and feel much more relaxed with you here." Lily raised her head and closed her eyes as the massage made her slightly sleepy. It would be a long process to create a new product. After all, the product had to be tested several times before being launched. Now that Olivia was here, Lily did not have to do everything alone.

"In that case, you should consider giving me a salary increase, shouldn't you?" Olivia joked.

"Hey! Who asks for a pay raise on their first day of work? You're going to scare your boss away!" Lily said in disapproval while shaking her head. "An employee who doesn't take the initiative to ask for a pay raise is not a good employee." Olivia joked, but her smile froze when her eyes crossed a specific spot. The movement of her hands stopped as well.

Sensing the strangeness, Lily opened her eyes. "What's wrong?"

"Lily, you..." Olivia hesitated, not knowing where to start. However, her gaze was fixed on a particular spot. Confused, Lily lowered her head. She saw nothing wrong with her body, so what did Olivia see?

Olivia raised her hand and poked at Lily's neck, roughly showing where she was staring. Following Olivia's movement, Lily raised her hand to the spot and suddenly remembered something! Lily had worn a turtleneck blouse at first, but she had changed into her work clothes, and they could not cover what was on her neck anymore.

Then she focused on her work the entire time and paid no attention to it. Lily's hickey covered neck became visible during Olivia's massage when she swept her hair to one side of her neck

“Well, this is...” It was awkward. However, they were both adults, so Lily did not need to hide it from Olivia. She smiled and said, “It’s that thing, you know.”

Her reaction made Olivia burst into laughter. “Oh, I understand! It’s just that... who was it?”

Nathaniel was already history, so it was definitely not him. Olivia did not see any other man who had a close relationship with Lily.

Nathaniel was the only man in Lily’s life in the last few years. Lily had spent every day either in the lab or her rented apartment. It was rare for her even to go shopping.

‘Does Lily have a new boyfriend? Who is it? Why can’t I think of anyone?’

“Do I know him?” Olivia asked after giving it some thought. There was no way she could determine who the man was without already knowing him. Olivia thought this question was simple to answer, but it was tricky for Lily. “I guess... you do.” With Alexander’s status and reputation, there should be only a few people who had not heard about him, especially in a place like Sapphire, Olivia probably had not dealt with him before, so could she even be considered to know him on a personal level?