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“What do you mean by that? What’s his name? Let me see if I know the guy.”

“You’ll find out soon enough!” Lily raised her hand and patted Olivia’s shoulder.

Lily stood up and changed the topic, “Liv, it might be more challenging to create this new product, and work would be fowler, 100.”

“You make it sound like our work was easy back then. Don’t worry about it. Just lead the project and leave the preparations to me” Olivia smiled. “I knew you’re the best assistant I could ever ask for!”

When they returned to the labs, Lily first checked the extracted samples. They were, as expected, nothing like what she wanted.

It was essential to use high-quality components, but the extraction and purification techniques necessary to achieve the desired scent were also crucial. The complicated procedure had to be carried out repeatedly before it could be considered a success.

The launch of a new perfume in the market involved many hours of hard work by the perfumers. Those who would steal the products of others’ labor were despicable.

“We failed again!” Olivia sighed, slightly disappointed. “It’s normal to fail. When did we ever succeed easily in the past? Plus, we’re using a new ingredient this time around. It has a complex scent, so it’ll be even more challenging for us! What? Are you going to give up now?” After working together for so many years, Olivia knew Lily was joking. “An easy research is lame. If we do this, I want to do the hardest one!”

While talking, Olivia prepared for the next round of experiments. However, Lily stopped her. “It’s fine. We’ll continue tomorrow since it’s late now. We’re not in a hurry, anyway.”

It was getting late, and Alexander had reminded Lily to go home earlier that day. Although he seemed overbearing, Lily enjoyed having someone care for her so much.

“Okay then. I’ll think about how we may improve our experiments later at home.”

The two changed into their own clothes and headed downstairs. Just as they were about to leave the lab, Jenny opened the door from outside.

She rushed into the lab with a grave expression. When she saw Lily and Olivia, she went to them immediately.

“Jen?”

Lily went up to Jenny, but Jenny only glanced at her before averting her gaze to Olivia. “You can’t work here anymore.”

Both Olivia and Lily were puzzled.

“What do you mean?”

“MN Inc. sent an official letter to us. They said Olivia had signed the non-competes clause, and she won't be able to work in any company in the perfumery industry for a year, starting from the day she resigned from MN Inc”

Jenny pulled out a piece of paper and handed it to them as she spoke, Olivia was stunned.

“Y- I didn't know about this!” Olivia had never seen this agreement before, let alone signed it. “He's trying to get back at you, so it's natural that you know nothing about this.” Lily skimmed over the piece of paper. She had heard about such an agreement, though a company would require some of their resigning employees to sign the non-competes clause because of the nature of their work. It was for the company's benefit, is the employees who would not work. Other companies in the same industry for a year

However, only employees who had access to a company's core techniques or business secrets would be required to sign this agreement. It would not be necessary for Olivia to do it as she was just a research assistant. Nathaniel was obviously doing this to get in their way.

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Nathaniel resented Lily but had no power over her. Hence, he shifted his target to Olivia, which would indirectly affect Lily. “What am I going to do?” Olivia's mood worsened as she held the piece of paper. “I can't work here anymore?” Jenny nodded. She also felt terrible when she heard about it. Recruiting a new employee for Rebirth was simple, but it was difficult to manage legal matters on her own.

“Don't worry just yet. I'll figure something out.” Lily comforted Olivia.

Every problem has its solution. They were only confused because it came out of the blue.

Lily thought to herself, ‘Nathaniel sure moves fast. Today was Olivia's first day, and he'd already sent her the letter. This means he'd been keeping an eye on us, so I guess he wasn't serious when he claimed we'd go our separate ways.

“Look what he did now. How could we part ways if he continued bothering me? I held off getting even with them, but they can't wait for sh\*t to happen to them. If so, I'll be merciless! Then Lily said to Olivia, “Liv, take a break for the time being. You just moved, haven't you? Use this time to settle down and wait for my update.”

“Lily...” Olivia was worried that her issue would cause problems for Rebirth. It was fine if it was just her, but she would feel bad if Rebirth got dragged into it.

Lily continued comforting her. “Don't worry about it! He can't do anything but threaten you like this while showing me the upper hand he thinks he has. No matter what, he did this because of me, and you shouldn't have been involved. Just rest at home and wait for the good news!”

Jenny added, "Yeah, Lily's right. Don't be too worried about this. Although it sounds serious, a non-compete clause won't bring you much damage. We'll put your recruitment process on hold, and once we settle this matter, I'll help you with the process again!" Their words touched Olivia so much that she was at a loss for words. Olivia lowered her head at them gratefully. "Thanks, Jen and Lily. I'm so lucky to have met you both. I'll work hard in the future!" Lily extended her hand to help Olivia straighten up. "What are you talking about? It's your job to work hard and our responsibility to help you, isn't it? It's getting late. Get home quickly, or your mom will worry."

"Yeah."

After Olivia left, Lily looked down at the paper in her hand as a wintry smile appeared on her face.

"Lily, do you have a plan for this?"

Jenny assumed Lily had a plan in place when she calmly consoled Olivia and expressed confidence in resolving the situation, "There are only two ways to solve this if it's legally binding," Lily said as she waved the paper.

Chaptat!

"The first is that Olivia must abide by the contract and can't work in any other perfumery related company for a year. The second option is to break the agreement, in which case MN Inc. will be compensated."

"That means you're planning to go with one of them?"

Lily would not pick the first option, 'Jenny thought to herself, 'What would Olivia do for a year, even if we were able to replace her temporarily? None of the businesses in this industry would hire her. Would she switch careers and return in a year?'

With that thought in mind, Jenny felt that the second way was their best choice. It was the easiest for them as they only needed to pay an amount of compensation to MN Inc. However, it would be considerable sum. It would be difficult for Olivia to settle it on her own, but they could not persuade the company to do so for a minor employee. "Calculate how much we'd need to compensate MN Inc., and if you guys are short on money, I can help," Jenny said after giving it some thought.

Lily smiled. "Jen, thanks for the offer, but we won't need it. I'm not choosing the first or the second solution. I'm choosing... the third option!"

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Nothing was set in stone, after all, and one must be smart enough to think outside the box and find other ways to deal with life.

'I should stop playing defensively and strike back whenever someone provokes me. It's about time I retaliate and show those two I'm not someone to be trifled with.'

When Alexander arrived home, the sight of Lily lying on her stomach on the couch welcomed him. Her laptop was in front of her as her fingers gracefully typed away on her keyboard. Lily crossed her calves mid-air while focusing all her attention on the screen. It was rare to see Lily working on her laptop at home in such a position. Alexander put down his things and changed into his house slippers before peeking over to see what Lily was doing. She had several tabs on her screen, registering for a troll account on a certain website.

“What’s up?” Alexander went to pour himself a glass of water and brought one for Lily as well.

Lily adjusted her posture and sat cross-legged with her laptop on her thighs. She reached for the glass and took a sip, but her gaze remained fixed on the screen. “Someone wants to play, so I have no choice but to play along.” Considering Lily’s expression and tone, Alexander knew someone had made her unhappy. “Who has such power to anger my dear Lily?” Alexander said as he unbuttoned the two top buttons of his dress shirt, allowing himself to relax after a tense day at work. In the past, he felt the same regardless if he returned home or stayed out the entire night. This house was just a place for him to sleep, after all. However, since they married, he had expectations of building a home with Lily. He looked forward to returning home to see her, hear her voice, or talk to her about all sorts of things that affected their emotions during the day. “She looks confident, so I guess she won’t need my help

“Who else would it be other than that j\*rk?” Lily said without looking up. After putting down her glass, she continued typing on her keyboard.

That made Alexander raise his brow before sitting next to her. He noticed she had logged into her troll account and posted the perfume formulas. He squinted and thought, “Those are indeed the perfume formulas. She’s leaking business secrets.

“Are those the perfume formulas you created back in MN Inc.?” Alexander instantly figured out what Lily was doing

“You’re tight. Nate started this. I didn’t want to do this initially, but I had no choice since they kept pushing us into dead ends.” Lily pressed enter on her keyboard and finally heaved a sigh of relief. Then she placed her laptop next to her as if she had completed her task.

“What if he sues you? Have you thought about that?” “It’s not like Nate hadn’t done that before,” Lily calmly continued, “The formulas belong to me, and this time, someone ‘hacked’ into my email to leak some of the things they found. What would that have to do with me since MN Inc. had announced to the world that Melanie had created those formulas?

“To the netizens, I was just someone who did administrative work, and they would think I had no way to access the company’s business secrets. Also, I leaked more than one formula.”

Alexander pondered before saying, “What if they say you stole the formulas when you were still an MN Inc, employee?” One must always play carefully and consider the opponent’s every move. Then one could predict and counter the opponent’s retaliation, pushing them into a dead end and leaving them to try to salvage the situation.

“Would they have proof?” Lily sliruered indifferently. “Nate will need evidence if he wants to sue me I hadn’t signed any contracts since I started working there. He loves using contracts to threaten me Bring it on.

“I’m not even their employee, so how could I access their business secrets? If I could do that so easily, it’ll prove how bad their security is, and they should shut down their business.”

Lily was right; everything needed evidence in the court of law. Nathaniel would not have withdrawn the previous lawsuit if he were confident enough.

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Lily admitted that she changed the formulas before leaving MN Inc. to mess things up for them, but she was unsure of the damage it could cause them

“It sounds like you’re confident about this. There’s nothing I should be worried about then,” Alexander said, liis gaze filled with adoration for Lily whilelie caressed her hair.

Lily turned to look at him. She pulled his aun over her shoulders and then laid down on his lap, saying in a cutesy manner, “That’s not it. You need to be ready at all times to support me. What if they bully me? You must get alcam of lawyers to defend me in court!”

‘She sure knows how to tease me. Everything she did and each of her gazes could strike me right in my heart. Seeing her this way makes me want to give the world to her.’ “Does this mean I must do everything you ask?” “Aren’t you willing to do that for me?” Lily frowned, looking aggrieved. However, her bright gaze gave her away, revealing her mischief. “I’m at your disposal, my lady,” Alexander smirked as he leaned down to kiss her. The worst thing about kissing in such a position was that it hurt the neck-Alexander’s neck, in this case. Finally, he could not bear the ache anymore and straightened his back while massaging his neck At the sight of her complacent smile, he grumbled. “Are you laughing at me?” “I wouldn’t dare to do that!” Before Lily could continue her words, a beep sound came from her laptop, indicating that she had received notifications. She got up quickly and took a look. Most of them were comments to her post earlier, while some were private messages. After all, her post was related to the perfume industry, so some netizens soon realized her post was about perfume formulas.

Some netizens might have been perfumers or researchers of other companies, but none had yet to notice that the post contained formulas from past MN Inc. products.

However, an employee of MN Inc. would realize it right away. Someone sent her a message, questioning her identity and motives for doing so. The other party requested that she delete this post immediately as well. There was a group of netizens who discussed the formulas too. It was late in the evening, so most were already back from work and had nothing much to do at home. They found Lily’s post exciting, so they gathered in the comment section, contributing to the liveliness of the website.

Some were quick to act and had already created samples based on the formulas. It was pointless to delete the post now because everyone had already seen it anyway. Some people probably took screenshots of the formulas.

Alexander scooted over and held Lily’s hand, clicking on the mouse to log out of the website. Then he closed the tab and shut down the laptop.

“You’ve done what is necessary, so you shouldn’t bother with the rest. You’ve thrown the bait, and the fish will bite soon.”

Lily agreed with him. She was about to log off, but Alexander was quicker to make a move. Lily

was not anxious, but some people would be. Soon after turning off her laptop, she got a call from Nathaniel.

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“Lily, are you out of your mind? You’re acting like a dog with rabies! What do you think you’re doing?” Nathaniel started shouting from the other end as soon as Lily picked up the call.

Fortunately, Lily had expected him to act that way, so she ensured the phone was away from her ears.

Lily was not angry at all at the face of his insults. She smirked and replied coldly, “Mr. Hall, a dog with rabies bites anyone in its path. However, unlike you, I know exactly who I’m going after, so I’ll only attack you!” “You...” Nathaniel inhaled deeply. He would have torn her to pieces if Lily had been in front of him.

“Lily Christian, I know what you want. I’ve ensured Olivia Hart won’t be your lap dog anymore, so you’re coming at me for revenge.”

“Finally, we’ve come to an understanding. By the way, you shouldn’t insult dogs. They’re intelligent and loyal creatures, much better than you could ever be,” she added in a frigid tone.

she did not care if Nathaniel insulted her, but she would not allow him to ridicule her friends! Noticing her mounting rage, Alexander opened his arms and pulled Lily into his warm embrace, and she relaxed. Alexander was her biggest comfort, and she could always rely on him no matter what happened.

“I won’t continue this ridiculous argument, but don’t think you’ve won this battle. Remember, even if your disclosure of MN Inc.’s perfume formula dealt us an enormous blow, what you just did was leak confidential company information. We’ll bring this to the court, and you’ll have to pay for our damages! You did something foolish, and sooner or later, you’ll pay the price!” Nathaniel threatened..

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Nathaniel was supposed to talk to Melanie about their wedding plans, but he received a call from the board in the middle of the night. They questioned him about the information leak of some of their most famous perfumes, causing the company a considerable loss of profits. Astonished beyond words, he went online to check. After verifying the story, he was certain Lily was to blame, as only she could pull off something like that. However, once he calmed down, Nathaniel realized Lily would have to pay for their damages as she leaked confidential MN. Inc. information.

“Confidential company information?” Lily snickered, “Mr. Hall, don’t make me laugh. You must’ve forgotten that I never had a formal contract signed with MN. Inc. I was never even asked to sign an employment contract. “I don’t see why I could be held liable for disclosing proprietary information

when the company in question didn't even employ me. After all, how could a nobody like myself even obtain such classified information?"

Then Lily suggested derisively, "Someone as capable as you, Mr. Hall, could surely safeguard MN Inc.'s perfume formula, right? How could you let such negligence happen at your company? Ms. Thayer invented these formulas, as I recall. Perhaps she was upset with your treatment of her and leaked them instead?"

"Stop spouting nonsense! Mel is nothing like you, and she'd never betray me!" Nathaniel said

heatedly, "Don't think I can't do anything just because you won't admit to it. I'll get an IT expert to track the IP addresses that leaked the information. You'll be exposed!"

"Mr. Hall, get your facts right. Those Twitter accounts weren't mine, to begin with. How could you prove I had access to such confidential information?" Lily paused.

She was losing her patience with Nathaniel, but she sat up and continued. "Let me give you a heads-up. I've known you for a long time, I might not have known everything about you, but I know enough."

Lily smirked as she spoke coldly into the phone. Her eyes held no warmth. "Those gifts you got for Melanie and the overseas trip you took with her, I know exactly where you got the money for them. Let's see, what if I told the board of directors how you used their money for

entertainment purposes? I wonder how they'd react to the news?"

This was the first time Alexander's heart ached for Lily amid her anger. This was the most enraged he had seen her. She was seething with rage but did her best to suppress it. In a way, it looked like she was on fire.