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Chapter 31 Nathaniel took the lead in turning the microphone to his side to strike preemptively, "Of course, it's not considered stealing.

In any case, Lily is a member of our company.

She has worked as Ms.

Thayer's assistant and has participated in creating fragrances to some extent for many years.

"I don't want to define it as stealing or plagiarism this time because it sounds atrocious.

I can only say that in this society, in our industry, it is understandable that we can't control everything.

We are willing to give Lily a chance, and we hope MN Inc.

can bring US better compositions in the future." Nathaniel had some experience socializing and dealing with the media over the years.

His remarks were neither humble nor arrogant, snobby but sincere.

He understood and protected the employees who betrayed his company.

The reporters felt moved while casting a contemptuous look toward Lily.

The current situation was apparent.

It was clear that Lily was unwilling to be an assistant and then stole the company's results and resold themto other companies.

She wanted to seek refuge but never expected to fail.

The situation had already gone off the beam, but MN Inc.

was still willing to protect her.

However, a small number of people also noticed certain loopholes.

A reporter stood up to ask a question, "Lily said before that she is not an employee of your company andhas not signed a contract." Others assumed Nathaniel had

considered this issue before, so he calmly said smilingly, "Yes, I admit that it was the company's omission.

Of course, it's not that we didn't want to sign the contract.

However, if you didn't know, Lily and I are university classmates.

We are all friends, so we didn't think about the contract so thoroughly.

"I also transfer her salary directly to her.

I admit it is my mistake, and we have prepared a contract with excellent terms.

I believe MN Inc.

will have a brighter future after this misunderstanding!" The crowd gave warm applause shortly after.

Nathaniel was secretly relieved, and a satisfied smile appeared on his face.

The situation would have worsened if it were not for his quick response.

He could not even wipe the sweat off his forehead before another reporter stood up and asked, "Ms.

Christian, don't you think you should make a public apology for this incident? Also, does the freshman know the realstory behind this? If they don't know about it, what will you tell them? Is this considered fraud? Will the freshman sue you?" The reporters' questions were getting increasingly intense, and their gazes toward Lily were particularly piercing.

Nathaniel wiped his forehead.

"That's…" Nathaniel was about to speak when Lily took the microphone away, held it in her hand, and stood up slowly.

"Those are excellent questions.

I'll answer your first question first.

I don't think I need to apologize because I don't need to."

Her voice was crystal clear as she emphasized every word.

Everyone present heard it, and there

was an uproar.

After all, everyone agreed with what Nathaniel said before and even decided this was the case.

The crowd despised Lily when she said she did not feel the need to apologize.

They even thought she was refusing to admit her mistakes.

"How shameless!" "How could she say such a thing!" "Exactly!" There was a slight commotion below the stage.

Although the voices were quite soft, Lily could still hear them.

Still, she did not get angry, and her cheeks did not even blush.

She clenched the microphone and calmly scanned the crowd.

"I'd like to chime in on this.

Firstly, 'First Love 'is my creation.

My assistant and I took three months to fine-tune this product.

Secondly, my creations include most of MN Inc.'s perfumes besides 'First Love.

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Chapter 32 The reporters started getting excited about the gossip. After listening to Nathaniel's words and seeing Lily smiling warmly, they thought the matter would be settled and not have any more juicy information.

Oh, but the tables had turned! Lily had indirectly slapped Nathaniel's face in front of everyone! The reporters'focal lengths immediately aimed at Nathaniel's swiftly ashen face while Lily appeared calm.

The duo's expressions greatly contrasted with each other.

"Ms.

Christian, you mean to say you didn't plagiarize Ms.

Thayer's work, but she plagiarized yours instead?" Someone immediately asked.

Lily smiled, "I would like to correct your words.

The word plagiarism means counterfeiting and is also an act of infringement.

Although such actions are unacceptable, there is a procedure for self-reprocessing.

In addition to plagiarism, there is another act called snatching, which means taking something and changing itinto one's own." "Isn't that stealing?" The reporter replied.

Lily just laughed and didn't respond.

"Lily, what do you mean?!" The crowd turned their heads.

Nathaniel raised his arms to half cover his face and spoke directly to Lily.

He looked unpleasant as he gnashed his teeth.

Nathaniel wished he could snap back but could not attack or even make a sound in front of so many people.

However, Lily did not even look at him.

She looked calmly at the reporters before her, resembling a general who pointed out the battlefield.

"As you said, Ms.

Christian, you didn't sign any contracts with MN Inc., meaning you're not one of their employees.

How can you prove that you developed MN Inc.'s products yourself? Do you have any evidence?"

The reporterswere vigilant and could always find core issues with this matter.

Still, they did not take sides, wanting to ask saucy questions and dig for more information to write hard hitting news.

Lily was about to answer the doubtful questions when Melanie, beside her, took the lead, "Whatdo you mean by those words, Lily? Do you mean I stole your creativity and product?" "Ms.

Thayer, shouldn't we be clearer about what's between US?" Lily asked calmly with a faint smile across her face.

Lily had always been tepid, from entering the stage to sitting down to answering reporters' questions.

There seemed to be no emotional fluctuations as her voice was clear and soft but had a forcethat none could ignore.

She mixed such a rhetorical question with a strong smell of gunpowder, instantly causing a riot among the reporters in the venue.

Melanie revealed a furious expression as she clenched her slender fingers into fists.

Even though she was smiling, it was a forced one.

She tried to be as professional as possible while gritting her teeth, asking, "I don't quite understandwhat you mean, Lily.

Can you be more specific?".

The reporters suppressed their excitement and tightly held their cameras and recording pens, fearing missing the tiniest details.

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Chapter 33 Lily smiled faintly and looked at Melanie. "Are you sure that's what you want? Do you want me to let the cat out of thebag?" She was so calm, making Melanie feel flustered.

What was Lily plotting? What did she want exactly? She had laid all the cards on the table and couldnot bear to back down.

Melanie gritted her teeth and bravely replied, "Don't make a fool of yourself, Lily.

I've done nothing wrong.

I can't say I'm the most talented person in this industry, but I am undoubtedly one who works hard.

Everyone knows how much I've done in this company over the past few years.

You can't just come up here and spew nonsense." "Melanie," Nathaniel was on her side, gently squeezing herforearm.

He turned to look at Lily again, cleared his throat, and said, "I apologize.

The purpose of this press conference was to explain everything to the competition's organizing committee, friends, and consumers who care aboutus.

However, we did not make enough arrangements, nor did Ms.

Christian have enough time to prepare mentally.

We..."

"Do you want evidence?" Lily interjected.

Her four simple words immediately attracted the media's attention to herself.

She picked up her phone, saying, "Since everyone is asking for evidence, this is the most straightforward form.

Here you go." "Excuse me, Ms.

Christian, what is this evidence you're talking about?" Someone asked.

Things were becoming more exciting as the tension increased.

Neither side would give in, and it felt bewildering.

The reporters were unsure which side was true and which was false.

Whatever the case, both parties were good at acting.

"The evidence is..." Lily was about to speak when Melanie instinctively stood up and interjected, "All MN Inc.

employees can be witnesses.

They can prove the perfumer and who created all those compositions! Since we used to be classmates, Iwanted to save you some dignity.

"However, it seems that you're too full of yourself.

Not only are you unwilling to admit your mistakes, but you are also confounding right and wrong.

I'm sick and tired of your games, Lily.

See you in court!" After speaking, Melanie threw the microphone, got up, and left.

Such drama! Although the argument was intense, no one expected her to storm off.

Not to mention the reporters present, Nathaniel was also quite taken aback.

He instinctively reached out to grab Melanie but was a step behind.

Everyone looked at Melanie's back as she walked out, so it would be rude if Nathaniel stood up to chase her.

Still, he could not completely ignore this and had to apologize, "I'm so sorry, everyone.

This will bring an end to today's press conference.

Thank you for coming." He motioned to get up and leave but angrily glared at Lilybefore doing so.

Then he turned sideways, said a few words to the people around him, and chased Melanie withoutlooking back.

Meanwhile, Lily simply stood there, facing many flashes and pairs of eyes.

She became the audience's focus.

Nathaniel had just left her there to face the media alone.

She knew early on that he never cared much about her.

"Ms.

Christian, it seems Ms.

Thayer wants to file a lawsuit against you.

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Chapter 34 "Ms. Christian, do you really have evidence, or are you making it up? Have you thought about the repercussions ifthis case goes to court?" Lily looked around calmly, facing the skeptical crowd.

Her relaxed demeanor and mild aura quieted the noisy crowd.

She parted her red lips slightly and exclaimed four words, "Bring on the lawsuit!"

Lily was aware that leaving would not be an easy task, but shedid not expect Nathaniel to stop her in the alley.

Did he not just go after Melanie? Why was he still here?

Nathaniel's face was gloomy, His hands were in the pockets ofhis trousers as he leaned against the wall.

The fact that his entire body was concealed from the light added to his grim appearance, Lily's steps were hesitant, and she did not want topay attention to him.

Instead, she tried to turn around and leave in the opposite direction, but unexpectedly, someone blocked her path.

It made sense why Nathaniel was whispering to some people before he left.

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Was he explaining this situation? If so, it was probably the first time he ever cared about her.

Unable to get through, Lily simply walked up to Nathaniel and asked, "Is this a threat, Mr.

Hall? Or a kidnapping?" Nathaniel straightened up and walked toward her.

He did not lose his cool and yell, but his whole body was seething with rage.

When his leather shoes hit the floor, they made a crisp, pounding sound.

He instinctively glanced about and saw that there were no security cameras around.

He was prepared and had picked a location that was hidden from view.

How discreet of him.

"Lily," Nathaniel called her name softly.

His voice was very light, but his words were heavy," What the hell are you doing?" "Aren'tyou aware of what I'm doing?" She replied coldly.

"Haven't we agreed before?" Nathaniel found it hard to remain patient.

He tried to convince her one last time, "What do you mean when you say that? Are you sure you want to go against thecompany and me? What did Rebirth promise you? Don't be so naive.

Do you think the others will treat you as superior?" He continued angrily in a low voice, "The others are just using you as a gunman.

Our company has recently experienced rapid growth, and the momentum is fierce.

Peer competition is intense, and many tactics are used to stifle opponents.

You don't understand this at all.

Do you think they'll treat you well if you don't have any accomplishments? If MN Inc.

collapses, they'll kick you out." Nathaniel had thought about it and always felt that it was Rebirth who started the issues.

No one knew the conditions they offered Lily or what they said to her in the first place.

It was unethical, though.

Lily was never the kind of person who prioritized benefits over conduct.

Could it be his affair with Melanie? Not likely! She would have questioned it and made a fuss if she had known.

Lily looked at him with admiration.

How could he tell so many lies without changing his expression? He was so sincere and thoughtful of her, but he did not blush at all.

"Lily, stop being obsessive.

Don't you care about our relationship? There should be limits.

even if you throw a tantrum with me.

If you keep acting this way, things will only get worse."

Nathaniel raised his hand to hold her shoulder and continued, "Didsomeone from Rebirth contact you again? You..." "I'm the one who called them." Turning her head to glance at her shoulder, Lily gently broke free.

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Chapter 35

Nathaniel could not believe his ears, "What did you say?"

"It's not that I didn't think about giving you a chance, but even now, you still want me to take the blame. Nate, do I look that stupid?" Lily's voice was icy. There was a sarcastic smile on the corners of her lips. Nathaniel felt a chill in his heart. He suddenly felt that the woman before him was a stranger. She was no longer the person he had known for several years. She became so sharp, elusive, and very unmanageable. "Lily, what do you mean? You don't believe me anymore?" "I trusted you so much that I don't even know how I was persuaded." Lily paused, then did not bother explaining, "I'm now very thankful for not signing a formal contract with you. From today onward, your MN Inc. has nothing to do with me."

She emphasized the word 'your' as she raised her foot to walk past him and leave.

Nathaniel grabbed her arm. He had not realized what she meant, but he knew he could not let her go yet. "Are you still blaming me for not signing a formal contract with you?" He asked tentatively," Lily, don't be so immature, okay? If that's what you cared about, you should've said so earlier. Why are you causing so many issues right now?

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"MN Inc. is mine. Isn't it yours, too? Ours? Do you realize that you're forcing everyone into a dead end?" He tightened his grip, making her arms hurt.

Lily frowned, "Let go of me!" "If you don't speak clearly today, I won't let it go." After pausing, Nathaniel realized his tone was too harsh and softened it again. He lowered his head and gave it some thought. His heart seemed to have moved. His eyelids fluttered, and when he looked at Lily, he simply asked, "Lily, are you jealous?" Nathaniel was not concerned that Lily would learn of his relationship with Melanie. Lily had never believed those claims because she was so devoted to him. Lily would believe him every time he said a few pleasant words. How could she possibly doubt him?

However, Lily's behavior over the last two days had been strange, especially when facing Melanie. This prompted him to think more deeply, so he took a chance, made an assumption, and went with the flow.

"Are you jealous of Melanie?" Nathaniel continued to ask, observing the change in her expression.

Lily glanced at him and said nothing. Her silence made Nathaniel more confident in his judgment.

"Lily, are you serious?" He sighed heavily as his grip loosened. He shook his head and said, "After so many years, I thought no one could ever ruin our relationship. That we could withstand any challenges, but how could you...

u don't know what you heard or saw, but there must've been a misunderstanding. You and I. and Melanie the three of us, have known each other for so long! If I wanted to have an affair with her. it would've happened long ago. You shouldn't listen to rumors. Those people are eager to cause chaos in the world. Lily, don't let them take advantage of you!"

He let go of Lily's arm after saying that. He turned to caress her shoulder, trying to pull Lily into his arms

Lily quickly took two steps back, avoiding his touch, and asked indifferently, "Oh? Really?" Unable to comprehend her, Nathaniel went with the earlier idea, "Of course! Remember how we said we would get the certificate if we won this competition? If you don't believe me, let's get the certificate now! Let's get married!"

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Chapter 36

At that moment, he could not be concerned with anything else as it was more important that he calmed Lily down first. Nathaniel's words made Lily laugh. These were the words Lily had been hoping to hear for years, but now they sound ironic. Marriage? In his dreams!

"That's unnecessary. It's easy if you want to prove it," Lily said with a soft sigh, putting her mocking smile away.

Seeing her expression, Nathaniel thought he had convinced Lily to change her mind.

He stepped forward and continued persuading her. "That's right. We should trust each other. You've always been there for me through thick and thin. It'll be the same this time, right?

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"Alright. I have a way to prove that you're not having an affair with Melanie and to save the company from its current predicament," Lily said while nodding.

"What wayis that?" Nathaniel asked eagerly, thinking how great it would be to kill two birds with one stone.

He had been trying to smooth over the situation and the media for the past few days, but to no avail, as public opinion remained negative. The company had suffered significant harm, as demonstrated by the latest sales volume. Reputation and credibility are essential for a rising company like MN Inc.

Lily could see the unease in Nathaniel. At least he was right about one thing. Every time he encountered difficulties in the past, she helped him through them. Lily did her best to come up with new products and ideas, believing that she was working hard for both their futures, but how stupid was she? "It's simple, really. We'll go back to the press conference right now for a final clarification. You'll inform the media and reporters that I made all of MN Inc.'s past perfumes. All prior awards were also won because of my efforts. Would you do it?" Lily smiled and asked calmly.

Nathaniel stared at her in disbelief. She was two steps ahead of him, yet he could feel the pressure from her, which made him gasp.

"You're sending me to my death," Nathaniel said each word through gritted teeth.

Lily laughed out loud, "How's that possible? Isn't it the truth? I was the one who painstakingly made all of MN Inc.'s best–selling perfumes in recent years. All you have to do is speak the truth. It's not so difficult, is it?"

"Lily, you never cared about all this before. Why now? Are fame and glory more important to you than lam?"

Nathaniel clearly refused to do what she asked, so he accused her in return. It was as though Lily was the one deceiving everyone. Fame? Glory?

In the past, Nathaniel had used these rhetorics to coax her into staying away from the limelight. Lily foolishly remained in the back and sacrificed herself for him. He still wanted to use these cliched words to suppress her now?

"Of course, it's important. I didn't care about it before, but now, I do! Fame, money, and

fairness. Can you afford to give me these?" Lily smiled as she asked, raising her lovely brows.

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Nathaniel gradually put away his worried and concerned expression as his face turned sullen. He stared at Lily and asked, "Are you threatening me?" "Tonly want what I deserve." Lily's request was straightforward. She was not greedy but could no longer hand over what belonged to her to others.

"Haha." Nathaniel felt a little stuffy, so he casually loosened his tie and unbuttoned his shirt's top button. He stared down at Lily, arms akimbo, saying, "What do you deserve? Over the past few years, I paid for all your food, clothes, and rent. What else do you think you deserve?" Lily looked at the familiar yet unfamiliar face before her and thought of how ridiculous Nathaniel looked. How could this man so casually assert his reasoning to such a degree so righteously? It angered her to the point where she laughed aloud. However, she was not angry at Nathaniel but at herself. How blind was she to fall in love and become fascinated by such a man over the years? She wondered why she could not see his true colors earlier on.

As Lily kept silent, Nathaniel continued criticizing her and assumed Lily knew she was at fault. "Don't think so highly of yourself just because you made a few perfumes. Who was the one who provided you with the raw materials and rented the laboratory? Where would you be without my support?" Lily slowly raised her head and said, "So, you admit that I developed most of MN Inc.'s perfumes?" "So what? Do you think there will be any sales without operation, marketing, and advertising from the company?" Nathaniel's reasoning sounded plausible and made sense at first thought.

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However, regarding the various loopholes in his words, Lily did not refute anything and just smiled. "It's good that you can admit this, at least. Since our discussion has come to this, it makes no sense for us to talk any longer." She turned around and prepared to leave since she had achieved her goal. She saw no need to continue talking to Nathaniel.

"Hold on a moment!" How could Nathaniel let her go without a fight? He hurriedly caught up and grabbed Lily's clothes when something fell out of her pocket. Startled, Nathaniel instinctively reached out to grab the item. However, Lily had already picked it up and held it close to her chest.

"You recorded our conversation?!" Nathaniel looked at Lily in disbelief. He never expected the typically naive and obedient woman to play such a trick. His face sank as he attempted to grab the recording device. "Give that to me!" Lily could not let Nathaniel

have the device, so she tightened her grip on it and stepped back." Why are you afraid of this if you have a clear conscience?"

Nathaniel failed 10 snatch the device from Lily but did not try again. Instead, he looked at her and laughed. "How naive of you! Do you Guink this will change anything? I can say you fabricated the recording or tricked me into saying such things. Besides, do you think I haven't made any other preparations? I'll see you in court, Lily!"

Lily nodded and turned around, but someone was already standing in her way. She turned back and saw Nathaniel standing in the same spot, puffing the cigarette he had just removed from

his pocket and lit with his lighter. He seemed calin because he had other plans to prevent Lily from leaving. "You want to force me with violence?" Lily raised her eyebrows and asked. "I didn't want to be violent. After all, we've been together for quite some time, haven't we?"

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Chapter 38

Nathaniel held his cigarette in one hand, tilted his head, scratched his scalp with his pinky finger, and walked toward her slowly, "Still, I must be courteous enough and make the stakes clear to you. Since you insist on being so stubborn and disobedient, I have no choice but to calm you down first. Then we can talk."

He raised his chin, glanced at his men, and turned around. For such a simple matter, he felt no need to do it himself. Immediately after, he heard wind whirring and the faint sound of fists and feet colliding with bodies behind him. Nathaniel frowned and was about to turn around to tell his men to be more discrete. He wondered why his two bodyguards had so much trouble dealing with a woman.

However, he froze in place just as he turned to his side. A sharp wind blew across his cheeks, and at the same time, he felt a sharp blade on his neck. The blade glinted with a frigid light, and Nathaniel could feel the cold steel. Sweat from his sideburns trickled down his cheeks as he shivered. "W–What are you doing?!" "That depends on your next move," Lily said coldly. She did not show the slightest weakness at this moment and was utterly unrelenting. "H–How do you..." Hesitating to make any sudden movements, Nathaniel became increasingly confused. These past few days were like a nightmare to him. It was the worst experience of his life. A woman he had known for five years and had loved for three grew to be a stranger, someone he was highly unfamiliar with. He even doubted his thoughts and wondered if the woman before him was the Lily he knew and loved or if she was just another person with the same name. Could it be a mistake?

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"What? How do I know how to fight?" Lily expressed the confusion in Nathaniel's heart and sneered. "Of course I do. It's all because of you."

Nathaniel did not understand what she meant, but the chill on his neck was real, and he did not have time to think about it now. "Don't do anything rash! This is not a game. Let's put the blade down first."

"Nathaniel, my request is straightforward—return what belongs to me, and we are even!" Seeing Nathaniel all sweaty and nervous, Lily felt disgusted.

"Okay, I promise." As soon as Nathaniel finished speaking, the pressure on his neck eased. When he regained his composure and turned around, he saw Lily's back and how far she had gotten from him. His two bodyguards were moaning and rolling on the ground. They were no match for the woman.

"What the heck?" Nathaniel cursed lowly. Besides feeling frustrated, he felt more uneasiness in his heart. He had planned to coax Lily with sweet–talking, which he thought was the easiest and most effective method. However, Nathaniel never expected Lily to be so unruly. This matter had become tricky.

Lily shook her wrist on her way out, planning to take a taxi home. It had been a while since she practiced her boxing skills. Her hands were sore after dealing with the two scumbags. It seemed she had given up many things for Nathaniel's sake over the past few years. Still, she wanted to reclaim her former self from today onward. She was looking around for a taxi when a car parked not too far away flashed its headlights at

her. The bright light dazzled as Lily raised her hand to block it, squinting her eyes. When she saw the car, her tense heart suddenly relaxed. Here he came!

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Chapter 39 "Why are you here?" Even though she asked, Lily was quite pleased to see Alexander at that moment.

Alexander glanced at Lily, thoughtfully turned down the air conditioner in the back console, took a shawl, and put it around her. "Did you get into trouble lately?" By his estimation, Lily should have exited the building long ago. Alexander almost wanted to get out of the car to check on her himself. "It's no big deal." Lily gestured with her fingers, indicating no problem, but after raising her hand, she pulled her injury and involuntarily hissed. Hearing her gasp, Alexander frowned and pulled Lily closer. "Are

you hurt?" His expression was grim, his tone even grimmer. The fact that he was pissed showed on his face. Lily quickly explained, "N–No, I just haven't stretched my muscles for a long time. I feel a little sore, that's all." Lily was afraid Alexander would not believe her, so she turned to face him, saying, "If you don't believe me, just look. Where am I injured?"

Alexander stared at Lily and abruptly reached out to gently pinch her cheeks with his thumb and index finger. He lifted her chin slightly and carefully examined her up and down, left and right. His eyes went from her neck to her collarbone and her arms. Lily started blushing. She only casually suggested that he check her, yet Alexander examined her so thoroughly, relieving the grievances in Lily's heart.

It was impossible for Lily not to feel aggrieved. She had known Nathaniel for many years and always thought he was a gentle and graceful man. However, recent events repeatedly proved Lily wrong.

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Not only did Nathaniel cheat on her, but he also manipulated and gaslighted her. After their relationship turned sour, he even wanted to force her to... Although Lily had wholly given up on that man, they had known each other for five years, so she could not get over it so quickly. Apart from anger, she felt sad and disappointed.

"Promise me one thing." Alexander's hand returned to Lily's chin, and his thumb gently rubbed her lips.

"What is it?"

"Never put yourself in danger." As Alexander spoke, Lily felt a chill on her wrist. She looked down and saw a silver watch around her wrist. The watch was small, but she could see its fine workmanship as its hands ticked steadily.

She typically never wore watches, so she was surprised by this sudden gift. "This

watch has GPS and a one-touch dialing function. You must wear this at all times."

Lily was stunned for two seconds, then laughed, "Are you trying to spy on me?" She said half–jokingly. Of course, Lily knew this meant she could seek Alexander's help anytime. Since Alexander was so thoughtful, it was impossible for her not to feel touched.

With one hand holding Lily's and the other still lingering on her chin, Alexander whispered, "It's not a spying tool. I just want to know where you are at all times."

"Why are you being so nice to me?" Looking into his eyes, Lily asked. Although the pair had not spent much time together, Alexander was kind to her

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Chapter 40

Over the past few days, Alexander did for her things Nathaniel had never done and was incapable of doing in the last few years.

"That's because... you are my wife." While saying this, Alexander leaned in to kiss Lily on the lips. Although she was a little shy, she did not move away, and her response greatly encouraged Alexander.

He pursed his lips in satisfaction and deepened the kiss.

When Nathaniel returned home, he felt defeated and humiliated. He never imagined one day he would be threatened with a knife to the neck, let alone by Lily!

Why was Lily so good at boxing, and when did she learn it? How could he have been unaware of the fact? That said, what else did he not know about her?

Crunch!

He had stepped on a piece of debris. Melanie sat on the living room sofa amid the mess, holding a cushion in her arms. Seeing Nathaniel, she raised her arm and hurled the cushion toward him. "I thought you'd never come back!"

Nathaniel dodged, and the cushion hit the door behind him before falling to the floor.

"What are you doing?" He bent down and picked up the cushion, carefully avoiding debris on his way to the sofa, and sat beside Melanie. Even though he had been expecting this, the situation still upset him. "What do you think?" Sitting up straight, Melanie turned her head to look at him, "Let me ask you then, what are we supposed to do now? You heard what Lily said at the press conference. I told you she couldn't be trusted, and you didn't believe me! Well, now she won't let this go! Did you know I don't even dare go on

Twitter now?"

"What's stopping you?" Nathaniel said, "You've done nothing wrong." "That's enough. It's one thing to tell this to the press, but now I'm asking you to find a solution, not to appease me!"

Melanie was acting like a spoiled child while holding Nathaniel's arm. She had stormed out of the press conference in a rage because she could no longer take the confrontation.

Lily was making such a fuss, and it would not look good for Melanie to stay. She was better off leaving the situation.

"You're now expecting me to come up with a solution. Why didn't you say something before storming off the press conference?" Nathaniel looked very upset when he glanced at her, "Do you realize what the press will report if you stormed off like that? They'll say you look guilty!"

"What if I hadn't left? Wouldn't that make the situation worse? Lily made it clear that she thought we had an affair. She won't let this go!" Melanie's face collapsed, and her large eyes were hazy with tears, "Nate, what did I do wrong? I only ever loved you! Yes, I gained some fame over the past few years thanks to her perfumes, but she always had you!

"You know nothing is more important to me than you! She has already robbed me of my beloved. I only took a little benefit, so what's the problem? The fuss

she's making is driving MN Inc. to its downfall! Nate, she doesn't have your best interest at heart and doesn't care about you at all!"

Every word Melanie said was stuck in Nathaniel's heart, and he thought the same.

Lily would not be so vicious if she still had feelings for him. Nathaniel felt a chill on his neck as he recalled the moment a knife was placed against it, and his heart grew colder.

"Since she is intent on going all the way, she cannot accuse me of being cruel." Nathaniel's face was grim, and he said, "So what if she knows the formula? All she has are creativity and the formula, but she doesn't know that evidence is what really matters. We are the ones with all the evidence!"

"What do you mean? Are we going to sue her?" Melanie thought they were only going to threaten Lily. A lawsuit? That sounds like a lot of trouble and might even backfire.

"Of course we are! Not only will we sue her, but we will make sure everyone knows about it!"