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As the door of the director's office opened from within, Heather's gaze fell on Tony. After a few days of not seeing him, he looked rather haggard and he seemed to have lost a lot of weight.

Wondering what kind of hardship he had endured for the past few days, she suddenly felt sorry for him. After all, she could tell that Myra was extremely important to him.

He was not surprised when he saw her. Heather guessed that he had already received a call from the kidnappers, who had probably given them similar instructions. When she nodded to greet him, she saw a man standing next to Tony and thought that she had met the man somewhere.

She narrowed her eyes as she thought, It's a weird day today. I keep having a feeling that I've seen them somewhere.

The man noticed her gaze and flashed a polite smile. However, she merely twitched her lips slightly as a reply.

Heather would rarely reveal her smile to strangers. She was also usually indifferent and coldly treated people. Even if she had to face her customers, she would just reveal her strengths while avoiding unnecessary pretentious talks.

The man left a short while later. After that, Heather took the initiative to walk to Tony first and they exchanged glances without saying a word. As soon as she wanted to speak to him, she heard him say, "Let's discuss when we are in the room." As soon as she saw the vigilance in his eyes, she also became more guarded. He must be taking precautions against someone and the only person left is the new secretary.

She understood many things through his gaze. After they walked into his office one after another, she closed the door behind her. Throughout the entire process, she looked at him attentively, but he quickly walked to his seat and started vigorously writing on a piece of paper without even looking at her. Heather curiously approached him. She would usually leave him alone, but today, she acted out of the ordinary and walked over to take a look. She saw a lot of words on the paper that did not look like English at all. It was apparent that he had written it for her to read. After she carefully distinguished them, she finally realized he was writing Latin in a rather sloppy manner. After translating the words that Tony had written, what he meant was, 'I'm being watched. Be careful of what you say here'. The simple sentence had shocked her. All the evidence points to the secretary. Heather finally believed in her judgement. I initially thought we could have some private conversation alone after we closed the door. It seems impossible now, though. I bet there are surveillance cameras in this office. Sitting in front of him, Heather had a look of slight disappointment. After she was seated, Tony finally dragged his words. "I wonder what made you come to see me personally." She bit her lower lips before she replied, "He called me and asked me to discuss our strategies together." They were now using 'he' to refer to the ringleader. "Strategy?" Tony snorted coldly. "What kind of strategy does he want us to come up with to be satisfied?" There was hatred in his voice. Heather did not know what exactly he was thinking, so she did not immediately reply to him. The main communication between them was through their eyes, as if they could understand

what the other was saying visually. The quiet atmosphere made both of them feel rather awkward.

So, what do you have in mind? She felt that she had to give him a reply, but after a round of questions, the main question still circled back to Tony.

He had no idea what to reply to her. After thinking for a long time, he finally spoke darkly,

“Why does he like to beat around the bush? If he wants us to do something, why didn’t he clearly say it?”

When Heather heard his complaint, she also agreed with him. Why did I forget to ask the ringleader this question?

She asked tentatively, So, are we going to stay on the defensive? Looking at Tony’s level of

confidence, she felt that things were not as bad as she assumed.

Nope. At this juncture, we have to start our offense. Our final goal is to attack the Moriarty

Family. He gave her a slight smile, but she still looked confused.

It’s not enough to just state that we are going to start our attack on the Moriarty Family. We

need a detailed plan. Both of us know that their power is unimaginably immense.

Regardless of whether Tony was telling the truth or not, Heather had to show that she was

willing to discuss it with him.

He nodded and responded with a half-smile. We can slowly discuss the plan, but there are

some small actions that we can already take.

Small actions? Caleb is even more cunning than we imagine him to be.

He will see through

our actions. Heather wanted to win with a calm and steady plan, so she did not agree with

Tony’s offensive and risky plan.

He took a blue file from a pile of documents. You can take a look at this.

With that, he threw

it in front of her.

Heather picked up the file and flipped through the pages. And just like that, many secrets that nobody knew of were exposed in front of her. It looks like you have already investigated the Moriarty Family beforehand. Heather could not help but be impressed by Tony after she looked at the information that could not be found elsewhere. I wonder where he got all this. "About the secret forces that have suddenly entered Bradford City, I might know even more about it than you." He had already silently investigated the ability of those forces way before

she did. "These forces had already started to take actions back before you even returned to Bradford City." It was an important clue that he had given her. She never expected the forces to be powerful and she also didn't know that they had been hiding in Bradford City for such a long time. Hence, this piece of information had greatly shocked her.

"Is there hidden treasure in Bradford City? Or, is there something else hidden here? Is it worth it for them to take such huge actions?" she exclaimed in shock as she looked through the document.

In the file were many recorded events. As it turned out, part of the reason why Bradford City was increasingly becoming unsafe was because of this. What kind of secret plans do these dark forces have? As Heather read more of the document, she felt that things became even more unusual.

"Maybe it's a coincidence that they chose the same place," Tony replied without any hint of jokes. It seemed like he really thought that this was the reason. This conclusion is too flippant!

“So, all of these events are tightly linked to the profits that the few big families in Bradford City have earned? And the Langston and Hart Families would be the first scapegoats?”

Heather asked angrily. If this really was the reason, the Langston and the Hart Families were innocent victims.

Judging from her furious expression, Tony knew that she was in a bad mood. It was not suitable to reveal everything to her at this moment since he was merely speculating.

“Of course, the Langston and the Hart Families will not be their scapegoats.” He tried to soothe her emotions with his calm voice. “They are unable to shake the power that the Langston and the Hart Families hold in Bradford City.”

After returning to her senses, she realized that she was too agitated earlier. Now, I can really lose my patience over such little things. It looks like I have been overreacting.

“Sorry, I lost control of my emotions earlier.” Heather was still thinking about what had previously happened and her mind was in a state of chaos right now. It was rather difficult for her to calmly speak to Tony.

“Is there something on your mind?” With just a glance, he could tell that she was acting strangely, but he wondered whether it was a bad idea to reveal so much information at such times.

“No,” Heather denied. There are some things I can’t tell him clearly.

“I already have a set of plans. This is the proposal.” With that, Tony passed another white file to Heather, who set aside the blue one in her hands.

When she picked up the white file that contained the proposal, she opened it with unease.

Piles of paper immediately came into view.

Heather quickly flipped through the document. It seemed like the proposal that he mentioned earlier is not completely ready. It's basically just some information from before.

"Looks like you are well-prepared." She flashed a bright smile to hide her thoughts.

Tony merely gave a cool reply, "The proposal is not completed yet." He had only written half of it with the remaining half to be easily understood without him having to verbalize it.

Heather quickly flipped to the back of the file and noticed a few pages with Tony's neat handwriting on it. As she solemnly read through it, she generally understood what he had in mind after piecing together the information that she had read earlier. The part for the Hart Group had been clearly written whereas the remaining blank pages for the Langston Family were waiting for her to complete.

He sure is fast. After closing the file, Heather asked, "Can I bring these back with me?"

"Of course." Tony had prepared these for her to begin with, so he hoped that she could bring it away with her.

"Sure, I'll bring these home first and I'll send you a copy of the completed proposal tomorrow." She initially thought that like her, he did not prepare anything. It seemed that she was wrong as he was well-prepared.

When Heather left, Tony revealed a meaningful smile behind her back as he pinched his chin. Things have been going in the direction as I have predicted. Hopefully there are no other accidents.

When Heather opened the door, she shot a glance at the new secretary, but she did not find anything peculiar. Zephyr immediately gave a polite smile when Heather walked out of the

office. From the surface, she could not see any problems with Zephyr at once.

She deliberately walked to Zephyr and appraised her again, making the latter quite uncomfortable.

“Your hair clip is beautiful,” Heather commented as she pointed at the hair accessory on Zephyr’s hair.

Zephyr merely gave an awkward smile. “Thanks.”

Then, Heather gave a warm smile. “Work well here. Thanks for everything today.” Her sudden courtesy was not her usual style at all.

After Heather disappeared into the distance, Zephyr was still staring at her back with an unfathomable expression. Tears swam in her eyes, which made her look rather pitiful.

Heather pressed on the external controls on the elevator as she wanted to head downstairs.

She had received quite a lot of information from Tony today, making her temporarily forget

Leon’s deceit. She felt that things were heading in a good direction today.

Before this, she had underestimated Tony’s capabilities. It seems like he is not a simple

character either. I’m slightly hopeful to see our families overcoming this situation together.

As she walked to her car in the underground basement step by step, a pair of eyes were

fixated on her, making her subconsciously survey her surroundings.

Thinking that

something was wrong, she frowned as a peculiar feeling overcame her.

Heather rubbed her temples and suspected that she was mentally fatigued. After mumbling

under her breath, she entered her car and drove out of the basement parking lot.

The pair of eyes was still focused on her and it sent chills down her spine. She looked into

the rearview mirror and kept adjusting it, but she did not see anything behind her.

The backseat behind her was completely empty. She shook her head and felt as though she had been hypnotized.

“Who is following me?” Heather mumbled again. It was only when she completely left the basement parking lot that she felt better.

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This time around, Heather did not immediately rush home to the Langston Residence.

Instead, she headed to her office, where she had not gone for quite a while. Throughout the entire journey, she remembered that her company would officially start in another few days.

As a result, there was a chance she would not be able to make it for the previously agreed appointment that she had with the Saffords and she felt quite guilty toward them.

The moment she arrived at her office, she used her fingerprint to open the door. She felt fortunate that she had previously set up a biometric system that could capture fingerprints.

Otherwise, she would not have the key with her now.

Because it had been completely empty for such a long time, there was a musty odor in the office. She quickly opened the window to air the place.

The Saffords also had the keys to the office, but it seemed that they had not been here for

quite some time as well. Then, Heather switched the lights on.

Even though it was still early in the day, she loved to close the curtains and switch on the lights. The lighting in the office was quite decent, but it immediately became darker as soon as she closed the curtains.

Under the ceiling lights, she switched on her work laptop and carefully looked at the

documents in the file. She believed that Tony had picked them out with great caution.

As the time ticked by, it didn't take long for an hour to quickly pass. Yet, Heather was only

halfway through the document as a sentence had caught her eye.

She did not expect that the Saffords would be mentioned in the document, but as it turned

out, Paige's current workplace belonged to the Moriarty Family. It had greatly surprised

Heather because she had investigated the company prior to this; the result was that it was

an international corporation that was completely unrelated to the Moriarty Family.

It looked like the changes that arose from the incident was something that normal people

could not understand. Heather only understood that the international company was affected

by the downfall of the economy after she perused the documents. The negative economical

turn had created an opportunity for the Moriarty Family to take advantage of it.

However, their actions had also reflected their wealth. It was a staggering fact that they

could take over an international corporation that was at the brink of bankruptcy.

What should we do now? The Moriarty Family has already entered the international arena.

Are we, the Langston and the Hart Families, able to move this huge tree now?

As Heather flipped through the pages, she saw that it was the introduction to the glorious

history of the Moriarty Family. It was only after reading through it that she was shocked

about their power.

Things were now increasingly complicated for them. After reading further into the

document and finishing the introduction, she felt that something was still missing.

While biting her lips, Heather thought about the proposal Tony had written. There were many courageous plans that he intended to undertake, but it seemed that using the normal tactics would not be enough to even affect the Moriarty Family. The same piece of document had also introduced other family businesses, including the Locke Group. Heather had been wanting to know their strength and she finally knew about it today.

The Locke Group had many shady records with many other corporations wanting to attack them as well. Even the government was trying to obtain evidence of their criminal activities.

It was only on the surface that the Locke Group looked glamorous because they had many enemies. Under such circumstances, they still dared to provoke the strongest force in the business circle of Bradford City. Does Matthias still think that the Locke Group is not conspicuous enough?

While reading the introduction of the Locke Group's background, Tony had also written some of his own speculations. He directly pointed out that Matthias was probably trying to destroy the Locke Group by provoking the business circle's strongest force.

For the past few years, it was undeniable that the Locke Group had grown a lot under Matthias' leadership. However, as he was too ostentatious, he had offended many people who wanted to bring down the company.

Judging by Matthias' intelligence, Tony assumed that he would not deliberately do this. The only explanation was that Matthias had the intention to destroy the Locke Group himself.

Heather agreed to Tony's assumption after she thought about her interactions with Matthias all this while. Apart from that, Tony also wrote a note for her, asking her to wisely use her

relationship with Matthias.

Even though Tony thought that it was worth a bet, he believed that Matthias would increase

their chances of success. In an instant, he immediately boosted the confidence that

Heather had for Matthias.

After that, he also touched upon the power of Leon's mysterious family.

He summarized it

with a word—'unmeasurable'. It seemed that Leon's family was the most mysterious and

they had the greatest potential. If they could somehow quantify it, Tony would not have used

the word 'unmeasurable'.

Tony knew that Leon's family was split into various parts. Perhaps, one of those behind the

scenes was a part of Leon's family.

His thoughts had shocked Heather, who had a feeling that his assumptions were correct.

After all, she could not think of another family with such great power.

However, Tony also focused on Leon's family that were separated into various factions.

Based on his understanding, there were at least three major forces in Leon's family, who

were waiting to take over Dave's position since his health was deteriorating as the days passed.

Apart from that, Leon's family had a huge connection to the Moriarty and the Locke

Families. The three families were intertwined together, but Tony had no idea what this meant.

Based on the incident this time, the Hart and the Langston Families were innocents who

were implicated. However, he also speculated that Claris, who died way back when, had a

secret lover who was someone in power within Leon's family.

This person could be the mastermind behind everything. Not only did he want to take over

the power, he also wanted to take revenge on the tragic incident back then.

After reading Tony's detailed analysis, Heather thought that it would be a waste of his talent if he did not become a detective. When she finished reading the documents that he had compiled, she finally understood the complicated past of the few big families who tried to hide their true strength.

It seemed like only the power of the Hart and the Langston Families were clearly shown to everyone. She wondered, What are the three big families thinking? The most mysterious of them all is Leon's family. First, we have no idea how powerful his family is. Second, we aren't clear on the identity of the person in his family who has been attacking us. However, we have temporarily narrowed the range of possible suspects

Heather naturally thought about Leon's family party the day after tomorrow. It seemed like she could not afford to miss it this time around. On one hand, she had to hold onto Matthias whereas on the other hand, she had to go through Leon to investigate what exactly had been happening in his family.

No matter from which direction she looked, she felt that she was a heartless person who cheated on both of them. While feeling troubled, she rubbed the bridge of her nose. Tony has passed a rather difficult task to me. However, apart from Heather, there were no other people who could manage this task.

Feeling amused, she returned the document back to the file. She also needed to make use of her connections with the Saffords. After all, Paige was now working for Caleb, so she might be able to obtain some information from Paige.

Initially, Heather planned to postpone the opening of her company. However, with the ongoing current situation, she thought that she should continue with the original plan and operate as usual. Since it was no longer early, she planned to invite Paige to her office to have a chat with her. Apart from that, the incident with Leon also had to be settled, especially when there were plenty of things waiting for her to complete. Heather had not even replied to the text that Matthias sent until now. She had the strong urge to divide herself into three parts. More importantly, if Leon had made their relationship public, she would have a hard time explaining things to Matthias. She was trying to balance everything out, but she did not know what method she should use to convince Dave to believe that her relationship with Leon was genuine. Is there another way to do so apart from making it public? Underneath the light, Heather's thick, alluring eyelashes were slightly trembling as a troubled expression was written all over her face. Unknowingly, she fell asleep in front of the laptop that she had not even used after switching it on as her entire focus rested on the proposal.

In the blink of an eye, three hours had passed. It was already dark by the time she had woken up. As she rubbed her eyes, she had no idea where she was and it took a while before she realized that she was in her office. Why am I so careless? With an apologetic expression, she stared at the proposal that had changed shape after she had slept on it. Then, she quickly used her hands to flatten it. What have I just done? She despised herself in her heart. Looking at the words on the proposal, she remembered that she still had some important

things to do. The empty pages in the proposal were waiting for her to fill them in.

Heather could not afford to sleep that night as she had to spend the entire night writing the proposal. She had no idea how long it took Tony to prepare the proposal, but she was now running out of time.

She had to bring the proposal to him the next morning. After that, she would have to execute the plan. She simply had insufficient time and too many activities crammed in such a short time.

Wanting to also write the proposal by hand, Heather took a pen from the side of the table.

As she had been extremely reliant on her laptop in the past, the action of writing had made her feel quite weird.

Back in the day, she used to have a neat handwriting, but it was no longer immaculate. She

smiled as she thought of how Robert had complained about her handwriting. Sure enough, I've thrown my talent away.

She quickly wrote out her proposal. The words that Tony had written were carved deeply in

her mind, so she did not even need to look at his part. It was only natural for her to continue from where he left off with her suggestions.

The responsibility of dealing with the three greatest families rested on her shoulders. He

had already actively and secretly investigated their backgrounds with his hidden strengths.

As Heather wrote the proposal, a lump formed in her throat. I'm now taking the role of a

double spy! I can't believe that I have to do this one day. I had to do what I despised the most in the past.

During the entire process, she only felt sorry that she was doing this to Matthias. Because

of Leon's deceit, she did not feel sorry for him at all. Instead, she could not bring herself to face Leon.

However, Matthias was innocent. Even though she was unclear as to why he wanted to attack her family, she was quite sure that there was some unfortunate past that was hidden from them.

Heather even felt that she was not good enough for him. Throughout the entire relationship, he had genuinely fallen for her, but she kept thinking of the various ways she could use him.

This made her feel extremely shameful and guilty.

However, since things had arrived at this stage, there were no other options for her. She could only brave herself to continue to move forward. She yearned for a simple and straightforward romance, especially when she had killed the one she had and turned into someone she used to hate.

She continued to write with a few breaks in between. She was unsure about how to treat Matthias, as she did not know which way would be gentler. She did not want to deceive him after all.

After she experienced the pain of being deceived by a friend from Leon, she did not want Matthias to endure the pain of being hoodwinked by a lover. Hence, she felt conflicted.

Heather hoped that she could truthfully tell everything to him and that he would do the same too. Unfortunately, it was something that could never happen because they had met at the wrong time and the beginning of their relationship was already a tragedy in itself.

She forgot that she had been planning to use Matthias from the beginning. Her remorse had arrived too late as the situation got out of hand.

She arduously wrote down her part with Matthias. Since it was already written into the

proposal, she would definitely achieve it. She bit her lower lips as she thought, Let the storm rage on with more ferocity!