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Chapter 1011 Identity Exposed: Jeanne Is the Sanders' Third Princess!

"Do you know who's trying to destroy Cardellini Pharmaceutical?"

"Michael," Jeanne said straightforwardly.

"No, it's me." Warren was even more straightforward.

Jeanne's eyes flickered. She knew he was the one, but she did not want Warren to know.

In fact, Warren knew that she knew everything. However, he did not expose her because he did not want to embarrass her.

"The Sanders may have political power in Harken, but we do not control the economy. The Swans have the most influence on the Sanders at the moment, but they are not easy to deal with. That's why I have started to invest in other enterprises and have chosen Lawrence Enterprise and Cardellini Pharmaceutical first." Warren's expression became serious as he explained, "I chose Lawrence Enterprise because you grew up with the Lawrences, so it was easier for you to take action. That was why I told Kingsley to arrange for you to return to the Lawrences. Of course, it was also for you to personally avenge your mother's death. Fortunately, you didn't let us down. You managed to take over Lawrence Enterprise in just a few months, and after you left, it's now in Melody's hands and under the Sanders' control."

Jeanne turned to look at Quinn, who was beside her.

That was why Lawrence Enterprise was under Quinn's control during the time she was away.

No wonder Quinn wanted to enter the Lawrence Enterprise back then. It turned out that Quinn's goal was to obtain the fruits of her labor after she took over the Lawrence Enterprise.

Jeanne did not show any emotions.

"Next is Cardellini Enterprise. They are the largest enterprises after the Swans and control the research and development of drugs. It is a very useful economic weapon for us, so I instructed Michael to handle Cardellini Enterprise's affairs. But apparently, you have ruined Michael's plans time and time again."

Jeanne remained silent.

"Jeanne, I know about your relationship with Monica, and I can understand that you're standing up for Monica. However, between a country and a family, one has to abandon one's family. I won't say much about what happened before because it was my fault for not informing you in advance. You didn't know I was acquiring Cardellini Pharmaceutical, but from now on, I hope you don't interfere in any of Cardellini Enterprise's affairs. To us, Cardellini Pharmaceutical is a very important move, and we can't lose it." Warren did not beat around the bush and gave her the order to let go immediately.

"Alright." Jeanne agreed.

She had no choice but to agree. From the moment she was brought here, she already knew that this would be the result.

“Don’t blame me for not considering the feelings of my children. From my standpoint, the first thing I need to consider is the country. Only when the country is thriving will I have the time to take care of my family. Jeannie, I hope you can understand.”

“I understand.” Jeanne nodded. “Kingsley has told me many things.”

“It’s good that you understand,” Warren nodded before adding, “By the way, I heard that you have more than 50 billion in personal assets.”

“Most of them are Kingsley’s,” Jeanne replied.

“It doesn’t matter how much money you have. It’s yours, and I won’t take it for myself. However, in order to not cause any misunderstandings between us father and daughter, I hope your 50 billion won’t be circulated in Harken. I don’t think you need to spend money in Harken. If you need anything, you can look for your big brother.”

Chester smiled at Jeanne, indicating that she could look for him anytime.

Jeanne narrowed her eyes.

“I don’t doubt that you’ll invest in Cardellini Enterprise, but I don’t want to hear any gossip either. Michael has mentioned you to me several times, which makes me a little uncomfortable and speechless. To avoid suspicion and to prove your innocence, I will have someone monitor your personal assets. If anyone has any objection to you next time, I will produce evidence and explain it to you.”

Jeanne’s lips curled into a faint smile.

It turned out that the leader of a country was really nothing more than that. In order to achieve his goals, he would do anything.

What did he mean by proving her innocence? He was just trying to control her and prevent her from helping the Cardellinis.

At the end of the day, he still did not trust her.

“I wanted to keep you at the Sanders’ residence for a few more days and spend more time with you, but I just received a message from your uncle, Kingsley. He told me to send you back earlier.”

Jeanne looked at Warren.

Was he going to kick her out of Harken now?

Warren said, “The situation in Harken is unstable. Coupled with your relationship with Edward, it’s indeed not safe for you to stay in South Hampton City. I will be more at ease if I send you to Kingsley’s side.”

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“Alright.” Jeanne nodded.

Anyway, he was just chasing her away.

“When everything is over, I will not only return you your identity as a Sanders within the family but also in public. But during this period of time, I’ll have to disappoint you.” Warren looked a little guilty.

His meaning was clear.

Now, her identity as a Sanders was just within the family. However, she had no identity in public.

In fact, she had never cared about it.

“Jeannie, take care of yourself,” Warren said with a smile.

He looked kind.

Jeanne nodded.

At that moment, she saw two guards suddenly appear in the hall, waiting for her. Hence, she did not stay and left with the guard.

To her, that place was nothing!

Once Jeanne left, the smile on Warren’s face disappeared, and all the friendly smiles on the rest of the Sanders’ faces disappeared.

Chester asked, “Father, are we going to let Jeanne go just like this?”

“There’s no rush.” Warren said, “Let’s wait a few more days until the Cardellini Pharmaceutical business has been settled. Then, we’ll talk”

“Yes.”

Warren’s lips curled into a cold smile.

Back then, Jeanne’s mother was just a pawn in his plan, and Jeanne was nothing more than that now!

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Warren sent Jeanne on a private plane back to the Delta Islands.

As she sat on the plane and watched it taxied for take-off, she returned to her senses.

In the end, before the plane took off, she sent out a message. “I’m sorry. I broke my promise. I can’t go home the day after tomorrow.”

‘I can’t go home.’

She did not know if she could go home in the future either.

After sending the message, Jeanne turned off her phone.

She did not dare to imagine how disappointed Edward would be with her when he received that message.

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In Bamboo Garden, under Edward’s instructions, Teddy was decorating the room.

Teddy did not understand why he suddenly had to hang up those blue, pink, red, and yellow-colored decorations as if it was a festival.

Would it not look too flashy?

At that moment, he was holding a wind chime with feathers in his hand. He asked, "Master, are we really going to hang this on the door?"

It was a little too girly.

Although the feathers fluttered in the breeze and the bell sounded pleasant to the ears, it did not match the vibe of the house.

He may have asked a question, stating his confusion, but he had already found the right position and was about to hang it up.

"Take it down." Edward looked at his phone and said calmly.

"Huh?" Teddy thought he had heard wrong, so he asked, "In that case, where should I hang it?"

"Just throw it away," Edward said.

"What?" Teddy was dumbfounded.

He had woken up early that morning to prepare all kinds of decorations.

Although it did look a little flashy, after a whole morning of work, the overall vibe was still there.

The house that was originally cold and icy was much warmer now, and it felt like home.

"Throw it away." Edward repeated, adding, "Throw them all away."

What did he mean by 'throw them all away'?

Teddy looked at his master in a daze.

Ever since his master met Eldest Young Lady Lawrence, he had never been... the same.

Edward stood up from the sofa. Without another word, he left, with his back toward Teddy.

It was his back that made Teddy feel he was a little lonely.

No. His master was so powerful. Why would he get the impression that his master was abandoned? He must be overthinking.

However, he looked at the decorations that he had put up with great difficulty and sighed.

His master did not look like he was joking. Hence, he had to take down everything he had worked so hard on today, one by one.

He even wondered when he pissed his Fourth Master off again. Otherwise, why would he torture him like that?

Edward naturally did not care about Teddy's thoughts.

He walked up the stairs, which had also been decorated. Every time he walked past, a light with sensors would light up under his feet.

He thought women would probably like shiny things like that, and after being apart for so long, he had to give her a little surprise.

When he walked up to the second floor, he stopped in his tracks.

George stood in front of him, looking at him and at Teddy breaking down and taking down the decorations from the wall.

George said, "I knew my mother wouldn't like these things."

He thought Teddy was taking it down because his mother did not like it.

Edward pursed his lips. "Your mother won't be coming tomorrow."

George remained silent.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you." Edward smiled faintly.

It was a sincere apology.

George bit his small lips, clearly upset.

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However, he kept his feelings to himself and did not show them.

"There's still a chance next time." Edward patted George's head. "I'll keep my promise."

George looked at Edward, who was comforting him with a smile, and suddenly reached out to hold Edward's hand.

Edward's eyes moved slightly.

George rarely took the initiative with him, but there was no denying that George no longer rejected him.

"I'll be with you," George said.

A trace of surprise flashed in Edward's eyes.

"I'll be with you from now on," George said with certainty.

Edward chuckled. "Are you afraid that if your mother doesn't want you anymore, I don't want you either?"

George's little face turned red.

He knew that Fourth Master Swan was not worthy of sympathy.

"Don't worry, I won't abandon you." Edward ruffled George's hair.

Then, he left as he did not want to show too much of his emotions.

George stood rooted to the ground, looking at Edward's tall back.

His father actually... really missed his mother!

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At South Hampton City Central Hospital, Gary was sent to the operating theatre.

Before he went in, Ruby kept holding Gary's hand.

Monica also stayed by her father's side the whole time and kept telling him, "Dad, mom and I will be waiting for you out here."

"Dad, don't be afraid. The surgery will be very successful."

"Dad, we'll be waiting for you out here."

With that, Gary was pushed into the operating room.

Monica and Ruby's eyes were red as they watched the door of the operating theatre close.

The two of them stared at the door for a long time and did not move until they heard a few more footsteps in the corridor.

Monica and Ruby turned their heads.

When they saw it was Finn with a foreign doctor, they quickly walked over.

Finn said, "Don't worry. Just leave it to us."

"I'm really counting on you, Finn." Ruby's vision was blurry.

"Alright." Finn gave her a determined look.

For some reason, that made Monica and Ruby much calmer.

Finn did not stay for long as he had to bring the foreign specialist doctor into the operating theatre.

After the door of the operating theatre closed again, Monica helped Ruby to the chair beside her.

Then, there was a long wait. It was a very, very long wait.

The surgery was scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. in the morning. Now, two hours had passed, and there was still no news from inside.

In fact, they already knew before the surgery that a heart transplant surgery would take a long time. It usually took more than six hours.

Therefore, there was no hurry.

Monica took out her mobile phone and tried to distract herself through the internet.

The moment she opened the news app, she saw the headline. "Cardellini Pharmaceutical has disbanded internally. The research and development team has joined Sunny Pharmaceutical."

Monica could not believe what she just saw.

She hurriedly clicked on the news and read it. “According to an insider, the Cardellini Enterprise’s internal management has long been in a mess because of this vaccine incident. Faced with the fact that new products can’t be launched and old products are being continuously returned, the Cardellini Enterprise is facing a very serious shortage of funds. Some employees have plans to jump ship, but the one that has the biggest impact on Cardellini Enterprise is the core department — the research and development team. It was said that Sunny Pharmaceutical took advantage of Cardellini Enterprise’s incident and spent a huge sum of money to poach the entire research and development team. From informed sources, the research and development team did not leave just because of the turmoil caused by the vaccine issue in Cardellini Enterprise. The main reason was the sudden change of leader in Cardellini Enterprise. According to sources, the former chairman of Cardellini Enterprise, Gary, is critically ill. Gary’s only daughter has announced internally that Gary will no longer be in charge of Cardellini Enterprise, and Monica will take over her father’s position.”

Monica suppressed her emotions and kept reading.

“Although Monica has displayed amazing ability in the confrontation with the quality inspection department, a single victory doesn’t mean that she is a qualified businessman. Not only within Cardellini Enterprise, but most of the public is not optimistic about Monica taking over her father’s position. Especially under the circumstances where the Cardellini Enterprise is greatly affected, it is impossible for Monica to bring Cardellini Pharmaceutical back to life. According to a series of analyses, most experts believe that it is highly possible for the research and development team of Cardellini Pharmaceutical to leave Cardellini Enterprise and join Sunny Pharmaceutical, which was currently in full swing. Of course, whether this is the case or not remains to be confirmed.”

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After reading the content of the news, Monica glanced at the comments section.

There were a lot of comments in the comments section, and most people were making rational analyses, stating that Cardellini Enterprise’s research and development team would leave Cardellini Enterprise.

Monica gritted her teeth.

She glanced in the direction of the operating theatre, turned back to her mother, and said, “Mom, I’m going to make a phone call. I have something to do at work.”

Ruby nodded stiffly.

At that moment, other than her father’s surgery, her mother probably was not paying attention to anything else.

Monica walked to the side and quickly dialed Steve’s number. “Mr. Warren, I just saw the news that our research and development team has jumped ship. Is it true? Hurry up and verify it.”

“It’s true.” Steve said, “The human resource department has received resignation letters from 80 percent of the research and development team.”

“What?” Monica gritted her teeth.

“I’m doing some thinking right now, but... the situation doesn’t look good.”

“Why did they suddenly resign? Didn’t we just prove our innocence?” Monica could not understand.

“I’m also very surprised. These people were our company’s core team, and we’ve done our best in signing labor contracts and paying them well. Under normal circumstances, no one would resign. But now, these people are willing to pay a large sum of liquidated damages to leave Cardellini Pharmaceutical!”

“Why do they want to leave?” Monica was on the verge of breaking down and could not think of a lot of things.

“I just asked a research and development staff I’m close to, and he gave me a brief explanation. The general idea is that the other company pays better, and they will pay the penalty for the breach of contract. That means they have no choice but to go.”

“Are they so heartless? They want to leave just because of the benefits? Isn’t it just an increase in salary? I’ll increase their salary too!”

“I don’t think it’s about the pay.” Steve said, “Don’t panic. I’m still trying to make them stay. I’ll let you know if there’s any new information.”

“You must make these people stay. Without them, the Cardellini Enterprise will die!”

“I know.” Steve nodded. “I’ll do my best.”

“I’m counting on you. My dad is in surgery now, and I can’t leave.”

“Stay with the chairman. I’ll handle it.”

“Mr. Warren, thank you so much.”

“As I should.”

When Monica hung up the phone, her eyes were red with worry.

She thought about it for a while before quickly giving Jeanne a call.

Now that her father was still in surgery, she was not in the mood to think, and nor could she think about many things.

She instinctively relied on Jeanne as she always felt that Jeanne could help her solve any problem.

However, when she made the call, the other party’s phone was turned off.

Why did Jeannie turn off her phone?

Monica was very anxious. She felt that no one could help her except Jeanne.

Just as she was panicking, she suddenly heard her mother’s voice. She could not hear what her mother said clearly, but she could tell that she was crying.

Shocked, Monica quickly put down his phone and ran over.

Then, she saw a group of doctors and nurses in surgical gowns suddenly carrying a doctor in a surgical gown away.

The situation looked serious.

The moment Monica went over, she heard Ruby say, "Yes, yes, it's your father's attending doctor. Apparently, for some reason, he suddenly fainted during the operation and is now being sent to the emergency room."

Monica was stunned.

What did she mean by the attending doctor fainted during the operation? If he fainted, what would happen to her father?

Monica looked at the group of doctors and nurses leaving in disbelief.

She turned around and said to the nurse in charge outside the operating theatre, "Since the attending doctor has fainted, what will happen to my father? What's the situation inside?"

"Miss, please calm down. A nurse has already gone in to check on the situation and informed the hospital leaders of the latest situation. The most urgent emergency operation will be carried out soon. We will do our best to ensure that the operation goes smoothly. Please don't worry."

"Wouldn't you be worried if your dad was in the operating theatre? Can you stay calm?" Monica had lost control of her emotions.

She had never thought that such a thing would happen to her.

What had she done in the past half of her life to deserve such retribution?

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Was it because she was stupid?

Was she so stupid that even the heavens wanted to punish her?

"Monica." Ruby was also shocked by Monica's reaction, and she hurriedly pulled her back. "Monica, don't panic. Nothing will happen. Your father will be fine."

Monica's tears were rolling down her cheeks.

She tried her best to control her emotions and suppress them. However, it felt terrible.

Soon, a few doctors in white coats appeared in the corridor. They were all a little old.

A doctor walked over and said to Ruby and Monica with great guilt, "I'm the director of this hospital. I'm very sorry that the attending doctor fainted during the surgery because of an unexpected accident and caused some difficulties in the surgery. Now, we have urgently contacted our hospital's prestigious cardiology doctor to support this surgery, and he'll be here soon. Please rest assured. We will consider whether to continue or stop the operation according to the progress of the surgery. We will do our best to ensure the patient's safety. Please trust us!"

“What else can I do but trust you guys?” Monica’s tears kept flowing. “Other than trusting you, what else can we do...”

She was already choking with sobs.

At that moment, the door of the operating theatre suddenly opened.

Monica turned around and saw Finn suddenly walking out of the operating theatre. Her vision was blurry at the time, so she thought she was seeing things.

However, when she could see him clearly, she was so frightened that she almost fainted.

Finn had come out with the attending doctor who fainted.

Did it mean that her father had already...

“I’ll do my best to perform the heart transplant on uncle. The surgery will take a long time, so please be patient,” Finn said quickly and anxiously.

Monica stared blankly at Finn.

Did he mean that her father could still be saved?

After saying that, Finn turned around and went in.

He could not afford to waste a single second. It was clearly an emergency, yet he had come out personally to assure her of her dad’s safety.

However, with no time to consider that much, Monica shouted behind Finn’s back, “Finn, you must save my father.”

Finn did not turn around or stop, but he raised his hand and gestured an “ok” with his hand before disappearing from her sight.

That was the most glorious and greatest back view Monica had ever seen.

She tried to calm herself down. At the same time, she looked at her mother, who was also scared out of her wits.

It seemed like Finn’s sudden appearance had given them some reassurance because Ruby had also calmed down.

Then, the two of them sat down in their chairs again.

A doctor entered halfway, and after that, no one came out.

Monica was also in no mood to care about Cardellini Enterprise’s affairs. To her, her father’s surgery was more important than anything else.

The surgery took a long time. It was even longer than what was suggested in theory.

It started at 9:30 a.m. in the morning, and it was now 9:30 p.m. in the evening. It had been a full 12 hours, but why was it not over yet?

However, the corridor was still quiet, and everyone was waiting quietly.

Other than Monica and Ruby, Sarah, who had just finished her class, had also arrived. Her parents were also waiting quietly in the corridor.

They waited anxiously until finally, the lights of the operating theatre went out. The door opened slowly, and a doctor in scrubs walked out.

However, it was not Finn. It was one of the cardiologists who entered later in the surgery.

Monica stood up from her chair. The moment she stood up, she felt his body go limp.

Sarah held onto Monica.

Ruby did not dare to ask the doctor anything. She just looked straight at him and watched as the doctor walked over with an exhausted expression.

Monica tried her best to straighten her back.

She told herself that nothing would happen and that her father would be fine.

At that moment, the doctor said in a low voice, "The surgery wasn't a success."

Monica's eyes instantly turned red, and she clenched her fists while facing the doctor.

"At the most critical moment of the heart transplant, the specialist suddenly fainted, causing the heart transplant to be delayed. However, it also caused problems with the patient's blood circulation during the surgery, resulting in insufficient blood supply to the brain. After Dr. Jones's emergency treatment, he barely managed to save the patient's life, but it still caused a certain degree of brain damage. At that time, the patient's original heart had already been removed, so there was no way to stop the surgery to deal with the brain damage first. The surgery could only continue. The heart transplant surgery is a success, but we can't determine if the brain damage suffered during the surgery has any impact on the patient. The worst outcome is that the patient will never wake up again."

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Monica fell backward.

Sarah quickly supported her and said in a choked voice, "Cousin."

Monica looked at the doctor in disbelief, thinking, 'You must be joking.'

Why was he saying that her father would not wake up?

They said her father would not wake up the last time he was sent to the hospital, but he did. Yet, this time, they said he could not wake up again.

No. There was no way he would not wake up. How could her father not wake up?

"This is even more serious than the patient's first emergency heart surgery." The doctor said, "So, you have to be mentally prepared."

Monica shook her head.

She could not prepare herself mentally because she refused to accept that her father would never wake up again.

“We really tried our best.” The doctor bowed.

Perhaps he felt guilty because of that sudden incident, but he had really tried his best.

Monica’s eyes reddened.

Why should she accept their best efforts?

If not for the doctor’s own issues, his father would not have had to suffer so much. If not for the doctor...

Monica’s vision was blurred. In a daze, all she could see was her father being pushed out.

Ron and Yvonne quickly walked over and called out emotionally, “Brother-in-law! Brother-in-law!”

However, Gary did not respond.

At that moment, Ruby had also stood up from her chair. Her body looked so thin, and her face looked so pale.

In fact, all the people waiting outside had not eaten or drunk anything today.

Some nurses had sent food over, but none of them touched it, and no one forced anyone to eat it.

Monica looked at her mother walking over with difficulty and looking at Gary, who was lying on the mobile bed with a frighteningly pale face.

As she looked at him, she collapsed.

“Sister! Sister!” Ron pulled her into his arms and called out to her.

Ruby fainted on the spot.

Ron was so frightened that he called for the doctor.

For a moment, the corridor was a little chaotic.

Ruby and Gary were both sent away.

Gary was sent to the intensive care unit as he could no longer stay in the high-end VIP ward, while Ruby, once it was confirmed that she fainted because she was too sad, was sent to a ward to rest.

Monica stayed by her mother’s side the whole time as she was afraid that her mother would take things.

In the operating theatre, a nurse took the caretakers to clean up and disinfect the place.

At that moment, she saw Dr. Jones sitting in the operating theatre for a long time.

“Dr. Jones?” The nurse was shocked.

The surgery was over, but why was he still here?

Finn's eyes moved.

"What's wrong? Did the surgery take too long? Are you low on blood sugar? Do you want me to get you a bag of glucose?" the nurse quickly asked.

Finn waved his hand, and as he stood up from the ground, he did feel a little dizzy.

The surgery was indeed very long, and he was physically exhausted. However, he did not leave because he did not know how to face Monica and her family.

That surgery would have gone very smoothly if it had not been for that accident midway through, but because of that accident, a mistake happened.

He knew very well that there was a 90 percent chance that the area of Gary's brain damage would turn him into a vegetable, and that 10 percent chance was almost negligible for ordinary people.

"Dr. Jones," The nurse quickly held him up, a little nervous about his physical condition.

Once Finn calmed himself down, he pushed the nurse away and left the operating room.

After he left, he returned to his office, where he took off his surgical gown, changed into his usual white coat, and told his assistant to bring him a bag of glucose water.

In fact, he had drunk a lot during the surgery, but he drank some more before leaving the office.

"Do you want to eat something?" his assistant asked him.

Finn waved his hand.

Then, he walked towards Gary's intensive care unit.

From afar, he could see a figure standing there and looking at the person lying inside as if she had shut herself from the world.

As he walked over, she did not even move her eyes.

The two of them just stood there in silence for a long time, so long that her legs seemed to be numb.

Monica turned around and left.

Her mother was still asleep, but she was afraid that her mother would be scared when she woke up.

"I'm sorry."

Monica suddenly stopped in her tracks.

Her throat moved slightly.

In fact, she did not blame Finn. She knew that he had tried his best. After all, he must not have expected such an accident to happen during the surgery.

If she really wanted to blame him... what reason did she have to blame him?

Besides, what was the point of blaming him?

Could they redo her father's surgery again? Then, would her father wake up?

She asked, "Was the doctor fainting an accident?"

Monica was calm, and it surprised Finn a little.

During the operation, he could not allow himself to be distracted at all. He had to use every second to give the people outside a little confidence, even though he knew very well that it would be difficult for Gary to wake up again after that surgery.

After the surgery, he thought about many things.

He wondered whether Monica would find it hard to accept and, if so, what would make Monica accept that reality.

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"Was it an accident?" Monica asked again because she did not get a reply from Finn.

Her voice was as calm as ever, which was completely different from what Finn had imagined.

He thought that he would see a devastated Monica, who would break down and lose her temper with him.

However, none of that happened.

The current Monica did not show much emotion. Although she was sad, she did not let others see it.

His throat moved slightly as he said, "The preliminary conclusion is that it was an accident. The specialist doctor had come to South Hampton City from abroad and was uncomfortable with the climate here. In the closed operating room, he suddenly had a stroke, which led to a coma. I'll inform you of the results after further investigation."

"Thank you." Monica thanked him and then left.

There was only unfamiliarity and distance between them. It was as if they were strangers.

Finn stared at Monica's back and watched as her delicate body walk past him.

At that moment, he suddenly felt that Monica had become a person who could shoulder everything on her own.

The little girl who used to make a fuss and hide behind others when she encountered something seemed to have disappeared.

Finn looked away and looked at Gary, who was in the ward.

Ultimately, he was responsible for that medical accident.

The others... There was nothing else.

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After Monica returned to the ward, Ruby woke up, and the first thing she wanted to do was to see Gary.

However, Monica stopped her.

Ruby was a little emotional. "Monica, I want to go see your father."

"Dad is in the intensive care unit now, and we can't go in. You can't see him even if you want to," Monica said bluntly.

"But—"

"You should calm down first." Monica stopped Ruby from leaving.

"I can't calm down."

"Mom," Monica called out to Ruby with a serious look on her face. "Have you forgotten what dad told you last night?"

Ruby's heart ached.

"Regardless of whether his surgery is successful or not, you need to take care of yourself. Now, are you going to listen to him?" Even Monica's tone was a little heavy.

"I—"

"I'll get the nurse to send some food over now. You should eat something first." Monica did not give her mother a chance to refuse and immediately pressed the call bell. "Please send us five sets of dinner."

"Alright."

Monica dragged Ruby over to the sofa.

Sarah's family was also in the ward. However, they could not stop Ruby, yet Monica could.

Ron was a little surprised by Monica's determination.

In his mind, Monica was still a little girl. Although she was seven years older than Sarah, she would still quarrel and fight with Sarah over things. It was as if she never grew up.

Yet now, was she the one who had to bear the burden of that family?

To be able to take care of her mother after her father's surgery failed, even Ron felt a little sorry for Monica.

Nobody expected that her family would suddenly encounter such an accident.

In fact, he had also seen the news today and knew that Cardellini Enterprise was facing a lot of difficulties. However, he did not dare to mention it right now, for fear that his sister and Monica would not be able to accept it.

He did not know what would happen to his family in the future.

If Cardellini Enterprise really went bankrupt, based on Gary's current situation, he probably would not even be able to afford to stay in the hospital.

Not only was the cost of a heart transplant a huge sum of money, but the postoperative care would also cost a lot. On top of that, there was a medical accident during the surgery, and Gary was very likely to become a vegetable. Taking care of a vegetable would also cost a huge sum of money.

Ron could not think anymore. He really did not know they could tide over such a mess.

The caretaker brought five sets of dinners.

“Uncle, you, aunt, and Sarah must be tired. You should all go home after dinner. I’ll take care of things here,” Monica said to them.

“I’m fine. I’ll stay with you guys. Sarah and her mother can go back.”

“All of you, go back.” Monica was very determined. “I’ll stay here tonight to accompany my parents. However, I’ll be going to work during the day. When I’m at work, I’ll have to trouble you to come to the hospital to accompany my parents, uncle.”

“You’re going to the company?” Ron asked worriedly.

“Yes.” Monica nodded.

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“I heard that Cardellini Enterprise has encountered some trouble—”

Before Ron could finish his sentence, Monica gave him a look.

Ron immediately shut up.

He thought that Monica did not know what happened to Cardellini Enterprise. Otherwise, how could she still be so strong, as if nothing had happened?

“So, uncle, you can come over during the day. My dad should be fine as there will be doctors and nurses taking care of him. I’m just worried that my mom will take things too hard.” Monica even smiled and said to Ruby, “Mom, are you really going to die for love because the doctor said he might become a vegetable? If dad wakes up and you’re not around, will he have to die for love too?”

Ruby looked at her daughter, who looked very optimistic.

She asked, “Will your father wake up?”

“I believe the heavens won’t be so cruel to him!” Monica was very certain. “My dad is such a good man. He has done so many good things in his life but never once a bad thing. I believe God will not let him lie in bed forever and that dad will wake up eventually.”

At that moment, Ruby seemed to have been persuaded by Monica’s words.

She said, “Yes, your dad will definitely wake up.”

“So, we should listen to dad and take care of ourselves. Then, when he wakes up, we can give him a good explanation.”

Ruby nodded, and only then did she finally begin to eat.

Monica smiled.

He tried his best to pull a smile from the corner of his mouth.

Jeanne was right. She was already a grown-up and had to bear everything on her own. She could no longer rely on anyone!

She finished the dinner in front of her.

After that, she told her uncle and his family to go home, and she accompanied her mother to sleep on the hospital bed.

“Monica, thank goodness I still have you.” Ruby was talking in her dreams.

Monica could hear her mother’s voice mid-sobbing and choking.

In fact, she felt the same too.

Fortunately, she still had her mother. If not for her mother, she might have accepted her fate!

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On the Delta Islands, after Jeanne got off the plane, Kingsley personally came to pick her up.

Neither of them said a word as the car returned to the Hills’ residence.

The moment Jeanne returned to her room, Kingsley said, “Give me your phone.”

Jeanne frowned.

“I’ll confiscate your phone during this period to stop you from contacting the outside world.”

“Kingsley!” Jeanne was furious.

“Warren specifically told me to watch over you so that you won’t interfere with Harken’s affairs.”

“Whatever he says, right?” Jeanne raised her eyebrows.

“Now, we must gain his trust.”

“That was why he didn’t care about my feelings.”

“You just want to help Monica, but I can tell you responsibly that you can’t do that.”

Jeanne glared at him.

“Let’s not talk about back when Warren didn’t specify any names and tell us not to interfere with Harken’s affairs. Back then, I could let you do some personal things that you wanted to do. But now, since Warren has made himself clear, I will definitely not let you ruin all of our plans for your personal feelings.”

Jeanne bit her lip.

“Jeanne, you shouldn’t have all these feelings,” Kingsley said coldly.

“So you want me to become a homicidal maniac like you?”

“If it’s possible, I would rather you become like me!” Kingsley was harsh.

Jeanne looked at him coldly.

Kingsley no longer had the patience to argue with her, so he bent down and took out her phone from her pocket.

The moment he took it away, he said, “Don’t even think about getting the phone from others. I can’t guarantee that my authority will be effective on everyone in the Hills. However, I can tell you that whoever whose phone you use will never live to see the next day’s sun, including Mason and Lucy, whom you think I can’t bear to kill. I mean what I say!”

“You’re so cruel, Kingsley!”

“I never said I was a good person, and I’m not a good person either.”

Then, Kingsley left, without saying another word.

After Kingsley left, Jeanne slammed the door shut. The slam was so powerful that it created a loud noise.

Kingsley definitely heard it.

He stopped in his tracks and said, “Call Lucy to my room.”

“Yes.” The high-level assassins beside him immediately showed their respect and did not dare to be slow for even a second.

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She felt that Mr. Thorn had been unprecedentedly ruthless the last two days. Whoever bumped into him would die.

Soon after Kingsley returned to his room, Lucy showed up there.

They had returned last night. However, Kingsley did not say anything after they returned and allowed her to go back to her room, which was why she could rest for a night.

After a night of rest, she was in a better state.

She had just heard that Jeanne had returned and was about to go to Jeanne’s room when she suddenly received a message telling her to meet Kingsley.

She could not guess what Kingsley was thinking.

Hence, she could only show herself respectfully in front of him and wait for his instructions.

“Don’t you have anything to say to me?” Kingsley faced her with an intimidating presence.

Lucy was a little stunned. After all, she was still waiting for Kingsley’s orders. Now that he was suddenly asking her that instead, she was too stunned to speak for a long time.

She looked at him and noticed that he was in a bad mood and had probably quarreled with Jeanne. Usually, when he quarreled with Jeanne, he would sulk and vent her anger on others.

With that, she said respectfully, "I need to report to you about Millie."

"Speak!" Kingsley responded.

Fortunately, she had guessed his thoughts.

She was really afraid that at that moment, Kingsley would kick her because he was unhappy.

She was not overthinking it. In fact, she had been kicked by Kingsley more than once or twice.

Kingsley's kick really hurt. It was an unbearable pain, the kind that stopped her from crying out.

She said, "I'm afraid you'll think that I'm accusing Millie, so I want to confront Millie face to face."

"Call Millie in!" Kingsley immediately ordered the assassin next to him.

The assassin quickly agreed and ran very fast. He also realized that Kingsley was in a bad mood, so he did not dare to offend him.

After a while, Millie walked into Kingsley's room.

Millie already knew that Lucy had returned safely yesterday and that Kingsley had personally gone to get Lucy.

When Millie found out, she almost died of anger and wished she could kill Lucy with her own hands.

She did not know how she had made such a mistake with such thorough planning.

However, her mindset was that since the Hills were in favor of her now, she would always have a way to kill Lucy.

If she failed this time, there would be a next time, and she would not let Lucy escape next time!

However, at that moment, she was still a little surprised to be called to Kingsley's room!

Especially when she saw that Lucy was there, she was even more certain that something bad was going to happen.

Moreover, she suddenly thought of something — Kingsley had not slept with her for a long time.

For a second there, she thought that Kingsley had suddenly remembered her.

She gritted her teeth.

Tonight, she was definitely going to climb into Kingsley's bed.

Amidst her thoughts, Lucy said, "Millie, do you know the rules of Hills?"

"There are many rules in the Hills. Which one are you talking about?" Millie asked Lucy with obvious disdain.

Without showing any emotions, Lucy said, "It's a taboo in the Hills for assassins to kill each other."

"Of course, I know that."

"In that case, why did you still hire assassins to kill me?! Lucy enunciated every word.

When she said that, her energy presence was released.

Millie's heart skipped a beat.

She was stunned by Lucy's sudden imposing manner, but she also had a guilty conscience.

She quickly explained, "What are you talking about? When did I bribe an assassin to kill you? Lucy, don't tell me that you're harboring a grudge and slandering me because I sent you on a mission this time."

Lucy was about to speak when Millie interrupted her. "I sent you to carry out the mission because something came up with the assassin who was supposed to go on a mission. I was afraid that it would affect the completion of the mission, so I sent you. When I told you to go, I asked for your opinion and your consent before making the arrangement. Yet now, you're suddenly reporting and slandering me? Lucy, you are considered a senior assassin of the Hills and have followed Mr. Thorn for so many years. Don't you even have any magnanimity?"

Lucy looked at Millie coldly.

Millie continued with an innocent look on her face. "Actually, if you had told me that you didn't want to go, I definitely wouldn't have sent you. But now that you've gone and accused me, I really can't accept it. Now, in front of Mr. Thorn, why don't you tell me if I shouldn't put you on any missions in the future? If Mr. Thorn agrees, I won't ask you to go even if I have to go by myself."

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Millie deliberately focused the contradiction on Kingsley.

She knew very well that Kingsley would never agree to it. In the Hills, no one could ask Kingsley to do anything except for Jeanne.

If Lucy were to make such a request now, Kingsley would definitely be furious. However, if Lucy did not make any requests, it meant that her arrangement was right.

Anyway, whatever Lucy says would be useless.

This time, Lucy was the one who was being unreasonable, and Kingsley might even punish her for it.

Right now, she could not wait for Kingsley to get angry and lock Lucy up in the Hills' underground prison.

She had not tortured Lucy enough last time. After all, she did not hate Lucy so much last time. If she could, she would definitely make Lucy's life a living hell.

Lucy did not reply.

At that moment, Kingsley's expression seemed to turn even uglier as he looked at Lucy coldly.

The moment he lost his patience, Lucy finally said, "Are you done?"

Millie was stunned.

That meant Lucy's silence was not because she was speechless. On the contrary, she was waiting for her performance to end.

"I'm just telling the truth!" Millie said righteously.

"So, are you done telling the truth?"

"If you have something to say, say it!"

"Since you're done, please don't interrupt when I'm talking." Lucy's face darkened.

Millie did not look any better, but she held it in and said nothing.

Lucy said, "Over the years, I've followed Mr. Thorn to visit many assassin groups and got to know a lot of people in the assassin world. So, it just so happened that when the assassins of S Underground Organization received the news that they were going to assassinate me, someone informed me. So, when I went to carry out the mission, I made preparations in advance."

Millie gritted her teeth.

She did not expect Lucy to be so famous in the world of assassins, and it was no wonder Lucy managed to escape.

The next time she looked for an assassin, she would have to be more careful.

However, she could not help but find it a little ironic.

Lucy was really stupid.

The assassin even came to tell her why Lucy was not killed. Was that not courting death?

"It just so happens that the other party also told me who wanted to kill me." Lucy's eyes suddenly narrowed.

Millie could not help but feel a little frightened, but she kept telling herself that it was impossible.

The rules of the assassin world were that no matter what or who it was, they would never give up on the person who hired the assassin.

That was the reason why she was so bold as to hire an assassin! It was because she knew that she would not be exposed.

However, at that moment, Lucy was saying it so confidently.

"Lucy, don't you know how to lie? How could the other party have told you who wanted to kill you? We're all assassins, and we all know the rules of the assassin world. Now, you're saying that the other party told you who wanted to kill you? Who do you think will believe you?" Millie tried to calm herself down.

At that moment, she was certain that Lucy was deliberately tricking her to make her admit it.

What a joke. Was she, Millie, such a stupid person?

How could Lucy scare her with just a few words?!

There was still a mocking look on her face. At that moment, she even deliberately asked Kingsley, “Mr. Thorn, you know the rules of the assassin world the best. Do you think an assassin would reveal the identity of the person who hired them?!”

“An assassin wouldn’t,” Lucy answered on Kingsley’s behalf.

Millie sneered again. ‘She slapped himself in the face! What an idiot!’

“However, if I hire an assassin in advance, as the first hirer, I will naturally be able to get the information I want. This shouldn’t be considered a violation in the assassin world,” Lucy said coldly.

Millie froze.

What was Lucy talking about? What did she mean by “hiring assassins in advance as the first hirer”?

Lucy looked at Millie’s expression and explained again impatiently, “Two days before the mission, I made a deal with all the underground assassin organizations and told them to help me find the person who wanted to kill me. That was why when S Underground Organization received the order to kill me, they told me immediately and even helped me leave evidence.”

Millie looked at Lucy in disbelief.

How could Lucy have known that she would find someone to kill her? How did she know?

She had never told anyone and had done everything herself, so it was impossible for her to be exposed.

Ignoring Millie’s reaction, Lucy took out her phone and played a voice message.

“Kill a person for me.” It was Millie’s voice after she had changed her voice.