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Chapter 541: We Really Got A Divorce

“Save your breath,” Finn said coldly.

When Monica heard him, she felt like a knife had stabbed her heart.

“I think Monica loves you.”

“Maybe, but that’s not important anymore.”

“Actually, you can fight for it.” Jeanne was trying her best to set them up.

“I have.” Finn said nonchalantly, “And that is why I told you not to waste your time.”

Jeanne pursed her lips.

From Finn’s tone, she could roughly tell that Finn had given up.

“No matter what, thank you.”

He thanked Jeanne because she understood him.

After that, he returned the phone to Monica.

Monica looked at Finn, who still did not spare her a single glance, and turned her head coldly to the window.

Then, she placed the phone back to her ear and said, “Jeannie.”

Jeanne, on the contrary, was silent.

She was exasperated just a moment ago. Although she could suppress her anger toward Monica and try to convince her with reason, she suddenly felt that there was nothing more to say.

Monica was determined to walk on the path of no return, and no one could stop her. Perhaps only when she hit a wall and got hurt would she know how stupid she was to take that path.

All of them were trying to persuade her, but it was useless.

In the end, Jeanne chose to compromise.

She believed everyone had to pay the price for their choices. Since Monica could not be convinced otherwise, she should face the consequences on her own.

Moreover, no one knew what kind of person Michael was.

If he liked Monica, being with him would still make Monica happy.

Jeanne admitted that she, herself, was also selfish. Between Finn and Monica, she would ultimately choose Monica.

As long as Michael was good enough for Monica, Monica's life would not be too bad.

As for Finn, maybe he had thought it through.

Jeanne sighed.

Although she chose to side with Monica, she still felt helpless. She said, "Monica, I don't support your decision to choose Michael, but I respect you. However, you must understand that if you do this, you'll have to pay the price. If you choose Michael, your relationship with Finn will end. As the party involved, you may not understand, but as an outsider, we see it very clearly. If I can see it, Michael should also be able to see it, but he didn't reject your help. You better understand this."

"I trust Michael. I trust him." Monica trusted Michael completely.

At that moment, Jeanne understood why Finn had given up so easily.

Monica continued to say firmly, "I know I'm hurting Finn by doing this, but compared to Finn and my love for him, I'm more inclined to help Michael."

In that case, there was nothing else for Jeanne to say.

Monica already knew what she wanted, which was to help Michael even if it meant she had to break up with Finn.

Finn also heard it.

However, he kept looking out the window, thinking he had let himself down in the end by loving Monica.

Jeanne said, "Since you've thought it through, just do what you want."

Anyway, no one knew what would happen in the end.

"Okay." Monica nodded.

With that, Jeanne hung up the phone.

After the call ended, Monica's tears kept flowing, and she felt horrible. It turned out that making a decision as an adult was difficult!

Suddenly, a napkin appeared in front of her eyes.

Monica raised her head to see Michael, whose face was full of concern.

She took the napkin and used it to dry her tears.

When the car arrived at the civil affairs bureau, the three of them got out of the car separately.

Monica was leaning on her crutches. Since walking was a struggle for her, Michael went over to support her, while Finn remained indifferent to her.

He just looked at them coldly in front of him, keeping a distance that was neither too far nor too close.

They arrived at the entrance of the civil affairs bureau. However, because the civil affairs bureau had yet opened, they entered through a small path.

Michael held Monica's hand and suddenly stopped in his tracks.

Monica turned to look at him.

Michael said, "Why don't you think it through again?"

That showed he was still looking out for her.

Monica shook her head.

Since she had already made a choice, and a difficult one at that, regret had never crossed her mind.

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"I don't want you to see you sad." Michael looked distressed.

Monica's heart wavered. "As long as I can help you get back everything, then..."

Finn walked past and in front of them.

Suddenly, the words she was about to say were stuck in her throat.

She looked at Finn's indifferent silhouette and could sense that the Finn from last night was completely different from Finn today.

She could feel Finn's sadness last night, but today, she could not feel anything from him.

Hence, it only took one night for him to let go of everything, huh?

"Monica," Michael called out to her because she was suddenly distracted.

Monica looked away. "Let's go. There's nothing to think about."

With that, they walked to the office, where they went through the divorce procedures.

Michael, on the other hand, was waiting for them outside.

At that moment, a special staff member was helping them with the divorce procedures, so they did have to go through the standard divorce procedure. The staff member asked them respectfully, "Have you brought your divorce certificate, divorce documents, and your identification cards?"

"Here's the divorce certificate." Monica took out the divorce certificate. "Here's my identification card too."

Finn also silently took out his identification card and handed it to the staff member.

"Are the divorce documents here?" the staff member asked nicely.

"It hasn't been signed yet. Can I trouble you to bring me a pen?" Monica took out the divorce documents.

Finn looked at it coldly.

Based on his understanding of Monica, she probably would not have thought of the divorce documents, so he prepared one last night.

However, it seemed like he was overthinking it.

There would always be people who would think of things she did not for her.

Monica placed the divorce documents in front of Finn and said, "We don't have any children, so the custody rights won't take place. As for assets, we don't have too many asset disputes either. The house was a gift to you from my father, so I won't take it, and I don't want the savings you've accumulated over the last three years of our marriage. I can barely make ends meet with my salary, so I don't have much to give you."

Finn looked at the words written in black and white.

Monica said, "In short, I'm leaving the marriage with nothing."

Without saying anything, Finn took the pen and skillfully signed his name.

Monica looked at him, and at that moment, she felt a little emotional. Even so, she eventually signed her name.

Once their names were signed, they handed the documents to the staff.

The staff took all the divorce documents and started to sort everything out. Since that was all they had to do, the divorce procedure was fast.

The staff said, "Mr. Ross told us specifically that the date on your divorce certificate should be one year ago, including your divorce documents. So, may I please have you date your signature on the divorce documents with the date today but last year? Same with the divorce certificates. Please double-check to see if it's right."

The staff handed the divorce documents to them and the divorce certificates for them to date their signature.

Soon, each of them was handed a divorce certificate.

Monica took a look at it, but Finn had already left with the divorce certificate.

She pursed her lips and struggled to follow behind Finn with her crutches.

Meanwhile, Michael was waiting for them outside. When he saw the divorce certificate in Monica's hand, a hint of surprise flashed in his eyes.

He quickly went over to support her. "Monica."

"It's all done," Monica said. "Let's go."

"Okay."

With that, the three of them walked out of the civil affairs bureau, one after another.

Michael supported Monica as they walked toward the car that had just arrived, whereas Finn had already hailed a taxi and sat in it.

Monica stared at Finn's silhouette. He did not say anything the entire way through and silently completed all the divorce procedures with her instead.

Then, just like that, he left.

Michael's gaze followed Finn's direction. The coldness in his eyes was very obvious.

He knew very well that in Monica's heart, Monica was still in love with Finn.

However, in Finn's heart, Finn and Monica were already over.

Michael said kindly, "Monica, once I've settled everything, I will send you back to Finn's side."

Only then did Monica come back to her senses.

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She believed Finn would understand when the time came.

After they got into the car, they went straight to the press conference.

They had set up a meeting with the reporters at 10 a.m. that morning to explain everything regarding Michael.

When they were in the car, Monica's phone rang, and she glanced at the incoming call, which she had expected.

She gritted her teeth and answered the call. "Dad."

"Monica, what the hell are you doing?" Gary sounded angry.

Monica bit her lips.

"What's going on between you and Michael? Why are you on the news again? Last time, when your mother and I called to ask about the news about you and Michael, you told me that you had nothing to do with him, that it was the paparazzi's doing, and that you and Jianqin were good. Now, tell me, what's this with this picture of you at Michael's house? What's going on?"

Monica was stunned. 'What house?'

While trying to figure it out, she heard her father throwing a fit again. "Monica, I'll get the driver to come and pick you up right now!"

"Dad—"

"Let Finn know because I can't get through to him. He might not have heard it," Gary told her.

It was not that Finn did not hear him. In fact, Finn probably refused to pick up.

She said, "Dad, I have some matters to attend to and can't come back right now. Once I'm done, I'll come back and explain it to you in person. It's not convenient for me to tell you over the phone."

"What matters do you have to attend to? Tell me!" Gary was furious.

"I have matters to attend to."

"Where's Finn?" Gary asked.

"Him? I don't know."

"Did you both argue again?"

"We'll talk about it later." Monica did not want to explain the situation over the phone.

That made Gary even more furious. "Monica, if you have anything to do with Michael, I'll break your leg!"

"One of my legs is already broken."

"I meant both your legs."

Monica was speechless.

"Come back soon. Your mother and I will cook yours and Finn's favorite dishes and wait for you." In the end, Gary was still no match for his daughter.

Although his tone was fierce, he could not hide how much he cared for her.

As Monica hung up the phone, she wondered if her father would die of anger if he found out that she and Finn were divorced.

Michael, who was beside her, saw her in distress and said, "I can explain it to your father."

Monica shook her head. "We'll see when the time comes."

When the time came, she would see what her father's attitude was.

The car arrived at the press conference venue with plenty of time left.

Michael said, "I've prepared a makeup artist. Do you think it's necessary? I know you like to look pretty—"

"Thank you." Monica thanked him.

To her, Michael was always so thoughtful.

She had cried the whole of last night, so her eyes were swollen today. Moreover, she had to wake up so early in the morning in the hotel and did not have time to put on makeup. If she were to go to the media looking like that, she might as well kill herself.

With that, Michael brought Monica to the dressing room.

While Monica had her makeup done, she received a lot of messages.

It turned out she had a lot of fair-weathered friends.

Hence, when her news flooded the Internet, countless people sent messages to ask if she was really with Michael again and if she and Finn were divorced.

Her friends actually wanted her to be with Michael since Michael was better than Finn in all aspects.

In the eyes of her friends, Finn was just a poor doctor. Although his skills and expertise were decent, at the end of the day, he was just a doctor. Moreover, Monica kept badmouthing Finn, and everyone found Finn unforgivable.

At that moment, when they saw the news that her old relationship with Michael had rekindled, everyone congratulated her.

However, she just read all the messages silently without replying.

After that, she looked at the news again, and that was when she saw the gossip about her and Michael on the news.

She frowned.

Having been by her side the entire time, Michael saw her expression and lowered his eyes to glance at her phone screen. He explained, "I didn't know my house was being monitored too."

Monica pursed her lips.

It was no wonder everyone was certain she was back together with Michael.

From the photo, they looked very intimate, sitting together on the sofa in the living room.

Michael mocked himself, "Now, we really can't convince them otherwise."

Monica nodded silently.

"Monica, I really didn't think it would implicate you like this—"

"It's okay. I believe you can resolve it quickly." Monica smiled faintly.

She believed that Michael could resolve it quickly, and then she could leave unscathed.

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Michael confirmed, "Definitely."

Once Monica had her makeup done, she changed into a red dress.

With her makeup on, her pale and haggard face now looked bright and cheery.

She took a deep breath before holding Michael's hand and walking toward the press conference.

The moment everyone at the press conference saw them enter, the originally noisy atmosphere instantly quieted down.

The staff member opened his mouth and announced, "This is the press conference held by Mr. Michael Ross and Ms. Monica Cardellini. They would like to clarify some of your misunderstandings about Mr. Ross and Ms. Cardellini's relationship. Please stay quiet first. Once Mr. Ross and Ms. Cardellini are done speaking, they will proceed to answer your questions."

The audience applauded, and the emcee handed the stage to Michael.

Michael politely expressed his gratitude to everyone present before saying, "Regarding the matter between Monica and I that has been reported by the media, I would like to give everyone an explanation. First of all, Monica and I have indeed gotten back together, and we started dating a month after I came back to the country. So, we've been dating for two months. I didn't tell you because I didn't want my private matters to take up public resources. However, now that you have taken pictures of us, and it has had some negative impact on Monica and me, I have no choice but to explain it to you in person. Second, with regards to Monica and Finn's marriage, it was originally a marriage of convenience. They got a divorce a year ago, and today is one year since they separated. You can take a look at the screen behind me. On it are their divorce documents and divorce certificates."

At that moment, the screen projected the divorce papers and divorce certificates, which the reporters kept taking pictures of.

"Lastly, I hope everyone can give your blessing to Monica and me. It wasn't easy for us to be together. After going through a breakup and finally getting back together again, I hope everyone can give our relationship some privacy. Thank you, everyone."

While saying that, Michael stood up, and so did Monica, to bow to all the reporters.

The reporters present could not hold it in any longer, and some of them had started to raise their hands.

The emcee looked at Michael nodding and said, "Because Mr. Ross's schedule is rather tight, he will only answer three questions. I hope that all of you, my dear reporters, can get to the main point of what you want to ask."

Many reporters raised their hands, so the emcee randomly picked one.

The reporter stood up. "Mr. Ross, you said you and Ms. Cardellini have been dating for a year, so why didn't you come out to clarify the gossip when you both were caught hugging?"

"I didn't think it would become such a big thing. On top of that, my father hasn't been feeling well, so I haven't had time to clarify it."

"How is your father now? I heard he's--"

"Next person," the emcee directly interrupted.

The reporter who asked the question could only sit down again.

"Mr. Ross, I heard Ms. Cardellini was first with Finn, but she broke up with Finn before she started dating you. Then, she broke up with you, and Ms. Cardellini chose Finn again. However, she has now chosen you... Don't you think your relationship sounds like a game?"

“Monica did date Finn first, but they didn’t get along, so they chose to break up. On the other hand, Monica and I have known each other since high school, but at that time, we were still young and didn’t think about each other in that way. Later, when Finn and Monica broke up, I started pursuing Monica. Our relationship has always been good, but because of my parents’ opposition, Monica and I had no choice but to break up. After I went abroad, Monica was forced by her parents to marry Finn.” Michael explained the matter clearly, “She married Finn because my parents were too aggressive toward her back then, and it made her and her parents look bad. In order for their daughter not to suffer such grievance, her parents made her marry Finn immediately. At that time, they didn’t have any feelings for each other, but Finn agreed to marry Monica because he was raised by Monica’s family and because he wanted to repay their kindness.”

“Mr. Ross, are you saying Finn and Monica had no feelings for each other when they got married?”

“No. They divorced a year ago because they didn’t want to continue with the marriage,” Michael replied.

“Then—”

“Next reporter, please,” the emcee interrupted.

The next reporter stood up. “Mr. Ross, you and Ms. Cardellini may have broken up and gotten back together, but she has been entangled with Finn for a long time. Don’t you care about her love life? As far as I know, Mr. Ross has only dated Ms. Cardellini. Regardless of whether Ms. Cardellini is in love with you, her behavior does make us think that she isn’t good enough for you.”

“You’ve misunderstood. It’s not that Monica isn’t good enough for me. In fact, she’s out of my league. Back then, it was my fault that caused the break-up with her, and I’m grateful to her for giving me a chance to be with her again. I hope you’re not here to deliberately sow discord between us.” Michael’s displeasure was obvious.

Everyone could tell that Michael was protective of Monica, and he would not allow anyone to say a bad word about her.

Monica turned to look at Michael, who seemed to put her first no matter what the occasion was.

He knew he had to curry favor with the media, yet he lost his temper in public because of her.

“I’m not trying to sow discord between you both. I’m just telling the truth. Mr. Ross, are you angry because you care about Ms. Cardellini and Finn’s relationship? They were together for so many years, so I’m sure they’ve done it, right?” The reporter seemed to be doing it on purpose.

It was so that the reporter could start a conflict for news’s sake.

Michael did not hide his anger either. “What Monica and Finn had was just a marriage of convenience. It’s not what you think it is. I know what she’s like, and don’t you slander her here.”

“How do you know? Will she tell you?” the reporter mocked.

“You!” Michael was so angry that he was about to stand up.

However, Monica pulled Michael back. “Nothing happened between Finn and me. If you don’t believe me, you can get the hospital to verify it.”

The reporter was stunned.

At that point, another reporter could not help but say, “Ms. Cardellini, are you saying you kept your innocence for Ms. Ross?”

Monica gritted her teeth. “Yes.”

She had always kept her innocence, but it was not for Michael.

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The news of “Monica Keeping Her Innocence for Michael All This While” spread across all of Harken and was widely talked about. Everyone was praising their faithful love and was envious of how they could still stay innocent for each other after so many years.

The news was popular.

The hashtags “Monica’s Innocence”, “Michael and Monica”, “Michael Isn’t the Third Party”, “Monica and Finn Divorce Long Ago” and so on were trending on the Internet and were a hot topic of discussion.

With that, their image of Michael instantly changed.

From the immoral man who came in between someone else’s relationship, he had become the best and most infatuated man in the world.

Many people saw the news, including the party involved, Finn.

There was nothing he could do about it as it was the first thing he saw when he opened the news on his phone.

Even so, he did not refuse and just clicked on it.

It had only been three or four hours since Monica and Michael told the public about it, but who knew it would become so popular?

In fact, it was hard to believe that no one was promoting it behind the scenes.

However, Finn read the news calmly.

There were many praises for Monica and Michael on the news, but not much for him. Other than his divorce from Monica, there was not much of him on the news, and he did not garner too much attention.

To him, that was enough since he did not want too much trouble in his life either.

After all, he had no reason to pay for their love.

The moment he put down the phone, the word “Nox” appeared on the screen. He took a look at it and picked up the phone calmly. “Nox.”

“Monica dumped you in the end, huh?” Nox was straightforward and did not beat around the bush.

“What else could it be?”

“I don’t even know what to say.” Nox was speechless.

After reading the news for the past few days, he really did not know what to say. He felt relieved and angry at the same time, but all in all, he just felt sorry for Finn.

Yet, he did not expect Finn to be so calm.

From Finn’s tone, he sounded frighteningly calm.

“In that case, don’t.” Finn said indifferently, “There’s nothing to say.”

“Can you let go? Do you want me to have a drink with you or something?”

“I’ve let go,” Finn said easily.

Nox did not know if Finn truly did not care, but the latter did not sound like he was lying.

In fact, Nox had always found Finn to be a rational person who would not do anything to hurt himself or take revenge on someone.

Finn could quickly regulate his emotions, and for being able to do that, he was not cold-blooded.

He had just learned how to protect himself, and he paid a huge price for learning from all that he experienced and all the pain he had suffered.

“By the way, have you never been in bed with Monica?” Although Finn did not care anymore, Nox still could not let it go.

“Nope,” Finn admitted.

“Does Monica even know how protective you were of her?” Nox lost control of himself and roared.

If that woman regretted it one day, he would really despise her.

“I wasn’t protecting her. It just didn’t develop to the point where we could have sex yet,” Finn said without portraying himself as great. “And fortunately, we have nothing to do with each other anymore now.”

“What exactly is that woman thinking?” Nox gritted his teeth.

Finn did not answer because Monica’s thoughts were no longer important to him.

He said, “Nox, I’ll leave it at that. Monica’s father is calling me.”

“That old man, Cardellini?” Nox raised his eyebrows. “I’m afraid he’ll die from anger.”

“Maybe, but this is something that Monica should handle.”

“That’s true.” Nox nodded. “Are you really okay?”

“Yes,” Finn replied.

“If anything, don’t keep it to yourself.”

“Okay.”

After all, the two of them ended the call.

Finn looked at the name “Dad” that kept flashing on his phone.

He pondered for a moment, but in the end, he chose to hang up.

The moment he hung up, he changed the contact names of “Dad” and “Mom” to “Uncle Gary” and “Aunt Ruby”.

Then, he chose to switch off his phone and got up from the sofa.

Just as he was about to return to his room, the door swung open.

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Finn was just wondering if he should change the password when he turned around and saw Monica at the door.

He looked at her indifferently and really did keep his distance from her.

He said, “Are you here to pack your things?”

Monica was stunned for a moment before she shook her head. “I want you to come home to see my parents with me.”

“No,” Finn refused flatly.

Monica looked at him.

“That’s your business, and it has nothing to do with me.”

“Finn, even if it’s my business, it’s about our marriage. You have to explain it to my parents.”

“As I said, that’s your business.”

“Please! Can you stop with that?” Monica’s eyes were red.

Finn’s attitude made her feel like he was indifferent to her no matter what she said to him.

“I’ll change the locks first thing in the morning, at the latest.” Finn could not be bothered with Monica, but instead of being angry, he told Monica calmly, “You can come and pack your things before that, and after tomorrow morning, I’ll throw all your things out. Take note of that.”

“Finn!” Monica raised her voice.

However, Finn went straight to his room after saying that and closed the door.

Monica saw Finn’s aloof silhouette disappear behind the door that she seemingly could never open again.

At that sight, her tears fell, and she clenched her teeth.

Finn may not trust her now, but one day, he would believe why she did it!

All she really wanted was to help Michael so that she could be with Finn without feeling guilty.

Then, she turned around and left.

Michael, who was waiting for her in the garage, asked, "Where's Finn? Isn't he going to go home with you?"

"I'll go back myself," Monica said through gritted teeth.

Without saying anything else, Michael opened the car door for her.

While they were on the way to the Cardellini family's villa, the news came out. Her father was so furious that he rang her up to tell her to go back immediately and wanted her to bring Finn along.

However, Finn's phone could not be reached, and toward the end, his phone was switched off.

Monica took a deep breath.

She knew Finn was still angry. Since he was not an open-minded man, to begin with, his reaction was within her expectation, and she did not bother about it.

That was why she had been trying to calm herself down, thinking about how to explain it to her parents.

"Monica." Michael suddenly opened his mouth.

Monica looked at Michael, who said, "If you tell your parents now that you faked a divorce with Finn to help me. I think they will really beat you to death."

Monica pursed her lips.

She, too, could imagine how furious her parents would be.

"Besides, if Finn isn't there with you, your parents might think you're lying."

Monica nodded at that possibility.

"Why don't..." Michael said, "you tell your parents that we're together for real?"

Monica stared at Michael with her eyes wide.

Michael said, "Your parents wouldn't stop you from pursuing your true love, and I will also do my best to make sure your parents temporarily accept me."

"No." Monica refused immediately. "Once we separate in the future, it'll be even more troublesome to clarify things. Then, I'm afraid my dad will still beat me to death."

"I'm just worried your parents won't understand what you are doing for me now." Michael said affectionately, "In fact, many people don't understand your decision, and even I think you're sacrificing a lot for me. Monica, I really don't know how to thank you for doing so much for me."

“All you need to do is build your career as fast as you can. Once you’ve secured your position in the political scene, we can separate peacefully. While you continue to grow, I can go back to my original life.”

“Okay.” Michael nodded.

At any time, Michael would agree to whatever she said, so she trusted Michael with all her heart.

In the meantime, the car arrived at the Cardellini family’s villa.

In the living room, Gary was sitting on the sofa in the hall with a long face. Beside him was Ruby, and beside Ruby was Sarah.

Monica glanced at Sarah.

Feeling Monica’s eyes on her, Sarah quickly explained, “I took half a day off today. I’m not feeling well.”

“If you’re not feeling well, why don’t you go back to your home? Why do you keep coming to mine—”

“Monica!” Gary roared angrily. “How do you still have the cheek to talk about others at a time like that? Don’t you see what you’ve done? What on earth are you doing?”

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Monica pursed her lips.

She knew her father would be angry, so she said, “It’s not what it looks like!”

“Then what is it?” Gary was so angry that his lungs were about to explode. If it continued, he would have a heart attack again!

“Michael is in some trouble now, and this is the only way to help him. Finn and I are only faking the divorce—”

“Faking the divorce? You’re still lying to me!” Gary was so angry that he was about to raise his hand.

Monica was stunned by her father’s hostility.

“Finn didn’t even pick up my calls, and you’re saying the divorce is fake?” Gary said fiercely.

“He’s just petty,” Monica mumbled.

“Hah.” Gary did not know whether to laugh or cry. At that moment, he really wanted to beat the sh*t out of Monica. “So you’re the greatest person here, huh? You’re so great that you divorced your husband to help another man! Monica, let me ask you. I’ve educated and cared for you so much, but how do you not have a sense of propriety?”

“Dad, don’t talk about me like that. I’ve thought about it carefully. I—”

“Did Finn agree?” Gary pressed her.

Monica was speechless.

Finn just had not figured it out yet.

“Did your mother and I agree?”

“Am I not asking you now?”

“Let me tell you, Monica, I will never agree to this.”

Monica pouted.

“Do your friends support your decision?” Gary continued to ask Monica aggressively without caring about how she felt.

Monica kept quiet.

“Does Jeannie support your decision?”

No one supported her decision.

“Monica, do you think you have a sense of propriety by doing something that no one supports?” Gary was exasperated.

If Monica were not his biological child, he could really beat her to death.

“Before you do anything, especially such a big thing, can you please discuss it with someone first and listen to their opinion?” Gary asked Monica fiercely.

“I was afraid all of you would stop me!” Monica also said in exasperation.

“Even though you knew we’d stop you, you still did it. Monica, what on earth is on your mind?”

“Nothing is on my mind. I just want to help Michael. Although all of you don’t like Michael and you think that Michael is not good enough, I know very well what kind of person Michael is and how good he is to me. I can’t choose to stand by and do nothing when I can help him. I’m not as cold-blooded as all of you!”

“Monica!” Gary was so angry that he could barely breathe.

Ruby quickly went over to support Gary and help him breathe.

Monica was also shocked to see her father’s condition.

Ruby quickly said, “Your heart is weak, and Finn has told you not to take it easy. But now, look at you. Breathe. Breathe.”

“I really can’t take this lying down.” Even so, Gary followed Ruby’s rhythm and calmed himself down.

“Dad.” Monica’s eyes were a little red. “Can you guys just support me for once? Can you just trust me this time? I know many people don’t understand what I’m doing and that it’s unfair to Finn, but if there were any other way to help Michael, I wouldn’t have chosen to do this. Please don’t force me, okay? I’m also very upset. In fact, I’m not as heartless as you think.”

Suddenly, Monica burst into tears and bawled her eyes out.

Gary, who was about to scold Monica, kept quiet.

Monica said, "Finn really doesn't understand me, and he's so cold to me. Actually, I'm upset because not only did Jeannie disagree with my decision, but now all of you are also coming at me. I'm also very stressed and upset that all the closest and most important people in my life are criticizing and ridiculing me. Do you want to force me to commit suicide? I'm just using my own way to help others. Do you really have to say that about me? Do you really have to put me down like this? I'm just being kind..."

The more Monica spoke, the more aggrieved she felt, and the harder she cried.

At first, Gary was so angry that he wanted to beat Monica to death. However, when he saw her crying so bitterly, he held it in.

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Ruby also gave Gary a look before she turned to Monica. "Monica, come upstairs with me. Let's talk it out."

Monica wiped her tears and nodded.

With that, Ruby brought Monica upstairs to her room, and Sarah quickly followed.

In the room, Ruby appeared to be much gentler.

She had a good personality, considering that Monica had been in countless troubles since she was young, but Ruby had never hit or scolded her before.

She said, "Monica, have you really thought about it?"

"Mom, I admit that I'm a little impulsive for not considering everything and asking your opinions before deciding to do this, but I really can't leave Michael be. Even if you stop me, or even if I have no friends, I'll follow through with my decision," Monica said with certainty.

"Since that's the case, I won't say anything else." Ruby still, more or less, pampered Monica. After all, Monica was her one and only precious daughter. If she did not pamper Monica, who would? Even so, she had to explain things clearly to Monica. "However, I have to tell you the price for doing this is that you might lose Finn completely. It won't be a fake divorce but a real one."

Tears welled up in Monica's eyes again.

"Your father and I have watched Finn grow up, so we know what kind of person he is. He is kind-hearted and knows how to repay others' kindness, but he's definitely not one to accept whatever comes his way. He has his bottom line and his principles. He will not wait for you. Today, your father and I took turns calling Finn, but he either chose not to answer or switched off his phone. This isn't him losing his temper. He's just using his actions to tell us that for him, this marriage has ended."

As Monica's tears continued to fall, she said, "After everything is over, I'll go back to pursuing Finn. If he could agree to marry me three years ago when I was still in love with Michael, he'll understand what I'm doing and will agree to it a year later."

“Not necessarily.” Ruby rained on her parade. “Three years ago, Finn married you because he loved you very much. But after a year, after his love for you has died out, he won’t agree to it anymore. In fact, your father and I forced you to marry Finn back then because Finn admitted to us that he still liked you. Otherwise, do you think your father and I would arrange your marriage so casually?”

Monica bit her lips.

She had always thought that Finn was just repaying their kindness.

“Monica, you should understand the price you have to pay. If you think it’s all worth it, your father and I have nothing to say. But if you think it’s not worth it, I advise you to pull out while you still can. If you want to make up now, it’s still not too late.”

“No. I’ve already thought it through. Even if I can’t get back together with Finn, I won’t ignore Michael now.” Monica was very sure of her decision.

In that case, Ruby sighed as she had nothing else to say. “Since that is your decision, we’ll leave it at that. You can leave once you get down, and I’ll explain it to your father.”

“Mom, thank you.” Monica’s tears turned into a smile.

However, Ruby could not smile no matter how hard she tried because she had a feeling that Monica would definitely regret it.

She said, “Let’s go downstairs.”

Monica followed Ruby down to the living room, where Ruby gave Monica a look.

“Dad, I’ll head off now. Take care of yourself.”

Gary was so angry that his eyes were bulging.

At that moment, Ruby walked over. “I told Monica to leave. Since you’re angry, I don’t think it’s the right time for you to talk about things. Let’s wait until your anger has subsided.”

Gary, however, did not agree with her.

Ruby held Gary’s hand and whispered into his ear, “Your daughter is not in a good place right now, so don’t push her too far.”

Gary took a deep breath and stared coldly into Monica’s eyes as he said, “Let’s go to the hospital tomorrow for a check-up and see if you can give birth to another child.”

“...”

Monica left in a huff.

Sometimes, Ruby really found the father and daughter childish.

Seeing Monica leave, Sarah chased after her.

“Monica.”

Monica’s footsteps halted.

Sarah said, "Did you really divorce Finn?"

"Why are you asking this?" Monica was not in a good mood.

"I'm just asking if you guys are divorced." Sarah was persistent for an answer.

"So what if we are and what if we're not? You should be more concerned about your college entrance exams. Why do you care so much?" Monica said in a harsh tone.

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"Even if I fail the college entrance exam, there are other schools I can go to. Even if there isn't one, Aunt said she would support me for the rest of my life." Sarah did not seem to care about her college entrance exam. All she was interested in... was Finn.

Monica rolled her eyes and ignored Sarah.

"Monica," Sarah said from behind Monica. "Since you and Finn are divorced, I'm going after him. Please don't be angry."

However, Monica did not take it to heart because to her, Sarah was still a child.

She did not think Sarah would be serious, nor did she think Finn would fall for her.

There were many things that she did not expect. For example, the fact that Finn had given up on her completely.

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In the marketing director's office at Lawrence Enterprise's headquarters, Jeanne had just finished a meeting.

After that, she went back to her office, picked up her phone, and saw a news pop up on her screen.

It was the news about Monica and Michael.

She looked at it and could feel her blood boiling. It even made her think how infuriated Dr. Jones must be when he saw it.

Dr. Jones was so protective of Monica, yet she gave it all to another man. If she were Dr. Jones, she would not have any more feelings for Monica.

Jeanne was filled with righteous indignation. She wanted to ring Monica up and scold her, but she controlled herself.

After all, Monica had her reasons for doing so.

She could tell that the reason Monica was so protective of Michael in front of the media was to help Michael solidify his position in the political scene as soon as possible. Once Michael had his career, Monica would be able to leave unscathed. All she wanted was to leave as soon as possible, and that was

why she could be so absolute in doing that. However, little did she know that the more she rushed it, the more she was distancing herself from Dr. Jones.

Fortunately, Michael was a good person. If Monica could eventually be together with Michael and even fall in love with Michael, it would be good.

Otherwise...

It was hard for her to imagine how Monica would be able to live on after this "suicide".

Right now, Jeanne could only pray that Michael was not too bad of a person.

She looked at the news for a while until her phone suddenly rang.

Jeanne looked at the incoming call, but for some reason, she felt a little nervous. Although it was just a call from Kingsley, she was terrified.

Nevertheless, she took a deep breath and picked up the call.

"At work?" the person on the other end of the phone asked. His tone was very casual, and it sounded no different from usual.

"Yes," Jeanne replied.

"The DNA analysis of Fourth Master Swan and Old Master Swan is out," Kingsley said.

Jeanne held her phone tightly.

It had been three days since George gave the hair to Miles, so by right, the results should have been a long time ago.

However, she did not ask, and Kingsley did not tell her either. She thought perhaps Kingsley would not tell her, but now, he had given her a call.

Jeanne kept quiet.

"You don't want to know?" Kingsley asked.

"When did you become so good at keeping secrets?" Jeanne appeared to be very calm.

Kingsley chuckled. "I just want to know what you're feeling right now."

"I'm very calm."

"I heard you admitted that George is Fourth Master Swan's son." Kingsley raised his eyebrows.

"I did." Jeanne did not hide it since George would tell Kingsley everything.

In this world, besides her, Kingsley was the other person whom George trusted the most, and she did not want to drive a wedge between George and Kingsley.

"In the end, you still got yourself more involved with Fourth Master Swan."

"From the moment you made me get married, isn't everything within your expectations? If I said I had nothing with Fourth Master Swan, would you believe me?" Jeanne said somewhat sarcastically, "And

the reason why I let Fourth Master Swan know that George is his son is to protect George. At least when you give me orders to do something, the Swans will not be ruthless toward George.”

“You’ve thought it through,” Kingsley commented.

Jeanne did not give him a reply.

Kingsley continued, “I won’t have you attack the Swans for the time being.”

In response, Jeanne furrowed her brows.

“It’s been tested. Fourth Master Swan and Old Master Swan are biological father and son.” Kingsley revealed the answer.

Jeanne’s heart skipped a beat, and for some reason, it started speeding up.

She did not know why her heart would race the moment she knew the answer.

It was a nervous feeling, and there was even some lingering fear.

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However, she did not say anything.

Instead, she heard Kingsley say, “Since Fourth Master Swan is son to Old Master Swan, he is definitely not the orphan of the Duncans, so he won’t pose too much of a threat for the time being. Therefore, the Sanders don’t have to waste too much effort or kill more people to target the Swans, but the orphan of the Duncans still exists. So, the Sanders are still looking for this person, and they’re excluding the idea that this person has a relationship with the Swans! However, from the people we’ve excluded, it’s not Finn, Edward, or Nox... Finding this person won’t be easy. In fact, no one has any clues right now. They’ve only deduced that the orphan and the heir to the emperor is alive.”

“What if it’s just an ordinary person out there?” Jeanne asked.

“Even if it’s just an ordinary person, we have to find him or her,” Kingsley affirmed.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

“Right now, the Swans aren’t our target for the time being, and you don’t need to be too wary of them. Just treat Fourth Master Swan like you’re in a normal marriage. While the Sanders are looking for this orphan, I advise you to take down the Lawrences as soon as possible and get your revenge. I’m afraid you won’t be able to handle many things in the future.”

“Alright,” Jeanne replied. Then, she could not help but ask, “If the Swans have no relationship with the Duncans, will the Sanders let the Swans off?”

“That’s the Sanders decision. All we do is execute their decision.”

Jeanne pursed her lips at the last sentence.

That was right. Kingsley was actually... part of an underground organization under the Sanders.

To be more accurate, he was leading a powerful underground organization overseas. It specialized in helping the Sanders do some illegal things.

“Oh, right. I’ve arranged for someone to come over and help you,” Kingsley said.

“I know. Miles has told me.” Jeanne nodded.

Sometimes, it did not mean that more people were a good thing.

On the contrary, having more people could only mean the matter was troublesome.

“It’s a new arrangement.”

Jeanne frowned.

“You’ll be surprised.”

Who was the new person?

Jeanne wanted to ask more, but Kingsley had already hung up the call.

Kingsley could be so... annoying sometimes.

With that, Jeanne put down the phone and also thought about it.

Since Edward and Old Master Swan were father and son, were they related to the Duncan orphan?

If they were not, did the Swans grow so strong just to protect themselves?

While Jeanne was in a daze, there was a knock on the door.

Jeanne came back to her senses. “Come in.”

Forrest walked in with a document in his hands, looking a little excited. “After the sales campaign in Minze District ended earlier than expected, our online pilot project instantly blew up. The sales volume this morning was already off the charts. According to this trend, we will start covering a larger area. Then, it’ll only take three years for us to get back 2.1 billion of our company’s cost and 2.5 billion of MUK Group’s investment. And that’s just the revenue from this project. We haven’t taken into account the increase in the stock market value during this period because of the project. If we include that, we might be able to recoup our losses in two years at most.”

Compared to Forrest’s excitement, Jeanne was calm.

She had expected the results, so she was not surprised.

What she wanted now was to find a way to quickly take control of Lawrence Enterprise.

Hence, she changed the topic. “How’s the matter with the position changing within the senior management coming along?”

“There’s still no progress. None of the senior management is willing to leave their positions and try new things, so that issue has been stalled. The human resources department can’t do anything to the senior management anyway. After all, doing that would only offend the senior management, and no one is willing to do that,” Forrest explained.

“Okay, I got it,” Jeanne replied.

“Director Lawrence, are you planning to move the senior management around?”

“Yes.” Jeanne nodded.

Some key positions needed to be changed.

“In that case, about this project...” Forrest did not understand how Director Lawrence could be so calm.

“Just follow what we’ve planned and hand it over to the appropriate department to execute. Report to me weekly on the progress of the implementation. Once the project is on the right track, there’s nothing to worry about.”

“Alright.”

“Is there anything else?” Jeanne asked.

“Not for the time being.”

“Can you send me another copy of the list for the change of positions and the personnel information you gave me last time?”

“I’ll get it right away.”

“Okay.” Jeanne nodded.

Forrest left for more than ten minutes before he came back with the document for Jeanne.