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Chapter 661: The Relationship Between Edward and Jeanne Started When She Was in the Womb!

"I feel sorry for you, Michael," Reese said through gritted teeth.

"Mom, don't worry. Even if I don't marry the Sanders' daughter, I can still get their help."

Reese was surprised. "Melody, whom you were closest to, is dead."

"It's not her... Anyway, now is not the time yet. Just wait and see," Michael sneered.

Since Warren wanted to use him without helping him, he would make him pay!

Just like what his mother said, he could not let the Sanders take all the benefits!

In the future, he wanted to have a dominating presence and not rely on someone else!

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Monica returned to the Cardellini family's villa with a bunch of flowers she bought for her mother.

The sound of her mother and Sarah giggling came from inside the house.

F*ck.

What did her father say about her mother worrying about her? Was she not laughing happily?

Monica snorted, thinking that she could never trust what an adult said.

With that, she walked into the living room with the flowers in her hands.

"Cousin." Sarah immediately saw Monica.

"Don't you ever go to school?" Monica asked Sarah in a harsh tone.

"It's sports day today, and I've always been bad at sports, so I didn't sign up for any events and came back. Moreover, it's my aunt's birthday today. I have to accompany her no matter what," Sarah said like a spoiled child.

Ruby hugged Sarah in her arms affectionately.

Monica felt that her eyes were burning. She placed the bouquet on the coffee table unhappily. "This is for you."

Ruby looked at her daughter's angry expression and smiled. "You remember that it's my birthday today!"

"Of course." She would never admit that it was her father who told her.

"Has the cast on your leg been removed?" Compared to Gary, Ruby was much gentler toward Monica.

"It was removed yesterday."

“What did the doctor say?”

“The doctor said we can remove the steel nails after some time.”

“That’s good.” Ruby smiled softly. “Be careful in the future.”

“Alright.” Monica nodded.

“Your father said he would be back for lunch at noon. I wonder where he is now?” Ruby looked at the door. “Monica, call your father for me.”

“I don’t want to.” If she called, she would definitely be scolded.

Sarah volunteered. “I’ll do it.”

“You’re not as reliable as your cousin.”

Monica was furious at that comment.

Sarah made the call. “Uncle, are you home? Your wife misses you so much.”

“Oh, child.” Ruby blushed.

Gary, on the other end of the phone, seemed to be in a good mood, and his voice was gentle. “Sarah, tell your aunt that I’ll be there in five minutes.”

“Okay.” Sarah quickly passed on the message. “Uncle will be back in five minutes.”

“In that case, I’ll get the servants to set the table.”

With that, Ruby left the living room, leaving only Sarah and Monica together.

Monica ignored Sarah. The relationship between the two cousins had always been... disproportionate anyway.

The main problem was that Sarah was trying to please her parents.

As for Monica, her father always looked down on her.

“Cousin.” Sarah knew Monica did not like her, but she still took the initiative to be friendly to her.

“What?”

“I saw the news about you, Michael, and Finn today.”

“Why are you kids reading those things?”

“Our entire class saw it, and everyone thought Finn was evil,” Sarah said unhappily. “I even got into a fight with my classmates. Look, I’m all scratched up here.”

As she said that, she stretched out her arm for Monica to see.

Indeed, there were a few obvious scratches on her fair arm, and they looked hideous.

“Didn’t you report it to your teacher?”

“How old am I to report it to the teacher? But don’t worry, I won in the end,” Sarah said indifferently.

Monica rolled her eyes. “In that case, why are you telling me all this? To prove that you’re good at fighting?”

“No, I just want to tell you that no matter how Finn behaves, I like him very much and want to be with him in the future.”

“Sarah!” Monica threw a fit.

Sarah’s gaze was firm. “I like him very much.”

“You’re 12 years younger than Finn! Are you crazy? Do you think your parents will agree?”

“I don’t care about them. I like Finn and must be with him.”

“I won’t allow it!” Monica’s voice was loud.

Was Sarah trying to piss her off?

“Monica, what are you doing? Why are you throwing a tantrum at your cousin?” Ruby came out of the kitchen with an annoyed look on her face.

Monica did not want to say anything, but Sarah said frankly, “Monica got angry when I said I liked Finn.”

When Ruby heard that, she was shocked.

“Can’t I like him?” Sarah blinked.

“No.” Ruby came back to her senses. “It’s just that—”

“It’s not wrong to like someone.”

“But—”

“Anyway, I like Finn. Now that Monica and Finn are divorced, I’m going to pursue Finn.”

“Shut up!” Monica was furious. ‘Who says you can have feelings for my man?’

“Hmph.” Sarah was also a little angry.

The moment Monica wanted to go up and strangle Sarah to death, she suddenly saw Gary appear in the hall, and beside him was Finn.

Monica was stunned.

Why was Finn here?

On the contrary, the moment Finn saw her, his expression darkened.

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Monica was really surprised to see Finn.

Especially when their eyes met, she could see the coldness in Finn's eyes.

Finn's words from that morning echoed in her ears. He said if she went near him again, he would kill her.

She bit her lips, and her body tensed up.

Then, she lowered her head and forced herself to avert her gaze, pretending she did not see him.

On the contrary, Sarah, who was beside her, seemed very excited.

She quickly ran to Finn's side with a warm expression. "Finn, you're here."

Gary frowned and demanded in an elder's tone, "How can you call him by his first name? You should call him—"

He almost said the word, brother-in-law.

However, after a pause, he changed his words. "Call him Mr. Finn."

"Mr. Finn." Sarah immediately changed her words.

'Let's see how you can like him now!' Monica wanted to strangle Sarah to death.

Finn reacted a little coldly. "Just call me by my name."

Sarah pouted and was a little unhappy.

Monica laughed to herself. She knew very well how difficult it was to deal with a man like Finn, and Sarah was still too inexperienced.

"You're back." Ruby walked to the door and greeted Gary affectionately. When she saw Finn's arrival, she was a little surprised, but she quickly said warmly, "Oh, Finn is here too. Come in. Let's have lunch together."

"I'm here to help uncle check his heart." Finn was explaining why he was there.

"I almost forgot that Finn hasn't started work yet. Fortunately, I gave Finn a call before I went straight to the hospital. Otherwise, I would have wasted another trip," Gary added.

"Are you not feeling well again?" Ruby was worried.

"No, it's a routine check-up," Gary quickly explained. "Finn said the routine check-up can be done at home. All he needs is the equipment in the medical box."

"Oh, that's good." Ruby heaved a sigh of relief. "In that case, let's eat first. You can do the check-up after we've eaten."

"The routine check doesn't take long—"

"Finn." Ruby sounded a little angry. "Today is my birthday. Is it so difficult to get you to have a meal with me?"

Finn stayed quiet.

Gary patted Finn's shoulder. "It's your auntie's birthday. We were already your family before you were with Monica, so are we not family now that you're divorced from Monica?"

Finn forced a smile. "Uncle, you've misunderstood me. I just wanted to have lunch after the check-up."

"There's no rush," Gary said. "Let's eat first."

Finn agreed.

Throughout the whole process, Monica's heart was beating very fast.

She thought that with Finn's personality, he would turn around and leave. Fortunately, he still showed her parents some respect.

Ruby invited Finn to sit at the dining table, and Monica followed along and sat next to Finn.

Just as she sat down, Finn stood up from her seat and sat on the other side with Sarah in between.

Monica pursed her lips.

Finn's rejection of her was obvious.

Gary and Ruby also saw it and chose to ignore it too.

On the other hand, Sarah was very excited. She even moved her seat closer to Finn.

However, Finn did not like people to get close to him, so he chose to remain silent at that moment.

"Let's eat," Ruby said warmly to make the atmosphere less awkward.

Only then did everyone start eating.

Ruby picked up a piece of fish and put it on Finn's plate. "You like to eat fish, so eat more."

"Thank you, auntie." Finn was very polite.

"Does Finn like fish?" Sarah asked.

Finn responded but not enthusiastically.

"In that case, I'll learn how to cook all kinds of dishes with fish for you." Sarah looked happy, seemingly because she had discovered Finn's preferences.

Monica saw it all.

Sarah was acting very similar to herself back in the day. When she first met Finn, she was only 19 years old, but she was also very excited when she discovered Finn's little hobbies.

She lowered her head and ate silently.

"Do my dishes taste bad?" Ruby looked at her daughter.

Monica raised her head.

“Stop picking at that pasta. Don’t you like beef? I specially asked the kitchen to prepare it for you. Help yourself to some,” Ruby called out.

Monica picked up a piece of beef but did not have an appetite to eat.

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At that moment, all her attention was on Finn and Sarah. No matter what Sarah said, Finn was only there for business.

She was not very happy with the meal.

At least Monica felt like a ball of fire was simmering in her heart. She really wanted to vent, but she had no choice but to control it.

She was really afraid of Finn now — afraid he would hate her.

After dinner, Finn accompanied Gary to the second floor, and Monica could not sit still.

She did not know how to face Finn or talk to him. It was as if... she could not talk to Finn anymore.

She glanced upstairs from time to time and tried to stop herself. However, she still got up and went upstairs in the end.

Knowing that Finn was in her father’s room, she walked toward that room but did not dare to knock on the door.

She did not know how long she stood outside the room until the door opened.

Then, Monica saw Finn, who walked out and ignored her existence.

She gritted her teeth and quickly followed him. “Finn.”

Finn stopped.

“I really didn’t know my dad would call you over today. It wasn’t my intention to show up around you.”

“Okay,” Finn replied.

He seemed to have accepted her explanation, and a second later, he left.

Monica instinctively wanted to go after him but tried her best to hold herself back.

She had just said she would not show up in front of him. If she did that again, would she not be slapping herself in the face?

With that, she could only try her best to slow down and go downstairs.

Downstairs, Finn was saying goodbye to Ruby.

“I’ll be leaving first, auntie,” Finn said.

“Aren’t you going to stay for dinner?” Ruby urged her to stay.

"I still have some things to deal with, so I won't have dinner," Finn refused.

Ruby still wanted to say something, but Finn had left.

"Finn." Sarah suddenly grabbed Finn.

Monica was standing not far away from them, so she had to endure Sarah's intimate actions.

"Did you drive?" Sarah asked.

Finn nodded.

"Is it out of the way for you to send me back to school? I skipped class today, but the teacher just called. If I don't go back to participate in the sports day, they'll call my parents in."

"It's not on the way," Finn refused flatly.

"It's fine. Asking you to drop me off on the way is just an excuse. I can take a taxi back to school."

Finn looked at Sarah, who quickly promised, "I won't give you any trouble."

Finn did not want to argue with Sarah at the moment, so he nodded. "Okay."

Sarah almost jumped up and cheered.

On the contrary, Monica just looked at them and clenched her fists.

"Wait for me. I'll go pack my things. Aunt, I'm going back to school." Sarah ran upstairs excitedly.

While Finn was waiting for Sarah in the living room, Ruby looked at her daughter but did not say anything.

She had thought it through. It was not impossible for Sarah to be with Finn.

She and Gary had always regarded Finn highly. Since Monica did not have the fortune to be together with him, there was no way Sarah could not.

Anyway, regarding love, they would never know whether they were suited for each other if they never tried.

Gary went downstairs to the hall and said to Monica, "It's getting late. Why don't you leave with Finn too?"

"I'm back to celebrate my mother's birthday, and it's only past two in the afternoon! Where do you want me to go?"

"I don't care where you go! You're an adult now. Are you going to disturb your mom and me from having time together alone? Can't you read the room?"

Monica wondered who it was that made her come back.

She rolled her eyes. "Alright, enjoy your time together, you two. Try your best to give me a younger brother."

"Monica." Gary's tone sounded somewhat reproachful.

Ruby blushed as well.

Fortunately, Monica's phone suddenly rang at that moment. To avoid being scolded, Monica picked up the call without even looking at the caller ID. "Hello."

"Monica, are you at your parents' house?" Michael's voice sounded from the phone.

"Oh, yes." Monica glanced at Finn, who had been acting indifferently since the beginning.

"I'm outside your parents' house."

"What are you doing here?" Monica was a little nervous.

"Don't get excited. I just bought a birthday present for your mother. I won't go in, but you can come out and get it."

"No need. My mom isn't 10 years old or something," Monica rejected instinctively.

"It's a small token of my appreciation, and it's not a very expensive thing. I just thought auntie might need it," Michael persuaded.

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Monica could not refuse him, so she said, "In that case, wait for me. I'll come out to get it."

"Okay."

After that, Monica hung up the phone.

Ruby asked, "Who is it?"

Instead of answering Ruby's question, Monica said, "I'm going to the gate for a while."

After saying that, she quickly walked out to the gate.

"Be careful. Don't walk so fast with your crutches." Ruby reminded her worriedly.

Nevertheless, Monica walked to the door as fast as she could, where she saw Michael's car parked at the gate. By then, Michael had gotten out of the car and was waiting for her.

Seeing her show up, he quickly walked over and handed Monica a tightly wrapped gift box. "This is for your mother."

"You're too kind." Monica was actually a little embarrassed.

"It's just a token of my appreciation. I'll be leaving now." Michael did not say much.

As if he did not want Monica to feel too embarrassed, he turned around and was about to return to the car when he suddenly heard some voices at the door.

Michael turned his head only to see Finn.

At that moment, his expression darkened, even though he had disguised himself very well.

Finn did not even look at Michael and Monica. He walked straight to his car with Sarah following him. Curious about Michael, Sarah could not help but ask, "Is he my soon-to-be cousin-in-law?"

"No, don't talk nonsense," Monica berated Sarah.

"Oh, I know. He's the youngest director in the history of Harken, Michael, with a bright future ahead."

"You flatter me." Michael was very polite.

"Although you're outstanding, you must treat my cousin well!" Sarah reminded him seriously.

"Of course."

"Hurry up and leave." Monica did not want Sarah to talk any more nonsense, so she urged Sarah to leave.

When Sarah saw that Finn was already in the car, she quickly ran over and sat in the front passenger seat.

After that, the car drove away.

Michael looked in the direction the car left and turned back to look at Monica. He could sense that Monica was in a very low mood.

"That person just now, is she your cousin?" Michael asked.

Monica nodded. "She's my uncle's daughter. She's on very good terms with my mother and often stays at our house."

"Oh." Michael nodded. "Is she on very good terms with Finn too?"

"Sarah said she likes Finn," Monica said through gritted teeth. "All she knows is how to think about things other than studying."

"Finn is quite popular." Michael smiled faintly.

Monica did not answer him. It was obvious that she was unhappy about it.

"I'm going to take my leave." Michael knew that he could not say too much at that moment.

If he said too much, Monica would think he was deliberately slandering Finn. Over the years, he had been learning from his father to understand people and what he had to do when he was faced with someone.

"Wait," Monica said. "My parents are going to spend the night alone, so I'll leave after I give the gift to my mother. If it's on the way for you, can you send me back?"

"I'll wait for you then."

Monica went back and gave the gift to her mother without saying who gave it to her. Then, she quickly got into Michael's car.

Michael drove her back.

On the journey back, Monica was very quiet, and Michael did not say much either. Every time she did not want to speak, Michael would accompany her silently.

It also made her wonder why the person she liked was not Michael.

Why did she still like Finn after he broke up with her? However, a breakup with Michael was a real breakup.

If the person she liked was Michael, she might not feel so bad.

In the quiet car, Michael's phone suddenly rang.

He picked it up. "Mom."

"Michael, come back quickly. Your second great-uncle has brought your aunt and uncle to our house. He's very emotional, and I can't handle it." Her voice sounded a little anxious.

It made Michael a little anxious as well. "Mom, calm him down first. I'll be there right away."

After hanging up the phone, Michael drove faster.

Monica was also surprised by Michael speeding. "What's wrong?"

"My second great-uncle is the relative who asked us to help my cousin to enter the Cardellini Enterprise's research team. Now, he's causing trouble at our house, so I have to go back and take a look," Michael said quickly and anxiously. "Should I send you back first or—"

"No need. Let's go to your mother's place right now in case something happens."

"Okay." Michael did not refuse and directly drove to the Ross family's manor.

Just as he entered the hall, he heard the sound of something being thrown.

Michael hurriedly went over and grabbed an old man. "Second great-uncle, what are you doing?"

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"What am I doing? You came back just at the right time! I want to talk to you guys about my grandson's employment."

"Your grandson's employment? Just apply through the proper channels. Why are you causing a ruckus at our house?"

"Why am I causing a ruckus? Tsk, tsk, tsk. This is amazing. Now that you're Director Ross, can't I, an old man, ask for your help?"

"What are you talking about?" Michael was angry. "If you continue like this, I'll get someone to kick you out."

"Don't even think about kicking me out! Back when your father was still alive, he would treat me with respect. Who do you think you are now?"

“If it’s within my capabilities, I’ll be happy to help my cousin. But if it isn’t, helping him isn’t my duty. It’s useless for you to mess around here.” Michael’s presence was still very imposing.

However, that second great-uncle did not care at all. He shouted at Michael, “Within your capabilities? Don’t think I don’t know that you have a lot of power now. Moreover, you’re together with the Cardellinis’ daughter. Letting your cousin enter Cardellini Enterprise is a piece of cake! You’re not helping me because you don’t want to.”

“I don’t want to waste my time with you.” Seemingly having lost his patience, Michael went forward and tugged on that second great-uncle, wanting to kick him out of the house.

Reese seemed persuaded for a moment.

However, the second great-uncle’s son saw how his father was being treated, so he went forward to push Michael away.

To protect himself, Michael quickly let go of his second great-uncle, who lost his balance and fell to the ground, hitting his head.

Everyone was shocked.

Uncle and aunt rushed over excitedly. “Dad, are you okay?”

“Second great-uncle?” Michael looked at him in shock.

The second great-uncle screamed in pain, “Michael, I’m 70 years old this year, and how dare you hit me. You actually hit me like this. I’m going to sue you and tell everyone you’re heartless, that you don’t care about your relatives. I’m going to destroy your reputation. What are the two of you still standing there for? Take pictures for me. Hurry up!”

The uncle and aunt quickly took out their phones and took a lot of photos.

“Don’t take any photos!” Michael reprimanded.

However, the two of them still took a lot of photos. After they were done, they even held onto their phones tightly.

“Hurry up and delete them.” Reese was also a little agitated.

“Don’t delete them!” The second great-uncle lay on the ground and refused to get up. “Unless you agree to let your cousin enter Cardellini Enterprise’s research team, I’ll get your uncle and aunt to send the photos out. I refuse to believe that the world won’t side with us.”

“Second great-uncle, you...” Furious, Michael gritted his teeth and said, “Whatever!”

“Michael.” Reese stopped him. “No, you can’t have any more negative news. We’ve only managed to stabilize the situation after much difficulty. If any scandal of yours gets exposed, our family will be done for.”

However, Michael remained unmoved.

At that moment, Reese seemed to have noticed Monica, who was also shocked by the strange actions of the second great-uncle's family.

She had always thought that only television would have such... melodramatic and despicable scenes.

She did not expect it to happen right before her eyes.

"Monica." Reese grabbed Monica. "Can you take it as helping me? Can you tell your father to let Michael's cousin join Cardellini Enterprise? I've seen his resume. Your company won't lose out on anything by hiring him."

"Mom, don't make things difficult for Monica." Michael seemed unhappy about what his mother told Monica.

"I—"

"Let's go." Michael grabbed Monica's hand and wanted to leave.

"Michael, can you think about me? After your father passed away, you're all I have left. You're all we have left in the Rosses." Reese cried very sadly.

Michael was visibly trying to hold back his emotions, but he still left, dragging Monica along with him.

"Michael, if you dare to leave, I'll expose you immediately!" The second great-uncle threatened him from behind!

Michael did not stop in his steps, but Monica did.

She said, "Aren't you afraid your second uncle will expose you?"

"I won't make things difficult for you."

"Actually..." Monica wanted to say something but hesitated.

She had seen his cousin's resume. He could be considered a talent in the Cardellini Enterprise.

However, her father was more cautious in choosing people. Usually, he would not hire those who did not know the ins and outs.

"I'll try to persuade my father again," Monica said.

"I really don't want to make things difficult for you."

"Although my father is stubborn, he can't stand me pestering him."

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"But—"

"What I'm worried about is your cousin's character. If he's anything like his family, it would be really troublesome."

“Although my cousin is a distant relative and I haven’t had much contact with him, when they asked me to introduce my cousin to your family, I had a chat with him and also secretly got someone to investigate him. My cousin is different from his family. Having gone through higher education, he’s very sensible. Since he isn’t here to cause trouble today, I think he doesn’t approve of this method, or maybe these people came without my cousin knowing.”

“Since you say so, I believe you.” Monica said, “In that case, I’ll let my father know.”

“Actually, if your father is worried about how capable my cousin is, he can try him out first. If my cousin performs well, he can carry on. But if he doesn’t, it’s my cousin’s fault for not being capable enough, and my second great-uncle’s family will have nothing to say.”

“Alright.” Monica nodded.

Then, she took her phone and walked to the side.

Michael turned around and looked at Reese for a second. It was obvious that his evil plan had succeeded.

Monica was on the phone for a long while.

She came back, “My father promised your grandson to come to the company tomorrow for an internship. The internship period is one month. If he can meet the company’s requirements within one month, he can continue to stay and become an official employee of the research team. But if he can’t meet the requirements, he will be fired immediately.”

“You’re not lying to me, are you?” The second great-uncle, who was still lying on the ground, asked Monica.

“If I’m lying to you, you can expose Michael by posting the photos. In any way, it won’t be a disadvantage for you.”

The second great-uncle thought about it and realized it was true.

“Will you let my son go after a month, no matter how good or bad his performance is?” The uncle questioned, “What if you purposely say you’ll give my son an internship just to prevent us from exposing Michael? In reality, you’ll kick him out when the internship ends.”

“Uncle, our business is to make a profit, and we would love to have someone who can bring profits to our business. Do you think our business is stupid?”

The uncle and aunt pondered for a while.

After that, they felt they had no other choice but to agree.

“In that case, I’ll get my son to report to Cardellini Enterprise tomorrow.”

“Okay.” Monica nodded and looked at her second great-uncle on the ground. “Why isn’t he getting up then?”

The uncle quickly helped his father up.

After getting up, the second great-uncle's expression changed, "Monica, I know I've made a fool of myself today, but I'm doing this for my grandson, and I pity his loving parents. My grandson has always wanted to join your family's company, and that was why I was being unreasonable. Please don't take it to heart. When you and Michael get married, I will definitely give you a big gift."

Monica was really shocked by the speed at which those people changed their behaviors.

Michael, who did not seem to like them either, said, "Since you've gotten what you wanted, hurry up and leave."

The second great-uncle was no longer angry at Michael's order to leave. He left happily with his son and daughter-in-law.

Reese stared at their backs and turned to look at Monica. "Monica, thank you so much. First, you helped Michael and were forced to divorce Finn, and now you're helping us again. I really don't know what to say—"

"Since I've chosen to help Michael, I'll definitely help him to the end. Furthermore, what happened today was actually a piece of cake. Auntie, don't take it to heart." Monica felt that Reese's feelings were a little too overwhelming, which she could not take.

"Monica, you're really a good girl. I really regret treating you like that back then..."

"It's all in the past now." Monica smiled and distanced herself from her. "About that, I still have some matters to attend to, so I'll head back first."

"You can leave after dinner."

"There's no need."

Reese still wanted to persuade her to stay, but Michael said, "Alright, Mom. I'll send Monica back."

Reese nodded reluctantly.

After Michael and Monica left, the expression on Reese's face changed.

Monica was an idiot. She could not even take a blow in front of the mother and son. If she found out one day that everything they did was just to get Cardellini Enterprise, she would probably go crazy from anger!

By then, Michael probably would not like Monica anymore!

No matter what, even if she was not the princess of the Sanders, Michael could not marry Monica. That woman was not worthy of such an outstanding son of hers!

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Michael drove Monica back.

When Monica got out of the car, Michael expressed how grateful he was to her again.

Monica smiled in response. Compared to her divorce from Finn to help Michael, that was nothing.

With that, she said a few polite words in return and walked into the neighborhood.

Michael looked at Monica's back, and the smile on his face disappeared instantly. As he drove, he made a call. "Investigate Monica's cousin for me."

"Yes."

"Find out if she really likes Finn and how much she likes him!"

"Yes."

After giving his instructions, Michael hung up the phone.

The only way to make Monica give up on Finn was if Finn was already with another woman.

He could not let Monica resent him, so he could not rush it with Monica. Moreover, he knew very well that Monica had Jeanne by her side, whom he could not figure out, and Jeanne had Fourth Master Swan by her side. Therefore, it should not be difficult for Jeanne to discover his malicious intentions. On top of that, Monica had a deep relationship with Jeanne. If Jeanne asked Monica to do something, Monica would definitely do it. If he were not extra careful, he would immediately be exposed.

He had hesitated for a long time on the news this morning, but in the end, he chose to remove it immediately.

He was worried that Monica might be testing him.

He had a feeling that Jeanne would not sit idly by and do nothing about Monica's matter. Who knows if she might have already begun to make her move?

After all, he could not get Monica by breaking Monica and Finn up. Instead, he had to make Finn distance himself from Monica. Once Monica knew it was impossible for her and Finn to be together, she would take the initiative to return to his embrace.

Therefore, Monica's cousin might be useful!

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In Lawrence Enterprise, Jeanne was holding a senior management meeting.

During this time, because of the deaths of Jonathan and Alexander, Lawrence Enterprise had been on a repeated downfall. The stock market was currently fluctuating, and with the new blood in the senior management, everyone started to feel anxious.

Jeanne now needed to appease the people.

Halfway through the meeting, the conference room's door was suddenly pushed open.

Jeanne's eyes moved, and she saw Jenifer and Joshua at the conference room's door. Then, she watched them enter the conference room without permission and walk in front of her.

Jeanne's eyes moved slightly.

Joshua said, "I'm the chairman of Lawrence Enterprise. Shouldn't you know your place, Director Lawrence?"

Jeanne sneered.

It seemed like Joshua was now using his identity as the chairman of Lawrence Enterprise to show off in the company.

Despite that, Jeanne stood up from her seat and gave up her seat. Anyway, Joshua would not be able to show off for long.

However, although she stood up, Joshua did not sit down. Instead, he said bluntly, "I don't like to sit where others have sat."

Jeanne looked at Joshua coldly.

It was the killing intent in her eyes that made Joshua feel a little terrified at that moment.

Then, at the thought that he had the most shares in the company, Joshua toughened up.

"So, what does Chairman Lawrence want?" Jeanne deliberately emphasized the word 'chairman' with obvious sarcasm.

Joshua pretended he did not hear it and said, "The shareholder meeting is making me anxious. This senior management meeting of yours... can be put on hold for a while."

Jeanne's expression was a little ugly.

"The meeting will start in five minutes, and I don't want anyone to be late." After that, Joshua and Jennifer left in a domineering manner.

Joshua had never been so tough in front of so many people before.

It was Eden who taught him those words and how to carry himself.

He felt that everyone in the room looked at him with admiration, and it was exhilarating!

Once Joshua left, Jeanne endured it and said, "Today's meeting will end here. As for the specific work and arrangements, all of you can come up with your own plans first. After you're done, I'll meet with you one-on-one. Today, I just wanted to let everyone know that although many things have happened to the company lately, as long as I'm around, nothing will happen to Lawrence Enterprise. Please rest assured!"

"Yes." The other senior management directors quickly agreed.

Most of the senior management directors were chosen by Jeanne, so naturally, they were loyal to her.

As Jeanne left the meeting room, the other senior management directors also left one after another.

Mason looked at Jeanne's back and seemed deep in thought, while Quinn looked like she was watching a drama unfold.

To be honest, she did not come to the Lawrence Enterprise to work because of the reason she gave when she applied for the job. She just wanted to know how powerful Jeanne was for her father to praise her!

Chapter 668: The Shareholder Meeting, A Huge Catfight

Quinn had always had high expectations of herself. Although it seemed like her father did not like her, in reality, his father held her in high regard. As for the rumors that her father was fondest of Melody, it was just a show for the outsiders! In the royal family, useless people would never have any status.

Yet now, Jeanne had a place in the Sanders.

Naturally, it was a threat to her.

As the saying went, know yourself and know your enemy... She wanted to see just how strong Jeanne was!

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Jeanne walked into the meeting room of the shareholders' meeting.

At that moment, all the shareholders were present, and Joshua was already sitting in the middle seat.

Jennifer sat beside Joshua, followed by the other shareholders in Lawrence Enterprise. There were a total of 15 people around the table.

When Jeanne arrived, no good seats were left, so she sat down in the furthest seat but did not feel aggrieved.

Joshua looked at Jeanne coldly, stood up, and said, "With my grandfather and my father passing away, I'm in a lot of pain, but I can't turn back time. I can't change anything other than continuing to develop Lawrence Enterprise."

Everyone looked at Joshua. Even though he looked very imposing at the moment, no one believed that he could manage a company.

Unaware of what the others were thinking, Joshua continued, "I believe everyone knows that I own 43 percent of Lawrence Enterprise's shares, which makes me the current chairman of Lawrence Enterprise. Although I have the obligation to manage the entire Lawrence Enterprise well, I know I'm still young and do not have the ability to do that. I also don't want Lawrence Enterprise to suffer a huge loss because of me. Therefore, to ensure the development of Lawrence Enterprise, I hope someone more capable will take the role of executive general manager and take full responsibility for all the management and operations in the company."

Joshua's straightforwardness made the other shareholders look at him in a different light.

They thought that Joshua would use his shares to order the company around, and if that were the case, it would not be long before the company would be doomed! In fact, many shareholders had discussed in

private that they would protest against Joshua being in charge of the entire Lawrence Enterprise. However, what Joshua said won the favor of all the shareholders.

“I’ve thought about it for a long time and decided to hire the former general manager of Swan Enterprise’s Swanhaven Bank, Eden, as our company’s executive general manager,” Joshua suddenly announced.

As soon as he said that, the entire room was in an uproar.

Jeanne was not very surprised, but she was surprised by the Lawrences’ actions.

Without a doubt, letting Eden go against her was the best way the Lawrences could think of now.

It turned out that the Lawrences were not too stupid after all.

“I believe all the shareholders have heard of how capable Eden is. I’ve also spent a lot of effort to get Eden to accept the position of executive general manager. If no one has any objections, the position will be confirmed. I will get Eden to work in the company as soon as possible and put Lawrence Enterprise back on the right track.”

“I have objections,” Jeanne said right after Joshua said his piece.

“What objections do you have? Do you want to be the executive general manager?” Joshua’s tone was full of sarcasm. “Do you think you’re more capable than Eden?”

“In that case, how confident are you that Eden is more capable than me?” Jeanne asked back.

Joshua was stunned and suddenly could not find the words to refute Jeanne.

However, Jeanne ignored Joshua. She stood up and said domineeringly, “With my grandfather and father’s passing, as the Lawrences’ eldest daughter, I have the responsibility to support Lawrence Enterprise. I also have the confidence to grow the company to greater heights. Since we can handle the matter of managing the company internally, why do we still need to hire outsiders?”

“Eden is not an outsider. He’s the son-in-law of the Lawrences and part of a Lawrence,” Joshua retorted.

“But his surname is not Lawrence.”

“You’re twisting the facts here.” Joshua’s calmness was about to break.

“I just don’t understand why I can’t manage the company. Why do you need to find someone else?”

“Because you’re not as capable as Eden!”

“Whether I’m capable or not depends on my achievements. May I ask what kind of great achievements Eden has made during his tenure that you trust him so much?” Jeanne raised her eyebrows.

“When Eden was at Swanhaven Bank, he increased Swanhaven Bank’s cash flow by two percentage points. At the same time, it increased its annual profit by three percentage points. He also negotiated for the exclusive use of the bank for three Fortune 500 companies.” Joshua should have done his homework in advance, or he would not have answered so fluently.

Coincidentally, she had also done her homework.

She said, "The increase in Swanhaven Bank's cash flow and profit was significant, but that wasn't due to Eden's contribution. If you carefully analyze the development of Swanhaven Bank over the years, they have been growing by two to three percentage points every year for the last five years. So, as long as Swanhaven Bank doesn't make any big decision-making mistakes, this increase is a trend value. It's not from someone's achievement."

Joshua's face turned red.

"Moreover, if I remember correctly, the so-called three Fortune 500 companies only signed an exclusive agreement with Swanhaven Bank's South Hampton City branch. I don't think the entire company was included in the agreement. As far as I know, many of the three companies' other branches use accounts from other banks. Hence, I don't think signing on with three Fortune 500 companies is something to brag about. And what really counts as an achievement for Swanhaven Bank is its expansion in the overseas market. But apparently, when Eden took office, he didn't manage to negotiate it."

Joshua stared straight at Jeanne.

He was really rendered speechless by this woman's rebuke.

He had prepared so well and did not even give the woman the time to prepare. Yet, she could refute him so smoothly.

At that moment, he even heard her say very domineeringly, "As for my achievements, they surpass Eden's by miles!"

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"As for my achievements, they surpass Eden's by miles!" Jeanne's words sounded loud and clear.

At the shareholder meeting, everyone stared at Jeanne while Joshua, overwhelmed by Jeanne's aura, glared fiercely at Jeanne.

"Before returning to South Hampton City, I worked at MUK Group and immediately helped them to become the world's largest e-commerce company. The projects I've won include the online marketing collaboration with James Group that earned a profit of up to 1 billion, the collaboration with Esther Group that sold out within seconds and earned a profit of up to 1.2 billion, and the Vizzi Group..." Jeanne proudly listed her previous achievements one by one. "After returning to South Hampton city and entering Lawrence Enterprise, I got us the collaboration with the MUK Group worth 2 billion dollars. This caused Lawrence Enterprise's stock market to rise for the past three months. The sales volume of our electrical products has increased by 5 percent month-on-month, and the growth trend continues to rise. It is estimated that by the end of this year, the month-on-month growth will reach 15 percent, and the annual sales volume will increase by at least 12 percent."

As soon as she said that, everyone in the room was shocked.

Even though they had long known about Jeanne's achievements, they did not know why, but they were still amazed to hear it from Jeanne herself.

When they thought about it, Jeanne had only been back for four months and working with Lawrence Enterprise for three months. Never did they imagine Jeanne would bring so much profit to the company.

Jeanne's eyes stared straight at Joshua. "All in all, does the chairman think I don't have the qualifications to be Lawrence Enterprise's executive general manager?"

Joshua was really rendered speechless by what Jeanne said, and an awkward silence filled the room.

Joshua had a Bluetooth earpiece on his ear that Eden was talking to him through.

Eden could not attend Lawrence Enterprise's shareholder meeting, so he had Joshua put on the Bluetooth earpiece. He needed to instruct Joshua on how to deal with the shareholders, how to let him smoothly enter the Lawrence Enterprise, and how to target Jeanne!

Hence, he heard Jeanne belittling him throughout the entire process.

He barely managed to come up with something to tell Joshua so that the latter would not be forced to agree to Jeanne immediately.

In front of everyone, Joshua said, "I don't deny your capability and amazing achievements. However, you have only just started working at Lawrence Enterprise, so your experience in Harken is limited. Of course, it's not that I disapprove of you becoming the executive general manager of Lawrence Enterprise, but we're a shareholding company. My grandfather used to own 52 percent of the shares, but according to the shareholder rights, my grandfather had absolute control over the company, and he could appoint someone to a post directly. But now, none of us have more than 50 percent of the shares, so no one has the right to say that you will be the executive general manager."

Jeanne looked at Joshua coldly.

She was still somewhat surprised by Joshua's reaction.

According to her understanding of Joshua, he should not have been able to reply to her at that moment. Yet, he managed to think of all that now.

The corners of her mouth curled into a cold smile as she said, "You're right. It requires a vote from all the shareholders to decide who will take the position of Lawrence Enterprise's executive general manager."

"Mr. Gray." Joshua directly called out to Lawrence Enterprise's secretary general.

"Yes, Chairman." Greyson Gray appeared respectful.

"We're taking a vote for the position of the executive general manager. You can start counting the votes," Joshua instructed.

He said it rather domineeringly.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

Now that Joshua had 43 percent of the shares, she would have no say in the company if he were to casually rope in more than seven percent of the shares.

However, she did not think Joshua had done his research in such a short period of time. He did not have the time.

Furthermore, he wanted to vote immediately because he was wary of her. He was afraid she would rope in the shareholders after the meeting.

That was why Joshua chose such a risky method, and no one knew the outcome.

Even Jeanne did not know if she had any chance of winning.

Her achievements were very significant, but Eden also had quite a reputation in Harken.

Moreover, Eden was a member of the Swans. Even though she had quite a good relationship with the Swans now, Eden was born into the Swan family. With such a powerful name, he would be able to surpass people of the same level!

At the scene, Joshua drew everyone's attention back and said, "Shareholders, I hope you can carefully consider whether Jeanne or Eden should take the position of the executive general manager!"

All the shareholders glanced at each other, but no one spoke.

After all, Lawrence Enterprise was still in turmoil, and no one wanted to be in the limelight.

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"Next, please raise your hands to vote." Joshua did not waste any time. "Those who choose Jeanne to be the executive general manager of Lawrence Enterprise, please raise your hands."

Jeanne naturally raised her hands.

However, other than Jeanne, the other shareholders at the scene looked at each other and did not move.

The corner of Joshua's mouth curled into a smile.

He knew Jeanne only had a small achievement, so how could she compare to Eden Swan?

The name Swan was like an all-access pass in Harken's business world. Anyone would give way to a Swan.

He asked, "Other than Jeanne herself, does no one else support her?"

His tone sounded sarcastic.

Jeanne's eyes were cold as she looked at Joshua, and her lips were pursed tightly.

"Alright, Next, I agree with Eden—"

"Wait." One of the shareholders suddenly said, "I support Jeanne to take on the role of Lawrence Enterprise's executive general manager. I believe in her and that she can lead the company to greater heights."

“Me, too.” Another shareholder echoed, “During this time, Jeanne’s performance in the company has been evident to all of us. If such an outstanding person can’t take on the role of developing Lawrence Enterprise, no one else can.”

“Agreed.” One after another shareholders echoed, “Jeanne has contributed more to Lawrence Enterprise than your father, Alexander. I have come to the company a few times and seen Jeanne working overtime. Based on her attitude toward work, I vote for Jeanne.”

“Putting aside her previous achievements, Jeanne has shown great talent by being able to make some big changes in the senior management without conflict and promote our employee welfare to the others. Based on that move alone, I think the company will develop well under her guidance. I have no reason not to choose Jeanne.”

One after another, the shareholders at the scene started supporting Jeanne, who was a little surprised. She dealt more with Lawrence Enterprise and its senior management but hardly with the shareholders, so she did not expect them to be so sure of her.

She even thought those people were unaware of what she had done in the company. After all, the company had a large number of shareholders, and they were there purely to take their share of the dividends.

Deep down, she was touched.

To be recognized by others, anyone would feel proud and excited.

Joshua looked at the shareholders in front of him. Seeing the shareholders’ unanimous high regard for Jeanne, his expression was extremely ugly.

In the end, other than him, all the other shareholders, including Jeanne herself, voted for Jeanne.

Therefore, even if he had 43 percent of the shares, he did not have any advantage in Lawrence Enterprise.

As long as the shareholders were on Jeanne’s side, he would not have any right to speak.

Seeing that outcome, Joshua kept quiet for a long time.

After all, he had proposed that Eden join the company, yet the shareholders opposed his proposal. It was utterly humiliating for him!

What was more, it was technically his first day as Lawrence Enterprise’s chairman, and those people did not even show him some respect.

Jeanne saw the change in Joshua’s expression and smiled triumphantly. “Mr. Gray, what’s the result of the voting?”

It was obvious that Jeanne was deliberately trying to provoke Joshua.

Greyson quickly said, “Jeanne has gotten the position of Lawrence Enterprise’s executive general manager with 57 percent of the shares.”

Jeanne's smile widened.

She ignored Joshua and said to all the shareholders, "I'm very grateful to all the shareholders for their trust in me. I really didn't expect you to vote for me. I don't know how to express my current feelings, but I promise I won't let you down, and I will take on the important responsibility of developing Lawrence Enterprise. I will bring the company to greater heights and definitely won't disappoint the shareholders!"

Right after, the entire room erupted into loud applause.

It should be a meeting to welcome Joshua as the chairman and Eden as the executive general manager.

Yet, in the end, it became Jeanne's home ground, and she stole all the limelight.

Joshua gritted his teeth while Eden, who was on the other end of the call, did not look happy.

He had never thought that with his name, Eden Swan, he would not be able to enter a mere Lawrence Enterprise.

He was doing the Lawrence Enterprise a favor by joining the Lawrence Enterprise, but those people rejected him!