

She is a ceo novel - Chapter 37

The next day at work, Lucia went to Eduard to apologize for what happened last night.

After all, she attended the party with him for business, but she left because of personal affairs. She felt that she had failed in her duty.

Eduard felt frustrated to hear Lucia's apology but pretended to be calm. "It's not a big deal. How you doing? If you feel bad, you can rest at home."

"What happened last night didn't bother me," Lucia smiled and said.

Recalling Arthur's confession of love, she couldn't help but smiling.

"Mr. Burton, I'm sorry. If Jacob turns against Jibillion because of me, I will be responsible for it myself."

She knew Jacob was narrow-minded. He lost face in front of her last night. Lucia guessed he would target against Eduard and Jibillion Inc in the future, which was the last thing Lucia expected.

"He'll do it even without you. You know why the former executive quit, right?" Wicked men would risk anything to benefit themselves. Eduard wasn't bothered by it at all. "Don't worry. It's not that easy for him to make things difficult for Jibillion."

Knowing he was trying to reassure her, Lucia smiled and nodded. She was wondering if Poppy had heard of what had happened last night.

At the same time, the plane Poppy took landed on the airport in Athegate. After she got off, she drove to JTP Group.

On the plane, Poppy received a message from her friend that Jacob grabbed a woman at Mr. Kaur's birthday party last night and argued with Arthur and Eduard. Poppy's heart jolted after she read the message.

How could Jacob do that behind her back! Rage surged through her.

When she entered the company, she looked very unhappy. All the employees who met her bowed their heads, being afraid that they might accidentally offend Poppy who was hot-tempered.

"Jacob!" When she arrived at Jacob's office door, Poppy pushed it open and angrily called Jacob by his name.

Jacob, who was talking business with a client, was embarrassed to see Poppy barging in.

“Poppy, you’re back!” Jacob guessed that Poppy had known about what happened last night from her expression.

But now there was an outsider in his office, he reminded Poppy gently to control her temper.

Poppy, however, was so angry that she went over to them and stared at Jacob.

The client was on pins and needles. He smiled awkwardly and got up to leave. Jacob had no choice but to walk him out first. After the client left and the door was closed, he looked angry, too, and glared at Poppy.

“Poppy, aren’t you too grumpy? Can’t you show me some respect in front of outsiders?”

“Respect? Why should I? Just think about what you have done last night!” She asked Jacob with a sneer, and crossed her arms over her chest, and the anger was burning in her chest.

Jacob’s face darkened when he heard that.

“You were the one who told me to stay away from Lucia, but you were the one who pestered her on that occasion last night. Jacob, good for you.” Poppy was not afraid of the cold look in Jacob’s eyes, for she was even colder!

Upon hearing Poppy’s rumblings, Jacob hid his displeasure cleverly and said in his usual and helpless tone, “I did meet Lucia last night, but I didn’t pester her. Whom did you hear that from?”

“It doesn’t matter whom I heard it from. Just tell me if it happened!” Poppy lowered her voice when Jacob’s tone was not as intimidating as it had been.

“You have to sit down.” After years of spending time with Poppy, Jacob had a way of calming her down. He first asked her to sit beside him, and when she was ready, he continued.

“I did run into Lucia last night, but I didn’t talk to her. As soon as Lucia saw me, she began to question me about what I had done. I had to explain myself to her. But Arthur and Eduard showed up at that moment, and that was why people noticed us. You think I’d be stupid enough to go after her?”

Jacob was a master at turning right from wrong.

Poppy looked into Jacob’s eyes as he explained. What he said seemed to make sense, but she knew something was wrong.

Seeing that Poppy was still unhappy, Jacob pretended to say resignedly, "If you had been there last night, I wouldn't have been that humiliated by Arthur and Eduard."

Poppy was still angry, but she looked much better. She looked down at Jacob with a knowing look.

"I told you to nip it in the bud, and her return is by no means accidental. If we had attacked her at first, she would have run away from Athegate again by now."

Poppy said, being overwhelmed by jealousy of Lucia. She didn't expect Lucia to turn to Arthur and Eduard for support.

The mention of these two men was likely to thrill even married women. When Poppy went out with those ladies, what she heard most was their admiration for Arthur and Eduard. Especially when it came to Arthur, appreciation and admiration would appear in every woman's eyes.

Bah! Poppy despised Lucia very much.

Her jealousy was beyond words at this moment.

Jacob echoed with Poppy. He had to change his mind about living in peace with Lucia. Last night, he had a confrontation with Arthur and Eduard because of Lucia. If they were even working together to go against him, he wasn't a match for them, so Jacob wanted to make a move first.

"Poppy, we can't just sit by and do nothing."

"I've been waiting for you to say that..." Poppy looked down at Jacob with a smug wink, with her eyes full of intrigue.

Before Jacob said anything else, Poppy hurried back to her office and spent most of the morning making phone calls. By noon, she had finally arranged everything.

With a smug look, Poppy rapped the table with her five fingers. "You're dead meat, Lucia."

The next day, the same headline appeared in all the Athegate gossip magazines, tidbits, and even some of the little-known financial magazines desperate for getting more exposure. The wording was different but the content was the same.

She is a ceo novel -Chapter 38

It was reported that Webbex Group's young lady, Lucia, who betrayed Jacob five years ago, came back to the country. First, she got an offer from Eduard of Jibillion Inc, and then she had an affair with Arthur, trying to take back the JTP Group.

When the public saw these reports, those who were already familiar with Lucia immediately began to criticize Lucia.

Some people asked Jibillion Inc to fire Lucia by leaving comments on its official Twitter account, and some people deluged Branch of Davonnis by calls, asking to see Arthur and tell him what Lucia truly was.

Others gloated that Lucia and Eduard were a perfect match. A bitch was worthy of a womanizer.

In short, there was a huge wave of negative comments and very few people spoke up for Lucia.

There were so many negative comments and cursing that official website of Jibillion Inc nearly broke down. There was no way Eduard could stop Lucia from knowing about it even if he wanted to.

It took Lucia almost no effort to know who was behind all this. Five years ago, Jacob and Poppy came to the hotel with a bunch of reporters. Now they were again using their clout with the media to go against her. Lucia wasn't surprised at all. She just didn't expect it would happen so soon.

Nia stood at Lucia's desk with an anxious look on her face as she looked through the messages on the company website. As Lucia's face grew grimmer and grimmer, she finally stepped forward. "Stop looking at them. Those people don't know the truth, and it'll only upset you more."

Lucia was reading a comment that said, "Lucia, you little bitch. No matter how bitchy you are, you should stay away from Arthur and Eduard!" Lucia felt bad when she saw these words

Back at Athegate, she had not meant to hurt anyone, but now it seemed impossible.

She really become a target of public criticism now.

"Well, Poppy did a pretty good job of making a third party the instrument of a crime." Lucia logged out of her Twitter account and said with a slight frown.

"Lucy..." Nia was relieved to see that Lucia finally stopped checking the negative comments. "Mr. Burton has arranged PR department to deal with this matter. It is all gossip and it will be not popular soon."

"It won't." Lucia knew this was not something PR could handle. Poppy wouldn't stop until she was in big trouble.

Nia pressed her lips together and couldn't say anything.

Lucia picked up her cell phone and called Arthur. The report just emerged this morning, and now it had caused a huge negative impact on Jibillion Inc. She wanted to know what was going on with Arthur.

Arthur picked up the phone before it rang for the third time, and his first question was, "Lucia, how are you?"

Lucia was touched when heard this. She asked him, "Is everything okay there?"

"Yeah, it's just that I received some nuisance calls. I'm prepared for the press conference, which can be held this afternoon."

"Press conference?" Lucia was puzzled.

"Yes, press conference. You can talk to Eduard this afternoon and ask for a leave. I will solve this problem." Arthur sounded as calm as ever.

"What is the press conference about?" Lucia wanted to know Arthur's solution. She didn't want to trouble him. They just had an honest talk last night, but all this happened early this morning. She felt guilty.

"You'll find it out this afternoon." Arthur was not anxious now, on the contrary, he sounded buoyant.

When Arthur deliberately made it secret, Lucia smiled and then said, "So, I don't have to do anything?"

"Of course, I can handle it all," said Arthur firmly.

Arthur's words made Lucia narrow her eyes slightly, and once again she deeply realized the happiness of being cared for. After hanging up the phone, her smile was still on her face, which stunned Nia.

"Lucy, are you dating Mr. Davies?" Nia couldn't help but wonder when she noticed Lucia's soft tone on the phone.

"Yes," Lucia answered frankly. Now that she and Arthur were officially together, there was no need for her to keep it a secret.

"Really?" Nia almost jumped with surprise when Lucia finally admitted her relationship with Arthur.

Lucia smiled and nodded slightly.

Theodore was so amazing!

'Theodore asked Arthur to pretend to be Lucia's boyfriend, but in the end, Arthur and Lucia actually get together. That's amazing!' Nia thought to herself.

As a child, Theodore could not control the details, but his prophecy actually came true!

Nia even thought that the next time she met a man she liked, she would ask Theodore to help with the planning!

Lucia told Nia about her next schedule, and then went to the president's office to talk to Eduard. Unexpectedly, she saw Eduard in a dilemma.

"Okay, got it." Eduard had just hung up the phone after answering a call from Jibillion Inc's headquarters when Lucia entered the office. The expression on his face became grave when he saw her coming.

Lucia sensed this and did not speak first. Instead, she waited for Eduard to speak. Subconsciously, she knew that the call must have been about her.

Sure enough, after asking Lucia to sit down on the sofa, Eduard said in a quandary, "Lucia, take a break for a while."

He just received a phone call from Jibillion Inc headquarters in Germany. On the phone, the senior management asked him about the matter of Lucia and reminded him that the market in the European Region would be affected if the situation continued.

As the head of Jibillion Inc European Region, Eduard tried his best to explain that it was a malicious rumor. For the greater good, the headquarters still suggested Lucia to be suspended temporarily to put the matter to rest.

Lucia was relieved to hear Eduard's words. It was a smart move. Now that she was suspended, the public would surely feel that their suggestion was adopted once they knew the news, and the negative impact on Jibillion Inc would be smaller. Therefore, Lucia could totally understand Eduard. "Okay, I'll go to the personnel department to go through formalities and wait for the reinstatement notice."

Seeing that Eduard was silent, Lucia remembered why she was looking for him and continued, "By the way, Arthur has just informed me that he's going to take me to a press conference this afternoon to deal with rumors, and I'll remind him to remove the negative comments about the company as well."

"Really?" Eduard looked at Lucia, hesitated for a moment, and whispered, "Are you with him already?"

As one of the people involved in the rumor, Eduard could probably guess how Arthur put a stop to it.

Lucia froze for a moment and nodded gently. Eduard was also in trouble because of her, so she wouldn't hide it from him.

Eduard was disappointed at this. If he was the one who drove her home last night, was there any chance they could be together?

She is a ceo novel -Chapter 39

Lucia finished the formalities and went downstairs. Arthur was sitting in the car, waiting for her downstairs. She did not know how long he had waited, but she felt very moved.

When he saw her coming out of the office, Arthur got out of the car and gave her a big hug.

It was the first time they had ever been so intimate, even though they were clearly in a relationship.

Lucia blushed, but she didn't want Arthur to see it because she found it embarrassing. So she put her arms around his neck and whispered in his ear.

"I don't want anything. I just feel so happy to be cared for."

Arthur put his arms around her waist. "Well, I'll take care of you forever."

It was a promise Arthur could make.

Lucia was touched by Arthur's words and asked the question she had always wanted to ask, "Arthur, why are you being so nice to me?"

Arthur could only give a plausible answer, "Because I want to."

Typical Arthur! Lucia laughed when she heard this. As a boy who did not know much about romance, Arthur never sweet talked her, but his words were often the most touching.

"In the future, I will care about you the same way." Lucia could not be the only one who enjoyed happiness. As one partner in a relationship, she also showed him that she cared.

"Really?" Arthur curled his mouth and turned to look at Lucia's face. However, Lucia was now shy and did not want him to see her blush, so she buried her face in his shoulder. But she did not know that this would make her breath on his sensitive ears and turn him on.

Arthur clasped Lucia around the waist and forcibly turned her towards him, kissing her as his eyes caught her rosy cheeks.

The warmth and softness on her lips caught Lucia off guard. Instead of trying to run away, as she had done the first time, the only thing she could do this time was to hug Arthur by the neck to be drenched in love.

After returning home, Lucia and Arthur found infinite happiness in a simple lunch and a few small dishes. After the noon break, Arthur told Lucia to get ready for the press conference held in the afternoon.

Arthur was cold and intolerant of others, but when Lucia stood beside him, the expression on his face became gentler. Even his pace slowed to match hers, which would make one wonder how his change happened.

Lucia was absolutely gorgeous. People who knew her would naturally imagine her as a competent and powerful beauty in the workplace. After all, she was the CEO of Jibillion Inc. But when she stood next to Arthur, her tenderness prevailed over her strong personalities.

When the two walked into Branch of Davonnis wearing matching suits, they had everyone's attention. But they ignored all of it and only focused on each other. They were really a perfect match!

Arthur, of course, was aware of the employees' attention and knew that most of it was directed at Lucia, so jealousy surged through him.

Sensing Arthur's jealousy, Lucia was amused and said jokingly, "It's your idea to wear matching suits. That's why we caught their attention."

"I did it so everyone would know you were mine!" Arthur was more jealous than ever. If it weren't for the fact that they were all members of his own company, he would have responded to them one by one with a look that could kill.

Arthur wanted to hide Lucia. As he thought, Arthur took Lucia's hand and sped toward the elevator. Lucia smiled and followed him.

The whole building was occupied by Branch of Davonnis. Arthur's office was on the top floor. When the elevator reached the top floor, Lucia marveled at the layout of the top floor.

The floors were almost empty except for the basic support columns, and the walls were uniformly painted a pleasant light blue, which looked like a blue sky at first glance.

Arthur's office was at the left end of the floor, and Kyle's secretary seat was set up about five meters away from Arthur's office. Next to the seat was a rest area for visitors to wait. There were sofas and tables in simple style and warm color placed in the rest area, which looked very comfortable.

They passed through a lobby filled with sounds made by busy staff, and then took the elevator to the quiet, empty floor.

“It’s so quiet…” Lucia couldn’t help but praise. Some executives liked to locate their offices near their employees’ workspace so they could watch them work at any time, but Arthur certainly had no qualms about that.

“Yes, indeed.” The layout was designed by Arthur himself, naturally because he didn’t like to be disturbed.

While they were talking, Kyle, who was in the secretary’s chair, saw Lucia coming back and stood up to greet her. His gaze fell on Lucia in surprise. Apparently, he was amazed by Lucia who looked stunning. But after seeing Arthur’s fierce gaze, Kyle quickly looked away.

“Mr. Davies, everything is in order.”

“Okay, come and remind me when the time is up.” Arthur glanced at Kyle and took Lucia back to his office.

“Do you always scare your secretary like that?” Lucia asked amusingly, glancing back at Kyle, who had returned to his desk. She noticed Arthur glaring at Kyle just now.

Arthur neither admitted or denied it.

Lucia smiled and said nothing. They arrived at Arthur’s office and opened the door. Lucia looked at the layout curiously.

This understated luxury really suited Arthur’s character.

The office was minimalist, with minimal furniture and no fancy items for ostentation other than essential necessities.

But what remained were absolutely simple yet elegant luxuries. There was no clutter to be seen on the tables or shelves, and the papers were neatly and meticulously arranged. One could tell it was an office at the first sight.

“Sit wherever you like. I’m gonna check the files.” They still had some time before the launch. Arthur had some business to attend to, so he let Lucia kill time by herself.

Lucia picked up the fragrant coffee and took a sip of it. The warmth flowed into her stomach. She wouldn’t disturb Arthur who was at work. Instead, she drank coffee and watched him working.

Immersed in his work, Arthur looked at each document quickly and intently. Kyle came in from time to time to assist him or bring in papers for him to sign, but the rest of the time the office was quiet.

Lucia liked the silence and unconsciously began to sit on the sofa and stare at Arthur in a daze, holding her chin. This man was really handsome at work.

Until now, Lucia still had a sense of unreality that Arthur did not belong to her. After all, this man was too perfect, and he was the father of her own child. When thinking of this coincidence, Lucia still felt a little stunned.

Lucia was lost in her thoughts, while Arthur was dealing with the papers on the desk one by one.. An hour passed quickly. When Arthur finished his work, he looked up and saw Lucia, who was in a daze.

Arthur smiled when he saw her eyes on him.

She is a ceo novel - Chapter 40

“Lucia, come to me,” Arthur called to Lucia, who was dazed.

Lucia, still absorbed in her thoughts, was shocked by Arthur’s words. She blushed and stood up to walk to him.

Arthur naturally put his hand around Lucia’s waist and let her lean against him. After noticing that Lucia’s hand was a little cold, he picked up the remote control and turned up the heat. He did it so quickly and directly that Lucia couldn’t help but laugh. “My body temperature is naturally low. I am not cold actually.”

“No. I can make sure you warm up until your hands get warm.” Arthur persisted, even though he felt a slight dry heat as the temperature rose.

Lucia was not going to argue with Arthur. She found that the papers on Arthur’s desk had been taken care of, so she chatted with him and looked at the decorations on the desk.

There was one of Arthur’s graduation photos, one of his family photos, and one photo of him with a beautiful girl.

Lucia did not pay special attention to it, but Arthur was holding the girl’s shoulder in the photo, and the girl leaned her head against his shoulder. They smiled brightly and naturally and were very intimate. On the contrary, he looked more serious in the family photo, which showed that he and that girl must have a special relationship.

Arthur immediately knew which one she was looking at by following her gaze. He smiled after he saw the weird look in Lucia’s eyes.

Arthur then spoke, "She is my father's best friend's daughter. Elegant as she seems, she's actually a tomboy."

Lucia took a look at the girl in the photo and thought that she must be a cheerful girl with such a bright smile. Then she asked curiously.

"Is her name elegant?"

"Yes, my aunt named her Juliana, Juliana Knight," Arthur replied with a smile.

"Juliana... It's a very classical name."

"Yeah, but she doesn't live up to her name. Her mother advocated American education and sent her to our house at a young age. She is closer to my parents than to her own and now works abroad," Arthur said.

Lucia nodded and looked down at Arthur for a moment. The childhood friends were the ones that were most likely to develop a secret love for each other. Didn't something happen between Arthur and her?

Lucia summoned up the courage to ask directly.

"She and I?" When Arthur heard Lucia's question, he raised his eyebrows in surprise and then laughed out loud, as if he had heard some absurd remarks.

"What are you laughing at?" Lucia was already embarrassed, but was even more embarrassed by his laugh.

Arthur, without his usual calmness, began to explain.

"She is more like a brother than a sister. What do you think is gonna happen to me and my brother?"

Lucia blushed when she heard this... It did seem like she was overthinking it.

But now that she was with Arthur, she couldn't help noticing...

Lucia's face was getting redder. Arthur tightened his arms around her waist and asked with some satisfaction.

"Are you upset?"

Lucia was silent. As she wrapped her arms around Arthur's head, she ran her fingers gently through his hair and admitted it silently. At the same time, they started making out.

Arthur smelled Lucia's fragrance, and his heart was filled with happiness.

Kyle stopped opening the door to the CEO's office when he saw them embracing at the desk, but the noise he made still interrupt them.

Lucia wriggled out of Arthur's arms like a frightened rabbit. Kyle could only bury his head and spit out the words under pressure.

"Mr. Davies, time's up."

Though he still wanted to cuddle up with Lucia, he had to stop since the time was up. Arthur said to Lucia, "Lucia, let's go downstairs."

"Okay." Lucia smiled and nodded, not asking what the main point of today's conference was, because she trusted Arthur.

On the fifth floor of Branch of Davonnis was the activity room. Except for the high-level meetings held in the conference room on the floor below Arthur's office, other company activities would be held here.

It was 15 minutes before the start of the event, and the reporters who had been given their passes had taken their seats early, surrounded by busy employees and security guards, and the room seemed to be buzzing with noises.

Arthur took Lucia backstage. Standing beside the equipment, the staff members were ready, just waiting for Arthur to say the word.

"Lucia, you don't have to do anything later, just prove the truth." Arthur looked at his watch and said to Lucia.

"Okay." Lucia gave Arthur a sweet smile.

Arthur took her hand and gently pinched it to give her comfort. When the time came, the manager of the public relations department took the microphone to the stage, and the conference officially began.

"Members of the media, entertainment, and finance press, welcome to the press conference held by Davonnis Corp today. I believe that you are familiar with your peers around you, and you should be curious about the theme of today's conference. When we informed you to attend the conference, we did not explicitly say it, just to give you a little surprise."

A surprise?

As soon as reporters from all media heard this, they began to whisper in private, but soon the manager interrupted them as he continued, "The theme of the conference will

be announced by Mr. Davies, President of Davonnis Corp. Please greet him by applause!”

As soon as the manager finished speaking, Arthur released Lucia’s hand, took the microphone, and walked up to the podium. The meeting hall burst into applause. Everyone was waiting for Arthur to show up.

Arthur came on stage. The manager turned off the microphone and stood aside to let Arthur catch the spotlight.

He mounted the rostrum, shrugging off the prolonged applause. He glanced around the room at the reporters with a meaningful look in his eyes before he spoke.

“Welcome to press conference held by Davonnis Corp. As to people invited here, on the left side were all the media and magazine reporters that were involved in the morning news coverage of Lucia’s dispute with Jacob.”

Arthur’s words caused an uproar in the room. Especially the reporters on the left side of the venue looked very bad, while the other reporters on the right side, who did not participate in the negative coverage, looked to the left.