

# Task NO.1: How to Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 61

## Chapter 61 He's a Gigolo!

- Just then, a group of bodyguards rushed over and stood in front of Pierre.
- "He's a gigolo! Selena, President Lawrence has gotten into contact with the President of JNS Corporation before, so I'm sure that he can point out that the man isn't the president. Will you wake up to reality?" Megan's eyes welled up with tears as she was trying to pretend that she loved her sister.
- Finneas charged forward and landed a loud slap on Megan's face. "What is wrong with you?!"
- After Megan was slapped, she stared at Finneas in disbelief, for she had never expected that he would slap her right in front of so many people at their wedding. Suppressing her tears, Megan said, "Finneas, do you still believe her? That man is a gigolo! I've done a proper investigation. He's not the President of JNS Corporation. He's a liar! My sister isn't the president's wife! I know you're eager to cooperate with JNS Corporation, but—"
- "Enough!" Finneas growled.
- Megan shuddered in fright, for she had never seen him so furious before, but she didn't understand why he was reacting in this way.
- Hearing the noise, Meredith immediately stepped into the wedding hall, but she was puzzled as to why Megan was covering her face and staring at Finneas.
- "Shut up!" Finneas lowered his voice.
- However, Megan was unresigned. Selena is a liar, and that man is a gigolo! "I've found out everything! He's a gigolo! I know everything!" Megan shouted hysterically.
- "You know nothing! Selena is the President of JNS Corporation. Shut up now and stop embarrassing me!" Finneas said in a hushed voice.
- "What did you say?" Megan thought she heard it wrong.
- When Meredith looked in the direction Megan pointed, she realized that the man was Pierre. At the moment, the security guards and Pierre's bodyguards were in a standoff. Seeing that, she immediately scurried over.
- "Megan, what nonsense are you spouting? He's Pierre!" Certainly, Meredith wouldn't allow her sister to slander her man. Moreover, if Pierre was displeased, the Yards would be in trouble.
- "P-Pierre? You mean Pierre Fowler?"
- Finneas turned to look at Pierre in shock. Megan was flabbergasted as well.
- Selena, who was smiling mockingly, shifted her attention in the same direction when she heard the name 'Pierre'.
- He's Pierre Fowler? Isn't his name Pierre Moody? Why is he now...

- Meredith immediately tried to smooth things over by flashing a smile at everyone. "I'm so sorry. Megan is a little drunk. I'll bring her away now." Then, she shot a look at Megan's assistant. Following that, the two of them lugged Megan out of the venue.
- The bride is drunk before the wedding has started? Who will believe it? The guests started whispering among themselves. Just now, Meredith said that the man is Pierre Fowler.
- At that instant, everyone shifted their attention to Pierre, who was the President of both Fowler Corporation and Empire Group, as well as one of the most charming men on earth. Now, everyone finally knew what he looked like.
- Pierre turned to look at Selena. He knew that he couldn't hide his identity from her forever, but he didn't expect that this secret would be exposed to her in such a way.
- Meantime, Selena was still reeling from shock. He is Pierre Fowler. The Pierre Fowler!
- Before this, Selena thought that she could forget about the past and begin a new relationship. By doing so, she could move on and give Juniper a new father.

## Chapter 62 Selena Has Unknowingly Become a Mistress

- Pierre had proposed to Selena, and she was wearing the ring he had given her, but it was at this moment that she found out he was Pierre Fowler.
- "Pierre!" Roland called out and shuffled toward Pierre. "Please don't take what just happened to your heart. It's because Megan didn't recognize you. You see, Merry and your sons are four years old, but we have never met before, which is the cause for the misunderstanding. So, we should meet up more."
- Selena was flabbergasted when she heard what Roland said.
- She recalled that when she was in the Fowler Residence, she heard the housekeeper calling out 'Young Master Jamie', but she didn't read too much into it at that time. So, the twin sons are the kids of Meredith and Pierre!
- At that instant, Selena was disgusted by the fact that he was Pierre Fowler, and on top of that, he also had kids with Meredith.
- I've unknowingly become a mistress! How revolting!
- Pierre shot a disdainful look at the old man and took a seat. Meanwhile, his bodyguards blocked Roland from approaching him.
- On the other hand, Finneas's forehead was beaded with sweat as he was still reeling from shock. He had wanted to familiarize himself with the President of JNS Corporation and Pierre through this wedding, but unfortunately, he had offended both of them at the same time.
- What should I do next?
- Ernest stomped his feet in anger because of what Megan had done.

- Meanwhile, Meredith and the assistant brought Megan back to her room.
- “Megan, what is wrong with you? He’s Pierre. Can you even afford to offend him? Even if you don’t care about the possible collaboration with him, you should have thought about my future! I’m going to marry him one day! How would he even tolerate it when my sister claimed that he’s a gigolo in public?”
- Meredith kept childing her sister for what the latter had done. Didn’t she say she wanted to take revenge on Selena? So why did she get Pierre involved?
- Finally, Megan came to her senses and grabbed Meredith’s arm.
- “Merry, tell me who that man is.”
- Meredith heaved a sigh. “He’s Pierre Fowler, the President of Fowler Corporation and Empire Group. Do you get it now? He’s your future brother-in-law!”
- “Really?”
- “Are you saying I don’t even recognize my man?”
- Apart from Finneas, Meredith also felt like slapping her sister at that moment.
- “Why didn’t you tell me earlier?” Megan pushed her sister away. “They’ve set me up! They want to embarrass me in public!”
- Megan cried as she stomped her feet on the ground because she was utterly ashamed.
- “It’s because you’re foolish!” Meredith placed her palm on her forehead and took a deep breath. “Forget it. Today’s your wedding day with Finneas, so everyone will just see it as a joke and forget about it later. The wedding must go on.”
- She tried to put her emotions under control and consoled Megan by saying, “When the wedding is over, I’ll bring you to apologize to Pierre. I’ll put in a good word for you.”
- “Mommy, I’m hungry!” Jameson suddenly shouted.
- When Megan saw the twins, she widened her eyes in disbelief and took Meredith’s arms.
- “What’s wrong with you again?”
- “They hooked up!”
- “Who are you talking about?” Meredith didn’t understand her sister.

## Chapter 63 She’s Set Me Up!

- “Pierre and Selena!” Megan said in an agitated manner. “When I was in Forever Gown, I saw Pierre with the twins. Selena called him ‘Hubby’ and even said that they were her kids!”
- In an instant, Meredith’s mind buzzed.
- I can’t believe that the woman is Selena! I wouldn’t be afraid of any other women, but it must not be Selena!
- “She also said that Pierre was the President of JNS Corporation. After I stepped out of the shop, I realized that I had left my bag behind, so I returned and heard them saying that Pierre wasn’t really the president. Otherwise, why would I decide to expose their lies? They’ve partnered up to set me up!”
- Megan finally understood what was going on.

- “Merry, it’s apparent that Pierre and Selena are in an immoral relationship. Otherwise, why would he help her put on this show when he’s so busy?”
- Meredith’s legs turned to jelly when she heard that.
- “When did that happen? Was it before the event in the cake shop?” Meredith tried to sound calm so that she wouldn’t appear to be weak.
- “Yes!”
- It took place before the event in the cake shop and the kidnap. It means that they’ve known each other before Jamie and Jojo saved Juniper. Just like what Megan has said. If they’re not in a relationship, why would Pierre put on a show with her and set Megan up? So, the woman Pierre has proposed to has to be Selena. Does it mean that he’s found out everything? No, it can’t be. If he’s found out the secret, he wouldn’t have let me off.
- While Meredith was trying to remain calm, Jameson was puzzled about their conversation.
- “I’ll look into this soon. Now, you have to go to the wedding venue.”
- Megan took a seat on a chair. “I’m utterly embarrassed now. Just call off the wedding!”
- I’d rather bury my head in a hole than meet those people.
- Just then, someone knocked on the door from outside. “Miss Yard, Mr. Lake has said that the wedding is going to start soon, so he wants you to be ready.”
- The Lakes treasured their reputation, so no matter what had happened, the wedding must go on as planned.
- “Megan, listen to me. Just see it as nothing has happened. If you don’t show up at the wedding, Selena will grow even more arrogant. Not only do you have to show up, but you also have to smile and show her that you’re the happiest bride on earth!”
- Her words managed to motivate Megan.
- Meanwhile, everyone in the wedding hall was waiting for the ceremony to commence.
- All the lights had turned dim, and just then, Roland stealthily walked up to Selena, who was seated, and he said, “Selena, it’s Megan’s wedding today. We’re family after all. If you make it unpleasant for all of us, it will affect both you and the Yard Family negatively. There will be a session when all the family members will go on stage and give a speech. You’ll just have to give her your blessing, and it’ll be the best outcome for all of us.”
- Roland’s words sounded like an order.
- Indeed, he had wanted to butter up his daughter, but since she had embarrassed him just now, he had to show her that he was her father after all.
- However, Selena just curled up her lips. “I’d better not go on stage. Otherwise, I might say something unpleasant.”
- “Just say basic stuff like ‘Congratulations’ and ‘I wish you happiness forever’. I’m telling you that if you dare make a scene later, I won’t let you off!”

## Chapter 64 You’re All Liars!

- After delivering the demand, Roland immediately left Selena’s side and returned to his seat.

- Pierre was seated not far away from her and stole a glance at her. It happened that she was looking at him too.
- Their eyes met, but none of them looked away.
- Finally, she snorted and retracted her gaze.
- Outside the room, Juniper flung Joaquin's hand away. "I don't need you to lead me around!"
- He turned around and stared at her with his usual aloof expression.
- "You all are liars! You and your dad are nothing but liars!" She glared fiercely at him.
- He had nothing to say because they had indeed lied to Selena and Juniper. Earlier, Pierre had instructed the twins to tell the same story; he even introduced their surname as Moody.
- "Do you think I'll be grateful to you after you saved me today? I won't!" Then, she left in a fit of rage.
- At that moment, Linda finally found Juniper. "Gosh, little girl, where did you go?"
- "Let's leave, Miss Linda." Juniper took Linda's hand, and before she left, she turned around and gave Joaquin a final look.
- The young boy merely stood there, not knowing what to do.
- In the banquet hall, Linda brought Juniper to Selena.
- "Mommy, I have something to tell you! Do you know that Mr. Handsome has a wife? His wife is the witch I met at the bakery!"
- Agitatedly, Juniper blurted out to her mother.
- At first, Selena was thinking hard about how to explain Pierre's situation to Juniper. She was surprised that her daughter had known about it.
- "I heard Jojo and Jamie call that woman 'Mommy'. She's that woman from the bakery!"
- Sighing deeply, Selena gently caressed Juniper's head. "I found out about it as well."
- Juniper cocked her head and stared at Selena with a pout. "Mommy, don't be sad. You don't need to be sad for someone like him. Instead, you should live happily, and you will meet better men in the future."
- Selena flashed a faint smile. "Yes, there will be a better man who'll be more suited to be your dad!"
- The mother and daughter exchanged comforting smiles.
- When the wedding march was played in the hall, the wedding officially started.
- Following the agenda, the groom, Finneas Lake, went down on one knee in front of the bride with a fresh bouquet in his arms, just like any other groom.
- All the guests were admiring the courage of the newlywed. Not long ago, the bride had been spewing nonsense, which caused her to be slapped by the groom. However, in the blink of an eye, everything went back to normal as if the drama before had never happened.
- Joaquin and Jameson served as the flower boys at the wedding. Originally, Juniper should have been a flower girl, but she refused to do so. Left without choice, they arranged for two flower boys to join the proceedings.

- The wedding went on smoothly according to the plan up until the wedding toast segment by the couple's families.
- Roland, Jezebel, and Finneas's parents all delivered their toasts on stage. The movie star who was awarded best actress, Meredith, became the highlight when she gave her speech, and the two sisters hugged each other emotionally on stage.
- "Great. We also have Miss Selena Yard with us. She's the president of the JNS Corporation. Do you wish to make a congratulatory toast to your sister?" The wedding host learned about Selena's title right before the wedding and had to bring it up.
- Hearing that, Megan scrunched up her face into an awful expression.
- After Selena was cued, she went up to the stage and took the microphone.
- Megan and Finneas were standing slightly behind to make room for the speech givers at the front.
- When Finneas saw Selena walking up the stage, he breathed heavily. If she's willing to come up to the stage out of courtesy, it means that I still have a chance!
- She took the microphone and smiled before saying, "It's my honor and my pleasure to attend this wedding. The wedding..."

## Chapter 65 The Truth of Her Past

- Selena paused in the middle of her speech. "The wedding of my half-sister and my childhood sweetheart."
- The crowd stirred after she dropped the bomb. Wow, there is so much more drama going on. This wedding is too overwhelming!
- Neither Megan nor Finneas expected Selena to bring up the topic. After all, Selena's reputation was also at stake, for she had gotten pregnant out of wedlock. Despite that, she ended up confessing everything.
- "When I was thirteen, I learned that our family had agreed to an engagement with the Lake Family. It was at that time I knew for sure that I'd marry the handsome Finneas Lake in the future. I was very young and inexperienced in love. Our relationship was good, and we studied in the same class at the same school."
- "When we were young, he was a handsome, gentle, and sophisticated boy. Back then, I always thought that he was the embodiment of the ideal man, worthy of all compliments. Since the engagement, my name has become synonymous with 'Finneas's girlfriend'. To me, it was the greatest honor ever."
- "For him, I could sacrifice anything. I gave up on my dreams in order to get a place in the university he attended. I didn't even have a life. My life revolved around him. I learned how to cook different cuisines, studied wine-tasting, and got into the art of coffee-making. I truly gave my best for him."
- "Young love isn't always long-lasting. In most cases, people realize belatedly that they are not a good match. Despite our pledge of undying love, Finneas and I parted ways."

- She took a deep breath and smiled widely, tears shining in her eyes, recalling her youth that was filled with memories of Finneas. Today, I'm finally putting an end to this relationship.
- When Finneas heard Selena's innermost thoughts, he went through a struggle in his mind. It was true that he had once shared many beautiful memories with her. After all, they spent their youth with each other
- Standing beside him, Megan seethed with hatred, feeling sidestepped on an important day of her life. Hey, I'm the bride!
- Beneath the stage, Pierre remained seated but looked upset. When he listened to Selena describing her childhood sweetheart, he felt that she still had some lingering feelings for Finneas, a thought which he didn't like at all.
- "I'll just take it as if a wild bitch has snatched my pet mutt away. Birds of the same feather... No, sh\*t of the same pile goes together, eh?" Selena's snide remark caused the crowd to give an audible collective gasp. "Finneas, I'm happy that you've found the love of your life—my sister, Megan Yard. I hereby send you my best wishes, and I wish for everlasting happiness in your marriage."
- Selena had purposely put a heavy emphasis on the words 'b\*tch' and 'mutt', so everyone in the crowd could clearly hear the innuendo behind her words.
- "Ah, this is a fairytale of The Bitch and the Mutt," someone muttered subconsciously. Because the venue was relatively quiet, save for the soft music in the background, everyone heard that person's mumble loud and clear.
- Despite the tense and embarrassing situation, the crowd erupted in laughter upon hearing the funny remark.
- At this point, Megan lost her cool and verbally attacked Selena. "Shut up! You think you're holier than the others?" She grabbed the microphone from the host and yelled, "You made it sound like we were having an affair behind your back. But you should know what you've done. If you had not slept with other men when Finneas went abroad, would he have dumped you?"
- In the face of the malicious accusation, Selena remained composed because she saw this coming.
- "Did I sleep with another man? Dear sister, you should know about the 'other man' I slept with better than I do, shouldn't you?"
- Megan's gaze suddenly wavered and dodged Selena's scrutiny. "You're slandering me! I knew nothing about it!"

## Chapter 66 Who's the Loose Woman Now?

- "If you knew nothing about my purported affair with another man, why would you bring it up? Megan, we're siblings. How could you side with the others? When I become the subject of slander, are you really going to smear my name as well?"

- “You! Your infidelity is a known fact. No one is slandering you! Not only did you sleep with another man, you even had his child! That little girl is proof of it! Do you think that you could start off anew as the president of JNS Corporation? No matter what title you hold, it doesn’t change the fact that you’re a sl\*t!” Megan roared at Selena at the top of her lungs.
- Megan’s behavior of calling her half-sister a sl\*t made the guests question her character.
- Selena was calm in the face of Megan’s outburst. “I naively thought that Finneas was the father of the child I carried. I took great care of the baby, fearing that I would hurt her. But Finneas suddenly told me that he wanted a breakup because you were pregnant. Ah, I almost forgot about it. Your child should be around three years old now. Is that correct?”
- Everyone at the wedding instantly understood what had happened. If Selena had indeed gotten pregnant with someone else’s child, she would not have been foolish enough to give birth. Instead, she would have undergone an abortion!
- It appeared that Selena’s unfortunate situation was planned out by someone. Not only that, Megan and Finneas were together before he broke up with Selena. At this point, it was very clear who was the cheater and the sl\*t.
- “You—” Megan almost fainted from anger. She had not expected Selena to be as shameless as to expose every embarrassing detail of their past.
- “You shut up!” Once again, Finneas gave Megan a slap across her cheek—his second time in the same day.
- All the guests were taken aback by his action. Tsk tsk, she hasn’t officially married him yet, and she has been slapped twice by her husband in public. When she finally becomes a part of the Lake Family, her life will probably be miserable!
- Covering her stinging cheek, Megan stared at Finneas in disbelief. This was the second time she got slapped. She could endure the humiliation for the first time, but he clearly crossed a line now! She burst into tears and ran down from the stage.
- Seeing that, Meredith hurriedly ran after Megan. Before that, she took a look at Selena. I guess we cannot underestimate her anymore.
- “Are you planning to ruin your sister’s wedding today? Huh?” Roland bellowed at Selena.
- “It was you who invited me to the wedding and to give a toast, which I did. I wished them everlasting happiness. Isn’t that good enough?” Her expression soured.
- In the end, the wedding host had to announce the completion of the wedding to put an end to the drama. After that, Selena had absolutely no appetite for the feast and left with Juniper.
- However, the moment they left the entrance of Regalia Hotel, they saw a man in front of them. This time, Pierre Fowler seemed to look different from before.
- His sharp features looked like the product of a sculptor. His straight and bushy brows were manly, and his deep, dark eyes could entice one’s soul. His tall and bulky figure had a dignified feel to it.
- That’s right? How have I never suspected the mismatch between his profession—a gigolo who frequents entertainment centers—and his special aura? Selena Yard, are you blind?

- With a hand in the pocket, Pierre stared at her with a scorching gaze.
- “You’re shameless.” She could not stop herself from blurting out. She had no intention of talking to him and headed in the direction of the parking garage with Juniper in tow. “Juniper, let’s go.”
- “Hmph! Go away, you big fat liar!” Juniper made a face at Pierre in an unfriendly fashion and did not turn back again.

## Chapter 67 She Must Have Done That on Purpose

- Pierre was about to give chase but was soon held back by a thought in his head. What am I gonna say to her? After all, I can’t tell her I only cozied up to her because I thought she was a spy. That’ll surely make her blood boil without a doubt! As the lady drove off and disappeared from his sight, he couldn’t help but feel a stab of pain deep down.
- At the same time, Meredith was watching the entire scenario from afar before going back to the hotel. Upon her return, she headed upstairs right away, not to the banquet hall but to the lounge to check on Megan. Meanwhile, the latter was crying at the top of her lungs so hard that her voice turned hoarse. She was then seen crazily ripping her wedding dress apart, even knocking all her cosmetics over from the table. My wedding should have been the proudest moment in my life, yet it has now become my biggest humiliation that I have to live down for the rest of my days! There is no way I’ll let things slide so easily!
- “She must have done that on purpose! She must have! Selena is no longer the same person I know. She is now trying to seek revenge on me all because I raised a hand to her daughter! Ah—” Megan’s piercing voice echoed through the air as if it was about to shatter the glass. At that moment, she finally caught on to everything that had happened in hindsight. No wonder Selena didn’t say a single word previously. I thought she had learned her lesson and decided to be a good girl, but I didn’t think she was merely just putting on a show all along.
- In the meantime, Meredith only stood aside and stared at her agitated sister with an emotionless look on her face. Despite her indifferent attitude, she was heartbroken deep down. After all, she could empathize with Meredith’s emotional pain of losing the man she loved to another woman. Seeing the man she loves propose to another woman must have broken her heart, and the fact that the other woman turns out to be the one she ‘fears’ most is probably gonna scar her.
- Finally, Megan was tired of crying as she sat on the bed and gasped for breath until she heard a nonchalant voice. “Are you done whining?” Meredith’s glacial words reverberated around the space, instantly silencing Megan. “You only have yourself to blame! The whole thing was obviously a trap, yet you failed to see through it and even rushed headlong into it!”
- Megan abruptly turned around and looked at her sister. “Are you trying to gloat here?!”

- “That’s not my intention. Instead, I’m trying to tell you to learn your lesson and do better next time. Crying and whining are not gonna change anything at all! For now, you should worry about sustaining your marriage with Finneas.” Deep down, Meredith still blamed her own elder sister for her tardiness. Why couldn’t she be any smarter? I’m sure things would have played out differently had she told me everything earlier. Anyway, it’s too late to turn back now. What’s done is done.
- Soon, Megan eventually stopped crying after Meredith’s words slowly sank in and sobered her. That’s right! Considering their long history, Finneas could rekindle the old flames with Selena, now that she is JNS Corporation’s president. At the thought of that, she looked up at Meredith with fear and asked, “Merry, what do you think is going on between Pierre and Selena? It was Selena who made her advances toward Pierre, wasn’t it? So, that means she won’t get back together with Finneas, will she?”
- Meredith gave her sister an evil stare. “Are you saying that you wish for her to be with Pierre?!”
- “No! No! Of course not! That’s not what I meant!” After the last sentence, the sisters didn’t continue the conversation any further, as both of them seemed to harbor an ulterior motive in the depths of their minds.
- It was a sleepless night for many, while the gossip that was accompanied with laughter and ridicule had never stopped revolving around the unusually dramatic wedding.
- Soon, Megan was taken back to her room, where she waited until midnight when Finneas finally returned. The man’s face was seen with a gloomy look, blushing on both sides of his cheeks. As soon as he entered the room, Megan instantly walked up to the man and greeted him, pretending as if nothing had ever happened before. Nonetheless, Finneas didn’t even bother to cast an eye on her and went straight into the bathroom without hesitation, slamming the door right behind him that almost hit Megan’s face.

## Chapter 68 The Wedding Night

- Knowing that Finneas was still mad, Megan gently rubbed her swollen cheek and shed tears in a bitter manner. Ever since the bridegroom gave her a slap during the wedding, she was shamefully known to be the most miserable bride among the rich. Therefore, sustaining her marriage became her only way to protect her status and shush the critics at the same time. I must pull myself together and make this work!
- At the thought of that, Megan took out a small vial and took a pill out of it. When Finneas exited the bathroom, she caringly gave him a glass of water. Feeling thirsty after a whole night of drinking, the man took the glass and guzzled down the liquid in it.
- After that, Finneas sat on the bed with the same gloomy and solemn expression on his face and asked, “Answer me. Back when you told me Selena had an affair, did you plan all that? You fooled her into making out with a man whom she thought was me. Then, you fabricated a story and fed me your lies about her unfaithful act, didn’t you?”
- In fact, Finneas had smelled a rat the moment he heard Selena’s words during the wedding earlier that day. When I was younger back then, I was blinded by Megan’s

plausible meek nature so much that I believed her every word without question. It was only later that I realized it didn't seem right to me that Selena would have an affair. After all, apart from bedroom stuff she obeyed my wishes. Therefore, it's unimaginable that she'd sleep with another man behind my back!

- Megan stared at Finneas in shock. "How could you suspect me, Finneas?!"
- "Who else could it be besides you? Selena is a timid introvert who will never have an affair!"
- "What you've seen all the time is nothing but her facade! In fact, she always flirted with boys when she was younger. Then, when she was with you, she continued making dirty jokes with other men behind your back. Open your eyes and see through her!" Megan yelled despite the guilt that was haunting her deep down.
- Meanwhile, Finneas soon felt thirsty, staring at Megan as his body began to grow warmer increasingly. Noticing the change in the man's expression, the lady immediately leaned closer in a gentle manner before she was pinned down on the bed by Finneas.
- As soon as the drug kicked in, both of them proceeded to share an intimate moment in bed. After that, Finneas dozed off while Megan lay down beside him and caressed his cheeks. Nonetheless, the lady soon heard Finneas murmur something that would leave her eyes widened in horror. "Selena... Selena..."
- In the meantime, Selena helped dry Juniper's hair after bathing her, while the latter had her eyes glued to her mother until she was carried into the bed. "Mommy, can you sleep with me tonight?"
- Selena gazed at Juniper and rubbed her head. "Sure." Then, she settled her work in hand and buried herself underneath the little girl's blanket. Soon, Juniper lay down facing her mother and asked, "Mommy, I know where I'm from."
- Selena was stunned by the little girl's response. In fact, the reason behind what she did earlier that day was to let Juniper know about her origin. Worried that mere words would arouse her daughter's suspicion, she decided to speak up during the wedding in order to implicitly convey her message to Juniper.
- "You don't know who my daddy is, do you?" Juniper's gaze seemed so pure and innocent, as she was not affected by the matter in any way at all. Instead, she was more worried about her own mother.
- Selena reacted with a nod. "You're right. I don't know who your daddy is, but I used to think that Finneas was your father until I subsequently found out I was wrong. So, I can't answer your question for the time being, and I'm sorry about that, Juniper."

## **Chapter 69 Mr Cheater Versus Mr Handsome**

- I was a victim back then, but I suppose my daughter's situation isn't any different either.
- "It's fine if you don't know anything." Juniper grinned, revealing her white teeth. "But how could you fall in love with Mr. Cheater, Mommy? You have a horrible taste!" Ever since

the wedding, Juniper had learned that Selena was once in a relationship with the bridegroom until he cheated on her mother with her aunt and drove them both away from home.

- Selena helplessly smiled and replied, "I don't know what was wrong with me, girl, but I guess you're right. I do have bad taste." Deep down, she recalled how she used to think that Finneas was a handsome and chivalrous gentleman, only to be disgusted by her own previous preference. I must have been blind back then.
- "He is not even half of Mr. Handsome!" Juniper blurted out before she quickly covered her mouth.
- In response, Selena only smiled in an awkward manner, as she also disapproved of Pierre's character. Then, she began to admit her bad taste for choosing two different men who both let her down.
- "It's okay, Mom! You deserve better! Don't worry, I'll be sure to find someone else who will treat you better than he does!"
- "Alright! Alright! You've been going on and on about marrying me off. Are you seriously so afraid that no one wants to marry your mom? Come on, time for bed, girl! Let me worry about my own issue." Selena gently pinched Juniper's nose and tucked her in.
- "Haha. That's because you're stuck with me!"
- After messing around with her mother for a while, Juniper dozed off in bed. On the other hand, Selena could hardly fall asleep, as she couldn't get rid of her bewilderment about Pierre. Why is that guy Pierre Fowler? If he weren't, we could really start a family of our own. Why did this happen when I just made up my mind to settle down with him? "Hmph! What a shameless guy!" Selena buried herself underneath the blanket, forcing herself to stop thinking about Pierre.
- The next morning, Selena took Juniper to Sunflower International Kindergarten for her orientation day, after which she headed to Forever Gown. Since she was still looking for a suitable location for JNS Corporation, she had to make do with her makeshift office until then.
- At the same time, Linda had been bombarded with phone calls even when she was charging her mobile device. "President Yard, I've been spammed with calls from companies around Astoria wanting to work with us." Linda was busy answering calls even when she was brushing her teeth earlier that morning, tired yet excited.
- "Really?" Selena responded with a calm voice as if she had seen this coming. In fact, she already knew that this would be inevitable the moment she had decided to attend Megan's wedding. Therefore, she wasn't surprised at all when she heard what Linda said.
- Later, Selena gathered her team members in the meeting room. After everyone was seated, Linda's phone was still ringing non-stop, forcing her to turn it off for the time being.
- "President Yard, fighting solo is no longer a popular strategy nowadays, especially for foreign companies like us. Therefore, we must form an alliance with a local company in order to penetrate the market in Astoria. I heard that Fowler Corporation's subsidiary, Laya, hasn't been doing well for the past two years. In fact, Fowler Corporation initially

owned forty percent of shares in Laya, but due to its extensive involvement across various business ventures, the management has decided to redeem the shares from the subsidiary. Besides, the unsatisfactory performance of Laya's partnering company in the past two years is also another huge reason behind the share redemption. Therefore, I say this is our chance to make our move."

- Upon hearing that, Linda coughed and looked down since she was aware of what had happened at the wedding the day before.

## Chapter 70 Plan Aborted

- Pauline didn't understand what Linda's cough meant, and neither did it concern her since she was a typical workaholic. "President Yard, I've prepared a proposal for your perusal." Pauline then handed a file over to Selena.
- At that moment, the expression on Selena's face changed because she no longer wanted anything to do with Pierre.
- Soon, Pauline added, "We must enter Astoria's market as soon as possible, and Fowler Corporation will be our ticket in. If we were to go for the other alternatives, it would only cost us more time and resources. The worst part of all, it doesn't even guarantee half of our success."
- After hearing Pauline's bold and confident words, Selena knew that she must have done a thorough market analysis. Thus, she had to concede that Pauline knew better about the market than she did. At the same time, she set her eyes on the thick proposal, acknowledging her employee's hard work in compiling all her findings.
- "I hereby announce that we will abort the plan to cooperate with Fowler Corporation." Selena made her decision known after long deliberation. Her words left everyone nonplussed, as they stared at her with their mouth left wide agape. Since it was known that Selena had visited the Fowler Family with Linda earlier, they all thought that the company's plan to work with Fowler Corporation was etched in stone. Therefore, none of them could believe their ears when they heard Selena's announcement.
- "That's all for today's meeting! Entering Astoria's market and building our own brand are both our big goals, so let's take our time to map out our plan. I know everyone's been working around the clock recently. So, please take two days off, ladies and gentlemen!" Selena stood up and walked out the door, only to be followed closely by Pauline.
- "President Yard, this is our best chance, and it's now or never! Please take a look at my proposal!"
- "Pauline, I know you've done your job well, but you must be exhausted from all the work lately. So, go ahead and take two days off." Selena then stepped forward, leaving Pauline behind because she didn't know how to face her after witnessing the latter's effort. Nonetheless, only she herself knew deep down that she was even more unwilling to confront Pierre.

- In the meantime, Pauline adamantly caught up with her as she refused to give up. "Please, President Yard! I implore you to take a look at my proposal, as I'm sure the plan will work out!"
- Once again, Selena was forced to stop in her tracks. "Pauline, there are many companies out there who have expressed their interests in working with us. So, Fowler Corporation isn't necessarily our only choice. Moreover, this situation is like a double-edged sword to me, although I must admit that it is indeed a great opportunity for us. Fowler Corporation is not as simple as you think it is. Working with them may benefit us immensely, but it could also lead to unfavorable consequences. So, if we're not careful enough, we could land ourselves in deep trouble. Thus, this is not a risk I'd like to take. Do you understand me?"
- At that moment, Pauline didn't say a single word, as she slowly began to understand that returns came with risks. Although the partnership with Fowler Corporation could indeed bring a lot of benefit to our company, those people are not fools either, as they will probably expect something great in return as well. If we fail to deliver that, we could find ourselves in an inescapable dilemma, just like President Yard said.
- Meanwhile, Selena patted Pauline's shoulder and left the office. Since the meeting had ended sooner than usual, she decided to make her way to Juniper's school. After driving her daughter to school a few times, Selena began to be more and more familiar with the traffic around the area, knowing that the roads would be congested every day when the school was over. Therefore, Selena parked her car some place further away from the kindergarten, after which she walked there to fetch Juniper. I think it would also be a good opportunity for both of us to take a stroll along the way.
- As soon as she parked her car, Selena caught a glimpse of a familiar figure in the rear mirror. Pierre Fowler? The man was seen with a new car, a red Lamborghini with the word 'Veneno'. In fact, it was a Spanish word that meant venom, which later became the name that was known to everyone.