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Chapter 156 Admirer

"It's fine. I can get it done on my own." Jared didn't want Hilda to go through the trouble. Besides, he had already given the task to Tommy. He believed that Tommy could secure the contract successfully.

However, Hilda had doubts about Jared's capability. He must be telling me this just so that I wouldn't be worried.

She then took out her phone stealthily and gave the aforementioned ex-classmate a call.

Soon after that, Hilda left the office with her bag. Instead of bringing Jared along, she thought it would be a good idea to put in a good word for Jared beforehand.

She hailed a taxi and went to Cosmic Chemical. The office was a skyscraper located in the center of Horington. In fact, Cosmic Chemical was one of the most prominent companies in the industry.

A security guard stopped Hilda in her tracks at the entrance of the building. "What are you here for?"

"Mister, I'm here to see Mr. Leigh!" Hilda answered courteously.

"We have rules here. Whoever you intend to meet here, that person has to come to bring you in," the security guard said.

Hilda then called her ex-classmate, Jeffrey Leigh.

Just a few minutes later, a well-groomed young man in glasses came walking toward the entrance.

"Jeffrey!" Hilda waved at him.

Jeffrey then walked hurriedly toward Hilda. The security guard greeted him with the utmost respect, "Good day to you, Mr. Leigh."

"This person is my friend. The next time you see her, don't you dare stop her from coming in!" Jeffrey said with an authoritative voice.

One couldn't help but think that Jeffrey was taking advantage of his position in the company to speak rudely.

"Yes, sir! I understand!" The security guard nodded profusely.

"Hilda, come. Follow me." Jeffrey walked her in.

"Ugh! What a snob!" the security guard grumbled as he watched Jeffrey leave.

"Wow! You're doing well in life, Jeffrey!" Hilda exclaimed in amazement.

"I'm doing okay." Jeffrey smiled.

Upon arriving in his office, Jeffrey poured Hilda a cup of coffee.

Hilda took a glance around the luxurious office with a hint of envy. We stepped foot into the society at the same time, and he's already holding such a position in a prominent company. Yet, I've only found a new job!

"Did no one tell you about the gathering last night?" Hilda asked while taking the cup of coffee from Jeffrey.

He's an ex-classmate to everyone present last night, and he's based in the same city. Besides, he's doing rather well in life! It's unlikely that no one has informed him!

"Yes, I was told. But I've been busy lately. I heard Lincoln was there as well." Jeffrey's face was filled with contempt. It was obvious that he chose not to attend because he had no interest in seeing those people.

Hilda's facial expression turned awkward when she heard Lincoln's name being mentioned.

Back then, Jeffrey was an admirer of Hilda, but Lincoln was the cool kid in school. Naturally, Hilda was attracted to him instead of Jeffrey. That was why she had rejected Jeffrey when he confessed his love for her.

From then onward, Jeffrey had made Lincoln his sworn enemy. Jeffrey had used it as a motivation to work hard in life and make something out of himself. He had graduated with flying colors and had been employed by Cosmic Chemical after graduation. Within a few short years, he had managed to climb the corporate ladder and become an office administrator.

"Yes, he was there. He's now Michelle's boyfriend," Hilda answered.

Hilda revealed the information regarding Lincoln's relationship because she didn't want Jeffrey to feel bad about what they had gone through during their school days. Besides, she was there to ask for a favor.

"You guys have broken up?" Jeffrey asked flatly.

Chapter 157 Consider My Request

Hilda nodded in response.

"Why did you and Lincoln break up? He's rich and handsome. Didn't you love him for those strengths of him?"

"I..." Although she was at a loss for words, she could tell that he was gloating within.

Jeffrey's smile widened after he saw her reaction. He then inquired, "Why did you come here to see me? Is anything the matter?"

"I'm currently working as a sales representative at Sentiment Chemical Limited. My company wishes to collaborate with yours, so I hope that you'll help me out," she replied.

Upon hearing that, Jeffrey suddenly chuckled. "Do you know how much our contracts are worth? Each of them is worth at least ten million. A mere sales representative like you wants to secure a collaboration with Cosmic Chemical? Is this a joke?"

"I'm aware that collaborations with Cosmic Chemical are hard to get, which is why I came to see you. You're an office administrator here, so you must have some connections. I hope that you can help me out. I won't forget your kindness," Hilda hurriedly pleaded.

I must find a way to secure this contract. Otherwise, Zayne would surely fire Jared.

Jeffrey burst into laughter when he saw her pleading look. He looked slightly crazed, causing Hilda's eyes to glint with fear.

"Are you begging me to help you, Hilda? Do you remember how you treated me when I was pursuing you back then? You only had eyes for Lincoln at that time, while I was simply a nobody to you. I can't believe that you're pleading for my help now."

He vented all the anger that was suppressed in his heart for many years. "I'll be honest with you. It only takes one word from me for you to secure this collaboration, given that all the managers here will do as I say. But why should I help you?"

Hearing this, Hilda felt extremely awkward. It was true that she did not fancy him back then, and she had even disregarded his presence. Little had she expected that she had to beg for his help at this moment.

If it weren't for Jared, I would've walked away. I wouldn't have come to see Jeffrey in the first place!

"I admit I was wrong back then. I shouldn't have ignored you." She lowered her head as she desperately demeaned herself.

As long as she could sign the contract, Hilda would not even hesitate to kneel before him.

Jeffrey felt extremely satisfied upon seeing her pathetic look. He had answered her call and told her to come to the company just so he could vent his frustration.

"I won't make things difficult for you, Hilda. Considering that we used to be schoolmates and I used to like you, you only need to agree to sleep with me for one night, and I'll immediately bring you to a manager to sign the contract."

Jeffrey's eyes lit up with lust as the corners of his lips lifted.

Hilda was stunned by his words. Never would she have expected that he would make such a request.

"How could you, Jeffrey?" She was beyond furious.

"Since you don't agree to it, there's nothing left for us to discuss. You may leave now," Jeffrey said with a sneer.

Although Hilda had the urge to slam the door and leave, she stopped herself as soon as she thought of Jared.

She then stared at the man in front of her imploringly. "C-Could you make a different request, Jeffrey? I can grovel at your feet and do anything you say!"

"I only have one request. If you don't agree to it, there's no point in negotiating anymore. I'll give you ten minutes to consider. After that, everything you say is meaningless."

Jeffrey walked out of the office as soon as he finished his sentence, leaving Hilda rooted to the spot.

Chapter 158 Massage

As soon as Jeffrey stepped out of his office, he saw a man and a woman walking toward him. The man's arm was wrapped in a bandage.

They were Leyton and Sandy, who also came to discuss business.

Negotiations between Cosmic Chemical and the Scott family were nearly complete, and it was safe to say that the contract was secured. Not only that, but many of the mid-level staff at Cosmic Chemical had also obtained benefits from the Scott family.

Noticing that Leyton had come in person, Jeffrey immediately ran over with a flattering smile. "Mr. Scott, I never thought that you would personally come here!"

In fact, there was no need for Leyton, the heir of the Scott family, to come in person. Still, he hurried over with an injured arm only because he could not wait to humiliate Jared.

"Has the representative from Sentiment Chemical Limited arrived?" Leyton inquired.

Jeffrey nodded. "Yes. The person is now in my office."

"Really?" Leyton's eyes lit up when he heard that. "Take me to him. Is he a young man?"

"No, it's a girl. A former schoolmate who came over to ask for my help."

Confusion was written all over Jeffrey's face as he replied.

Leyton was also stunned to hear that it was a girl. "It can't be. Why didn't Jared come? Could it be that he's scared?" Leyton questioned with a slight frown.

"Could it be that Jared knew he wouldn't get the contract, so he didn't dare to come for fear of embarrassing himself?"

Sandy was also perplexed.

Leyton shook his head. "No. Unless he resigns, he won't dare to go against Xavier's words."

Jeffrey was confused by their conversation. The Scott family and the Sullivan family have always been business rivals. Why would Leyton be concerned about the Sullivans today?

"Sentiment Chemical Limited has only sent a girl who used to be my schoolmate, Mr. Scott. I've left her in the office," repeated Jeffrey.

Leyton looked at him while commenting, "Mr. Leigh, I don't suppose you'll give in just because your old schoolmate begged for help, right?"

"Of course not. Cosmic Chemical will certainly collaborate with the Scott family. Since I've taken money from your family, of course my loyalty lies with you!" Jeffrey hurriedly waved his hands as he replied.

Leyton nodded in approval. "That's good. Your loyalty will be rewarded in the future."

Although he was disappointed that Jared had not come, he thought that securing the deal with Cosmic Chemical was still a good thing.

Just as Leyton and Sandy were preparing to head upstairs to the general manager's office on the top floor to discuss business, Jared suddenly appeared in the doorway.

However, the security guards stopped him from entering.

Leyton's eyes lit up as soon as he saw Jared. He immediately strutted over with a smirk.

Sandy also put on an arrogant expression as she wrapped her arms around Leyton's.

"Well, well, if it isn't Jared. I heard that you're a sales representative now. Did Ms. Sullivan dump you? You even moved out of the mansion," Leyton mocked while staring at him in contempt.

Jared was a little surprised to see them. Although he knew that Cosmic Chemical had been negotiating a deal with the Scott family, he did not expect to see Leyton in person.

However, he immediately understood once he noticed the bandage on Leyton's arm and Sandy's presence. This so-called negotiation today is probably aimed at humiliating me. Leyton must've known in advance that I was coming, which is why he came over in person. Since the Scott family is at odds with the Sullivan family, it can only mean that someone working in this company must've informed Leyton that I'm coming over to discuss business.

An image of a person immediately popped into his mind, and that was none other than Xavier.

Having thought things through, Jared cast a faint smile. "Is your arm better? Shall I give you a massage?"

Leyton instinctively backed away as soon as he heard that. He was well aware of Jared's capabilities.

Chapter 159 Foul Mouth

"You're nothing without Josephine's backing, Jared. How dare you speak to Ley like that?" shouted Sandy.

Jared's expression became solemn as a cold glint shone in his eyes. "Did you not brush your teeth? Such a foul mouth you have."

With that said, he stepped forward and gave her a tight slap.

Before anyone could react, half of her face had turned red and swollen.

Jeffrey was stunned to see that Jared dared to lay a hand on Sandy.

Everyone knew that she was dating Leyton. For an ordinary man like Jared to physically assault the girlfriend of the heir of the Scott family would be equivalent to digging his own grave.

"How dare you assault someone at our company entrance!" bellowed Jeffrey. He then turned around and shouted, "Security, take him away!"

Two bodyguards quickly approached Jared.

However, Jeffrey failed to notice that Leyton had not uttered a single word ever since Sandy was slapped. Jeffrey was merely an office administrator, and yet he had the audacity to go up against Jared.

Jared easily ducked the attacks from the two bodyguards before explaining to Jeffrey, "I came from Sentiment Chemical Limited to discuss business."

Hearing this, Jeffrey snorted. "Our company won't discuss business with ill-mannered people. Besides, we've already decided to collaborate with the Scott family, so you can see yourself out."

Jared's brows furrowed slightly. "Are you the general manager of Cosmic Chemical?"

"No, I'm the office administrator, but I have a say in the collaboration matter. You should see yourself out," Jeffrey replied coldly.

Leyton shot Jared a murderous gaze. "Just because you're good at fighting doesn't mean that no one can take you down, Jared. Now that Josephine no longer cares about you, I can always hire someone to get rid of you!"

Jared had made him lose face by slapping Sandy in front of everyone.

"Don't kill him off immediately. You must torture him to death. It'll be great if you can get rid of his parents too," Sandy said through gritted teeth, enraged by the slap.

As soon as she mentioned his parents, Jared's eyes were instantly filled with malice, exuding a murderous aura.

Sandy felt a shiver creep down her spine. She shuddered and hurriedly took several steps back, rushing to hide behind Leyton.

Leyton, on the other hand, was stunned into silence.

Unlike them, Jeffrey was visibly enraged. "Security! Get this person out of my sight!"

Six bodyguards surrounded Jared in no time.

"To think that a mere office administrator dares to make decisions for the company?"

With that said, Jared headed into the company.

The bodyguards charged at Jared at once upon seeing that.

Meanwhile, the general manager, Raymond Green, was pacing around his office on the top floor of Cosmic Chemical.

He was extremely nervous. Ever since he was informed by Tommy that Jared was coming over to discuss business, his heart refused to be stilled.

Raymond had also attended Walter's banquet and had personally witnessed Tommy and Walter treating Jared with respect. The way Jared had gotten rid of Steven, in particular, had left a deep impression on the general manager.

Back then, everyone at the banquet was eager to butter up Jared, including Raymond. However, he had not gotten the opportunity to approach Jared due to his lower status. Hence, when Raymond heard that

Jared would be coming in person to discuss a possible collaboration, he instantly broke into a cold sweat. He was afraid that he would offend Jared by not giving him a proper welcome. However, he swore to make the most out of this chance to get acquainted with Jared.

Chapter 160 Make Your Life Difficult

"Has the representative from Sentiment Chemical Limited arrived, Eliza?" Raymond inquired as he took a look at the time.

"I'm not sure about that. I'll go and take a look," replied the secretary.

"Remember, once he has arrived, you must personally escort him to my office," reminded Raymond.

"Understood." With that said, Eliza hurriedly made her way downstairs.

However, as soon as she entered the main hall, she noticed that a crowd had gathered at the entrance. Not only that, several bodyguards were about to charge at a person they had surrounded.

"Stop it! What are you doing? Why are you guys causing a ruckus at the entrance of our company? You're making us look bad!"

Eliza marched toward them in fury.

The second Jeffrey spotted the secretary, he quickly waved his hand, signaling the bodyguards to disperse. Then he put on an apologetic smile as he said, "This man was causing trouble and even assaulted someone. That's why I called the bodyguards over, Eliza."

"Assault?" Eliza shot a quick look at Jared before turning to Jeffrey. "Send him away quickly. Otherwise, it'll look bad on us when the representative arrives."

"Sure! Right away! I'll get someone to send him away now." While nodding his head, Jeffrey waved his hand at the bodyguards, and they immediately surrounded Jared once again.

"Eliza!" Leyton smiled as he greeted the secretary.

He knew that he should be friendly toward everyone in the management team in order to secure the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical.

Eliza merely nodded in acknowledgment before turning to Jeffrey. "Is the representative from Sentiment Chemical Limited here yet? Remember to inform Mr. Green as soon as he arrives."

Jeffrey looked slightly startled upon hearing those words. He immediately pointed at Jared. "H-He is the representative..."

The color drained out of Eliza's face when she heard that.

She had witnessed Raymond's uneasiness since early that morning. Although she did not know the status of the person from Sentiment Chemical Limited, she knew very well from Raymond's reaction that he must be someone they could not afford to offend.

Upon realizing that the person they nearly drove away was the one she was waiting for, the secretary felt her heart skip a beat.

“Stand down... Get out of here immediately!”

Eliza hurriedly sent the bodyguards away. Afterward, she put on a polite smile and turned toward Jared. “I’m Eliza, Mr. Green’s secretary. He’s waiting for you in his office. Please follow me, sir.”

Jared nodded slightly in response before following the secretary toward the stairs.

The corners of his mouth curled into a smirk as he walked past Leyton.

Jeffrey and Leyton stared at him as he walked away, both baffled at the sudden turn of events.

“Didn’t you say that the Scott family’s collaboration with Cosmic Chemical is already secured, Mr. Leigh? If so, why would Raymond invite Jared upstairs?” Leyton questioned.

“It’s true. I’ve confirmed it with Mr. Green long before this. Back then, he had already agreed to collaborate with the Scott family. I don’t know what went wrong either!”

Jeffrey was equally as baffled by the current situation.

“I’m going up to have a look. So many people in this company have taken our bribe money. If I can’t secure the deal, I’ll make life difficult for you all!”

With Sandy in tow, Leyton walked toward the stairs, and no one dared to stop them.

Jeffrey, on the other hand, stood rooted to the spot in shock. As the person that took the most money and did the most for the Scott family, he knew that he would suffer terrible consequences if the deal was not given to them.

At that thought, he secretly followed them. Although he had no right to participate in the business discussion, he could eavesdrop on the conversation from outside.

Meanwhile, as soon as Raymond noticed Eliza bringing Jared into the office, his eyes shone as though he had just met his biggest idol.