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Chapter 451 Money or His Life

Matteo had heard of Caspian before. His father, Chandler, had said that it was Caspian who killed Alfred, the Kane family's senior protector.

Alfred had been the family's pillar of strength with his formidable power, and his death dealt a crushing blow to the family.

"I've been looking for you! You've got quite the nerve to come walking to your doom!" Matteo guffawed before scowling ferociously at Caspian.

"Get him, men! You're going to die today, Caspian! Men? Come here!"

Matteo kept calling out, but nothing happened. He started feeling uneasy.

"Don't bother yelling. All of your men have been knocked down," Caspian said coolly.

"That's impossible! You're lying to me! There are hundreds of them! They couldn't have all died!" Matteo roared in disbelief.

His men were all trained fighters. How could they have been defeated so easily?

Matteo rushed out, only to see the bodies scattered across the yard as soon as he stepped outside.

The choking stench of blood permeated the air.

Legs giving way, Matteo crumpled to the ground in horror,

Who was Caspian? How could he be this powerful?

These fighters had played a big role in helping the Kanes establish themselves in Enies, but now, they were all gone!

"You fiend! You're a demon! I'm going to kill you!" Matteo fumed as he stood up and glowered at Caspian.

Grabbing a blade, he lunged at Caspian.

A muffled thump rang out, and Matteo stumbled backward. Sylvia had kicked him away.

"How dare a useless piece of trash like you try to lay your hands on Caspian?" Sylvia scoffed derisively.

She wouldn't let a guy like Matteo even get close to Caspian.

Slumped on the ground, Matteo was dumbstruck. It felt as if the kick had broken a few of his ribs.

An armored soldier went over to untie Landon.

“Mr. Lynch!” Landon cried out between sobs. “You came just in time! Any later, and I might’ve died...”

He really thought he was about to die.

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Landon had suffered quite a lot in Enies. He had never been in such dangerous situations. before.

“Cut it out,” Caspian snapped. He was annoyed by the sight of the injured Landon crying himself silly.

Landon quickly wiped his tears away.

“You did well. I’ll ask Willow to give you a raise and a promotion once we return. You’ll be in charge of the southern market!”

Caspian said.

“Thank you, Mr. Lynch!” Landon exclaimed in joy.

By becoming the person in charge of Southlake Corporation’s operations in the southern market, he would have a brilliant future ahead of him.

“And now,

I’m giving you a chance to take your revenge on him for tormenting you!”

Caspian said coldly.

Sylvia kicked the iron whip over to Landon.

Pushing through the pain, Landon picked up the iron whip and glared balefully at Matteo.

Thanks to that bastard, he had been beaten to a pulp.

If Caspian had arrived any later, Landon would’ve died at the hands of Matteo’s men.

“What are you doing? I’m Matteo Kane, the son of the Kane family! If you even lay a finger on .me, you’re a goner!”

Matteo was filled with fear the moment he saw Landon approaching, but no one was around to help him.

“You bastard!” Landon shouted as he raised the whip and brought it down hard.

Matteo howled in agony, his face contorting. He didn’t expect the whipping to be so painful.

Landon whipped Matteo over and over again, all the while sneering.

“Aren’t you supposed to be so fucking powerful?”

“Weren’t you going to beat me to death?”

“Well, come on, then! Let me see how you’re going to do it now!”

Landon vented all of his pent-up fury as he gave Matteo a furious lashing.

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“Stop! Please stop! I’m going to die if you don’t!” Matteo begged.

“Aren’t you the high and mighty son of the Kane family? Why are you begging for mercy like a pathetic loser?” Landon snorted ruthlessly.

Matteo couldn’t respond.

Meanwhile, Caspian smirked as he witnessed the scene.

He knew Landon was only acting this way because he had been pushed too far.

All along, Landon had been an upright and decent man. Alas, when someone like that was pushed to the brink, there was no telling what they would do.

All of a sudden, the phone on the couch started ringing.

Caspian picked it up and took the call.

The anxious voice of an older man came through the phone.

“Matteo, how are things going on your end?”

“I assume you’re Chandler Kane?” Caspian remarked.

When Chandler heard a voice that didn’t belong to Matteo answering him, he got a bad feeling.

“Who are you?”

“Have you forgotten about me already, Mr. Kane Senior? You wanted to kill me in the past. This is Caspian Lynch,” Caspian replied in amusement.

“Caspian Lynch? Where’s my son? What did you do to him?” Chandler shouted. He figured that his son was in danger.

“Calm down, Mr. Kane Senior. Your son’s still alive, though I’m not sure how much longer,” Caspian said with a chuckle.

“Dad! Help! Save me!” Matteo screamed at the top of his lungs.

“Matteo! Are you alright?” Chandler shouted urgently.

“Where are you, Dad? Come and save me! They’re going to kill me! Argh-”

“Who said you could speak?” Landon snarled as he whipped Matteo a couple more times. Matteo clenched his jaw and stayed quiet.

“Caspian, if you dare to continue hurting my son, I’ll kill you!” Chandler roared. He was brimming with rage. Matteo was his only son.

Chandler didn’t expect Caspian to act this quickly.

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over.”

how, Mr. Kane Senior, but I can't promise he'll live much longer if you don't come

“What the hell do you want, Caspian?” Chandler growled.

“My demand is a simple one. I want the Kane family to withdraw from the business market in Enies. If you do that, your son will be fine. You can choose between your son's life and your business in Enies,” Caspian declared with a smile.

“I...

Chandler was at a loss.

He couldn't believe that Caspian was asking him to give up on his business in Enies completely.

A majority of the Kane family's resources came from Enies. Without the city as its source of revenue, the family's prestige would go down a notch.

Furthermore, Jyn had given clear orders to Chandler. He was to fend off Southlake

Corporation at all costs. He would be doomed if he willingly handed over the business market in Enies.

“Don't even think about it, Caspian! I'll never withdraw from Enies!” Chandler declared.

“Is that so? That means you don't care about your son's life, right?” Caspian said as he gestured at Landon.

Landon got the message and started whipping Matteo once more.

“Dad! Save me! I don't want to die! Just hand Enies over to them! Otherwise, I'm going to die!” Matteo rolled on the ground in pain as the whip repeatedly slashed against his skin.

Chapter 452 Zayn's Plan

Landon started whipping Matteo more brutally, and listening to Matteo's anguished howls pained Chandler to no end.

“Have you decided, Mr. Kane Senior? Are you willing to let your only son be beaten to death?” Caspian queried with a chuckle.

Overwhelmed by Caspian's comment, Chandler crumbled. In the end, he chose to give in to Caspian's demands.

“Fine. I'll do it. I'll withdraw from Enies and give up the market there, but my son Matteo must not be harmed. Or else, I'll get even with you!”

Chandler couldn't give up on Matteo, of course. He could always find ways to

claim back the business market, but he would live in regret forever if he lost his son.

“That’s wise of you. As long as the Kane family withdraws from Enies immediately, I

guarantee your son will be fine,” Caspian said with a smirk.

“Make sure you keep your promise!” Chandler growled before terminating the call.

Looking around, Caspian remarked, “This villa seems pretty decent. We’ll use it as the base for Southlake Corporation’s northern expansion.”

Then, he looked at Landon and continued, “The Kane family will be withdrawing from Enies. Get ready to take over the business market.”

“Got it!” Landon exclaimed happily. True enough, he had made the right decision by obeying Caspian’s orders. He now had a bright future ahead of him.

The next day, a shocking piece of news spread like wildfire.

The Kane family was relinquishing their power in Enies and surrendering their hold on the business market.

Everyone in Dhord City was stupefied. They couldn’t believe it. Did Chandler get kicked in the head?

Why was he handing over Enies completely?

Meanwhile, over at Morrison Group, Jyn was so enraged that she smashed everything within reach. Soon, her office was in shambles.

She was consumed by rage once she learned the Kanes were handing over their territory in Enies.

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This meant that Southlake Corporation would soon claim Enies, and the company would then start expanding its influence into

Dhord City.

That was precisely what Jyn didn’t want to see happening.

“Chandler, you bastard! We agreed that you’d stop Southlake Corporation at all costs! What a useless bastard!” Jyn shrieked in fury.

Ginger, who was standing on the side, kept quiet with her head lowered. Jyn

was having a fit, and Ginger didn't want to get caught in the crossfire.

"Where's Chandler? Where did he go?" Jyn asked as she glared at Ginger.

"He said he's feeling under the weather and can't leave the house," Ginger replied timidly.

"That's bullshit! He's just too scared to show himself!" Jyn screamed.

After venting her fury, Jyn finally managed to calm down.

"Stop all our partnerships with the Kanes at once! Since they had the nerve to betray me, I'll run them out of Dhord City!" Jyn snarled.

"Yes, Ms. Morrison!" Ginger replied with a nod.

In the blink of an eye, the Kane family lost both Enies as well as their chance to partner up with Morrison Group.

Shocked by the blow, Chandler fell seriously ill and was confined to his bed.

"Don't worry, honey. I've settled everything, and Landon's fine now. You can find the right opportunity to come over with Rebecca.

She's our trump card. We'll need her help to claim the business market!"

Caspian said over the phone to Willow.

Southlake Corporation had taken ahold of Enies' business market. From here on out, the company would continue to expand its business and influence into Dhord City.

Thus, it was time for Willow, the CEO of Southlake Corporation, to come forward.

With Rebecca's involvement in the promotions, it wouldn't be a problem for Southlake City to break into Dhord City's business market.

After exchanging some sweet nothings with Willow, Caspian ended the call.

Just then, Landon came in, seemingly with something to report.

"Have you sorted out the Kane family's businesses yet?" Caspian asked.

"We've bought up all of the Kanes' holdings, Mr. Lynch, but we need to set up a branch office here. Otherwise, we won't be able to expand our influence in the local market," Landon days.

Before that, you need to set up an office for the new branch. Get all the paperwork done. When Willow comes over, we can immediately move on to our next step," Caspian instructed.

"You got it, Mr. Lynch! I'll get everything done!"

The news of Willow's impending arrival energized Landon, and he swiftly got to work. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him to prove himself.

The Gasse family was a wealthy and influential one in Dhord City. Due to their prominent

status, they owned an estate that stretched on for thousands of acres.

Zayn, who was currently at home, remarked with narrowed eyes, "Caspian Lynch has come to Dhord City?"

The very then

of Caspian pissed him off.

Earlier on, he had intended to woo Jyn, but Caspian had given him a harsh beating. Unable to fight back, Zayn had to flee.

He hadn't forgotten about that yet.

Zayn couldn't figure out why Caspian, who merely served in the army for a few years, was that ruthless and even had the audacity to stand against him.

He had been planning on leading a bunch of his subordinates over to Southlake City to teach Caspian a lesson, but Caspian had delivered himself up on a silver platter instead.

Zayn thought this was a great opportunity!

"That's right, Mr. Gasse," Ginger replied. She was dressed provocatively, with her cleavage just barely visible.

She strutted over to Zayn, sat on his lap, and put her arms around his neck before saying softly, "Mr. Gasse, I'm only sharing this news with you."

"Alright. Since Caspian had the nerve to come here, I'm going to let him get a taste of what I'm capable of!" Zayn snarled menacingly.

Dhord City was his territory. It would be a piece of cake for him to deal with Caspian here.

"Don't underestimate Caspian, Mr. Gasse. He just helped Southlake Corporation claim Enies'

business market. The Kanes have been run out of Enies and have given up on their territory there," Ginger informed.

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"The Kanes? As if they're anything worth shouting about!" Zayn scoffed derisively.

"They're just a lesser-known elite family. Meanwhile, we, the Gasses, are an elite family in Dhord City and have a solid

foundation here. It'll be like child's play for me to deal with Caspian."

"I know you don't think Caspian is a threat, Mr. Gasse, but he's very powerful. There's no harm in being cautious," Ginger reminded him.

She had suffered quite a lot, thanks to Caspian. She also knew that the slightest bit of carelessness could lead to disaster.

"You're right. Although Caspian is the Stewart family's matrilocal son-in-law, I heard some rumors about him. It was said that members of the Four Noble Lineages of Dhord City attended his wedding. I wonder if that's true," Zayn remarked thoughtfully.

He was curious about Caspian, whose true identity was still a mystery to him.

"Southlake Corporation may have claimed a portion of Enies' business market, but the Gasses command a large market share too!

"As long as we make our move, Southlake Corporation will never be able to break into the market... Heh!" Zayn declared smugly.

Chapter 453 Doing Whatever It Took

The Gasse family held a lot of influence in Dhord City, and they owned businesses in Enies as well.

Zayn knew he could stop Southlake Corporation from breaking into Enies' business market.

He didn't think a nobody from Southlake City like Caspian could do anything in Dhord City. In this day and age, connections were of the utmost importance. Without them, it was too hard for one to establish oneself in a new place.

"That's such a great plan, Mr. Gasse!" Ginger acclaimed.

Southlake Corporation wanted to expand its business in the northern region of Diatoran, but if the company failed at Enies, it wouldn't be able to go any further.

The company would have to withdraw from Enies with its tail between its legs. Ginger despised Caspian with every fiber of her being. He had humiliated her countless times, and thanks to him, her relationship with Jyn deteriorated.

She dared not even speak freely in front of Jyn anymore, lest she got into trouble for saying the wrong thing.

That was the reason why Ginger immediately turned to Zayn. She got a good read on him.

Zayn was the scion of a wealthy family, and he would never let someone who slapped him in public get away so easily.

As long as he took action, getting rid of Caspian wouldn't be a problem at all. "You little slut! Don't forget what you said. If I kick Caspian out of Dhord City, I want Jyn!" Zac said with a sly smirk as he clutched Ginger by the chin.

Ginger squirmed as she said shyly, "Will I get something, too?"

"Of course!" Zayn declared before pulling her close.

"Not here, Mr. Gasse. What if someone sees us?" Ginger exclaimed as she flushed scarlet. She was still a virgin, but she was willing to do whatever it took to get her revenge.

"Hahaha! No one barges into my villa without permission. Come. I'm going to have fun with you today!"

"You're so mean, Mr. Gasse, but I like it!"

And so, right there in the living room, the two of them...

Over at Enies' licensing department, a pot-bellied man with slicked-back hair was on the phone.

"Rest assured, Mr. Gasse. Without my approval, Southlake Corporation won't be able to open a branch office here!" Chadwick

Sheehan declared with a chuckle.

Although he was merely the director of the city's licensing department, he wield

a fair amount of power. Anyone who wanted to start a company in Enies had to be approved by him.

Nevertheless, Chadwick was respectful when he spoke to Zayn. Compared to the Gasse family's son, he was merely an insignificant speck of dust.

When the call ended, Chadwick's assistant came in and said, "The marketing manager from Southlake Corporation would like to see you, Mr. Sheehan."

Chadwick smirked. He didn't expect someone from Southlake Corporation to come over so soon, but it was the perfect chance for him to put them in their place.

"Send him in," Chadwick instructed as he lit up a cigarette.

"Got it, Mr. Sheehan."

His assistant backed out of the office, and Landon came in soon after.

"It's nice to meet you, Mr. Sheehan. I'm Landon Rowe, the marketing manager for Southlake Corporation," Landon greeted with a smile.

Landon was a long-time employee of Southlake Corporation. He knew that it

was often challenging to deal with such government departments. He needed to keep Chadwick happy if he wanted to get his approval for the branch office.

Thus, he was very polite with Chadwick.

“Do you want something?” Chadwick asked, looking up at Landon.

“Mr. Sheehan, Southlake Corporation wishes to open a branch office here in Enies, and to do so, we’ll need you to sign-”

Landon was halfway through when Chadwick shook his head and said, “I’m afraid that won’t be easy. Enies is an important area in Dhord City. Many companies wish to break into the business market here, so we’re very strict with our licensing.”

Landon was startled. He had already completed all the necessary procedures. All that was left. was getting Chadwick’s signature.

However, Chadwick’s response showed that he wanted to make things difficult for Landon!

Still, Landon wasn’t surprised by this. It was not his first time encountering such a situation. It simply meant the other party was expecting some sort of kickback.

“I know it’s not easy for you, Mr. Sheehan. As a gesture of my goodwill...”

Trailing off, Landon took out a stack of money.

“What do you mean by this?” Chadwick jumped to his feet and growled in fury.

“Are you trying to offend me? I work for the government! I’ll never do such underhanded things! Get out right now! I’ll never approve your application.

“This is the kind of company you people are running, huh? Well, don’t even think about establishing yourselves here in Enies!”

Landon was dumbfounded. He was merely attempting to grease Chadwick’s fingers. Why did Chadwick blow his top?

“You’ve misunderstood me, Mr. Sheehan ...”

“Get out right this instant, or I’m calling security!”

Chadwick made a shooping gesture with his hand to chase Landon out of his office.

Landon’s expression darkened.

He got the picture now. Chadwick was purposely picking on Southlake Corporation. No matter how much money he offered, Chadwick wasn’t going to budge.

“I hope you won’t end up regretting your actions today, Mr. Sheehan!”

Southlake Corporation isn't a company you can toy with! Sooner or later, you'll come begging for mercy!" Landon snarled.

He was no pushover. Enraged by Chadwick's attitude, he marched out of the office. Since Chadwick was clearly trying to make things difficult for him, there was no reason for him to stick around any longer. Landon believed that Caspian could certainly resolve such challenges.

Chadwick scoffed as he shot Landon a disdainful glare.

"Without Mr. Gasse's permission, Southlake Corporation will never establish themselves here! As long as I stay firm on this, Mr.

Gasse will definitely reward me. Maybe I'll even get a promotion," Chadwick remarked with a smug smile.

He leaned back against his chair with a carefree smile.

After leaving the licensing department, Landon was still so furious that he couldn't stop shaking.

He couldn't believe that Chadwick, who was merely the director of the licensing department, had the nerve to be that arrogant with him!

Landon was also rather panicked. Willow was coming over in a few days. If he didn't get

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a promotion.

Nevertheless, he couldn't think of a way to deal with this situation himself, so he had to turn to Caspian for help.

"I'm so sorry, Mr. Lynch!" Landon said remorsefully.

He felt sorry for letting Caspian down when the latter had placed such high hopes on him.

"It's not your fault. I didn't expect a government official to be so corrupt," Caspian said.

He thought Southlake Corporation would have no trouble establishing themselves in Enies.

Who would have thought that the city's licensing department was going to get in their way?

Did they think Southlake Corporation could be bullied like that?

Caspian could easily turn the entire Dhord City upside down with just a single order, but he didn't want to make a big fuss.

As the Diatoranian God of War, it would be far beneath him to be so petty with someone who was merely the director of the licensing department.

Landon exhaled in relief when he found that Caspian wasn't upset. "Don't worry. As long as you do your job properly, I'll make sure it's worth your while. Just focus on your responsibilities. I'll handle everything else," Caspian assured with a smile. "Yes, Mr. Lynch! I'll give it my all!" Landon declared. Without wasting any more time, Caspian left with Sylvia. Anyone who dared to mess with him must have a death wish!

Chapter 454 You Will Beg for Mercy

Sylvia asked, "Caspian, shall I head over there with a few people..."

"That won't be necessary. We don't need to resort to violence. Just give the governor of Dhord City a call," Caspian said.

"Government officials who fail to uphold their duty should all be removed from their positions!"

"Understood, Caspian!" Sylvia responded.

The governor of Dhord City was an important position, and he held more power than all the other governors in the co

After all, Dhord City was the heart of Diatoran's commerce.

Caspian didn't want to abuse his special privileges because he knew that those with ill intent would badmouth him if he did.

Over at the licensing department, Chadwick was watching a movie on his phone. Office hours were ending in less than half an hour, and he still had a stack of unsigned documents in front of him.

It was basically impossible to ever see him actually doing his job. Instead, he idled his days away.

Chadwick was getting ready to get off work early when someone barged into his office.

Jumping in fright, he nearly fell out of his chair.

Glaring daggers at the two people who just came in, Chadwick roared, "Who the fuck are you two? You bastards! Don't you know how to knock?"

Caspian studied Chadwick and found the latter to be a round-bellied man with a seemingly haughty attitude.

He deduced that Chadwick must've caused a lot of grief to ordinary citizens with his wicked ways, and he was determined to teach Chadwick a lesson he wouldn't forget.

Without saying anything, Caspian walked over to the desk and took a seat.

“You’re Chadwick Sheehan?” Caspian asked as he eyed Chadwick.

“I am,

and who the fuck are you? Get the hell out!” Chadwick shouted.

He was outraged. Everyone had always treated him with respect. Who was this guy who showed him no respect at all?

government!” Caspian rebuked scornfully.

“You!” Chadwick snarled. He was hopping mad. How dared this guy insult him?

“I’m not going to waste my time on you. This is Southlake Corporation’s application to set up a branch office here. Sign it at once.”

Caspian tossed the document onto the desk in front of Chadwick.

He didn’t want to waste his breath on a guy like Chadwick.

“Southlake Corporation?” Chadwick repeated. That name infuriated him further.

Was this punk working for Southlake Corporation? How could this bastard be so disrespectful when he was the one asking for a favor?

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“I’ve made myself clear already. approving Southlake Corporation’s application. It’s your fault for offending Mr. Gasse. I’m not signing this!” Chadwick declared coldly.

Caspian sneered.

Chadwick was indeed an ignorant buffoon, but it turned out that he had Zayn to back him up.

Caspian had hit Zayn in public in Southlake City back then. Naturally, a scion like Zayn wouldn’t let things slide just like that.

However, Caspian didn’t expect Zayn to target him the moment he stepped foot into Dhord City.

Zayn wasn’t a complete idiot after all. He was smart enough to use his connections with the licensing department.

Nonetheless, in Caspian’s eyes, Zayn was being utterly foolish.

No one who ever crossed Caspian got away with it unscathed.

Chadwick probably didn’t know just how much danger he was in right now.

“Hahaha! Are you scared now? Mr. Gasse isn’t someone you can afford to offend!” Chadwick gloated.

But as soon as he finished speaking, Caspian slapped him in the face..

“How dare you hit me?”

Clutching his throbbing cheek, Chadwick stared at Caspian in shock. He

couldn't believe how bold Caspian was.

He was the director of the licensing department! Yet Caspian dared to treat him this way? Was Caspian trying to destroy all chances of ever making it in Enies?

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"Give up! I'll never approve your application!" Chadwick roared.

Caspian simply followed up with a few more slaps.

Soon, Chadwick's face was utterly swollen.

He had never met such an arrogant person before. In the past, everyone who sought his help always treated him with the utmost respect, but Caspian was beating him up instead.

"You fucker! Just wait! Mr. Gasse won't let you get away with this!" Chadwick growled viciously.

"That bastard Zayn? I'll knock all his teeth out if he dares to show himself!"

Caspian scoffed.

Chadwick thought Caspian was blowing his horn. Why would he have the guts to hit Zayn? It had to be a joke.

Zayn was the son of the Gasse family!

"Will you sign it or not?" Caspian asked once more.

"Never!" Chadwick staunchly declared.

Caspian shook his head. Chadwick was a stubborn and ignorant fool.

"Teach him a lesson, Sylvia," Caspian instructed.

Sylvia walked up to Chadwick.

"What do you

think you're doing? I'm going to call security!" Chadwick shouted as he eyed Sylvia fearfully. Even though she was a beautiful woman, he felt very uneasy.

Sylvia immediately started giving Chadwick a fierce pounding, and he howled in agony.

Unfortunately for him, the soundproofing for his office was excellent. The others outside couldn't hear what was happening inside his office.

In reality, Chadwick specifically had people renovate his office to make it soundproof so that he could get it on with his assistant in there.

He never expected to be beaten up inside his office, of course.

Ten minutes later, Caspian finally called out; "That's enough."

Chadwick would die if he let Sylvia continue.

“Hmph,” Sylvia snorted before stepping back.

“Please have mercy,” Chadwick begged as he slumped on the floor, looking like a pathetic mess.

“Are you ready to sign the application now?” Caspian asked with a smile.

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Chadwick shuddered. He looked at Caspian with a sense of apprehension.

But in the end, he gritted his teeth and declared, “I’ll never sign it!”

Chadwick refused out of his fear of Zayn. He knew Zayn would come after him if he approved Southlake Corporation’s application.

Caspian didn’t expect Chadwick to be this adamant still.

. It doesn’t matter how hard you refuse now. You’ll get on your knees and beg for mercy soon enough.”

Caspian sat down and lit a cigarette.

Chadwick was confused. Was that supposed to be a joke? Why would he ever beg for mercy?

Either way, he knew he couldn’t approve the application no matter what. As long as he held out, Zayn would definitely reward him handsomely.

Just then, the door to Chadwick’s office flew open with a bang, and a few men in suits came in.

“Which one of you is Chadwick Sheehan?” the man in the lead asked solemnly.

“That’s me. Who are you people? What are you doing here?” Chadwick asked after getting to his feet.

“We’re from the Inspector General’s office. You’re under suspicion for misconduct. Kindly come with us for further investigation,”

the man replied while holding out his identification. badge.

Chadwick’s eyes widened. He was dumbstruck.

Why were the authorities here to take him into custody? He didn’t commit any crimes.

Furthermore, he was working for the Gasse family. Who would dare to mess with him?

Did these people make some kind of mistake?

Chadwick couldn’t wrap his head around the situation.

Chapter 455 Promoting the New Product Range

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Chadwick froze when he spotted the smirk on Caspian's face as the latter looked at him. That bastard had to be the one behind this mess!

He didn't know who Caspian was, but it was clear that Caspian had connections to the authorities.

"I'll sign the application, Mr. Lynch!" Chadwick said with an awkward smile. But Caspian took back the document.

"Now you want to sign it? What a shame. It's too late!" Caspian remarked as he eyed Chadwick with an amused smirk.

"Mr. Lynch, what are you..." Chadwick trailed off as he stared at Caspian in confusion.

"I've given you enough chances, and now, I don't need your signature anymore. You'll be heading off to prison soon!" Caspian said.

"What?"

Chadwick was dumbfounded..

What was going on? Was he getting arrested? Was there no way out of this, not even if he agreed to sign the application? Was he about to go to prison?

Falling to his knees, he pleaded tearfully, "Please, Mr. Lynch. Please have mercy on me. I'll sign the application."

"Why didn't you do it when I gave you the chance earlier? What's the point of doing this now?" Caspian asked with a smile.

Banging his head on the floor, Chadwick continued to plead, "I was wrong, Mr. Lynch. I was a blind and ignorant fool. Please have mercy on me."

It finally dawned on him that he needed to do as told if he wanted to keep his position.

Alas, Chadwick's reaction disgusted Caspian. It was bastards like Chadwick who polluted Diatoran with their corrupted behavior.

All along, Chadwick acted pompously due to his position. But now that he was getting arrested, he chose to grovel and beg for mercy.

Was there any reason to keep useless waste of spaces like Chadwick around? It was not as if he would contribute to the nation in any way.

"Take him away. Make sure he gets the punishment he deserves!" Caspian said to the men from the Inspector General's office.

"Got it," they replied.

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One of them brought out a set of handcuffs as they got ready to escort Chadwick away.

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Terrified, Chadwick begged, "I was wrong, Mr. Lynch! I know I made a terrible mistake! Please give me another chance! I'm begging you, please!"

Casplan ignored him. He wasn't going to keep such men around.

"Let's go!"

The Inspectors started pulling Chadwick toward the door.

"I work for the Gasses! How dare you arrest me?" Chadwick hollered, but his efforts were in vain as the inspectors dragged him out.

Before leaving, one of the inspectors said, "Lord Caspian, the governor has said that you're free to do whatever you want in Dhord City."

"Understood," Caspian replied with a nod.

Caspian and the governor of Dhord City had a fairly good relationship. Even though Southlake Corporation's application was still unsigned, the governor could settle things out for them with just a simple command.

The next day, a staggering piece of news broke out.

Over 100 government officials in Enies had lost their jobs, and a great majority of them were connected to the Gasse family.

Meanwhile, things were all set for Southlake Corporation's new branch office in Enies.

Over at Gasse Residence in Dhord City, Zayn had flown into a rage and was now smashing everything he could get his hands on.

"Fucking hell! They're nothing but a bunch of useless bastards! They couldn't even stop Southlake Corporation!" Zayn roared.

Even though he had gotten involved, he still failed to impede them.

Furthermore, the people that the Gasses placed in important positions in Enies had all been captured as well.

"Mr. Gasse, Mr. Gasse Senior wants to see you." One of the household staff came to inform

Zayn.

Zayn immediately felt a sense of dread. His father, Linus Gasse, must have heard about the

mess.

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He steeled himself and went over to the study.

Linus, the head of the Gasse family, was sitting at his desk with a grim expression.

He had just heard the news that all of the Gasses' allies in important positions had been.

arrested.

The Gasses spent many years building up their network of influence, but now, it was all going

to waste.

And this was all because of his son, Zayn.

After entering the study, Zayn called out timidly, "Dad."

"Get on your knees!" Linus ordered icily.

"Dad..."

"On your knees! Are you going to disobey me?" Linus bellowed.

Zayn immediately fell to his knees.

"Do you know your mistake?" Linus questioned.

Zayn didn't know how to respond to that. He knew what he had done wrong, of course.

Linus slammed the table before hollering, "Because of your reckless blunder, our family has suffered a tremendous loss! The network we spent decades building in Enies has been uprooted! Do you know what this means?"

Zayn hung his head and kept quiet.

"I know you want to cause trouble for Southlake Corporation to please Jyn. I have no problems with your interest in Jyn, but you can't destroy the Gasse family in the process!"

Everyone in Diatoran knew about the situation between Southlake Corporation and Morrison Group. Linus had been paying close attention to it as well.

He also knew full well why Zayn had done what he did, but he wouldn't let Zayn ruin the Gasse family's interests for Jyn's sake!

"Get out! Don't ever do something like this again!" Linus ordered with a wave of his hand.

He never thought Zayn would be so infatuated with a woman.

As Zayn left the study, he clenched his jaw and swore under his breath. This was all happening because of Caspian. He blamed

Caspian for his disgrace.

“Count yourself lucky, Caspian, but I won’t let things end like this!”

+15 BONUS

Meanwhile, over at Enies Airport, Willow and Rebecca had just arrived. When they walked out, Willow immediately spotted

Caspian and cried out, “Hubby!”

Willow had not only brought Rebecca with her but the entire operations department as well, all in the hopes of ensuring that the

company could conquer the business market surrounding Dhord City.

“Did you miss me?” Caspian asked as he nudged Willow’s cheek.

“Yeah! I missed you so much,” Willow said.

“Hey, you two. There are others around, you know! Stop flaunting your relationship in front of us. I shouldn’t have come!”

Rebecca grumbled.

Willow blushed in embarrassment.

Caspian smiled and said, “Let’s go.”

They got into the car and headed to Southlake Corporation’s branch office.

The building previously belonged to the Kanes.

“You’re incredible, hubby! You managed to take over Enies’ business market in just a few days!

Willow exclaimed in shock.

Initially, she figured it would take at least a month for the company to gain a foothold in Enies and even longer for them to

establish themselves in the business market.

But in just under five days, Caspian had set everything up in Enies.

It took her by surprise.

“I’ll leave the rest to you, honey,” Caspian said with a chuckle.

Willow nodded. She needed to put her nose to the grindstone now.

She started handling the promotions for Southlake Corporation’s branch office with Landon’s help.

Their promotional strategy was extremely comprehensive, and considering how famous their ambassador Rebecca was, they

ended up spending over 100 million dollars on advertising and promotional expenses.

All of the neighboring cities surrounding Dhord City were plastered with advertisements for Southlake Corporation, and the

company swiftly gained control over the business market in those cities.

Rebecca’s fame rose steadily, too.

+15 BONUS

Thanks to the heavy promotions, Southlake Corporation's latest product launch sold like hotcakes.

Willow was swamped with work, but she enjoyed it very much.

On the other hand, there was no peace at Morrison Group.

Chapter 456 Rebecca Gets Slandered

In the conference room at Morrison Group, Jyn was berating her employees in a fit of anger.

"You're all useless! I don't care what you do. You'd better stop Southlake Corporation from expanding its hold on the business market. Otherwise, you're all out of a job! There's no point keeping you useless people around anyway!"

She never expected Southlake Corporation to act this swiftly.

In mere days, Southlake Corporation's latest products had a chokehold on all of the consumers in the towns surrounding Dhord City.

Furthermore, the consumers were leaving nothing but rave reviews.

This was an unprecedented blow to Morrison Group.

The senior executives gathered in the conference room dared not say a word.

"Get out, you pathetic bunch of trash!" Jyn screeched after eyeing them furiously.

Everyone hastily exited the conference room.

Once the senior executives were gone, Jyn turned her sharp gaze toward Ginger and called out,

'Ginger!'

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"Yes, Ms. Morrison," Ginger replied fearfully.

Jyn slapped Ginger on the face.

"Why haven't I seen the results of what I asked you to do? Come up with a scandal to smear Rebecca right away!" Jyn demanded angrily.

"Yes, Ms. Morrison. I'll get right on it," Ginger said while clutching her cheek.

"I'm giving you two days. If I don't see any bad publicity about Rebecca by then, you can pack your things up and get out of my sight!" Jyn threatened.

"Understood, Ms. Morrison!"

Ginger quickly left the conference room.

Seated at a table in a luxurious café, Ginger stared at the young man in a suit before her and pleaded, "You have to help me, Mr. Hoover. You're the only one who can!"

She was talking to Ethan Hoover, the son of the Hoover family, an elite family in Dhord City.

Ginger came to Ethan for help because the Hoovers owned the largest media company in

+15 BONUS

Mia, the most famous female celebrity in Diatoran right now, was signed to their company,

too.

With the Hoover family's help, destroying Rebecca's reputation would be a piece of cake.

"I can help you, Ms. Copley, but what do I get in return?" Ethan asked with a smile.

It was easy enough for Ethan to invent a scandal to defame a celebrity, but why should he waste his time on that?

Gritting her teeth, Ginger promised, "As long as you help me, Mr. Hoover, Morrison Group will invest 1.5 billion dollars into your company's next movie project!"

Ethan smiled. 1.5 billion dollars was nothing to sneeze at.

Even though it could cost a small fortune to produce a movie, projects that didn't involve a lot of CGI certainly wouldn't cost more than a few hundred million dollars.

In fact, 100 million dollars could easily cover all the production costs.

Naturally, the rest of the money would go to him.

If Morrison Group invested 1.5 billion dollars into the movie, he would be pocketing at least a

billion dollars.

Plus, all he needed to do was give a few instructions, and he could easily fulfill

Ginger's request.

How great would it be to get a billion dollars just by doing something so simple?

"I'll do it!" Ethan declared with a chuckle, much to Ginger's relief.

At the very least, she no longer had to worry about Jyn kicking her out of the company.

After all, Rebecca's scandal would affect the sales of Southlake Corporation's latest product

range.

Due to the success of the promotional campaign, Southlake Corporation was

facing a stock shortage. The manufacturing division back in Southlake City was working overtime to ensure the company had enough stock to meet sales demand.

With the way things were going at the moment, Southlake Corporation would soon be able to firmly establish itself in Dhord City's business markets.

Over at the branch office in Enies, Willow was sitting at her desk. She finally found the time to

take a much-needed break.

+15 BONUS

She picked up her phone to check her social media accounts when she saw a notification for a trending news article.

The moment she read it, her expression turned grim.

"How could this be?" Willow exclaimed.

She quickly ran over to Caspian while crying out, "Something terrible has happened, hubby! Quick! Take a look at this."

"What's the matter?"

"Read this article," Willow said before passing Caspian her phone.

When Caspian saw the headline, his brows knitted together.

"The Trending Female Celebrity With a Sordid Love Life! How Disgusting!"

The moment he read it, he knew someone was trying to slander Rebecca.

Celebrities could fall from grace as quickly as they rose in fame. A scandal could destroy their entire career and get them

blacklisted—especially when the scandal involved personal matters. Such scandals often gained widespread attention.

The entertainment industry was filled with people who would do anything to come out on top. Rebecca's reputation would be

severely affected if the false accusations weren't properly resolved, and she might have to give up her career for good.

Now that Rebecca was Southlake Corporation's ambassador, her reputation was tied to the company's as well, and her image

would impact the company's sales.

Many who bought the latest product range did it because of Rebecca.

The scandal would also cause a huge blow to the company's sales.

Clearly, someone was using the scandal to attack Southlake Corporation.

"Why would this happen?" Willow asked. She trusted Rebecca and didn't believe the latter was a promiscuous woman.

In that case, why was the media accusing her of having a messy love life?

Where did that news come from?

Willow immediately called Rebecca, but she started to panic when none of the calls went through.

Rebecca was her good friend. She didn't want anything to happen to Rebecca.

If Rebecca suffered because of her association with Southlake Corporation, Willow would feel regretful for the rest of her life.

+15 BONUS

"What should we do, hubby? You don't think Rebecca will do something extreme, right? If anything happens to her, I'll live in regret forever!" Willow cried out tearfully

"Don't worry, honey. Rebecca has been in the entertainment industry for so many years now. I doubt it's her first time encountering situations like these. Plus, we still have Keller," Caspian assured Willow.

Keller had contributed greatly to the promotional campaign for Southlake Corporation's latest product launch. He was planning on starting a media company near Dhord City and had brought his team to the city as well.

"Hubby, I'm getting a bad feeling about this..." Willow said.

"It's obvious what the people behind this are doing. They want to hurt Southlake Corporation," Caspian remarked.

He deduced that someone was slandering Rebecca to hamper the sales of Southlake Corporation's latest products.

A scandal like this would damage Rebecca's image, and her fans would stop supporting her, and Southlake Corporation's sales would be affected, too.

As such, the scandal was no small matter. It was a vicious move.

Not only did the culprit want to destroy Rebecca's career, but they even wanted to bring Southlake Corporation down in the process.

Rebecca's career could be coming to an end due to this scandal.

Willow was beside herself with worry.

Chapter 457 I Will Handle Everything

Naturally, Willow didn't want Rebecca to get affected by this scandal.

Through her past conversations with Rebecca, she knew the latter had put a great deal of effort into becoming a celebrity.

Rebecca was living the good life now, but few knew about the hard work it took her to get this far.

Yet, just as her career was taking off, this scandal appeared out of nowhere. There was no doubt this would be a crushing blow for her and her career. now but

“What can we do We can’t let those people slander Rebecca!” Willow said. She was distraught.

“Don’t worry. Let’s find Rebecca first,” Caspian said as he gave her a comforting pat on the shoulder.

Meanwhile, over at Starsphere Media’s branch office, Rebecca was blindsided by the sudden scandal.

“Don’t worry, Rebecca. I’ll handle this,” Keller assured her.

“Okay. I’m fine,” Rebecca said as she wiped her tears away. She had just cried her heart out.

Even though it wasn’t her first time suffering from such malicious attacks, it was still hard for her to take it. This scandal threatened to destroy her reputation.

Just then, Willow and Caspian came into the office.

“Mr. Lynch! Ms. Stewart!”

“Are you okay, Rebecca?” Willow asked as she hugged Rebecca.

“Willow, I didn’t do those things...”

Returning the hug, Rebecca began to sob again.

Willow felt bad to see Rebecca in distress. Tearing up herself, she said, “Don’t worry, Rebecca. No one can do anything to you, not when Caspian and I are here. We’ll deal with everything.”

“How’s the situation now?” Caspian asked Keller.

“It’s not looking good for us. Many media channels are also reporting on Rebecca’s supposed sordid love life. Even though they’re all lies, it’s hard for people not to believe such slander when all media channels are saying the same thing,” Keller said while shaking his head.

+15 BONUS

He was infuriated by the outrageous scandal. It was obvious that someone wanted to destroy Rebecca’s reputation..

Even if the company released a statement refuting the claims, everyone would think Rebecca was just trying to hide the truth.

But they couldn’t sit still and do nothing either.

Keller didn’t know the best course of action to tackle this situation. So, he couldn’t do

anything yet.

“Do you have an idea, Mr. Lynch?” he asked.

Although Caspian was not involved in the entertainment industry, Keller knew he had an extraordinary identity.

As long as he took action, they could surely restore Rebecca’s reputation.

“This won’t be a problem. We just have to find who the mastermind is,”

Caspian said coolly.

He took his phone out and called Macy.

“I have an assignment for you, Macy. Find out who’s slandering Rebecca!”

“Got it, Lord Caspian!”

After ending the call, Macy instantly gathered a team to dig up all the information they could

find.

Over at Hoover Media in Dhord City, Ethan was in his office, snickering as he read the news on his phone.

“Hahaha! It was so easy to destroy your reputation, Rebecca! I’d love to know how you’re feeling right now!”

He was the one who orchestrated the scandal, and he got it done just by giving the order to the employees at Hoover Media.

In just one hour, Rebecca’s news went viral.

Ethan grinned in satisfaction.

All of a sudden, someone barged into his office.

An outraged Mia came storming in before questioning darkly, “Why did you destroy the reputation of an innocent woman?”

As soon as she saw the news, she figured out who was slandering Rebecca.

Mia had experienced similar situations numerous times and knew how important a woman’s reputation was.

Despite being Rebecca’s rival in the entertainment industry, she was determined to Ethan for what he did.

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“Mia, don’t think you can take this attitude with me just because you’re famous now! Don’t forget that my company made you the

star you are today! I can destroy your career just as easily as it took me to make you a star!” Ethan threatened menacingly

Ethan detested Mia. He thought of her as a woman who seduced men to achieve her current

success.

Ethan wouldn’t even give her the time of day if it weren’t for her strong reputation.

Mia clenched her jaw in fury. She knew that Ethan considered her nothing more than a shameless woman. But at the same time, she was fully aware that if not for Caspian, who helped her during her darkest days, she might've died by now. Hoover Media barely had anything to do with the success she enjoyed in her career.

"You'll regret your actions, Ethan!" Mia declared before marching out of Ethan's office.

Ethan simply scoffed scornfully.

To him, female celebrities were nothing more than playthings for wealthy men. Meanwhile, Caspian received a call from Macy.

"I've found the mastermind. Ethan Hoover, the son of the Hoover family, is the one behind the slander against Rebecca!

"The Hoovers are an elite family in Dhord City who are heavily involved in the media industry. That's why many of the media channels are under their thumb."

Macy was becoming quite an expert at managing the intelligence network. She was able to get the information needed in very little time.

"The Hoovers, huh? I got it," Caspian said before terminating the call. Anger washed over his face.

Caspian wouldn't have cared if the Hoovers had targeted Southlake Corporation through business tactics.

Instead, they relied on a dirty trick to ruin Rebecca's reputation, and Caspian couldn't put up with that.

He was going to make Ethan pay for what he did.

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In the meantime, social media was in an uproar.

Everyone started expressing their opinions on Rebecca's scandal.

Most of them called her a slut for having such a scandalous private life, and more called her shameless.

Some even called for her to be blacklisted from the entertainment industry.

Naturally, Rebecca's scandal also affected the sales of Southlake Corporation's latest products.

Half of the people who recently placed their orders chose to return them, and some of the distributors terminated their contracts with Southlake Corporation.

Still, despite the negative comments Rebecca received online, she didn't make a public statement.

She knew she couldn't say anything at a time like this. There was no way she could clear her name.

However, Caspian didn't seem at all worried.

"Don't panic. It's a small matter. I can sort everything out," Caspian said to Rebecca and the others.

Rebecca and Keller were both dumbstruck.

With an unruffled expression, Caspian was sitting in the office enjoying a plate of fruit and a cup of coffee. Could he really resolve this crisis?

They knew how challenging it was to deal with this scandal. The most important aspect was overcoming everyone's preconceived assumptions that the scandal was true.

Failing that, all they could do was wait. Once enough time had passed and the news faded from the public eye, everyone would eventually forget about it.

Chapter 458 Ethan's Humiliation

"Thank you so much, Mr. Lynch," Rebecca said somewhat remorsefully.

Caspian was her boss, and without him, she might've had to quit her career as a celebrity a long time ago.

"Not at all. I'm the one who should be thanking you. You wouldn't have been targeted if you weren't Southlake Corporation's brand ambassador. Don't worry. You're Willow's friend, so I'll definitely protect you," Caspian said with a smile.

Rebecca was touched, and she envied Willow very much.

Caspian was genuinely a good man. Many women would fall head over heels for him.

Even Rebecca fantasized about him sometimes.

However, Caspian only had eyes for Willow. No other woman could make his heart stir.

"I think the person behind this is extremely powerful. I'm afraid it won't be so

easy, Mr. Lynch,” Keller said worriedly.

The fact that the mastermind got so many media channels involved proved it could not have been the work of an ordinary person.

“To me, it’s not a problem at all. It’s easy enough to resolve this situation,” Caspian said nonchalantly.

Everything would resolve itself once he dealt with Ethan.

Ethan walked out of Hoover Media in good spirits. He was planning to take a young female celebrity out on a drive.

The woman was pretty and had an attractive figure, and Ethan was in the mood to have some fun.

As the son of the Hoover family, he got to have his way with plenty of women. Just as he opened the door to his car, he heard a muffled thump before falling unconscious.

A few men swiftly hauled him away.

Ethan was brought to an abandoned factory on the outskirts of Dhord City. Half an hour later, he slowly regained consciousness. The back of his head was still giving him a lot of pain.

+15 BONUS

As soon as he opened his eyes, he saw a young man sitting in front of him. The man had a smug smirk on his face.

Coming back to his senses, Ethan shouted, “What do you think you’re doing? Let go of me! I’m the son of the Hoover family! Do you have a death wish?”

The Hoovers were an elite family in Dhord City, and as the son of the family, Ethan had never faced such treatment before.

However, the moment he finished his sentence, Sylvia slapped him.

“You’d better watch what you say or I’ll smash your face!”

Ethan was stupefied. He couldn’t believe that someone dared to lay a hand on him in Dhord City.

But just as he was about to scream bloody murder, he saw the look on Sylvia’s face and stayed silent.

He was alone right now. It was better for him to comply with his captors. But once he was rescued, he would make these bastards pay and teach them a lesson like no other!

“Who are you?” Ethan asked, glaring at Caspian. He could tell that Caspian was the leader of the bunch.

“Hah. You don’t know who I am, but you had the nerve to come after one of my talents?” Caspian sneered.

“One of your talents?” Ethan’s expression darkened. Then, he abruptly shouted, “How are you related to Southlake Corporation?”

“You’ve got some brains after all. Rebecca is Southlake Corporation’s brand ambassador, but you chose to smear her reputation.

It seems to me you’re purposely targeting me!” Caspian commented as he stood up.

Ethan guffawed. “Here I was wondering who you are! Here’s a word of advice. You better release me right away. Otherwise, all I

have to do is say the word, and Rebecca will have to retire from the industry!”

Ethan might’ve been more frightened if his captors were hardened criminals of some sort, but what was there to fear when they were just a bunch of people from Southlake Corporation?

They merely abducted him to deal with the scandal affecting Rebecca.

Well, he wasn’t going to undo what he did to Rebecca, of course.

“You’re an arrogant one, aren’t you? But you’re wrong. I never thought about getting you to stop what you’re doing to Rebecca,”

Caspian said in amusement.

what do you want, then?

Ethan asked in confusion.

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“You’re trying to slander Rebecca, aren’t you? It’s just as well that I let you get a taste of what it’s like when someone has full control over you!” Caspian declared.

Ethan’s heart missed a beat as an unsettling feeling washed over him.

“Is everything ready, Sylvia?” Caspian asked.

“Everything’s ready, Caspian! Things are definitely going to get exciting!”

Sylvia replied with a nod.

A few burly men came over, and they all had one particular thing in common—their sexual orientation.

Ethan had grown up in a privileged environment, and to a certain extent, he could be considered attractive.

Thus, when the burly men saw him, their eyes filled with desire.

“What are you doing? You’d better watch it!” Ethan shouted in terror as the

unsettling feeling in his heart intensified.

“Get on with it,” Caspian instructed with a wave of his hand before returning to his seat.

The burly men approached Ethan with lust-filled gazes.

“What do you think you’re doing? I’m the son of the Hoover family! Let’s see who dares to lay a hand on me!”

Ethan was a sitting duck with no means of escape. He was at a loss

The burly men weren’t going to go easy on him.

Soon, Ethan was howling at the top of his lungs. “No! Stop! Help!”

The burly men wasted no time having their way with Ethan.

Keller had found eight different photographers and videographers. All of the cameras were pointed at Ethan. Everything was recorded.

Over an hour later, the burly men left the abandoned factory feeling quite satisfied.

On the other hand, Ethan was curled up in a corner and trembling uncontrollably. He felt like he had lost all will to live.

“Did it feel good to be in that position?” Caspian asked in amusement.

“You’re a demon! You’re the devil himself!” Ethan screamed as he shuddered.

“What the hell are you trying to do?”

+15 BONUS

“What am I trying to do?” Caspian repeated with a smirk. “Well, don’t you like slandering others? You’ll be famous once I release the videos and photos online!”

He tossed a few photos over to Ethan as he spoke.

Ethan picked them up and glanced at them before freezing in shock.

The entire process of him being disgraced had been recorded.

If such things were released online, Ethan would never be able to hold his head up in public again.

All along, he was slated to become the next head of the Hoover family, but that wouldn’t happen if his family found out about this..

Ethan scowled at Caspian. He didn’t expect the latter to be this ruthless.

He would be humiliated for life if word got out about this.

All of a sudden, Ethan kneeled in front of Caspian and begged, “Please have mercy on me! If you release these photos, I’ll never

be able to face anyone again. As long as you don’t release them, I’ll get the media to clear Rebecca’s name! Please, I’m begging

you!”

He kept pleading pathetically, but Caspian was unmoved.

“Now you’re scared, huh? What a shame. It’s too late! You chose to destroy Rebecca’s reputation by slandering her, and who knows whose life you’d ruined next if I didn’t teach you a lesson?” Caspian growled as he stepped on Ethan.

Once he finished speaking, he walked off with Sylvia and the others.

“No! Please, I’m begging you! Don’t release those photos!” Ethan howled after Caspian. Alas, it was too late.

Chapter 459 Meeting Mia

The next day, a bunch of indecent photos appeared on all the media channels and platforms in Dhord City, causing quite a stir.

Ethan, the son of the Hoover family, had gotten it on with a few men.

With how vivid the photos were, everyone could hardly allow themselves to imagine what had happened. The photos even showed sex toys lying around on the ground!

Everyone was stunned by the photos.

“Ethan Hoover’s Unbelievable Fetish” was the headline that topped the trending list of social media.

Ethan, of course, was utterly humiliated.

Even though society was getting more and more used to scandalous news, it still wasn’t appropriate to have such material published so openly on the internet.

All manner of comments abounded.

“The fuck? How disgusting!”

“I never would’ve expected Ethan Hoover to be a masochist!”

“I feel so disgusted! He looks like such a decent guy, but turns out he’s depraved on the inside!”

Over at Hoover Residence, Micah Hoover, the head of the family, was fuming. He gave Ethan, who was kneeling on the floor, a few hard slaps, and the latter dared not even speak.

“you bastard! Look what you did! I made you the general manager at Hoover Media, and yet you go around engaging in such filthy things! Do you know what the people are saying about our family right now?” Micah snarled.

“Someone set me up, Dad...” Ethan explained helplessly.

“Shut up! How dare you try to weasel your way out of this?”

Micah knew that his son Ethan was a slacker who spent all his time fooling around with

women, but he didn’t expect Ethan to be doing it with men, too.

“From today onward, you’re going to stay right here. You’re not allowed to leave the house. You don’t need to report to work either!” Micah said icily.

+15 BONUS

“Dad, let me explain!” Ethan panicked when he heard he was losing his position as general manager

Alas, Micah ignored Ethan.

Avis Lake was a famous location in Dhord City. It was known for its picturesque scenery.

Every year, swans and geese would stop at the lake as it was right on their migratory path.

Many tourists frequented the lake area, too.

“You’re here!” Mia called out. She looked like an angel as she stood by Avis Lake dressed in white.

Mia wasn’t bundled up the way she usually was—because today, she was meeting the most important man in her life.

“How did you know I’d come?” Caspian asked as he approached her.

In reality, he hesitated for quite some time after receiving Mia’s text.

In the end, he decided to set things straight with Mia.

Mia smiled at him before looking out at the lake.

Her smile was gorgeous. Few could resist the feminine charms she exuded.

“Thank you,” Mia said simply.

Caspian knew why she said that. If he hadn’t saved her back then, she wouldn’t be standing in front of him as the most famous female celebrity in Diatoran.

“You don’t need to thank me. You achieved your fame through your own efforts,” Caspian replied.

Mia smiled faintly. Having been in the entertainment industry for several years now, to many realizations. Most importantly, she knew how important connections were.

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Without connections and the right opportunities, it would be extremely difficult for someone to make something of themselves.

“Either way, I still want to thank you

Caspian cut her off with a wave of his hand before saying, “No need. You told me who the mastermind behind Rebecca’s incident was, so we’re even now.”

Earlier on, Mia called Caspian and informed him that it was Ethan who spearheaded the scandal.

+15 BONUS

At the time, Caspian had already gotten to the bottom of things, but Mia’s willingness to come forward at such a crucial moment was something worth noting

Caspian wasn’t the sentimental type. He didn’t think it was a big deal that he had saved Mia back then.

“I thought I’d never see you again. Who would’ve thought that we’d meet again several years later? But you’re married now, and my friend, Jyn, was your comrade in the army. She’s in love with you as well,” Mia said with a sigh.

“If there’s nothing else you wish to say, I’m leaving,” Caspian said before walking off.

He didn’t want to talk about Jyn.

After Ethan’s scandal, the Hoovers immediately published a statement clearing Rebecca’s

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All the media channels published their official apologies to her as well.

Her scandal took a 180-degree turn, and the comments online shifted in her favor.

“I knew it! Someone was trying to slander Rebecca!”

“That’s right! She’s so cute and innocent. How could she possibly have a scandalous love life?”

The power of public opinion was indeed terrifying.

Rebecca’s fans came forward to show their support for her, and any mentions related to the scandal soon disappeared from

view.

Due to this incident, Rebecca experienced a rise in fame.

“You’re amazing, hubby! I was worried Rebecca would be affected by this. I didn’t expect you to resolve the situation so easily!”

Willow exclaimed as she threw her arms around Caspian’s neck.

Caspian had settled the challenging crisis in a matter of days.

Willow wondered how he did it. He didn't seem to be acquainted with anyone in Dhord City.

Nevertheless, Willow knew that Caspian was a capable and powerful man. Nothing was too tough for him to handle.

"of

course. Your husband is the best!" Caspian declared with a smug smile as he held Willow.

"Thank you so much, Mr. Lynch. If not for you, I might've had to leave the entertainment industry altogether," Rebecca said gratefully.

+15 BONUS

"It's fine. It was just a small matter," Caspian replied with a smile.

That didn't stop Rebecca from admiring Caspian.

The entertainment industry was filled with people who would do anything to undermine others for their own best interests.

Furthermore, the culprit had invented the perfect scandal to ruin her reputation. They even got the help of so many other media channels.

And yet, Caspian was able to resolve everything.

Rebecca felt nothing but admiration for him.

"Anyway, now that everything has been settled, it's time for Southlake Corporation to break into the business market here," Caspian declared.

Looking at Keller, he continued, "I hope you, your team, and Rebecca can ramp up the promotions so that Southlake Corporation's latest products will take over the business markets in all the areas surrounding the city."

Since Rebecca became even more famous, they could use this opportunity to promote Southlake Corporation's products.

"I'll give it my all, Mr. Lynch!" Keller said with a nod.

"So will I," Rebecca chimed in.

Caspian had helped her overcome a crisis in her career. In return, she would do her best to promote Southlake Corporation's new products.

"You're so smart, hubby!" Willow exclaimed as she stared at Caspian. She didn't think about making the most of Rebecca's overnight sensation by doing another round of advertisements.

Keller swiftly came up with an advertising strategy. That, combined with Rebecca's fame, ensured that Southlake Corporation's

advertisements were plastered and visible everywhere.

Thus, sales for their latest product range surged once more as everyone began to seek them

out again.

Many were even willing to pay extra so they could be one of the first to get their hands on Southlake Corporation's latest products.

Meanwhile, over at the CEO's office in Morrison Group, Jyn was slapping Ginger yet again.

Chapter 460 Wrecking the Store

Ginger had an aggrieved expression on her red and swollen face.

Nevertheless, she dared not protest in any way. She had no choice but to put up with Jyn's slaps.

Throughout the last two weeks, Jyn had slapped her almost every day.

"You idiot! You're so stupid! I told you to destroy Rebecca's reputation, but what happened instead?"

"Rebecca's even more famous now, and Southlake Corporation's about to sell out! If this continues, they'll soon conquer the business market here!" Jyn screeched in fury.

She was counting on Ginger to do a good job, but Ginger only made things worse each time.

"I specifically sought the help of Ethan Hoover, the son of the Hoovers, Ms. Morrison. He promised he'd ruin Rebecca's

reputation. Who would've thought that things would turn out this way instead?"

"Ethan's family is keeping him under watch. I don't know what else I can do," Ginger said as tears rolled down her cheeks.

Her emotional response calmed Jyn down somewhat.

Lately, Jyn had been overwhelmed with work, making her a lot more bad-tempered.

She didn't expect Southlake Corporation to establish itself in the market so quickly.

"Looks like I'll have to take matters into my own hands," Jyn muttered.

Then, with a grim expression, she stared at Ginger and said, "I'm giving you one last chance. Get all the departments together and find a way to kick Southlake Corporation out!"

"Yes, Ms. Morrison!" Ginger replied with a nod before hastily leaving the office.

She had to perform well this time. Otherwise, she was in for another beating.

As Ginger left, Jyn murmured, "Caspian, I'm sure you're secretly helping Southlake Corporation. Otherwise, I would've been able

to destroy the company by now. Well, I'm looking forward to seeing what else you can do next."

Jyn was determined to prove to everyone that she was the queen of the business world—no one could threaten her throne.

As Southlake Corporation's products were selling well, many partnering distributors anticipated receiving large crowds at their respective stores.

+15 BONUS

However, they were still stunned by the long queues of consumers waiting for the stores to open up.

Over at one of the outlets, people were exclaiming at the sight.

"Goodness me! I can't believe how popular Southlake Corporation is with the consumers!"

"I heard that there are long queues outside every single one of their distributors' stores! Some customers even started lining up last night so that they wouldn't miss out on the latest products!"

Naturally, Southlake Corporation's latest products were highly sought after thanks to the promotional campaign featuring Rebecca.

Furthermore, the affordable pricing was also one of the reasons why many consumers fought to get their hands on the products.

Just then, a few burly men shoved their way into the store.

"Get out of the way! Scram!"

Everyone was annoyed to see a bunch of people trying to jump the line, and someone called out, "What are you doing? Can't you see there's a line?"

The bald man in the lead swept his eyes across the crowd, and his piercing gaze made

everyone clam up. No one else spoke up again.

Once he and his men got to the counter, they began to yell, "Where are Southlake

Corporation's latest products? Give me one of every item! Don't forget to give me the receipt!"

After buying what they came for, they left the store.

Thanks to the nonstop advertisements, the products flew off the shelves, and many stores ran out of stock

Although Willow would've loved to replenish the stock, it couldn't be done in

time.

The team back at Southlake City had done their best to speed up the manufacturing process, but it wasn't enough to meet the high demand.

Ginger had a cunning smirk on her face after seeing the way consumers clamored to buy up Southlake Corporation's products.

"Go on. Enjoy it while you can, Caspian, Willow. Morrison Group isn't as weak as you think! Sooner or later, we'll kick you out of here!"

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+15 BONUS

Once she finished speaking, she looked at the bald man beside her and asked, "How did it go?"

She was talking to the bald man who'd bought the products earlier and specifically asked for a receipt.

"Don't worry, Ms. Copley. Everything's ready," the bald man replied with a sly grin.

"Good. Here's a check for ten million dollars. Once you complete the task, you'll get another ten million dollars," Ginger said.

The bald man eagerly took the check with an elated expression.

"I like working with you people from the Morrison Group, Ms. Copley. You're all very generous! This is a small matter. I'll definitely make sure everything goes according to plan," the bald man, Damon Cohen, declared confidently.

Ginger nodded and smiled.

Damon was a fairly well-known figure in Dhord City. Though he wasn't a big shot, he led a group of vicious criminals, which made him something of a gang leader.

His name alone would frighten many companies.

Ginger had full confidence that Damon could do a good job. As long as their plan succeeded in ruining Southlake Corporation, she might get a handsome reward from Jyn.

The glass door to one of Southlake Corporation's outlets shattered with a loud smash as a group of fearsome men armed with metal bats came charging in.

"Anyone who isn't working here, get out!" one of the men hollered.

The customers who were queueing up to pay instantly fled in alarm, and Damon walked into the store.

All of the store employees were terrified. They got a bad feeling the moment they saw Damon.

He looked like someone who shouldn't be messed with.

The store manager came forward and asked shakily, "Do you need something?"

Damon swiftly slapped the store manager in the face.

"You're selling defective products! My friend bought some of your supplements, and he just died from poisoning!" Damon roared.

The store manager was stupefied. He couldn't believe it.

"That's impossible. We've sold tens of thousands of our products without issues."

"What are you trying to say, huh? You think I'm lying?" Damon growled fiercely

+15 BONUS

The store manager was too afraid to say anything else. The latest batch of supplements wasn't included in the previous advertising campaigns.

Due to how well-received Southlake Corporation was right now, the store brought in its previous products aside from its latest ones. Still, it didn't seem likely that the older range of products would turn out to be harmful.

"Bring him in. Don't let them say we're just picking on them for no good reason," Damon

instructed with a wave of his hand.

A few men brought a lifeless body in on a stretcher.

"See him? He's my friend. He died the very next day after eating your supplements!" Damon shouted as he pointed at the corpse.

"Are you sure? We've never had any problems with our products before," the store manager protested timidly.

"I'm sure, alright!"

Without wasting any more of his breath, Damon took out the receipt.

"Take a look, everyone. This is the receipt that proves we bought the supplements. Well, here's the evidence. Are you still refusing to admit it?" Damon hollered.

The store manager was flustered. Damon was obviously some kind of thug, and the store manager didn't know what to do.

He couldn't possibly challenge Damon head-on. That would only result in him getting beaten

1. up.

Meanwhile, the remaining customers in the store who had just bought the products were terrified, and those who hadn't paid were too afraid to go through with the purchase.

Damon started shouting, "Southlake Corporation is run by a bunch of scammers! Their products are all harmful! My friend died, but they refuse to admit their wrongdoing! If you don't give me a good explanation today, I'm going to wreck this store!"

The other customers were swayed by his claims and started crying out in fury. "Give me a refund!"

"Me too!"

"Who would've thought we'd die after eating their products?"

The store manager froze in a daze. Damon's arrival had completely disrupted the store's sales.

+15 BONUS

Upon seeing that, Damon smirked. He had achieved his goal. "Start moving, men! These people are scammers! Smash anything you can get your hands on!"