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Zoey nodded. “Yes. I suppose they’ll be asking for compensation too.”

Levi sipped from his glass and said with a smile, “That’s alright. They’ll regret their decisions soon.”

“What do you mean?” Zoey was puzzled.

“Be patient. Someone will invest in that project very soon,” Levi comforted her.

“Do you have a plan in your mind?” Zoey looked at Levi curiously.

“Don’t worry. This matter will be resolved after today,” Levi assured Zoey and her parents calmly.

But they were not convinced by Levi’s words because they were up against the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone involved in the business world in North Hampton was well aware of the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce’s influence.

The North Hampton Chamber of Commerce was controlled by the 4 ultra-wealthy families in the cities, under the management of 8 council members.

The chairman of Fick Group’s board of directors, Alaric Taylor, was one of the council members.

Alaric wanted to seek revenge on Zoey and her family because of what happened to Charles.

All the investors for Zoey’s project withdrew their capital because of a single command from him.

The North Hampton Chamber of Commerce was a formidable organization as they could easily sever all connections related to the Lopez family’s businesses.

The news of Levi’s violent act spread like wildfire in North Hampton that day. They demanded a large amount of compensation and prevented anyone from investing in Zoey’s project.

A lot of companies were interested in the West City Ecological Park project initially because of its promising prospect. The potential investors immediately erased the thought in their minds because of that warning from the Chamber of Commerce.

Zoey was left helpless and clueless as to how she should salvage the situation while being ostracized by the entire industry.

But the bad news did not end there. Zoey’s employees handed their resignation letters one after another. Even the secretary involved in the incident last night quitted her job.

The secretary also made an official statement. She told the public that Charles and his business partners did not step a toe out of the line. They were having an ordinary dinner banquet when she witnessed Levi entering the room and tormenting everyone mercilessly.

Boom!

Zoey's mind went blank upon receiving the news. Someone must have bribed her. She suddenly became their witness against Levi. Suzie passed out last night. Charles and his friends would have defiled her if Levi did not show up. Levi rescued her, but she betrayed us! I nourished a viper in my bosom!

Zoey could not fathom Suzie's abrupt change in loyalty. I picked her out personally among all the fresh graduates, so I certainly did not expect her to do this. I can understand the other employees' decisions to leave, but Suzie...

Zoey sat in her office gloomily as unprecedented desperation washed over her.

The door to her office was pushed open after some time. A few men clad in suits entered the room.

"Allow me to introduce myself, Ms. Lopez. I am Baker McKenzie from Botts & Ellis LLP. We are hired by Mrs. Dickens to represent her son, Mr. Charles Dickens, in this lawsuit. We came here to inform you about the compensation amount you have to pay our client due to the injuries your husband, Mr. Levi Garrison, inflicted on our client. The sum is 800 million. Please take a look." Baker handed Zoey a piece of paper.

Zoey's face turned pale after she skimmed through the document.

"We will press charges against you and your husband if you do not wish to settle this matter in private. We have a large amount of evidence, including surveillance footage, witnesses from the hotel's waiters, the official statement from Ms. Suzie Bones, and 8 other victims in this incident. Let me remind you – this lawsuit is highly advantageous to us. Please take a look at this injury report too. Do you think you have the liberty to choose, Ms. Lopez?"

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Botts & Ellis LLP was a law firm established by Zoey's ex-classmate, Arnold Botts. That firm was one of the most prestigious firms in North Hampton. They won almost all the cases they accepted.

Zoey was devastated. She was frightened when she saw the injury report. I can't imagine the things Levi must have done to cause so much damage. But I can certainly picture the troubles we have to face soon.

We will have a tough time ahead because of this injury report alone. Although Charles and his business partners wronged me in the first place, I do not have any evidence that prove their vile acts.

"Also, allow me to inform you this, Ms. Lopez, I am the best lawyer in my firm. Ever since they hired me at Botts & Ellis LLP, the firm had never lost a single case. So trust me, this lawsuit will not be an exception. You should think wisely now!" Baker sneered.

Baker's assistant added, "I heard your husband, Levi Garrison, was released from prison recently. With

his record, it is not so difficult to place him behind the bars again.”

The group of lawyers manipulated the situation to their advantage with the sole purpose of driving Zoey into a corner.

“Alright then, we will be waiting for your reply, Ms. Lopez. Consider your options well.” Baker and the others left afterward.

Zoey was left alone inside her office. Tears welled up in her eyes as she thought to herself, Perhaps I can seek help from Arnold. He pursued me in the past, but I rejected him.

Zoey spent a lot of effort to obtain Arnold Botts’s number. Then she called him.

“Oh? Why are you contacting me, Zoey?” Arnold said in a surprised tone.

Zoey forced a smile. “Hello, Arnold. I’ll cut to the chase. I’m facing some difficulties...”

“Yes, I know. You’re talking about the incident involving Levi Garrison and Charles Dickens from Fick Group, am I right?”

“Yes, that’s right. Can you help me with this lawsuit? We can discuss the price to fit your liking,” Zoey pleaded with sincerity.

Arnold grinned. “I am aware of this lawsuit because the best lawyer in my firm accepted the case. I’ll be frank – you’ll have a difficult time trying to win against him for this case. Let me offer you a piece of my mind, Zoey. You should ditch Levi while you can. He’s just a useless man now. Let him return to the jail. Then, you can remarry someone better. Everyone from our high school is doing far better than Levi Garrison. Take me for an example. My law firm, Botts & Ellis LLP, has been flourishing for the past ten years! There are a lot of outstanding lawyers working for me currently,” Arnold persuaded Zoey.

Zoey countered immediately, “Levi did not hurt them on purpose. Charles and his friends tried to take advantage of me after getting me drunk. Levi was merely rescuing me.”

“That’s impossible! I have been friends with Mr. Dickens for a long time now. He’s a gentleman, as far as I’m concerned. He will never do such things. His friends are as noble as him. Do you have any evidence to back your words?” Arnold said.

“You...” Zoey did not expect Arnold to be in cahoots with Charles and his gang.

“Don’t worry, Zoey. I will make sure Baker does a splendid job this time and push for Levi to be sentenced to life imprisonment. You will have the opportunity to ditch him soon.” Arnold laughed wickedly.

“You don’t have to worry about my matters. Moreover, you are not qualified to judge my husband’s character!” Zoey hung up the phone angrily.

Inside the office of Botts & Ellis LLP’s building, Arnold crossed his feet on the table while wearing a suit. He was sipping casually on a cup of coffee.

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He had accepted this case immediately and devised a plan for Alaric Taylor when he heard Zoey was involved in this matter. Arnold ordered his subordinate, "Inform Mr. Taylor to prohibit all the law firms in North Hampton from accepting Zoey's case using his connections."

His assistant nodded. "Yes, sir."

All the law firms in North Hampton soon received the news: No one is allowed to accept Zoey Lopez's case.

Zoey, on the other hand, was oblivious as she wasted all her time contacting every law firm she could to fight for her lawsuit. But every firm turned her down.

Zoey quickly realized something was wrong after receiving the continuous rejections. Someone is pushing me into the depth of despair. They want to send Levi into prison and ruin everything I have.

Zoey dialed Levi's number without wasting another second.

Levi was astounded by the turn of events when he arrived at Zoey's office. I did not expect this to happen. Perhaps I've underestimated the Chamber of Commerce's authority. Well, Arnold Botts's involvement is out of my initial consideration too.

"We are left with two choices. We can either pay the sum of 800 million or proceed with the lawsuit. But I contacted all the law firms I could, and all of them refused to represent us," Zoey sobbed.

"You don't have to think about the lawsuit anymore. They have planned everything, down to cutting off all your resources and connections. But believe me, this is not the extent of their plans." Levi's smile widened.

The legal team from Fick Group arrived shortly after as Levi had predicted.

They requested Zoey to compensate them with a sum of 300 million for Charles Dickens's injuries and the delay of the West City Ecological Park's progress.

I did breach the agreement. And it is clearly written on the agreement that I have to compensate them with 10 times the amount they invested. Before Zoey had time to catch her breath, Alaric sent his men from the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce to visit Zoey.

They offered to purchase Zoey's company for 300 million, including the West City Ecological Park project.

Boom!

Zoey was flabbergasted. They planned everything. They are pushing me into the traps they laid out for me, one after the other. I'll be left with nothing by the time this incident comes to an end. Alaric offered

to buy out my company for 300 million. Then I'll have no other choice but to pay Fick Group with the lump sum for breaching the contract. They will take control of all my assets, worth up to a billion, in a breeze. My assets will depreciate further if I do not agree now since I do not have sufficient cash flow to operate my business at this point. 300 million is already considered a great deal.

Alaric and Arnold were proud of this scheme they devised because they would be able to rob Zoey's possessions while pushing Levi into jail simultaneously.

Alaric's subordinate said with a smile, "Our offer coincides with the amount you have to pay Fick Group for breaching the contract. If you agree to our proposal, let's handle the procedures right away."

Zoey hesitated. I will have to pay this 300 million sum. I really do not have any other choice. Should I just accept this offer?

"Hesitate no more, Ms. Lopez. Your asset may depreciate to 200 million tomorrow," That person urged Zoey to agree to his offer.

Levi suddenly voiced out at that moment. "300 million? That's not a problem!"

Everyone was astounded by Levi's statement. Zoey was not an exception. 300 million is not a problem? He's talking big again.

"Don't worry. I can afford 3 billion, not to mention 300 million. Let's just wait until tomorrow before we decide anything."