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Before the video was played, the reporters had only watched the video that Gemma released to the public, which was only part of the video that was being played now. Gemma had removed the scenes where she tried to seduce Tony and the car accident that happened after that.

When the complete video was revealed to the crowd, they could not help but to look at one another, only to find the same surprised look in everyone's eyes—the entire situation turned out to be something unexpected.

First of all, Gemma had attempted to seduce Tony in the basement car park but her repetitive attempts pissed him off. Tony had tried to ask her to let go of him, but she took things even further by saying those shameless words—those were words that should never come out from the mouth of a decent young lady of an influential family. Her actions enraged Tony, which caused the latter to strangle her, but it was not his intention to kill her. From the earlier scene, everyone could tell that he was merely trying to frighten or intimidate her. Then, the two of them got into their respective cars. Tony drove out of the basement car park and a seemingly mentally unstable Gemma stomped on the pedal and attempted to run into his car. Fortunately, at the most critical moment, Tony noticed that her car was going to slam into his from behind, so he hastily stepped on the gas and steered the vehicle to the side. In the end, although he managed to avoid the car behind from banging his, he could not stop his car from ramming into the truck in front.

As soon as Tony and Myra entered the room, a security guard escorted them to their seats in the front.

The moment they took their seats, a reporter stood up and asked anxiously, "Director Hart, we have just watched the video. The video which was released on the Internet last night has been maliciously edited by someone, and there is actually more to the video. You were initially accused of being a violent person but you are, in fact, the victim here. Do you know who was the one who posted the video last night?"

Truth was, everyone was clear about the whole situation now—the video that was uploaded on the Internet last night was probably the act of the Walton Family. However, as they did

not possess any evidence to support their suspicion, everyone could only look at Tony in hopes that he would reveal the truth.

Tony's right arm was still in a cast and it was obvious that he might have a fractured bone, while his left arm was also densely bandaged. Other than that, he had a few minor scratches on his face. Although the condition of other parts of his body under his clothes could not be seen, everyone was able to tell that he must have some injuries on his body too.

Tony glanced at the person who asked the question before casually looking at the crowd with his cold, emotionless eyes. Then, he calmly replied, "I don't know who was the person who posted the video."

He could feel Myra's body stiffen, so he held her hand with his left hand under the desk in an attempt to give her some comfort.

Another reporter immediately asked in an impatient voice, "It was said that the video last night was posted by Miss Walton. She failed to win your heart so when she saw you showing affection to Miss Stark, it triggered her and caused her to lose her sanity and do all sorts of crazy acts—not only did she deliberately run into your car, she even preemptively released the video so that you would be condemned by the public. What is your comment on this?"

However, Tony remained impassive. "I am unsure whether the video was posted by Miss Walton. The reason I gathered everyone here today and revealed the whole video is solely to clear up the misunderstanding. Of course, I indeed strangled Miss Walton, but it was not because I had lost my mind or I wanted to kill her. Nevertheless, I think that I should make a confession to my fiancée in front of everyone."

After saying that, the curve playing by his lips became more obvious and his expression seemed much gentler. He turned to look at the stunned Myra with overflowing gentleness in his eyes as he murmured, "There are too many rumors spreading around and they have caused some discomfort to my fiancée. Before I met my fiancée, I have never had any romantic relationship with any woman and I have never fallen in love with anyone either. Myra Stark will be my only woman in my whole life."

His profound feelings for Myra were conveyed to her unabashedly as he looked straight at her. The crowd seemed to be stupefied by his sudden confession. When the reporters finally returned to their senses, the sounds of shutters going off echoed throughout the room. It was earth-shattering news—the heir to a business empire, Tony Hart, confessed his love to

the young mistress of the Stark Family, Myra Stark, in public. He admitted that she was the only one he loved and would ever want. This sort of romance was clearly what the reporters loved, and this sort of gossip would make their female readers scrambling for their magazines.

Myra blushed gradually and her clear eyes were filled with emotion. With her hand in his, she could feel happiness blooming in her heart.

"Therefore, the rumor that you were once in a relationship with Miss Walton before Miss Stark came between the two of you, which then caused Miss Walton to do crazy acts due to extreme sorrow, is actually not real?" Another reporter quickly made sense of the whole situation. Tony publicly declared that he had never liked any woman and never had any relationship with another woman, which indicated that Gemma was never in a relationship with Tony. In other words, the rumor that started to spread last night was all a sham. According to the rumor, Gemma had been dumped by Tony, which caused her to choose to end both their lives out of extreme grievance in order to take revenge on him.

"Miss Walton is just the younger sister of a former good friend of mine when I started my business. I'm not exactly close to her," he replied impassively.

They aren't even close... It then dawned on them that it was Gemma's one-sided love all along—she could not win Tony's heart so she intended to destroy him. That deranged woman sure is terrifying.

"Director Hart, do you have any comments about the video and article published on the 'Weekly News'? There were a lot of assumptions made in the article based on the limited information that they had, so the news that was reported were not real and it has caused a huge impact to your reputation and that of the Hart Group. Also, rumor has it that the 'Weekly News' has been acquired by the Walton Group a few days ago..." one of the reporters stood up and said.

Although there was no evidence that the video was released by the Walton Family, it was a fact that 'Weekly News', the first company that published the video, had been acquired by them.

It was very apparent that Tony's expression darkened slightly when he heard what the reporter said. Although it was unnoticeable to the crowd, that was not the case for Myra, so she held his hand tightly. However, Tony suddenly curled up his lips slightly, forming an arc that nobody could tell whether it was a smile or a sneer. "The lawyers of the Hart Group

have started handling this matter. The 'Weekly News' made a lot of inaccurate statements, so the Hart Group will file a lawsuit against them for defamation."

"How about Miss Walton?" another reporter asked. "In the video, she recklessly rammed into your car. This is an incident of deliberate assault. Director Hart, do you have any comments on this?"

Tony's gaze was deep. "I have warned Miss Walton before this. Although she hurt me, I'm willing to let it slide for the sake of my friend. However, she repetitively harassed my fiancée, which is something I find unacceptable. I will hand the matter over to the police. As an adult, one should know what he or she is doing, and there are certain behaviors that shouldn't be condoned over and over again. All of us have our limits."

With that, Tony had made himself very clear. He could no longer stand Gemma's ruthless behavior and would let the police handle the matter. His words expressed his, as well as the Hart Family's, protectiveness over Myra. In addition, after the accident, Tony might have considered letting the incident about the car accident slide, but Gemma's repetitive harassment toward Myra had made him lose his patience.

In other words, after the accident, not only did Gemma not keep a low profile, she even arrogantly attempted to split the lovers?

Upon hearing this, everyone could not help but look down upon Gemma even more. She sure is a strange person for having such a strong intention to become someone else's mistress!

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All of a sudden, the sounds of keyboards tapping away and camera shutters going off filled the room.

Soon after that, the details from the Hart Group press conference became published; naturally, the response that ensued was quite significant.

Originally, Miss Walton, who was allegedly the victim, the weaker party, and the person abandoned, suddenly turned out to be a despicable home-wrecker, a lunatic, and a vicious woman. From then on, there were all sorts of negative tags attached to her.

Perhaps it was because everyone didn't expect the distinguished Young Lady of the Walton family to be such a shameless woman. The words that came out of her mouth were quite explicit, after all.

"I just want to give you some comfort during her pregnancy... Now that she is pregnant, you must be having a hard time holding back your desires. I just wish to continue to admire you in secret and to sometimes appear by your side when you need me. I won't ruin your family; I just want you to occasionally be with me... Myra's only attributes are her skills in bed and the way she pleasures you. As for me, I'm still a virgin; I only care about you so I'm quite sure I'll be comparable to her. I—"

Gemma had completely twisted values that were totally beyond what was acceptable. It was quite hard to believe that this usually haughty and aloof woman had in fact chased after a married man and requested to be his mistress.

On the contrary, the director of Hart Group, Tony, had a great mindset, which was evident from his words.

"Even if you were the last woman left on Earth, I would still choose to stay celibate. If you dare to bother Myra again, I won't hesitate to show you in advance the consequences of crossing my path."

Everyone present could clearly sense his loyalty toward the one he loved. Most of the women who heard this sighed in admiration, and they were envious and jealous of Myra but disdainful of Gemma's actions. This was such a stark contrast, resulting in the crowd being even more disgusted and scornful of the latter's actions. At that point, all of the hard-built, positive framework of the Walton Family from the previous night came crashing down without any warning, and there were endless negative comments directed at Gemma as well as the Walton Family on the Internet.

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Just then, the atmosphere in Gemma's room was significantly tense and one could practically cut the tension with a knife.

Everyone from the Walton Family, except for Gemma, had assumed that there were only two recordings that fateful night at the underground parking lot of the Stark Group. One was regarding the conflict between her and Tony, and the other was the recording of her driving her car into Tony's. Other than that, they didn't expect anything else. However, much to their dismay, Gemma had in fact tried to seduce Tony; as for the words she had said, Edward was practically about to blow a gasket after hearing it. How can a foolish girl like her even be a part of the Walton Family? Doesn't she know that there are security cameras in the underground parking lot?

As soon as everyone in the Walton Family saw the negative comments left by strangers on the Internet, their expressions darkened.

"Grandpa—" After last night's outburst, Gemma had initially gone back to her old ways of being reckless as she realized that her family had no qualms of indulging all her whims. However, after the full video recording was released and Tony's words were made known to the public, Gemma was utterly stunned. During her impulsive outburst, she completely forgot about the fact that she had tried to seduce Tony prior to that or perhaps subconsciously, she didn't think that there was anything wrong in her actions of seducing him.

It was only when the condemning comments from the Internet hit hard like waves crashing into her that she suddenly felt a sense of humiliation and resentment. Gemma finally came to the realization that she had brought massive trouble upon her family and this time, things were way worse than the previous incident of her running into Tony with her car. This incident indicated a massive flaw in her character and had implicated the whole Walton Family. As such, everyone in the family was also the subject of abuse by the general public.

"Grandpa, this isn't my fault. Myra must have convinced Tony to do this! He wouldn't have treated us like this based on his friendship with Gideon. It must be Myra's idea to go against us, so she must have said something negative to make him take such actions.

Meanwhile on the other end, the Hart Group press conference was, in fact, a live stream event. At this moment, everyone watching could clearly hear the words that Tony mentioned to the press. He maintained his stance and insisted that he did not know the identity of the person who released that video recording; it also appeared that he wasn't trying to put the blame on the Walton Family, but the latter were the ones that had gone overboard. Thus, Tony had no choice but to arrange for this press conference to take further action but in actual fact, he was intentionally targeting the Walton Family.

Based on the current circumstances, Tony clearly emerged as the victor. No one in the Walton Family had expected this situation to take place and they didn't realize that the current negative public sentiments were detrimental to them. On the other hand, this situation was advantageous to the Hart Family, the Hart Group, Tony, as well as Myra.

This showed that the Hart Family had strong values of loyalty and Tony was a deeply affectionate person. Meanwhile, Myra was also the innocent party here.

As for the Walton Family, they were despicable and Gemma was utterly shameless.

"Gemma, even I can't do anything much for you this time!" Edward clenched both of his hands tightly into fists and his shrewd eyes were full of aggression and struggle.

Momentarily stunned, Gemma became frightened after regaining her senses. "Grandpa, what do you mean? I didn't do anything drastic. Besides, Tony's perfectly fine! It's only been a few days since the incident but he's currently up and running; he's also well enough to hold a press conference! What do you mean by you not being able to do anything to help me?"

"What do you mean he's fine?" All of a sudden, Edward couldn't control his anger and lashed out at her. Soon after that, he took a deep breath before narrowing his eyes and pursing his lips. "In the video, everyone can clearly see the whole situation of how you intentionally drove your car into Tony's; there's no need for him to explain anything. Then, you made another mistake by acting impulsively afterward when the Hart Family had already decided to forgive you. Right now, you should just leave the country and stay there until things cool down. Give it some time and I'll arrange for you to come back once everything is fine."

Edward's vein pulsated vigorously out of anger upon noticing Tony's actions. The latter was currently speaking on the live stream and he also turned around occasionally to smile at Myra. "Your reckless move of releasing footage of that video recording and threatening Myra has angered the Hart Family to the point where they no longer give any regard to our reputation. Their actions today are a blatant challenge to our family! Soon, the police will investigate this issue and by then, even if I beg the Hart Family for forgiveness, do you think they will let you off the hook?"

Gemma shivered in fear as soon as she heard Edward's words. She had acted impulsively out of anger yesterday. As soon as she saw that video, she did not hesitate to give Myra a call and threaten her. However, Myra's refusal angered Gemma further and she ended up releasing the footage online. At that moment, she did not stop to consider the consequences as she assumed that her family would settle the matter for her. Furthermore, she had always harbored the thought that her grandpa could settle the issue of her being

forced to leave Bradfort City but now, he chose not to do so because he had given up on her after her disfigurement. Out of resentment, she then made the decision to create a fuss. However, looking at this current situation, Gemma suddenly felt a sense of panic.

"Grandpa—no, I mean... Gideon! Gideon, you're quite close to Tony! If you go and seek his forgiveness, then he definitely wouldn't be so harsh on me! You've been friends for six years so surely he's going to give you some leeway?" Gemma suddenly turned to Gideon for help.

Currently, Gideon had a sullen expression on his face. He then turned around to look at his sister and sneered, "Do you think that Tony's going to pay any heed to my word? All this while, he's never bothered to listen to me. Besides, you've used me as a pretext for more than one occasion; don't you think it's too late for everything?"

"But—" Gemma had not realized the repercussions when she intentionally drove her car into someone.

Just then, it seemed that Samuel knew what she was about to say and he replied with a solemn voice, "Intention to harm is a serious crime and could lead to a maximum sentence of imprisonment for a few years or at least home detention. You assumed that Tony wasn't badly hurt in that incident, but he's already undergone a full examination and came out with a report for that. Currently, he's just waiting for the final judgment."

"What? How can my daughter be imprisoned!" Shelly frantically yelled out in a shrill voice and grabbed hold of Samuel's left arm. "Samuel, you must find a way to help Gemma! You have to save our daughter!"

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Shelly had assumed that compensating the other party would be sufficient to resolve the issue, but she didn't realize that the misdeed could possibly lead to imprisonment. She nearly fainted out of fright upon realizing the gravity of the situation.

Samuel's eyes were dark and brooding. However, he didn't make any promises to Shelly.

By then, Gemma realized the severity of the situation and sobbed in fright. "Grandpa, I've learned my lesson and I know it's my fault! Please, Grandpa! I'm scared! Dad, Gideon, I don't

want to go to jail! Tony is completely unharmed and I don't want to go to jail!" Gemma sobbed uncontrollably and her tears soaked through the dressing on her face. Shelly, who was next to her, couldn't control her tears either.

"Stop all that crying! I'm well and alive here!" Feeling frustrated, Edward took another look at the live stream. Without a second thought, he switched it off with a cold expression on his face.

Gideon's current expression was thunderous. Everyone was busy yesterday and didn't have the time to keep an eye on Gemma, and she managed to ruin everything in one single day! Initially, we still had a relationship with the Hart Family. Although we were treading on thin ice, the Hart Family would not keep an eye on us and things were easier for everyone. However, that may not be the case now.

"Grandpa, Dad, I think the best idea right now is to get Gemma to make a public apology." Gideon had a sinister look in his eyes while saying this.

"What? You want me to apologize? No way; I don't want to apologize! Why should I? Why do I have to apologize each time something goes wrong?" As soon as Gemma heard that she had to apologize and it had to be a public one at that, she indignantly rejected Gideon's suggestion without even giving it any consideration.

After apologizing to Myra previously, I couldn't hold my head up in public for quite some time—that was such a humiliating experience. If I have to apologize publicly this time, I won't be able to appear in public anymore because I'll definitely be the topic of speculation wherever I go!

"Since you refuse to apologize, do you have another better idea?" Evidently, Edward had also reached the same conclusion. Upon hearing what Gemma had to say, he banged his newly-bought cane on the ground angrily, and it thudded as it hit the ground. "If you apologize, you might be able to salvage this situation but if you don't, we'll be stuck in this rut and the situation will only worsen. If you apologize publicly right now, even if the Hart Family eventually decides to lay charges against you, they definitely won't be too harsh on you!"

"But-"

"There are no buts; this is my final decision!" Edward announced and he thought to himself, Ever since I returned to Bradfort City, nothing seems to be going smoothly. It's just one bad

incident after another. He had an uneasy feeling and somehow sensed that something major was about to happen. He then glanced at both his son and grandson with a somber expression and noted that their faces were equally gloomy. At this point, he felt his chest tighten out of anger. If Gemma's actions affect our other plans, then I definitely won't give her any more chances!

Immediately after that, Edward stomped out of the hospital room without giving Gemma and Shelly a chance to say anything.

As for Samuel, he was currently hounded by Shelly but he didn't succeed in getting Edward to change his mind. Besides, he was quite upset with Gemma as well. After instructing Shelly to keep a rein on Gemma and teach her some manners, Samuel furiously stomped out of the room.

Gideon was the last one to leave and his expression before he left the room was quite dark too. As soon as he stepped out of the room, he suddenly stopped the two bodyguards and asked, "Did Gemma behave any differently yesterday?"

Both of them looked at each other perplexedly but they didn't recall her doing anything out of the ordinary, so they shook their heads in unison. Gideon frowned even harder and he paused before asking, "Did she meet anyone? Did she talk to anyone at all?"

One of the bodyguards immediately replied, "Your girlfriend, Miss Kris, did pop by. Miss Gemma complained that she felt bored and wanted to talk to her so we let her into the room. Nothing else happened after that. Oh—afterward, Miss Gemma and Miss Stark, from the room in front, looked at each other from afar but nothing else happened." Truth was, both of them were clearly aware of everything that happened today and the day before but they were just employees, so all they had to do was to complete the tasks assigned to them; everything else was none of their business.

Gideon's face darkened slightly as soon as he heard their words. After instructing them to keep a close eye on Gemma, he turned around and walked away.

Meanwhile inside the ward, Gemma was in a foul mood. First, she had gotten the bad news of her disfigurement; then she was told that Tony was going to lay charges against her. Now, everyone was condemning her online and she was described as a horrible, evil b*tch. However, Tony and everyone else seems to be unaware that they've been duped by Myra's fake façade; she's the actual b*tch, not me!

"Mom, you must help me! Grandpa, Dad, and Gideon have all given up on me. Now that I'm disfigured, I'm no longer useful to them. Mom, you're the only one who can help me now!" Gemma couldn't control her trembling self and she looked on helplessly at Shelly.

Shelly had just regained her senses after that scolding from her husband and right now, all she could feel was a sense of anger and grievance. She stroked Gemma's head tenderly and said, "Don't you worry; I'll definitely be on your side!"

She's my darling girl and I've pampered her all my life, so no one can easily bully my daughter and get away with it! Shelly pondered over the situation and after comforting Gemma for a while, she left the room.

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At the press conference on Tony and Myra's end, Sebastian and Lisa were present to speak up for them as well. In the end, this press conference became more like a session for the Hart Family to publicly acknowledge Myra's identity.

As soon as the press conference ended, Myra and Tony stood up. Some eagle-eyed members of the press noticed that despite Tony's injured arm, he carefully held onto Myra's hand. As for Myra, she had one hand in his while the other hand was unconsciously rubbing her belly. Since the revelation of their relationship, things had always been full of controversy between the two of them. However, those who noticed their interaction had a lightbulb moment upon seeing that.

There's no need to care about the speculations of others because we can all tell how infatuated they are with each other. Throughout the whole press conference, Director Hart had an impassive look on his face except for when he turned to look at Miss Stark. It seems that all of his emotions are reserved solely for her and her alone; one would have to be blind to not see what was going on.

At that moment, everyone was at a loss for words as they recalled Gemma's actions. It's quite obvious that she's the one who started the rumors about her and Director Hart being a couple and falsely accused Miss Stark of being the third party in their relationship. Such rumors might have its intended effect on some other man but obviously, Director Hart couldn't care less about it, which is why she hit a dead end there. This is quite evident by the way Director Hart stood up for Miss Stark and condemned Miss Walton during our press conference earlier.

However, Tony and Myra were completely oblivious to the speculations of those around them. Right now, Myra's felt that her feet were slightly numb after sitting down for such a long time. As such, Tony held her hand and pulled her to her feet. He then instinctively wrapped his arm around her waist before steering her toward the door.

Myra felt quite self-conscious in front of the crowd, especially with everyone holding onto video cameras or cameras, but she didn't resist his affection. However, she couldn't control her laughter upon seeing Sebastian's expression as he raised his brows at her. Two days ago, he quite scornfully told me that Tony's the only one who will jump to my rescue if I'm in trouble. However, he turned up in person today to stand up for me. Besides, he also mentioned that I'm the only person he acknowledges to take the position of his youngest granddaughter-in-law.

"What's so funny?" Tony lightly pinched her on the waist and whispered in her ear. He suddenly lowered his head and his refreshing scent, coupled with a trace of medicinal smell, washed over Myra. Her face flushed as she mumbled, "Nothing."

Tony raised his brows and darted in so close to her ear that he could practically nibble on it as he whispered, "I just confessed my love to you in public. How are you going to respond to that?"

"What sort of response do you want?" Myra bit on her lower lip and lifted her head as she looked at him with a pair of glimmering eyes.

All of a sudden, Tony leaned over to place his lips on hers and kissed her tenderly.

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This scene was captured by the members of the press behind them.

Sebastian was quite stunned to see that and he gave a slight cough as his face flushed red in embarrassment, Oh gosh, these two don't even care whether this is an appropriate place and time! Although he lamented this in his heart, he didn't express anything and made his way out of the conference room hand-in-hand with Lisa.

Myra's face flushed completely from her cheeks to the tips of her ears after the kiss from Tony. She glared at Tony and finally succeeded in making him behave slightly. He laughed in a low tone and the both of them then disappeared from the entrance of the conference room.

Unbeknown to the two of them, this press conference was not only a success in clarifying the circulating rumors recently, but their affectionate relationship was also the main focus of the press, resulting in them being the source of envy of the youngsters who saw the live stream.

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Myra received a phone call on her cell phone soon after arriving at Tony's office. As soon as she answered the phone, a shrill, loud voice rang out, "Myra Stark, I need to talk to you." The person's tone was full of disdain.

Myra furrowed her brows in response. She had a good memory and could recall hearing this voice at Tony's birthday party—turned out it was Shelly on the line. Myra kept her silence but the other party continued her words without even expecting a reply, "Meet me at the café next to the hospital at around 11.00 AM." Then, Shelly hung up the phone right away after finishing her sentence. Feeling speechless, Myra stared at the phone in her hand with a resigned look.

"What's wrong?" Tony had already removed his jacket with her help and the jacket was left aside. Due to his injury, Leo had already sorted out all the documents on his computer. Right now, Tony sat behind his office table and looked at Myra expectantly.

"It's nothing; just a cold call." Evidently, Myra was not going to heed Shelly's instruction to meet at that random café, so she chose to ignore everything.

Meanwhile, Tony didn't bother to press further and he left the conversation as it was.

On the other end, Shelly sat waiting at the café all by herself. Normally, she was the one who turned up late to meet the other party. However, she felt quite worried about Gemma's situation so this time, she arrived half an hour earlier and waited there. She waited there until 11.30 AM but there was no sign of Myra. Angered, she gave Myra multiple phone calls but it was to no avail because the latter didn't pick up the phone at all.

This was the first time that Shelly had experienced such snub from anyone; at this point, her anger toward Myra reached boiling point. Not only did she cause so much pain toward Gemma, now she's behaving so rudely to me! She couldn't control her temper and her chest heaved up and down angrily as she also recalled the problems that her husband and son had faced at work due to Myra's intervention. After considering the situation for a while, she then dialed another number.

The phone rang for quite some time before the other party answered. By the time the call was picked up, Shelly was no longer so desperate. She gritted her teeth for a moment before she spoke haughtily. "Director Chase, I'm Gideon's mother and our surname is Walton; I'm sure you must have heard of me before."

Sean had just walked out of the conference room when he received this call. As soon as he heard her words, his eyes narrowed into slits. "Mrs. Walton?"

"Looks like you're quite smart, Director Chase." Shelly forced a smile and as she continued, "I had an idea that just came to my mind recently so I wanted to seek your cooperation. Are you interested in working together, Director Chase?"

Sean signaled to Richard to indicate that he could leave first. Then, the former walked back to his office. He stood in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows in his office and casually commented, "What sort of business plan do you have in mind, Mrs. Walton?"

"I heard that you used to be married to Miss Myra Stark but after a series of incidents, the two of you ended up getting divorced. I've noticed that you've been quite protective of her even after the divorce. Am I correct in my guess that you're still fond of her and that you are after a reconciliation?" Shelly tried hard to calm down and she spoke slowly and patiently to Sean.

Myra does have some skills up her sleeves; not only is she able to win Tony's heart, there's even another excellent man that's still clinging onto her! I've even heard that Sean's going through divorce proceedings with his current wife. Shelly's expression at that moment was disdainful and mocking as the thoughts ran wild in her mind.

"Mrs. Walton, what are you implying?" Sean's expression remained impassive and he replied with a casual attitude.

"Nothing much, really. Since you're keen on winning Myra back and my daughter is fixated on Tony, we should work together to break them up. Surely this would increase our chance

of succeeding? I mean, us working together would definitely work out better than carrying out our plans individually, right? What do you think, Director Chase?" Shelly smiled victoriously after finishing her speech.

Our family's more powerful than the Chase Family, so he should thank his lucky stars for the chance to work together with us. If he agrees to cooperate and come between Tony and Myra or help portray Myra as a promiscuous person to the public, then we might stand a chance at breaking them up!

As soon as Shelly said her piece, Sean suddenly chuckled at the other end of the line.

Upon hearing that, she raised her brows and asked, "What's wrong, Director Chase?"

Sean maintained his silence when he heard her question but he continued chuckling.

Gradually, Shelly realized that there was something wrong. She furrowed her brows and asked with a harsh voice, "What are you laughing at?"

"Mrs. Walton—" He suddenly stopped laughing but his disparaging tone sounded aggravating to her. He was in fact, full of contempt for her and the Walton Family. "I'm quite surprised though, with Miss Walton's current looks, even if Myra breaks up with Tony, do you really think that your daughter will succeed in getting married to Tony?"

"You—" Shelly gave a loud gasp but Sean didn't give her a chance to say anything. "From my understanding, Miss Walton's completely disfigured, no? Even if she undergoes plastic surgery, I reckon there wouldn't be much difference to her looks. Furthermore, your family has completely offended the Hart Family and they even organized a press conference to clarify everything. Mrs. Walton, how can you be so confident that you'll succeed in helping your daughter marry Tony?"

Obviously, there was a reason for Sean's dismissive attitude. Although it seemed that the Walton family were quite powerful, that was all in the past when they were overseas. This wasn't public knowledge but Sean had investigated their background as soon as they came back to Bradfort City. He had discovered that the Walton family had fallen onto hard times overseas. As a result, they had no choice but to return to Bradfort City and develop their business here. Mrs. Walton's disparaging attitude was just a ploy to exploit him. I do want to win back Myra's heart but that doesn't mean I'm willing to become a tool. Besides, the Walton Family is known to be ruthless, so it's quite likely that they'll tear me to pieces after they've made full use of me!

However, there was only one thing on Shelly's mind. "Sean Chase, how on earth did you find out about my daughter's condition?"

Sean replied scornfully, "The social circle in Bradfort City is quite small, so I must say this minor incident isn't exactly a secret."

Upon hearing that, Shelly gripped her cell phone tightly to the point where her knuckles turned white. She realized that he was not going to agree to work together so without saying another word, she hung up immediately. Realizing that she had failed to gain anything from Myra and Sean, she angrily flung the coffee cup next to her onto the ground.

The sound of breaking glass immediately attracted the attention of the waitress. As soon as Shelly saw her, she went on a tirade, "What's wrong with you? Why didn't you remind me that the coffee's scalding hot? Did you do this on purpose?"

At that moment, the poor waitress received a scolding for no reason. However, she didn't dare to rebuke Shelly because she knew that most of the people who visited this café were likely to be high up on the social ladder. Although she felt aggrieved, she had no choice but to tolerate the scolding.

After ranting for a short while, Shelly finally left the place after paying the bill.

Just as Shelly was creating that big fuss, on the other end, Kris was on the phone with Gemma.

At this moment, Gemma was relentlessly pestering Kris to find a way to resolve the situation. The former firmly suggested for the latter to admit that she was the one who had released the video clip.

Obviously, Kris was reluctant to do so. While they were in dispute about this, all of a sudden, someone knocked on Kris' office door. Soon after that, the door was opened from the outside and Gideon walked into the room with a dark expression on his face.

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In fact, Gideon had already realized from the start that Kris had her own agenda but he chose to turn a blind eye to it because she had never done anything too drastic. Moreover, he still needed the support of the Stark Group so he chose not to be clear-cut with everything.

However, Kris had crossed the line this time in regards to Gemma's incident.

As soon as Kris noticed Gideon walking into her room, she jumped up from her chair to greet him and immediately placed her cell phone aside, "Gideon, I thought you were at the hospital visiting Gemma. Why did you drop by all of a sudden?"

Evidently, Kris was aware of everything that had happened this morning and the night before. She had always knew that Gemma was quite stupid but she didn't expect the latter to make such a dumb move. She thinks that just because she's the darling daughter of the Walton Family, she has the right to order me around and instruct me to complete her tasks. Well, guess what? All I had to do was send her the video clip. Then, she ended up getting carried away and impulsively released the footage. Looking at how things are going, I think she'll be facing imprisonment. Kris was secretly gleeful about it but of course, she didn't let it show on her face.

Gideon's expression was thunderous as he looked at the woman in front of him. He narrowed his eyes as he questioned, "Kris, you seem to be hanging out with Gemma a lot lately, yes?" He looked at her with a half-smile on his face.

At this point, Kris's heart skipped a beat but she remained calm and smiled at him. "Of course; she's your sister so I regard her as my sister too. We definitely have a good relationship with each other! Besides, Gemma's quite lovely and I'm happy to be friends with her."

"Is that so? I've always felt that Gemma had a bad temper. She never seemed to have much luck in gaining any true friends." Gideon tried his hardest to smile and managed to come up with a fake smile that was devoid of emotion. When he made that comment, he intentionally emphasized the word 'true'.

Kris had a funny feeling upon hearing that; truth was, she would occasionally get this feeling from Gideon. Hence, she bit on her lower lip and asked, "Gideon, are you worried that I'll get into a fight with Gemma? Don't worry; she's our sister so I'll definitely give in to her. Besides, she just got into that accident and her face is now completely disfigured. No matter what happens, I won't cause her any unhappiness right now!"

"Who told you that her face is completely disfigured?" Gideon's expression took a turn and it darkened immediately.

Kris's heart skipped a beat when she heard his words. No one in the Walton Family had mentioned that to her but after seeing Gemma's face the other day, she had consulted several plastic surgeons for their opinion. Based on what she was told, it was quite hard for such severe wounds to recover. Moreover, Gemma's disfigurement was no longer a secret among their social circle. Kris was just slightly careless with her words and had accidentally mentioned this without even realizing it.

She looked at Gideon warily and said, "Everyone seems to be speculating on this but I don't know who started this. I was just about to inform you, but you appeared before I could call you."

Gideon pondered over it and realized that there were quite a few doctors and nurses involved in the operation back then, so it was relatively easy for the news to be circulated. And so, he fixed his solemn gaze upon Kris for quite some time before mentioning in a low voice, "Kris, I warned you before to not do anything to upset me. As a consequence of the incident regarding the video clip, the profit you get from the Central Square project will be reduced by half. If you make the same mistake again, then there's no need for us to continue being in a relationship."

Gideon's tone of voice was quite somber and Kris couldn't control her thudding heartbeat. The cat's out of the bag once again. She bit on her lower lip and was about to rebuke his words. However, as soon as her eyes met Gideon's sharp gaze that felt quite penetrating, she suddenly was at a loss of words. Nonetheless, her heart ached when she realized that she would lose half of her profit from the Central Square project.

"There's one more thing—don't let Gemma know that her disfigurement is permanent and irreparable. This time, you'd better not cross my limits."

Suddenly, Gideon placed his hand on Kris' neck and stroked it. His hand was cold to the touch but it felt smooth and silky. However, all Kris could feel was a sense of fear and she felt as if a snake was slithering around her neck, causing her hair to stand on end. It was only after quite some time that she finally regained her senses and nodded in reply. "I won't say a word!"

Gideon finally left in good spirits after hearing that.

As soon as he walked out of the room, Kris stumbled and lost all of her energy, causing her to nearly fall to the ground. Fortunately, she had held on to the side of her office table so she didn't end up on the floor.

They're all monsters! Both Gemma and Gideon are the same! If it weren't for the future benefits she could reap from them, Kris would have given up a long time ago.

However, she envisioned the day the Stark Group could finally belong to her, so she gritted her teeth and clenched her fists determinedly. All of a sudden, she turned her head and looked at the cell phone she had flung aside on her office table.

She was previously on the phone with Gemma before Gideon arrived. After noticing him walk in, she had flung the phone aside but she hadn't hung up the call. She suddenly realized with a start that she had had an intense conversation with Gideon, but... Kris couldn't control her heart from beating wildly and she immediately grabbed the phone to look at the screen, only to see the display showing that the call had ended. Upon seeing that, she gripped her cell phone tightly and wondered whether Gemma had heard her conversation with Gideon.

During their conversation, they had mentioned the video clip and the condition of Gemma's face. Kris bit on her lower lip and thought to herself, I didn't intend to let Gemma know all this. Even if she overheard the conversation, it's not my fault at all! With that thought, she flung her phone aside once again. Truth was, she felt quite exhausted after putting on an act in front of everyone in the Walton Family for the past few days. She leaned back against her swivel chair but her phone chose that moment to ring all of a sudden. She gave a quick glance at the caller identification and her expression turned complicated, but she had no intention of answering the call. However, her phone rang incessantly after that first missed call. And so, Kris couldn't help but answer the call as she recalled the man's tenderness.

Meanwhile in the hospital room, the phone that was originally by Gemma's hand was currently smashed and laid in broken pieces by the wall.

Actually, she had heard every single word of the conversation between Kris and her brother. Everything else was a blur to her except for the sentence that her brother said. There's one more thing—don't let Gemma know that her disfigurement is permanent and irreparable. This time, you'd better not cross my limits.

My disfigurement is permanent and irreparable...

My disfigurement is irreparable...

Irreparable...

Suddenly, Gemma shouted and her body trembled. Over time, the trembling became more intense. All of a sudden, she shrieked wildly again and smashed everything in her sights.

Previously, she was in pain from the injury to her hand and she had used up all of her energy to place her phone atop her shoulder. When she flung her phone to the ground after that, she had strained her injured arm once again but she no longer felt the pain.

Didn't they say that my face could be fixed by plastic surgery? How could it be irreparable? Plastic surgery is so advanced in this time and age, so how can my face be irreparable?

Suddenly, everything hit Gemma all at once and she realized how badly disfigured her face was. She was quite aware of how horrible and ugly she looked. Jumping out of bed, she rushed into the bathroom and gingerly removed the multiple layers of dressing on her face. However, the sight that greeted her was her horribly disfigured face. As soon as she saw that, she couldn't control herself and shrieked manically. She then grabbed hold of everything that was within reach and smashed them into the bathroom mirror, breaking it into pieces.

The two bodyguards outside rushed in upon hearing the commotion. As soon as they saw the scene in front of them, one immediately ran to get help from the doctors and nurses while the other called Gideon right away.

"Miss Walton, are you alright? What's going on?" She was completely fine when Mrs. Walton left the room earlier, so why did she suddenly get to this state?

"Tell me—can my face be fixed?" Gemma suddenly grabbed hold of one of the bodyguards and placed her face right in front of him. She stared at his eyes fixedly while she yelled at him loudly.

Gemma's sudden gesture of moving right in front of him enlarged her scary-looking scars. The bodyguard got a fright from that and out of reflex, he gagged in disgust.

Gemma became even more crazed upon noticing that. Suddenly, she shoved the two of them aside and ran out of the door.