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Chapter 531 The One Trying to Kill Her Father

At this very moment, Faye's heart stopped as the guests condemned her one after another.

"To think that someone came to the Saunders Residence wearing a red dress! What a nerve!"

"Who is she? Does she bear a grudge against the Saunderses or something? Isn't it obvious that she's trying to embarrass them?"

"Everyone knows that when Mrs. Saunders died, rumors about her red dress were all over the tabloid magazines. Mr. Saunders even withdrew from the public eye for nearly half a year because of that!"

"It's mean of her to spoil the party using the party host's scandals!"

Soon, the young ladies who had gone shopping and had afternoon tea with Faye before recognized her. "Oh, my God! Is that Faye? Does she have a screw loose or something? Why would she come here while dressed up like that?!"

"She and Celina had always been inseparable when we hung out together. Is she wearing a red dress to mock Mr. Saunders for having been cuckolded?"

"My world's turning upside down, honestly. I used to think that Faye was pretty nice, but I didn't expect her to be such a woman in private. I gotta be on guard against her at my family's parties from now on..."

Faye clutched the skirt of her dress; her beautifully-outlined bare shoulders were deeply sunken with extreme nervousness. She had intended to steal the limelight at the party with her beauty, but she never thought she would end up being condemned by everyone. She felt like her feet had been filled with lead, and she didn't know whether to leave or not.

David stared hard at Faye; the red color of her dress occupied his mind's eye, approaching him and wrapping itself tightly around him like a huge piece of red plastic, rendering him

unable to breathe. He recalled the car accident back then, as well as the reports on his wife's love affair with that guy and the countless gossip mocking him for being cuckolded. His cheeks flushed crimson with indignation, and his eyes became bloodshot. In an instant, he became unable to breathe; he clutched his chest and collapsed face down with a loud thud!

Celina immediately rushed to David when she heard him collapsing on stage with a thud, but she couldn't prop him up as a lady. In the end, several guests nearby worked together to help David up.

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The situation went out of control right away as all the guests surrounded David. The scene was in complete chaos. Some tried to give David first-aid, whereas some called for an ambulance.

However, Celina was only pretending to be nervous. She never thought that David would be so angry, though such a reaction from him would apparently be of great help to her plan—she had purposely refrained from looking back just now, believing that the person who had come in was Elise. However, when David showed no signs of regaining consciousness upon receiving first-aid, she finally panicked for real. "Dad! Dad, wake up!" She gave David a hard shove, but he didn't show any signs of life, as if... As if he's dead!

Celina's lips parted slightly in horror. After a long time, she tentatively put out two fingers and put them under David's nose. After a few seconds, her face turned ashen. She faltered, "D-Dad's not b-breathing anymore..."

"What?! Mr. Saunders is dead?!"

"Oh, God! How could this happen?"

"Has anyone called for an ambulance? No, let's send him to the hospital right away. We can't wait for an ambulance anymore!"

"What's the point of sending him to the hospital? He's not breathing anymore!"

As the situation got completely out of hand, someone lunged at Faye and grabbed her. "She's the culprit! Arrest her!"

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"She's the one who killed Mr. Saunders!"

Celina's mind went totally blank. She could no longer care about her plan or Elise or anything else. All she had wanted was to embarrass Elise in public and destroy the latter's good reputation by using her dead mother. But who would've thought that her father, who loved her more than anyone else did, would end up dying because of that? This isn't what I wanted—never!

It had only been over a decade since the Saunders Family went up in the world, so the family's footing wasn't solid yet. Moreover, David had never touched another woman since his wife passed away, so Celina was the only other person left in the Saunders Family at present. If David died, how was she supposed to manage her family and protect their business?!

A tremendous sense of fear came over Celina. Soon afterward, though, she found an outlet to vent her fears—that was, her hatred for Elise! If it weren't for Elise, all of this wouldn't have happened. It was Elise who killed Dad. I'm gonna get her to pay for this with her own life!

At this very moment, Celina could no longer care about anything else. I must make Elise die for this! She sniffled as a murderous flicker flashed across her eyes. Then, she stood up, ready to go to Elise and fight the latter to the death.

However, just as she was about to turn around, a gentle yet firm voice stood out in the rowdy living hall. "Let me through, please. I know some first aid. The ambulance's gonna take some time to arrive, so let me give the man first aid first."

Celina immediately recognized Elise's voice. How could she have the cheek to say she wants to save Dad after angering him to death? she thought. She turned around and looked viciously in the voice's direction, but she didn't see Elise dressed in a red evening dress as she had imagined. Instead, the lady was dressed in a silver sequin dress that made her look as beautiful as a mermaid princess who had just come ashore, causing all the other female guests nearby to pale in comparison.

What's going on? She isn't wearing the red dress? Who's the person that made Dad so angry, then? Dumbfounded, Celina turned her gaze away from Elise. Almost immediately, she followed the extremely eye-catching red color with her eyes and saw Faye being caught. What? It's Faye?! Why her?! The red dress I delivered was intended for Elise! In other words,

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the one who killed my father isn't Elise, but Faye, my bestie?! This is impossible! This can't be true!

Elise had come forward before Celina recovered from her shock. She had been waiting outside the Saunders Residence, and it wasn't until Faye showed up that she came in after her. Therefore, she didn't miss a single second of what had happened just now. While she found the situation ironic, she couldn't help but heave an inward sigh of relief for herself. If she hadn't been cautious enough to not chance wearing that dress, she would've been the one who was being caught and becoming everyone's favorite Aunt Sally right now. Not only that, but she would've also been publicly disgraced for being a murderer.

Elise lowered her eyes before looking intently at Celina again with a chillingly murderous look in her eyes. Wanna make me a social pariah, huh? Alright then, I'll let you experience what it feels like to pay a double penalty! Concealing her real emotions at once, she placed her hand on Celina's shoulder and comforted her gently, saying, "Don't worry, Celina. I have some knowledge in first aid, so let me take a look at your dad. Perhaps he still has a chance to stay alive."

Celina came to her senses the instant Elise's hand touched her shoulder. "Get out of my house now, you b*tch!" She shoved Elise right away. Pointing at the latter, she swore, "You wanna save him? I think you want him to die even faster!"

The instant she said that, the guests looked at her with a hint of skepticism in their eyes. In a situation as hopeless as this one, even a stranger might be of help. And yet she swore at the person who kindly volunteered to save her father? Seems like the person who wants Mr. Saunders to die even faster isn't this lady, but Celina! Perhaps she's been coveting Mr. Saunders' wealth for a long time and has been wishing for him to die sooner! What an ungrateful daughter!

Regina didn't expect that David would be angered to death, so she quickly came to Celina and grabbed her, pleading, "Please come to your senses, Miss Celina. Do you really want to get Master David killed? He's your father! Hurry up and let this lady save him!"

The guests no longer remained silent as well. They chimed in, "That's right, Celina. It's wrong of you to behave like this. If your dad really ends up dying due to a delay in first-aid, you'll be responsible for it!"

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Chapter 532 Kenneth Hits Women?

Celina felt a splitting headache as the guests tried to get a word in all at once. She took a deep breath. She wished she could skin Elise alive, but she couldn't do anything because these guests were looking daggers at her. In the end, she could only close her eyes and tacitly consent to Elise giving David first aid.

Elise could've turned a blind eye to the situation at first, but on second thoughts, she realized that David was totally innocent—no one would trifle with their own lives, after all. She couldn't just sit by and watch a person die even if it was a stranger, let alone now. It was the father's fault for not teaching his child to behave well, and Celina had to bear the consequences for setting her up, but David didn't deserve to die. And besides, David was still of use to her

Elise stepped forward and reached out to take the pulse in David's neck. It was weak; there was hardly any pulse at all. She then straightened the man's arms and rolled up his sleeves, and sure enough, she noticed the protruding veins on his arms. His left lung is probably injured, she thought.

The situation was grave. David passed out not only because his sudden anger had deprived his brain of oxygen; the other reason was that there was a severe accumulation of gas in his pleural cavity. If the gas wasn't released as soon as possible, he would be unable to breathe on his own for a long time. Soon, his organs would stop working, and he would die completely.

Elise couldn't perform a surgery to deal with the lack of oxygen in David's brain, but she could try releasing the gas in his pleural cavity.

"Can Master David be saved, miss?" Regina asked, her eyes reddened. David and Celina had treated her well over the few years she had been working at the Saunders Residence. If she really ended up killing David this time, she would have to spend the rest of her life with a guilty conscience.

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Elise's expression was grave, though. "It's not easy to save him. I have to remove the gas that has been accumulating in his pleural cavity, but I can't do it with so many people being present here. Get him to the lounge, please."

Soon, several male guests helped carry David into a room.

Elise stood where she was while pondering over how to deal with the situation. If she were in a hospital, she could've had the doctor remove the gas surgically using medical instruments, but there were neither doctors nor medical instruments here.

Soon, her eyes fell on the large aquarium beside the dining table.

The next second, she rushed to the aquarium and detached the transparent tube from the aquarium's booster pump. After tossing the tube onto the dining table, she cleaned its exterior with liquor and poured alcohol into the tube, disinfecting it completely.

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Then, she quickly ran into the kitchen and took a paring knife. After disinfecting the knife in the same manner, she grabbed two half-full bottles of whiskey and ordered the servants to get her some cellophane tape while she quickly headed for the room.

"Stop right there!" Celina stopped her again. "What are you gonna do with the knife?!"

This was also what the other guests would like to ask. They totally didn't understand Elise's intentions, so none of them dared to advise Celina to step aside.

"Stop me all you want if you want your dad dead!" Elise's eyes were flashing, and her voice was devoid of warmth. At this very moment, she was only a doctor trying to save a patient's life!

Celina had never seen such a look in anyone's eyes before. In an instant, she was frightened by that look; then, her fear was overtaken by feelings of unease, guilt, and anxiety. She didn't want David to die, nor was she willing to see that happen. "I'll never let you off if anything happens to my dad!" she threatened before silently making way for Elise.

"You won't have the chance!" Elise cast a sidelong glance at her in disdain before turning around to enter the room.

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To avoid keeping Elise from giving David first aid, most of the people had left, leaving only Regina and some of David's buddies in the room.

Elise put everything on the nightstand. After disinfecting the tube and the knife for a second time, she cut the tube into a long one and a short one. Then, she inserted one end of the longer tube into the half-full bottle of whiskey until it touched the bottom of the bottle. After that, she inserted a bit of the shorter tube into the mouth of the bottle and sealed the space between the mouth of the bottle and the tubes with the cellophane tape.

Having done all of this, she picked up the paring knife, unbuttoned David's shirt, and made an incision in the lower part of the left side of his chest under the second rib. Then, she inserted the other end of the longer tube into the incision.

Soon, there was a reaction in the whiskey bottle; bubbles kept coming out of the end of the longer tube. Half a minute later, David took a sharp breath in bed and resumed breathing, though he was still unconscious.

At the sight of the scene, everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

"That's amazing! How did you do it?" asked one of David's buddies.

Elise let out a heavy breath. "It's just a simple version of the one-way valve principle. Before the rupture in his lung heals, air will keep flowing into the pleural cavity and accumulate there. The tube can remove the gas, whereas the alcohol stops the air from flowing back in."

Leaning against the door with a complicated look on her face, Celina stared at Elise morosely, her feelings mixed. She had thought that Elise was skilled in medicine, but it turned out that all the latter knew was but some simple daily life principles. Valve? Removing the gas? Sounds like part of the manual labor that only a child that became the breadwinner for their family at an early age would experience. To think that she would show off by capitalizing on her experience in the countryside!

Luckily, David had resumed breathing, so Celina no longer had to worry about losing her support. Thus, she wasn't afraid of Elise anymore. "All you can do is such unskilled work," she said sarcastically. "Since you've finished giving first aid, hurry up and get out of here. Stay away from my dad lest your bad luck influences him!"

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They were now in the room, not the living hall. There weren't any meddlesome guests, so Celina felt she could do whatever she pleased. Since David was alive, it was only natural that a doctor would save him, so Celina felt it was time to chase Elise away. There was no way she would let Elise wait here until David regained consciousness and treated her like a distinguished guest due to intense gratitude. How could she let Elise steal her thunder?

One of David's buddies spoke for Elise as he couldn't stand the sight of what was happening. "It's wrong of you to speak like that, Celina. She saved your father, after all!"

"Yeah, that's right. How could you chase her away as soon as your dad resumes breathing? Even if your dad's awake, he won't return her kindness with ingratitude!"

"That's right. Let's have this lady stay here instead until the ambulance arrives."

Celina folded her arms across her chest in a perverse attitude. "Gentlemen, I know you guys are hoping for nothing but my dad's death so that you guys could steal his business from him. Stop pretending like you're his sworn brothers here!"

"You! How could you say something like that?!"

"Okay, it's our fault for poking our nose into somebody else's business. Let's go!"

"Hmph!"

The men then left the room in a huff.

Regina wanted to stop them, but she dared not leave the room lest anything might happen to David again.

As soon as they left, Celina acted even more recklessly. She had suffered a lot of grievances out there just now because of Elise, so how could she not get back at the latter all at once this time?

Celina's venomous gaze rested on Elise for a moment. Then, she angrily charged at Elise and raised her hand in an attempt to slap the latter. However, just as her hand was still in midair, a man suddenly stretched out his large hand from behind and grabbed her, rendering her unable to move.

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Celina's eyes turned cold when she threw her head back to see who it was. "K-Kenneth? Why are you here?"

Kenneth's eyes gleamed with grimness. "Hmm? Won't you be able to hurt her if I'm absent?" He grabbed Celina's hand in a vice-like grip before shaking her hand off forcefully and flinging her to the ground. I never hit women, except for those who bully Elise.

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Chapter 533 Too Indifferent

Kenneth took out his handkerchief and wiped the hand with which he had grabbed Celina just now. Then, he walked up to Elise and asked in a whisper, "Are you alright?"

"Nope," Elise replied.

"Hmm?" Kenneth cocked an eyebrow in puzzlement.

Elise cast a sidelong look at him. "You came too early. It made me appear weak."

"Ho ho..." Kenneth let out a chuckle. "In that case, I did come at a bad time."

"Indeed." Elise shrugged her shoulders. The silver needle she brought with her today had been soaked in a specially made psychedelic potion, so it was more than enough for what was needed to deal with Celina.

"It's not what you think it is, Mr. Bailey!" Celina was filled with increasing anger when she saw the pair exchange glances. As soon as she picked herself up, she pointed at Elise and accused her, saying, "Don't let this vicious woman fool you! She nearly killed my dad by deliberately having her sister dressed in red to provoke him!" That's right! Elise must have done something so that the dress intended for her ended up being worn by Faye instead!

"Deliberate, you say?" Elise looked at Celina intently. "If I wanted to kill your dad, why would I try to save him? And besides, Miss Celina, did you forget who delivered that dress?! Speaking of it, I seriously wonder what made you hate your dad so much that you had to anger him to death in a way that embarrassed him the most. They say that Mr. Saunders is

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very sensitive to the color red because of his late wife who had cheated on him. His health declined back then because he was angered by his wife's love affair, and now you're trying to annoy him to death. Could it be that you and your mother were so close that you two joined the Saunders Family for the same purpose of taking Mr. Saunders' life?"

"That's nonsense!" Celina raised her voice. "He's my dad! What good would it do me to kill him?"

"That's right. You dared to do it, even if it wouldn't do you any good. If it would do you any good, you'd probably slit his throat yourself with a knife, no?" Elise's lips curled into a sneer. "But what you did just now isn't much different from slitting his throat with a knife. If you had managed to stop me, you'd have inherited the Saunderses' family fortune as you wished."

"That's bullshit! I'm the only daughter of the Saunders Family, so the Saunderses' fortune is mine in the first place. Why would I need to kill my dad to get all of this?!" Celina stared hard at Elise with huge, round eyes. "Save the act, Elise! I know you're trying to slander me in front of Mr. Bailey!"

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Elise replied with a half-smile, "It doesn't matter whether I'm trying to slander you or frame you. In any case, I'm now the heroine who's saved your father, and you're the unfilial daughter in the eyes of everyone. Celina, has all of this worked the way you wanted?"

Stunned, Celina stood frozen in place, her heart beating uneasily. Why is this happening? This party was a setup I arranged for Elise, but I'm the one who's been at a disadvantage so far! Not only did I make Dad ill in bed, but even my reputation is destroyed now! Why did everything turn out this way? "What the hell did you do..." She looked at Elise in horror with a chill running down her spine, as if a gust of chilly wind had just blown past her.

"You saw all of it, didn't you?" Elise's lips parted casually. "I attended the party at your invitation, saved your father while I'm at it, and became a savior for your family. That's all."

But this isn't what's supposed to happen! thought Celina. For a moment, she was at a loss for words, and she stood rooted in a daze. She had a bunch of guests out there to deal with and explain the situation to still. As soon as she walked out of this room, everyone would know that Elise had requited evil with good by bringing her father back to life. They would heap praises on Elise, whereas what awaited her—the star of today's birthday party—was

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nothing but ridicule and contempt. This is my home turf, but why does it seem like I'm the last person who's supposed to be here?

In an instant, Celina was at a loss for what to do. She kept pondering like mad in her mind how to deal with the present situation, but her brain just didn't work well. It was too foggy to come up with any solution.

Just then, however, a weak voice suddenly sounded from the bed. "Nana..."

Regina, who was leaning over the bed, was the first to realize this. She shouted with excitement, "He's awake! Master David's awake!"

Everyone turned their heads simultaneously to see that David, who had barely been breathing at first, had regained consciousness before they realized it. At this moment, Regina had propped him up and helped him sit up against the headboard.

Celina was both overjoyed and afraid. She called out tentatively in disbelief, "Dad?"

Covering the treated wound on his chest, David nodded weakly to signal that he had heard her.

Only then did Celina snap out of her panic. She rushed to his bed, bursting into tears at once. "You're awake at last, Dad! I'm glad you're alright!" With David backing her up, she wouldn't have to worry about being bullied. As long as David was alive, she would still have someone to rely on!

David raised his hand with difficulty and stroked Celina's hair reassuringly. He replied under his breath, "It's alright. Even if the sky falls down, you don't have to be afraid as long as I'm here."

Elise found this strange. After the emergency treatment just now, David was supposed to slowly regain consciousness, during which time he should've heard their conversation very clearly and realized that his daughter had nearly gotten him killed. Even so, he was still able to dote on Celina so much. It seemed like he really treated this daughter of his as the apple of his eye.

Knowing how weak David was at the moment, Celina didn't continue venting her emotions. Soon, she stopped crying, got up, and stepped aside.

Only then did David look up at Kenneth and Elise beside him. "From what I heard, you're the one who saved my life, miss. Is that right?" He spoke very slowly, seemingly with great difficulty.

"It's nothing." Elise admitted it right away without pretending to be bashful.

David replied flatly with a slight nod, "Thanks." Then, he quickly changed the subject, saying, "Regina, have someone bring in the woman who spoiled the party on purpose."

Elise wasn't someone who wouldn't cast her bread upon the waters, but she vaguely sensed that something was wrong with David. Is this how one is supposed to treat someone who has just saved their life? He's a bit too indifferent, isn't he?

On the other hand, Celina turned pale at David's words. The woman who spoiled the party? Isn't that referring to Faye?

Whenever Celina and the other rich kids hung out together, all they did was eat, drink, and have fun. Even so, she really thought of Faye as a friend whom she could talk to. Therefore, how could she really let anything happen to Faye? And besides, that dress... "Dad," she interrupted. "You've just come round, and your body's still weak. You shouldn't exert yourself too much. Just leave these matters to me, okay? I've grown up, so I'm supposed to share your burdens."

However, David replied, "I'm glad you're so considerate about me, but this matter is about a man's pride and the Saunders Family's reputation. I know what to do, so just stay out of this." Having forcefully made the decision, he shot Regina a glance right away, signaling her to go out and have Faye brought in.

Celina was about to speak, but she bit back the words on the tip of her tongue since Regina had gone out.

Soon, Faye was shoved into the room with her hands tied.

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Chapter 534 That's Really Unfortunate

Celina's heart was beating wildly. She had always known that her deceased mother was the biggest taboo subject for her father. David usually doted on her very much, but his attitude toward her would be different when it came to serious matters. At the thought of how furious David would be, her palms broke out in a cold sweat, and she silently hung her head.

On the other hand, Elise purposely gave a look of surprise at the sight of Faye. "Faye? It's you? ...Aren't you Miss Saunders' close friend? Don't you know about the Saunderses' taboos? Oh, I got it. You've been concerning yourself with the company's affairs every day, and on top of that, you have to deal with the investigation these days. Did you perhaps make a mistake because you were too busy?"

Faye was furious and piqued, but she couldn't say a word as she had a strip of duct tape plastered on her mouth. Indeed, what had happened today was her mistake, but she wouldn't have been so careless if Elise hadn't had the policeman pester her!

At the sight of Faye's dress, David took a few deep breaths in anger. It wasn't until Regina helped him catch his breath that he calmed down. "Faye! I'd never have thought you were the one trying to kill me!"

Faye was Celina's friend, and David had met her before. When he heard that Faye was the person in charge of Anderson Pharmaceuticals, he even told his daughter to spend more time with Faye and learn from her. Whenever the Saunders Family's jewelry stores launched a new product, he would tell her daughter to take Faye to one of the jewelry stores to choose from the products herself. However, he never expected this to be what he got in return for his sincerity!

Faye hung her head in shame. She had had everything figured out outside just now. Celina must have intended the red dress for Elise, but Elise had the dress delivered to her in a way she couldn't fathom. However, she was both mentally and physically exhausted after having just returned from the detention center, so she came wearing the red dress.

At the moment, it was useless for her to say anything. She could only hope that David would let her off after venting all of his anger. After all, she couldn't testify against Celina in public. If she wanted to secure her footing in the Anderson Family, she had to rely on an influential family like the Saunderses. Thus, she couldn't afford a falling-out with the Saunderses.

Just then, Celina immediately knelt down and pleaded on Faye's behalf, saying, "Dad, I'm also at fault about this matter. It was my fault for not having told Faye about it beforehand.

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She didn't know about it, which was why she wore... If you want to blame anyone, please blame me along with Faye. Please don't make things difficult for her. I don't have many friends, and Faye has always been sincere to me. I can't leave her in the lurch!"

David looked at Celina with a complicated look in his eyes before turning his gaze to Faye. After clenching his teeth and staring at her for half a minute, he said slowly, "Never mind. Today is Nana's birthday, so I don't want to spoil the mood. Let's drop the matter. Please leave on your own, and don't come to the Saunders Residence anymore in the future."

"Thank you, Dad! Thank you so much! I'll see Faye out right away, so take a good rest. I'll come and see you again in a while!" Fearing that David might go back on his words, Celina quickly stopped crying and left with Faye.

As soon as the two ladies left, silence returned to the room.

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David heaved a weary sigh before turning to look at Kenneth and Elise. "Thank you for your great help, Mr. Bailey and Miss Sinclair. I'll definitely express my gratitude in person some other day. I hope today's episode didn't spoil your fun. If you don't mind, please continue to enjoy the party outside." His head was drooping, and he looked dizzy, as though he was about to fall asleep.

Taking the hint at once, Elise and Kenneth said a few pleasantries and left the room.

Kenneth was a high-profile figure in the circle, whereas Elise had caused such a great sensation just now. Therefore, there was a lot of gossip when they walked side by side through the hallway into the living hall in a friendly fashion. However, neither of them really cared about it. Their expressions were identical: both wore a meaningful smile on their faces while slyness flickered in their eyes.

Kenneth took the initiative to speak with Elise, asking, "What are you smiling at?"

"What are you smiling at, then?" Elise replied while walking at a sedate pace.

"You know I'm smiling without even looking at me, eh?" Kenneth said in a flippant tone.

"Well, I've got eyes all over my body," Elise replied.

Kenneth was amused by her remark. "Your lack of modesty is almost comparable to mine."

"That's really unfortunate." Elise composed her features. She continued with a half-smile, "I've thought that a foolish daughter must have an equally foolish father, but now, it seems like that isn't entirely the case."

"Indeed," Kenneth replied with a thoughtful expression. "David heard all of our conversation just now, but he didn't blow up at his daughter on the spot. This shows how good he is at concealing his emotions."

"Well, someone who managed to outdo his competitors to the point of closing down must've had some tricks up his sleeve." Elise had a look of amused interest on her face. "But this makes it even more interesting." In reality, she also found Faye's behavior surprising. Faye's a resilient woman. If I had defended myself and sold Celina out just now, both of them would've been finished.

A man who had been cheated on would never want this to become a subject for laughter in the circle once again after so many years had passed. If David had learned that it was his daughter who set this up, perhaps his lungs would've literally exploded, causing him to die of anger right away.

Faye had gotten away this time, but the incident where Elise had saved David's life became a hot topic at the birthday party nonetheless. Not only that, but the rumors about the incident became so exaggerated that it was said she could bring the dead back to life.

Meanwhile, Celina took Faye to the Saunders Residence's back door and untied the latter before sending the servants away. After the servants were gone, she immediately stopped the sisterly act. She said crossly, "What's the matter with you, Faye? I've told you before that nothing red is allowed at my home. Did you lose your marbles or something?!"

Upon hearing her words, Faye was so angry that she nearly passed out. Lose my marbles? Yeah, I was so wrapped up in things, I must have lost my marbles to be besties with this idiot. Would I have been involved in this if Celina hadn't come up with such a stupid trick? Now that everyone has learned that I'm an unruly person, God knows how many people are gonna slam the door in my face. How could Celina blame me instead when I didn't make a fuss with her about this? Can't she figure it out with that stupid brain of hers? How could someone as smart as Elise attend the party without doing any investigation when it's so

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obvious that the party is a setup? If it weren't that David's business in Landred City was booming, I would've cast Celina, this idiot, aside long ago.

At the moment, though, she still had to put up with this stupid 'friend' of hers. "The fault lies with me. I was careless." She gave in to Celina. However, she didn't forget to ask the woman, "But why didn't you discuss it with me before doing this?"

Her question was so close to home that Celina felt guilty at once. "I-I just thought I wanted to stick up for you. And besides, you didn't say anything when we were discussing it in the group chat, so I thought you agreed."

Group chat? Faye recalled that she did have a chat group with Celina and two other women. However, she rarely took a look at their group chat. Most of the time, it was the other three women who shared some boring photos of their daily lives or discussed designer bags. She was different from these women, who only knew to eat, drink, and have fun; all they thought about was to get married to some guy and idle their time away in a different home. She had to work her guts out so that those old men at Anderson Pharmaceuticals would support her being in charge of the company.