

## My Mommy Became A Billionaire After the Breakup Chapter 41 - 50

### Chapter 41 A Heart of a Wicked Witch

Carlos thought that he had heard the man wrong, so he asked again, “Who’s in trouble?”

“Someone exposed a lot of matters about Arlan on the Internet, committing crimes, murder, arson, and a lot of things. Now that the police are arresting him.” The person who came in asked in horror, “Carlos, what should we do? Would Arlan reveal...”

Before the man could finish speaking, Carlos kicked him.

Only then did the man come to his senses that there were still people from the head office in the room.

He immediately shut up.

“Mr. Butler, that’s enough,” Athena said.

She was not in the mood to watch those people continue to act.

Carlos turned his head to look at Athena and wondered, “How could it be that Arlan’s affairs are exposed at this point? Could

“Miss Newton, is this your arrangement as well?” Carlos asked.

Athena shrugged slightly. “Who knows? It may be that karma will never be late, and the wicked will take their own course. I wonder if the police have caught him or not. I really want to be verified with Arlan for what you just said.”

Carlos stood there without moving.

It was in the autumn, but his forehead had already broken out in a sweat.

He knew very well that if Arlan were caught, he couldn’t get away either.

He thought, “This vicious woman must have discovered everything long ago and silently compiled a big net. When we are still dreaming of extorting hundreds of millions of dollars without any realization, she has quietly set up a trap that leaves no room for us. It’s a deadly trap.

The things that Arlan committed are made public on the Internet. No matter how strong his relationship is, he can't escape the death penalty. If to take Arlan as a reference, I wouldn't end well either. But..."

Carlos gritted his teeth and said, "Miss Newton, my son is still young. He is innocent. Let my son go, and I will turn myself in."

"Mr. Butler, don't worry. Let's talk slowly." Athena gestured for him to sit down.

Carlos' legs seemed to be filled with lead and thought, "I have said that I would turn myself in. What else does she want?"

However, since she got his son, he had no choice but to obey her words.

After sitting down, Athena took out a blank notebook and a pen from her laptop bag and pushed them to Carlos.

She said gently, "When I was young, my grandfather taught me that crooks don't appear alone. I don't want to waste time investigating. So, Mr. Butler, please write down those crooks. one by one."

Carlos was stunned.

"Miss Newton, I only know about my own affairs..."

Before he could finish speaking, Athena slammed the pen before him without speaking a word.

Yet, Carlos still felt a full sense of threat and oppression.

"Mr. Hale, do you have a seven or eight-year-old child in your family?" Athena turned sideways, and suddenly started chatting with Gideon.

was staring at her, and now that she suddenly turned and looked at him, his heart suddenly raced.

He coughed lightly to hide his panic, and then he answered casually, as usual, "I have two nephews who are about the same age."

"Then, do you know that such a small child is very fragile? If you are not careful, the child can easily choke to death when he eats or drinks." She said.

"Miss Newton!" Carlos exclaimed.

Athena looked back at him again in a puzzle. “What’s the matter? I’m just chatting with Mr. Hale. You think about it carefully, Mr. Butler. Don’t bother about us.”

Carlos completely let go of all his pretending acts and C, “I can’t tell, you’re so good-looking, yet you have a heart of a wicked witch! Athena, I will never let you go if you dare to do anything to my son!”

Athena leaned on the back of the chair and looked at him quietly without saying anything.

## Chapter 42 Accusing Athena of Kidnap!

Carlos was frightened by the gaze.

His mind was full of Athena’s words just now. The sentence that a child would easily choke to death if he accidentally ate something made his heart in his mouth!

“If I tell you everything, will you let my son go?” Carlos asked.

Athena replied helplessly, “Mr. Butler, I’m sorry to hear that. I know your feelings now. Please hurry up to let me get off work. Then I will help you find him. I am lucky. Perhaps, I’ll help you find him back.”

Asking that question, Carlos originally wanted to accuse Athena of kidnap.

At this time, the phone in his hand was already recording.

He wanted Athena to admit she kidnapped his son. Even if he surrendered himself, he could accuse Athena of kidnapping.

But she was too wary.

She refused to admit it.

Her ambiguous words did not affect this accusation.

Athena glanced at the wall clock on the wall. “It’s almost lunchtime, and I don’t know if I can find your son before lunch.”

These words made Carlos furious. But he gritted his teeth to control himself.

He grabbed the paper and started writing.

The paper was torn with his first stroke because he was too angry and unwilling.

Athena watched it calmly.

Carlos wrote many names, followed by what they had done.

Gideon was dumbfounded.

He had already thought about how to deal with Carlos and took some time to reorganize these people.

Unexpectedly, Athena made it so quickly.

Athena made such a risky move. She was audacious to do it,  
and it was an excellent way!

Carlos wrote four full sheets of paper.

Fish began to stink at the head.

In just half a year, this group of people was so greedy that  
they embezzled considerably from the second phase of the  
construction site.

“That’s all I know.””

Carlos put down his pen, his face turned pale, and he lost all his strength.

Most people he wrote were related to him.

These people gave him lots of money and gifts.

Now for his only child, he had no choice but to betray these.  
people!

“Good,” Athena told Carlos, “Mr. Butler, please sign your name after their names individually.”

Carlos trembled with anger.

But in a short confrontation with Athena, he knew his

esistance was useless for his child.

He took a deep breath and began to sign individually.

Finally, he finished it.

Athena took it over and looked at it carefully.

Then she passed it to Gideon.

Gideon, who did nothing all the time, took it in a daze.

Looking at it, he was displeased and frowned.

Dame it! Outside the company's control, they were too greedy!

The money they embezzled was as much as a small company earned in a year.

Carlos kept on tenterhooks, waiting for Gideon to finish.

reading. Then he was impatient and wanted to ask the

whereabouts of his child.

His phone rang suddenly.

The caller was his wife.

He quickly picked it up.

“Where’s our baby? Did you find him?” Carlos roared.

“Honey, our baby has been found! He was sent to the police station by a kind person. Honey, it freaked me out!” The woman kept crying.

Carlos heaved a sigh of relief.

Hanging up the phone, he looked at Athena.

“Miss Newton, I underestimated you.”

His wife told him his son was just picked up by a kind person and sent him to the police station.

It meant there was no evidence that Athena kidnapped his

son!

How could he accuse Athena of kidnapping?

### Chapter 43 A Ruthless Woman

But Athena didn't even give Carlos a chance to surrender himself.

As Carlos left the office, he was handcuffed by the police officers who came to arrest him.

"Athena, you are such a ruthless woman. You will be dead as a doornail!" Carlos was still shouting and cursing while he was pushed into the car.

Gideon frowned, subconsciously looking at Athena.

The cursed Athena looked cold.

Gideon raised his eyebrows slightly. "When did you arrange these things? You didn't tell me anything."

"The matter happened during the time I was in charge. Naturally, I have to deal with it before handing it over to you, Mr. Hale," Athena said calmly.

"You didn't give him the chance to surrender himself! You

are such a ruthless woman. We've known each other for five

years, right? But Miss Newton, till today, I realize you are so ruthless." Gideon crossed his arms. Although he said it

"If I give anyone like him a chance, I will be dead as a doornail, as he said." Athena paused.

"Besides, they smashed up my friend's car, which is very expensive."

"You are vindictive. That is good." Gideon smiled and gave her a thumbs-up.

"Mr. Hale, I'll handle it. Do you have any objections?" Athena raised the list in her hand.

Gideon did not have the slightest confidence in Athena before coming here.

But Gideon was utterly convinced by her just now.

"Of course not." Gideon nodded.

Athena waved to a trembling man not far away.

This one was Matt Vega, the director of the personnel ministry.

Seeing Carlos being taken away, Matt and other senior leaders were nervous, as if facing a formidable enemy.

Carlos, the person in charge, was greedy.

Under the lead of Carlos, people among the senior leader all

bezzled. But some appropriated a little.

Now, they seemed to have an invisible knife hanging around their necks, which would fall and cut their throats at any time.

Matt hurried over to Athena and said, “Miss Newton, Mr. Hale.”

“Inform everyone together and have a meeting.”

“Yes.”

Matt hurriedly took out his phone and informed this news to others.

Standing there, Gideon took out his phone, clicked on

Byron’s dialogue box, and wanted to tell Byron how cute and attractive Athena was.

But he hesitated.

With such thoughts, he didn’t type a word.

Finally, Gideon exited the dialog box.

Byron would get married soon.

He thought Byron did not need to know how cute and charming another woman was.

Sult pocket.

Gideon asked Athena with a smile, “Miss Newton, it’s noon soon. What do you want to eat?”

“After the meeting, I’ll eat in the canteen.”

Gideon was a little surprised at this answer.

He dated many girls. In dating several girls, he was serious.

Among these girls, some loved Michelin restaurants, and some only went to high-end restaurants like French ones.

All in all, they went to extravagant places to eat.

It was the first time a woman told him she would eat in the canteen.

Byron was willing to spend money on Athena.

He was not mean and gave much money to her.

It made Gideon once thought Athena was just an ordinary gold digger.

But it was not the case.

you looking at?”

Athena noticed Gideon’s probing gaze and stared back at him. displeasedly.

Gideon narrowed his eyes and smiled innocently.

“I am just laughing. I’ve known Byron for so long. Finally, I found he misunderstood a woman. Miss Newton, you are a rare treasure in the world.”

Chapter 44 He Framed Me!

Athena was speechless by his words.

She answered casually, “Interesting.”

Then she turned around and entered the conference room.

These playboys always said flirtatious words anytime.

If they said some nice words, these words must have a playful purpose.



She still remembered his words that day!

On the day she gave Byron a resignation letter, Gideon was flirtatious and showed a great interest in hitting on her. Gideon even said he would give her higher money if she dated him.

People from the headquarters came.

But at that time, almost everyone in the engineering department was on the construction site.

Then they immediately gathered in the conference room as soon as Matt informed them.

made no one dare to neglect the people coming from headquarters.

“Miss Newton, everyone is here except those buying things outside.” Matt wiped the sweat from his forehead. “Well, the matter about Mr. Butler, we...”

Matt hadn’t finished speaking.

Then everyone’s mobile phones vibrated.

They took out their phones and hurriedly looked down.

Gideon sent out these things Carlos wrote to people in the engineering department.

Watching it, everyone turned pale with shock.

“Framing! He frames me!”

“I didn’t do these things. Carlos is crazy. His words are fake!”

“Yes, Mr. Hale and Miss Newton, you must trust us!”

“I was transferred from Girard City and have worked in the Crawford Group for more than ten years.”

“Stop.” Athena knocked on the table.

gradually subsided.

Everyone blushed in arguing.

Several of them looked a little guilty, but the others looked wronged.

“There’s nothing new under the sun,” Athena said slowly, “Carlos told us in detail. Do you think we can find nothing with it, right?”

Hearing this, these people anxious to explain with red faces now bite their words back.

“You guys probably didn’t do it very well. And it’s not too difficult to find out what you have done.”

“Miss Newton, I only took half a million dollars in total! I was forced to do it!” One of them was impatient, stood up immediately, and cried, “I didn’t spend a penny of the money, and it was all in my wife’s card. I can refund it all to the company. Please don’t call the police to arrest me!”

The one did a good example.

Then people immediately sprung up to take the initiative to

return their embezzled money.

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But some people used the money early to buy houses and cars or spent all their money playing with women.

Sitting there right now, these people felt they were over.

“I have roughly known your situation.” Athena looked at the crowd. “Most of you did these things because Carlos led you to.”

“Yes! Yes! Miss Newton, you are right!”

“Mr. Butler always said we were safe enough if we all did these things.”

“Yeah.” Athena nodded. “I have an idea. Although I will be scolded if our president knows the idea, it’s better than seeing so many of you ruined.”

“Miss Newton, just tell us. We will cooperate with you!”

Athena sighed, “First, you must return the money you embezzled from the company. Do you have any objections?”

“Of course not! I will return it immediately!”

“Yes. I will ask my wife to transfer the money later!”

“But Miss Newton, I can’t afford that much money now.”

sue a chit and return it slowly,” Athena

said generously, “As long as you are sincere enough, I will have the confidence to intercede with the president.”

What Athena said was reasonable.

Not wanting to be sent to prison, everyone actively agreed with her.

Some were not in the meeting room for the time being.

Even these people took the initiative to call and beg Athena for a chance with tears.

## Chapter 45 The Carrot-And-Stick Approach

Athena used the carrot-and-stick approach.

First, she took Carlos as an example to frighten the others.

The arrest of Carlos made the rest panic and afraid of being in jail.

Then, she told them the idea.

This idea encouraged these people actively return the money.

Gideon watched her and could not help applauding Athena in his heart.

She handled the mess.

She got back about 30 million dollars.

Athena looked at them casually, but others looked at her carefully.

Most of them paid back the money according to the amount listed by Carlos.

But...

Even brothers could not know everything about each other.

How could Carlos know everyone's matter in detail?

Athena kept silent for a while.

She raised her eyes and scanned the crowd. "Everyone, are you sure it is all the embezzled money?"

In the crowd, some felt guilty.

Those who did not lie responded loudly.

Athena played with the pen in her hand. “Everyone, you should try your best to recall it. Otherwise, it is difficult for you to deal with it if other senior leaders find you lying.”

“I seem to have undercalculated by seven million dollars and didn’t take it into my account.”

Athena replied with a smile, “Are you joking? You are greedy to embezzle money from the company, but you put it in your

account?”

Then the man put on a long face.

www.

After that, three or four more people with pale faces wrote the chits again.

It was not a small amount.

In the end, it was a total of forty-five million dollars.

“Miss Newton, our job...”

At this time, Matt asked in a low voice.

He also issued a chit of more than one million dollars.

If he lost this job...

“As I said just now, Carlos led you to do it. I still approve of your workability.” Athena slapped their faces just now. Then she said friendly, “So, you can work as usual. I will convince the

president not to fire you, but you should be cautious at work. If you make mistakes again, you will bear the consequences.”

“Miss Newton, you are nice and kind!” Matt immediately flattered her.

Athena smiled faintly and said, “We are all workers. It’s not easy for everyone. Let’s work hard in the future.”

Though these people cost a lot, they left with a smile.

They said to each other.

Some people cursed Carlos.

“What a son of a bitch. He should be dead as a doornail. How dare he! He frames us!”

“I second that. The most money I wrote in my chit was spent by him. He spent it eating, drinking, and playing with women. I can’t let him go!”

“If he can be released, I will take his skin off!”

Athena tidied up all the things regularly, put them in a file folder, and handed them to Gideon, who propped his head and looked at her casually.

“Mr. Hale, I’ll hand over these chits to you for the rest embezzled money.”

“You want to intercede with Byron?” Gideon asked.

Athena put away the computer, paper, and pen.

‘How is it possible? Mr. Crawford won’t ask about such things. He only cares about the result.’”

“That’s right.” Gideon smiled, “So, Miss Newton, you just used the carrot-and-stick approach?”

“Do you know it?” Athena squinted at Gideon.

“I graduated from Columbia University.” Gideon sat up straight. “You let them go like this?”

“Then what should I do? The project is at a critical time and has already been delayed for a month because of these idlers. If I fire them and find others to finish this project, it will take a long time.”

But time was money.

It was the case on the construction site.

#### Chapter 46 Make Trouble

“However, Mr. Hale, you can’t entrust them with the core work of the project. You have to send someone here to take over as soon as possible.

“And, Mr. Hale, I suggest you confirm all of Carlos’ confessions and preserve the evidence. If anyone makes any more trouble. in the future, you can just call the police and arrest them.”

Athena never said anything about letting go of what these people did wrong in the past.

As long as they kept their heads and stopped doing anything. harmful to the interests of the company, the sword hanging over their necks would never fall.

“Okay.”

Gideon nodded.

Then he smiled and asked, “Are you going to the canteen for lunch now?”

Athena was speechless.

They just went to the canteen for a meal together. Why was he  
happy?

Was Gideon pretending to be innocent in front of her?

Athena said yes, then picked up her laptop bag and went out.

She had taken two steps when Gideon took her laptop bag from behind.

“Miss Newton, you only have one hand available right now. I’ll take it for you.”

Athena took a look at him.

She was fine with it since he was willing to carry her bag.

It was almost noon.

The sun in Salin City became stronger.

The sunlight broke through the thick clouds and fell to the ground.

Walking in the sun, Athena felt warm. And her mood improved greatly.

As the two left, a thin figure squeezed out from the back of the conference room through a narrow passage.

It was the one who pretended to be the villager who had taken the lead in making trouble before.

He spat.

“Scheming bitch!” He cursed.

He looked around, took out his phone, and made a call while walking toward the back door.

“Hey! It’s me! Arlan is safe now, right? Okay, good. Carlos has been arrested after being tricked by that beautiful bitch. And she is also the one who got Arlan’s scandals out!”

The canteen environment on the construction site might be better than others, but it was not that good.

Athena walked around, arriving at the canteen a little late.

There were still many people in the canteen.

As she entered, she immediately attracted a lot of attention.

“Is this somebody’s family? She’s so beautiful. Her skin looks so smooth!”



“She’s not just got great skin but a perfect body! So curvy and sexy!”

woman!”

dle to have a one-night stand with such a beautiful

“Damn you! She is the president’s secretary! Carlos was arrested because of her!”

“Her? A woman?”

“The president’s secretary? Well, isn’t the secretary in TV shows just for the president?”

Evil eyes followed Athena all the time.

She wanted to see if the canteen was skimping on the workers’ food.

But unexpectedly, she was disgusted by what these people said.

She put down her cutlery and didn’t intend to eat anymore.

Gideon glanced at her.

“Mr. Hale...”

“Miss Newton, thanks to you this time! If you hadn’t been wise to find out about Carlos, I would have screwed up on my own, and I wouldn’t have been able to report to Mr. Crawford!”

Athena was taken aback.

Gideon’s voice was loud enough for half the canteen to hear.

“When I return to Girard City, I will definitely treat you to a big meal. Thank you very much!”

Then the way people around Athena looked at her had changed dramatically.

Athena came back to her senses.

And she lowered her eyes and smiled.

What Gideon did was so childish, yet it was cute.

Chapter 47 Force Her to Death

Whatever Gideon's motives were, Athena was grateful to him.

Her identity as Byron's secretary was a yoke. Because of this,

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no matter how well Athena had done over the years, someone would always give Byron the credit.

And it was one of the few times someone could stand up for her.

Gideon was also in a good mood.

He finally saw a sincere smile on Athena's face.

Even the ordinary food in the canteen tasted a lot more delicious.

Athena was going back downtown after lunch.

"Things are mostly settled. Mr. Hale, I believe you will do well in the follow-up work." Athena had reverted to her businesslike remoteness.

"Are you going back to Girard City directly?" Gideon asked.

"Yes. Tonight's flight." Athena replied.

Why was she in such a hurry to go back to Girard City?

Who would she meet when she returned?

"Miss Newton, I hope you can consider the advice I gave you yesterday." Gideon couldn't hold back and said again.

Athena glanced at him and didn't bother to explain anymore.

She was afraid Gideon would tell Byron what she had said.

If so, it would affect her departure.

“Okay.”

She responded perfunctorily and reached out to pull the door.

Seeing this, Gideon immediately opened the car door for her.

“I just said I want to invite you to dinner when I return to Girard City. And I’m not just saying that.” Gideon said seriously, holding the car door.

“Mr. Hale, it’s no big deal. It’s my job to solve that.” Athena paused and then said, “Mr. Crawford wouldn’t like it if he knew I was in personal contact with you.”

2e for a moment.

Athena then closed the car door.

The business car drove away.

Gideon stood where he was, being sprayed with flying dust.

He waved his hand in front of his eyes.

It wasn’t long before he got a call from Byron.

Gideon glanced at it, then picked it up without expression.

“I heard things were settled over there, right?” Byron asked.

Gideon vaguely heard Lola’s voice on the other end of the line.

And Lola said, “I’ve notified the press, and they’ll put out an official press release tomorrow.”

“You’re announcing your engagement to the public so soon?” Gideon didn’t answer Byron’s question but asked.

“Well, Heather and I have reached a consensus that we both want to go through these procedures as soon as possible so as not to delay each other’s next work.” Byron said, “Where’s Athena?”

answer.

Byron thought the signal might not be good over there. “Gideon?”

“Byron, I think you should stop pestering Athena.” Gideon said in a deep voice.

Then it was Byron’s turn to fall silent.

Gideon thought that since he had started the subject, he might as well make it clear once and for all. “Didn’t Athena tell you that day? Her mother was forced to death by her father’s mistress, so she would rather die than intrude on someone else’s marriage. Now that you’re about to announce your engagement, I think you should break off your relationship with Athena. Just let her go.”

“Gideon.”

Byron interrupted him coldly.

“You’ve crossed the line.”

Gideon shuddered, then he heard Byron continue to say, “Since you are so curious about how I will treat Athena, I can tell you directly. Athena is my person, she was and will be.”

“Byron, are you going to force her to death?”

“She won’t die, and I’ll treat her better than ever.”

“Byron...”

“Enough.” Byron sneered, “Gideon, why are you so concerned about Athena? I can’t help but wonder if you’re into her for something you shouldn’t be.”

Chapter 48 You’ve Crossed the

Line

Gideon was stunned.

Then he instinctively denied it. “Of course not. I just pity her...”

“Pity her?” Byron seemed to have heard something incredibly ridiculous, and he asked, “I give her a good enough life. And I will give her more of what she wants. So why do you pity her? What is so pathetic about her?”

“Alright. Forget it.” Gideon also felt that he had crossed the line.

He then directly informed Byron of what had happened here.

“Athena is more capable than we thought.” In the end, Gideon added.

Byron was also surprised.

Athena found and cleaned up all the dirty business in the shadows all by herself.

And she even recovered some of the money that had been.

Gideon hesitated a long time before hanging up and said to Byron again.

“Byron, if you won’t let her go, at least stop tying her down. and wasting her capability.”

“I know what I’m doing.”

Then Byron hung up the phone.

Gideon took a deep breath.

He glanced back at the scorching sun, and again he recalled Athena smiling with her eyelids down.

“Gideon!”

He patted his forehead.

“Be sober!”

The driver quickly took Athena back to the hotel.

She changed her phone and made a few calls.

She had gained a lot of things besides money from being with Byron over the years, like contacts.

She always remembered what her grandmother taught her from childhood and tried to help others as much as she could.

Therefore, she made many friends.

One of them was Logan Shawn, a teenage genius hacker. Athena met Logan while dealing with an attack on the Imbe Group’s official website, and he was in a similar situation to her back then.

Both Logan’s parents were gamblers and abandoned him early.

He had lived with his grandfather since he was a child and had a natural aptitude for computer technology.

But Logan used his talent to go astray to earn money for his grandfather’s medical treatment.

And he ended up in a juvenile prison. During this period, Athena paid for his grandfather’s surgery out of her own pocket and issued a letter of understanding on behalf of the

company.

So after Logan was released from prison, he recognized

Athena as his elder sister. And usually, in addition to school, he would help Athena do some things.

Juliana Zayla, who posed as a tourist to take away Carlos' son, was also known to Athena over the years,

She was older than Athena, but Athena called her Juliana. directly.

Juliana was a tough woman but unlucky because she was uneducated.

She made a lot of money running around in the early years.

But in the end, she was cheated out of everything by a man. and almost went to jail.

At that time, to make ends meet, she went to a nursing home as a nurse, in charge of taking care of Romy, Athena's grandmother.

Juliana was tough but kind and took good care of Romy.

After hearing what had happened to her, Athena helped her, not only getting back some of the money she had been. cheated of but also sending the man to prison.

Juliana was very grateful to Athena.

And moving on from her past, Juliana relaunched her career with Athena's help.

She began to reconnect with her former friends from all over the country.

The one who smashed the car today was also hired by Juliana.

And the road surveillance was handled by Logan, of course.

Athena called them one by one.

Logan said, “Athena, you are my sister. And you don’t have to say thank you to me. Grandpa always asks me when you are free to come, and he is going to cook you a big meal.”

Athena smiled and replied, “In a few more days. I’ll see you when I get back and finish the rest of my work.”

“Well, then you can help me with my parents’ meeting!”

Logan hummed happily.

Chapter 49 She Blocked Byron’s

Number

Juliana was drinking when receiving the call.

Athena didn’t say much but transferred Juliana some money and told her to treat the people who helped them.

After all this, Athena began to pack her things slowly.

A diamond cufflink fell out of the clothes she wore yesterday as she was packing them up.

Athena froze for a moment.

Then she picked it up.

During a business trip to Switzerland with Byron last year, she saw the cufflink in a designer store.

And she loved it at that time, so she didn’t hesitate to spend two months’ salary on it.

It was ridiculous to think about it now.

She knew her place so well that she feared it would be to give him a gift.



She never had the courage to give the cufflink away. When they returned from the business trip, Byron spent the night with her.

And the following day, she quietly pinned the cufflink to the cuff of his suit.

“I’ll take you, too.”

Athena clutched the cufflink in her palm.

And her palm tingled with sharp edges.

With her bags packed, Athena checked out and ordered a light but nutritious meal at the hotel restaurant.

She had just started eating when the group chat named Miserable Office of the President suddenly came alive.

Gordon: [It’s said that Mr. Crawford will officially announce his engagement tomorrow!]

Lucky: [Mr. Crawford hasn’t come to the company for several days. They say he is accompanying his fiancée to decide on a wedding dress!]

Zander: [Did you see the wedding ring? Overseas

bloggers broke the news! Mr. Crawford

ordered a large diamond ring for his fiancée!]

Then Zander sent two pictures of the diamond ring in the group chat.

Gordon: [What a big diamond!]

Lucky: [You are too shallow!]

Athena looked at the huge diamond in the picture.

Then she glanced at the diamond cufflink in her hand.

Her undelivered gift looked indeed shabby by comparison.

She was about to put away the phone when getting a message from Byron.

[Get me off the blacklist.]

Athena stared at the dialog box in silence for a moment.

[Mr. Crawford, I have completed all the work related to the infrastructure project in Salin City.]  
Athena typed a line and

sent it.

Before Byron could reply, she followed up with another one.

I have forwarded all my work notes on secretarial matters to Miss Holland. So far, all my work has been handed over, and I will not return to the company. As for the position of executive president, after careful consideration, I think I am not suitable for it. Mr. Crawford, you'd better give the job to someone more capable.]

Byron made a voice call directly to her.

But Athena hung up and then blocked Byron's number.

She turned off her phone and threw it in her bag.

Then Athena finished the meal slowly.

Another phone rang.

She took it over and picked it up.

"Miss Newton, I'm the driver who will take you to the airport!"

"So early?" Athena looked at the time, and it was twenty minutes earlier.

"I just dropped off a guest from the airport. If you're not in a hurry, I can wait for you for 20 minutes." The person on the other end of the line sounded honest.

Athena thought about it, and it didn't matter where she sat

and waited for the plane.

"No, I'm coming down now."

But Athena was vigilant.

Before getting in the car, she checked the license plate repeatedly and made sure it was indeed the car she booked.

The driver exited the car and put her suitcase in the trunk.

Athena sat in the back row.

Not long after, the car got on the highway.

The airport was very far from downtown, and it took more than an hour to get there, even by highway.

On the way, Athena received a phone call from Evie.

Evie confirmed the time when her plane landed and wanted to pick her up.

Meanwhile, Evie complained about how annoying the new company she had just joined was.

Athena comforted her with a smile.

And she happened to glance out of the window.

A road sign flashed past her eyes.

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Athena froze.

If she remembered correctly, the direction on the road sign and the airport were two different directions!

“Baby, I have to deal with a job now. I’ll call you back later.”

Athena hung up the phone.

Her expression remained calm.

She turned on the phone and searched for the place name on the road sign on the map.

Sure enough, this was not the direction to the airport.

“If there’s a service area up ahead, please stop. I need to go to the restroom.” Athena said gently.

“There is no service area on this road. Forget it!”

The driver, who had looked innocent and honest before, suddenly seemed fierce.

His expression turned gloomy.

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“Then please drive faster and take me to the airport earlier.”

Athena said so and immediately lowered her head to edit a distress message, including the car’s license plate number, trying to call the police through the text.

Unexpectedly, at this time, the driver braked the car suddenly.

Athena subconsciously protected her belly and hit the front seat hard.

The pain made her dizzy, and she almost lost consciousness.

Then the driver got out of the car.

Athena immediately pressed the lock button.

But it was no use.

The door on her side was pulled open.

The next second, her phone was snatched away.

“Call the police?” The driver glanced at the message just sent and smashed her phone to the ground.

Athena trembled in fright.

Nol scream.

She knew she had to be calm in such a crisis.

“Is this about the money?” Athena asked.

The driver looked at her with a sneer.

“Miss Newton, don’t you know what you have done? After all

the trouble you’ve caused others, do you really think you’ll get away with it?”

“Did Arlan send you?” Athena asked.

“Yes!” As the driver said that, he suddenly grabbed her hair.

Athena’s scalp was numb with pain.

“Bitch! Arlan only took a little money from your company! Those plutocrats spend all their money on women like you, so why can’t you give Arlan some? Why did you drive him into such a corner? How wicked you are!”

Athena tried her best to stay calm.

“I think you did this only for money. If you let me go, I can give you more.”

“Damn you!” The driver snorted, “I’m willing to help Arlan

he saved my life! Not everyone can sell their

personality and dignity for money like you!”

The driver’s reaction was predictable, and Athena didn’t think he could be bought.

The police were hunting Arlan down.

So whoever Arlan could use now must be a trusted confidant.

Now Athena could only hope that the distress message sent to the police had been successfully sent.

Otherwise...

Athena sighed. She felt annoyed for thinking of Byron at such a time.

Otherwise, she would have been a dead body in the

wilderness by the time Byron's sweet wedding took place, and no one would have even known she was dead.

"Arlan must be waiting to see me, right?" Athena pushed the driver away impatiently, got back into the car, and said, "Stop talking nonsense. Just take me to him."

"You..."

Athena fought back her fear.

And she had a look of impatience and indifference.

The driver glanced at her and then smiled contemptuously.

"Miss Newton, many of my friends have heard that you are a beauty, young and pretty. They've been drooling over you for a long time. When you get there, don't be scared by their enthusiasm. And, Miss Newton, make sure you cry loud, or they won't be excited enough!"

As the driver said that, he slammed the door, got into the car with a sneer, and was about to restart the car.

