

Yosef was trying to frame her. “Grandpa, I’m innocent.”

“Enough.”

Lex chided, “Thea, no more of this in the future. Give up your position as the chairman for now. Howard will be the new chairman, while you’ll be the vice chairman. Learn from him in the meantime.”

Lex turned to leave.

Although Thea had made a grave mistake, she was competent. Besides, she had connections. As they had worked hard to bring her back, Lex did not chase her out of the family. Instead, he demoted her. Howard shook his head and sighed. “Thea, you’re still young and have a long way to go. I hope you’ve learned your lesson.”

“I-I’m innocent!”

Thea cried out.

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“Yosef, tell grandpa it wasn’t me. It’s not me. Why are you framing me? Why?” Howard helped Yosef up and said, “Yosef, this isn’t entirely your fault. We can only blame those who mess around thinking they have the authority to do so. You’re sixty years old. You should retire.”

“T-Thank you, Mr. Howard.”

Yosef apologized profusely. Then, he turned to leave. “Sigh.”

“I thought Thea would devote herself wholeheartedly to the company. I didn’t expect her to do such a thing to satisfy her selfish desires.” “Thankfully, nothing serious happened. Otherwise, Eternality would be in ruins.” “Can she be forgiven?” “She should be fired. Why let her stay?” The high-ranking officials of Eternality sighed. Upon hearing this, Thea, aggrieved, wept. Why?

She had devoted herself to the company. She had been busy working for the company for the past few days. Why frame her?

She cried her eyes out and ran out of the company.

At the Callahans, James had just woken up and was sweeping the kitchen floor.

Wearing an apron, he hummed a song.

At that moment, he heard someone crying in the living room. He headed in its direction and saw Thea who had returned from the company. She was sitting on the sofa, bawling.

“What’s wrong, Thea?” Gladys asked in a concerned tone. Benjamin had not gone to the company in a long time. Ever since Thea became the chairman, he had been staying at home after resigning from his position. He asked, “What’s wrong, Thea?” “Dad, mom, I didn’t do this. Why did they frame me?” Thea cried. James put the broom down and asked with concern, “What’s wrong, Thea?”

Thea narrated the events at the company.

“I’m innocent. I didn’t threaten Yosef. I don’t know why he insisted it was me. I have nothing to do with the substandard medicine.” David snarled, “Vile. Despicable. I’ll go find grandpa and reason with him.” He got up to leave. “What are you doing?” James rebuked him. “Can’t you see the mess we’re in now? Do you think he’ll believe what you say?” “But... What should we do? Do we just sit back and watch Thea be wronged and blamed for this incident?”

James lit a cigarette and took a deep breath. “Why don’t we leave Eternality Group and establish our own business? With Thea’s connections, the business should expand quickly.”

“No way.” Gladys retorted, “Isn’t this exactly what they wanted? We have to hang in there.”

Benjamin asked, “What should we do now? Howard and his family conspired to frame Thea. Now that Yosef’s insisting it was Thea who was behind this, there’s nothing we can do.”