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## Chapter 385 Dangerous Consequences

Meanwhile, Natalie had just woken up in Samuel's arms a while ago.

As she was about to go back to sleep, she heard her phone vibrate on the nightstand and reached out from the blanket to get it.

Yandel had sent her a screenshot of a conversation on WhatsApp.

Beneath the screenshot was a message that said: Boss, you're not seriously going to have me sell my body, are you?

Natalie gave it some thought and replied to his message.

She then continued staring at her phone for quite a while, only to burst out laughing uncontrollably moments later.

Samuel pulled her back into his arms when he heard her laughing.

"What are you laughing at so early in the morning?"

"I was chatting with Yandel, and he said something really funny. Was I laughing too loudly?" Natalie made no attempt to hide it at all.

Samuel tightened his hug on her as he said with a dangerous glint in his eyes, "Do you know that there are dangerous consequences for laughing about another guy in front of your man?"

His voice sounded so deep and sexy that Natalie found herself blushing in response. "But Yandel isn't some random guy."

"Yes, I know." Samuel held Natalie by the chin and forced her to look him in the eyes as he continued, "Still, I just can't help but feel jealous. Tell me, how will you make it up to me?"

Natalie placed a finger over Samuel's mouth and said in an innocent tone, "I believe an ethical doctor would advise against any form of vigorous exercise so that I would heal faster."

Samuel gently pulled her hand aside and said, "Exercise doesn't always have to be vigorous, you know?"

"You— Mmph..."

Natalie had barely gotten a word in before Samuel sealed her lips with his own.

He didn't go in deep with the kiss, but it was firm enough to prevent her from refusing it.

Da\*n, looks like I still have a long way to go before I can even hope to resist Samuel's "assaults." I keep telling myself I wouldn't let him have his way with me, and yet I always end up letting him "conquer" me... Natalie thought to herself when she felt a little dizzy from his suffocating kiss.

A knock was heard on the room door moments later.

The sound was neither loud nor soft, which made it obvious that the kids had come to see her.

Natalie tensed up in shock and motioned at Samuel with her eyes that the kids were outside, but Samuel just continued kissing her.

The kids continued to pound on the door with their tiny little fists, but Natalie couldn't do anything about it.

Due to the silence in the room, Natalie could hear their conversation outside the door.

"Are Mommy and Daddy not inside?"

"I suppose so!"

"It's understandable for Daddy to not open the door, but Mommy would definitely open it if she were inside."

"Do you think Daddy might've taken Mommy out for a walk outside the villa? Let's go look for them somewhere else!"

"Sure!"

Just like that, the sounds of their voices and footsteps slowly faded into the distance.

After what seemed like forever, Samuel finally released Natalie from his embrace, and she was panting heavily as she tried to catch her breath.

"Samuel... You nearly drove me crazy back there..." Natalie mumbled while gasping for air.

"Well, you're not crazy yet, are you?" Samuel rubbed his thumb against Natalie's lips and narrowed his eyes as he continued, "You won't even look at me if I let them in, so I did what I have to do. Can't win against them if I don't cheat a little bit."

His response left Natalie completely speechless.

The two of them then washed up and got dressed before leaving the room.

The four kids had searched the entire area outside the villa for them, but to no avail. They immediately bombarded Natalie with a barrage of questions the moment they saw her upon returning.

Billy walked up to Samuel and whispered into his ear, "Sir, there are no surveillance cameras at the scene of the incident. Our men have investigated and found no signs of tampering whatsoever."

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Chapter 386 Wanting To Learn Medicine

"So, it was an accident?" Samuel asked with an eyebrow raised.

"The snake can be found in this mountain itself, so it is possible that the snake came here to hibernate due to the hot springs in the area," Billy replied.

"Ms. Jolene has been working here for over ten years, hasn't she?" Samuel asked.

"Sir, you don't think she did it, do you?" Billy instinctively dismissed the possibility of Jolene being involved. I've seen her at work in the past two years. Ms. Jolene is a very responsible person who always pays great attention to detail. The snake showing up at the resort was probably just a careless mistake on her part.

"Regardless of whether she did it or not, she is still at fault for Nat getting hurt. I could have her killed for that. In view of her great performance over her many years of service, I'm willing to spare her the cruel punishments. However, the Bowers family will never hire someone like her ever again," Samuel said coldly.

Billy knew full well that Natalie meant the world to Samuel, and that he was being incredibly merciful toward Jolene.

"Understood, Sir," he replied with a nod.

After breakfast, Samuel drove Natalie and Sophia back to the Bowers residence. As the other three boys couldn't fit into the Hummer, they had no choice but to return in Billy's Maybach.

Gavin quickly came out to welcome them the moment their cars arrived at the Bowers residence.

Natalie was flipping through the latest medical magazine on the couch after lunch.

Sophia walked up to her with a glass of orange juice in hand and asked with a smile, "Mommy, can I talk to you about something?"

The three boys kept quiet and simply stared at Natalie from afar.

Hmm... She must've done something wrong if she's behaving strangely like this.

With that in mind, Natalie took the glass of orange juice from her and asked casually, "All right, then. Let's hear it."

Sophia was clearly nervous as she kept twiddling her fingers the whole time.

"Well, I..." After stammering for a bit, she finally mustered the courage and said, "I want to learn medicine from you, Mommy. I want to be your student and learn to treat patients!"

Natalie froze as she wasn't expecting for Sophia to make such a request.

Mom and Granddad have told me that many envy the Bayer family's medicinal knowledge. There's no telling if spreading the knowledge will lead to disaster, so their ancestors refused to teach it to anyone outside of their family lineage.

Sophia grew nervous when she saw no response from Natalie.

"C-Can't I learn it?"

"No, you can't," Natalie replied reluctantly.

"But I really want to learn it!" Sophia's eyes reddened instantly, and she clenched her fists as she continued, "You got bitten by a snake in order to save me! If I were as good as you are, I could've helped treat you instead of just crying like a useless person..."

Natalie felt her heart ache when she heard what Sophia said.

"Is that why you wanted to learn it?"

Sophia nodded profusely. "Yeah! I want to become a great doctor so I can treat you, Daddy, my brothers, Great-grandpa, Uncle Steven... It hurts a lot when we are sick, so I want to help them get better!"

Such a soft voice, and yet such a strong ambition... She's still too young to word it very well, but I can tell she has a strong desire to save lives. Even if she isn't related to the Bayer family, passing their medicinal knowledge down to her would probably benefit humanity...

With that in mind, Natalie said, "Medicine is a very difficult thing to study, Sophia."

Sophia looked up at her with a serious look in her eyes. "I'm not afraid of it being difficult!"

"Very well, then. I want you to memorize the first chapter of Esoteric Medical Doctrine, and I'll give you a test on Friday. If you pass, I'll take you in as my disciple. If you fail, then you shall not ask me to teach you medicine ever again."

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Chapter 387 Yara Gets Exposed

"That's very difficult, Mommy!" Clayton protested from the side.

He didn't want to learn medicine from Natalie because there were far too many things to memorize for herbal medicine and acupuncture. To make matters worse, there were no mnemonics to aid memorization. One would have to forcefully memorize everything and learn to apply their knowledge by themselves later on.

Natalie wasn't surprised when she heard what Clayton said. "The Esoteric Medical Doctrine is just a classical piece of literature used for introduction to traditional medicine. If she finds this difficult, then I think she should just give up on studying medicine."

"Mommy, are you making this difficult for Sophia on purpose so she'll quit on her own?" Xavian chimed in as well.

"If you insist on seeing it that way, then there's nothing I can do about it," Natalie replied with a helpless shrug.

Suddenly, Sophia walked up to her and said with a determined look in her eyes, "I'm going to memorize this, and I will learn medicine from you."

Natalie didn't say anything and simply took a sip of her orange juice.

I'm not going to make things easier for Sophia because there is no such thing as shortcuts when it comes to learning. If she can't even handle a little suffering like this, then she isn't worthy of me breaking the Bayer family's rules.

Yara kicked the empty bottle beside her feet to the side as she slowly sobered up.

She then took a hot shower to wash the smell of booze off her body before putting on the latest coat from Hermès.

Having restored her usual graceful appearance, Yara went downstairs and saw Thomas waiting for her with a smile.

"Yara, why didn't you tell me you were coming back?" he asked.

"It was a last-minute decision, so I didn't really think about informing you. I'll be keeping Old Mr. Bowers company in the hospital for the next few days, so I might be spending the night there," Yara replied indifferently.

"While it is important for you to look after Old Mr. Bowers, you should also make sure to get enough rest. You're going to marry Samuel sooner or later, so you shouldn't have to do everything by yourself," Thomas said while patting her on the shoulder.

Naturally, Yara liked the sound of that and nodded obediently.

"I know, Dad."

"Oh, by the way..." Thomas rubbed his palms awkwardly as he continued, "If possible, could you have Old Mr. Bowers provide Dexmed Pharmaceutical some financial support? Competition with Dream Pharmaceutical has gotten pretty fierce lately, and we've been losing quite a lot of money."

The smile on Yara's face was frozen in place when she heard that.

So, Dad still sees me as a cash cow... He wants me to marry Samuel because of the benefits it would bring his business!

"Old Mr. Bowers likes you very much, Yara. I'm sure he'll say yes if you ask him. After all, you helped give birth to Franklin and Sophia. That's something no one else can take away from you."

"That's enough, Dad! I know what I'm supposed to do!"

Yara shouted and stormed out of the Nichols residence.

This family is full of cunning foxes! They've only been pretending to care about me for as long as I can remember. None of them actually did help me, and all they want is to leech as much profit out of me as possible! If Jennie took me to the countryside instead of Natalie back then, I wonder how different things would be for me now...

Yara headed over to a fancy restaurant and ordered a herbal soup for takeout. Instead of having them store it in a takeout container, she requested for them to store it in a vacuum flask that she had brought.

Upon arrival at the hospital, Yara entered Kenneth's ward with the flask of herbal soup.

"Hi, Grandpa! I spent five hours making this herbal soup for you..." She opened the flask and served him a bowl of it as she continued, "Here, try some..."

Kenneth didn't move and simply glared at her with those old eyes of his.

His gaze was so intense that it gave Yara goosebumps.

"G-Grandpa? W-Why are you looking at me like this? Did I do something wrong?"

"Yara, we have known each other for a very long time. I thought I understood you very well, but now, I realize you aren't exactly the person I thought you were." Kenneth pursed his lips and asked after a brief pause, "Do you really know traditional medicine?"

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Chapter 388 Comeback

Yara tensed up instantly when she heard that. She was so terrified that she nearly dropped the bowl in her hand.

"I... I don't understand what you're talking about, Grandpa... You should know very well who I am! Why would you ask me this all of a sudden?"

"Do you still remember the prescription the two kids gave me?"

Yara nodded. "Yes, I do."

"I sent that prescription to my good friend Silas, and he couldn't stop praising it for its flavor as well as medicinal properties. He even said it's a very rare prescription! How did you not notice that? You don't actually know traditional medicine, do you?" Kenneth questioned her sternly.

Although Yara had been studying it lately, she was far from being proficient in it.

With her level of knowledge, she couldn't possibly tell the quality of a prescription at all.

She claimed it was nothing special because she subconsciously believed a five-year-old couldn't possibly come up with anything great.

Da\*n... I didn't think Old Mr. Bowers would go and ask others about this prescription and grow suspicious of me!

Yara bit down hard on her lip at the thought of that. Her fists were so tightly clenched that her knuckles had turned white.

"Did you lie to me, Yara?" Kenneth asked with a disappointed look on his face.

"Yes..." Yara confessed to it with tears in her eyes.

Samuel never loved me, so losing Old Mr. Bowers' support would leave me with no chance of marrying into the Bowers family! I guess I have no choice but to admit to it and try to make a comeback afterward...

"Yes, I lied to you. Because the prescription was given to you by children, I didn't analyze the prescription properly and blindly stated my opinion. However, I will not put up with you doubting my capabilities as well as my loyalty toward you and the Bowers family simply because of that!"

Kenneth stared at her in confusion. "Yara, what are you..."

"You saw how I saved you when your heart disease was triggered. I saved your life just like the two kids did, so how could you doubt me over a mere prescription?"

"Then why haven't you started your own medical center as I asked you to?" Kenneth asked.

"I still have to inherit my family's pharmaceutical business, Grandpa! Of course, I never planned on letting my talent for medicine go to waste. I want to produce much better medicine like my granddad did so I can contribute more to this world! I don't want to set up a medical center and spend my life treating bigwigs from the upper classes of society."

Yara was able to make all of that up because she suddenly recalled what Thomas said. Not only did she cover up her lack of medical knowledge, but she even managed to change Kenneth's mind.

Yeah, I still remember the day she saved my life. She had selflessly stayed by my side throughout the past five years... She's a genuinely kind person, so I shouldn't doubt her over a mere prescription! Yes, she made an error in judgment, but it happens even to the best of us!

With that in mind, Kenneth let out a huge sigh and said, "I'm sorry I was wrong about you, Yara."

Noticing her opportunity, Yara said, "I don't blame you, Grandpa. Speaking of my family, I have a presumptuous request to make. Dexmed Pharmaceutical currently requires a huge amount of money for the development of new drugs, but... we don't have that kind of money, so we haven't been able to make any progress..."

Kenneth was able to read between the lines and understood what she meant.

"Don't worry. I'll provide the financial support you need."

"Thanks, Grandpa! Here, you should try this herbal soup I made before it gets cold."

Yara went back to smiling again as she handed Kenneth the bowl of soup.

I can't believe I actually made a comeback! Old Mr. Bowers nearly exposed me there, but I was able to turn the tide around! He now trusts me even more than

before and feels guilty about doubting me. Thanks to that, we will have the financial support we need!

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Chapter 389 Someone You Cannot Afford To Mess With

Natalie returned to work at Dream Corporation after recovering for a few days at the Bowers residence.

As usual, she unlocked the elevator door with her fingerprint and took it straight to the top floor where the CEO's office was located.

Although the employees didn't really know who she was, they all treated her with respect anyway.

The CEO values her more than anything and anyone in the world! You'd have to be an idiot to even think about messing with her!

After Natalie left, some of the new employees asked their seniors out of curiosity, "Who is she? Why do the seniors all show her so much respect?"

"Shut up and get back to work. She's the CEO's sweetheart, so you'll be dead meat if you piss her off!"

"What are you talking about? Isn't she the CEO's sister?"

"How could she possibly be his sister? I bet she's his aunt or something. The CEO was even walking behind her to show her respect!"

"Enough talking, you guys! It doesn't matter who she is. Just stay on her good side if you want to remain in this company!"

Everyone else nodded in agreement.

Of course, Natalie was completely oblivious to what the employees were saying about her.

She went straight to Yandel's office and entered after knocking on the door.

Natalie noticed a tense atmosphere in his office the moment she stepped inside. Ross was going through a document with an incredibly solemn look on his face.

Even Yandel, who would usually smile upon seeing her, had a tight frown on his face and a cigarette in his hand. The smoke filled the air around him with each puff he took.

“Boss, you’re back?” Yandel quickly put out the cigarette when he noticed her as he didn’t want her taking in secondhand smoke.

“What’s with those frowns on your faces? Tell me, what happened?” Natalie asked while sitting down on the couch.

“I’ll do the explaining.”

Yandel took the data report from Ross and placed it down in front of Natalie.

“Our spies in Dexmed Pharmaceutical told us that the Bowers family is providing the company with a capital injection of three billion. The money will be transferred into the company’s account three days later. Your plan has allowed us to gain an advantage over them, but this sudden capital injection could spell disaster for us. Putting the money aside, the fact that Bowers Corporation is investing in Dexmed Pharmaceutical could potentially alter our stock prices in the market. That would provide them with even more money to compete with us...”

After listening to Yandel’s analysis and going through the document, Natalie could see how challenging the situation was.

“Boss, I’m not trying to sow discord or anything, but do you think Samuel could’ve given Dexmed Pharmaceutical the money?” Yandel asked cautiously.

“I don’t know.”

Natalie was telling the truth as both she and Samuel had never gotten involved in each other’s businesses.

She never told Samuel about Dream being her company, and Samuel never informed her of his investment plans either.

“But I doubt Samuel was the one who did it. The Samuel I know is decisive and cunning when it comes to his work. Three billion is a huge sum, and to invest that much money in Dexmed Pharmaceutical isn’t exactly very wise. I don’t think he’d make such a bad decision,” Natalie said with a confident smile on her face.

She had both analyzed the situation and praised Samuel at the same time.

Yandel choked on his water when he heard that. “Boss, we’re talking about a serious issue at work here. Could you please refrain from such displays of affection?”

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Chapter 390 Never Doubt His Sincerity

Yandel thought Natalie would first deny everything and then respond with an indignant glare. Surprisingly, she just took a sip of tea and smiled.

"I'm just analyzing this person objectively, but if you think I'm showing off, then so be it!"

At the hot spring resort, Samuel had sucked the venom from her wound risking being poisoned.

It was such a selfless act and there was no doubt about his sincerity.

Yandel exchanged glances with Ross each knowing what the other was thinking.

Both of them wanted the best for Natalie but they felt sad that their leader's heart belong to Samuel now.

Natalie put down the white jade teacup, narrowed her eyes and said, "Samuel is not the only Mr. Bowers, the one who invested in Dexmed Pharmaceutical should be the patriarch of the Bowers family. Every time I see the old man, Yara is always by his side. The Old Mr. Bowers must really be pleased with her company."

Among the theories put forward, this seemed to be the most logical.

Natalie could not think of any other possibility.

"What is our next step, then?" Yandel asked.

"Retreat is the way forward."

Natalie looked at Yandel and Ross, and said emphatically, "Giving money to people with virtue and talent is providing assistance, but giving money to the greedy will only swell his unsatiated appetite. Their avarice becomes escalated, and the consequences might be dreadful beyond imagination. The wealth that my grandfather amassed through hard work and tears was squandered and wasted by Thomas. This shows that he is a greedy spendthrift. Let him be rampant for the time being while Dream Corporation keeps a low profile, and the special drugs developed previously by Ross must also go through the necessary clinical trials to get the approval for marketing as soon as possible."

Ross understood Natalie's strategy and he nodded in agreement.

Yandel pointed at himself. "Boss, what about me?"

"Your assignment is even more important," Natalie tapped her chin with her finger and replied thoughtfully. "Hasn't Melissa shown a romantic interest in you? She is waiting for you to visit the Nichols residence and ask for her hand in marriage."

"Boss, do you really want me to go so far?"

“Don’t worry, you will not be required to sell your body.” The spark in Natalie’s eyes revealed that she already had a scheme. “You’re not the reason for the family feud. At best, you can only be a fuse. The family looks harmonious and stable from the outside but in fact, a feud has been brewing since a long time ago...”

It was indeed an extremely twisted family relationship which had raised a daughter, Yara to kill her own twin.

The Nichols family had enjoyed an extravagant and lavish lifestyle by squandering the hard-earned wealth of their Granddad.

After so many years of living a lavish and peaceful life, it was time they faced some challenges and hardship.

Natalie had been hesitant about using Melissa’s feelings for Yandel to their advantage. Then she realized that Melissa had actually tried to take advantage of Yandel’s wealth and with that thought in mind, she decided to turn the tables on her.

This did not involve Melissa’s genuine love for Yandel but just her greed for money and so she had no qualms about carrying out the plan.

After further discussion, each was clear about the part they had to play.

Only then did Natalie leave Dream Corporation.

Natalie arrived at the Bowers residence quite early. Strangely, she was not greeted by the four kids rushing out to hug her.

“Gavin, are their classes not over yet?” Natalie asked.

“The classes are over.” Gavin laughed. “The three boys and their sister have shut themselves up in their room. Besides, they have even instructed me to send dinner to their room because they want to study together and memorize some book called, ‘The Emperor’s Scriptures.’”

“Is it ‘The Esoteric Medical Doctrine?’”

“Yes, that’s right. It’s ‘The Esoteric Medical Doctrine.’” Gavin nodded. “Just now when I sent dinner to them, I saw them studying the book. Their seriousness about memorizing it really moved me.”

Such complex words are difficult for adults to memorize, let alone five-year-old children?

Natalie was very touched but she refrained from expressing her feelings.

“Thank you for notifying me.”

Even though her heart ached for them, these were texts that had to be memorized by Sophia in order to be accepted as an apprentice.

Natalie did not want to change her decision lest the four children get the message that their parents do not keep their word.

Natalie's appetite was not good and so, after a light dinner, she returned to her bedroom to rest.

In the afternoon, even though she had countermeasures planned out, she felt ill at ease as the opponents were the Nichols family.

Was it Kenneth who had aided Thomas in obtaining all of Granddad's wealth?

Did someone else help Thomas?

Her mother had fled with her to the village and adopted different identities. At her death bed, she had given instructions that the past must be buried and it was sufficient for Natalie to live the rest of her life safe and sound.

However, she could not pretend to be ignorant.

Natalie was lost in thought. She was so deep in thought that she did not hear footsteps approaching her bed.