

Chapter 115 Radioactive Jewelry

Annabel followed the security guard out to the gate.

There, she saw a group of people crowding around the gate. There were also countless reporters, carrying cameras and other equipment.

Suddenly, a man pointed at Annabel and shouted, "It's her! I saw her on TV! She's the person in charge of the Ice and Fire project—Annabel Hewitt!"

In an instant, a group of people surrounded Annabel.

"What's going on?" Annabel asked, frowning deeply.

The reporters all scrambled to interview Annabel. "What do you have to say about the allegations that the Ice and Fire series used dangerous materials that contain some radioactive material?"

"Did Benton Group decide to use subpar materials to cut costs on production?"

The reporters bombarded Annabel with loaded

questions.

These reporters were claiming that the Ice and Fire jewelry line contained some radioactive material.

How could that be possible?

Benton Group's raw materials were all strictly monitored and quality checked, and it was impossible that such a fatal mistake would be made.

Could it be someone was deliberately framing their company?

But Annabel couldn't be sure. Benton Group would remain evil in the eyes of the public until a thorough investigation was conducted.

She cleared her throat and said steadily, "Please calm down. The products of Benton Group are all strictly tested for quality before they're released. It is highly unlikely that the Ice and Fire series contains any radioactive material in them. I believe this must be a misunderstanding."

"A misunderstanding?" A fashionable middle-aged woman in luxury clothing strode up to Annabel. "My sister was poisoned after she wore the necklace from the Ice and Fire collection. She's

still lying in bed in the hospital. The doctor said that she would've died if she was sent to hospital a few days later. How could this be just a misunderstanding?"

"Ma'am, there may be other causes for your sister's poisoning. It might not have been the products of our company," Annabel replied coldly.

"Of course it has something to do with you!" the middle-aged woman snapped angrily. "My sister went through a lot of tests, and the doctor said she was exposed to something radioactive. It was your Ice and Fire necklace that poisoned her. I have the test results, which proves that your necklace contains some radioactive material!"

The man next to the middle-aged woman held up a stack of papers in his hand. "Everyone, come and have a look. This is a copy of the test results. It says clearly that Benton Group's necklace is radioactive, which can be fatal to those who wear it. We spent so much money on the jewelry, only to be poisoned. They're greedy monsters. I hope they all die miserable deaths."

"We demand compensation!" The middle-aged woman echoed the man's sentiments.

Annabel went to look at the so-called test results. It was hard to tell whether it was true or not at a glance. Now, the most important thing was to find out what exactly was going on.

She looked up and said clearly, "We will investigate this matter right away. I hope you can cooperate with us. I'll send someone to check on you to see whether there's something wrong with the necklace you bought. If it's our fault, we'll compensate you accordingly."

"Of course it's your fault!" The middle-aged woman pointed at Annabel. "Don't try to stall for time. If you don't give us a solution today, we won't leave!"

Frowning, Annabel opened her mouth to retort when a cold voice sounded from behind her. "We will get to the bottom this."

Annabel turned around and saw Rupert walking over with steady steps.

As soon as the reporters saw Rupert, they swarmed around him like flies and asked, "What do you think of this matter? Did you use subpar raw materials to produce the Ice and Fire series?"

With knitted brows, Rupert said, "I can only say that we always prioritize the customers. We do

everything in our power to bring the best products to our customers, so we never use anything that's subpar. As for the allegations against our company, I'll have someone investigate it thoroughly. If it is indeed a result of our negligence, we are duty-bound to be transparent with our customers."

After a pause, he continued in a colder and harsher tone, "But if we find out that someone is framing us, we will make them pay!" ¹

Flinching under Rupert's powerful aura, the middle-aged woman couldn't help but take a step back. "Fine. We'll wait for the investigation results."

Then Annabel and Rupert went back inside the building. The security guards stopped the reporters from following them.

"What do you think is going on?" Rupert sat down and tapped his fingers on his desk.

Annabel answered without missing a beat. "Every step of the production process is strictly monitored. It's impossible our products have any radioactive material, unless someone secretly tampered with it."

"It's not easy to do such a thing," Rupert said flatly.

Indeed, Benton Group's factories had always been run very methodically and strictly. It was very difficult for outsiders to get in and meddle.

Annabel nodded in agreement. "I think someone's trying to frame us."

"Who?" Rupert asked, furrowing his eyebrows tightly.

Annabel cracked a faint smile. "Who has the most to gain if the Ice and Fire collection is ruined?"

Rupert slightly leaned back in his chair and mused, "Indeed. It's very likely that Love Jewelry is behind this matter."

"We can't rule them out. Well, whatever happens, as long as we investigate it thoroughly, the truth will be revealed soon." Annabel's smile widened.

It was not difficult to find out the truth. All they had to do was trace where the woman's so-called sister bought the necklace, determine whether it contained any radioactive material, and find out whether the necklace had been tampered with.

Indeed, at this stage, Love Jewelry was their biggest suspect. After all, news of the plagiarism incident had spread like wildfire, bringing victory to Benton Group and humiliating defeat to Love

Jewelry.

It seemed highly likely that Love Jewelry would resort to dirty tricks to destroy Benton Group.

Rupert called Finley in. "Get to the bottom of this matter by today."

"Yes, sir," Finley replied briskly.

However, before Finley was able to find any substantial results, a few more cases of poisoning from the Ice and Fire jewelry cropped up.