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Chapter 788 It's Time For Some Face-Slapping!

That one line of Nora's immediately went under analysis by everyone, who then posted it on the Internet.

Some people's interpretations were:

"She'll give us an answer in two days? Gold prices will probably hit a new low in two days! When that happens and the Smiths become the most profitable company of the year, she'll then announce her break with the Hunts?"

"Friend, are you kidding? Her children can already inherit the Hunts' property. What will remain of Ms. Smith if she breaks off ties with them? That bit of dividends from the Smiths?"

"Now that you've mentioned the dividends, won't the Smiths give Ms. Smith the position of successor? After all, everyone knows that the current head of the Smiths is the previous head's nephew!"

"Haha, I am a Smith Corporation employee. I can tell you very clearly that Ian Smith has already transferred the company shares to Joel Smith, so he now has 51% of the shares, which gives him absolute control over the company. The previous head only gave Ms. Smith 10 of the shares, so all your speculations are nonsense!"

"You're from the Smith Corporation? Then can you tell me if your company and the Hunt Corporation have really been in a competitive relationship all these years?"

"Of course we are! We are not only competing with them on the outside but also internally. Every project always has two teams studying and developing it. Only competition can motivate a person's most primitive passion, but as far as I know, the Smith Corporation does not care about things like being first or second. The Smith Corporation's annual turnover is not much less than that of the Hunt Corporation!"

"Even if it's not much less, it's still less than theirs. Even if they don't care about who's first or second, they are still in second place. Who wouldn't want to get rid of their fate of being in second place forever? Besides, Mr. Hunt only has one son. Even if Ms. Smith plays a few small tricks and makes the Hunt Corporation lose 80 million dollars, all that will happen is that they'll become the second in terms of annual turnover this year. The Hunts won't be too concerned. But by doing so, the Smiths can take first place for once, so why not? It's just 80 million dollars, the Smiths probably don't even think anything of it, right?"

Some believed it while some didn't. Everyone gloated over others' misfortune while they chatted about the gossip and waited quietly for the results that would come in two days.

Nora wasn't one to bother listening to what outsiders said. Instead, she was dealing with the Hunt Corporation's affairs as well as looking for an overseas project so that she could find an excuse to go to Switzerland.

In the company, she approached Celine, a female staff member who was temporarily taking Lawrence's place in the secretarial department, and asked, "Does the company have any projects in Switzerland?"

With her head lowered, Celine answered stiffly, "No. If you have the time to be looking at overseas projects, then why don't you settle the company's domestic affairs first? Regarding the gold futures, what exactly are you thinking?"

After Justin's accident and in Lawrence's absence, Celine had temporarily taken over the latter's position as the leader of the secretarial department.

However, she had always been supportive of Nora. Her current attitude, though... Something wasn't right.

Nora looked up to see the woman, who was usually mild and gentle, staring at her with her clear and attractive eyes. Her voice was obviously very gentle, yet the way she spoke was very stiff. She said, "Gold prices have dropped again today. Why aren't you doing any trading in the market? With the way you're behaving, don't you think you're letting down Mr. Hunt?"

Nora: "?"

She raised her brows. Suddenly, she asked, "Do you also think that I am not doing my best for the Hunt Corporation?"

Celine bit her lip. "Isn't that right? If you really were doing your best for the Hunt Corporation, then why would you fire Lawrence?"

Nora was taken aback. "What did you just say?"

sneered, "I've already found out about everything that happened, so you can drop your act! Lawrence is very familiar with the company and he is also Mr. Hunt's right-hand man. You fired him because you want to bypass him and do things unfavorable to the company, right? Ms. Smith, when Mr. Hunt was still around, we could all see for ourselves just how well he'd treated you. Don't you think your actions have really let him down? Lawrence is very loyal to Mr. Hunt, how can you fire someone like him just like that?"

Nora: "?"

She countered with a question of her own. "When did I fire Lawrence?"

Celine sneered and said, "You don't have to pretend anymore, I already know all about it. You fired Lawrence the day Mr. Hunt died. His resignation letter is right there in the company's email inbox. I've already seen it!"

Nora: "!"

She went through the email inbox at once. Sure enough, she saw Lawrence's resignation letter, which was sent on the day that Justin died.

Lawrence's resignation letter was written very clearly. To sum it up roughly, he wrote that Mr. Hunt had been very kind to him, so he needed some time to get over what had happened. He also told them not to look for him. After that, he left...

Nora: "...."

To think she had been wondering why no one noticed that Lawrence had disappeared just like that after Justin faked his death. As it turned out, it was because he had already made all the necessary preparations in advance.

So, he had left together with Justin?

Where had they gone, though? Switzerland?

They must have done that and concealed their identities just so they could go to Switzerland to look for the V16, right?

But when she thought of the man in black who was still alive, and how he'd forced her and Justin to retreat all by himself, as well as how Justin had also been forced into faking his death as a countermeasure; deep worry arose at the bottom of Nora's heart.

No, this wouldn't work. She must go to Switzerland right away.

Nora made up her mind. Suddenly, she looked up at Celine and asked, "Who told you that I was the one who fired Lawrence?"

Celine had already seen Lawrence's resignation letter a long time ago, yet her attitude towards her a few days ago had still been very good. However, this had suddenly changed today. Someone must have said something to her.

Sure enough, the next moment, the look in Celine's eyes changed. She lowered her head and replied evasively, "I promised that person that I wouldn't tell you their identity. Don't bother trying to find out who told me the truth. That person is someone you trust, otherwise I wouldn't have believed them so easily."

Someone she trusted?

How many people did Nora trust?

Her friends were all absolutely worthy of her trust. It was impossible for any of them to betray her.

Nora didn't think any deeper into it. Instead, she said, "I didn't fire Lawrence."

However, Celine yelled agitatedly, "Are you still denying it at a time like this? Lawrence was in such a bad mood after he was fired that he has been keeping his cell phone switched off all this time! He doesn't answer my phone calls at all! You don't understand Lawrence's feelings for the Hunt Corporation! If he does anything silly, I won't let you off!" Her behavior...

Nora raised her eyebrows. "You're in love with him?"

Her words made Celine choke. Then, she said, "Yes, I'm in love with him, I've had a crush on him for five years. Ms. Smith, I can tell you this very clearly—if you cannot handle the matter about the gold futures well, then please forgive me for not being able to cooperate with you!"

After speaking, she turned and walked towards the door. However, when she reached the door, she turned her head to the back, looked at her with determination, and said, "Feel free to fire me. With the Smiths' abilities, I believe that you'll be able to find someone to take over my duties in no time. However, I didn't stay in the Hunt Corporation for so many years for nothing. If you fire me, everyone in the secretarial department will also leave with me! I am not Lawrence. He may allow himself to be driven away by you, but I won't!"

After saying that, Celine went out the door.

Nora: "…"

She looked at Celine. The woman was highly efficient and extremely capable. When Nora first took over the Hunt Corporation, she had helped her a lot.

Celine was not like Mr. Livingstone. She was loyal to the company. Even now, she was still protecting the Hunt Corporation in her own way.

Such people were relatively prone to becoming loyal to a fault.

Unfortunately, such people were also extremely easy to make use of!

Nora wasn't going to fire her. How could she fire someone who did their best and gave their all for the company's interests?

She just needed to wait one more day to pass. Once Celine understood her efforts, she would surely regain trust in her character. Going by how loyal Celine was to the company, she would definitely tell her who the one sowing discord behind the scenes was.

Thus, when the next day came...!

Chapter 789 Her Friend

At seven o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Hunt woke Nora up.

Had it been before, she would have lost her temper a long time ago-after all, she had always been extremely grumpy right after she woke up. Now, though, no matter how displeased she might be, when she saw how aged Mrs. Hunt looked and how she had become even less spirited than before, she could only get out of bed in silence.

Then, under the supervision of Mrs. Hunt, she would go out for a run.

Next to her, Mrs. Hunt said, "You can stop once you work up a sweat. If you don't, then you have to continue running until it's eight o'clock. Only then will you look more energetic. It's obvious from how listless you look all the time that you are not exercising enough."

Nora let out a big yawn, her eyelids so heavy that she could hardly even lift them.

Mrs. Hunt was still standing where she was and saying, "Can you open your eyes? Otherwise, how would you be able to intimidate and keep those people in the Hunt Corporation in check? They are all waiting to laugh at you today!"

Nora yawned again.

Mrs. Hunt felt even more distressed when she saw her yawning non-stop. She couldn't help but say to Fanny, "Justin had always been self-disciplined. He went to bed at eleven every night and woke up at five to exercise. How on earth did he fall in love with a lazy woman like her ?"

Fanny sighed. "You talk about her so disdainfully, yet you are always encouraging her with your actions!"

Mrs. Hunt said, "Of course I have to be encouraging towards her! Otherwise, what if she goes on strike? Even if it's just for Pete, I have to inculcate in her a sense of belonging to the Hunts!"

Fanny did not speak.

Mrs. Hunt then said, "I wonder if she will ever remarry, and if she does, will she be willing to be buried next to Justin after her death? Justin would be too lonely if he's all alone... It's all my fault. In the past, I had thought that just him being strong would be enough..."

It was only when someone was no longer around that others would realize that it didn't matter what they did, as long as they were still alive.

Often, people only learned to cherish what they had after losing it.

It was just like how parents often wanted their children to do well in school, but once something went wrong with their health, they would realize that their children's health and happiness were what truly mattered the most in life. This was the same for Mrs. Hunt toward Justin.

When Fanny heard what she said, she heaved another quiet sigh.

Justin's departure had dealt too great a blow to Mrs. Hunt, causing even a competitive woman like her to become much more laid-back.

In the past, she would have demanded a lot of Nora, but now, she only had one requirement for her, and that was... to look more energetic and keep up appearances?

Fanny shook her head and looked in front of her again.

What entered her sight, though, was Nora jogging at a speed neither too fast nor too slow and in control of the rhythm. She had already been jogging for half an hour, though. A normal youngster would probably already be sweating profusely, yet she didn't even break a sweat.

"Alright, that's enough."

Half an hour later, at the sight of Nora's pale visage, Mrs. Hunt stopped the training. In the end, she couldn't bear to push her too hard after all, for fear that the sudden training load would be too much and end up burdening her.

She said, "Just increase the duration bit by bit every day, doing so much in one go won't work. Look at how pale you've become, your complexion is almost transparent! Do you feel dizzy? Let's go back and have a bite! Your health is too poor!"

Nora: "?"

She had just been warming up!

Was it already over?

The old lady was too easy to please.

As Nora thought so, she yawned again.

Her complexion had become even paler because of her sleepiness, so the old lady fed her a lot of nourishing food for breakfast. She said, "You are too lazy. If you stay this lazy all the time, your body will become weak. Eat more and exercise more from now on, okay?"

Nora: "…"

After gobbling down the food, Nora got up to go to the office.

She had only just stepped out of the house when Mrs. Hunt suddenly got up.

"Where are you going ?" Fanny asked.

Mrs. Hunt cast her eyes down and said, "To the office. Today is the last day of the three-day period she mentioned. Outsiders aren't the only ones paying attention; some of the old-timers in the Hunt Corporation are paying even more attention than them. So, I'm going there to support her!"

Mrs. Hunt knew very well that the people currently in the company were all either capable or loyal to Justin.

However, it was exactly these people who would make things difficult for Nora.

Of course, Mrs. Hunt would never be bewitched or blinded by the rumors and gossip outside. She knew very well that the Hunt Corporation and the Smith Corporation had always been in a win-win situation.

Only with competition between the two would there be pressure on the companies to grow. This was also the foundation that both companies needed in order to survive and continue being leaders in business.

This was a kind of commercial balance. If one established a monopoly, then they easily became arrogant, leading to them becoming blinded and missing the forest for the trees. If that happened, it would instead put the enterprise at an even bigger risk.

Fanny said, "Alright."

At the Smiths.

Joel got up early in the morning and went downstairs. Tanya asked, "Why are you setting off so early today?"

Joel replied, "The market opens at nine o'clock. Once it opens, gold prices will also become set. I suspect that the Hunts will make use of this to make things difficult for Nora, so I'm going over to back her up."

Upon hearing this, Tanya immediately took Joel's arm and said, "I'll go with you! Let's support Nora together!" Joel nodded. "Yeah."

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At the Andersons'.

Simon was counting his savings. Melissa sighed. "Mrs. Hunt could produce 80 million dollars so easily, and so could the Smiths. Once upon

a time, our family was also considered well-off, so why are we so poor compared to them ?"

Simon also sighed. "Yeah, I know, right?"

While the two of them were grousing, Logan entered the room and took out a check. "This is a check for 30 million dollars. Why don't you pass this to her ?"

As soon as he said that, Simon and Melissa both looked at him. "Logan, did you go racing again ?"

When Logan suffered his leg injury previously, many doctors had said that it would be very tough for it to heal completely. However, Nora had cured him subsequently, so he'd continued his most beloved career.

Logan was now America's top car racer in standard car racing!

In spite of that, Logan was still working hard to improve his skills. Whenever someone asked him about it, he would always say, "... Compared to her, I'm still too far behind!"

Logan nodded. "I wonder if this is enough."

Simon said, "With our money added, it should be enough to make up for the losses this time. Surely she won't incur a loss of 65 million dollars, right? Melissa, what's on your mind?"

Melissa replied, "I suddenly feel like we may not really need to send her the money."

Simon was taken aback. "Why?"

Since Melissa married him, she had always given her all for the family. Had she suddenly become selfish?

However, Simon was understanding about that too. Life hadn't been easy for his wife all these years.

As soon as the thought formed in his mind, Melissa said, "I suddenly thought of the last time Nora invested in stocks for me. It was also a constant loss in the beginning, but in the end, I made money."

As soon as she said that, Simon chuckled and said, "You were investing in stocks then, it's different this time. Gold prices have been falling for two consecutive months, it is impossible that they would rise all at once..."

Chapter 790 Gold Prices Make A Comeback!

At the Hunt Corporation.

When Nora arrived in her car, there were already a lot of people in the company.

Most of the shareholders had also come. Everyone was very concerned about how she would give an explanation to the media and everyone else today.

When Nora entered the CEO's office on the top floor, the secretaries, who all had feelings for the Hunt Corporation, were chatting with one another in low voices.

"She says that she will give everyone an explanation today, but I really don't know what kind of explanation she's going to give. It will be the year-end closing in two days, and the company's annual turnover data will be calculated then. If gold prices still don't recover by today, I'm afraid it'll be hard to say which way the Hunt Corporation will go this

year."

"Sigh, I have a friend working in the Smith Corporation. They have already calculated their turnover for this year and it has increased by a lot compared to last year's. This year, under Mr. Hunt's lead, we have invested a lot in research and development, especially in the fields of biomedicine and microchip research. Those 1.5 billion dollars are never coming back. Once you compare them like this... Is the Hunt Corporation really going to be dethroned ?"

"Actually, we have all seen the annual data reports. The Hunt Corporation barely manages to take first place each year. It seems that our profits exceed the Smith Corporation's by only tens of millions every year. With such a small gap, any money-making project can get things done... When you think of it that way, our victories really come too difficultly..."

"Don't you know? This is actually all part of Mr. Hunt's plans. Only when the turnover is only tens of millions of dollars higher and at risk of being surpassed will we have the motivation to work harder. Otherwise, if the gap is too big, we will end up monopolizing the market... Also, if the difference is just tens of millions of dollars, then the Smith Corporation will also be motivated to catch up with us. But because of this, it's really hard to say which way it'll go this year..."

"Yeah, it's all Ms. Smith's fault. If she had disposed of the gold futures in time on the day of the board meeting, we wouldn't be losing this much money. If we compare carefully, our profits are actually just a few million dollars less than the Smith Corporation! If she had disposed of them at that time, the loss would have been reduced by 15 million dollars, and our position as number one this year would also have been in the bag."

"So, this shows that some people's hearts are just not in here!"

Celine suddenly remarked coldly.

It was now the end of December. The figures for the year's annual turnover had been calculated and released at the end of the day before. There were only a few days left to the end of the month. After that, they would add the profits from these few days to the previous data. Once that was done, the results would be out very soon.

The profits from several major projects had all been included, and it was impossible for there to be any large sums of income during the next few days.

It could be said that the results were already fixed.

Had it been the day before, Celine would still have placed a bit of trust in Nora, but now that she had seen the statistical results, she had lost all trust in her.

She suddenly stood up and said, "We are only a few million dollars short of the Smith Corporation's profits this year. If the difference was big, I wouldn't have been suspicious of Ms. Smith, but now, I have no choice but to doubt her. I think she did this deliberately. Besides, the amount of money lost is not that much for them either..."

Someone whispered, "But Ms. Smith is now the Hunts' daughter-in-law, why would she help the Smiths? It's not like she's the head of the Smiths..."

Celine glanced over frostily. Even when the usually-gentle woman got angry, her voice merely shook a little. She was utterly livid. "Because... she will be the head of the Smiths very soon!"

"What ?"

Everyone was puzzled. "How come? It has already been decided long ago that Joel Smith is the head of the Smiths. Besides, he also holds 51% of the shares. Is your information reliable or not?"

Celine was furious. Even her eyes had turned a little red, and she was shaking in anger all over.

"Of course. She forced Lawrence to resign just so she could abuse her authority and pull all these dirty tricks. If Lawrence was still here, and if Mr. Hunt was still here... The gold futures would have been sold long ago. How would it have come to this ?!"

She suddenly bit her lip and said, "We must unite as one and protect the Hunt Corporation together now!"

The Hunt Corporation had undergone several major bouts of cleansing. With the exception of Roger, everyone who was still in the company was loyal to the Hunt Corporation.

Therefore, when they saw the data report the day before, they had panicked.

They had always been proud to be part of the Hunt Corporation. Additionally, when Justin was still around, he had treated them all very well.

Thus, all of them had always regarded the company as their home.

As Celine was the deputy manager of the secretarial department, she only had a little less authority than him. Besides, all of them could tell that Celine and Lawrence's relationship was a little ambiguous.

As soon as she said that, everyone responded to her call.

"Yes, we can't let her destroy the Hunt Corporation. We must unite as one! Let's boycott Ms. Smith and oppose her coming into the office!"

"Kick Ms. Smith out!"

"Let's watch over the Hunt Corporation for Mr. Pete!"

With their emotions roused, they stood up one by one and blocked the way out of the elevator.

Behind the crowd, as Roger looked at the situation, his smirk became even more malicious, and a cold glint shot forth from his narrowed eyes.

Ha.

He couldn't beat Justin, but did they think that he couldn't beat a woman who had never done any business?

Indeed, the old fogeys in the board of directors might not care about this bit of money-after all, 30 million dollars split equally among everyone wasn't much—but there was no lack of people who were concerned about the Hunt Corporation's image.

These workers were what an enterprise truly relied on for survival!

These people were elites from all walks of life. Now that they had come together to resist Nora, he would see what else Nora had to be so smug about!

As Roger thought so, the elevator arrived with a ding

Nora walked out from within.

As soon as she stepped out, someone threw a glass of water in her face!

Nora's eyes narrowed and she moved her head to the side a little. With a loud splash, the water splattered onto the floor.

Her brows drew together, and she saw that Celine had led a group of people to block off the path outside the elevator. In addition to the secretarial department, there were also some other people from other departments.

Although they were not senior executives, they nevertheless represented at least one-tenth of the company's manpower!

Nora frowned and asked, "What are you people doing?"

Celine replied, "Ms. Smith, you are not welcomed here in the Hunt Corporation!"

Just as Nora was about to speak, Roger took a step forward and said, "Nora, you're really just so... Why can't you listen to me? Do you know that your actions have really disappointed everyone?! Just for the Smiths' sake, you made us suffer a loss... You are ultimately still a Smith after all! Only Hunts would truly have the Hunts' interests at heart!! In the past, when Justin was still here, I was always indignant, but now that he's gone, it is time for me to step up to the challenge and take on the burden! Nora, I think you should go back. From now on, I will take care of the Hunts' affairs instead. After all, even if there are conflicts between Justin and me, I am ultimately still a Hunt! At the very least, I will never harm the Hunts' interests for the sake of the Smiths!" When Roger said that, Celine immediately looked at him with a very reluctant look on her face.

When Lawrence was here, he'd called Roger a wolf in sheep's clothing before. Despite Justin's cold and stern exterior, he really treated his subordinates very well. However, this was not the case for Roger.

Roger was friendly on the outside but cold on the inside! Such people were the scariest. However, if they drove Nora away, then it would seem that Roger really was the only one who could take over as the company's interim CEO.

Thus, Celine did not say anything.

She intended to wait until she got in touch with Lawrence to discuss this problem!

Since Celine did not say anything, the other secretaries did not raise any objections. They all stood behind Roger.

Nora looked at Roger and scoffed, "How did I harm the interests of the Hunts?"

Roger asked, "Have you forgotten about the gold futures?"

Nora lowered her eyes and looked down at the time.

The clock on her cell phone jumped from 8:59 to 9:00.

Nora raised her head and slowly said, "The market is now open. Everyone can take a look at today's gold price now."

Her words took Celine by surprise a little.

Regardless, she quickly took out her cell phone and opened the trading app.

Roger sighed. "Don't be stubborn anymore, Nora. Considering how badly gold prices have fallen, even if they do recover today, how much can they really recover? It's not like they will recover all at once, right? I think you'd best go home quickly and stop making such a scene in the company. Otherwise, you will only be embarrassing Justin. If you also thoroughly embarrass Pete, it won't be easy for him to take over the company in the future..."

Right after he said that, his mobile trading market app sent a push notification to his cell phone: "Gold prices make a comeback today!"