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Chapter 561 In Aryadelle.

The weekend just passed in a blink of an eye.

On Monday, Elliot arrived at the office. Chad followed behind him and entered his office.

"Yes?" Elliot switched his computer open. He looked up at Chad.

"Mr. Foster, is your phone not on?" Chad inquired cautiously. It was only after Chad asked him this that Elliot realized he did not bring his phone that day. He has been sleeping at home during the weekend. He slept well but still felt a little dizzy.

One would feel dizzy if they did not get enough sleep. Sleeping too much will cause the same effect too.

"Mr. Foster, this is what happened," Chad reported the main points of the things that had happened the day before to Elliot.

When Elliot heard the news, he had an expression of disbelief on his face.

"Go get the bodyguard to bring me my phone," Elliot instructed Chad. When Chad left, Elliot looked at his computer screen.

The headline for that day popped up, [President of Sterling Group, Elliot Foster, Cheated of 1.568 Billion!]

Although he has already heard Chad describe the content of the piece of news, he still clicked on the popped-up news notification.

After reading the news, he rubbed the middle of his brow. It was alright to call him brainless due to falling in love, but why did they have to call Avery a con-woman?!

How absurd!

The piece of news had been circulating on the internet from the day before until that day. Even if he were to delete them, it was too late already. Everyone knew that he had been conped one and half billion dollars by Avery.

Even if he were to deny this rumor, most of the public would not believe him.

Elliot picked up the office phone on his desk and dialed the legal department. After handing this issue to the lawyers to deal with, his bodyguard arrived with his phone.

Elliot turned on his phone. Besides Chad and Ben, no one else looked for him. He wondered whether Avery had seen the news or not. He also wondered what her reaction was after seeing the news.

He looked for her contact. He wanted to call her, but he put his phone down.

He did not send out the press release. There was nothing to be sheepish about.

She made him return to his old life, was that not just asking him to become the person that does nothing but work?

In the past, other than at work, he never looked at this type of news. He would never be bothered by them too.

Elliot turned off the news webpage, opened his email inbox, and started to work.

In Bridgedale, when Avery woke up, she saw Tammy's message. Other than asking her when she was returning to the county, she also sent her the news of her and Elliot.

The first reaction she had when she saw the news was that Elliot actually spent one and a half billion dollars to rescue her? Her second reaction was how was she a con-woman? A con woman?

Avery was so stunned she did not come to her senses for quite a long while, sitting in bed.

When Mike came and knocked on her door only did she come to her senses?

"Avery, are you feeling fine today?" Mike stood by the door and said, "If you don't feel well, the children and I won't head back to the Aryadelle today."

When Avery heard that, she immediately got down from the bed.

"Mike, did you see the news back in Aryadelle!" She strode to Mike and asked, "Elliot spent one and a half billion dollars to rescue me this time?!"

Mike scratched his head. "I don't know how much he actually spent. He didn't tell me about it. But, he hired Yves Kant Security...this company is exorbitantly expensive. I'm sure it would cost around there!" Avery's eyes fluttered. She pursed her lips tightly.

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Mike looked at her serious expressions and guessed, "Are you going to pay the money back to him?! We don't have that amount of money!" Mike exclaimed with a gasp.

Avery had a serious expression. She asked him, "How much money do we have right now?" Mike was stumped. "I have never paid attention to this problem. You're the boss! Don't you know how much money we have?"

Avery has never paid attention to this problem before35 either.

"Take the children back to Aryadelle first. I'll head back in a few days." Avery changed the topic. "Shouldn't you all head out by now? Don't miss the flight."

Mike understood her too well, so he could not help but persuade her, "Avery, Elliot did not send out the press release. Chad told me that it was sent by his rivals, but it was only killing two birds with one stone. The one and half billion dollars is an astronomical amount to us, but not to Elliot. You don't have to stress yourself over this money. What you need to do now is to pay attention to your health. You have a child inee you!"

"I know." Avery calmed down a lot.

"You're having a child for him. Just take this money as child support!" Mikeof continued.

Avery looked at her two children nearby. "Let's stop talking about this. Stay safe. Text me when you reach Aryadelle."

"Hmm. If you're not back in a week, I'll come over to pick you up," Mike68 said.

"We'll talk about it then!" Avery sent them out of the door.

Once they left, Avery returned to the mansion. She returned to her room and changed her clothes before getting the bodyguard to send her to Alpha7a Technologies.

She wanted to make clear how much money she could take out at that moment. One and half billion dollars was not a small amount. It was not something that she would be able to pay Elliot back under a whim of anger.

When Mike arrived in Aryadelle with the two children, Chad immediately came to the Starry River Villa.

He came over on the basis of making them a meal and pulled Mike over to the kitchen to talk in private.

"Has Avery seen the news?"

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Mike said, "Hmm. Tammy must have told her."

"Oh. Mr. Foster got our lawyers to sue the magazine company," Chad continued asking, "What was Avery's reaction after seeing the news?"

“What do you think her reaction would be?” Mike asked rhetorically.

“From what I know about her, I think she would want to pay Mr. Foster back the money,” Chad analyzed, “But I don’t think she would be able to take out that much money for the time being.”

“Hahaha! You got it right! But she doesn’t know how much money she has. She’s in business not to accumulate wealth but to find something for herself to do,” Mike could not help but take a jab when he thought back about how lost Avery looked when he asked her how much money they had.

“She probably founded a company to rebuild the Tate Industries,” Chad corrected him, “But according to the way her company is growing, paying back the one and a half billion dollars is not difficult.”

“Why must she pay back?” Mike and Avery were people in the same boat. Of course, he would side with Avery. “Elliot forked out the money of his own volition. We didn’t force him to do it.”

Chad was dumbfounded. “Mr. Foster didn’t ask Avery to pay the money back. Why are you so worked up?”

“Please don’t tell me you’re trying to get in the way here?” Mike glared at him. “Don’t tell me that Elliot got you to come here?”

Chad raised his hand and swore, “Mr. Foster is not that low! Also, Avery is pregnant with his child. How could he get her to pay him back?”

At eight that evening. The black Rolls-Roice was driving on the busy road.

Elliot was sitting in the backseat, resting with his eyes closed. Suddenly, his phone rang.

He opened his eyes and looked at his screen. It was a message from Avery.

He did not read what she sent immediately but looked at the time instead.

It was eight at night in Aryadelle, meaning it was eight in the morning in Bridgedale.

He tapped into her message.

[I'll pay you back the money, but I don't have that much with me right now. I'll pay you back in installments.]

He knew that she would send him a message because of this incident. She had such a strong ego. How could she bear being called a con-woman by the public?

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Chapter 563 Elliot's grip on his phone subconsciously tightened. Their relationship has changed from a broken-up couple to debtor and debtee. Although the relationship was quite ironic, at least they still had a relationship.

Elliot did not reply to Avery. So, what if he did not agree with her? Avery would not listen to him.

After about 15 minutes or so, his phone beeped again. Elliot opened his messages and saw a bank35 notification.

155 million dollars was just wired to his personal account. The note said repayment.

Elliot looked at the soulless series of numbers. The light in his eyes dimmed gradually.

This was perhaps all the money she could find at that moment.

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After Avery wired the money, she looked at her phone in a daze for a while. Elliot did not reply to her message. Has he not seen it?

Forget about it. She had already sent the message. He would see it sooner or68 later.

Avery placed her phone in her bag and took it out with her. She contacted the police officer the day before, hoping that the police could investigate who David Grimes met up with before kidnapping Wesley.”

Although David was dead, his men were still alive. The police investigated it according to Avery’s request. They questioned a few of David’s men and they produced a detailed7a statement.

Avery was heading there to collect the documents at that moment.

In a blink of an eye, a week has passed. Avery previously said that she would return to Aryadelle in a week, but she did not do so.

After Mike talked to her on the phone, he was feeling extremely down. Chad guessed it correctly. Avery was indeed planning on returning the one and a half-billion dollars to Elliot. Due to not having enough money, she accepted other part-time jobs.

The fact that she was James Hough’s last pupil has spread all over Bridgedale. The wealthy hired her for consultation at a high price. Avery needed to earn the money, so she agreed to it. Which was why she could not return to Aryadelle at that moment.

“To earn more money, she’s not caring about her arm injury or the child in her but running around treating others...” Mike was troubled over this, so he called Chad. “I should have guessed that she was this type of person! She never listens to me!”

Chad furrowed his brows. “Why are the two of them so stubborn?”

Mike walked over to the bar and poured himself a glass of wine. “I’m really afraid that she would tire herself out.”

“Why don’t I talk to Mr. Foster and ask him not to take Avery’s money! If not, Avery’s body won’t be able to take it,” Chad said.

Mike said, “I’m afraid that it would be pointless even if you talk to him.”.

“I still have to try! If we let the two of them continue this way, how long is this stand-off going to last?” Chad said before hanging up.

He mustered up the courage and knocked on the President's office's door.

Elliot was talking to Shaun. When he saw Chad suddenly entering, he furrowed his brows.

"Mr. Foster, I have an important matter to talk to you about." Chad walked to Elliot.

Shaun saw what was going on and left knowingly.

There was a rage in Elliot's eyes. "You're getting more and more brazen!"

Chad lowered his head. "Mike was telling me just now that because Avery is trying to return the money to you as soon as possible, she has taken on a lot of private engagements. She has not fully recovered yet, on top of that she is still pregnant. There will definitely be problems if she continues exhausting herself. Why don't you stop asking her to pay back?" When Elliot heard what Chad said, his heart constricted tightly! His face turned blue!

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Since when did he force Avery to return the money? It was her! She was the one that forced herself to return the money to him!

"Do you think I asked her for the money?" When Elliot said that, his voice was trembling a little.

Chad shook his head furiously. "I know that you would never ask her for the money, but you can ask her to stop paying you back."

“Do you think she will listen to me?” Elliot said sarcastically, “Do you think she will listen to me!”

Chad was stunned.

“Did Mike get you to come and say these to me?” Elliot swallowed. He furrowed his brow tighter.

Chad shook his head. “He knows that it would be pointless telling you this. I only feel that... even if it’s pointless telling you. At least you took a stand. If she still doesn’t listen to you, whatever happens next, at least no one would blame you.”

“I understand. Please leave.”

Elliot was not worried if he was blamed. He was only worried that something might happen to her health.

After Chad left, Elliot picked up his phone and dialed Avery. The call was connected but no one picked up. After the system automatically hung up, Elliot placed his phone down.

He felt as if he was a puppet attached to strings and Avery was controlling the strings in her hand.

He was going crazy because of her!

He picked up his coffee mug and realized that the mug was empty. He called his secretary on the office phone and a moment later the secretary knocked on the door and entered.

It was right at this moment when his phone on the desk rang.

He picked his phone up and when he saw Avery’s name on the screen, his gaze darkened. He immediately picked up the call. “Avery, what the hell are you doing? What the hell do you want!”

His roars scared his secretary half to death. The secretary remained in the same spot in a daze!

On the other end of the line, Avery was stunned too.

She just came out from the washroom and was about to go to bed. She noticed a missed call from him, so she dialed him back. She never thought that he would bark at her angrily.

“What happened to me?” Avery sat down by the bed, baffled. She muttered, “Elliot, what the hell are you mad about?”

“I’m mad? Who is the mad one here?” Elliot stood by the window, looking at the bustling city. He asked, “Who told you to take on random jobs? Was it me? Did I force you to return the money to me?”

Avery listened to the bombardment of his questions and roughly understood why he was angry.

“I did not take on random jobs.”

“You’re lying!” Elliot barked, “Have your injuries healed? Other than recuperating, who told you to do other things? Your disregard for everything and desperation to earn money. Have you ever thought about how I felt!”

The secretary was bewildered! Never have the secretary seen Elliot so mad! In everyone’s eyes, Elliot was a logical person. He was so logical he felt inhumane at times.

However, at that moment, he has become such an emotional man!

Facing Elliot’s reprimands, Avery breathed heavier before slowly calming down. “I did indeed accept a surgical operation because of money. The work is still acceptable with my body condition. This is not some random job. Also, it’s late. I want to rest.”

Avery finished talking but did not immediately hang up the call. She wanted to see what Elliot’s reaction was. However, Elliot did not react at all. After a moment of silence, Avery hung up the phone.

It must have been Mike who told them in exaggeration that she was accepting private engagements. If not, Elliot would not have been so angry.

Avery turned off the lights and lay down. She closed her eyes.

She has a clear conscience about what she has done. She owed him so much money. She had to find a way to earn that money to pay him back

Elliot returned to his office chair and sat down.

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Avery had always been that way, doing things selfishly. She never considered how he felt. Even if they split up, she still had a way to torture him.

At the Central University's elite class.

During lunch, a boy brought his lunch and walked over to 35 Hayden.

"Hayden, the woman that conned Elliot Foster of one and a half billion years on the news is your mother, right!" The boy that said that to Hayden was called Daniel because he was fat, so everyone called him Fat Dan.

"My mother is not a con-woman!" Hayden said angrily.

"I know. If your mother was a con-woman, Elliot Foster would have made things difficult for your mother," Fat Dan asked curiously, "Your mother should be fine right now, right? She's at home, right?"

"My mother is 6f abroad."

Fat Dan adjusted his glasses and looked at Hayden intensely. "Oh... why is she not returning?"

Hayden furrowed his brows.

Fat Dan said, "Hayden, don't be angry! I didn't call your mother a con-woman. I'm only curious. Will Elliot ask your mother back for the money? Do you have enough money to pay him back? If your mother doesn't pay him back, can you and your sister still go to school?"

Hayden picked his lunch box up and was about to leave.

"Hayden, don't leave! I didn't call your mother a con-woman..." Fat Dan immediately chased after him. "Hayden, even if your mother is a con-woman, I won't hate you! We are still friends!"

Hayden left quickly. He did not want to deal with Fat Dan anymore.

In the evening, the bodyguard fetched Hayden home. Hayden was clearly unhappy that day.

When Mike returned, the bodyguard told Hayden about the incident. Mike immediately went to look for Hayden.

"Big H, was there a conflict with your classmates at school today?" Mike bent down and patiently said, "I promised your Mommy to take good care of you and Layla. I won't let you feel aggrieved. If you won't tell me, I'll call your Mommy and tell her."

Hayden initially pursed his lips and did not want to tell Mike, but he also did not want Mike to call Avery.

"Fat Dan called Mommy a con-woman."

"Damn it!" Mike said angrily, "Your Mommy is not a con-woman! Elliot forked out that money willingly. Also, after your Mommy found out about this, she is already trying to find ways to pay him back. I'll send you to school tomorrow and have a chat with your teacher. I'll get your teacher to talk to Fat Dan."

Hayden looked up. "Mommy is going to return one and a half billion dollars to Elliot?"

Mike said, "Yes! I told her not to pay him back, but she refuses to listen to me. Elliot did not even ask her for the money. That amount of money might not be a small number, but it would not affect Elliot in any way either."

Hayden lowered his gaze. His eyes sparkled.

"Hey brat, are you thinking like your Mommy, thinking that you should return the money?" Mike saw through Hayden. "Your Mommy gave birth to you and Layla, now she's pregnant with another child. Don't you think she needs Elliot's child support?"

Hayden said, "We don't acknowledge him as our father, so we don't need his child support!"

Mike got up and crossed his hands on his waist. "I just don't want your Mommy to be so stressed out. Do you know how much one and a half billion dollars is?"

Hayden strode over to his room. Mike followed after him. "We're about to have a meal, where are you going?"

Hayden replied, "I'm going to look at the price of Beta Currency."

Mike was baffled. "You bought Beta Currency? Since when? Why are you on this? Your job right now is to learn and have an education. Investment and what not is inappropriate for you

Hayden said, "I blackmailed it from Zoe."

Mike's eyes brightened.

After entering his room, Hayden opened his computer and logged into his account, and looked at the latest price of the Beta Currency.

How exciting! How exciting!

In less than a yes, the price of Beta Currency has risen from 1,500 dollars to 7,500 dollars!

Back then, he asked Zoe for 2,000 Beta Currencies. That virtual currency was worth 15 million at that moment!

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Both of them were stunned.

“Big H...don’t sell these coins just yet! I think their value will go even higher,” Mike gasped and reminded Hayden.

“Okay.”

“Don’t tell your mom about this yet,” Mike continued, “she might have a heart attack if she finds out about this.”

“I will pass you the money and you can give it to her.”

“Sure... Let’s go eat first!” Mike lifted Hayden off his feet. In his mind, Hayden towered over him in terms of what he had accomplished.

Meanwhile, in Bridgedale.

Avery had just finished the surgery for her client’s father and the client invited her for a meal in a hotel.

“Doctor Tate, do you know Zoe Sanford?”

Avery’s heart sank, but did not let it show. “Not really. Why?”

"This person has been asking about you through a friend of mine. I wonder where she caught news of the deal between us. Why would she be gathering intel on you if you two don't even know each other?"

"What did your friend say?" Avery7a asked.

"I told my friend not to say anything. I haven't told many people about getting you to perform surgery on my father to begin with, I'm not sure how she managed to find out about this."

"Well, if she managed to find your friend, it means she already knows."

"Yeah! But this shouldn't affect your life in any way, right? I heard that you are running a business in Aryadelle."

"No effect at all."

"That's good to hear. I've already had my assistant transfer the remaining balance to you," the client said with a smile, "you charge high, but I think it's worth every penny. Why haven't you even done any marketing on yourself, Doctor Tate? I wouldn't have known that you studied under Professor Hough had it not been for the kidnapping incident."

"I have to return to Aryadelle in order to fulfill the dying wish of a senior."

"I see. Can I come to seek your help in the future when I need to?"

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"It depends on whether I have the time for it, since I will be going back to Aryadelle in a few days' time."

"What a shame, I was going to introduce a few other clients to you! I guess I will have to wait until your next visit."

"Yeah."

Avery had earned 780000 dollars from the surgery, and the pay was decided by the client, not her.

She needed the money and also knew that it was an acceptable amount if the client himself proposed it, so she did not reject the offer.

It took a little over a week to prepare for the surgery and the wound on her arm was not longer as painful.

It had been two months since she was separated from her children and she missed them.

After exiting the hotel, she made a reservation for the pregnancy check-up for the next day.

She was four months into the pregnancy, so she would like to undergo a check-up before returning to Aryadelle.

Upon arriving home, Avery glanced at the calendar and researched on flights.

For some reason, she kept thinking of Elliot whenever she thought about going back

Elliot had stopped contacting her since his outburst the last time he called. She couldn't help but feel upset whenever she thought back to the words he said.

He said that she didn't care how he felt, but how could he make such an accusation so easily? Was it only right if she accepted 1400 million?

She didn't have the courage to accept the money, considering the nature of their relationship.

After taking a shower, she got into bed feeling exhausted. She had an early appointment the next morning for the check-up, so she couldn't stay up late.

The next day, the bodyguard sent her off to the hospital.

She went to the doctor she made the reservation with and after describing her condition to the doctor, the doctor told her to lay down on the bed. "Is your baby sixteen weeks old?" The doctor ran the ultrasound sensor across her abdomen.

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Chapter 567 "Yes," Avery said.

"Indeed, your baby is slightly under-developed," the doctor said after a pause, "you mentioned that it was two-weeks behind when you did your check-up two weeks ago?"

"Yes. What now?" Avery's heart sank as he awaited the doctor's judgment. If the baby had stopped developing, there was nothing she could do even if she wanted to keep it and she was prepared for the worst.

"Can you show me the ultrasound report from the last check-up?" The doctor set the ultrasound sensor down and passed her a piece of tissue paper.

She accepted and took out the ultrasound report from her purse and passed it to the doctor after wiping her belly clean.

After inspecting the report from the time before, the doctor said, "though your baby is not developing all that well, it is still growing in comparison to the last time. If you want to keep this baby, you need to take good rest and make sure to take enough nutrition. Let's observe the situation for now."

Avery's heart calmed at the doctor's advice.

The doctor printed the ultrasound report and handed it to her. "Have you done the screening test for Down syndrome?"

Avery shook her head.

"You can do it now," the doctor deadpanned, "have you eaten breakfast today? If not, you can proceed with the test today!"

The screening test for Down syndrome was to check if the embryo had trisomy 21 or had an inherent defect in its nervous system. If it was diagnosed with Down syndrome, the child will be born with delayed growth and intellectual disability, along with difficulties in organ development or even deformity.

Avery knew that she could go through the test, but she didn't have the courage to.

'What should I do if the test suggests that something is wrong with the baby?' She thought in fear.

Though she once said that she would give birth to it even if the baby was not healthy, facing up to the reality still required a tremendous amount of courage.

"Miss. Tate, your child is slightly under-developed, so it is crucial that you do the test," the doctor noticed her hesitation and encouraged, "if the baby is not healthy, we need to

terminate the pregnancy. This is the best choice for you and the child."

"The best choice..." Avery mumbled.

"Yes. There is no cure for Down syndrome in the present. Miss. Tate, I know that you are a skilled neurosurgeon, but still, there is nothing you can do about this, right? If you can't guarantee your child a normal life, it is best to stop the pain during the pregnancy."

The doctor's words helped Avery regain her composure.

Back when she argued with Elliot over matters concerning the baby, she did so mainly under the influence of emotions. She blamed Elliot for neglecting the health of the baby and how cold his attitude was towards the child; that was the reason why she told Elliot that she would give birth to the baby even if something was wrong with it.

"Write me a referral letter, then!" She said.

The doctor complied and handed it to her. "I wish both you and your baby good luck."

"Thank you." She accepted the letter and started her way towards the clinical laboratory. There were a lot of patients in the clinical laboratory and she had to remain in line for a while before it was her turn.

After taking her blood, the doctor informed her that the results would be out in a week's time.

"Will there be an electronic copy of the results?"

"Yes. We will send it directly to your phone."

"Sure, thank you."

After exiting the hospital, Avery bought her ticket for the flight back to Aryadelle. She instinctively wanted to send her flight details to Mike, but hesitated right before sending the message.

Mike couldn't control his mouth and would tell Chad everything, while Chad was loyal to Elliot.

After some thoughts, she deleted the message and decided that she didn't need to tell Mike everything from now on.

The next day, Avery stepped out of the exit of the airport in the capital of Aryadelle with her luggage in hand.

She had become an infamous scammer who tricked Elliot into giving her 1400 million, so she wore a cap along with a face mask to cover her face entirely. She wore an oversized t-shirt to cover her belly, a checker long shirt and a pair of sneakers.

She caught a taxi after exiting the airport and told the driver the address of her mansion. As

the car drove off, she took out her phone to scroll through the contact list, before making a call to a certain number...

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The other person in the line sounded surprised. "Why do we need to meet?"

"I thought you care about me. You even went to Bridgedale to ask around about me, after all," Avery said sarcastically, "since you care so much about me, I decided to contact you first once I'm back.

Zoe sneered. "Get over yourself. I went to Bridgedale to see my relatives. I only asked about you because I thought you have to be really ill to not come back, when both of your kids have returned to Aryadelle."

"And you say that you don't care," Avery said casually, "how would you know that my kids are back if you don't care about me? It's not like my kids showed up in front of you, right?"

Zoe was rendered speechless.

"Let's meet this afternoon, and I'll show you how well I've recovered," Avery proposed.

"I don't care about how well you've recovered... But if you want to meet with me so badly, then let's meet!" Zoe of drawled.

"Sure. You can decide where. That way, you won't get to say that I'm bullying you," Avery teased.

Zoe could sense something odd in Avery's tone and felt that had asked to meet with her with bad intentions; but since she had asked, Zoe thought that she couldn't hide like a coward.

After hanging up, she went home to change into a gorgeous outfit and put her makeup on carefully. She had lost to Avery in terms of love and she had to admit defeat no matter how reluctant she was; therefore, she couldn't lose to Avery on any other aspect^{7a} again.

At three in the afternoon, Zoe arrived at the restaurant where they were supposed to meet.

The restaurant was located near Wonder Technologies, and Zoe intended to tell Wanda about this after meeting with Avery.

Avery arrived ten minutes late due to traffic.

"Avery, can you be on time next time you ask someone out?" Zoe scowled and complained.

Avery sat down across her, before casually picking up the menu and ordering a glass of fruit juice.

"Zoe, why did you go to David Grimes when Wesley was abducted?" Avery gazed up and stared coldly at Zoe.

Her words struck Zoe like a bomb to the heart.

"No – Nothing! He came to me asking if I can treat his daughter and I said no," Zoe explained in panic, "nothing happened after that."

"Are you sure that you haven't told him anything with that big mouth of yours?" Avery took out a piece of paper from her purse and showed it to Zoe. "What's with this transaction record, then? If you didn't treat his daughter, why would he pay you? For your 'beauty'?"

Zoe's heart sank. She had never imagined that Avery would be able to find this, and Avery's confrontation had exposed her.

"I...I was slightly drunk and might have told him something... Oh, I remember now. I told him that Professor Hough had one last pupil and Wesley might know who that is... That's all that I've told him and nothing else," Zoe raised her voice as her face began to flush. "I never mention your name, Avery, don't act like I've betrayed you or something."

After that, she picked up her glass and sipped on the water guiltily.

“So you are saying that Wesley betrayed me?” Avery gritted out, “David Grimes is dead now, so there is no point to discuss this. I came to meet with you today to demand that you return every last penny you received from Elliot.”

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Chapter 569 “???” Zoe almost spit out the water she had just drank.

‘What does she mean by returning every last penny? Once Elliot gave me the money, it’s mine! Why should I return it?’ She thought.

“Avery, I know that you are in desperate need to pay Elliot back and you need the money for that,” Zoe muttered nervously, “but that’s no reason for you to come to me for money! I’ve put in so much effort and time to treat Shea...”

“But you didn’t perform those surgeries on Shea,” Avery interrupted calmly, “I am only asking you to spit the 300 million you received out and not the interest. Consider the interest the compensation for your 35 hard-work!”

The corner of Zoe’s lips twitched as she was rendered speechless.

‘How ridiculous! Avery is being ridiculous!’ Sheee thought.

“Zoe, has no one ever told you that there’s no such thing as a free lunch?” Avery said sarcastically, “you sure are brave, though, to be daring enough to fill Elliot and accept his money as payment. Aren’t you afraid for your life?”

Zoe widened her eyes in rage. “Avery Tate, don’t think that you can just run your mouth in front of me just because you are Profession Hough’s last pupil! This is the modern age when proof means everything! Do you think you can just erase all my effort with just a few words?”

"Oh, your effort... Your effort of role-playing, you mean?" Avery said.

Just then, the waiter came back with her juice and she took a sip to soothe her throat.

Zoe clenched her fists and glared viciously at her. "Give me proof, Avery! Without proof, what you say won't matter! Don't think that you can get away with being this unreasonable simply because Elliot is in love with you! I won't comply!"

Avery took a few sips of her juice, before slowly taking out her phone.

"What are you doing? Are you calling Elliot?!" Zoe's voice trembled slightly as she continued, "it won't help you to call him! I have plenty of witnesses at the time!"

"If that's the case, why are you so nervous?" Avery lifted an eyebrow and glanced at her in contempt. "Do you happen to know that I have proof?"

"You have proof?!" Zoe squeaked as she felt as though she was being strangled.

"I wouldn't have come to you asking for money if I didn't have the proof, would I? Should I

assume that you would agree out of the kindness in your heart? Or should I have begged, instead?" Avery opened a video and handed her phone to Zoe. "This is the video of Shea's first surgery. Though the head surgeon only showed her eyes, I'm pretty sure Elliot would be able to recognize her right away."

Zoe's blood ran cold. She felt short of breath as she watched the video from Avery's phone.

'That's Avery! Avery was the kind person who did Shea's surgeries!' She thought.

Though Zoe had guessed that Avery was behind it, she had never imagined that Avery would record herself.

She had originally thought that Avery was avoiding Elliot in order to keep her children to herself and that she had no intention of taking his money. Zoe realized that she was wrong and Avery was merely waiting for the right timing.

"Don't you care if Elliot finds out that Layla and Hayden are his children anymore?" Zoe forced a hideous smile.

Avery shrugged. "I need money right now, and what you said is nothing compared to 300 million. Besides, he probably already knew."

All strength was instantly drained from Zoe. She slumped on her chair as fear filled her eyes.

"Zoe, transfer 300 million into my account within three days, or I'll send Elliot this video and have him ask for the money back himself," Avery said, before giving Zoe a smile. "I'm sure you know what kind of man Elliot is and his way is definitely going to be less gentle than mine."

When His Eyes Opened by Simple Silence

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Meanwhile, in Wonder Technologies.

Zoe told Wanda everything in tears and Wanda's expression darkened.

"I don't have that much money for you to take!" Wanda said in a cold expression, "the money has been spent and you can go ask the finance department if you don't believe me! Go see for yourself if we still have 300 million lying around!"

Zoe gasped. "Of course you would say that you don't have it when it's not your life on the line here, Wanda! What would you have done if you were³⁵ me?"

Wanda turned against her and said, "I'm not as foolish as you are! You can't even keep the money you earn! If you are not capable of keeping it, you should have taken that 300 million and run somewhere far-off!"

"That's not what you said when you begged me to invest in your company!" Zoe was burning in rage.

Avery had only given her three days. She had to gather 300 million within three days because the last thing she wanted was for Elliot to find out about the truth. If he did, it would not be as simple as returning the money.

"What's the point of saying this now?! I would have given you your money back by now if I have that much money in hand! Do you think that I'm trying to give you a hard time on purpose?" Wanda studied Zoe's flushed face and she could sense that Zoe was spinning out of control; continuing to argue with her would only cause trouble.

"Zoe, why don't you ask your boyfriend to see how much he has? I will call finance again to see how much the company can spare... Okay?" Wanda's tone softened.

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Zoe's eyes were filled with tears. "Cole is useless! I might as well go earn the money myself instead of counting on him! Call finance now!"

Wanda took a deep breath and picked up her phone to call the internal line of the finance department. The line was connected right away and she asked, "how much can you spare on your end?"

"How much do you need, Madam Tate?"

Wanda glanced at Zoe and muttered, "300 million!"

"What...? Madam Tate, we don't have that much! There are only a little over a hundred and fifty hundred thousand in the safe..."

"Alright, I get it." With that, she hung up.

"Wanda Tate, do you take me for a fool?" Zoe had taken out a dagger from her purse while Wanda was on the phone and pressed the blade against her neck.

Wanda froze, not daring to move. "Zoe! Put the knife down! I'll give you money! I will give it to you! Lower the knife first!"

“No way! I will kill you right now if you don’t transfer the money to my account right away! Wanda Tate, I’m serious! Elliot is going to come for my life if you don’t give me back my money! I don’t have a choice! I don’t have a choice!” Zoe blurted out frantically as tears scrolled down her face. “I shouldn’t have come back here! My life wouldn’t have been ruined if I hadn’t come back!”

Zoe’s hand trembled and the tip of the dagger cut into Wanda’s skin.

Crimson blood was spilled, startling Zoe and she started screaming, “Wanda Tate! The money! Give me my money now! Otherwise, you are going to die! You are bleeding from your neck! There’s so much blood!”

Wanda felt it, too, and was scared out of her mind.

One hour later, Zoe escaped from Wonder Technologies hastily and went into her car, before driving away.

As she was driving, she slowly began to regain her composure.

She had gotten her money back and it was in her account now, which was to be transferred to Avery right away.

She had lost everyone and apart from Elliot and Avery, there was still another person responsible for her loss.