

Chapter 34 Lily's Reputation Decline

Lucian's expression remained unreadable. Evidence of cheating? Hah, such audacious thoughts!

"I was just waiting here for Ms. Scott. I never intended to harm her ..."

"Did you capture anything?"

"No, Mrs. Northwood wanted bed photos. She said she wanted to destroy your reputation and planned to share the pictures online to ruin Ms. Scott."

Lucian remained calm. But his anger started to show.

The commotion attracted hotel security. When they arrived, Lucian had already released the man from his grip. "Take this person to the police station," he instructed.

The security team promptly escorted the man away.

Lucian called David and explained what had happened. He then instructed David to handle the situation.

He turned to Lily and said, "The stalker was

arrested. You can relax now."

Lily raised her chin. She was not ready to let it go. "So, what about Calista? She sent someone to stalk me. She even attempted to take private photos of me and shared them online. That's illegal."

Lucian remained calm and spoke coldly, "That's just one side of the story. We'll need to investigate further. It's late now. You should get some rest." He turned to walk away after speaking.

Lily stood speechless on the spot. She stood there, lost in thought for a long time.

The next few days, Calista worked at the studio during the day and repaired Lily's painting during the night. She slept only six hours a day and often had to skip meals.

One evening, she received a call from Yara.

Before Calista could say anything, she heard angry curses from the other end of the line.

"That bastard. He was dragging for the divorce while fooling around with a mistress. How can he do such a thing without fearing the consequences?"

Calista had been focusing on her work all day.

She looked up and felt her head spinning. She asked, "What?"

"You didn't know? The paparazzi caught Lucian in a hotel where Lily was staying! They didn't spend the night together, though. But he lingered for quite a while.

"It seems they had a big argument. Lucian left the hotel looking very grim. Only Lucian would pamper Lily like a precious gem. Tsk tsk ..."

"I see ..." Calista's tone remained neutral. She hadn't had the time to keep up with gossip lately.

"The news got suppressed as soon as it came out. Fortunately, I managed to grab some screenshots. They could be valuable evidence for a lawsuit against Lucian in the future!"

Calista chuckled when she heard the word lawsuit. It wasn't like she had any concrete evidence against him. Besides, she didn't have enough money to take Lucian to court.

Just then, a call from the lawyer came in. Calista instinctively frowned when she saw Timothy's name on the screen. She quickly informed Yara and then ended the call.

"Mr. Howard," she answered.

"Mrs. Northwood, I apologize for calling at this late hour," Timothy's voice sounded distant. "Mr. Northwood hopes you can repay that debt within this month."

The sudden news felt like an unexpected bombshell to Calista. It was around the middle of the month, and she couldn't come up with three million dollars in just half a month. Lucian was doing this on purpose!

She let out a frustrated laugh. "What if I can't pay it back on time?"

"Then it will be considered a loan to you, subject to the bank's interest rate for late payments."

The monthly interest on three million dollars was a massive expense for her!

Calista remained silent. Timothy conveyed Lucian's message to her. After the call ended, she dialed Lucian's number to learn about his plans.

The ringtone rang for a while before it was abruptly ended.

Calista ground her teeth out of frustration. She knew this could be a serious matter. She looked at the calendar worriedly. Suddenly, she noticed

a particular date. Calista's mind started to race.

The next day, she arranged to meet Yara for a shopping spree at a specific destination. It was a boutique selling evening gowns.

"When did you start wearing an evening gown?" Yara asked, feeling puzzled.

Calista picked on a few dresses and replied, "Madam Selena's birthday is coming soon. These are gifts for her."

Although Selena had everything she needed, a gift was a thoughtful gesture. Moreover, Calista had another plan in mind.

Yara couldn't help but sigh. "Lucian does have the luck of having a great mother. Otherwise, he should have been struck by lightning with all his misdeeds by now!"

Calista nodded in agreement. She picked on a dark green evening gown. "What do you think of this one? Madam Selena has fair skin and a good shape. She's well-maintained. This fitted dress suits her perfectly."

Yara took the dress and examined it. "It's nice. It suits her ..."

Yara hadn't even finished her sentence when a hand reached over and snatched the evening

gown from her.

"Could you please wrap this up for me?" The woman requested.

"Hey! We had our eye on this dress. What's wrong with you?" Yara began to say. She looked at the woman who snatched the dress and began to laugh.

"No wonder. The homewrecker is here. You're used to stealing, aren't you?"

Queenie was the one taking the dress, with Lily standing beside her. They were inseparable from each other.

"Ms. Quinn, I suggest you speak carefully. I can sue you for defamation." Lily shot a disdainful look at Yara. Her expression radiated arrogance. "You haven't paid for it, so it's not stealing from you. But now that I've bought it, it's mine."
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The statement carried a hidden meaning. It was unclear whether Lily was referring to the evening gown or Lucian.

Calista was about to speak when Yara abruptly snatched the dress and handed it to the shop assistant. She instructed, "Please wrap it up for us. We're purchasing it."

Each evening gown in this shop was an exclusive designer piece. Every design had only one piece available. The shop assistant accepted the dress but didn't know what to do.

Lily took a credit card from her bag and said, "I'll pay ten times the price."

Yara raised her chin and said, "I'll pay twenty times the price."

Lily smiled slyly. There was a hint of provocation in her eyes. "Ms. Quinn, isn't this something Calista intends to purchase? You offered twenty times the price. Didn't you know that she might be unable to afford this much, given her current situation?"

Calista frowned. She wondered how Lily learned about her situation. Had Lucian told her about the three million dollar debt?

Just then, Calista pulled out her credit card. She had the intention to purchase the evening gown for Selena. "Please proceed with the purchase."

Lily's expression changed as she realized Calista was genuinely ready to pay. "You don't have to make a fuss about money just to outdo me."

Calista smiled faintly. "I'm not the one starting a fight over money." After all, Lily was the one

who suddenly raised the bid.

Yara wasn't one to be pushed around. She pulled Calista toward the cashier. As they passed Lily, Yara purposely bumped into her shoulder as a warning.

Lily cried out in pain. She stumbled and fell to the ground. She was clutching her back. She bit her lip. She appeared to be in excruciating pain.

Queenie's expression changed drastically. She raised her hand and slapped Yara across the face. "Do you know how important her well-being is? Who do you think you are? How dare you push her!"

Lily was Queenie's primary source of income. God knew how valuable Lily had been to her during this period. She had even postponed her dance practice due to all the recent incidents.

Yara wasn't someone who would tolerate insults. She slapped Queenie. "Who do you think you are? Playing the victim now, huh? Let me show you the consequences of being a homewrecker!"

While speaking, Yara slapped Lily, who was on the ground.