

The Divorce 141

Chapter 141 Substantiated News “That’s fine! Let’s plan something once you’re back,” I said.

As I was about to end the call, she asked, “Ms.Chloe, haven’t you heard? ATL Empire is about to change.

ownership.” “What?” I asked, my heart racing.

“Change ownership?” Stella chuckled and said, “Let’s discuss it later when I’m back.

It won’t be long now! Goodbye!” She hung up, leaving me puzzled.

30 What did she mean by that? Change of ownership? It was a serious matter.

A conglomerate the size of ATL Empire, and they were changing ownership so quickly? My knowledge of ATL Empire was clearly limited.

It suddenly made sense why Atlas had rushed off and told me to wait for his return before handling things.

Then, I realized the meaning behind Stella’s question.

She must have thought the call was an attempt to pry information from her.

Just as I was about to call Ivanna, Lauren Burton called.

It was a name I had nearly forgotten.

I answered the call.

“Hello, Ms.

Burton!” “Do you have a moment? I need to talk to you about something,” she said.

“Alright! Where should we meet?” “It’s lunchtime now.

Let’s grab a meal!” She thought for a moment.

“Come to Stallion Road.

There’s a place known for its beef stews! I’ll be waiting for you!” I headed straight to Stallion Road, where she had mentioned a restaurant with a unique name.

Sure enough, it was a small store with no parking spaces.

I had to park across the street and make my way through the traffic to enter.

Though the restaurant was small, it was remarkably tidy.

Lauren called out from a narrow staircase, Chloel saw her waving at me, so I quickly followed her upstairs.

second floor had a few private rooms, and Lauren had chosen one with a window! She had see +15 BONUS She gestured for me to sit down and said, “This place makes the best stews.

I come here whenever I have the chance!” I couldn’t help but admire that she frequented such down-to-earth eateries.

She laughed when she saw my confused face.

“Once you try it, you won’t look at me like that anymore.” After we sat down, she began, “I heard about the situation at your company.

What happened? Is there any hope left?” I looked at her.

“You certainly have your sources.

“Ha! As I told you, your company’s name still reminds me of that scumbag.” She made a face that showed her disgust, which was endearing.

“Either rebrand or dismantle the company.

Don’t tell me you’re still hung up on that scumbag!” “Don’t worry, it affected me, too!” I teased her.

“But now isn’t the time for a rebrand.” She smiled.

“Although our relationship is unconventional, I always stand by my friends.

Of course, you don’t have to be friends with me if you don’t want to.” “You’re overthinking it! I’m not that petty.” I assured her.

I quite liked her straightforward nature.

“I wanted to tell you that Matthew secured a foothold with Echelon Group.

He even took out a seven- million-dollar loan.

They are working with the Echelon Group to buy a plot of land in Operose.

He’s now a shareholder,” she revealed.

She confirmed what Johnson had told me earlier.

“Echelon Group is in a hurry to expand their capital.

They want to secure that land because their only.

competitor, ATL Empire, is in turmoil.

It has considerable growth potential.

If Echelon Group succeeds, Matthew will be thrilled.” “Seven million? His audacity knows no bounds.

What if he fails? Isn't he afraid of going back to square one?” I scoffed.

“I know Matthew's background the best.

He suffered significant losses under my management.

Where did he get all this confidence for such a risk?” “He probably fell into Echelon Group's trap.

They have deep pockets and have worked with him before.

Matthew couldn't resist the temptation,” Lauren reasoned.

“We can't let this punk off easy! Will you be fine with him succeeding?” I had to admit that Lauren was right.

I would never be at peace if Matthew gained too much power.

I asked, "So, what do you suggest?"

Chapter 142 Unexpected Discovery I looked at Lauren, trying to gauge her thoughts.

She had no doubt about the accuracy of this information.

"We might not be able to touch Echelon Group, but Matthew is another story." Lauren smirked.

"Your divorce is driving him crazy.

Can he bear to watch you gracefully move on? If he gains power, the first person he'll crush is you!"
"You're absolutely right.

He's already causing chaos with suppliers, leaving me no peace," I sighed.

"So, are you just going to let him get away with it? Is there still hope for Tanum Corporation?" Lauren looked at me intently.

"Whether or not you consider me your friend, when it comes to Matthew, I'm on your side." I lightly patted her hand.

"Thank you!" However, revealing my background and details of Tanum Corporation wasn't appropriate, so I only said, "I won't let Tanum Corporation crumble under my watch!" Then I asked, "What's going on with the ATL Empire? Why all the upheaval?" She was as savvy as any businessman and had a keen understanding of corporate politics.

"No one knows the specifics since it's a multinational conglomerate.

But there is talk of a change in ownership.

It's been in turmoil for a while, but no one knows why.

They keep their information tightly locked up.

Lauren shook her head, leaving me exasperated.

“So, what can we do?” Just as the waiter arrived with our dishes, I casually scanned the downstairs area.

However, I saw something surprising.

Two figures made their way into the restaurant.

It was Melanie and, to my amazement, a man I had been wondering about for days.

It was Josh.

Lauren noticed my expression change.

When she looked downstairs, the two people were gone.

Then, I heard footsteps on the staircase.

I quickly got up, opened the door, and told the waiter standing outside, “Don’t disturb us!” After locking the door, I gestured to Lauren to stay quiet as I listened to their voices.

Melanie and Josh were instructing the waiter to arrange a room for them.

I cautiously told Lauren that it was Melanie.

This was a very dramatic turn of events.

It seemed like fate. What were the odds of such a coincidence? I heard them enter the room next to ours.

The partitions in this place were made of wooden panels, and the soundproofing wasn't great.

I heard Josh placing an order. Lauren motioned for me to listen while we continued to eat. I quickly took out my phone, switched on the recording mode, and placed it on the windowsill facing their side.

Sure enough, Josh was reporting the company's current state to Melanie.

His tone sounded somewhat triumphant. "You can rest assured! Everything has turned into a mess.

The new recruits are acting erratically, and the old ones are all on edge! Chloe hasn't been around much these past few days.

She's just wandering aimlessly. "How are the new suppliers?" Melanie asked.

Josh told Melanie everything I had worked out with the new suppliers.

He mentioned that he had already made calls and that all of my efforts would be futile. Melanie was delighted, but I was far from it.

I never expected Josh to be such a conniving person.

When he joined, he promised to work hard for the company and even made a proposal.

He claimed he felt undervalued under Matthew's leadership and wanted a platform to demonstrate his abilities.

He insisted he wouldn't leave Tanum Corporation, even if he were the last man standing, I was deeply moved then, perhaps overly confident in my charmi He reported every detail about the company, leaving nothing out.

In the end, he even offered Melanie advice, encouraging her to continue pressuring me relentlessly.

Adding that she should get the bank to join in on the collection efforts.

Even Lauren clenched her fists and muttered, "What kind of people are they?" It wasn't until we finished our meal and they left that I shared the situation with Lauren and asked her to learn more about ATL Empire Then I drove straight back to the office.

It had been a couple of days since I had been there.

Josh hurried in with a worn-out look as soon as I entered my office.

I nearly questioned my own eyes.

Was the scene I witnessed in the little restaurant a figment of my imagination?

Chapter 143 Tanum Corporation Is In Turmoil I kept my cool and looked at Josh.

"How has it been these past two days?" "Hey, don't even get me started.

These guys are no pushovers.

They look at every detail, and I have worn out my mouth trying to explain that these are Matthew's accounts.

They kept bugging me, saying they only deal with Tanum Corporation!" "You've worked hard, Mr.Josh," I said, appearing to trust him.

“Any ideas on how we can make them see reason?” “Ms.Chloe, if you ask me, Matthew’s not a real man.

He should accept the court’s decision.

What’s the point of all this?” Josh shook his head.

“We should focus on our negotiations with suppliers.

You need a plan because the project is about to start!” “Yes, you’re right.

In the worst–case scenario, we can subcontract the project on hand.

It might mean earning less, but it’s a safer bet,” I said, looking at him helplessly.

“Do you have any suitable candidates?” Upon hearing my decision, Josh feigned regret.

“Are you set on this?” “What choice do I have? If Matthew keeps making trouble, we’ll play a game of cat and mouse.

I might get hurt, but he knows something others don’t!” I smirked at Josh.

In the end, good triumphs over evil, and I’m the sacrificial lamb.” Josh’s expression froze before he asked, “So, what’s our next step?” “We’ll take it one step at a time,” I replied.

Did he expect me to uncover the entire plan? How naive! “I’ve not seen Mr.

Ryan these past few days.

Is he on a business trip?” He asked a question that Melanie was keen on finding out.

“He took a few days off to visit his hometown! He’s AWOL at the worst possible time!” I grumbled.

“In that case, compile all those collection notices and give me a detailed report!” Josh agreed and left.

Not long after, Benjamin knocked on the door, speaking quietly when he entered.

“Chloe, Mr.

Josh was the only one who went out for lunch.

Everyone else seems normal.

He’s back now.

I have a feeling...” I raised an eyebrow and whispered a few words to him.

Benjamin gave me a thumbs-up and left my office.

Sure enough, Tanum Corporation was hit with another wave of collection notices from the bank in the 1/2 chaotic situation.

Carol was getting anxious and asked me what to do.

Everyone secretly considered quitting.

I wanted to take a gamble.

I had been waiting for news from ATL Empire in the back of my mind.

However, Atlas phone had been turned off, and I knew I could learn nothing from Stella.

I reluctantly called Nick.

To my dismay, his phone was also switched off.

It appeared that ATL Empire was about to vanish from Foswood, leaving me feeling like I was in a dream.

I felt a lot of pressure from the uncertainty. If ATL Empire changed hands, they would reorganize their headquarters in Foswood.

In this situation, high-level executives were most likely to run into trouble.

As the saying goes, new ruler, new rules.

The new owner would bring in their trusted associates.

Everything we had established here could be overturned, and it would reshape the entire landscape.

I was terrified at the thought.

That must have been why Atlas told me he'd handle everything upon his return.

He must have foreseen this crisis.

Still, I was betting on ATL Empire.

If Nick and Atlas were at risk, I'd be obliterated.

Tanum Corporation would be what broke me, and the trap I had set for Matthew would be my downfall.

I felt like I was standing on the edge of a cliff.

Unfortunately, I received a phone call that added to my anxiety.

Chapter 144 Picking Up Ava The phone call was from Ava's teacher, informing me that Ava's father had picked her up.

It threw me off.

Why on earth would Matthew suddenly decide to pick up Ava? I hurriedly dialed Matthew's number.

The once familiar digits now felt strange and cold.

It rang for a long time before he answered, his voice filled with tenderness.

"Honey!" I was furious.

"Matthew, what are you doing? Who asked you to pick Ava up?" "Honey, calm down.

I just missed our little girl.

It's been so long since I've seen her, and I couldn't wait any longer!" His words sent shivers down my spine.

Although he talked sweetly, there was a hidden menace to it.

Could he really miss our daughter? "I've told you, don't call me that.

It disgusts me.

Where are you?" My eyes were red with anger, and I shouted into the phone.

"It's out of habit.

You'll always be my wife.

That won't change in this lifetime!" His tone was gentle, and I was sure it was deliberate.

He said, "Relax, I'm at Snow World." After hanging up, I called my mother to let her know I'd pick up Ava myself.

I didn't want her to worry.

Then I drove straight to Snow World.

My daughter was everything to me.

Although she called Matthew "Daddy," he had lost his right to that title.

As I rushed into Snow World, I saw Matthew feeding Ava ice cream one spoonful at a time.

Once upon a time, that would have been a scene that melted my heart.

Ava spotted me first, eager to get out of her chair and run to me.

However, Matthew scooped her up.

She squirmed in his arms, clearly reluctant.

“Mommy!” I rushed over and grabbed Ava from Matthew’s arms, holding her tight.

Matthew looked at me with a smile on his face.

“Why are you in such a hurry? She’s my daughter, too.

Do you think I’d harm her?” I tried to restrain myself because I didn’t want Ave to see us arguing again.

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She looked at me with big, innocent eyes, assessing my expression.

Then she licked her upper lip.

It was clear she hadn’t had enough, Matthew stood up and pulled me into an embrace.

“Our daughter hasn’t finished eating.

She only had a spoonful of ice cream.

Let me feed her some more!" I clenched my fist and wished I could scream expletives at him.

My eyes blazed like fire.

In a low, seething voice, I asked, "Do you have any shame left?" Suddenly, Matthew laughed, his eyes and brows crinkling with a peculiar playfulness.

However, I knew there was a trace of scheming in that smile.

It was this very smile that sent a chill down my spine.

Chapter 145 A Scheming Jerk Ava leaned into my arms, clutching me tightly.

She looked at him, forgetting to continue eating.

"Chlo, do not be so hostile to me! I never meant to hurt you.

Isn't it wonderful, the three of us together?" He shamelessly declared, "Have you noticed Ava's change? She's not as chatty as she used to be." He looked as if he were questioning me, as if it were all my fault.

"Can't you compromise for the sake of our child? ATL Empire has changed hands.

Your support is gone.

Do you still want to persist?" Triumph filled his eyes.

My heart churned.

I clenched the small spoon in my hand and looked at him.

“What then?” Ava’s little hand tightened around mine.

She was afraid that we’d start arguing.

I let go of the spoon, embracing her tightly.

I reached out to stroke her head.

“Mommy’s here!” “Let’s go back to how things were.

You can live in the house, and I won’t take your money.

But you must send your parents back, and I expect you to be home on time.

I want to be with you and our child!” His eyes greedily assessed me.

“You can forget about that!” I gritted my teeth, trying to keep my tone calm.

If it weren’t for Ava, I would have given him a piece of my mind.

go of He chuckled again.

Looking at me as if he adored me, he shook his head.

“Oh, Chlo.

Why can't I let go of you? You're too stubborn.

But you've changed, and the world has changed too.

"Don't be so headstrong.

Tanum Corporation has worn you out.

I gave you a chance, but you can't even handle a few suppliers.

Do you still need to put up a fight?" "Do you think a few suppliers can intimidate me?" I countered.

He didn't deny it and just smiled.

"Chlo, do you really think Atlas can back you up? You're too naive.

He's just a little assistant.

What can he possibly do? Yet you're still hoping he'll come back and support you?" Fear gripped my heart.

I knew the odds were slim.

"So what?" "Be realistic! You've had your fun.

I've been soft on you, haven't I? I can tolerate whatever your relationship is with him, even if he slept with you.

We'd be even.

You have Atlas, and I have Melanie.

Isn't that fair? "You're shameless!" No word fitted him better.

"Let us just set this aside.

Feel free to run off with anyone if you want to be stubborn.

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Chapter 146 What Happens After Defeat Matthew continued, "We have nothing to worry about if we join forces.

We'll dominate Foswood's construction industry.

What do you say, honey?" "Keep dreaming, scumbag! You'll never have my support again.

Karma will catch up to you." I couldn't stand that disgusting man.

I picked Ava up and looked at him.

"Next time you want to see her, call me!" "Chloe, you'll see the results in about three days.

I'll be waiting for your mind to change.

Think about Ava, and stop being so stubborn," Matthew revealed a sinister smile as I walked away, I'm waiting for the day we reconcile, my dear wife!" I held Ava close as I rushed out of Snow World.

My body trembled, and I felt like I was about to explode angrily.

Ava sat in the child's seat, looking at Snow World's entrance.

I hugged her as tears rolled down.

my cheeks.

I tried to wipe away my tears so my daughter wouldn't see them.

After regaining my composure, I forced a smile and said, "Mommy will take you out for some nice food, okay? She looked at me and asked, "With Grandpa and Grandma?" "Sure, we'll bring them along.

Let's go home and pick them up," I spoke tremblingly.

I knew this was what Ava's world would be like from now on, and I felt guilty.

I took my parents to a seafood feast that evening.

However, I remained agitated throughout the meal.

I had to restrain myself, but the effort drove me crazy.

After dinner, I dropped my parents off and told them I had errands but would be home soon.

I drove to the Varenarres River and stood on the dimly lit riverbank.

Suddenly, I screamed to release all my suppressed frustrations and anger.

I screamed until my throat burned.

Finally, I stopped and knelt, gazing at the lights on the other side.

1 "Why didn't you return yet? What happened to you?" I whispered to myself as our shared memories flooded my mind.

He gave me a sense of security, but it slowly disappeared.

I wondered what to do next and how to save myself without his support.

I had taken a massive loan by mortgaging everything, and Tanum Corporation was about to collapse.

I had always felt uneasy, but it seemed validated now.

I knew I had relied too much on Atlas but didn't regret it and considered it destiny's plan.

I had to face the situation, even without him.

I couldn't allow myself to end up like Grace.

With my increasingly quiet daughter and constantly worried parents, I had to make one last attempt.

If I lost everything.

I would return to my hometown with Ava and my parents.

I would treat everything here as a nightmare and start anew away from the chaos.

Regrettably, I couldn't help him this time and could only pray for him.

He was outstanding and would have a bright future.

I didn't deny liking someone as caring and trustworthy as him.

He was enough for me.

With those thoughts in mind, I returned home, determined to face whatever came next.

Chapter 147 The Outcome When Josh passed me the suppliers' payment reminders the following day, I secretly got Carol to select a few representatives from the companies on the list and match them with the collected information.

Then, I told Josh to notify all suppliers of a response meeting at Tanum Corporation next Monday.

Josh seemed puzzled.

"Ms.Chloe, what's your plan for the meeting?" I noticed his eagerness and asked smilingly, "Mr.Josh, what do you think would be the best way to resolve this situation?" He chuckled, not entirely understanding my intentions.

"Ms.Chloe, I'm not sure I follow.

You're being quite mysterious." "Haha!" I laughed heartily.

"As if you've ever understood me!" He joined in the laughter.

"That's true!" "I've got you figured out," I teased him.

He blinked, appearing a bit nervous.

"Don't worry, get back to work.

I have ideas you can trust," I reassured and dismissed Josh from my office.

Although reluctant, he realized I didn't care to continue the discussion and left.

Indeed, I had prepared everything.

After all, I could always retreat to my hometown if my gamble failed.

Suddenly, I received a notification from ATL Empire.

They would host a press conference at 6 p.m.

on Sunday at the top floor of Starlight International to announce the new CEO of ATL Empire for the Toradol Headquarters.

The news shook Foswood and all of Torado's business community.

All companies collaborating with ATL Empire had received invites to the conference.

It was the same day as Matthew had predicted.

Not even half an hour after receiving the notification, Matthew called.

I didn't avoid it and answered the call.

He sounded smug, saying, "Did my information prove accurate, my dear wife?" I closed my eyes and inwardly cursed his arrogance.

"Don't underestimate me.

I'm not the same man who used to fear breathing in your presence.

You should reconsider.

Besides being with me, you have no other choice.

If you agree to remarry me, I'll restore Tanum Corporation to its former glory.

"Matthew, you can forget about that.

I will never remarry you, even if I must sacrifice everything." I replied and hung up the phone.

I stood by my office window and gazed into the distance before calling Atlas.

As usual, it went straight to voicemail.

On Sunday, I took only Carol with me to Starlight International.

However, Ivanna was also there because her media company collaborated with ATL Empire.

It was the most significant event I had attended.

Starlight International was the biggest and most luxurious hotel in Foswood.

As an international conglomerate, ATL Empire chose this venue to highlight the importance of its announcement.

The attendees were influential figures representing ATL Empire's partners from Torado.

Since it was a business event, I wore a tailored pantsuit, I entered the hall with Carol without attracting too much attention.

I was just another guest today.

I spotted Matthew as I mingled in the crowd.

He wore a nice suit and seemed confident.

He conversed with a few people as if he were ATL Empire's new CEO.

When he saw me, he excused himself and approached me.

I hated being unable to avoid him.

Again, I wondered how I couldn't see how despicable he was before.

"Honey!" He grinned and leaned in to whisper, "Here's some information for you.

The son of ATL Empire's chairman is reclaiming his authority.

He'll manage the business in the Torado region.

We'll still work together in the future, and it's a new beginning for our original team.

I will no longer be just the owner of a small company." I glared at Matthew.

"I wish you well." Immediately after, I strode away while he followed like a pest.

"Do you know what's happening now, Chlo? If you want, I can give you a life of luxury," Matthew insisted.

I retorted, "You're overestimating yourself.

You should go home and brag to Melanie instead.

Since she admires you so much, you don't need to chase after other women." I continued walking with Carol, and Matthew left his last words, "Don't be so arrogant.

You'll see the outcome soon!"

Chapter 148 Dreamlike I couldn't shake off my loneliness amidst the lively atmosphere.

While the crowd discussed and speculated who the new CEO would be, I considered Matthew's information.

He said something about the son of ATL Empire's chairman My face grew numb from smiling and exchanging pleasantries with old clients I just wanted the conference to end as soon as possible.

After all, coming here was about confirming the inevitable I felt small, lonely, and powerless amidst the crowd I wanted to escape back to my small hometown to live a peaceful life with my daughter and parents.

Finally, the moment arrived.

Someone took the stage, and the audience gathered around.

I followed the crowd with my heart pounding and fists clenched.

I never expected ATL Empire to hold such significance in my life.

Matthew stood beside me again, and I silently cursed him I wondered why he still stuck to me like glue, even after getting what he wanted Various speeches and formalities occurred on stage.

It resembled an awards ceremony until an elderly man tremblingly announced, "Let us invite the quest of honor to the stage!" Suddenly, the hall dimmed, and a spotlight shined on the entrance.

Everyone was anxious as they turned to see who it was.

Next, thunderous applause echoed throughout the hall.

The crowd parted to create a path leading to the stage.

However, I couldn't see who it was through the crowd I only saw a crowd following the person approaching the stage.

At that moment, I noticed Matthew's strange expression.

His eyes widened, and he looked possessed Suddenly, a voice boomed, "Introducing the new Chief Executive Officer of ATL Empire, Mr.

Atlas!" I thought I was hallucinating from overly obsessing with that name these past few days.

"How could this be? I heard Matthew's question beside me After another round of applause.

I heard that familiar voice echoing through the hall.

I couldn't contain my excitement and pushed through the crowd to see the source of that voice.

I wanted to see if my ears had deceived Finally, I saw him on the stage He was the same person I thought was the CEO's assistant, the one who had gone missing for over ten days—All had come the CEO of not just Torado but all of ATL Empire I glanced around and Meanwhile, Carol exclaimed beside me, "Ms.

Chloe, look! It's Mr.

Atlas! Oh my God, this is incredible!" I could barely remember what had happened after that.

Carol led me out of the event and even brought me home..

My phone kept ringing until I reached home.

Finally, I realized how jarring my ringtone was.

I realized I had the most missed calls from Ivanna and some from Matthew.

I called Ivanna to tell her I had arrived home safely and then turned off my phone.

Still, I had trouble accepting what I had witnessed at the event.

I didn't know if I should be happy or sad as I stayed up until

Chapter 149 At Daggers Drawn When Monday arrived, I had many matters to handle and people to meet.

When I reached my office, I noticed how quiet it was I even wondered if I had got off on the wrong floor Despite the dark circles around his eyes.

Josh knocked and entered my office with a smile.

"Ms.Chloe, will the meeting start on time today?" I "Of course, why wouldn't it be?" I replied while observing his expression.

I couldn't help but wonder why he was so excited He said.

"Great, then I'll inform the rest I entered the large meeting room at ten o'clock.

People were in a heated discussion, demanding I settle accounts today Before the meeting I invited Adrian to come.

After taking over Tanum Corporation, I signed an engagement agreement with him.

He was my personal lawyer and the company's legal counsel.

Josh was presiding over the meeting trying to ease the tension among the crowd.

When he saw me, he introduced me to those present.

I glanced at the people in the room, who looked like they were glaring at a common enemy.

The leader among them asked, "Ms.

Chloe, can we finally resolve our issues today? We've been waiting here for days and have spent much on food and accommodation" "Did Matthew send you here? Then, you can ask him to reimburse your expenses! Why bother me?" I retorted, staring at the person speaking.

He shouted at me, "What did you say?! Can't you see we can't keep tossing the ball back and forth like this? You two are divorced, and it's your problem, so stop playing with us.

Now that you've taken over, settle the accounts and stop wasting our time!" The others chimed in like clowns, and I felt like I was in a circus.

Meanwhile, Josh carefully assessed the situation stly.

After another rude man finished insulting me, I couldn't take it any longer.

I slammed the table and stood up to glare at them.

Even my employees were shocked.

Do you think I'm a pushover?! You've been dealing with Matthew in everything, yet you come to collect debts from me?! I pointed at Josh.

Either he didn't explain things well enough, or you thought I was an easy target.

I've been in this business for a long time and uphold integrity and commitment.

However, that's only for my sudden retaliation shocked everyone, and they exchanged puzzled glances.

"I thought I could still work with all of you by reclaiming Tanum Corporation.

I never expected such misconduct from you.

I do not associate with individuals who have skewed values." Unable to bear the situation, someone became furious and questioned me, "What do you mean?!" Facing the standoff, I knew no one would leave this meeting room if I didn't acknowledge their claims

Chapter 150 The Evidence I faced the suppliers fearlessly while maintaining my composure.

"Everyone here had contracts with Matthew.

Each payment and the obligations of both parties were clear.

Do you think those contracts are just pieces of paper? "Each contract and payment was complete.

Shouldn't you approach Matthew if you face payment delays? Didn't he pay you all?" Someone shouted, "There are still many outstanding payments!" I scoffed.

“You dare to admit they’re outstanding payments? Why are you here to ask for them now? Do you need to beg for money because you’re tight on finances? How have you done business for so long.

with this attitude?!” I turned to Carol, who handed me a stack of documents.

I slammed them on the table, causing them to slide everywhere.

“Do you think you were so perfect? You all cut corners and compromised quality for your contracts with Matthew.

Should I bring the developers in to discuss this or report it to the relevant authorities for investigation?
“Maybe I should invite the property owners to join us.

I have a long list of names right here!” I chuckled, You may have heard about me loving lawsuits.

I even hired an unbeatable lawyer.

If your methods are strong enough to prevail, I will settle your accounts without owing you a cent.” The meeting room fell silent as I turned to leave, saying, “If there are no objections, please leave.

Mr.

Adrian, please terminate all contracts with everyone here.

They don’t deserve to work with me.” Josh looked at me as if he was dissatisfied with the outcome.

“W–Wait, Ms.

Chloe! Are you saying today’s meeting- Someone interjected, “Yeah, Mr.

Josh said we'll get paid today!" "Mr.

Josh?!" I stopped and questioned.

Yes, he promised Tanum Corporation would settle all outstanding payments today.

It's the company's obligation!" I stared at the disappointed suppliers.

"Mr.

Josh said that, huh? It's my company, and I don't need an outsider to decide for me. I returned to the table and questioned Josh, "Whose orders are you following? How are you so confident I must settle the accounts today?" Josh appeared flustered as he avoided my gaze.

He stammered, "I—I followed your orders, of course." "My orders? When did I say I'd take over Matthew's mess?" I didn't back down.

"Who are you working for?" "1-..." Josh was somewhat embarrassed.

"What do you mean? Why are you suddenly blaming me? I've worked tirelessly for you these past few days." "It seems I've wronged you, Josh," I said, "I wanted to protect your reputation, but I guess

everyone must see how hardworking you've been!" I called for Carol, and she connected my phone to the computer.

Then, she played a recording through the monitor of Josh and Melanie's conversation.

Josh bolted to his feet and focused on the screen before slumping back into his chair.

"Josh, you told me you wanted to stand out, so I gave you a chance.

However, you mistook my kindness.

for weakness and repaid it with betrayal! You conspired against your employer.

How can you expect a proper future with such behavior? “You disrupted my work routine for half a month.

I have enough evidence to get you into serious trouble.

You better leave with these people before I change my mind!” I glared at Josh.

He paled with fear and got up, lowering his head in shame.

Then, he left the meeting room without a word while the rest followed suit.

My employees cheered as they seemed relieved now.

However, I didn’t feel the same as them and asked Benjamin to gather the rest of the employees in the meeting room.