The stock market opened up once again in the afternoon.

Harvey didn't leave the Bauer family's courtyard just yet; he showed Flutwell's business alliance's stocks right at the entrance through a projector.

Clearly, Harvey was planning to get into the family's heads.

After seeing that, the families who thought badly of Joseph walked right into the courtyard.

They were all trying to cause trouble for Flutwell's business alliance anyway; it would be a waste if they didn't take whatever they wanted inside.

While the furious battle of the stock market was ongoing, Mandy, who was inside Hearthstone Corporation, suddenly heard her phone ringing incessantly.

She wasn't planning to pick up the call, but she had no other choice after seeing the name on the screen.

She let out a sigh.

"I told you not to trade more stocks!"

"Why won't you just listen to me for once?!"

"Not only did you put all your life savings in Flutwell's business alliance, you're even buying on margin?"

"You only leveraged less than one-third of the total capital, but you'll be forced to close your position if the stocks keep falling off!"

"Not only will your money go down the drain, but you'll owe the bank thousands of dollars!"

"Fine! I'll send you some money to cover your losses! Make sure you sell all of the stocks after that!"

Mandy felt extremely anxious after hanging up; after pondering the situation for a moment, she called Lilian again.

"Forget it! Just tell me where you are. I'll do it for you!"

"Don't worry! I'll make sure you don't lose as much money."

"I'll be right there!"

Mandy stood up and swiftly went outside with a few of Harvey's bodyguards in tow.

She knew exactly how greedy her mother was.

She believed her mother would be in danger if she didn't handle the situation herself. Most probably, Lilian would dig herself into a hole she wouldn't be able to get out of.

Soon, Mandy's Maybach entered the expressway to a villa area in the suburbs.

At the same time, inside a luxurious villa...

Dozens of powerful men in suits were scattered all around the room.

Lilian was sitting on a couch inside the hall after she put down her phone. She grabbed a stock contract from Ruby in front of her before kissing the paper excitedly.

"I did everything you said, Ms. Murray."

"This money's all mine now, right?"

"Of course."

Ruby, who was clad in a gown, showed a faint smile.

"If you don't believe us, you can see if the contract's real or not just by making a phone call."

"Of course I'll believe you! Young Master Bauer himself gave this to me. There's no way this is fake!"

"He's not that b*stard Harvey anyway! He's a true young master of a top-rated family, and my dear son-in-law!"

Lilian revealed a joyful look before looking for an excuse to head to the restroom.

She was beaming with joy when she got out; her eyes were barely visible from how tightly closed they were.

"Right! Why did you want my daughter to come, by the way? Is Young Master Bauer planning to propose to her? Is he giving her a surprise?"

Having made sure that the money was real, Lilian started thinking about the situation.

"Propose?"

Ruby froze; even she couldn't comprehend just how stupid Lilian actually was.

But for the sake of the plan, she remained calm and collected.

"Mrs. Yates, of course Young Master Bauer will propose to CEO Zimmer. But not today, and not right now."

"We wanted you to call her here to ask for her help..."

"What kind of help?"

Lilian was confused.

"Your dear son-in-law is causing Young Master Bauer trouble right now."

"Young Master Bauer is extremely unhappy. We hope your daughter can convince Harvey to stop."

"This will do no good to anyone involved, after all!"

There was something Ruby didn't say: even if Mandy couldn't help, they would still use her to distract Harvey anyway.

Everything had to be done before the end of the stock market that afternoon. If not, it would all be for naught.

"That b*stard's causing trouble for Young Master Bauer?!"

Lilian instantly raised her voice.

"Doesn't he want my daughter to live in peace?!"

"Don't worry! I'll make sure Mandy deals with that b*stard when she comes here."

"Harvey will definitely listen to my daughter. He won't hesitate to go with her if she asks!"

Ruby revealed a small grin when she heard Lilian's words.

Fifteen minutes later, Mandy's Maybach appeared at the villa's entrance.

Before she stepped out of her car, she frowned; she had a feeling that someone seemed a little odd in this place.

After sending Harvey a quick text, she gave the bodyguards her orders.

"You people come with me. The two of you stay inside the car. Don't turn off the car. Make sure you can drive out of here at any moment."

Naturally, Mandy had become a lot more careful after experiencing so much; she was no longer the innocent young woman she once was.

The car quickly turned around, prepared to leave whenever possible.

Mandy and the others pushed the door open and headed into the villa.

"How much of Flutwell's business alliance's stocks did you even buy, Mo ...?"

Mandy immediately stopped talking. Her footsteps came to a halt.

She could clearly see Ruby grinning while sitting in front of Lilian.

Around them were also many men in suits wielding knives and firearms with silencers on.

The men immediately stopped in front of Mandy and her guards, preventing them from taking another step.

"Ruby Murray?"

"Joseph's secretary?"

Mandy frowned immediately.

"You're shameless! How dare you threaten my mother to come here?!"

Ruby calmly smiled.

"You must be joking, CEO Zimmer,"

"We respect Mrs. Yates very much. Not only did we not do such a thing, but we even gave her a stock contract worth a hundred and fifty million dollars."

"In fact, she asked you here on her own accord."

"She has something to talk to you about."

"This is between you two. Us outsiders are just acting as witnesses."

"No need to panic."

Ruby's men had no intention to step aside even though her words seemed sweet and gentle; they were all showing mocking grins when they looked at Mandy and her guards.

"Enough talk!"

"What do you want?!"

Mandy was cautious.

Ruby chuckled.

"You should talk to CEO Zimmer instead, Mrs. Yates."

"It's inconvenient for us outsiders to get involved."

"As long as CEO Zimmer accepts our proposal, we'll make your wishes come true."

As soon as she heard Ruby's words, Lilian stared right at Mandy, as if she was injected with adrenaline.

"That b*stard Harvey's causing trouble to Young Master Bauer! I don't know what kind of friends he's making for him to do this, but he's screwing with Young Master Bauer's stocks right now!"

"Call him right now!"

"Tell him to stop this at once!"

"If he doesn't, I'll teach him a lesson he won't forget!"

Mandy froze. Immediately after, she glared fiercely at Ruby.

"You're shameless!"

Ruby replied with a faint smile.

"How could you say something like that?"

"We didn't ask for this. Your mother did."

"As long as you give Harvey a phone call and tell him to stop what he's doing to Young Master Bauer..."

"Your mother will get whatever she wants."

"Her stocks wouldn't plummet too."

"This isn't a hard choice for you now, is it?"

"You and Harvey are already divorced. His loss doesn't mean anything to you now, right?" Mandy shot Ruby a look as cold as ice.

"Since you already know that, why should I ask him to do something like this?"

Naturally, Mandy knew Harvey had done too much for her.

No matter what Harvey's plans were, she had no choice but to let him do as he wished. Ruby smiled.

"I know you're worried about Harvey, but does he care about you or Mrs. Yates?"

"We gave so much of our stocks to Mrs. Yates. If Flutwell's business alliance were to fall now, her loss would be unimaginable..."

"You're her daughter! Why won't you think of your mother? Do you not care about this relationship at all?"

"Why, you're disrespecting your mother!"

Lilian gripped the contract in her hands, a wretched look on her face.

"Yeah! My stocks are losing half of their value because of that b*stard!"

"Call him right now! If not, I'll ask him to pay for this!"

"I'll choke him to death if I have to!"

Mandy sighed. She could tell Lilian had completely lost her judgment because of Joseph's heinous schemes.

It was pointless saying anything to Lilian-she had been completely brainwashed.

"The stocks didn't belong to you in the first place. Someone else gave them to you."

"In the first place, you have nothing to lose."

"Enough! We're leaving!"

Mandy turned around without hesitation; she had to stop anyone from getting to her phone no matter what.

"Do you think you can just leave?"

"Come! Take this disrespectful woman down!"

Ruby already knew Mandy was planning to do something like this; she laughed softly before clapping her hands together.

A dozen men charged right at Mandy in an instant.

However, four of Mandy's bodyguards stepped out without hesitation.

Mandy swiftly rushed toward the front door.

She knew she had to get out no matter what.

If she fell in Ruby's hands, she would be used against Harvey one way or another.

For the time being, she wasn't worried about Lilian's safety.

She could tell Lilian was on the same boat as the enemy.

"You can't leave, Mandy!" Lilian yelled instinctively.

Her stocks would be gone forever if Mandy left!

It was a hundred and fifty million dollars!

Mandy quickly left without even bothering to look back.

Bam, bam, bam!

Before Mandy could even get to her car, screams of pain could be heard from behind.

The bodyguards were all sent flying.

Blood splattered everywhere as they fell to the ground; they lost consciousness in an instant.

Ruby grinned as she strutted out with her men.

Naturally, she couldn't afford to have Mandy slip away at this point.

"Go, CEO Zimmer!"

The bodyguard who stayed to keep a lookout took off the safety of his firearm while escorting Mandy into the car.

Since he was just an ordinary man, his movements seemed extremely slow in Ruby's eyes.

Before the bodyguard could even pull the trigger, Ruby instantly appeared in front of him. She quickly kicked him away with a slender leg.

The bodyguard fainted in just a single moment.

"Hurry up, CEO Zimmer!" the bodyguard in the driver's seat yelled.

He rushed out of the car to hold off the enemies so Mandy would have time to get in.

But before the bodyguard could even do anything, Ruby swung her leg and sent him flying.

Bam!

Ruby reached out and pulled Mandy's hair.

She slammed Mandy's head right on the Maybach immediately after.

Blood flew everywhere.

"I'm talking to you nicely on behalf of Young Master Bauer, CEO Zimmer. How can you be so disobedient?"

"What would happen to my well-laid plans if you just leave?"

Ruby showed a bitter look on her face.

"I think you should just stay here instead."

"Let's have a nice talk, shall we?"

Mandy's face was completely covered in blood. She held her pain back.

"This is illegal, Ruby!" she yelled, her face harsh.

"I'm calling the cops!"

"Are you now?"

Ruby chuckled.

"Do you honestly think I'll give you the chance?"

"Alright, enough talk. The stock market's about to close."

"You should give Harvey a call right now. Tell him to know his place and compensate for Young Master Bauer's losses."

"No! I'll never do that!" Mandy exclaimed.

"Since you're being so uncooperative, don't blame me for what happens next."

Ruby let out a quiet sigh.

"Come. Call Harvey and tell him that we have Mandy."

Naturally, Ruby had finally lost her patience; she wanted to deal with the situation as soon as possible.

There was not much time left, after all.

Vroom!

Suddenly, a Toyota Prado screeched to a halt in front of the villa.

A figure came out of the car as soon as the door was sent flying.