

## Chapter 901 Suspicion

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Tears rolled down Loraine's cheeks, her face etched with a vulnerability that could melt anyone's heart.

Alone in her office, her tears went unnoticed, her profound sorrow unshared.

She envisioned her parents tenderly placing a necklace around her neck, wishing for her to mature quickly.

Now an adult, the girl once sheltered by her parents stood ready to shield others, even though her parents were gone.

Listening to the recording repeatedly, Loraine found solace in her mother's soothing voice, despite the ache it brought to her heart.

Eventually, Loraine regained her composure and instructed her team to expedite the restoration of the audio.

She glanced at the necklace and draped it around her neck once more, the coldness of the metal quickening her pulse, a comforting reminder of her parents' presence.

Rejuvenated, she turned her attention back to her work.

A knock interrupted her solitude. Without waiting for an invitation, Jaden entered, his face shadowed with displeasure.

wounded his pride, especially given his status in the company.

Yet, Loraine believed she was simply performing her duties, not purposely antagonizing Jaden. She greeted him with a courteous smile, "Mr. Benton, welcome. Please, have a seat."

Jaden remained standing, his demeanor giving Loraine the impression that he was gearing up to speak, but the sight of the necklace around her neck stopped him cold.

His eyes narrowed and his face lost color as he temporarily forgot his earlier intent.

The necklace was unique, crafted with a built-in monitor, the only one of its kind, under the direction of Farley Torres and his wife.

Jaden's mind went blank. Wasn't that necklace supposed to have been destroyed with the couple's demise? How did it end up with Loraine?

Loraine's brow creased with concern as she caught the puzzled look in Jaden's eyes directed at her necklace.

She kept her suspicions to herself and asked with a touch of concern, "Mr. Benton, are you alright? Are you feeling ill?"

Jaden's expression shifted as he realized he'd let his guard down in front of Loraine. He feigned a weak smile and nodded, his face still pale. "I just had a bad night's sleep and ended up with a cold."

Loraine responded promptly, "Mr. Benton, please look after yourself. You shouldn't push yourself too hard."

With his original intent in mind, Jaden managed an awkward smile and broached the subject. "Lorrie, I wanted

to ask why you made changes to my project. Have I done something to upset you?"

Lorraine explained in a calm voice, "Mr. Benton, I've reviewed the project. It's mostly good, but the team structure is too complicated. We could streamline some things, cut costs, and boost our efficiency..."

Mid-sentence, she noticed Jaden wasn't paying attention. He was frowning, lost in thought, gazing at her necklace.

Growing suspicious, Lorraine nearly asked outright. What was the deal with this necklace? Or was it something about her parents that caught his attention?

But since the incident with Florrie, Lorraine's trust in Jaden had waned. She didn't question him directly. Instead, she smiled and inquired, "Mr. Benton, you've been looking my way quite a bit. Is there something on me?"

Jaden quickly pulled himself together, a touch of embarrassment on his face. He replied with a sheepish grin, "No, it's just... it's amazing how time flies. You've grown up so much since the days you'd climb on my shoulders for sweets, and here I am, struggling to keep up with the changes."

Lorraine returned the smile. "Not at all. We can learn a lot from your experience. My grandad always said my dad turned to you for advice when he was running the business."

Jaden's gaze sharpened for a moment. After exchanging a few courtesies, he hastily added, "Let's go with your

suggestions. I must be off. There's another matter I need to attend to."

He gave the necklace another glance before he left.

Once Jaden was gone, Loraine's expression turned icy as she fingered her necklace. Her eyes narrowed in thought, and a sudden realization struck her as she recalled the recording's details.

Could Jaden be the man who bought the monitor?



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