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"The problem is, if you don't apologize and she applies for enforcement, you may find yourself unable to board a plane," Iris explained.

"Really?" the woman said, clearly not realizing it would be that serious. "My work requires frequent travel; that would be a huge issue for me."

The woman looked torn and troubled. "So, what should I do?"

"It's quite simple: just apologize to her," Iris replied.

The woman stood up abruptly, "I might as well have not come..."

"Listen to me," Iris said in a composed tone. "She wants an apology, so you apologize. She wants compensation, so you compensate. This is the court's ruling, and not complying will be very unfavorable for you. But, hear me out."

After a moment's hesitation, the woman sat back down on the couch.

"I'll teach you how to write the apology letter," Iris said.

"How to write the apology letter?" the woman was puzzled. Wasn't it just a simple apology letter?

Iris continued, "You write something like this: 'I, XXX, formally apologize to XXX. I discovered that you and my husband were having an affair, and I found a disgusting sex tape of the two of you on his phone. The content was like a porn movie. In a moment of anger, I forwarded the video to your coworkers and superiors, which led to everyone in your company knowing what kind of person you are. Now, respecting the court's ruling, I shall apologize. I should not have exposed your privacy or shared the disgusting sex tape of you and my husband for others' viewing pleasure. I should have endured the humiliation and asked you if you and my husband are tired after making the sex tape or if you're cold

when you're naked. I should have been more considerate, and for that, I sincerely apologize.' Then, as required, post this apology letter on her company's bulletin board or in their work group chat. If you feel like that's not enough, you could also go to their company in person to read it aloud to demonstrate how sincere you are." 1

The woman's eyes widened in surprise. "You can write an apology letter like that?"

"Why not? You're apologizing, but the key is to explain why you're apologizing," Iris explained. "As for the compensation, you can split it into twenty installments of a hundred dollars each, making a lot of noise every time you pay to let everyone know why you are compensating her. This shows respect for her and the court's ruling. Do you understand?" 1

The woman seemed inspired. "Can I bring banners with me? Can I really divide the compensation into twenty installments and deliver the compensation to her workplace or her house whenever I feel like it?"

Iris nodded. "Of course. The court requires you to apologize and compensate; you are simply fulfilling that ruling. You should bring the court verdict with you too as proof of your commitment to make amends."

The woman's face lit up, her mind clearing. She excitedly grabbed Iris' hand. "Thank you, Ms. Glover!"

"You're welcome," Iris replied with a smile.

The woman nodded repeatedly.

After seeing off the woman, Iris stood at the door, listening to the sound of ice and snow melting outside. A wave of melancholy surged within her.

In marriage, women often find themselves the more vulnerable party. Though the client had pretended to be strong and composed, Iris could

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see the pain and torment behind her facade. She had experienced similar feelings herself.

Taking a deep breath, Iris turned and walked back towards the law firm.

That noon, Stanley said he would buy lunch. Henry and Lester eagerly attended. Ted was invited as well.

Ted was the last one to arrive.



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