

Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera (Caroline Evans)

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Caroline approached Avery and placed a hand on her shoulder. As she pretended to pull Avery **up**, **she** whispered in her ear, “**Of** course. I’m very **happy**...”

Avery looked up **at** Caroline just in time to see the smirk on her face. Avery glared at her in hatred, wishing she could strangle **her** to death.

Caroline was doing this on purpose! She was acting sensible in front of Kirk and wanted Lia to apologize!

Caroline ignored Avery’s murderous look and said, “You don’t need to do this, Ms Mendeley. I’m just rambling.”

Lia came back to her senses and pushed Caroline away. She helped her daughter up and said, You fool. Why are you getting on your knees for her? Ivan ...”

Avery was worried that Caroline would pull another trick, so she hurriedly left, dragging Lia with her.

Ivan watched them leave quickly, not bothering to ask Avery why she had gotten on her knees.

He said, “Sorry for misunderstanding you, Caroline.”

Caroline turned back and said kindly, “Don’t say that, Dad. Everything is fine now that the truth is out.”

Ivan said appreciatively, “Kirk’s lucky to have married you. Go ahead and talk. I’ll be resting upstairs.” His head was dizzy from quarreling all day, so he had to rest for a while.

After seeing Ivan leave, Caroline lowered her head. She was about to say something, but Kirk pulled her into his arms. “What are you doing?”

Kirk bit Caroline's earlobe. His warm breath hit her cheeks as he whispered three special words.

Caroline's face quickly turned red, and **she** pushed against his muscular chest. "But Dad is resting upstairs!"

"We're in a big house! He won't hear anything!" Kirk wrapped his arms around Caroline. Then he softly traced Caroline's lips with his fingers.

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As **Charles** finished speaking, his phone rang. It was the head **of** the security
department. "**Sir**

Answer **the phone,**" **Kirk** ordered.

Charles **accepted** the call.

"**Charles**, we **found** the man, but he committed suicide."

Charles' call was on speaker, so Kirk heard everything clearly. His
eyes narrowed, and he tapped his slender fingers on the table. "Any other disc
overies?"

Upon hearing Kirk's voice, the person on the phone became even more respe
ctful. "The man had

hacked into Mrs. Morrison's email and sent something to Amity Group."

Amity Group was the rival company that Avery mentioned.

Kirk pondered momentarily before asking, "Was he affiliated with several parti
es?"

"No, we've checked. The man was just an ordinary cab driver. He wasn't asso
ciated with anyone."

If that was the case, once he died, the clues died with him.

Charles looked at Kirk. Seeing that Kirk had no more questions, he hung up and approached him.”

Sir.”

“What about the surveillance footage?”

Charles said, “Someone did tamper with the surveillance footage, but the restaurant staff had no

idea. This man may be an expert in the technological field. It will take some time to investigate.”

Kirk looked back at Charles and ordered, “Then, keep investigating.”

“But sir, Mrs. Morrison has already cleared her name. This has nothing to do with the company.

This is an important time for us. Dragon is about to be released soon. Shouldn't we...”

“Are you teaching me to do my job?” Kirk coolly interrupted Charles.

Charles felt a chill up his spine. “Of course not, sir. We'll keep investigating.”

As he walked away, Charles remembered something. Turning around, he said, “Sir, the phone

department asked if you would be at the phone's product launch.”

Kirk slowly tapped his knuckles on the table.

After a while, he said 711 be there. The security must be good on that day. Other than our

partners, no one else, including the reporters should be allowed in the venue.”

Charles nodded. “All right

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After the incident with the concept drafts, Avery hadn't shown up again for a long time. **Caroline**

and Kirk could **finally** travel peacefully and have a nice vacation.

Seeing the **date** of their return getting closer, Caroline started to prepare some gifts. She gave Gwen a call. "Hey, Gwen. I'm going home soon. What do you want me to buy?"

They were good friends, so giving gifts was easy. **They** simply gave each other what they needed

most.

"I heard that a company over there has recently developed a new phone called Dragon. It's

specially made for games. But they won't launch it in Easton until they get marketing feedback

from Celona. Can **you** help me bring one back here?"

Gwen liked playing games, so she couldn't resist getting a phone specially designed for it.

"Sure. Hang on, let me take a look ..."

Caroline searched online and soon found the description of this phone. Her heart stopped when

she saw that it was manufactured by SY Group.

SY Group was the largest company in Sarcozia. It was the business empire Eddy's second uncle

had created. And SY Group had developed this phone!

Caroline couldn't resist scrolling through the article, her pulse beating wildly.

When

she saw that SY Group was having a press conference at 8 pm on the 19th, she was about to

burst with excitement! Eddy's second uncle would definitely attend an important press

conference like this.

Gwen was a little worried when she didn't hear Caroline speak for a long time.

"What's wrong,

Carol?"

"Nothing." Caroline clutched her chest. "I— I'll definitely find a way to get you that phone!"

Then, she hung up. She quickly looked for SY Group's official website and dialed the number she

found there.

Soon, the call was connected. Taking a deep breath, Caroline asked, "Hello, may I ask if your

company is going to hold a press conference for the launch of your phone?"

That's **right, ma'am.**"

Will **your** president **be there?**"

"**Of** course, ma'am."

"**May I** ask if I can go in alone?"

The man on the other end was silent for a moment. Thinking that Caroline was a hardcore fan of

his boss, his tone changed slightly.

“Ma’am, the members of the press conference have been finalized. If you don’t have an invitation,

it means you can’t go!” After that, he hung up the phone immediately.

Caroline felt as if she had been doused in cold water. She was fretting about her predicament

when she heard a knock on the door.

Thinking that it was Kirk, she went to the door happily. However, she opened the door to find

Avery’s brother, Bryan, standing outside.

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the Mendeley family.

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Bryan agreed without hesitation **They** decided to go to **the** press conference together on the **19th**.

After seeing Bryan off, Caroline realized something Not only could she get a phone for Gwen, but she could also meet Eddy's second uncle.

Humming, Caroline walked into the kitchen and started preparing dinner.

She didn't know what Kirk was up to these days. He would always leave in the afternoon and come home for dinner. But she'd never checked up on him since she trusted him completely.

Kirk opened the door and walked in, just in time to see Caroline busy in the kitchen. His heart

swelled in an instant, and he went to hug her from behind.

Startled, Caroline turned around and saw Kirk. She said in surprise, “Why were you so quiet?”

“What are you making?” Kirk lifted the lid of the pot, and the aroma of food wafted out.

“Tomato salsa” Caroline pushed Kirk away. “Get out of here. Don’t mess up things here.”

Kirk stood at the door, motionless. He said cheekily, “I’ll leave if you give me a kiss.”

Speechless, Caroline turned back to cook. “Bryan dropped by today.”

Kirk took off his suit jacket. He asked curiously, “Oh, why did he come to see you?”

“He came to talk about you.” As Caroline talked, she plated up the tomato salsa.

“What did you guys say about me?” Kirk helped put the cutlery and plates on the table.

Caroline pondered for a moment, then said with a smile, “He told me you have a friend who’s a

talented doctor. Hey, what’s his name?”

Now she finally understood why Kirk had become fast friends with Sean. Both of them were

medical students, so they had some common ground.

Kirk froze. He quickly pulled Caroline into his arms, softly caressing the skin on her neck. He

asked, “**What** else did he tell you?”

“**We just** talked about the time when you were in school.” Caroline excitedly turned **around**, not

noticing **anything** unusual about Kirk.

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She **mused**, “**Hey**, I think Bryan is a pretty interesting **guy**.”

“Interesting?” **Kirk’s** tone turned dangerous, and **he pinched** Caroline’s neck. “You like **him?**”

“**Yeah.**” **Caroline** commented, “He’s **much** cuter than his sister.”

Kirk turned Caroline, making her face him. He **stared** at her with dark eyes and said, “You **player**, **are you** getting tired of me so soon?”

Caroline laughed, noticing the hint of jealousy in his tone. “What? I like him as a younger brother.”

Kirk pinned Caroline against the table’s edge, putting them even closer together. He bit her lips **and** looked at her bewitchingly.

He said bossily, to **the** point of being unreasonable, “**You can’t** like **him** at all, even as a brother...”

Caroline didn’t know how to react. As Kirk’s kiss became more intense, she finally noticed that something was off and weakly grabbed Kirk’s arm. She stammered, “L—let’s eat...”

Later, in bed, Caroline kicked Kirk on the shin. “I’m hungry.”

“Okay,” Kirk agreed. He was already satiated, happy, and full of energy. He got out of bed and

warmed up the food for Caroline.

After dinner, Caroline and Kirk discussed buying gifts for her new colleagues.

Caroline didn’t understand at all. “This is a social courtesy. Don’t you buy gifts for your colleagues

when you go on a trip?”

Kirk frowned. Charles usually handled these things, so he didn’t need to bother about them at all.

Seeing this, Caroline asked, "Do you want me to buy something for you?"

"No." Kirk kissed her cheek. "What do you need? I'll get ... I'll buy them for you."

Caroline frowned slightly. "I don't know."

At any rate, she had a few more days, so she could slowly figure it out.

Soon, the 19th arrived. Kirk went out early in the morning, so Caroline couldn't inform him about

where she was going.

Bryan **came** to pick her up around 9 am. However, he was much more silent than his time. He was

cautious, **as** though he were afraid of saying the wrong thing.

Caroline asked, "What's wrong?" **She** wanted to hear more about Kirk.

Hearing Caroline's question, Bryan tensed and said, "**N-nothing I just** have a toothache

Oh Caroline nodded and stopped talking to him.

Bryan secretly let out a sigh. Two days ago, Kirk had severely warned him to keep his mouth shut

If not, he would suffer the consequences. He was afraid of slipping up around Caroline.

Fortunately, they arrived at the press conference soon enough.

With Bryan around, Caroline only needed to register herself quickly, and she was allowed inside.

The two sat down.

Caroline looked at the stage, saying expectantly, "I heard that SY Group's president will be here

today."

Bryan reeled back in his seat, almost falling to the ground. “W— what did you say?”

“SY Group’s president will be here today.”

Noticing Bryan’s pale face, Caroline asked, “What’s wrong? Is your toothache really that bad?”

Wanting to leave, Bryan grabbed Caroline’s hand, but he heard the host’s voice from the stage just

then “The press conference is about to begin. Everyone, please remain seated...”

Bryan quickly looked at the door. It had already closed. He was doomed.

Caroline asked in confusion, “What’s wrong, Bryan? **If** your tooth really hurts, why don’t you go to a

hospital?”

Bryan didn’t know how to respond to that. He simply said, “Caroline, stay here for now. I’m going to

make a call.”

After that, he trotted to the corridor.

Caroline frowned, feeling perplexed

After walking **out of** the venue, Bryan quickly dialed Avery’s number. “Bad news, Avery. I screwed

up!”

Avery had been in a bad mood **for** the past few days. She sneered, “When have **you** not screwed **up?**

“I’m serious this time, **Avery.**” Bryan briefly **explained** what happened to his sister.

He said anxiously, “Kirk had **just** warned me **two** days ago, but now **I’ve** brought Caroline to **SY Group’s** press

conference. As soon as **Caroline** sees Kirk, she'll understand everything. When **that** happens, Kirk is **going** to kill me."

After Avery listened to her brother, she was silent for a moment. Her bad mood had vanished. Her brain was working at full speed, and she soon came up with an idea.

"Don't panic. I'll call Kirk and tell him that Caroline is there. Then, he'll just cancel the press conference."

"Are you sure that'll work?" Bryan asked uncertainly.

"Of course, now get back in there. Caroline will definitely become suspicious if you're gone for too long."

Bryan had grown up with his parents coddling him. So he had an innocent mind. He was completely unaware of what his sister was planning.

"All right. I'll head back in there. Everything is up to you, Avery."

After hanging up the phone, Avery smirked.

For the past few days, she had been racking her brain trying to figure out how to tell Caroline about Kirk's true identity nonchalantly. To her surprise, her foolish brother had given her the help she needed.

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When the **press conference** started, everyone was asked to turn off their phones. **No** one was allowed **to** take pictures.

As Caroline turned her phone off, Bryan returned. He looked a lot better, but he was still **nervous**.

"**Are** you really okay?" She took a bottle of painkillers from her bag and asked, "Do you want some medicine?"

Bryan smiled bitterly and waved his hand. "I'm fine."

Fortunately, the project manager for Dragon went on stage then, diverting Caroline's attention. Bryan finally had a chance to breathe. He wondered if Avery had warned Kirk yet.

He was so uneasy that he didn't even listen to all the concepts that usually interested him.

Meanwhile, Charles walked backstage and ordered, "The president is coming soon. **You** have to handle the security work properly. Got it?"

Everyone backstage stopped what they were doing and nodded in unison. These people were all Charles' experienced subordinates. Charles had no doubts about their abilities.

Charles walked away, then turned back around. He said, "Oh, yeah. Show me the registry."

The staff member responsible for the registration turned pale and handed the registry to Charles with trembling hands.

Charles glanced at the paper, then frowned. "Why are all the words the same?"

"Oh." The staff fiddled with his fingers. "I accidentally spilled something on the registry just now, so I wrote a new copy."

Charles only warned him to be careful next time before returning the registry. Then, he left to pick **up** Kirk.

After watching Charles leave, the staff members let out a sigh of relief.

Charles walked **out** the back door, where a black car was discreetly parked. It wasn't noticeable at all. He approached the vehicle and said through the window, "Sir, everything is ready. You can **go in** 15 minutes."

The window rolled down, revealing Kirk's handsome face. He was wearing sunglasses, and he

Charles said with a smile, "**Is** it for Mrs. Morrison and her **friend**?"

Kirk looked over to **Charles**. His **gaze** was **cold**, but his expression was much **softer** than usual.

Charles boldly **asked**, “**Are** you in love with her, sir?”

Kirk’s soft **expression** tensed. He asked, “What makes you think that?”

Not noticing **the** unusual change in Kirk’s behavior, Charles continued, “Back then, you’d always

put work first. But ever since **you** got together with Mrs. **Morrison**, you put her above everything

else.”

Kirk’s hand tightened suddenly, and he asked casually, “Really?”

Charles nodded.

Kirk’s lips curled into a mocking smile, but he didn’t correct Charles. He had simply taken a liking

to Caroline. He wasn’t in love with her or anything.

On stage, the project manager had already introduced the new phone’s functions.

Caroline sat among the audience, listening intently. However, since they spoke in Celonish and

some big words, she needed time to process the information.

Hence, she didn’t notice that Bryan kept looking at his phone.

“All right. That’s it for the phone’s descriptions and specifications. If you have any questions or topics **you** want to discuss, feel free to ask me about them.” After that, the project manager

walked off the stage.

It was finally over. Caroline looked at Bryan and asked, “The president **of** SY Group should be

showing up next, right?”

Bryan's heart leaped out of his throat, and he sputtered, "H—he probably won't be here, right?"

Caroline asked curiously, "How do you know?"

Bryan was so nervous that his back was sweating. He wasn't good at lying.

Caroline furrowed her eyebrows. She asked suspiciously, "Are you hiding something from me?"

Bryan breathed uneasily. At this moment, he heard the host's joyous voice from the stage. "Next up, we welcome SY Group's president to say a few words about Dragon's launch!"

The **audience** cheered immediately.

Caroline nervously looked over **at** where **the host** was gesturing.

Bryan also **stared at the** entrance, looking **as** pale as a ghost.

At this **moment**, Kirk, who was hidden in the darkness, glanced around. Suddenly, his eyes fell on Caroline, making him **stop** in his tracks.

Beside him, Charles was caught off guard by his boss' actions. "What's wrong, sir?"

As he spoke, he looked over at where Kirk was watching, and his face turned pale. "Mrs Morrison? How did she get in here? Sir, I'll get them to cancel the press conference immediately..."

Kirk raised his hand, stopping him. "No need."

Noticing Kirk's hesitation, the host on the stage joked, "Does the president think we're not applauding enough? Come on, let us welcome him again with another round of applause!"

Everyone applauded again. This time, they were more enthusiastic than before. Amidst the applause, a slender figure finally walked up to the stage.

Caroline's eyes widened, and she clenched her fists in excitement.

Suddenly, a pair of hands covered her eyes at the crucial moment. "Caroline, you can't look," Bryan said.

Caroline was confused.

The audience gradually quieted down, and Caroline even heard Eddy's second uncle's voice.

He sounded different from what she had imagined an entrepreneur to sound like. His voice was authoritative, attractive, and... very familiar.

She ripped Bryan's hands away from her face. She looked at the stage and was taken aback by what she saw.

The man on the stage was completely different from what Sean had described.

He **was** tall and slender, wearing a suit with leather shoes. He had a noble and unapproachable air about him.

Unfortunately, he was wearing a silver mask that covered his entire face, so aside from his eyes, Caroline couldn't see anything else.

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Caroline knocked on the door before **opening** it. **The** people who **were busyi
ng** themselves behind **the** counter all looked **at** her in unison.

Caroline mustered her courage and **asked**, "**May** I know where the president
of **SY** Group is?"

The people **exchanged** looks with each other.

After a moment, one of the employees came up to Caroline. "May I ask if you'r
e Ms. Caroline Evans?"

Caroline asked, "You know who I am?" She didn't recognize the person before
her **at** all.

"The president asked me to pass this to you." The employee took out three ex
quisitely decorated

phone boxes and gave them to Caroline. "He also congratulated you on your
new marriage."

“He knows what I look like?” Caroline was surprised at getting such attention.

The employee didn't know what Caroline meant by this and only gave her a small smile.

Her heart pounding wildly, Caroline accepted the gift bag

In the car, Kirk was watching the surveillance footage. At some point, a dark look passed over his

eyes.

Even Charles could sense it from the front seat. The temperature in the car seemed to plummet.

“Investigate immediately. Find out why Caroline's name wasn't on the registry,” Kirk said coldly,

turning the surveillance footage off.

“Yes, sir.”

Bryan dropped Caroline off at home after the press conference. He was exhausted. After such a stressful and tiring day of running around, all he wanted was to go home and sleep.

Just as he turned the steering wheel, he received a phone call from Avery.

“How was it?” Avery asked, leisurely blowing on her red fingernails.

She was in a great mood today. As a reward for herself, she had gone for a manicure.

Avery, everything's fine now, Bryan said with a laugh Thank you for calling Kirk

Avery suddenly clenched her fists Her nails weren't dry yet, leaving sticky polish on her hands. But she didn't care about that Instead, she questioned, “What did you say?

“What's **up with you**, Avery?

It was **then** that Avery realized how strange her reaction seemed. She took a deep breath and pushed down the rage toiling in her gut.

“Go Caroline still doesn’t know that Kirk’s the president of SY Group?”

“She doesn’t”

Avery’s eyes narrowed **as** she hung up. She was so angry that she flipped over the manicurist’s

table

This manicurist was the one who usually did Avery’s nails. But this was the first time she saw

Avery in such a huge fit of fury. She was frozen in shock for a long time.

On the other hand, once Caroline got home, she hurriedly sent Gwen a message.

“Gwen, I saw Eddy’s second uncle!”

She was so excited that she used half a dozen exclamation points.

Gwen replied instantly. “Really? Is he a bald fatty?”

“No, he has a great physique. It’s similar to Kirk’s.”

“Fuck me, are you serious?” Gwen couldn’t believe it.

“Kirk’s physique is out of this world. Eddy’s second uncle can’t have the same figure, right? I

heard SY Group’s president takes care of business there, and he’s also gotten into many overseas

markets. How does he have time to keep his figure too?”

“It’s true!” It was a shame that Caroline hadn’t been allowed to take pictures at the press

conference. Otherwise, she would have snapped Gwen a picture. “Oh, right. He also gifted me

three new phones!”

“Three?” Gwen was shocked. “Is this one of the rich people’s hobbies?”

Caroline took a few pictures of the phone’s packaging. “I’ll give you one **when** I get back.”

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“**Soon**. I’ll **be going** home in a few days.”

Doesn’t that **mean** I’ll **get the phone** very soon? Wow, I’ll be the third person in the country **to** get

a Dragon. Just thinking about it is exciting. When the time comes, I’ll take my phone out every day at work. They’ll all be jealous to bits when they see it!”

Caroline smiled as she put Gwen’s phone back in its box.

“Carol, did you get gifts for your new colleagues?”

Caroline was just about to answer when Kirk opened the door and came in.

Caroline greeted Kirk and continued chatting with Gwen.

“I haven’t decided yet. I asked about it yesterday and found out that most of the staff at the design department are women. I think I should probably buy makeup?”

Kirk looked at Caroline, who was so invested in chatting with Gwen. It only annoyed him **more**.

He walked to the coffee table and purposely made some noise.

But Caroline didn’t even react. “For men, I’d probably buy them game consoles.”

Gwen replied, “Actually, I think you would be very respected if you could give them each a Dragon phone.”

“I want to too. But didn’t you say there aren’t many of these phones? I might not even be able to get them overseas. The design department has dozens of people. Where am I supposed to get that many phones?”

Gwen put her chin in her palm. “That’s right. I guess you’d better give them makeup and game consoles?”

“Yeah.”

Caroline and Gwen chatted for a while longer before ending the call.

When she turned back, Caroline excitedly went to tell Kirk about the president of the SY Group.

“**What’s up with you?**” Caroline approached and leaned on Kirk’s arm.

Kirk **angled** his **body** away, putting distance between himself and Caroline. “**You** went out **today**.”

“**Yes** Caroline **nodded** happily. “And I saw the president of **SY Group too!**”

Kirk kicked **the** coffee table, his expression the same. “You like him that much?”

Caroline got up and cleared up the messy table. “Yes, you’ve got me. I think he’s a **perfect** man.

He’s considerate, gentlemanly, and has amazing business acumen. How could there be such a

perfect man in the world?”

When Caroline turned to look at Kirk, her eyes met his straight on.

Kirk felt like there was a thorn in his heart. He forced out, “Since he’s so perfect, why **don’t you**

marry him?”

Even Kirk himself was stunned by his own words.

Caroline was surprised as well. “What’s wrong with you?”

Kirk clenched his fists and thinned his lips. There was a teasing edge to his voice.

“He’s the president of the SY Group. With him, **you** get to enjoy luxuries and riches. You’ll be

chauffeured in luxury cars and be able to buy whatever bags and clothes you want. And he’s so

perfect, so he’ll definitely be a great hus-”

Caroline’s expression turned icy. “So in your eyes, I’m just a gold digger?”

Sweat trickled down Kirk’s back. “That’s not what I meant.”

“Then what did you mean?” Caroline smiled. “I thought we’d come to understand each other after

all the time we’ve spent together. It seems that was a one-sided wish.”

With that, Caroline turned and walked into her bedroom.

She locked the door.

She didn’t want to see Kirk’s face anymore.

Looking **at** the tightly shut door, Kirk’s heart turned into a mess.

He lifted a hand and hesitated. In the end, he didn’t knock.

He walked out the door and called Charles. “Send Caroline her dinner. Also, ask Jules Hawkins **how many people** are in the design department. **Prepare** the same amount of phones.”

It took Charles a long **time to** react. **It seemed** like Kirk was preparing the phones for Caroline.

After all, Jules was only the CEO of one of SY Group’s branches. He wasn’t important enough for Kirk to go **to** such lengths.

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Caroline waited in her room **for a long time, but** Kirk didn't come and try **to explain** himself. She **felt** wronged **and** pressed **her** lips together. She badly wanted to beat Kirk up.

Right **then**, she received a message.

"Hello, Ms. Evans. This is the phone department of SY Group. We have a giveaway for a lucky **attendee** of the press conference. To thank you for your support of Dragon, we will gift **you** 50 Dragon phones."

Caroline was speechless.

There were a total **of 42** members in the design department.

Since SY Group had given her 50 phones in one go, she could definitely give the phones to her subordinates.

Caroline wanted to thank Eddy's second uncle. But then she thought of what Kirk had said, and her excitement died down instantly.

Forget it.

It was better to buy him a meal when she had the chance to.

She had to take Kirk along too. She would let him know that she didn't have any intentions regarding Eddy's second uncle!

Besides, she'd already said that she didn't want to be involved with any members of the Morrison family!

Right then, the doorbell

rang outside.

Caroline sat on the edge of the bed and listened for a while.

Then, her phone rang. She took a look and saw that it was an unknown number.

She picked up after some hesitation. Charles' polite voice came from the other end. "Madam, could you please open the door?"

Caroline got up and went to the bedroom door. But then she suddenly paused . “Get Kirk to open it for you.”

Charles gave a bitter laugh. “He’s not here.”

Only then did Caroline open the bedroom door. **She found the** living room empty **of** Kirk’s

presence

She felt **disappointed** for a moment. Her heart felt like it had been twisted. Strangely, It **hurt** a lot.

Caroline **walked to the front** door and opened it. Charles stood outside with some **takeout**.

“Madam, Mr. Morrison asked me **to** bring **you** dinner.” Charles handed the food to Caroline.

The bag of food was warm in Caroline’s hands. “Where is **he?**”

Charles **answered** honestly, “I don’t know.”

Caroline’s lips thinned. “Thank you. Would you like to come in and eat too?”

Charles said, “There’s no need, but thank you. If there’s nothing else, I’ll leave now.”

Caroline watched Charles leave. Then, she took the food to the coffee table.

It was a fruit salad and a bowl of beef stew.

Caroline’s eyes stung. She clicked on WhatsApp and opened Kirk’s chat. She wanted to say something to him, but she didn’t know what.

After a moment, she closed the chat.

At the Mendeleys’ residence, Adam and Lia were overjoyed at Kirk’s sudden visit.

Lia pulled Kirk aside and said, “It’s great that you’re here, Kirk. Avery has been blacklisted by the entire industry. She’s been so down for the past few days. She can’t do anything but stand by and watch.”

She continued, “Nothing we say helps. But Avery has always listened to you. As long as you talk to her, she’ll become motivated again.”

Kirk’s expression turned dull. “Where is she?”

“In the upstairs bedroom. I’ll go and call her.”

“**There’s** no need for that. I’ll go up.”

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After he said **that**, Kirk went up **to the** second floor.

Lia **couldn’t** help but smile when she saw Kirk go into Avery’s room. She **turn ed** to Adam. “**Look**,

wasn’t I right? Kirk is interested in Avery. **He** just never realized it before.”

Adam folded his newspaper. “It’s a shame that Kirk is already married. Anyon e would want a great

son-in-law like him.”

Lia pouted. “So what if he’s married? Divorce rates are so high. Lots of people get married and then divorce. Besides, that woman isn’t worthy of Kirk. She h as no background and no education. All she has is her face. But what use is t hat? Kirk will get bored of it **soon**.”

As a man, Adam could agree with that. “**If** you say that, then our Avery has a chance.”

However, the atmosphere between Kirk and Avery on the second floor could b e considered anything but friendly. It was tense, even.

“You were looking for me?” Avery was a little mad.

Kirk sat at the computer table and crossed his legs. He looked at Avery blandl y. “Do you admit it?”

“What am I admitting to? Bryan was the one who took her there. What does it have to do with me?”

“But Bryan said you were supposed to call me?”

“I called, but... it didn’t go through...” Avery swallowed.

Kirk’s long forefinger tapped on the table. He got up. “Avery, I didn’t come here to confirm it. Rather, I’m here to give you a last warning.”

Avery’s body trembled.

“From now on, you aren’t allowed to step into Easton. You’re not allowed to show up in front of Caroline, either. If you break these rules, you know what will happen!”

With that said, Kirk turned around.

Seeing Kirk about to turn the doorknob, Avery hurriedly chimed in. “So you mean I can’t be where Caroline is from now on, right?”

Kirk nodded silently.

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Avery’s eyes were filled with tears. All because I didn’t call you and nearly exposed your

Mentally to Caroline

“Isn’t the tease enough?”

Avery’s body shivered as she said bitterly. “What happened to you, Kirk? You would never have been this mean to me in the past. Even when I made a mistake, you would always say it was fine as long as I changed. But now I didn’t even make a mistake. But you’re punishing me so cruelly.”

As she spoke Avery's expression became fearful. She shook like a leaf. "You. You've fallen in love with her haven't you?"

Kirk frowned. This was the second time today that he'd heard someone say he'd fallen in love with

Caroline

Ignoring Avery, he turned and went downstairs

Lia walked up to him. She was about to ask why he was leaving so soon when she heard Avery crying upstairs. She hurriedly ran up

When Lia saw Avery sitting wretchedly on the floor, she was stunned

She had never seen her daughter in such a sorry state before.

Kirk got into his car. His mind filled with what Avery said- "You've fallen in love with her, haven't you?"

He frowned, feeling irritated

Right then, his phone rang. He glanced at it impatiently, but when he saw Caroline's WhatsApp profile picture, his brows loosened

He picked up his phone and unlocked it. Caroline had sent him a message

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The return trip was scheduled for two days later. Ivan and the Mendeley **family** went to see **Kirk** and Caroline **off**.

Only Ivan and Bryan were sincerely saddened by **their** departure. Adam and Lia had only shown **up** because **they** were family friends.

"**Caroline**." Bryan pulled her aside. "Avery has a gift **for** you, but she wanted me to give it to you in private. I'm not supposed to let Kirk know about it."

Caroline had noticed Avery's absence, but she'd chosen not to question it.

Now that Bryan brought up the topic, she couldn't help but ask, "Why didn't she give it to me

herself?"

Bryan scratched his head. "I asked. She said she couldn't show up in front of you. I don't **know**

what that means. Anyway..."

He handed Caroline an exquisite gift. "I've completed my mission."

Caroline weighed the gift in her hands. It was rather heavy. She wondered what was inside, but

she believed it wouldn't be anything good.

"Caroline." Bryan was blushing. "When will you be back again?"

She replied, "I don't know either. I'll visit when I have the time. If you're free, come and visit me at

Easton."

"Oh, can I? Sure, you must see me if I ever go to Easton."

Kirk frowned at the sight of the two chatting and smiling. Ever since their last WhatsApp

message, he hadn't spoken to Caroline.

He gave Charles a look. Charles took the hint and went up to Caroline. "Mrs. Morrison, it's time to

board the flight."

She checked the time. "But there's an hour left."

Charles chuckled dryly. "Why not wait for takeoff in the first-class area then? We've spent a

fortune on it. Might as well enjoy it."

She was convinced by his persuasion. After chatting with Bryan and saying goodbye to Ivan, she

Kirk stared at her with a helpless smile and followed her toward the gate.

They flew home **to Osbury** without speaking to each other and landed at 3 am.

Since **they** had first-class seats, the experience was smooth. Caroline felt like time had flown by when they finally left the plane, Only Kirk's presence dampened the mood.

She was about to take her luggage, but Charles acted fast. "Mrs. Morrison, leave that to me.

Seeing that he had picked up Kirk's luggage, she replied, "It's okay. I can do it myself."

Right after that, Kirk showed up in front of her and dragged her luggage with him. His slender figure and the pink luggage in his hand looked like a comical combination.

She fell silent and looked away, but she followed behind him.

After walking for a while, she noticed that they weren't headed toward the airport exit. Still

refusing to speak to Kirk, she turned to Charles. "Where are we going?"

Charles flashed a mysterious smile. "Just follow Mr. Morrison."

She had no choice but to do so. A while later, she realized that they might be taking a private lane. She wanted to ask questions, but Charles had gone up to Kirk and opened a door for him.

It was a different world out there—a place so quiet that it seemed to be separate from the rest of

the world. A black Mercedes-Benz was parked near the exit.

Charles placed the luggage in the trunk and opened the door at the back. "Please."

Caroline checked out the interior of the car and was about to get into the front passenger seat. However, Kirk grabbed her wrist, making her fall into his arms

She pushed against his chest in embarrassment, Frowning, he closed the door behind them.

Charles checked the surroundings to ensure that they weren't followed. Then, he got into the car

and drove Kirk and Caroline to the villa.

Caroline moved her arms away from Kirk's embrace. Still, he remained motionless, staring at her with his dark eyes. His eyes were gleaming with an unreadable look.

During the trip, neither of them spoke to the other. Charles noticed the flirtatious air and quietly put down the divider.

With his hand on her waist, Kirk was very tempted. He sucked on her **lips**. She tasted lovely, like a juicy fruit

Ouch!

He tasted a metallic **scent** in his mouth. Squinting, he slowly sat up and wiped his **lips**

It wasn't until Caroline saw the red stain on his lips that she realized what she had done.

She cowered in the corner of the car like a fearful rabbit. Her lashes trembled.

He glanced at her. "You're a coward. Why did you bite me then?"

"Well, you- Blushing, she stole a glance at Charles in the driver's seat and held her tongue. She

looked away and ignored Kirk.

Meanwhile, Kirk leaned against the armrest and admired Caroline's reflection in the window.

In the dark, her oval face was covered. Her dark hair scattered smoothly across her shoulders. Her

misty eyes seemed to glisten under the glow of the street lights.

When they arrived at the villa, Charles moved everything into the house before joining Kirk

outside. Kirk lit a cigarette. Its reddish glow burned rapidly in the night.

“Do you want to tell Mrs. Morrison that Howard Collins is looking for you?”

Kirk gave Charles a side-eye, his intentions clear.

“From today, we shall increase the security at Thome Corporation. Pick her up on time after work

every day. And send some bodyguards to follow her around”

Charles nodded “Sure.”

He couldn't help but glance at the second floor. “Are you fighting with Mrs. Morrison?”

He had noticed the tension a few days ago but dared not ask.

Kirk put out the cigarette and remarked, “You're a busybody.”

“Sorry.”

The silence grew in the dark. Soon, Kirk kicked a stone and asked Charles, “You're married, aren't

you?”

Yeah

“Do you **fight with** your wife?”

Of course,” Charles answered. “It's normal for husband and wife to fight. Not fighting means that

you don't care about each other, like she doesn't matter to you.”

That was Kirk's **first** time hearing that idea. He lit another cigarette in **front** of his eyes. "**Go on.**"

Charles **added**, "**So**, it's okay to fight. More importantly, **you** need to resolve the situation. **For** example, **if you forgot** your anniversary, just get her another gift and coax her. That's how you put it behind **you**. May **I** ask **the** reason behind your fight with Mrs. Morrison?"

Kirk's face was enveloped by the smoke. He said coolly, "I suggested that she marry another man

Charles was secretly baffled and amazed by Kirk's actions. Kirk just had a way to dig his own

grave.

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