

Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera (Caroline Evans)

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Kirk answered the phone very quickly. He sounded like he was in a good mood.

“Darling, is something the matter?”

When Caroline heard Kirk’s low and magnetic voice through the phone, goose bumps rose on the skin of her arm

She settled her emotions and said. “I be attending a welcome party at the company tonight Do you want to come?”

Kirk smiled devilishly. “This is your company’s welcome party. How can I attend when I’m an outsider?”

Caroline was dumbstruck

Why did she feel like Kirk was doing this on purpose?

“Of course because

Kirk stretched out his legs. He gave a slightly playful look to his astounded underlings.

Then, he turned around, lightly cajoling. “Because?”

“You’re my family! Is that good enough for you?”

Caroline had no more words to say to him.

Kirk’s voice became lower. It was deep and smooth. “You’re finally acknowledging me.”

“Are you coming **or** not?” Caroline’s face was starting to burn.

Kirk sighed. “Of course I want to attend. It’s such a great opportunity, after all. But I have an engagement tonight, so I can’t po

Disappointment shot through Caroline's heart. But she didn't ask anything further. "Oh, alright."

After hanging up, Kirk looked at the photo of Caroline on his phone screen.

"Charles Kirk got up. He picked up his suit jacket and walked outside. "Have they arrived?"

"They're downstairs. Are you going to the meeting now, sir?"

"Yes." Kirk strode into the elevator.

Charles pressed the button for the second floor. "Sir, Mr. Morrison Senior is also en route."

Kirk's expression relaxed, and he acknowledged the information softly.

He would be dining with Jude tonight.

It was time for them to meet his wife.

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The welcome party was held at the *bar* opposite Thorne Corp. After work, Caroline and Cheryl went downstairs together.

Today, their colleagues behaved differently compared to their respectful distance before. They were all warm and friendly as they surrounded Caroline, chatting nonstop.

Caroline was surprised by the attention. She listened without speaking.

At the main entrance, Caroline saw a familiar figure.

It was Sarah White.

After blocking her family on her phone, Caroline hadn't spoken to them **again**. Sarah's appearance now made Caroline frown a discomfort.

She wanted to ignore her, but Sarah walked over.

Her complexion looked bad. It seemed that she hadn't been having a good time all this time.

Seeing that Caroline was speaking to someone, her colleagues wisely moved away

“Can we sit **down and** have a talk! Sarah asked uneasily

Caroline **replied** “We have nothing to talk about

Of course we do

Sarah hurriedly started to beg. ‘Canje, ever since your cousin was sent behind bars, our family has been having a hard time. Aindrih Bha company is still receiving the Monisons’ help, many people know that Mr. Monison Senior isn’t telling Eddy helpin

“Care, I’m begging you. Please talk to Mr. Morrison Senior Convince him to allow Eddy and Layla to be together the sides, please don’t get married. It won’t be a loss for you

Caroline looked at Sarah directly. “Is Layla doing something to blackmail you?”

Sarah was stunned. Abruptly, her face turned red.

She stuttered out. “Wh—what are you saying? I only wish I only wish that our family doesn’t fail in your father’s hands

“That’s not right” Caroline went straight to the point.

“You’ve always wanted me to marry Eddy, Even after I got married, you kept forcing me to marry Eddy. That was what you’d always wanted,

Unless

Unless Layla has some dirt on you. That’s why you’re helping her!

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Sarah looked like she had suffered a blow. She slapped Caroline in the face. “I’m your mother! Since when did you become so disobedient?”

The slap rang clear and loud. However, the sound was lost in the bustling crowd.

Caroline's head turned from the force of the slap. She gritted her teeth and looked back after a moment. Her gaze was frosty as she glared at Sarah.

Sarah felt cold all over. She looked at Caroline in fear.

Sarah was acting as though she had been slapped.

The way Caroline looked at her now made her feel like she was looking at a stranger.

"You're my mother. But let me ask you something. Do you still remember my birthday?"

Sarah shuddered violently. After a pause, she said hesitantly, "Of course I do."

Caroline could tell at a glance that Sarah was lying.

She recalled her birthdays from the past. Even though they had been in different countries, Sarah and Dan would still fly abroad to celebrate her birthday with her.

But because she didn't marry Eddy, her parents had forgotten it.

It was as if she wasn't even their daughter.

She was **only** a pawn.

Her parents remembered details about her because she had value.

Caroline suddenly thought of Kirk.

She suddenly wanted to hug him so badly!

Caroline straightened her back. She looked at Sarah, who was still trying to argue. But Caroline had no intention to keep listening. She turned around and walked into the crowd.

Sarah tried to follow, but she couldn't find Caroline in the crowd at all.

At Saint Pierre Grand Hotel, Eddy was feeling uneasy.

“Grandpa, is Uncle Kirk not here yet?”

Jude glanced at Eddy before chastizing, “Can’t you settle down? Isn’t this just a meeting with your second aunt?”

Eddy sat down and smiled. “I’m just really curious, Grandpa. I can’t help but wonder what woman would make Uncle Kirk settle down and marry.”

Jude’s eyebrows furrowed. His expression was unreadable. “You’ll find out very soon.”

After a pause, Jude asked, “How are you and Caroline?”

Eddy recalled the unpleasant incident the other day. His expression became gloomy. “Grandpa, I think you’d better forget about it. I think she likes her current life.”

“And you’re alright with that?” Jude asked, banging his fist on the table.

Eddy leaned back and looked up at the ceiling. “I don’t mind it.”

The scene of Caroline talking about her husband flashed in his mind.

She had been so confident. There was also a sweetness about it that he couldn’t ignore.

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Caroline’s love ...

Eddy’s heart trembled. He suddenly panicked and nearly fell from his chair,

Just then, the door swung open, blocking the sight of his awkward fumble.

“Mr. Morrison Senior and Mr. Eddy, Mr. Kirk is here,” said the butler, Simon. Then, Simon’s body angled to the side.

The next second, Jude saw Kirk standing in the doorway in a smart suit.

But Kirk was alone.

Jude maintained a smile on his face. "Where's your wife?"

Kirk's brows furrowed minutely. He took a few steps into the private room and revealed the woman behind him.

She was a beautiful woman, but nothing about her was memorable. (1)

Her face had obviously gone through some cosmetic surgery. She se

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However, she carried herself differently from typical women who had some slight fame. She had the and AM

'She's Jude asked inquisitively, his posture going tense.

"Hello, Uncle Jude!" There was surprise in the woman's eyes,

"I'm Kirk's wife, I finally get to meet you! It's such an honor!"

After that, she spotted Eddy. Her surprise became even more obvious. "Mr. Eddy is here too!

Eddy frowned slightly and looked at Kirk in confusion.

This woman was completely different from what he'd expected. She wasn't proper or elegant at all.

Jude didn't like this woman at all, but he felt relieved because of it.

As long as it wasn't Caroline.

"Have a seat."

The woman sat down and introduced herself in an overly friendly manner. "My name is Daphne Dawson, Uncle, you and Mr. Eddy can Daph."

Kirk shot her a look.

Daphne seemed to have been stuck by lightning. She put her hands together atop the table and didn't dare to say more.

Eddy and Jude didn't notice this interaction.

"Daph, right?" Jude got Simon to serve her an extra portion of food. "How long have *you* and Kirk been married?"

"Almost three months now."

Jude asked a few more questions, which Daphne answered smoothly. After that, Jude nodded in satisfaction.

He looked at Eddy and said, "See, Eddy? Your second uncle has already settled down. You and Caroline have messed around enough already. Get your marriage settled. When the time comes, you can even have a wedding *with* your second uncle. Aren't I right, Kirk?"

When Jude mentioned Caroline, he kept looking at Kirk.

When Kirk didn't react, joy slowly appeared in Jude's eyes.

After meeting Daphne, Eddy was a bit disappointed. His meal became bland.

He stood up and said, "Grandpa, Uncle Kirk, there's a sudden emergency with one of the company's projects. I'll be leaving now."

Kirk didn't even look up. "Go ahead then."

After Eddy took a few steps, Daphne noticed that he seemed to have hurt his leg. He was limping.

Jude followed Daphne's line of sight. He explained, "He ran into some hooligans the other day and got a beating."

Kirk lowered his head to drink some soup. When he heard this, he **wiped** his mouth elegantly.

"What a shame. Were they targeting Eddy?"

Jude replied, "No. The police arrested them and found that they were after Eddy's car. He was alone, so that's why they went for him."

Kirk nodded shallowly. "He'll have to take good care of himself."

Jude smiled. "If we weren't meeting Daphne today, Eddy wouldn't have come out."

Daphne answered. "Mr. Eddy is too kind."

"Calling him Mr. Eddy makes you seem like strangers. You should call him Eddy like Kirk does."

Daphne got a fright and quickly waved a hand. "How could I? It's better to call him Mr. Eddy. It makes me feel better."

Jude took out a gold necklace and handed it to Cachna Take for its frois or for mats and

special

Daphne glanced at Kin

When Kirk nodded, she smiled and said. "Thank you Uncle Jude"

The meal quickly came to an end

Kirk and Daphne saw Jude to his car. After the motorcade of nury cars dicase and from sight duke ghaghometer som

Her expression lost some deference and adopted some reverence

"Mr. Morrison, I did well, didn't

Kirk looked at her and nodded without much feeling "As long as you play the part of my wife we make worth *your* while

Daphne squeezed out a smile.

A few days ago, Charles had found her and asked her to pretend to be Kirk's Réf

She had never dreamed of landing such a sweet deal

Ever since accepting the task, she had been getting contracts left and right despite only being a onder C

Although they were all small roles, Charles had promised that she could get whatever script she wanted as long as she did a good job here.

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Daphne had been dreaming of becoming an A-lister.

After meeting Eddy and Jude tonight, Daphne could tell that her dream was about to come true.

Although she didn't know who Kirk was exactly, he was still Eddy's second uncle!

The Morrison family was infinitely influential in Easton. They had the power to make a famed director popular, much less a starlet like her.

Seeing how excited Daphne was, Kirk decided to pop her bubble. "But if anyone suspects you, your life will go to the gutter."

Daphne shivered and quickly answered, "I understand."

"Go home then."

As Kirk spoke, a luxury car stopped before them.

Daphne nodded and obediently got in the car.

When the car drove off, Charles approached Kirk. "Sir, are you happy with her?"

"She's alright, quite smart. As long as Uncle Jude doesn't suspect anything, she can get anything she wants."

"Alright, sir."

Charles looked at Kirk hesitantly.

After a moment, he said, "Sir, why don't you tell the madam who you are?"

Kirk shot Charles a look.

Charles quickly said, "I spoke out of turn."

Kirk didn't lecture him. He only looked up at the sky.

He was starting to get a taste of fear. That was why he didn't want to risk it.

At the same time, at the Collins family residence, Howard was seething.

He looked **at** the bunch of useless trash before him and started cursing. They still hadn't found Caroline.

"Get out. All of you, get the fuck out!"

His underlings exchanged glances before leaving the room.

The room fell into silence for a second. Then, rushed footsteps sounded outside. "Sir, I have good news!"

Anticipating the good news, Howard shot upright. "Have you found where Caroline lives?"

"No!" The man rushing in was the butler. He excitedly whispered in Howard's ear.

Howard couldn't believe it. "Really?"

"It's true. Mr. Morrison Senior met her at your hotel. The staff in charge said the woman is Kirk's wife. He even heard Mr. Morrison Senior calling Kirk by his first name and Mr. Eddy calling him Uncle."

Howard paced in excitement.

After a moment, he paused in his steps. "Hurry, find out everything you can about that woman. I heard that Eddy's second uncle is preparing to break into a new industry. If we play **our** cards right, this family is going to get richer."

No one ever said no to more money.

"Yes, sir." The butler went out to get to work.

Howard failed to contain his emotions as he walked around the room. The frustration of not being able to find Caroline was long forgotten.

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It was as if she had unknowingly accepted the last that she had never been to yed

Hier gaze traveled around Suddenly, she spotted Eat nearby

kay was wearing a stine cut suit the tail fours was shrouded in darkness. Even so, he cared an undeniable presence

kick was looking at her with an intense gare. He eyes were warm in the lights.

Caroline walked toward him quickly. But before she got close, she stopped ag ain.

I was so unreal that it seemed like an illusion

Kak Took a few steps forward and held Caroline's hand. 'Is the welcome party over?

Caroline ducked her head to look at the warm hand around hers. She finally d etermined that it wasn't an illusion

Kirk was actually here.

"Have you been waiting long? Caroline asked, her voice somewhat hoarse.

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Kirk pulled Caroline into his embrace. "Not very long. Are you hungry?"

'No. You?'"

"A little."

Kirk hadn't eaten much at the hotel.

"Then what would you like to eat?" Caroline allowed Kirk to hold her. She even wriggled slightly further into his embrace.

It was so warm in his arms.

“What about you?”

Caroline smiled. “I’m not hungry. How could you forget so quickly?”

“Even so, I always put your needs first.”

Kirk put his hands on Caroline’s shoulders and looked at her solemnly.

“You’re very important! For me, with you around, I can live. Without you, I can not.”

Caroline shuddered as she looked into Kirk’s eyes.

His eyes were as deep as the ocean. Caroline couldn’t find a trace of doubt in them.

“Am I really that Important?”

Kirk tightened his hold around Caroline, his body trembling.

His voice was light as he said, “Yes, very important. That’s why you can’t leave me, no matter what happens. Alright?”

Caroline’s face was buried in Kirk’s chest. She could feel his muscled body through his clothes. She could also hear his rapidly beating heart.

Caroline hugged him back with all her strength. “You too!”

After a moment, she pushed Kirk away. “Alright, what are we eating now? Don’t ask me to choose.”

Kirk smiled dotingly at her. “But you can recommend something, can’t you?”

Caroline looked around. “How about mac and cheese?”

A shop opposite them sold mac and cheese. There were a number of people inside, so the food must be good.

Kirk didn’t have any objections, so they both went inside.

The shop mostly dealt with takeaways, so there were lots of empty seats.

Caroline found a table, and they both sat down.

After they had ordered, Caroline got a call from Gwen.

*Carol, Carol, congratulations!” Gwen had only just gotten off work. She’d just checked her phone and found Caroline’s message. Gwen

had immediately called Caroline to congratulate her.

Caroline smiled. “Just got off work?”

“Yep.” Gwen huffed out a laugh.

“Oh, Carol, you managed to convince an expert to change his mind. You even got such a huge achievement. Shouldn’t you do something

to show your gratitude?”

“Why don’t I pay for our trip then?” Caroline said.

“That wouldn’t be too good, right?” Gwen politely tried to reject her.

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“Wait, no!” Gwen cried out.

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Caroline laughed. “Well have you thought of where you want to go yet?”

“There’s a new aquatic center in the city’s new development area, did you know? Why don’t we go there? We can look at hot guys, too.”

Caroline eyed Kirk, but she didn’t want to reject Gwen. “Forget it then. I don’t want to go swimming.”

“Then we can go fishing

“Let’s stay away from the water.”

When he heard the word “water,” Kirk raised his head to look at Caroline.

Coincidentally, Caroline looked over at him too. Their eyes met, and something sparked within them.

“But didn’t you always love to swim, Carol? Gwen was confused.

But since Caroline would be paying for their trip, she could only say, “Why don’t you choose then?”

Caroline was just about to answer when Kirk brushed his finger across her red lips.

Caroline flushed with shyness.

“Let’s go pick cherries then.”

Kirk smiled roguishly.

He said into Caroline’s ear, his breath warm, “Why do you have to pick cherries to eat them?”

As Caroline let out a relieved breath, Kirk’s hand landed on her waist

Caroline nudged Kirk with her shoulder. “Stop messing around.”

Jack was up front. He would be able to see what was going on just by looking up into the rearview mirror.

Kirk’s eyes landed on the rearview mirror.

In the reflection, he saw them acting like an intimate couple, tangled together.

AZ was pressed up close, and his breath brushed across Caroline’s ear, making it turn red.

In the silence of the car, it was like a punishment.

Luckily, they didn’t have far to travel and arrived home very quickly.

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The second they were inside, Kirk pressed Caroline against the door even before the lights could be turned on. Frantic kisses landed on Caroline's lips

Caroline's breaths turned ragged as she leaned weakly into Kirk's body.

in a few days. It'll be going to pick. Caroline nearly bit her own tongue. Her voice was hoarse as she said, "On a trip. Will you be coming?"

"You and Gwen?" Kirk raised a hand and lifted a lock of Caroline's hair,

"Yes"

"Alright. Shall I bring Sean?"

Caroline sat **up**. The thin sheet slid off her, revealing fair skin that glistened in the light.

Kirk's eyes gleamed.

Caroline hurriedly grabbed the sheet, but it was all too late.

Caroline was stunned for a moment. She then said, "I'm being serious."

Kirk kissed the corner of her lips. "Speak. I'm listening."

Caroline found it funny. She pushed him but didn't manage to move him. She could only lay back down. "Do you really want to bring Sean?"

Having another man's name mentioned in bed didn't feel very good.

Kirk propped himself up and looked at Caroline seriously. "Why? Don't you want him to come?"

"It's not that I don't want to." Caroline absentmindedly drew circles on Kirk's chest.

"I just think that there seems to be something going on between him and Gwen."

Every time Gwen mentioned Sean, she never lingered on him.

Kirk turned to the side, allowing Caroline to keep touching his chest. His voice was low as he said, "Hmm?"

“It’s just I just feel like there’s something up with them. Did Sean mention anything to you?”

Kirk answered, “No.”

He swallowed with difficulty.

Caroline didn’t notice his gaze turn dark. 1

She continued, “I understand Gwen, so I know she won’t answer if I ask her about it. Why don’t you ask Sean?”

A vein jumped on Kirk’s forehead. He grabbed Caroline’s wandering hand and held it above her head.

He uttered kisses on Caroline’s neck, seemingly in punishment.

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Caroline couldn’t help but laugh.

Kirk bit her neck again. “Focus.”

In the blink of an eye, it was the weekend.

The orchard for cherry picking was on the outskirts of Osbury. Hence, the drive was about one to two hours, Kirk was the one who chose this location.

Caroline and Gwen had decided to drive there themselves.

Early in the morning, Caroline drove over to Gwen’s building. Before she got close, she saw another car parked there.

Caroline pressed the car horn, but the car didn’t leave.

She could only get out of the car.

The door of the other car also opened. Sean got out.

Caroline was taken aback. “Why are you here so early?”

Sean didn’t look too good. He had dark circles under his eyes.

“I woke up early, so I came here.”

“I think Gwen will be downstairs soon.”

Just then, Caroline heard Gwen’s voice. “Carol, I’m here ...”

Caroline looked in the direction of the voice, only to find Gwen frozen in place.

Gwen was smiling joyfully when her eyes landed on Sean. She looked at him awkwardly.

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Gwen wanted to flee, but she knew that she’d give herself away by doing so. With a reluctant heart, she walked behind *Caroline*. Lower her voice, she asked, “Why is he here?”

A soft smile hung on Caroline’s face. She pursed her lips and said, “He’s kind of pitiful since he doesn’t have many friends *here in* the country.

Caroline turned and looked right into Gwen’s eyes. “Gwen, are you hiding something from me?”

Gwen instantly looked away. “N–no.”

“Really? Why do I feel like there’s something off with you two?”

“That’s not true!” Gwen denied it adamantly. From the corner of her eye, she noticed Sean coming their way, and she straightened her back.

He leaned over and grabbed the handle of her luggage. “Give it to me.”

“No need-

“Gwen took a huge step backward, as if he were an electric cable that would electrocute **her**.

Then, she realized that she had overreacted. Hastily, she added, “I can do it on my own.”

Seeing how awkward

Gwen was made Caroline giggle. She told Gwen, "You take Sean's car. I'm going back to Kirks."

Caroline **got into** Kirk's car, leaving a dumbstruck Gwen standing with Sean downstairs.

Yet Sean looked as though nothing strange had happened. He simply helped Gwen with her luggage and said. 'Get in.'

Gwen's legs felt as heavy as lead. She hesitated, not knowing whether to move or stay rooted at the spot.

Sean watched her in amusement. His prominent facial features looked even more dashing when he smiled.

The lethargy on his face had now vanished without a trace. "What is it?"

"We—a panicked Gwen started to say something.

However, Sean interrupted her. "Didn't you say that we should act as if nothing ever happened? Since nothing happened before this, we're still friends, right? Are you so rigid around your friends? He questioned.

Gwen's eyes turned as wide as saucers.

"Can we really pretend that it never happened?"

"Unless you don't want to."

Gwen nodded without a second thought. "Of course, I want to."

Sean felt rather ticked off at how swiftly she had responded to that.

Still, he nodded and said, "Get in the car then."

After that, Gwen finally let down her guard and got into Sean's car.

All this time, Caroline had been watching their interaction from Kirk's car. Seeing that Gwen had finally relented, she turned to smile at

"Let's go."

Kirk subconsciously reached out to hold her hand and bring it up to his mouth for a kiss. "I take it you're happy now"

"Yep." Caroline hummed.

Kirk glanced sideways to look at her with tenderness in his eyes.

The journey to the cherry farm was a silent yet short one.

It wasn't peak season yet, so there weren't many tourists around. Most of the people who came were parents who brought the sats here

for social work.

There were a few couples here and there, and the majority of the people were from a group tour

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notice them.

Caroline asked the staff for some baskets and scissors. Then, the four of them headed to a more secluded area.

Gwen didn't want to stay with Sean, so she said, "Carol, let's go there."

Caroline was about to go the other way with Gwen when Kirk grabbed her wrist and said, "My wife's here to spend time with me, Let Sean go with you."

Sulking, Gwen muttered. "You're so selfish."

Her eyes fell on Sean, and she paused for a moment before saying, "Sorry to trouble you then, Dr. Yates."

"Let's go." Sean stood up.

After the two of them left, Caroline didn't bother to suppress her laughter anymore. "Isn't it too obvious that you're being a matchmaker for them?"

Furrowing his brows, Kirk brushed away the strands of hair that had fallen on her cheeks. "Matchmaker? What do you mean?"

Caroline was flabbergasted. It was clear as day that there was something between Gwen and Sean. How could Kirk not notice this?

“Can’t you see that there’s something between them?” Caroline was dubious.

Kirk stared at her, his face serious. “No. All my attention is on you.”

Caroline blushed at his reply. “You really are-”

“What?” He leaned in. The corners of his lips curved upward in a smirk.

There were lots of people around, so Kirk’s action made Caroline blush even more. She pressed her hands against his chest to stop him. “Stop fooling around.”

Her reaction

made Kirk smile. He stopped his teasing, took up a pair of scissors, and started plucking some cherries. “Do you like cherry juice, darling?”

“It’s fine, I guess,” said Caroline.

“Let’s pluck more cherries today, then. I’ll make you some cherry juice when we go back.” A smirk appeared on his face when he said that. The intention behind the smile was unclear.

Caroline didn’t understand why he’d bring up this topic all of a sudden, but she had an ominous feeling about it.

After the four of them each had a basket full of cherries, they gathered and went to a restaurant for lunch nearby.

They weren’t in a rush to go back to the city after finishing their meal, though. Instead, they went to get some rest at the hostel that Caroline had booked beforehand.

Later in the afternoon, they planned to head to the sunflower garden.

The hostel’s owner was an amiable woman in her 40s. “Don’t be shy about telling me what you need,” she told them.

She

handed over the keys to their rooms to Caroline. She couldn’t help but eye them up and down.

Caroline was about to thank her and leave when Kirk suddenly spoke, "Do you have a Juicer or a blender here?"

"Do you want to blend cherries?" the woman asked.

Kirk nodded.

"Yes, we have them here. I'll get one for you. She **went** to the kitchen to get a juicer for him.

Standing beside Caroline, Gwen painstakingly tried her best to keep a distance between Sean and herself.

Hearing that Kirk requested a juicer from the hostel owner, she said, "Can you blend some for me too?"

Kirk glanced at her with an indifferent look on his face. "Whatever I do, I only do it for my wife.

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Caroline laughed and nudged Gwen with her arm. She lowered her voice and said, "You can ask Sean for help. I think he'll be happy to help you with that."

"No, thanks," Gwen snapped, "We're just friends now."

"Oh." Caroline was quick to react. She had grasped the keyword just now. "When weren't you friends then?"

This made Gwen's face flush with blood. "We've always been friends," she stuttered.

Caroline glanced sideways at her but was careful not to point things out.

Just then, a young woman appeared from the kitchen with a juicer. She appeared to be 17 or 18 years old. She was probably the hostel owner's daughter.

Her eyes gleamed when she saw the two dashing men before her.

"Good day," she greeted them. "Who asked for the juicer?"

"Me." Kirk strode forth to take the juicer from her.

Then, the young girl clasped her hands together and asked, "Can I add you on WhatsApp?" Her eyes shone brightly when she looked at him.

Kirk didn't hesitate to refuse her request. "I have a wife."

Disappointment flashed through the young woman's eyes. A moment later, she glanced at Sean and asked him the same question.

In the past, lots of women had asked Sean for his number, and he'd usually smile and refuse them.

Today, however, he smiled and agreed to it when he noticed how Gwen remained unaffected by it all. "Sure," he said.

The young woman beamed. "For real?"

"Certainly." Sean took out his phone and added her number.

Seeing this, a strange feeling started to surface deep in Gwen's heart. She pursed her lips as she tried to suppress whatever she was feeling.

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Caroline saw it all and glanced at Kirk with mixed feelings. "We should head upstairs." Not only was her sentence directed at Kirk, but it also served as a signal to Sean.

"Mhmm." Kirk hummed as he took the juicer with him. "Let's go."

Gwen rushed forth to walk in front of the line, followed by Caroline and Kirk. Sean was the last to follow. When they entered the elevator, he was still busy with his phone.

He kept receiving notifications on his phone, and it annoyed Gwen.

"Girls these days surely are proactive." Only after she spoke did she realize that her voice had been dripping with sarcasm.

Embarrassed, she wished she could find a hole in the ground and bury herself in it.

However, Caroline held her hand gently in hers and said, "That's right. The manner of education they receive is much different than it was

in our times. It's only natural that we're different."

Gwen glanced at Caroline gratefully. Nobody spoke a word afterward. Their rooms were on the third floor, so they didn't need to wait long to go their separate ways.

Once Caroline entered the room, Kirk grabbed her wrist. Pushing her against the door, he started kissing her. His kisses this time had the gentleness and patience that he usually lacked.

Five minutes later, he let go of Caroline and leaned in to rest his forehead against hers.

His piercing eyes stared right into hers, which were now clouded with passion and desire. Smirking, he asked, "Do you want to do it?"

Blushing, Caroline shook her head in denial, even though the look in her eyes said otherwise. Kirk slid one hand behind her back to stroke her spine. "Lying isn't a becoming quality."

Just when Caroline thought he'd take things further, Kirk withdrew his hand and bent over slightly to look at her. "This is just the appetizer. I'll make some cherry juice for you," he said.

Then, he picked up the baskets of cherries and turned on the tap. Caroline watched Kirk busy himself with the fruits while looking at ease.

She then pouted her lips and told him, "I'll go and find Gwen for now."

She left their room and went to knock on the door next to theirs.

Gwen had been sitting on the bed in a daze since she had entered the room. Her mind kept replaying the scenes downstairs.

The image of the bold and lively young woman and the genius doctor occupied her thoughts. They were a match made in heaven.

“Gwen?” Caroline started to worry. Even after so long, Gwen hadn’t opened the door.

Only then did Gwen snap back to reality. Hastily, she got up and walked over to the door. “I’m coming.” She opened the door and asked, “

What’s wrong?

Caroline entered the room and sat at the edge of the bed. She pulled Gwen to sit down beside her.

“I’m the one who’s supposed to ask you that question. What exactly happened between you and Sean?”

Gwen pursed her lips for a moment before feigning to be calm and relaxed.

“Nothing. It’s just that we made a blunder, you know. Today, we both agreed to let things pass,” she explained.

It was just because we were drunk. We’re still friends anyway. It’s just that simple.”

The more she tried to hide what she truly felt, the more Caroline sympathized with her.

“Owen, do you like Sean? Caroline finally asked.

Gwen wasted no time denying it. “How’s that even possible? I love everyone and everything.”

But just now” Caroline didn’t finish her sentence

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sayer’s mother was a rather conservative and old-fashioned woman. Despite the fact that her husband had cheated on her multiple times,

she still refused to divorce him

Veunt now. The relationship was still stuck in the never-ending cycle of cheating, discovery, filing for divorce, denial, and back again, had allested Owen so much that she would always break up with any man she had just started a relationship with.

Owen forced a smile. You said 'maybe. I'm not that lucky, and I don't like to be tied to something. I prefer the feeling the chase gives me.'

Pasure of how to respond Caroline simply stared at Gwen, who tried her best t o put up a strong front.

Stop talking about me Gwen tried to sound cheerful "What about you and Kirk ? Have you two patched up?"

Avena Caroline hummed and said. "I plan to give it a try."

Now. Gwen looked at her with envy in her eyes. "Carol, you're so much braver than me."

Caroline smiled softly. Tm not brave. It's just that I'm more afraid of losing him than getting hurt myself." 1

Stunned, Gwen muttered 'So you've actually fallen for him?'

Looking out the window. Carotine replied. "In the past. I thought that what I ha d for Eddy was love. Only now have I realized that that wasn't love. It was nothing but an obsession"

Everyone told me that I was destined to marry him. That's why I believed that he'd be my husband in the future. That's why I believed that I loved him even f rom the first time I met him. "Caroline carried on with her explanation.

For the past eight years, I never knew fear and never even thought about wha t the future holds. I have never felt the joy of love, nor have I felt its pain it was as if I were a machine that was tuned to complete a mission. So I did what I c ould to show that I loved him day after day.

But everything changed after Kick and I got together. I started worrying that I would lose him. Any bit of sweetness was enough to make the miss it for a lon g time," she continued

Even the smallest of tights would weigh on my mind. I realize that I'm no longer the person I once was. Now, I can feel fear and panic, but I feel more alive than ever."

Then, Caroline turned to look at Gwen. "Do you know that feeling?"

Owen propped up an elbow and rested her chin on her hand. There was an indecipherable look in her eyes. "I don't understand, but Carol you looked like you were glowing just now."

Do you have a lever? Caroline asked concerned.

Coven stood up and said. "It's true. Even though I don't know the details of how you and Kirk got together, you've told me just how happy you are with him. Love you my blessings."

Caroline pulled her into an embrace Gwen. I hope that you'll be happy too."

"Ava Caven hummed but she didn't have high hopes.

Caroline and Kirk's room, Kirk listened to Sean's incessant blabbering. Kirk thought he was going insane. "Are you done?" he asked. While he blended the cherries

However, Sean totally mimicked the annoyed look on Kirk's face. He was full of enthusiasm as he asked, "Do you think my idea is good?!" noticed it! Gwen's face was hurtful when she saw me adding the young woman's WhatsApp just now."

boat then Kirk switched off the juicer and the entire room fell silent once again, "Just tell her if you like her. Why do you have to make

It's not like I don't want to. But she only wants to be friends with me, you know. But we've done it

Sean gave out the feeling of a wife who couldn't stop complaining about her husband.

Laughed, amused at this friend of his. You two haven't even begun yet, but you're already so deep in it. I wonder what will happen to

"Will your family agree if you two get together?"

Sean's expression changes instant. He spread his hands with his palms up and tied to be honest. We're not quite there yet

"You can't control something like this," Kraused.

It was Sean's turn to smile. "Now, that's new. Are you finally admitting that you're in love with Caroline?"

Kirk stopped what he was doing. "You and I are different. I can control what I feel

Sean couldn't hold back his laughter anymore. "You'll suffer from this someday, you obstinate mule,"

It made Kirk's heart skip a beat, but his expression didn't change when he said, "Nothing's blocking my path"

"Don't forget Caroline said she didn't want to marry a Morrison,"

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The gloom on Kirk's face was so apparent that Sean instantly realized his mistake

Hastily, he added, "However, sincerity rules the heart. One day, she just might be so touched and accept the ferret WAA Morrisons."

In spite of what Sean said, Kirk's expression didn't change for the better.

In the end, Sean had to flee from the room to avoid getting beaten to a pulp. 'I'm leaving' he said, darting away

When Caroline walked out of the room next door, she saw Sean in the corridor. After entering her room, she asked Kay. "Was Sean TAFE just now?"

Kirk stared at the cherry juice in the juicer and kept quiet. As she approached him, she realized just how unsettling his wife was

"What's wrong?" She asked, her tone cautious.

Kirk raised his eyes to meet hers. The piercing look in his eyes vanished like morning dew the moment he saw her. "The cherry juice is ready."

However, Caroline looked him up and down and asked, "Are you okay?"

"I'm fine," Kirk told her as he poured the cherry juice from the juicer into a glass.

Caroline finally relaxed at his words, but soon she tossed him another question. "Why did Sean come here?"

Kirk

abruptly turned to look at her. His stare made goosebumps pop up all over her body. "What's wrong with you she asked again.

"Nothing," came Kirk's reply. He passed the glass of juice to Caroline and said, "Have a taste,"

Caroline took a sip, and a thin layer of the bright red juice hung on her lips. A shadow crept across Kirk's eyes when he noticed this. He swallowed as he kept his gaze locked on her.

Then, he stood up and kissed her. It happened so quickly that Caroline didn't have time to respond. Her hands subconsciously snaked

around his neck.

After some time, Kirk let go of her. "It tastes better this way," he said, brushing a finger over her lips.

A blush crept up Caroline's cheeks, and she glowered at him.

Sliding his arms around her waist, he whispered into her ear, "Do you want more?"

"N-no," she stuttered.

A smirk appeared on his face as he rested his chin on her shoulder. "But I still want to give it another taste."

"Drink it yourself, then," said Caroline as she tried to free herself from his folded arms. However, she was no match for his strength, and she could only fall back into his arms.

"It would be too lonely for me to drink it alone," Kirk muttered, biting her earlobe gently. "Let me

"You pervert!"

The rays of the afternoon sun fell on the balcony. It was already 3 pm.

Caroline lay in the bathtub while Kirk crouched on the ground beside her. He traced a finger on her collarbone. "How was it?" he asked.

But she was too lethargic to even open her eyes now. "Not that good," she mumbled.

Her reply made Kirk laugh, and he reached up to pinch her earlobes. "Darling," he called. Caroline hummed in response.

"Darling," he repeated.

Caroline didn't reply.

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Caroline couldn't stand him anymore and closed her eyes. "What do you want now?"

Then, Kirk stared at her and said. "You've never called me honey?"

He was drenched. Water dripped from his hair and into his eyes. The fog in the bathroom made him appear very pitiful, like a pucyo in need. His hands were on her neck, as if he were giving her a massage.

Caroline's face flushed hot with blood. "Have I never? She sounded adamant.

Kirk turned around to face her. "You called me that when we were back home, but it wasn't sincere."

A shiver ran up her spine as he moved closer to her.

"Call me 'honey,'" he started to coax.

"No." Caroline tore her eyes away from him.

“Stop saying no all the time.”

He stood up and stepped into the bathtub, which gave her a fright.

“What are you doing? She exclaimed. The bathtub wasn’t big enough to fit two.

Kirk then picked her up and set her down on top of him. “I want to hear you call me “honey.”

“You scoundrel.” Caroline sat on his lap. She didn’t dare to move.

“If you don’t, we’ll just stay here until Sean and Gwen come in to find us.”

Caroline froze. He was such a bad guy.

“Why have I never realized that you’re quite a cunning person?”

Kirk chuckled and continued coaxing her gently. “Just call me once. Once is good enough.”

Caroline had no choice. In the end, she murmured, “Honey.”

However, Kirk wasn’t satisfied. He said. “Your voice was too soft.”

Annoyed, she raised her voice to repeat it, but her voice was still faint to his ears.

He rested his chin on her shoulder once more. This time, he forced his fingers through the gaps between her fingers.

In a low voice, he said, “You didn’t speak so softly just now.”

Caroline’s face flushed red. “I don’t want to call you that anymore!”

Kirk then breathed slowly into her ear and whispered. “Are you sure about that? We’ll be heading to the sunflower farm in a few more

minutes.”

Flabbergasted, Caroline clenched *her* fists and raised her voice once more. “Honey,” she croaked.

Just then, knocks sounded from the door to their hostel room. "Carol, we're heading out soon."

Caroline struggled to stand up in the bathtub, causing water to splash everywhere.

As she rose, Kirk watched with his eyes narrowed, feasting his eyes on her perfect body proportions. "So beautiful" he said.

Pissed, Caroline wrapped herself in a towel and urged, "Quick, get up."

Now that Kirk's wish had come true, he obediently stood up from the bathtub.

The gleam in his eyes vanished after Caroline disappeared behind the door.

He decided to lie to her for the rest of his life.

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Jude took a look at the person beside Simon and asked. "Have you looked to

The person took out a marriage certificate from his bag and said. "This is a schooby dille Cafe and Ms. Dawson's marriage certificate I got from the City Hall's system. Here's a picture of them too."

Jude glanced at the marriage certificate and nodded in acknowledgment. "Good. Did you discover anything else?"

The person hesitated before saying, "Yes, but it's pretty strange. Logically, Ilc, Kid and Mc Dawson should be living together since they're married. However, they're living in separate houses, he explained.

"Here are the details of their estates.

Jude took the documents from him and scanned through them. "It's not that strange, Kirk wouldn't indulge himself with her too much since he has just become the president of the biggest company in Sarcozia

"Perhaps there's nothing substantial about their marriage. It could be just a contract of sorts Jude's voice trailed off. His brows knitted together abruptly.

“Did the woman buy her house just a few days ago?”

‘Yes.’

Jude’s expression turned grim instantaneously.

A moment later, he gestured for the person to leave. After seeing the person off, an anxious Simon asked Jude, “Mr. Morrison Senior what’s wrong?”

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