

## **Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera ( Caroline Evans )**

### **Chapter 231**

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Evans Group was the only reason why Dan and Sarah had been able to live a comfortable life so far. Meanwhile, Evans Group wasn't making any profit because these two were embezzling money.

If Evans Group appointed a new CEO, they would lose their source of income. Besides that, they might even be thrown into prison if the accounts were audited.

"I'll go apologize to Caroline!" Sarah got up, feeling at a loss.

Meanwhile, in Thorne Corp's design department, Caroline was in a brilliant mood. She had leveraged her sob story and managed to sever ties with Sarah and Dan.

She called Gwen and said, "Let's go shopping tonight."

"Wow! Great minds really do think alike. I just watched the video you posted. I was going to call you, **but** you got **to** me first." If **they** had been together, Gwen would have hugged Caroline.

Caroline had truly won this battle beautifully!

"You haven't answered my question." Caroline laughed.

"Sure, sure. I'll come and see you once I get off work."

"Alright."

Half an hour after work, Caroline spotted Gwen. They got into the car, with Jack driving them.

"I've heard for a long time that you have a car driving you around. Now I finally get to experience it. Your company really treats you very

well."

Caroline glanced at Jack expressionlessly before saying, "I heard there's a new mall over on Newman Street. Let's go and have a look."

"Alright." Gwen smiled at Caroline.

Caroline couldn't help but chuckle at Gwen's glance. "Why are you looking at me like that?"

"Carol, I just think you're super amazing. Especially that video of yours. **You** cut off your relationship so smoothly. It was unbelievable!"

Caroline replied, "You've complimented me twice already."

"A hundred times wouldn't be enough. Luckily, I didn't show up out of nowhere. Otherwise, I might have ruined your perfect plans. I would never be able to make it up to you if I had!"

"It wouldn't have been that bad."

"Oh, speaking of that. How did you get Star King to show up? I heard it was Brittany Emerson too. Is that true?"

Caroline nodded, and Gwen started shrieking.

\*Fuck! It's actually true! Carol your connections are unreal.\*

Caroline was a little miffed. "Could you calm down a little?"

"How am I supposed to calm down? We're talking about Brittany Emerson!" Gwen shook Caroline by the shoulder.

"I admire her so much. She's my idol!"

Caroline corrected her helplessly, "I didn't get Brittany. It was Kirk."

"Kirk?" Gwen blinked.

"That's impossible, right? It's more likely that she came because of your relationship with the Morrisons."

"It's true. Kirk sold her some information."

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**Right** then, a crash sounded from before them. Caroline and Gwen turned to look and found that the car had crashed into a flowerbed by the road.

Jack started to sweat. "I'm sorry. Ms. Evans. I was distracted."

After saying that, Jack quickly got out of the car to check on the situation.

Caroline frowned as she looked at Jack's back.

Jack was always very careful when he drove. Nothing like this had ever happened before.

Caroline wondered what happened and realized they had been talking about Kirk.

Why would Jack be distracted by the mention of Kirk? Caroline couldn't wrap her head around it.

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Soon after, the car took off on the road again. After a short span of silence, Gwen remembered the topic they hadn't finished discussing.

She was about to continue when she pointed outside the car in sudden excitement.

"Carol, look at that Faromish restaurant there, quick! That's the place Kirk and I planned for your surprise proposal."

Caroline noticed that Jack's eyebrow twitched when Gwen mentioned Kirk again. But she was too hung up on the proposal and didn't ask about it.

"Where?"

“Right there.” Gwen pointed toward the front. “Do you want to go and have a look? But I suppose the decorations must have all been taken down.”

Caroline replied, “That’s alright. I can imagine it.”

“Then let’s go have a look.”

“Okay.”

Caroline asked Jack to park by the Faromish restaurant. When they got out of the car, Caroline and Gwen realized that the restaurant wasn’t open.

Gwen commented, “What a shame.”

Caroline chuckled and walked to the door. The door was made of glass, so she could see inside.

When she got closer, Caroline saw the decorations inside. She froze in place.

Bright-colored balloons floated in midair. The roses had wilted but still retained a unique, quiet beauty.

The cake on the pushcart was missing the most crucial element in the middle—the ring. But this didn’t make Caroline feel disappointed. After all, the ring was already on her finger.

Through the window, the restaurant was like a snapshot. It was aesthetically beautiful and romantic.

“It’s so pretty.”

Gwen was taken aback. “I’m surprised they kept it this way until now. There’s not even a speck of dust in there. Don’t they need to open the restaurant and do business?”

“I’ll call and ask.” Caroline pulled her phone out and keyed in the phone number on the signage. Then, she made the call.

When Jack saw what was happening, he quickly informed Kirk.

After three attempts, someone finally answered Carol’s call.

A sweet voice came through when the call was picked up. "Hello, ma'am. May I know how we can be of service?"

"I'd just like to inquire why your restaurant hasn't removed the proposal decorations inside."

"Oh, that's a surprise one of our guests prepared especially for his wife. Our boss said that it's rare to see such a romantic couple these days. That's why he wanted to have the guest's wife see it before taking it all down."

"Your boss is really romantic too. Thank you for answering." Caroline hung up.

Then, she recounted the explanation given. After listening, Gwen also thought that the restaurant's boss was very romantic too.

Caroline took many pictures of the restaurant's Interior. As she did so, she suddenly recalled the photo album Avery had given her.

She frowned for a second before smiling. She had come up with a gift she wanted.

The set had been buzzing lately. Two days ago, a huge piece of gossip spread through the entertainment industry. Those in the field even thought that they would be seeing Eddy's second uncle hanging around Daphne every day.

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None of the stall members came over to where Daphne was. None of them even turned to look at her.

Daphne Immediately became enraged. It seemed true that the entertainment industry was very realistic.

Daphne hadn't seen Kirk since dinner that night. Many people had quietly asked her for information, but she couldn't even come up with a picture of them both together.

Thus, some started doubting whether she was really married to Eddy's second uncle and started treating her coldly.

Daphne's manager approached her and said lowly, "Don't tell me that Mr. Morrison never contacted you again afterward?"

Daphne was already in a bad mood. When she heard this, she gripped her cup and was about to throw a tantrum. Just then she heard Rushed footsteps coming from outside.

"M—Ms. Dawson. The head of the Collins family wants to see you!"

Daphne was stunned. She immediately recalled that Howard Collins had called her a few days ago. She became overjoyed. "Where is he?"

He—he's right outside! The stall member was out of breath.

Everyone watched with wide eyes. They couldn't believe what they'd just heard.

The head of the Collins family, Howard Collins, was part of **one** of the big four families in Osbury. Even if people in the entertainment industry often met important people, Howard was still in a league of his own.

When they heard that Howard had come here himself, everyone looked at Daphne in admiration.

Daphne walked breezily outside with her head held high. As expected, she found a luxury car parked at the door.

When the bodyguard saw Daphne come out, he immediately went forward to open the car door.

Howard waved at Daphne in a friendly manner from inside the car. "Mrs. Morrison, please get in the car."

By calling Daphne Mrs. Morrison, Howard seemed to be confirming Daphne's rumored position. Hearing that, many people turned pale.

At the same time, Daphne smiled brilliantly. She held the car door but didn't get in. She wanted to enjoy this special privilege to the fullest.

"Mr. Collins," she said..

Howard replied, "I mentioned a few days ago that I wanted to treat you to a meal, Mrs. Morrison. I happened to pass by, so I wanted to ask if you have some free time. If not, we can go some other **day**."

"Of course I have time." Daphne said with a smile. "After all, you're the one inviting me out, Mr. Collins."

As she spoke, she turned to look at the director. "Sir, can I go?"

The director didn't dare say anything **against** it. He hurriedly nodded.

Pleased, Daphne got into the car.

Long after the car had driven off, everyone finally came back to their senses. Their expressions had changed drastically.

"S— she can't really be the wife of Eddy's second uncle, can she?" Once these words were said, everyone exploded into a commotion.

"She has to be! Even Mr. Collins **personally** came to pick her up. And he called her Mrs. Morrison too! We're done for. Will she keep a

grudge?"

“Who even knows? You better be careful the next time you see her!”

Everyone on set felt like they were in danger. They looked lost and panicked.

In contrast, Daphne was in a splendid mood in the **car**. She said, “Thank you for coming to pick me up personally, Mr. Collins. You’re too kind.”

“It’s only polite.” Howard paused and looked at Daphne with interest.

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right to the point. “I was only hoping you could introduce us. Maybe even arrange for us to have a meal together.”

Howard had heard that this second uncle of Eddy’s was going into yet another new field. Thus, Howard felt pressed to meet him. Daphne’s heart plummeted at Howard’s words.

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At the villa, Kirk had already heard from Jack that Caroline had seen the proposal surprise at the restaurant.

“You’re home?” He stepped forward to hug Caroline.

“Are you hungry?”

Caroline smiled. “I’m not hungry. Guess what I saw today?”

Kirk played along and thought about it for a moment. “Hmm can’t guess.”

Caroline

look out her phone and held it out to Kirk. “I saw the restaurant you decorated for the proposal! It’s so beautiful!”

Kirk smiled as well. He kissed Caroline’s eyelids. “Did you like it?”



“I did. But,” Caroline seemed regretful as she spoke, “I would have liked it even more if those roses were still in bloom.”

“If you’d like that, then I could Kirk paused. “Discuss with the boss about switching out the roses.”

“There’s no **need**.” Caroline allowed Kirk to hold her as they sat on the couch. She reached out to circle her arms around Kirk’s neck.

She said seriously, “You said something to me this morning before going out. You said you’d give me a gift. Did you mean that?”

Kirk caressed Caroline’s hair. “Of course. I always mean what I say to you.”

Caroline looked **deeply** into Kirk’s eyes. “Then Let’s go get some wedding pictures taken!”

After saying that, her face visibly reddened. Even so, she didn’t turn her gaze away and continued to look unblinkingly at Kirk.

Kirk was frozen for a moment.

Caroline pulled the corner of Kirk’s shirt anxiously. “If you don’t want to

“Darling.”

Kirk’s smile spread wider. He brushed his nose across Caroline’s as his hand reached under her top to caress her back. “I want nothing more.”

As he spoke, the tip of his nose traveled across Caroline’s face to her reddened ear. “Babe, what should I do? I want you now.”

Caroline pressed her hand on Kirk’s chest, her face burning. “Be serious! I’m discussing something serious with you!”

“The discussion has already been settled.”

Kirk picked Caroline up and moved toward the second floor. “Now it’s time to discuss the next item on the agenda!”

Caroline **was** speechless.

After 8 pm, Caroline went downstairs, starving. When she passed the kitchen, she heard a siren blaring outside.

Opening the door, she saw a police car rush past. It seemed to be driving toward Zone 2.

Sarah and Dan lived in Zone 2.

“Watching the show?” Kirk asked lazily from upstairs, his voice seductive.

Caroline looked up to see Kirk’s abs, and her face flushed.

Knowing how insatiable Kirk was, Caroline got worried that he would want to keep the ball rolling. She quickly nodded and said, “Yes.”

“Come to the third floor?”

“I’m hungry.”

“How about I cook for **you**, and you can take a look on your own?”

“Sure,” Caroline said before heading to the third floor. As expected, she saw the police parked at the door of the Evans’ residence. The police said something to them and left.

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Although everything seemed calm over at the Evans’ residence, there was a storm brewing.

Dan was so enraged that he swept his hand across the table, throwing a cup to the ground. It smashed into pieces.

“Look what’s happening now! They can’t even find her. It looks like we’ll be stuck on this sinking ship together!”

Sarah **was** trembling, but she still managed to defend herself.

She said, “How was I supposed to know that the police wouldn’t help us even after we showed them Caroline’s identification documents?”

“I warned you long before. Don’t listen to that...”

\*Uncle Dan!”

Layla walked in, pushing open the door that had been ajar.

When Dan saw Layla, his expression immediately turned icy. “What do you think you’re doing, still coming here?” he asked.

The smile on Layla’s face didn’t falter the slightest bit. “I already know about what happened with the company. I’m here to help you.”

Sarah’s eyes shone at that.

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In contrast. Dan gave a loud, cold huff. Help us? Don’t you think you’ve thrown us in enough hot water!”

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Layla replied.

“Uncle Dan. Aunt Sarah, I know what you’re worried about. You’ve taken a couple years. So you’re worried that the new CEO

will take over the Evans Group. Once the board members find out about this, they won’t let you off

Sarah’s and Dan’s expressions shifted.

“You”

Layla only smiled lightly. “Don’t worry, I won’t tell people about this, I’m on your side.”

“What’s the point of having you on our side?” Dan scoffed.

“Of course there’s a point. Because I’ll definitely be the next CEO.”

Sarah and Dan exchanged glances with each other.

“Uncle Dan, Aunt Sarah, if someone else ends up in that position, they will definitely expose what you have been doing. But I won’t. Because I need your help.”

“Our help?”

“That’s right! You know my situation with Eddy the best. Although Eddy wants to marry me, Mr. Morrison Senior is still around. Thus, we have to be quiet about it. If I told the other shareholders about it, they would never trust me. But you’re different. T

“Your positions and viewpoints are different. They would definitely trust you. When the time comes, I can use this to get the CEO position with ease. Then, you won’t have to be afraid of getting investigated!”

Sarah and Dan looked toward Layla as if she were their savior.

Layla smiled. “That’s why you have to help me!”

Sarah and Dan thought about it for a second before nodding in agreement. This was the best choice for them right now.

Seeing this, Layla’s smile widened further.

On the other hand, Caroline was walking downstairs. When she got to the first floor, she smelled the fragrance of food.

“You’re done cooking?”

“Yes.” Kirk placed the dishes on the table. “Come eat.”

When Caroline saw the decadent dishes on the table, she praised him without holding back. “Your cooking skills are getting better.”

Kirk went over to hold Caroline in an embrace. He picked up a fork and started feeding her. “What about my other skills?”

Caroline ignored him.

Kirk put his chin on her shoulder and chuckled lowly. “I was talking about my driving skills. What were you thinking? Your face is red.”

Caroline shot him a look. "I'm hot!"

As she spoke, her stomach made a noise in protest.

Seeing that Caroline was really hungry, Kirk stopped teasing her. He fed Caroline like he was feeding a child.

Caroline was overjoyed.

Right then, her phone rang. Caroline glanced at it and said, "It's Grandpa."

Kirk frowned. "Don't answer it just yet. Call back after you finish eating."

"No way. What if it's an emergency?" As Caroline said this, she moved out of Kirk's hold. She stepped on the soft carpet and headed to the

living room.

Smiling softly, Kirk watched Caroline leave.

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There was an immediate response. "Ah, Carrie, I heard about what happened online. How are you? Are you alright

Caroline replied. "I'm fine. Thank you for the concern, Grandpa"

"Your parents have gone too far. How could they slander you online? I know **you** and how strong-willed you are. But no matter what yourie their daughter. How about this? I'll take you to soak in some hot springs tomorrow night. You can relax. How about that?"

Caroline glanced at Kirk before saying, "Sure."

They chatted for a bit more before Caroline hung up.

Before Kirk could say anything, she said, "Grandpa wants to take me to some hot sprints."

Kirk grinned, but the smile didn't reach his eyes. "Alright."

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Caroline could distinctly feel Kirk's displeasure. She guessed that he really disliked the fact that she still had ties with Eddy.

Thus, she explained patiently, "Grandpa has always been good to me. I can't reject his Invitation."

Kirk smiled as he brushed Caroline's hair aside. "I'm not mad. It's just that Mr. Morrison Senior still cares so much about you, even though we're already married. Don't you find it strange?"

Caroline was silent for a moment before sighing.

"Actually, I've always wondered about it. Grandpa treats me with the kind of unconditional love that goes beyond being related by blood. Maybe I look like some relative of his who died young. Do you think it's possible he's so nice to me because of that?"

Perhaps Jude's love for Caroline stemmed from that?

Kirk smiled slightly. He had no desire to look into Jude and the rest of the older generation's affairs. But if Jude stepped too far...

"Maybe. You could ask him about it tomorrow night."

"Okay." Caroline nodded.

She suddenly remembered what had happened with Jack earlier. But after some consideration, she didn't mention it to Kirk.

Kirk was typically quite busy. Besides, he might not be able to help her with Jack. It might be better if she investigated it herself and checked out what was going on.

After work the next day, Caroline rushed over to the hot springs place Jude had mentioned.

Simon led Caroline to a private room. "Mr. Morrison Senior is waiting for you inside."

Caroline nodded before pushing the door open and heading inside.

As expected, Jude was in the room. However, he wasn't alone. Eddy was also there.

At the sight of Eddy, Caroline's expression became tense.

Although Eddy had been prepared for it, he still didn't feel great about it.

Jude noticed their expressions, but he ignored them. He smiled and said, "Carrie, you're here. Come, sit for a while, and drink something. We'll go have a soak in a moment."

"Alright." Caroline sat opposite Eddy.

Jude patted Caroline's hand and said comfortingly, "Carrie, don't take what your parents said to heart. They're the ones in the wrong on this. After a few days, I'll personally call them over, and we can talk things out."

Caroline looked at Jude gratefully. "Thank you, Grandpa."

Jude talked more with Caroline. Seeing that she was in a stable mood and unbothered, he asked, "Carrie, have you heard of any rumors regarding Eddy's second uncle?"

"Do you mean the news about him and the starlet Daphne Dawson?"

"Yes." Jude's eyes never left Caroline.

"What do you think about it?"

Caroline said, "There are lots of rumors circling in the entertainment industry. It's very hard to verify any of them."

"What if I told you it was true?"

Caroline was stunned for a moment, but she wasn't sad or angry. She only felt a bit regretful. "So it's like that. Then please congratulate

him for me, Grandpa."

Jude was still eyeing Caroline. “Carrie, why does it sound like you’re not being sincere?”

Caroline felt a little embarrassed that Jude had seen through her. “I really can’t keep any secrets from you, Grandpa.”

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him?”

Caroline replied, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It has nothing to do with me, and I **can’t** judge.”

Hearing Caroline’s response, Jude became completely relieved. If Caroline and Kirk had really been married, she wouldn’t have been able to react so calmly.

Jude gave Eddy a look.

Eddy also shared Caroline’s opinion that Daphne wasn’t a good match for Kirk. Thus, he found himself liking this ex-fiancée of his.

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Jude looked over at him, Eddy no longer expressed rejection. He nodded lightly.

Seeing this, Jude was relieved. He looked over at Simon.

When Simon received the signal, he bent over and said a few words into Jude’s ear.

Jude laughed and said, “Carrie, the owner of this place is my good friend. He’s asking me to take a look around. You and Eddy can wait for

me here.”

Caroline could tell that Jude was giving her and Eddy a chance to be alone together. Before, Caroline would have been grateful for it. But now, there was really no need for it.



Some things couldn't be forced. Plus, she already had a good man of her own

Jude didn't wait for Caroline's response. With Simon's help, he swiftly walked out. Once he left, only Caroline and Eddy were left in the

private room.

Caroline

didn't want to talk to Eddy. She got up and stomped her feet. After a pause, she opened the door and got out.

Outside the private room, the landscaping was very peaceful, with flowing water and thick stands of trees.

As Caroline admired the scenery, she heard Eddy's voice coming from behind her. "You did quite well this time."

Caroline

was stunned. She turned to look at Eddy, in disbelief that he'd said such a thing.

"Why are you looking at me like that? I've always been fair when it comes to such matters. If you did well you did well. If not, then I would have said so." Eddy looked at Caroline. The cold look in his eyes held a trace of regret.

How great it would have been if Caroline had been like this in the past.

The corners of Caroline's mouth pulled up. "Thanks."

Eddy took a few

steps forward. "If you could have been this discerning in the past, we would never have gotten into such a mess. Actually, I would have accepted you if you were just a little nicer to Layla."

Caroline looked askance at Eddy, as if he were some mystical beast. "You cheated, but you wanted me to treat her well? What do you

mean by that?"

Eddy's face turned red for a moment. He huffed and said, "I was only with Layla because you forced me into it."

The slight change in Caroline's opinion of Eddy disappeared. She looked at him coldly.

'I forced you? Did I make you take care of her? Or did I force *you* to get together with her? I cared for you for eight years, but I still don't :now when you two got together.

Next time, try to use your brain before you try to blame others for your own problems."

With that, Caroline walked down the corridor to look for Jude.

he seriously doubted if she would be able to survive staying with Eddy.

As Caroline turned a corner, she bumped into a man.

The man caught Caroline by the shoulder in a gentlemanly manner. His voice held a happy surprise as he said, "Caroline?"

Caroline looked up. When she saw the person before her, she was frozen.

The man smiled. "You know who I **am**, right?"

Caroline cried out, "Adrian!"

Adrian's handsome features were arranged into a smile. The nervousness in his eyes disappeared. "What are you doing here?"

He came for a soak with some friends. What about

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Frowning, Caroline turned around to find that Eddy had followed her.

Adrian also spotted Eddy. Faced with Osbury's most respected scion, he nodded indifferently. "Eddy,"

"When did you get here?" Eddy asked as he reached out for Caroline.

He wanted to show that Caroline was his, but Caroline shook him off. She even moved to stand behind Adrian, obviously unwilling to stand with Eddy.

Eddy was sure that she was doing this to make him mad. His gaze darkened as he looked at her in warning.

Adrian must have noticed it, or perhaps he was only behaving absentmindedly, but he moved slightly to block Caroline behind himself.

Even so, the brilliant smile on his face remained flawless. "I just got here. We should meet up sometime."

"Sure." Eddy clenched his fists.

To Caroline behind Adrian, he said, "Come here."

Caroline didn't want to use Adrian as a shield. Thus, she walked out from behind Adrian.

"Eddy, you seem to have forgotten once again that our engagement was called off a long time ago." She remained by Adrian's side.

unmoving.

Eddy's expression turned stormy immediately. He looked at Adrian and said, "Sorry, we got into a bit of a fight. I'll contact you another day."

In other words, Adrian could leave now.

Yet Adrian didn't move. He once again moved in front of Caroline. It was a conspicuous motion, so it was obvious that he had done it intentionally.

Eddy's expression turned even darker when he saw that. "What do you mean by this, Adrian?"

"I don't think you two got into a fight." Adrian chuckled sunnily.

“I heard that Caroline’s married, but not to you.”

Eddy’s heart squeezed. He gritted out, “This is between us.”

Adrian countered, “But Caroline obviously doesn’t want to go with you.”

A vein pulsed at Eddy’s temple. “Adrian, don’t think I won’t dare to beat you up because our families have a good relationship.”

Adrian remained composed, but he became more amused.

“Eddy, there’s no need to be so short–tempered. Let’s talk things out. We live in a lawful society, and there’s surveillance everywhere. If Caroline doesn’t want to go with you, you wouldn’t want it recorded if things get ugly, would you?”

Eddy’s expression became dazed. There wasn’t much of a threat in Adrian’s words, but Eddy was worried that Jude would see him and

Caroline fighting.

Everyone knew how much Jude doted on Caroline. If he saw the surveillance footage, Jude would realize that Caroline had no intention of

being with Eddy.

Eddy was afraid that Jude would stop helping **him** get together with Caroline.

“Caroline...” Eddy took a deep breath.

“I know you’re in a bad mood tonight. Let’s talk once you’ve calmed down.” After saying that, Eddy turned to leave.

Once Eddy was gone, Caroline said to Adrian in gratitude, “Thank you.”

After all, there was no reason for Adrian to get into any conflict with Eddy.

Adrian laughed. “There’s no need to be so polite. We grew up together, so you’re like an older sister to me,”

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place since he was a good head taller than her.

Right then, Caroline's phone buzzed in her pocket. She took it out and looked at the screen. The private investigator was calling her.

"I'm going to take this call," Caroline said.

Adrian had also seen the words "Private Investigator." **Thus**, he nodded and moved away.

Caroline smiled at Adrian's considerate and gentlemanly behavior. Then, she answered the phone.

The call was from a private investigation agency that Caroline had found in an online ad. The caller immediately boasted about their skills, describing how amazing they were and how they could even get information from abroad.

Caroline could tell from this that the agency couldn't be trusted. She hung up impatiently.

Adrian came forward. He looked hesitant **but** brought it up anyway. "Do you need help?"

Caroline looked up at **him**. "No. I'm just investigating **someone**. Maybe I should just find another agency."

There are a lot of shady types when it comes to private Investigators. It can be quite difficult to find someone you can trust. But if you can trust me, I can help you out."

Adrian's tone wasn't overly enthusiastic, Caroline felt like she could rely on him.

Caroline was silent for a moment before **saying**, "Would it be too much trouble?"

"It's just making a phone call. Besides, I'm helping my friend get business. How much trouble is that?"

At this, Caroline laughed and **said**, "Then I'll have to trouble you with it."

Adrian smoothly took his phone out and exchanged **numbers** with Caroline. "I'll let you know when I get the information."

"Thank you very much, Adrian. I'll buy you a meal when you're free one day."

Adrian wanted to say that he was free now, **but** he thought it was too soon. He replied, "Alright."

Meanwhile, Eddy had returned to the private room.

He couldn't hold back his temper and swept a hand across everything on the table, making it fall to the ground.

Caroline had made a fool of him in front of yet another man! She was really getting more and more out of hand!

Eddy's temper wouldn't subside. He didn't know who to talk to about this. After going through all of his contacts, he found he could only

vent about it to Kirk.

He texted, "Uncle Kirk, isn't she being too much? She would rather go with a friend she hasn't even seen in years, but not me. I must have been treating her too well lately. That's why she's acting out. Do you **think** I should keep ignoring her?"

Kirk quickly sent a reply. "Who did she go with?"

Eddy suddenly couldn't speak. Wasn't Kirk focusing on the wrong thing?

Eddy replied, "Adrian Sorkin, the second son of the main branch of the Sorkin family. I don't think you know him."

Kirk grinned as he typed on his keyboard. Soon, the webpage displayed Adrian's information. One of the photos was of him playing basketball as a youth at university. Youthful and sunny, his smile cut like a knife into Kirk's eyes.

Kirk frowned. He took his phone and sent Caroline a voice message. "Darling, I think I have a fever."

Caroline felt her phone buzz in her bag as she chatted with Adrian. She pulled it out and found a voice message from Kirk.

He probably **wanted** her to go home early or something. Without giving it much thought, she clicked on the message.

Kirk's low and husky voice resounded in the corridor. In response, Caroline's face heated.

Adrian's amusement didn't falter. But the air around him seemed to chill slightly. "Is it your husband?"

Caroline nodded shyly, "Yes. I think he's sick, so I have to go home now. Let's chat some other time."

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Caroline bought some cold and fever medicine before rushing home. When she got there, she immediately went upstairs to look for Kirk.

"Have you checked your temperature?" Caroline asked.

Her tense expression cleared slightly when she saw Kirk looking as he usually did on the bed. She put her hand on Kirk's forehead to check the temperature.

Caroline frowned. "You don't seem to have a fever."

"Really?" Kirk smoothly pulled Caroline into **his** embrace.

"I tested my temperature three times. It was 100 degrees Fahrenheit all three times. Maybe the fever subsided because I took some medicine."

Caroline was a bit suspicious. "Then let me get the thermometer and measure it again."

"No need." Kirk buried his face in the crook of Caroline's neck.

"You're my medicine. Since you're home, I'm not sick anymore."

“It seems you really have a fever. You’re even talking nonsense.” Caroline pushed him away in a huff.

“I was in such a rush to get back that I even forgot to tell Grandpa I was leaving. I better send him a text first.”

Kirk hugged her tight, unwilling to let her go. “Send it from here. I want to hold you longer.”

His low voice was low and a bit soft, melting Caroline’s heart into a puddle. She adjusted her position so she was more comfortable and

sent Jude a message.

Kirk pressed his chin into Caroline’s shoulder, watching as her slim fingers tapped on the keyboard. Moved by desire, he bit her earlobe

lightly.

He mumbled, “What did Mr. Morrison Senior call you over for?”

“Nothing, just normal stuff,” Caroline answered, not noticing the strangeness in Kirk’s words. She rubbed her chin as she pondered something.

Then, she continued typing. “I wanted to ask him why he treats me so well, but the owner of the hot spring place called him away while we

were talking.”

Kirk’s fingers brushed Caroline’s slim waist. He smiled mischievously as he looked at Caroline’s screen. One hand was already on her

wrist. “Are you done texting?”

‘Yes.’

Before she realized what was happening, the phone was taken out of her hands. Kirk flipped them over and pressed Caroline below him.

Caroline was confused. Wasn’t Kirk sick? Why was he still so energetic?



After their bout of passion, Caroline went into the bathroom to clean up. During this time, her eyes were nearly closed. Later, when Kirk placed her on the bed. Caroline fell dead asleep without knowing what had happened.

Kirk turned on the light and looked at Caroline under the yellow glow. Her features were relaxed and defenseless. Seeing how she could fall into such a deep sleep when he was there proved how much she trusted him.

As Kirk touched her face, he smiled. He wanted Caroline to keep trusting him, even if it meant maintaining a lifelong lie.

Right then, the screen of his phone lit up on the bedside table. Kirk picked up the call from Charles.

“Sir, Howard Collins contacted Ms. Dawson today. He asked her to introduce you to him. Should I warn her about not continuing contact

with the Collins family?”

Kirk smiled even wider. “No need.”

The prey had already taken the **bait**. “Your job now is to make sure that the matter looks like it was done by her alone,”

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He replied. “Yes, sir. I find an excuse to contact Ms. Dawson these two days. This way, it will give her a chance to invite Mr. Cr

“Good Go ahead”

After hanging

went back to bed. He leaned down to kiss Caroline’s lips. Then he climbed into bed and pulled her into his embrace Just like that he fell asleep too

The next morning. Caroline woke up refreshed and went to work

from the past few days had disappeared, and

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When Caroline walked into the office, her colleagues seemed livelier than usual as they greeted her in a flurry. Nothing had changed, and yet everything had changed.

Caroline played with the pencil in her hand, still thinking about Jack. He seemed like a loyal and honest man, not some bad person. But why had he lied about the **company** hiring him?

She had wanted to ask him about it many times when she'd been in the car this morning. In the end, though, she didn't.

After keeping it a secret for so long, Jack surely wouldn't just tell her so easily. If she asked about it, he would get suspicious.

She had better wait until Adrian found her a private Investigator to check it out

Speak of the devil. As Caroline drank some water, she received a text from Adrian. It read, "Found a private investigator. Free to come out and meet tomorrow night?"

"Sure," Caroline texted back.

"Alright," came the reply.

Caroline didn't respond anymore, Instead, she turned on her computer and started to work. As for Adrian, he kept checking his phone, turning the screen on and off again and again.

Someone beside him laughed and said, "Waiting for your girlfriend's text, Mr. Chef?"

Adrian shoved the phone back into his pocket and said with a teasing smile, "You really know it all, don't you?"

"Is it really your girlfriend? Who is it? Do I know her? Is she pretty?"

Adrian slammed the door closed with a bang, cutting off the questions. He pulled out a cigarette and lit it. Smoke swirled when he breathed out. He checked his phone once again.

There was still no reply.

Caroline had gotten into a groove at work. Just then, there was a knock at the door, and it swung open.

Jules came inside, smiling brightly. "Congratulations, Ms. Evans. You're truly exceptional!"

Caroline was confused by this. "What are you talking about, Mr. Hawkins?"

"*Why* are you still pretending at this point? Cheryl, come in."

Cheryl came in bearing a trophy, smiling as brightly as Jules was.

Caroline looked at the trophy and saw the words "Rosebow."

"What's this?" she asked.

"You said you weren't joining the Rosebow Contest when I asked you last time, but the trophy's already here now. Were you planning to

surprise us all?"

Caroline accepted the trophy and repeatedly checked that the name on it was hers. Perplexed, she said. "But I didn't send in a design."

Jules grinned and said, "Don't act humble, Ms. Evans. The trophy's right here."

"That's right." Cheryl's eyes were sparkling.

How long were you planning on **keeping** us in the dark, Caroline? The Rosebow Contest is the biggest competition in the field. It's a great honor to even get shortlisted. It's amazing that you won the prize."

The door to Caroline's office was open, and many people walked past. Thus, lots of them heard the news and stopped at the door.

Did I hear it correctly? Did Ms. Evans really win a prize in the Rosebow Contest? How did she place?"

She placed first!" Cheryl exclaimed proudly.

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At this point, Cheryl abruptly thought of Vivian. She said naughtily. A real McFannerson that exercises

When she said this, a voice rose from the crowd. "That's rent she has

Everyone looked at the source of the voice. When they saw it was Van they all became excruciatingly pale

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However, to everyone's surprise, Vivian only tilted her chin up slightly the way, as it led to

The scene made many people drop the jaws in shock. They couldn't believe that Vivian would say such a thing. All how lowly Vivian thought of Caroline.

Caroline frowned slightly as she looked at Vivian, but the latter only smiled

"Indeed, I disliked you a lot back then. But since you even won the Rosebow Contest

of those in the field. I'll don't acknowledge your skill now, I'd be going against everyone

Vivian spoke sincerely, but Caroline didn't buy it. She didn't think someone

The strangest thing was that she had never even sent in a contestant to the Rosebow Contest. How could she win first place, then?

"Thank you, but

"Today is such a great day," Vivian said, interrupting Caroline

"Since Ms. Evans won the Rosebow Contest, shouldn't she buy us all a meal?"

Since Vivian had brought it up, Caroline could only go along with things, She gave up on correcting the others and agreed to treat everyone to a meal.

Once everyone left, Caroline went on her computer to check the news about the Rosebow Contest's winners. However, she only found an email online for submissions. There wasn't even a phone number she could call

Hence, she opened her inbox to send the contest organizers an email to ask what was going on. Yet, when she opened her inbox, she saw a familiar email in her recently sent email