

MY BOSSY CEO HUSBAND BY SYMON DILLER

Chapter 21

“Mr. Hughes...”

“I have work to do. Please leave.”

Brian had nothing more to say to her. He picked up the documents he had been perusing earlier and got back to work.

“All right. Don’t tire yourself out. I’ll be going now.”

Eleanor was mortified.

Brian was acting cold toward her again.

Had she come at a bad time, maybe?

Meanwhile, Rosalynn headed straight to the bathroom after leaving Brian’s office.

She stared at her blushing face in the mirror and splashed some cold water against her cheeks.

What was she getting so excited for?

He didn’t even recognize her.

To him, she was nothing more than an employee, a subordinate.

Rosalynn composed herself and went out.

She was on her way to her desk when she bumped into Eleanor in the hallway.

Eleanor fell back half a step from the impact and dropped her purse.

“What the hell are you doing?” Eleanor snapped as she looked at her things now scattered ‘on the floor.

“I’m sorry.”

Rosalynn apologized and was already bending down to pick up her stuff.

It was then that she caught sight of a familiar jade pendant. She reached for it, her eyes widening in surprise.

The jade pendant was hers!
Why was it in Eleanor's purse?
"Give that back."

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Eleanor took one look at Rosalynn's dazed expression and immediately held out her hand.
Rosalynn reacted by instinct, dodging Eleanor's hand.
"You mean this?"
"Of course. Return it to me."
"But it's mine."
Eleanor's jaw fell open.
So the jade pendant belonged to Rosalynn?
She was the woman whom Brian had spent the night with?
Eleanor's expression turned ugly. She glanced down at Rosalynn's name tag.
"So, you're an assistant designer here?"
"That's right."
Rosalynn put the pendant in her pocket and continued to collect the rest of Eleanor's things. She then gave the purse back to its owner and made to leave. ©
"Stop!" Eleanor cried out. "I'm warning you, don't get carried away. You should know what kind of man Mr. Hughes is. He changes women like he changes his clothes." ©
Rosalynn smirked to herself. Was Eleanor seriously warning her to stay away from Brian?
She guessed Eleanor was afraid that Brian would be drawn to her.
Rosalynn turned around and smiled at Eleanor. "Not everyone likes to dally with a womanizer, you know." @
Rosalynn called Brian a womanizer.
Eleanor sneered and looked at Rosalynn's thin back, her eyes narrowed in resentment. ©
She suddenly remembered where she had seen a jade pendant that looked very similar to Rosalynn's. ©
She decided to ask someone to check Rosalynn's background.
As soon as Rosalynn returned to her office cubicle, Maggie Shear, the intern, came over.
"Hey, Rosalynn. Why did Mr. Hughes ask you to go to his office alone? Did you know how jealous the others were?"
Rosalynn couldn't help but sigh in resignation. Her colleagues sure were a lot

to handle. "He just told me about the work arrangement. That's it."

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It seemed that Brian was deliberately making trouble for her.

"Well, did you see Eleanor, the famous star, when you came out of his office?" Maggie asked in a low voice, obviously insinuating something.

"Yes..."

"I heard that she was with Mr. Hughes again the night before last. I don't know what exactly is going on between them, but Eleanor seems to be special to him."

The night before last?

But she was the one with Brian that night.

Rosalynn blinked and pretended to be calm. "Well, why are you so surprised?

They have been together for a while. Don't you know that? You know what? Stop gossiping, okay? Here is a list of documents. Go to the records room and fetch something for me."

"Okay."

With a smile, Maggie stood up and left.

But just a few minutes later, she came back angrily.

"Rosalynn, I wasn't able to get the document you wanted."

"And why is that?"

Dumbfounded, Rosalynn stopped what she was doing and looked up at Maggie.

"The clerk in the records room said that if you want it, you'll have to secure Giselle's approval first. I may be a newbie, but I know that such a rule doesn't exist. It's obvious that she's just making things difficult for you," Maggie said in an irritated tone.

Looking at the director's office not far away, Rosalynn quickly understood what was going on.

Giselle admired Keegan and only had eyes for him.

When Rosalynn started working here, Giselle regarded her as a rival in love.

Now, Brian asked Rosalynn to be in charge of the project involving the Technology Center.

Therefore, Giselle must dislike her even more.

If she remembered it correctly, one of the clerks in the records room was Giselle's relative.

Pursing her red lips, Rosalynn stood up and walked to the records room. Inside the room, two clerks were just playing with their phones.

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"Hi, may I ask for some document on the decoration of high-end buildings?" Rosalynn said politely.

Mary Powell, Giselle's relative, glanced at Rosalynn and said in an arrogant tone, "I said the same thing to the intern just now.

The document is important. I can't give it to you unless you have Giselle's approval."

Rosalynn snorted. "I see. Do you not want your job here?"

Mary was stunned. "Excuse me?"

"If you don't want this job, you can always resign at any time," Rosalynn added in an indifferent tone.

"Rosalynn, aren't you just an assistant designer? You think you're entitled to show that you're much superior to me?"

Mary's sharp and loud voice instantly attracted her colleagues' attention.

Rosalynn didn't want to waste her time on this woman, so she turned to the personnel officer and said, "Please recruit a new

clerk. The records room is understaffed, and it doesn't function properly."

"What do you mean? There are three clerks in here. You're saying that they're not enough?"

The personnel officer didn't seem to figure out what Rosalynn was hinting on.

"This employee is unqualified. If she can't do her job properly, then she should be dismissed, right?"

Rosalynn glanced at Mary, making it clear that she was the one she was talking about.

"Unqualified? Why? Did she do anything wrong?"

"She didn't do anything. That's the problem. She doesn't know how to obey orders."

Mary's expression changed. "Rosalynn, you are taking this too far. You are just an assistant!

Do you think you're in the position to fire me? Who do you think you are?"

Rosalynn was about to say something when a cold male voice beat her to it.

"Since she's the in charge of this project, she has the final say. She doesn't need to seek permission from anyone if she needs a document."

Seeing that Brian suddenly stepped in, everyone fell silent.

Brian's sharp eyes swept across the crowd and eventually fell on Rosalynn's face. Then, he uttered, "Go on."

On the other hand, Rosalynn didn't appreciate his help at all. She was sure that she could handle the situation by herself. Besides, he was the reason that people were making things difficult for her. If it weren't for him, she would only be concentrating on design drawings.

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Of course, Rosalynn just grumbled in her mind. Then, she looked at Mary with her fierce eyes. "Now, can I have the document, or do you still have something else to say?"

"N-no... I don't."

Mary's face turned pale. She tried to steal a glance at Brian, but froze in fear when she realized that the latter was staring at her coldly. Panicking, she quickly handed the document to Rosalynn. Without saying anything more, Rosalynn took the document and turned around to leave. Of course, she didn't plan to get Mary fired.

But at the same time, she wanted this incident to be a warning to others. They couldn't go messing with her, because she wasn't the type who would back down.

Seeing how the scene developed, Brian raised his dashing eyebrows with a hint of interest in his eyes. He also didn't say anything as he strode away.

The others returned to their respective cubicles.

Mary patted her chest and began to rant.

"Damn it. I was scared to death! Giselle, I bet Rosalynn is seeing Mr. Hughes! Otherwise, why would he let her be in charge of such a big project? You'd better watch out. She might suddenly take your place in the near future!"

Giselle's face darkened. She was actually worried that Mary might be right. Gritting her teeth, she was convinced that Rosalynn was a sly seductress. Not only did she flirt with Keegan before, but she was also coveting her job. Not able to take it anymore, Giselle thought she had to do something to teach this woman a lesson.

Meanwhile, Rosalynn returned to her cubicle and started reading the document that she requested.

Maggie couldn't help but look at her with deep admiration. "Rosalynn, oh my God! You were awesome back there!"

Rosalynn shook her head and let out a bitter smile. It wasn't her intention to make such a scene. But of course, she wouldn't sit

idly if she was being wronged unjustly.

“Anyway, do you actually know Mr. Hughes outside of work? Why does it seem that he supports you so much?” Maggie playfully hit Rosalyn on her arm. “If I didn’t know you well, I would think that you had a special relationship with him.”

Rosalynn swallowed hard and forced a smile, feeling a little guilty.

After all, she did have a special relationship with Brian.

“Oh, shut up already. Hurry up and go back to work.”

Rosalynn flicked Maggie’s forehead lightly.

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The truth was Brian supported her so much because he knew her true identity as Rose, and he wanted to make the most out of her.

For Rosalynn, he was nothing but a sly businessman.

Later at dusk, Rosalynn met with Karina. They brought many gifts and came to an orphanage in the eastern suburbs to visit the orphans there.

Seeing the presents, the children were extremely happy, laughing and playing with the two women.

After giving the gifts to the children, Karina pulled Rosalynn aside.

“Hey, what are you thinking about? Why don’t you let Brian know that he slept with you? He has to take responsibility for his actions!”

Karina poked Rosalynn’s head in disappointment, trying to put some sense in her friend.

Rosalyn tucked her hair behind her ear. ‘I’m not going to do that. If I do that, he will only think that I’m holding it over his head to keep him.’

She and Brian had been married for two years, but he had never paid attention to her. Even though they had slept together by accident, a playboy like him would not change for her.

“You know what? Brian is a huge idiot. Why does he keep judging people by their appearance? He will regret it in the future.”

Karina snorted. “Keegan shouldn’t have sold the studio to Brian. But sometimes, I think that it’s not such a bad thing. A peerless beauty like you showing up in front of Brian every day? It’s only a matter of time before he falls in love with you. And when he finally does, you can’t accept him that easily. You have to make him wait and suffer first.”

Rosalynn’s jaw dropped. When did she say that she wanted Brian? She had no interest in superficial men like him. ©

“Anyway, it’s also your fault. If you didn’t pretend to be unattractive, Brian would have been instantly conquered by your beauty,”

Karina complained. ©

Rosalynn pursed her lips and said nothing.

She didn’t pretend to be unattractive just on a whim. She had her reasons.

“Rosalynn! Karina! Come play with us!”

At this time, some of the children spotted the two and pulled them.

The two women stopped talking, set this topic aside, and joined the group of children with big smiles.

At this moment, Brian also arrived, together with several followers. ©

Hughes Group had been dedicated to public service and had funded the orphans here.

After receiving the news that Brian was there, the director of the welfare house hurriedly came out to welcome him. ©

“Mr. Hughes, welcome! It’s nice to have you here.” The director of the welfare house greeted Brian respectfully and enthusiastically.

On the other hand, Brian just nodded slightly and walked in.

The children's laughter that came from the yard was pure and beautiful. Brian looked at them with a faint smile. But his eyes soon narrowed, surprised to see that Rosalynn was also there.

It started to get dark, and the sunset's glow dyed the sky red.

Under the beautiful sky, he saw Rosalynn's charming face. She wore a high ponytail, happily playing games with the children.

As the faint breeze blew, she seemed like an adorable fairy, who had entered the mortal world by mistake.

"Mr. Hughes? Is something wrong?"

Seeing Brian stand still for a while now, the director was confused.

Hearing the director's voice, Brian came to his senses and said, "Nothing. I just didn't expect that there would be volunteers here today."

"You mean Rosalynn and Karina? They used to live here when they were little. So, they would often come back to visit and play with the children. Those two are very kind. Many of the new facilities here are provided by them." ©

The director sighed with delight as he looked at Rosalynn and Karina.

On the other hand, Brian raised his eyebrows and was intrigued. "Those two were orphans?"

"Yes, But later on, they were both adopted by different families," the director replied.

At this time, Rosalynn and Karina finally noticed Brian talking with the director.

"Speak of the devil! Now, why don't you say hello to him? Show your charm and bewitch him!" Karina whispered in Rosalynn's ear with pure excitement. ©

Rosalynn could just scoff silently and stare at her in disbelief.

She then gestured for the kids to continue playing, and walked over toward Brian.

“Mr. Hughes, what a coincidence to see you here.”

Her cheeks were a bit rosy from playing for quite some time, and her eyes shone brightly.

She looked young and energetic.

Brian looked at her and said, “I also didn’t expect to see you here. I didn’t know that you’re fond of kids.”

“Well, you know what they say. The children are the future of the country.”

Rosalynn smiled in delight as she looked at the kids.

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Brian’s eyes narrowed a bit. He had seen too many pretentious women before, but Rosalynn was nothing like them. She was special. ©

While they were chatting, a sudden scream was heard not far away from them.

“Rosalynn, watch out!”

Hearing this, Rosalynn subconsciously looked around and saw a football flying toward her.

Startled, she wasn’t able to react at once.

But before she was hit by the ball, someone grabbed her arm and pulled her into a warm embrace.

The next moment, a faint mint-like fragrance slightly tickled her nose.

When Rosalynn slowly raised her head, her eyes met Brian’s.

With her hands flat on his chest, she could clearly feel his strong heartbeat.

“Sorry. I think I used too much strength.”

Karina quickly ran to them and apologized. But it was a bit obvious that she was holding back her laughter as the two embraced each other in front of her.

Rosalynn finally regained her senses and realized that she was still in Brian’s arms. She hurriedly pushed him away and maintained some distance.

“Thank you...”

Feeling that his arms suddenly became empty, Brian felt a little disappointed. He then glanced at Rosalynn, lowered his eyes, and straightened his clothes. ©

“Next time, be more mindful. Don’t just stand there like a fool.”

Rosalynn was rendered speechless.

She instantly regretted that she even said some words of gratitude. After Brian and his followers walked forward with the director, Rosalynn quickly pulled Karina aside, wearing a sour expression. "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Karina's apology earlier was so fake, and Rosalynn could see through her. "Huh? What are you talking about?" © "Oh, please! Don't play dumb with me!" "Ha-hal Okay, okay! Don't be mad at me. | just wanted to test him. | wanted to see if he would save you. Anyway, isn't it good that he's not a total jerk?"

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"So, what are you saying? That | should actually thank you?" "Yes. You're welcome." Rosalynn's mouth was left hanging open. If Karina wasn't a dear friend, she would have hit her already. Eventually, the two bid goodbye to the kids and left. Then, Karina took Rosalyn to a newly opened high-end restaurant with the name of Atera Restaurant. But as soon as they entered the restaurant, Rosalynn came across an acquaintance agains "Rosalynn? What a coincidence!" Maggie greeted Rosalynn with a smile, donning her waitress uniform. On the other hand, Rosalynn was surprised to see her here. "Maggie, you're doing another part-time job?" "That's right. I'm going to make more money!" "Wow. You sure are very hardworking!" Rosalyn shook her head lightly, praising Maggie in amazement. Of course, she was aware that Maggie was born in a remote village, and her family's financial situation was bad. But with her relentless efforts, she was admitted to Wragos University. At the same time, she did several part-time jobs to pay for her tuition. But she wasn't just doing many jobs for her life expenses. Her childhood sweetheart wanted to run a company, and she wanted to support him. "So, where do you want to sit? Hmm... How about the seats by the window? You'll have a good view." 'As Rosalynn and Karina nodded, Maggie led the two to their table. Rosalynn introduced Karina and Maggie to each other. "Alright, you guys wait and enjoy your meal. 'm going back to work."

With a bright smile, Maggie left and went back to the kitchen. After Rosalynn and Karina ordered their food, they chatted casually while waiting. However, Karina suddenly received a phone call in the middle of their meal. Apparently, something urgent had come up, and she had to deal with it. After apologizing to Rosalyn, she left in a hurry. Left with no choice, Rosalynn finished her dinner alone. But when she was about to pay the bill, she heard a man's loud rebuke and a woman crying from one of the private rooms.

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"Stupid woman! What the hell are you doing? Do you want to scald me to death?"
"I'm sorry! | didn't mean it!"
"Oh, really? | think you did it on purpose!"
"No, | swear I didn't! | was just startled because you touched me..."
"You'll pour hot soup on me just because of that? So what if I touch you?" hs'
Rosalynn didn't pay attention to what she heard at first. But when she noticed that the woman's voice sounded very familiar, an evident frown appeared on her face.
She was sure of it. It was Maggie's voice.
Most of the customers in this kind of upscale restaurant were rich, and some of them would become terribly unreasonable when they got drunk.
Did Maggie offend a customer?
Rosalynn stood up and quickly walked to the private room to check what was going on.
As soon as she opened the door, she saw several men sitting inside. One of the men was pulling Maggie's hair and forcefully pouring a bottle of wine into her mouth.
Maggie helplessly knelt on the floor, almost being choked to death. The rest of the men were only watching and cheering, as if it was some kind of an entertainment show.
"Let go of her, you bastard!"
Rosalynn was infuriated. She quickly stepped forward and pushed the man off Maggie.
She moved fast and pushed hard that the drunk man staggered back and almost fell.
The bottle of wine he was holding fell and spilled all over the floor.

With the help of the other people behind him, the man managed to regain his balance.

“I thought that your man is coming to help you. I didn’t expect that it would be a beautiful chick. What do you want? Are you this idiot’s friend?”

Rosalynn frowned even more as she smelled the scent of alcohol combined with the man’s breath. At the same time, he looked at her up and down with a lustful grin. He then walked over and reached out to touch her face without any hesitation.

With a cold look, Rosalynn couldn’t take it anymore. She grabbed the man’s wrist, twisted it without mercy, and kicked him away.