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Kate woke up in the morning filled with dread. 1

She hated the fact that she had to meet with Erin again today because she had to hand her the two supplementary credit cards to make up for the credit cards she had blocked.

"In the end, I'm powerless against those bastards..." Kate muttered as she stared at her bedroom ceiling. "How could someone be so vile, using her own sickly old Mom as a weapon against her sister? Where did it go wrong? Did I teach her to be so cruel?" 6

A train of regret flashed through Kate's mind, "Does Erin hate me so much for sticking to the truth that our Dad is a bastard that has no right to be protected? He's a vile man and I refuse to protect the image of a bastard like him!" 1

Kate felt emotional as she remembered all the vile deeds that her father committed behind his family's back. Who would've expected that a religious man could be so debauched and disgusting?

Kate remembered how the image of her good father shattered as she witnessed that moment when she—

Kate shook her head when that memory flashed again, "No, I don't want to remember that disgusting memory. It's not good to dwell in the past, especially since it brings me so much sadness when I'm pregnant."

Kate took a deep breath and got up from bed.

Once more, she became the professional Mrs. Katherine Woods when she entered the building and strutted her way through the corridor as she headed to her office room.

She was greeted by only a few staff, but that didn't matter. Kate didn't really care if they were scared of her or not. As long as they did their job well, there was no need for pleasantries.

Well, maybe she would give an exception for the young woman in front of her.

"Morning, Ma'am!" Mai greeted her cheerfully.

Kate smiled, "Good morning, Mai. Are you ready for your first day as a Secretary?" She asked

while walking into her office.

Mai tailed her from behind and replied, "Well, I guess. I mean, I asked the HR personnel about my tasks, since I've never been a secretary before. But it seems manageable after they told me what to do."

"Oh, really?" Kate put her bag on the table and then sat on the chair while Mai stood right across the desk. "Then why are you here, Mai? Shouldn't you be helping your boss now?"

"Eh? I thought Mr. Grant already told you about this, Ma'am," Mai was confused by Kate's question just now. "He told me that I should help you in case you need anything at work. So please, don't hesitate if you need anything, Ma'am, even something as easy as buying your lunch, I will happily do it for you." 1

Kate's lips twitched when Mai mentioned Henry again, "Henry—I mean, Mr. Grant is your boss. Don't worry, I can handle everything myself."

"Um, Ma'am, but Mr. Grant said he doesn't need much. All I have to do is to make coffee every morning for him and send him his daily schedule. He doesn't need me to handle anything

else, not even some documents he might need in a meeting," Mai said. "He told me that you're going to tell him everything anyway, because you two live together." 1

"We're not—ugh—whatever," Kate had given up trying to convince Mai about it. "Tell your boss that I don't need anyone to help me. I'm fully capable of my own."

"But Ma'am—"

"Tell him now!"

"O—Okay!"

Thus, Mai left Kate's office and entered the CEO's office. Only to return to Kate with a message, "Ma'am, Mr. Grant told me that you're pregnant. So you'll need me to take care of your daily needs while you're working." 1

"Hah, tell him that I don't need his help, and tell him to do his job, there are more urgent and important matters rather than pestering me!"

Thus, Mai went back and forth, sending messages between these two people in power until she finally got frustrated. 5

After a seventh visit to the CEO's office, Mai finally returned to Kate's office, with Henry following behind her.

Henry wasn't wearing a suit right now. Instead, he wore a tight-fitting gray shirt that hugged his body, showing the perfect abs and pecs beneath it.

He smirked amusedly in front of Kate as Kate glared at him.

They said nothing at first until Henry broke the silence, "Mai, tell our Chief Editor to stop being stubborn and cooperate with her boss. Her stubbornness won't do the company any good."

Kate rolled her eyes, "Mai, tell our CEO not to barge in without permission into my office. Also, tell him that I've been doing my job just fine without a secretary or his interference. I am professional, unlike him."

"Mai, tell our Chief Editor that she can't be professional when she's not cooperative."

"Mai, tell our CEO that I've done so much for this company even before he joined."

"Mai—"

"Mai—"

"Mai—"

"Mai—" 3

Mai got confused as both of them kept on debating non-stop while using her name. The situation frustrated her, and she snapped, "SHUT UP! YOU TWO!" 7

Henry and Kate stopped arguing. They turned their heads and looked towards Mai at the same time, waiting for her to give them a piece of her mind.

Mai knew that both of her bosses must've expected her to take one of their sides. But she was already exhausted!

"You two can have your lover quarrel without me, seriously! Why do I have to be in the middle of this fight anyway?" Mai protested. 1

"But we're not lovers," Kate denied.

"We are," Henry claimed.

"We are not."

"We should be then."

"We should not."

"AHH! LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS MESS!" Mai reached her boiling point and simply rushed out of the office room, leaving Kate and Henry staring at the wide open door where Mai had dashed out just now. 2

"Look at what you did, Henry. What if Mai resigns because she can't handle your bullshit?" Kate said. 1

"I think you're the one to blame. It's because you refuse to cooperate."

"You—"

Thus, the lover's quarrel continued for at least another hour. 6

