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Diana's lips twitched at Eleanor's words. She forced a smile and said, "Running a business isn't charity. Of course, the owners have to consider their own interests."

"How about this? If you're worried about Bailee being mistreated, why don't you have her work at my husband's company?"

"They're currently looking for sales executives. The base salary isn't high, but if she performs well, she could easily make about 5,000 dollars a month with commissions."

"What?" Eleanor's eyes widened in disbelief.

"Are you kidding me, Diana? You want Bailee to work at your small company as a sales executive? That's just going to ruin her future!" Eleanor exclaimed in protest, and even Bailee's face twisted in disgust.

"Aunt Diana, no offense, but your company is way too small. It's not even located in the central business district. There's no class at all!"

"If I work there, my peers will laugh at me. Besides, 'sales executive' might sound fancy, but it's still just a salesperson. I'm a jewelry designer and an artist. How could I stoop to such a low-level job?"

I wouldn't lower myself to take such a degrading

Bailee is meant for big things, not to be stuck in some tiny

as she listened to their harsh words. Since when did Henderson Group

families in Riverdale, it was still a leading family

If Bailee weren't her niece, with her unrealistic ambitions and lack of real skill, she wouldn't even have

goodwill was being trampled on by Eleanor and Bailee, her expression grew cold. "Eleanor, if Henderson Group isn't good enough

waiting for Diana to ask that, so she immediately revealed her

Diana's eyes widened in shock, and she drew in a sharp

founded by the famous jade expert in Riverdale, Nigel Hansen, for his grandson,

Brigham hadn't officially taken over yet, he was already handling

the three-year-old company had gained

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Diana was left speechless with frustration. "Pull some strings? What strings do you think I have?"

Eleanor rolled her eyes at Diana and said as if it were obvious, "You're always socializing with those high-society ladies, and Harold is in business. Surely, you know someone with connections to Starry Gemworks, right?"

"Just put in a good word for Bailee. It's not like it's a big deal. Why should Bailee suffer the blow of being rejected?"

Eleanor then softened her tone, playing the family card. "Diana, we've always had a good relationship as sisters. Now that you've married into wealth, you wouldn't want to forget your poor family, would you?"

Diana's face darkened as she looked at Eleanor and Bailee, who were both filled with expectation. She couldn't believe the audacity of Eleanor.

Moreover, it wasn't just a matter of whether she wanted to help. She simply didn't have the means.

The Hansen family was a top-tier family in Riverdale, but Diana's social circle was limited to the middle class, who were mostly nouveau riche with no deep connections. How could she possibly have connections to the Hansen family?

her to pull strings and get Bailee a job at Starry Gemworks was almost

Yolanda, Priscilla was already quite displeased with

predicament. She also understood that, given the current situation with the Henderson family, it was impossible

father was a supervisor in the security department at Starry Gemworks, so she decided

a friend whose father is a supervisor in the security department at Starry Gemworks. I can call and

to steal the limelight that evening. Diana's

made Yvonne acutely aware of her precarious position. She needed to act quickly

with hope.

that call, Yvonne," Diana said with a look

well-connected with wealthy families, but she hadn't expected Yvonne

had been nice to Yolanda that evening, she was still evaluating the value of

was exceptional in every way and had the potential

gained Gavin's recognition, she was unlikely to be

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After all, Starry Gemworks would eliminate 80% of its applicants during its screening process.

This meant that Bailee would bypass that competition, landing directly in the top 20% who moved on to interviews. Consequently, her chances of being accepted would significantly increase.

However, Bailee frowned in dissatisfaction. "So, I still have to compete with others in the interview?"

After a pout, she added, "Can't you ask your friend's dad to just hire me directly?"

Yvonne was at a loss for words. Her friend's father was a senior executive at Starry Gemworks, not the president.

president couldn't simply place

me you can't handle this? If your friend's dad can't manage something

intervened. "How can you say that, Bailee? Yvonne is trying to

assistance, but instead, Bailee mocked the usefulness of

I wrong, Aunt Diana? I'm just stating the facts. Even

in agreement and added, "That's right. Diana, Yvonne might mean well, but she's young and doesn't have

and I only run a 'tiny' company. How could we possibly have connections

by Eleanor's previous comment about Henderson Group being a tiny company. Now, with Bailee's

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Yolanda hadn't intended to involve herself in the affairs of the Whitmores, but Yvonne's desperate attempts to impress Diana had been somewhat amusing. To reclaim Diana's favor, Yolanda needed to continually outshine Yvonne.

Since Brigham was the general manager of Starry Gemworks, he held significant authority in the company. For Yolanda, getting Bailee a job there was as simple as making a phone call.

Anyway, it was not her concern what kind of social backlash Bailee might face once her colleagues found out she got in through connections.

Eleanor, who was initially taken aback, sneered at Yolanda's statement. "Arrange it? What does a waste like you can do? And you claim to know the general manager of Starry Gemworks? Tell me. How did you get to know him? Did you meet him while he was visiting juvenile detention?"

Her tone was dripping with sarcasm. She couldn't believe Yolanda's claim about knowing Starry Gemworks' general manager.

"Don't make trouble at a time like this, Yolanda," Diana said with a frown. She too doubted Yolanda's claim.

Given that the Henderson family had no connections with the Hansen family and Yolanda had just come out of juvenile detention a month ago, it seemed implausible for her to know such a high-ranking individual.

through today, Eleanor quickly softened her tone and said, "You know me, Diana. I'm straightforward

but we genuinely need your help. You're well-connected in the socialite circle, and

us."

how to

mixed approach of pressure and flattery, Diana felt her anger

don't want to help, but I simply can't. The

that, Aunt Diana. Can you really bear to see me struggle to find a suitable job after graduation?" Bailee chimed in, placing the blame squarely on

on her

Bailee, even if you insist, we genuinely can't help." Yvonne stepped in after realizing

ensure Bailee skips the screening process, which is a significant advantage. If she works hard, she'll surely

finish, Bailee rudely interrupted her. "That's all nonsense! What's the use

hard all his life, and we're still stuck in that shabby 800-square- foot apartment! We're nothing compared to your

unwilling to help, her patience wore thin. "You refuse to do us such a small favor. Have you really forgotten about me now that you've

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Eleanor's expression darkened further upon hearing Diana's words. "You haven't even tried, and you're already saying it's impossible. You just don't want to help!"

Diana was left in utter disbelief at Eleanor's ability to distort the truth. She never imagined that her once-obedient younger sister would become so selfish and short-sighted, driven solely by personal gain.

"Look, you now realize you're in the wrong and have nothing to say, right?" Eleanor taunted when Diana remained silent.

Her boldness grew as she continued, "If you weren't my sister, I wouldn't even be here asking for your help.

"We've already humbled ourselves to ask for your help, and yet you're still putting on airs and refusing to assist. Do you have no conscience?"

Diana's frustration was mounting to the point of causing a heart attack. "So you're saying this is my fault? You're just forcing us to do things beyond our power. No one in the Henderson family can help with this!"

"I can," Yolanda interjected.

snapped coldly. "Don't make things worse

be stubborn, Yolanda. I know you're eager to show yourself in front of Mom, but this approach will

for Yolanda vanished entirely when she compared Yolanda, who only brought trouble, to Yvonne's sensible

at crucial moments. You couldn't possibly

doubts, pulled

I was just about to call you," Brigham answered

the matter?"

my grandpa's health has fully recovered. I was mistaken before and doubted your medical

to stubbornly refuse to admit his mistakes. Since Yolanda had cured Nigel, she was a benefactor to both the Hansen family and Brigham

lunch tomorrow? There's a restaurant next to my office

tomorrow,"

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Diana couldn't help but reprimand Yolanda with some impatience. "I've told you not to lie, Yolanda. Do you think pretending to make a call will actually get Bailee a job at Starry Gemworks?"

"You're better off focusing on your studies. Just because you ranked first in your grade once doesn't mean you should get complacent. Only if you consistently place first would that be impressive."

"Enough of that act. You people either have no conscience or are trying to deceive us. We're not going to waste more time here!" With that, Eleanor stood up and grabbed Bailee, ready to leave.

Just then, Bailee's phone rang unexpectedly. Bailee checked the caller ID in shock and said to Eleanor, "Mom, this number is from Starry Gemworks..."

"Quick, answer it!" Eleanor's voice snapped Bailee out of her daze.

hurriedly answered the call.

listened, and she soon

sure it was Starry Gemworks?" Diana and Yvonne both looked at Bailee, eager to know the

He wants me to come to Starry Gemworks tomorrow to

overjoyed and quickly

of 3,500 dollars a month. After the probation

at Starry Gemworks so soon felt like a

sure it was Starry Gemworks? There are so many scammers around these days. Did they ask for

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"What's so amazing about Bailee? It's all thanks to Landy!" Diana said. "Without her help, Bailee wouldn't have gotten a call from Starry Gemworks."

Diana naturally didn't believe that Yolanda had such influence, but since the credit belonged to Yolanda, it was considered hers as well. She couldn't let this favor go to waste.

Upon hearing Diana's words, Eleanor scoffed derisively. "Yolanda? Do you even hear yourself, Diana? Don't you know how insignificant Yolanda is?"

"Bailee just said that Starry Gemworks noticed her resume and considered her outstanding. That's why they called. How does Yolanda fit into this?"

"Do you actually believe she was talking to the general manager of Starry Gemworks? Such lies might fool country bumpkins, but not me!"

Bailee also looked at Yolanda with disdain. "Yolanda can't possibly know any big shots. I received the call because I'm talented, not because of her."

Yvonne's offer, thinking she would fail the interview process. Now, she

so enraged by their words that she

mother of a renowned jewelry designer now and spoke

living well, you look down on us. I finally see that now. Coming here today

dealings with ungrateful people like

grabbed the fruit basket she had brought and stormed out. "You don't

Without waiting for Eleanor and Bailee to leave, she

polite smile and said,

ate the fruit on the table. She wasn't particularly angry at Eleanor's and Bailee's behavior. Since she had the

wanted Diana to gradually realize that Yvonne

firsthand the disdain of colleagues toward someone who got a job through connections

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At this moment, it seemed to Diana that Yolanda's top rank was likely a result of her frantic studying, driven by fear of being kicked out of the Henderson family. But soon after the entrance exam, her true colors showed again.

If someone was inherently lazy and vain, no amount of parental guidance would make a difference.

"Yolanda, if you ever lie or talk big again, don't expect any allowance from me!"

Yolanda merely glanced at Diana with a hint of indifference before walking past her and heading calmly to her room.

"Hey! What's with that attitude? I'm your mom! Can't I scold you? Stop right there!" Diana yelled at Yolanda's retreating figure.

However, Yolanda didn't miss a step. As she passed by Yvonne's room, she noticed a shadow under the door.

She didn't need to guess what was going on. Yvonne was likely eavesdropping and enjoying Diana's scolding from the other side of the door.

intently to the commotion outside. Only when she heard the door close in the adjacent room did she

able to help today, at least

about Diana, she could bet that Diana was probably fuming right now and

score.

chance

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at the entrance of Starry Gemworks after school

four-story mansion as their office. It was located at a serene spot that perfectly matched

and Bailee standing in the lobby. It was already noon. By now, even if Eleanor had sent

Could Eleanor really be so quirky as to stay with Bailee at

she overheard Eleanor talking on the phone. "I'm so sorry, Mr. Ware. We got stuck in traffic and

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After all the trouble Eleanor and Bailee went through, they finally arrived at Starry Gemworks during the lunch break.

"Don't worry, Mr. Ware. Bailee is very reliable. Once she commits, she won't jump ship. We're in the company lobby now. Can you please come down and take us?"

"And since it's Bailee's first day, please don't keep the celebration too late. It's unsafe for a young lady to head home alone."

Brigham's secretary, Zaid Ware, must have said something reassuring on the other end of the line because Eleanor hung up with a smug expression.

She then said to Bailee, "Don't worry, Bailee. For a talent like you, even if you're hours or days late, they wouldn't dare dismiss you. Mr. Ware said he'll come down to meet you now."

The security guard and receptionist in the lobby exchanged puzzled glances as they observed Eleanor and Bailee. Their behavior was even more brazen than that of the Hansen family's relatives.

members but had no idea who

ask him to make me a permanent

"That's my daughter-always thinking

planned to have Brigham handle Bailee's matters professionally after their meeting. But after hearing their conversation, she felt that she should

spotted Yolanda entering through the

at Yolanda and exclaimed, "Did you skip class to

wants to latch onto us now that you've landed a good

if she starts pestering you for a job once

She looked at Yolanda with disdain, as though

me for being rude! You're so young and already so malicious. Not only do you refuse to help, but you

She thought they were trying to use Bailee's success

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In truth, Bailee felt a twinge of jealousy. She had wanted to attend First Academy but was unable to.

Yvonne was one thing, but why did Yolanda, of all people, get in? Was it just because she was born into a wealthy family, so she could take all the advantages of that for granted?

As Bailee thought about this, a flicker of envy appeared in her eyes, and her tone grew sharper and more cutting.

"Not only are your grades poor, but you're also so ugly. Even sweeping the streets would be a blemish on the city. If I were you, I'd just stay home to avoid embarrassing my family!"

Yolanda's gaze grew colder at Bailee's words. In that moment, Yolanda could clearly feel the original Yolanda's frustration and sense of injustice.

She must have heard such biting remarks often, which led to her growing self-doubt and eventual self-destructive behavior.

However, Yolanda wasn't interested in arguing with Eleanor and Bailee. She didn't see the need to waste time confronting them when a simple call could solve everything.

Ignoring Eleanor's and Bailee's hostility, she walked straight to the front desk of Starry Gemworks. "I'm here to see Brigham."

looking for Mr. Holt?" The receptionist

think you are to see Mr. Holt?" Eleanor

Even I can't see Mr. Holt!" Bailee added with a mocking tone. "You're really

appointment with Mr. Holt? He doesn't

slightly condescending as Yolanda didn't seem

said nothing. She simply dialed Brigham's number. "I'm

coming down

put down his documents and headed downstairs to meet

couldn't hear their conversation and thought Yolanda was just putting on an act. So, Bailee sneered when

enough

receptionist chimed in, "You're disturbing our work. If you don't leave now, I'll have security

and replied, "If you won't

was growing impatient and scoffed. "I know you're trying to put on a show in front of me and Bailee, but Mr. Holt is not someone