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"I didn't specifically say that it was you that had caused this debacle to Anya." Jake explained in a calm tone as he then added, "I will look into everyone that has entered that fashion design workshop and has come into contact with the owner."

"I don't mind if you were to investigate me. I didn't do such a thing." As Carol stared at the man, her emotions grew overwhelming for her since he was someone she had a crush on.

He was an excellent, hardworking and very capable man. She watched him climb his way up to become the director that he was then. However, all of her dreams were completely shattered after Anya showed up. That was because Jake had feelings for Anya.

This made Carol extremely furious but she was unable to show her emotions. She maintained her calm look and said, "Say, Mr. Hanson, don't you think you're siding with Anya a little too much now?"

"How is this siding with her too much?" Jake asked as he was confused. He then said, "Her incident involves our JK Group's reputation. Shouldn't I investigate this matter thoroughly though?"

"What if the person involved in this incident wasn't her and it's a different designer?" Carol stared at him before continuing, "Would you still help out?"

"I will. I will do the same for everyone." Jake replied in a very sincere and forgiving tone.

He would never not care about anything that involved JK Group.

"But you won't be as involved as how you are towards her." Carol replied as she refused to believe that he would be this involved if the designer involved in this incident turned out to be someone else. He would no doubt task someone else in

the investigation.

He had no reason to get involved himself.

“Carol!” Jake raised his voice as he had no idea why she was so obsessed with this matter. He then told her in a stern tone, “I am now talking about you visiting the fashion design workshop not Anya!”

Should he have not cared about the truth though?

“I know. I told you I’ve never done such a thing... You can investigate all you want.” Carol replied as her heart grew colder after looking at how stern he seemed. She knew that the man would never have feelings for her.

That was because his heart was only focused on Anya.

Her heart felt heavy when she thought about that.

She had strong feelings for him for so many years. However, this meant nothing to him after Anya only showed up for a couple of months.

She found her situation too comical.

Carol gently clenched her fists as she was not afraid of exposing him since he would never have feelings for her anyway.

She said, “But I do hope that you’d not involve your personal feelings in this. Everyone in the company knows how you treat

Anya!”

“Carol, you..” Jake exclaimed as he did not expect her to only care about that and not even think about how to deal with the company’s current predicament. He was instantly speechless as he said, “You can

head on out now. I will continue with my investigation, I hope you're not the culprit behind this incident."

"What if it really y was me?" Carol replied as she stared intensely at him with a resentful and disappointed gaze.

"Then, I'm really sorry, I can't continue to employ you any longer. Also, Mr. Welton has already hired a legal team for this. Legal action might be taken in the end." Jake explained in a clear voice.

Carol felt as if her heart was already starting to bleed.

'Legal action?'

She would never allow them to find out that it was her.

She wanted to ruin JK Group! She wanted JK Group to disappear from the design industry forever!

She also wanted the man to know that... there would be a price for having feelings for that wench, Anya!

"That's fine, Mr. Hanson. You can carry on with the investigation. I'm innocent." Carol replied as she got up from her chair.

She left the office immediately after she was done saying that without waiting for Jake's reply.

As Jake stared at her back, he furrowed his brows instantly.

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After Carol exited the director's office, her glare turned extremely bitter and seemed as if she was about to destroy

everything.

The conversation from earlier made things clear for her. It seemed that the man she had feelings for so long had feelings for that woman. She would never have a chance with him ever again.

Since everything was hopeless for her in the end, she decided that she must destroy everything before she left JK Group.

She also decided to make sure that Anya would never have a career in the design industry ever again!

After Anya accompanied Evan to have a meal with Lola, they walked towards the basement parking and headed back to

the office.

Evan's bodyguards immediately opened the door for them when they arrived at the car park.

Once everyone is settled, the driver started the engine and drove off.

When they exited the car park, the blinding sunlight shone into the car instantly from the outside. The light was completely shining directly at her beautiful little face. Her lips were as red as cherry blossom flowers while her nose was high. The light casted a beautiful looking shadow underneath her long and feather-like thick lashes.

The man focused his gaze on her when he noticed how she looked.

He was extremely tempted to kiss her.

Things seemed very odd to him recently as he realized that the more he interacted with her, the stronger his feelings

seemed towards her. This felt odd to him.

Evan had always been a man that had extremely good self-control. However, he never expected his impulses to be this strong when he was tempted earlier.

Evan raised his hand to gently rub his temples while ridding those thoughts from his head. He did not want to act so barbarically in broad daylight.

After those thoughts were purged from his head, Evan put his hand down and said, "This incident has been taken care of now. Be more careful in the future." It seemed that the woman was not this ruthless.

She seemed brilliant but she was not manipulative enough.

The incident with him that happened in the hotel a year ago was a different story obviously. The truth was, he did not expect her to be that bold... when that incident happened.

Anya knew she had to be more careful in the future as she replied with complicated emotions, "I understand, Mr. Welton." At the end of the day, she was still just a fresh university graduate, how could she possibly know how to plot and scheme as good as someone who had been working for quite the numbers of years anyway?

"How were you so bold in manipulating me back then anyway?" Evan asked since he thought about that incident, so he was

a little interested in knowing the answer. It seemed that after spending all this time with her, she truly did not seem like a manipulative woman at all.

The truth was that the incident that happened a year ago happened regardless. He actually thought that she had intentionally manipulated him all this time. However, that should not be the truth, right?

"I..." Anya stuttered. She was not too keen in talking about the past nor did she want to explain anyway. She refused to explain because things had happened and it was already over as well.

There was no point in explaining anyway. Moreover, Evan wanted her to be his woman all the time. Would she want to make him more interested in her after she explained?

She decided not to. It was fine for him to misunderstand her as a manipulative woman and that way, she would cause him

to dislike her.

Hence, she decided not to explain herself and doubled down on it as she said, "...don't want to talk about the past, Mr. Welton

"Alright." Evan replied and did not want to force her since he was a little interested in her at the moment. He decided to let go of the past completely.

Evan took a look outside of the window before asking her in a deep voice, "What do you say we go on a date tonight?"

His voice sounded attractively magnetic when he asked her that. He sounded as if he was her boyfriend asking her out on

a date.

Anya's heart trembled but she knew that the truth was.

He would toss her aside when he was bored with her.

his feelings were not real anyway. All he wanted was to get her.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Welton but I don't want to go on a date with you." Anya rejected him while pursing her lips tightly.

It seemed that Evan had predicted her refusal and was not bothered by it. However, he suddenly reached out to her and brushed his fingers across her thick hair. He seemed as if he was patting her head lovingly. He then leaned closer to her and said, "Do you know that the more that you reject me, the more I wanted you, right, Anya?"

Anya was speechless.

She wondered just what kind of a logic was that!

Anya decided to ignore him in silence,

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Anya remained silent, so Evan decided not to force her too much as he simply said, "I wasn't joking earlier. What do you say if you come over and hang out at my place later tonight?"

Anya was once again speechless.

She then reached out to move his hand that was caressing her hair down. However, when she touched his fingertips, it felt as if electric waves were coursing through her instantly. Anya's fingertips felt warm before she frantically pushed his 'electrifying' fingers away. She then said, "Mr. Welton, don't you think it's inappropriate to have a woman hang out at your place alone?"

"Come on now, we're all adults here, right?" Evan replied as he took a glance at her white and tender hands before calmly saying, "Why can't we hang out together?"

He was even saying that with a calm and cold expression. His cold and handsome face somehow made the man more

attractive.

However, Anya did not want to be charmed by his appearance. While holding back her anger, she said, "Can you remind yourself that you're the president of the company, Mr. Welton? I am nothing more than an employee to your company. Do you think it's appropriate for you to flirt with me like this?"

She truly felt like punching his face.

However, Evan chuckled seductively before leaning back against the leather seat. He then cleared his throat and spoke in a clear voice. "Take your time to think about it. That includes being with me, you know. Also, I won't treat you poorly."

\*JK Group will be working together with an international fashion runway show in the future. Since Lola's debacle has been taken care off and next month will be the first batch of the collaboration. The work will be scheduled in Paris, so do you want to go to the capital of design, Paris then?"

She wondered why must he tempt her with such tempting offers all the time.

It was just like when he told her about the Dior roadshow previously.

Although she did not accept his offer, she was indeed quite tempted by it.

However, if she was to actually accept his offer, that would mean that she had to agree to be with him, so she decided not

"Thanks for your kind offer, Mr. Welton but I've just graduated and such a thing isn't suited for me. Anya rejected his offer

immediately.

Evan's gaze dimmed as he continued to speak to her with his attractively deep voice, "Take your time to think about it. You know, I can give you plenty of things which are beyond your imagination."

Anya was speechless as she bit her lips.



She then thought to herself, Who wants any of that. I'm not an idiot, wouldn't I be paying the price if I'd agreed?"

She would never do such a thing.

Evan did not say much after that. After they had been driving for quite the distance, they were about to arrive at Welton Group.

However, Evan's phone suddenly rang.

It was about some company related matters. He picked up the call while leaning against the window.

Anya breathed a sigh of relief when she noticed that he was on the phone and was glad that they would arrive at the office

soon.

She truly disliked spending time with Evan. It stressed her out too much.

When the luxurious Bentley finally arrived at the basement parking after about ten minutes, Evan was still on the phone.

As Anya noticed that he was busy talking about work, she did not want to disturb him, so she was getting ready to leave.

She walked in front of him and gestured at him that she was going up, so she turned around and was about to walk towards the elevator.

However, the man's warm hand reached over to her the moment she turned around. He immediately grabbed her hand before crossing fingers with her barbarically. He actually dared to hold her hand so openly in the company's basement parking?

Anya was so startled that she wanted to fling his grasp away but the man was just too strong and she was unable to fling his hand away.

However, she was still very shocked.

What on Earth is Evan thinking? This is his company though, is he not afraid that someone might spot us?"

Even though they were the only people there at the car park.

However, no one would be able to guarantee that other staff members would not come down there.

"Mr. Welton!" Anya exclaimed. She was flustered and was gritting her teeth since she was unable to break free from his grasp before adding, "Please release me, we're in the company."

Evan lowered his gaze to look at her before hanging up the call after a brief talk with the caller.

However, he remained silent after the call ended as he continued holding her hand as they walked towards the elevator.

His bodyguard pushed their floor button when they arrived at the elevator.

Anya let out a sigh of relief when no one was there throughout their journey there or else she would once again be the topic of gossip amongst the female staff members.

Evan did not let go of her hand even after they entered the elevator. It seemed that the woman's hand truly felt soft. It felt similar to holding a ball of soft cotton and felt quite comfortable to him.

Evan did not want to let go, so he said, "I'll let go of your hand when we arrive."

Anya was speechless. This man was truly unreasonable.

Did he actually think that he could do whatever he wanted just because he was rich and handsome?

It seemed that she truly was blind back then.

She decided that she had to resign. Only then she would not have to meet him again. Since she was still at his company,

she had no choice but to tolerate for now.

Fortunately for her, Evan was not too extreme as all he did was hold her hand until they arrived at JK Group before releasing her.

Anya let out a huge sigh of relief when she wanted out of the elevator. However, it seemed that the man's warmth was still lingering on her palm. It felt warm.

Anya frantically rubbed her palms with her fingers. She rushed back to her office when it was not that warm anymore.

However, before she could sit down at her desk, Carol who was standing by the hallway of the design department noticed her as she squinted her eyes at Anya before walking into the pantry.

Anya's mug was placed there..

When Carol made sure that no one was present after checking left and right, she swiftly took out a bag of powder from her pocket and pouring it into Anya's mug. She then hastily left the pantry with the little bag.

The entire process happened very quickly and no one had noticed her did that.

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Anya spent a brief moment sitting by her desk as she wanted to design Mdm. Welton's jacket. However, her mind was blank when she was about to write some design notes.

She felt very frustrated and seemed that she was unable to focus on other things if she did not take care of this issue.

She let out a brief sigh, put her pen down and took a glance at Jake's office. She was getting ready to talk to Jake about the viral incident.

However, Jake exited his office the moment she got up.

His gaze turned gentle when he noticed Anya as he slowed down his pace and walked over to her. He then said, "Oh, it's good that you're back, Anya. I need to talk to you about something."

"What is it, Mr. Hanson?" Anya asked as she listened closely to what he had to say.

Jake cracked a natural smile and did not seem as uptight as she was. He then said, "JK Group will be taking part in a collaboration for an international fashion runway show in the next six months, We'll be having a meeting about the collaboration in Paris next month. You can get ready for it because I'd be bringing you there with me."

Anya was completely stunned after Jake said that. She was also frowning hard when she heard that.

It seemed that the collaboration in Paris Evan told her earlier in the car was true?

However, she was nothing more than a fresh university graduate that was only working as an intern. Based on her position- and status, all of the other designers in the company would be more qualified than her.

How could she even be the one to go?

Moreover, she would be resigning soon anyway. What could she possibly do even if she had gone?

Would that not be a waste? She would much rather leave this opportunity to the other long term employees in JK Group than waste this opportunity on herself.

Thus, after some thought, Anya decided to reject his offer, so she said, "Mr. Hanson, we're not even done taking care of Ms. Mars' incident. I quite unwilling to accept this offer."

"Lola's incident will be taken care of eventually and our collaboration needs to be done as well. JK Group's reputation is being tarnished at the moment but this will not affect the future plans laid by Mr. Welton for us, right?" Jake explained in a passionate tone.

"This..." Anya stuttered. The truth was, Jake wanted to tell her that both incidents had nothing to do with each other. It seemed that he had faith that Anya was not the kind of person that would tarnish JK Group's reputation ever since the beginning. Even if Lola's incident was not taken care of immediately, this would not stop him from being determined to bring her to Paris.

However, as he noticed how conflicted and guilty she looked, Jake did not want to force her, so he spoke to her in a gentle tone, "Alright then, we'll talk about this after we've taken care of Ms. Mars' incident."

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Since the collaboration in Paris was set at the following month, there was still plenty of time for it.

The asked Ms. Walker already and she has indeed been to the workshop but she was there to talk about the branding. The worker in the workshop has also told me about it and there's nothing wrong with it. We don't have any evidence to proof that it was het, so I will continue my investigation."

Anya nodded and replied. Thanks for trusting me, Mr. Hanson."

"I've always trusted you." Jake replied. He then took a glance at her before working on something else.

Anya returned to her seat and felt slightly better than before. She wanted to hype herself up before working on the design draft again.

However, she was feeling slightly thirsty. She went to the pantry to pour herself a glass of water.

She then filled her mug up with the water cooler and did not notice the layer of white powder.

After she was done, she let out a light sigh before taking a few sips of water while walking out.

However, just as she was about to sit down after she was done drinking, her stomach began churning painfully.

It felt as if her intestines were being crumpled up into a ball as it chumed.

Anya had no idea what was happening.

She felt dizzy and she dropped her mug.

Suddenly, her vision turned black as she fell on the ground with a thud.

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In the President's office of Welton Group, Hayden brought a young man into the office not long after Evan returned

"Mr. Welton, this is Mr. John Xaviers, the IT engineer from our accounting department. He's extremely skilled in his job, he's better than actual hackers."

Evan asked as he picked up a document from his desk while reading it, "So, tell me what did you find out?"

John immediately replied after hearing that question, "Mr. Welton, I can find out who was responsible in making the first post about this."

"And?" Even asked and seemed a little more curious after hearing that as he put his folder down and looked towards that

staff member.

"I'd be able to find out her online I.P. address and with that, I found out her Twitter username. Thus, I'd be able to find out where her I.P. originated from." John explained. He then added, "I found out that the address originated from Galactic

Entertainment in the New North District."

Evan nodded while thinking about something. He then turned towards Hayden and said, "Hayden, I need you to head over to Galactic Entertainment. I need you to see just how capable that company is to butt heads with our Welton Group."

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Hayden understood what he meant as he gave a polite bow with both hands beside his legs and said, "I will get to it right away, Mr. Welton."

Both Hayden and John exited the office after he was done saying that.

Evan then leaned back against his chair and closed his eyes for a brief moment before resuming his work. He only found out about Anya being hospitalized around six in the evening after he was done working.

Anya was sent to the hospital at noon and was recovering after several emergency procedures were carried out on her.

She was diagnosed with poisoning but as to how she got poisoned, well, they had to ask Anya about that. Only a police officer can investigate on this matter.

After her condition stabilized, she was transferred into a regular ward. She was overall fine and was only a little weak. She needed to rest for a day.

Anya initially wanted to apply for a medical leave and rest at home but Jake was worried and arranged for her to stay half a day in the hospital.

After everything was taken care of, Jake returned to visit her and noticed that she looked slightly better, just a little pale. Jake felt incredibly bad in that instant as he said, "Oh Anya, the doctor said that you were poisoned because of the water in the company but our water has always been fine. Any idea how it happened?"

She, too, wanted to know how did this happen.

and weak

She wondered why would people keep causing so much trouble for her all the time? Anya replied in a coarse and weak

voice, "Mr. Hanson, let's inform the authorities, okay?" Jake was a little hesitant since it would only complicate things further if they were to make another police report after the debacle JK Group had gone through. He was afraid that Evan might think that JK Group was only holding Welton Group back if he found out about it.

"Hmm, we'll only be able to find out who the culprit was after we contact the authorities?" Jake asked as Anya slowly replied, "Or else, this might happen again in the future. I don't want to die in JK Group."

Jake understood her as he hesitated for a couple of seconds again before saying, "Alright, I'll contact the authorities."

"Just rest up for a moment. I'll make a phone call outside."



Although she knew that Jake had a crush on her but she had to be clear about things being about work and not his personal feelings towards her. She did not want to overthink things.

Jake called the authorities at the hospital's hallway while Anya secretly called her aunt. She was afraid of causing her aunt to worry just in case she did not return home later.

It did not take long for the call to be connected as Anya said, "Hey aunty, I'm currently in the hospital right now because I'm not feeling too well. I won't be able to come home later tonight, so please help me take care of my children, okay?"

"What happened to you? How are you feeling? Which hospital are you in? I'll come over with the kids." Her aunt replied in a frantic tone.

"Oh, it's nothing. My stomach isn't feeling too well after drinking some filthy water." Anya replied. She did not want her aunt to worry, so she did not tell her about how she was shunned and harmed by her colleagues.

\*Just tell me which hospital you're in, Anya, I'll come over with the kids later tonight.\*

Anya originally did not want her aunt to come but after seeing how worried her aunt was, she gave her the hospital's address before hanging up. She then laid down and rested.

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In Anya's aunt's apartment, Ellie's eyelids were twitching uncontrollably after the call ended. Her Anya would rarely be hospitalized and yet she told her that she was having an upset stomach?

She wondered if Anya was lying to her. Of course she would be glad to know if it was only a simple upset stomach since all it would take was some anti-inflammatory infusion for her to recover.

However, she was worried that was not the case.

The more her aunt thought about it, the more worried she became. So, she decided to visit her at the hospital right at this instant. She decided to prepare some porridge for her before she visit her. Hence, she rushed to prepare it in the kitchen for Anya.

Her aunt then hastily packed up some diapers and milk bottles for the children while the porridge stewed. She would have to bring them along to the hospital later.

After she was done packing, she told the children, “Hey Nathaniel, Eudora, we’ll have to go to the hospital to visit your

mother now.”

The children had no idea what a hospital was.

It seemed that although Nathaniel had a chicken pox infection once, he had forgotten about it already as he stared at Anya’s aunt with a blank look. He then asked her in a childish voice, “Are we going to meet mommy, grandma?”

Since Eudora did not know how to speak yet and all she could mutter was ‘mommy’, she kept calling out to her mother.

“Go ahead and wait at the couch, okay? Once the porridge is done, we’ll ans

your mother.”

The children instantly nodded obediently as they waddled their chubby little bodies to the couch while they wait for Anya’s aunt to bring them along to visit their mother.

In Galactic Entertainment, Hayden brought along some bodyguards from Welton Group and a professional lawyer to look for the original poster in Galactic Entertainment.

It seemed that no one in Galactic Entertainment was willing to work with them to look for that staff member.

However, when Hayden showed his business card from Welton Group and informed them that a professional lawyer was

with him,

Not a single person dared to oppose Welton Group anymore.

Not to mention that the incident had absolutely nothing to do with Galactic Entertainment. They decided that the only thing they could do was to not stir up any legal troubles with Welton Group.

It did not take long for the executive members of Galactic Entertainment to completely change their attitude and work together with them to investigate their company's I.P. address.

After investigating for a couple of minutes, they finally found out that it was from a marketing editor's computer. It seemed

that it was indeed caused by someone from Galactic Entertainment

After the investigation, the marketing editor who was still oblivious to everything was called to have a talk in the executive member's office. Hayden was with them in the discussion. It seemed that marketing editor was still completely collivices about them finding out about her. However, the truth was that they already had

All she could do was to finally come clean, "Mr. Lang. Mr. Jamerson, I'm really sorry. I only did it because I urgently needed money. I will resign."

"Resign? Oh, you wish. You've ruined Galactic Entertainment's reputation. Do you actually think that you'd be able to get away that easily?" Mr. Jamerson of Galactic Entertainment was seething with rage as he reached out and furiously slammed his desk while he made that furious exclamation.

The marketing editor was so terrified that she started crying. She was a fresh university graduate just like Anya. She was only an intern there but she had committed a crime because she was tempted by money. She actually thought the incident was not serious and all she had to do was resign.

She wondered why was her resignation not enough anyway?

“Stop crying. Aren’t you embarrassed of yourself? Have you ever considered your consequences today when you did that? You’ve crossed Welton Group and not to mention, also tamished their reputation. If this isn’t well taken care of, they might actually sue Galactic Entertainment to court as well. Are you trying to bring us down too? Mc Jamerson exclaimed. He was so furious that he seemed as if he was about to cough up blood.

He never expected that someone from his company did it. This incident was bad and if Welton Group was to send them a lawyer’s letter, Galactic Entertainment would no doubt be badly affected.

It seemed that Mr. Jamerson’s life’s work would soon be single-handedly destroyed by that woman.

“I believe she’s only working under someone’s orders, Mr. Jamerson. if we’re able to find out who’s behind this, Welton Group would not make you guys accountable for it’ Hayden explained Evan’s orders to them.

Mr. Jamerson obviously would prefer that Welton Group would not hold them accountable, thus he immediately told Hayden, “Oh Mr. Lang, we don’t know anything about this incident. She’s the only one who did it’

“Why don’t you ask her who paid her to do it then?” Hayden replied as he had no mood to have small talk with MY

Jamerson.

Mr. Jamerson understood what he meant, so he immediately yelled at the female marketing editor, Jessy, who ordered you to do this?”

“I have no idea as well. She contacted me online and we usually contacted each other through email”  
The female marketing editor replied. She was so terrified that she was sobbing uncontrollably when she said that

“Do you guys have an IT engineer? Can he look into that mailbox? Hayden told Mr. Jamerson after listening to her explanation.

Mr. Jamerson nodded and said, “We do and I’ll get to it right now.”

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It took less than ten minutes for the staff members of Galactic Entertainment to find out the IP address of that person.

The culprit was incredibly smart since the email address that person used was a burner email. Furthermore, the bank account that wired the money to the female marketing editor was from an international account.

There was no way to thoroughly look into it.

Hayden decided not to continue the investigation for now. He wanted to report back to Evan and leave the final decision to Evan.

Based on what Evan told him, it seemed that he would have the female marketing editor appear in Lola’s press conference to clarify things and make a public apology.

This would clear Welton Group’s name or else, Welton Group would choose to retain their right to pursue legal action. against her.

Since the female marketing editor did not want to deal with a legal case at such a young age, she would naturally do what. they say.

It seemed that Lola's incident had been taken care of for now. However, when Evan wanted to inform Anya about this, he was unable to reach her. He soon found out about Anya being hospitalized for water poisoning when he called Jake.

Without any hesitation, he told Hayden to visit her on his behalf. He would visit her after he was done with work.

Anya did not want the entire company to know about her being hospitalized. When Hayden came over to visit, Anya frantically struggled to get up and pretended that she was completely fine before trying to make him leave after some

small talk

However, how could Hayden be sent away so easily?

He was ordered by Evan to visit her, so he took out his phone and told Anya, "Ms. MacMillan, can I take a picture for you? Mr. Welton is very worried about you."

Anya was speechless. She was completely baffled by it.

"Mr. Lang, I have absolutely nothing to do with Evan. There's no need for you to take a picture for him. You can leave now.

I'm fine."

Hayden was caught in a tough position as he did not want to take a picture of someone else as well. However, he was ordered by Evan and he had to report back to him. Thus, he spoke in a very apologetic tone, "I'm truly sorry, Ms. MacMillan... But if I don't take a picture and show it to Mr. Welton, it'll make my life very difficult."

Anya was speechless.

She then bit her lips and realized that his request was nothing, so she said, "Hurry up then."

Hayden nodded immediately and took out his camera before snapping a picture that showed Anya that looked somehow

'fine' before sending it over to Evan.

Hayden did not continue to interrupt her after he sent it. He was getting ready to leave after that.

He recalled what he did earlier that day before he left as he said, "Ms. MacMillan, Mr. Welton had already helped you find out who was responsible in making that post. However, the main culprit was still a mystery. The original poster will be joining you guys on the press conference too, so don't you worry."

Anya was stunned as she did not expect Evan to actually do things this quickly. She immediately said, "Thank you and send my gratitude to Mr. Welton."

"Oh, Ms. MacMillan, if you want to thank him...I think it's best if you thank him yourself." Hayden chuckled as he replied. He then said, "I'll leave you be now."

He left after he said that.

Anya was left alone sitting on her bed while she pondered about the matter at hand..

It seemed that Hayden made a fair point earlier. If he was able to help her find out who the main culprit was, she would have to thank him.

Her aunt arrived with her children not long after Anya was lost in her thoughts.

When the children spotted their mother in the room, they immediately rushed over to Anya with opened arms. They wanted Anya to carry them.

Since Anya had just recovered, she was unable to lift them, thus all she could do was reach out to pat their head while saying, “Oh baby, I’ll carry you guys when I’ve fully recovered, okay?”

“What happened, mommy?” Nathaniel asked while staring at Anya with his huge confused eyes.

“My stomach isn’t feeling well. I’ll be able to hug you guys after I recovered.” Anya teased them with a smile.

Nathaniel was still confused but he was not too bothered by it since his mother would soon be able to hug them..

“Are you really okay. Anya?” Her aunt asked in a caring tone while placing the porridge on a side.

“I’m fine. See, I’m completely fine, right?” Anya replied while staring at her aunt.

“Have you eaten anything that you shouldn’t?”

“Yeah, I went out for lunch at noon. The food might not be clean I guess.” Anya did not want her aunt to worry, so she lied.

Her aunt then inspected every inch of her body before nodding after making sure that she was actually fine.

However, Jake came over to visit after work while Anya was playing with the children on the bed. He was also holding onto a huge fruit basket in his hands.

When he entered after knocking on the door. he was instantly stunned when he noticed the beautiful looking children on Anya’s bed.

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“Anya...those children...?” Jake curiously asked when he entered with the fruit basket.



Those children looked extremely beautiful. They looked like celebrities.

The only thing was, he was wondering why the little boy looked a little familiar to him.

He resembled someone he knew.

As Jake took a good long stare at Nathaniel, he just somehow felt like he resembled someone he knew.

“Who does he resemble though?”

However, Jake was unable to recall who that might be.

“What are you doing here, Mr. Hanson?” Anya asked. She felt as if her heart had leapt to her throat in that instant as she watched him approach her. She then secretly eyeballed her aunt to carry her children away while she stuttered, “They’re...my cousin’s children.”

“I came to visit you after work.” Jake smiled as he placed the fruit basket on the cabinet next to her. He continued, “Are you better a little better?”

“I’m feeling a lot better. Thanks for caring. Mr. Hanson.” Anya replied as she stared at him with a nervous gaze. She pouted her lips and wanted to send him away by saying, “Well then... since I’m feeling pretty fine now, you can head on home now,

Mr. Hanson.

“Oh, I have nothing to do at home anyway.” Jake replied as he completely missed how Anya wanted him to leave. He thought that she was only feeling bad for him to come over to visit her and was embarrassed by it.

His expressions grew more gentle as his gaze shifted to her aunt and her children that was beside her.

“Oh, who might this person be?”

Is she was

“She’s my aunt. She’s basically my cousin’s mom. I’m currently living with my aunt.” Anya replied immediately as feeling so nervous that her heart had almost leapt out of her chest..

If she had known earlier, she would never want her aunt to come over.

“Greetings aunty.” When Jake learned that she was Anya’s aunt, he immediately greeted her politely. “I’m Jake Hanson, the director of the design department in Anya’s company”

“Oh, greetings Mr. Hanson,” Anya’s aunt gave him an awkward smile while hugging the children tighter. She then said, “Thank you for taking the time off work to visit my Anya. Thank you, truly.”

“Oh, don’t mention it, aunty.” Jake replied. Since he wanted to make himself seem more impressive in front of Anya’s aunt, he instinctively acted like a warm gentleman. He continued with a smile, “I bought some fruits aunty. Do you want me to peel some oranges for the children?”

“These are imported oranges. It’s really sweet and it’s rich with vitamins. It’ll be good for the children’s health.”

“Well then, since I don’t have anything to do at the moment, why don’t I peel an orange for the children? Jake grabbed an orange from the fruit basket the instant he finished saying that.

Both Anya and her aunt were speechless. Although it was not a bad thing to be warm, he seemed to be behaving a little too warm towards them at the moment.

Nathaniel and Eudora on the other hand though, both of their eyes instantly lit up when they heard that there were delicious fruits to be eaten. They were staring at Jake with a painful and sad gaze while he peeled the orange on the side.

He then split the orange into two halves.

The little rascals dared not accept any good food from the stranger without their mother's or Anya's aunt's consent. This was what their mother told them about.

Their mother told them that there were plenty of bad people out there and they should not simply accept snacks from strangers or else, they would have an upset belly and be sent to the hospital. Since Nathaniel and Eudora were mortally afraid of going to the hospital because it was a place where they would get their injection shots and it was extremely strong with the scent of disinfectant, they dared not accept so brazenly.

They had to get their mother's permission even if they really wanted to eat it. They were staring at Anya with a sad gaze.

Anya was afraid of the little rascals calling her their mother in front of Jake, so she immediately told them when they shifted their gaze to her, "Hey Nathaniel, Eudora, you guys can eat it but you need to

say thank you when you accept your fruits from him."

After getting their mother's permission, both Nathaniel and Eudora gleefully accepted the orange slices from Jake's hand.

Since Nathaniel knew how to speak, he thanked Jake with a childish voice, "Thank you...uncle."

However, Eudora did not know how to speak yet and all she could do was give Jake a cute little nod like her brother.

When Jake noticed how adorable those children were, and guessed that they should be quite young then.

They truly looked so adorable that they made him want to have children of his own.

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“Aw Anya, your cousin’s children are really adorable.” Jake replied. It seemed that Jake truly adored those children from the bottom of his heart. He could not help himself but to pat their adorable little curly hair.

‘Those kids are too beautiful.

If they were to become an artist or a celebrity in the future, they would no doubt be liked by everyone.

“Yeah, they are extremely adorable indeed.” Anya replied. She was afraid that her children might call her mother if he was to continue asking.

She bit her lips and told him to leave, “Hey...Mr. Hanson, it’s getting late.”

“Isn’t it still early?” Jake asked. He knew that she might be feeling shy since her aunt was there.

He was not bothered by it, so he continued, “Oh, that’s right, I’ve taken care of the incident that you wanted me to contact the authorities for. Police officers will come over to get your statement later.”

Before Anya could say anything after he was done saying that, her aunt was completely confused as she asked, “What happened, Mr. Hanson? Why must you contact the authorities?”

‘Was she not just having a simple upset stomach?’

‘Did something happen to her at her office? Why didn’t Anya not tell me?’

“Oh aunty, the thing is... Jake wanted to answer but he was cut off by Anya as she said, “Oh it’s nothing Ellie, it’s just work related stuff. It involves some private matters, so we had to contact the

authorities. The client wants me to be responsible for it but it's nothing. It'll be fine after a statement is taken."

"Oh, work related matters?" Her aunt replied as she felt relieved. Everything would be fine as long as it did not involve her

Anya.

Anya nodded and after some thought, she realized that Jake would no doubt be a ticking time bomb if he was to continue to remain there. She told Jake, "Hey Mr. Hanson, let's talk about work outside?"

"Can you get out of bed?" Jake asked. He was no fool as he knew that she did not want her family to know about the incident since she cut him off earlier.

"I can. I'm pretty much fine now." Anya replied as she got out of bed. She then told her aunt while getting out of bed, "Hey aunty, just play with the kids here for a while. I need to talk about work with Mr. Hanson outside."

"Are you sure you're okay?" Her aunt asked. She did not mind Anya to talk about work, she was just worried about about

her.

"I'm fine. Look at me, I can still walk. Anya replied as she put her slippers on and walked a couple of steps around the room. However, although she seemed to be fine on the surface, she was actually feeling quite weak.

The doctors had to perform a gastric lavage on her since she was suffering from water poisoning. Her stomach was still

feeling a little uncomfortable then. Her body felt weak too.

However, she was still able to keep herself composed.

After her aunt noticed that she was indeed alright, she nodded and allowed her to get out.

After Anya and Jake arrived at the hallway outside of her room, they sat down on a random bench against the wall.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Hanson....I just didn't want my aunt to worry." Anya whispered in a soft tone after scanning the area and making sure that there was no one present.

"I understand." Jake replied while staring at her with a gentle gaze. It seemed that Anya still looked incredibly beautiful even when she was ill. He then said, "I'm so sorry that I wasn't aware of the surrounding."

"It's fine." Anya shook her head and asked, "When will the cops arrive, Mr. Hanson?"

"They should arrive soon. Should I accompany you while you wait for their arrival?" Jake asked as he looked at the time on his wristwatch. He then continued to say, "The truth is, it's nothing major. All they wanted to ask is the details about the water that you drank,"

"They've taken the company's surveillance footage too."

"Alright." Anya replied as she nodded and waited for the police officers to arrive with Jake.

In Welton Group's president's office, Evan got lost in staring at Anya's picture when he received it from Hayden.

The young lady in the picture. She looked pale but her illness still was unable to hide her natural pure beauty. Any men who had seen her would want to appreciate her well.

Evan's gaze dimmed as he silently stared at her picture. If she was willing to be with him, she would never have to endure such harm from people.

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The cops arrive ten minutes later just as Jake had told her earlier.

They were getting ready to leave after getting a simple statement from Anya.

Anya recalled that they had taken the surveillance footage away, so she curiously asked, "Excuse me officer but have you guys found any suspects from the surveillance footage?"

The police officers seemed very helpless when she mentioned about the surveillance footage as he said, "The truth is, the footage of you suffering from water poisoning had been deleted."

Both Anya and Jake were stunned at the same time when they heard that. They wondered who exactly had the power to delete surveillance footage from Welton Group aside from people that was in the IT department?

The IT department never had anything to do with their JK Group before, making Anya question the situation more.

"How can the footage be deleted without the IT department?" Jake commented. He then asked with a frown, "Have you guys looked into the IT department yet?"

"We have and they have no motive to do so. Furthermore, they had no idea that the footage was deleted as well."

"You guys can't find anything at all?" Anya asked as she bit her lips in slight disbelief. She then asked, "You guys really can't find anything?"

"I'm a government servant and I'd be irresponsible to my police badge if I'd lie to the citizens, right?" The police officer replied as he naturally would not side with anyone at all. However, the only thing was

that the footage was deleted and they were unable to investigate further.

They had to investigate the case from other leads.

“We will do whatever we can, Ms. MacMillan.”

Anya pretended to nod calmly and accept the outcome. However, she was not feeling calm at all. She was fuming with rage since she knew it could only be Carol or Tammy that did this to her. However, she had no evidence to accuse them.

How could she not be furious?

This was not the first time they had harmed her.

She was just a fresh university graduate and an intern. She was no match to them, unless she had a strong enough powerhouse backing her up.

“Don’t worry, Anya. They’ll look into it.” Jake could tell that she was feeling quite overwhelmed and awful at the moment. However, the evidence had been deleted and the police officers would also require some time to look into it.

It would take them a while before they found out who was behind this incident.

“Why don’t you return to your room first? You’ve just recovered, you know.” Jake replied as he did not want Anya to stay at

the hallway too long.

Anya let out a heavy sigh in her heart before nodding her head and returning to her room. At the end of the day, she still had to be stronger

She learned something after this experience and she knew that she had to be extra careful before she resigned.



She had suffered from water poisoning now but what if her life was in danger next time?

Both Anya and Jake returned to her room after that Jake then returned home after a brief stay

Anya let out a sigh of relief the instant he left as she was afraid that her children would suddenly call her their mother.

Fortunately for her that her children were busy eating the fruit slices that Jake brought for her earlier. They were having a blast as their mouths and clothes were stained by the juices but this did not stop them from finishing an orange. They wanted more after they were done eating.

Anya would not allow them to have more because if they ate too much, they would not want to drink milk or other nutrients rich baby food

The instant the children realized that Anya would not allow them to have more, they started wailing out loud to Anya's aunt while grabbing onto her shirt. They wanted her to give them a banana to eat.

Anya's aunt was helpless as the children wailed over her. However, Anya would not allow them to eat more, so all she could do was comfort them, "Oh baby, I'll make you some pumpkin congee later, okay?"

thought you guys love pumpkin congee

Nathaniel shook his head as he pointed at the banana. All he wanted was to eat a banana

It seemed that he was starting to reach the age where he would throw tantrums then. Nathaniel then sat on the floor and continued crying. Since his sister would usually mimic what her brother did, she started crying on the floor as well.

Anya truly felt like beating him but since her children had always been obedient, she never really had the heart to beat

them

She held herself back from actually beating her children and taught them patiently. “You’re the elder brother, Nathaniel, you should be a good role model for your sister. Haven’t you already eaten an orange earlier? Since you already had, we’ll eat more again later after we’ve had some pumpkin congee, okay?”

“No, I want that” Nathaniel whined as he really wanted to eat the banana. His tantrums grew even more out of control.

Anya decided to punish him as if she did not discipline him then, he would be even more unreasonable in the future.

However, just as Anya grabbed Nathaniel’s little hand and was about to slap his palm, Evan entered the room after knocking. When he noticed Anya was about to beat Nathaniel, he immediately strode over and lifted Nathaniel up like his own son. He then said, “Hey Nathaniel, can you tell me what happened?”