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"Mr. Yoder, do you have any questions?"

After a while, Maxim finally spoke up, "Go and see what small projects can be assigned to the Schneider Group on that piece of land."

A hint of doubt flickered in Rayan's eyes, but he didn't dare to ask further.

"Okay! I'll be right on it."

After Rayan left. Maxim opened the chat interface with Briana and looked at it for a while, but in the end, he didn't send anything and put down his phone.

Soon, Rayan organized the projects that could be handed over to the Schneider Group.

"Mr. Yoder, the swimming pool and landscaping could be handled by the Schneider Group."

"Well, you go and get in touch with Zane. Also, the next time he comes to see me, you can just let him in."

"Okay."

Rayan left with a lot of doubts.

Why did Maxim suddenly have such a big change in attitude towards Zane?

Even during the passionate period with Kiley in the past, he never helped the Schneider Group. Could it be because of Briana?!

Thinking about Maxim and Briana's fake divorce, Rayan's mind was instantly filled with determination about his own thoughts.

It was definitely because he wanted to pursue Briana, so he planned to first win over her parents, so that he could achieve twice the result with half the effort in the future!

It seems that in the future, he will have to show more respect towards Zane, after all, he is the father of the president's wife.

On the other hand, the Schneider family.

Kiley had finally managed to calm her emotions and was about to go freshen up when there was a knock on the door.

She opened the door and Mallory was outside.

"Kiley, did you just contact Maxim?"

Kiley nodded, her face looking a bit unpleasant.

"Mom, Maxim..."

Before finishing her sentence, Mallory exclaimed excitedly, "I knew you were looking for Maxim, he would definitely agree!"

Looking at Mallory's excited expression, Kiley paused for a moment and asked, "What do you mean?"

"Your father just received a call from Maxim's secretary. The Yoder Group has agreed to hand over several projects of the eastern part of the city to the Schneider Group!"

Kiley's eyes flashed with disbelief. Just a moment ago on the phone, didn't Maxim coldly refuse her? Why did he suddenly turn around and hand the project over to the Schneider family?

"Kiley, why were you daydreaming?"

Kiley snapped out of it and quickly shook her head, "I... I was just too happy..."

Mallory looked at her with pride in her eyes and said, "I knew it, my daughter is the best!"

Although Kiley didn't know why Maxim suddenly changed his mind, she felt relieved.

It seems that he still had feelings for himself.

"By the way, Kiley, your dad mentioned that the Yoder Group's project this time could earn at least a billion! You have made such a big contribution to the Schneider Group, is there anything you want as a reward? Consider it as a gift for you!"

"Mom, I did this voluntarily, not because I wanted any reward."

Mallory nodded with a smile, "Of course, Mom knows. I remember you were interested in a dress before, right? I will take you to buy it

tomorrow!"

A hint of surprise flashed in Kiley's eyes, "Really?!"

She had been eyeing that dress for a long time, but it cost over six million. She only had a little over ten million in disposable funds, so buying that dress would almost deplete a third of her savings. That's why she had been reluctant to make the purchase.

"Really, would I still deceive you?"

Kiley excitedly hugged Mallory and said, "Mom, I love you!"

Mallory smiled and patted her back, "Alright, you're all grown up now, stop being so childish! It's late now, let's go to bed and tomorrow

morning we'll go to the mall."

The next morning, Briana was about to leave for work when she received a call from Melody.

"Briana, this morning the RoseShine brand sent us a lawyer's letter, claiming that the designers from MY Corporation had plagiarized their work!"

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Briana frowned and asked, "What's going on?"

"Yesterday, MY Corporation released the finished product of the design that was completed last quarter. It sold like hotcakes as soon as it hit the market. However, this morning, it suddenly came to light that there was a case of plagiarism, and RoseShine even sent a lawyer's letter!"

Melody felt that the RoseShine was just trying to ride on the

popularity. She had seen the design plans from the previous quarter, so it was impossible for them to have copied it!

"Did you send me the clothing design sketches of MY Corporation that were accused of plagiarism? Do you have any photos of the RoseShine's clothing?"

"No, but RoseShine said that the Rocklin Mall has the clothes that were plagiarized. I am planning to go and see it now."

Rocklin Mall is not far from MY Corporation. Briana spoke up, "The mall is not open yet, let's go to the company first and bring the designer accused of plagiarism to my office."

"What should we do about the news online that said MY Corporation plagiarized?"

"Don't worry about it for now, as the whole situation hasn't been

clarified yet. Responding might even backfire and give the other party an advantage."

"Okay."

Half an hour later, Briana's office.

Briana looked at the girl opposite her, who had a reserved expression on her face. It was hard to imagine that such a modest girl could create such a flamboyant piece of clothing.

Melody looked at the other person and calmly said, "You don't have to be nervous. I called you here just to ask you when this outfit was designed and if the original draft has been uploaded to the computer."

Riley nodded, "Hmm, the initial draft of this clothing was completed on May 3rd, and I immediately uploaded it to the computer, Ms. Joyce, I really didn't plagiarize!"

"I know, don't be afraid. As long as you are innocent, I will definitely investigate thoroughly and restore your innocence."

"Thank you, Ms. Joyce!"

"Well, could you explain the design concept of this garment to me, as well as its source of inspiration?"

Half an hour later, Melody finally finished talking to Riley and started organizing the timeline and Riley's creative ideas after she left.

Until she finished organizing, Briana didn't speak up: "It's about time now, let's go check out the RoseShine. I really want to see how similar that allegedly plagiarized outfit is to Riley's design!"

There are only pictures online, and they look about 50-60% similar. If you only rely on looking at photos, it is easy to be misled. However, there are still many details that need to be seen in person.

"Okay."

Melody sent the well–organized manuscript to the manager of the Public Relations Department, and then she got up and left the office

with Briana.

A few minutes later, Briana and Melody walked into Rocklin Mall.

The two of them headed straight for the RoseShine. As soon as they arrived at the entrance, they were stopped by the staff of the RoseShine.

"Ms. Joyce, I'm sorry, but our manager has issued an order that employees from MY Corporation are not allowed to enter our store."

Melody sneered, "What do you mean by this? Feeling guilty?"

The other party smiled slightly and said, "It should be MY Corporation that should feel guilty. We are just afraid that our other clothing brands will be copied again, so Ms. Joyce, please go back."

Melody's face turned pale with anger upon hearing these words, and she coldly retorted, "Don't spew blood from your mouth!"

"Whether or not you spewed blood while speaking, you know it yourself!"

Melody was infuriated by the mocking attitude of the other party and was about to continue arguing, but she was stopped by Briana.

"Never mind, let's go back first."

"Briana, let go of me! I was determined to verbally lash out at her today until she was left speechless!"

However, her strength was no match for Briana's, and she was directly pulled away from the entrance of RoseShine.

Briana didn't let go of Melody until they walked far away.

"What were you doing pulling me just now? The people from

RoseShine were so rude! They are just jealous that MY Corporation's clothes are selling well, so they deliberately created this to gain attention! It makes me so angry!"

Briana remained calm and said. "Didn't you notice that they came prepared? Since they dared to have people block you at the door and even sent a lawyer's letter, there might be a follow—up plan. This matter might actually end up in court."

Melody frowned, her eyes filled with anger.

"The RoseShine was simply shameless!"

Briana patted her shoulder and said slowly, "Alright, let's go back first. I'll figure out a way to bring that piece of clothing over."

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Melody took a deep breath and said, "No, I am still angry. I'm going to wash my face!"

After Melody left, Briana stood by the railing of the corridor and sent a message to Amy, then put away her phone and pondered how to deal with this incident.

Regardless of whether MY Corporation's designers have engaged in plagiarism or not, this incident has already caused a very negative impact on MY Corporation. If it is not resolved properly, the company's future survival environment will become even worse.

"Briana! What are you doing here?!"

A sharp sound rang out not far away, interrupting Briana's train of thought.

She looked up and saw Mallory and Kiley walking towards her, with Kiley carrying several shopping bags in her hands.

Mallory's face was filled with disgust and dissatisfaction as she took a few steps towards Briana. She sneered and said, "Yesterday, your dad asked you to say a few good words for the Schneider Group in front of Maxim, but you were too busy. Yet today, you have time to go shopping?!"

Briana appeared indifferent, treating the two individuals as if they were strangers.

"Mrs. Schneider, you did not fulfill your duty of taking care of me, and it seems that I have no obligation to help you either."

Mallory looked cold and stared at Briana as if she was looking at some trash.

"Briana, how dare you say such things?! When you returned to the Schneider family at the age of sixteen, were we lacking food or clothing for you? Didn't you have everything that Kiley had? Now you're saying we didn't raise you, have you no shame?!"

Briana was well aware of Mallory's dominant personality, where everything she said was considered wrong in her eyes.

She also couldn't be bothered to explain, and said indifferently, "Say whatever you want."

Seeing her about to leave, Mallory stopped her and asked, "When do you plan to divorce Maxim?!"

A hint of surprise flashed in Briana's eyes as she lightly glanced at Kiley, who had been silent all along. She raised an eyebrow and said, "What? Someone can't wait?"

Kiley's face stiffened, and she bit her lower lip before saying, "Briana, what's the point of continuing to pester Maxim... Please give him back to me!"

"Did I bother Maxim? Did he tell you?"

"Although Maxim didn't say it, anyone with keen eyes could tell that he didn't like you."

"Oh."

Briana used to think that Kiley was just a green tea, but now she realizes that she was actually blind.

"Briana, what does this half-dead attitude of yours mean?! I warn you, divorce Maxim immediately! Otherwise, I won't let you off the hook!"

Briana glanced at Mallory with a half—smile and said, "Mrs. Schneider, what makes you think you can order me around? Have you forgotten- that you recently held a press conference and publicly severed ties with me?"

Mallory didn't expect Briana to bring up this matter to choke her, and she instantly turned pale with anger.

"You! Fine! Since you want to sever ties, then give me back the money I've spent on supporting you for these years!"

Briana originally didn't want to bother with her, but she didn't expect her to be so weird.

"Then you have Kiley give me back my bone marrow, and I will immediately repay the money the Schneider family has spent on me over the years!"

As the words fell, Kiley and Mallory's faces turned extremely ugly.

"Kiley was your biological sister, donating bone marrow to her was a matter of course!"

Briana smiled and said, "So, you being my mom, isn't it only natural for you to raise me?"

"You!"

Briana was also too lazy to waste any more time talking to her, so she turned around and left directly.

Mallory stared at her back, as if trying to bore a hole through her body, "Briana, you wait for me!"

Kiley quickly supported her, "Mom, don't bother comparing yourself to Briana, she's just not mature yet."

"You're already 23 years old and still not mature?! You're younger than her, but much more sensible than her!"

"Let's not talk about this matter anymore, let's go home."

Mallory nodded, her anger still lingering on her face.

"By the way, your father wants to invite Maxim to have a meal to thank him for involving the Schneider Group in the East City project. Why don't you personally invite him?"

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Kiley pursed her lips and whispered, "Okay."

After dropping Mallory off at home, Kiley went straight to the Yoder Group.

Maxim saw her and a look of surprise flashed in his eyes.

"Maxim, my father wants to thank you for allowing the Schneider Group to participate in the development of the land in the east of the city. He plans to treat you to a meal. When are you available?"

"Did Briana go?"

Kiley's smile froze on her face, and it took several seconds before she regained her voice.

"What do you mean? Do you want Briana to go?"

Maxim nodded indifferently and said, "I am married to her. If Mr. Schneider wants to invite us for dinner, shouldn't we go together?"

Kiley bit her lip, trying hard to suppress the sadness in her heart.

"If Maxim wanted Briana to come, I would have my dad tell her."

"Okay."

Kiley didn't stay any longer. She wanted to question Maxim why he was helping the Schneider family and giving himself hope if he didn't plan to divorce Briana.

But she didn't dare to ask, she was afraid that if she asked, Maxim would give an answer she didn't want.

When Kiley got home, she told Mallory and Zane what Maxim had promised, and then cautiously said, "Mom, Dad, should we give Briana a call?"

Mallory's face turned cold, "Why call her?!"

"Briana is Maxim's wife after all. If dad invites Maxim for dinner without calling her, I'm afraid she might think too much."

Mallory sneered, "Let her think whatever she wants! I don't want to see her anyway!"

Unexpectedly, Zane also remained silent without speaking, presumably this incident had also caused him to have opinions about Briana.

"Let's give Briana a call, or if you don't want to, I'll make the call."

Mallory was unwilling in her heart, but seeing Kiley inspecting, she could only agree.

Kiley dialed Briana's phone, she made several attempts before the call was finally answered.

"What happened?"

"Briana, Maxim agreed to develop the land in the east of the city together with the Schneider Group. Dad wants to invite him for a meal, and you can come too."

Briana's cold voice came through, "I was busy."

Kiley felt happy in her heart, but she pretended to be regretful on her face, "If you didn't come, I would have been with my parents......"

Before finishing her sentence, Briana hung up the phone.

Kiley's expression froze on her face, and she slowly put down her

phone before sadly asking, "Does Briana hate me?"

Mallory coldly said on the side, "Don't mind her, she's just jealous that you have Maxim and our love. It's good that she's not coming!"

Kiley lowered her gaze and did not speak anymore, looking sad.

On the other hand, after Briana hung up the phone, she was about to continue reading the documents when she received a call from Amy.

"Boss, I have bought the clothes you asked me to buy. I am now downstairs at MY Corporation."

"You put the clothes at the front desk, I had the secretary go down to get them. Thank you for your hard work."

"Not a problem, I'll leave it at the front desk and go back to work in the store."

"Okay."

Ten minutes later, Briana took the clothes handed over by Charlotte and compared them with the new products from MY Corporation.

As time went by, Briana's complexion became increasingly unpleasant, so she immediately called Melody and asked her to come over.

As Melody walked into the office, Briana gestured for her to look at the two clothes on the desk. After looking at them, Melody tightly clenched the two clothes and said, "The RoseShine must have copied us!"

Briana shook her head and said, "The RoseShine's clothes were released two months earlier than the new products of MY Corporation."

"But didn't Riley have the time of uploading the first draft? That time

can prove that The RoseShine plagiarized MY Corporation!"

Looking at Melody's angry expression, Briana calmly spoke, "The RoseShine dares to openly accuse MY Corporation of plagiarism, there must be some ace up their sleeve, and it's a card that can directly nail MY Corporation to the pillar of shame for plagiarism."

"What should we do now? Are we just going to swallow this dumb loss like that?"

Briana looked at Melody and said slowly, "You shouldn't trust Riley too much either. I won't take sides until evidence is found."

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"That design draft by Riley couldn't have been plagiarized, I even helped her modify some details back then!"

Seeing Melody always protecting Riley, Briana frowned and said, "You should go back to work first."

"Briana, don't you believe me?!"

Seeing the hurt in Melody's eyes, Briana remained silent for a few seconds before speaking. "It's not that I don't trust you, it's that I don't trust Riley."

Two clothes are so similar, there are only two possibilities. One is that she and the RoseShine have conspired together, intending to use this new product release to severely damage MY Corporation. The other possibility is that her design draft was accidentally leaked.

The person from RoseShine made some modifications to the design after receiving the draft, and produced the clothes in advance. However, they did not promote it extensively, only occasionally selling a few pieces, and waited for MY Corporation's new product launch. This matter, at least three months ago, had already begun to be planned.

Melody's face turned pale, murmuring, "I will immediately find out what exactly happened!"

"No need, I will handle this matter. You continue to follow up with the few raw material factories that I have selected recently."

Melody bit her lip and remained silent for a while before finally nodding and saying, "Okay, I understand."

The CharmDress general manager's office.

Samuel poured a glass of red wine for Theodore, the brand director of RoseShine, with a smile on his face. "Mr. Hudson, a pleasant collaboration!"

MY Corporation was already a collapsing building, and now the fire ignited by the RoseShine will soon reduce MY Corporation to ashes.

No clothing company in Bridenville could rival the CharmDress anymore in the future.

Theodore took a sip of his drink and smiled, saying, "Mr. Mason, don't forget what you promised me earlier."

Samuel smiled cheerfully and said, "Don't worry, I promise that I will never break my word."

"That's good!"

Theodore put down his glass and stood up, saying, "There's still work to do at the company, so I'll head back first. See you next time."

"Okay."

Just as I left the CharmDress, the assistant immediately came over to report.

"Mr. Hudson, there was no response from the Schneider Group."

Theodore sneered, "Quite a composed one, keep buying hot searches, make sure everyone knows that MY Corporation plagiarized. Once MY Corporation responds, immediately release the evidence, leaving them no chance to turn things around!"

"Okay, so does Ms. Hudson need to continue staying at MY Corporation?"

Theodore nodded, "Don't worry about her. After MY Corporation goes bankrupt, I can just change my stage name and continue drawing design sketches."

"Okay, I got it."

Briana searched all day and finally found some clues.

After reading the information, she couldn't help but raise an eyebrow. Theodore was Riley's uncle, which was quite interesting.

Let the other party continue to search while Briana packed up and went home after work.

Just arrived at the villa entrance, I saw Brycen and Madeline standing at the villa entrance.

Madeline was impatient, "Mr. Carney, I really don't have time. It's my vacation time now, you should find someone else."

Brycen had a smile on his face as he looked at Madeline and said, "You name the price, as long as you are willing to take on the Carney Group advertisement."

Madeline frowned and was pondering how to refuse when she caught sight of Briana approaching the two of them.

She quickly turned and walked towards Briana, grabbing her hand and saying, "Briana, you finally came back. Let's go inside and have dinner quickly!"

As Briana passed by Brycen, her footsteps paused for a moment, and she nodded at him.

"Briana..."

Briana glanced at him, her expression indifferent.

"Mr. Carney, did you need something?"

"I wanted to invite you to have dinner with Ms. Garcia, I don't know if you both were available."

As soon as the words fell, the sound of Madeline's refusal rang out.

"No time!"

Brycen raised an eyebrow and smiled, "If Ms. Garcia is not available, I can ask you separately, Briana. I have something I want to ask for your help with."

Madeline:

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Briana remained silent for a few seconds and slowly said, "I probably couldn't help you, Mr. Landry."

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"Briana, I hadn't said what it was yet."

Briana pursed her lips slightly and said, "Whatever it is, I probably won't be able to help. You should find someone else, Mr. Landry."

She divorced Maxim and had no intention of having any involvement with his circle again.

The two of them walked into the villa, and after closing the door, Madeline couldn't help but make a sarcastic comment.

"This Brycen, like a clingy Band—Aid, is so annoying! He came to me several times today, constantly trying to make me the spokesperson for his company's new product! If it wasn't for the fact that I can't afford to provoke him, I would have already chased him away with a pitchfork!"

When Briana heard Madeline describe Brycen as a "stick-in-the-mud." she couldn't help but laugh.

Brycen had a good—looking face and often changed girlfriends. He boasted about being able to navigate through a myriad of flowers without getting a single leaf on him. If he knew that he was being despised by Madeline like this, I wonder what expression he would have.

"It doesn't take much time to shoot endorsements, why not take the money that comes to your door for free? Consider it as adding bricks and tiles to your pension."

Madeline looked at her with a sigh, "Do you know what his company's new product was?"

"What?"

"Avoid, conceive, use a condom."

"Puff..."

Briana sprayed water out of her mouth and looked at Madeline in disbelief, saying, "Is he sure his brain hasn't gone haywire?"

"If I wasn't afraid that he would invest in another movie for me in the future, I would have given him two hundred dollars today to see a psychiatrist and check his brain."

After a few words of conversation, they started to have dinner. Madeline's mother was a chef, so her cooking skills were also good. In comparison, Briana's cooking was only at an edible level.

Briana cooked two bowls of rice and, together with Madeline, cleaned up the bowls and put them in the dishwasher before lying down on the sofa.

Madeline came over and pulled her, "Don't lie down. We just finished eating and need to go out for a walk. Let's go for a stroll."

"Okay."

The two of them walked out of the door, and Brycen had already left.

I walked around the road inside the villa and when I came back, it was already past eight in the evening.

Briana went upstairs to take a shower and was about to go to the study to work when she received a message from Maxim.

I will pick you up tomorrow.

The six words without a beginning or an end made Briana furrow her

brow.

She recalled that she didn't have any need to meet Maxim recently, so she decided not to reply and went straight to the study to work.

At this moment, inside the largest nightclub in Bridenville, the 8888 VIP private room.

Several people were playing mahjong, but Maxim and Brycen seemed distracted.

After winning several rounds in a row, Tyrone, on the other side, pushed his cards away and said, "I'm not playing anymore. You all seem to have lost your souls, winning without any sense of accomplishment."

Maxim picked up his phone and stood up, "I'm going out for a smoke."

Tyrone glanced at him and joked, "You've looked at your phone at least twenty times since just now. Are you waiting for a message from Kiley?"

A touch of indifference flashed in Maxim's eyes as he calmly said,

"No."

Stepping out of the compartment, Maxim walked to the end of the corridor and opened Line. The interface was still displaying the message he had sent to Briana an hour ago, but she hadn't replied yet.

Maxim couldn't help but feel a touch of annoyance in his heart, suddenly regretting how easily he had let her go before.

Since moving out of Glamor Villa, he has not been sleeping well. He is not used to not seeing her before going to work in the morning, nor is he used to coming home to a dark house every day after work.

"Anything wrong?"

It was not until a distant voice came through the phone that Maxim realized he had dialed her number at some point.

Not getting a response from Maxim, Briana frowned and said, "If there's nothing else, I'll hang up."

When she was about to hang up the phone, she heard Maxim's cold voice on the other end.

"Didn't you see the message I sent you just now?"

Briana paused for two seconds and said, "I saw it."

"Why didn't you come back?"

"I thought you sent it wrong."

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Briana pursed her lips and slowly said, "I have been busy with work these days and haven't had time to visit my grandmother. I'll go with you next time."

Maxim became more and more puzzled as he listened, "When did I say I was going to visit Grandma?"

"Why did you send me a text message instead of going to see grandma?"

Maxim gritted his teeth and said coldly, "Didn't Kiley inform you?"

"What was the notification about?"

Suddenly realizing that what he said should be about Zane inviting him to dinner, Briana couldn't help but purse her lips.

"Mr. Yoder, the Schneider family invited you for dinner. I don't think it's necessary for me to be present, as I would only make the meal unpleasant."

The Schneider family, consisting of three members, and Maxim, none of them liked her. She would only make herself look bad if she went.

"Why didn't you have to? Isn't your last name Chi?"

Briana"

She suspected that Maxim made this phone call just to find fault with her.

"Mr. Yoder, I was really busy tomorrow and didn't have time..."

Maxim interrupted before the words were finished, "There's always time to eat. I'll pick you up after work tomorrow night, that's it."

Briana didn't have a chance to speak, and Maxim hung up the phone.

After hesitating for a moment, Briana edited a message and sent it, indicating that she really wouldn't be available tomorrow.

However, Maxim didn't know whether he didn't see it or what, but he simply didn't reply.

The next day, Briana called Melody into the office as soon as she arrived at the company and handed her the things she had found.

After reading it, Melody's face turned extremely ugly.

Riley was personally recruited by her. She had always thought that Riley was diligent and serious, but she never expected that she was actually the niece of the RoseShine brand director.

If there hadn't been a plagiarism incident, she would have let it go. But these two incidents happening together made her suspect that it was a conspiracy planned from the moment Riley came for the interview.

"There is currently not enough evidence to prove that the design draft was leaked by Riley. However, if I'm not mistaken, when Riley uploaded the initial electronic version to MY Corporation, the RoseShine side already had an earlier 'draft"."

Melody's face turned pale. "I can't understand why she would resort to such methods to plot against MY Corporation. Plagiarism is an

intolerable shame for a designer!"

Briana smiled and said, "You may think it's shameful, but others may not feel the same way."

Maybe helping with this matter, she would receive enough benefits to live a comfortable life for the rest of her life.

"I will investigate this matter thoroughly, and if it is indeed Riley who did it, I will not let her go!"

"I had already been collecting evidence, you don't need to worry for

now."

"Okay."

After Melody left, Briana opened Line and sent a message to the person with the black profile picture.

"Help me look up someone."

After sending Riley's information, the other side responded with an OK gesture. Briana put down her phone and started working.

The plagiarism incident this time may not be a bad thing for MY Corporation. It can use this incident to turn the tables and make a

comeback.

And, there was one more thing she didn't tell Melody.

RoseShine is a reselling brand that doesn't have many designers under its own team. Even if they really try to pin the accusation of plagiarism on MY Corporation, they won't gain any benefits.

So this matter is very likely to have been framed by someone else, and the real mastermind is hiding behind the RoseShine.

As for who it was, she also had a suspicion in her mind.

Near the end of the workday, William came to her office.

"Ms. Schneider, the plagiarism incident has caused a big commotion, and now there are entertainment reporters all over the company downstairs. It would be best for you to leave from the basement later."

Upon hearing the words, Briana got up and walked to the window, and indeed saw many people gathered downstairs at MY Corporation.

A coldness flickered in her eyes as she said indifferently, "Call the police."

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William was taken aback, seemingly not expecting Briana to be so harsh.

He quickly responded, "Okay, I will go immediately."

"Wait a moment."

William turned back in confusion, thinking that Briana had changed her mind.

To my surprise, she smiled and said slowly, "If calling the police doesn't work, we can hire a group of bodyguards to directly drive the person away."

"...Okay."

When Maxim arrived downstairs at MY Corporation, he happened to see the scene where the bodyguards brought by William were chasing away the entertainment reporters.

He couldn't help but frown and said coldly, "What's going on?"

"President, today MY Corporation's designer was exposed for plagiarizing the RoseShine clothing design. This incident has caused a sensation, so these entertainment reporters must have come to confront Anna."

Anna?

"The founder of MY Corporation?"

"Yes, but few people knew what Anna looked like, so I guess they

wouldn't be able to identify her either."

Maxim remained silent, but his gaze suddenly turned cold and distant.

He suddenly remembered that Briana's job interview at MY Corporation almost coincided with Anna's return to MY Corporation.

Was it a coincidence... or...

Just as Maxim was contemplating, Rayan suddenly exclaimed, "Mr. Yoder. Ms. Schneider has come out!"

Maxim turned his head and indeed saw Briana walking out of MY Corporation.

However, she completely failed to notice the black Maybach on the side of the road and proceeded to flag down a taxi to leave.

Maxim's face darkened, and he coldly said, "Go and bring her here!"

As soon as Briana hailed a taxi, Rayan's voice rang in her ears.

"Ms. Schneider, the CEO is waiting for you."

Briana turned her head and looked at Rayan with a somewhat helpless expression.

"Rayan, I have already divorced Mr. Yoder, there is no need to continue getting involved in such trivial matters. Please tell him that I will not be accompanying him for dinner tonight."

She is not a mistress. Even after the divorce, she still wants Maxim to be at her beck and call.

She didn't notice that when she mentioned the word "divorce," Rayan's face turned slightly unnatural.

"Ms. Schneider, if I hadn't invited you over, I might have lost my job."

Briana glanced at him and said with a smile, "Rayan, even if he changes his wife, he will never change his secretary, whom you have been for so many years."

After speaking, Briana opened the car door, got in, and closed it in one

go.

"Sir, go to Elm Bay."

Rayan watched helplessly as Briana got into a taxi and left, feeling a sense of despair.

Back in the car, the temperature inside had indeed dropped to freezing point.

"President, I'm sorry, I didn't invite Ms. Schneider over."

Maxim looked cold, with no trace of warmth in his eyes.

"Returned to the company."

Rayan didn't dare to ask if he would still go to have dinner with the Schneider family, and instead, he turned the car around as instructed and headed back to the Yoder Group.

On the other hand, the Schneider family had arrived early, and Kiley had even specially worn the new dress she bought yesterday.

The thin gauze on the chest was embroidered with several purple lavender flowers, and the waist was designed to be cinched, highlighting Kiley's slim waist even more. The wide skirt at the lower body was adorned with lace, and the skirt only reached the knees, revealing slender and fair legs.

When she lowered her gaze slightly, she resembled a lotus bud about

to bloom, making people unconsciously yearn for her

Mallory looked at Kiley with satisfaction. her eyes filled with pride. Kiley was the daughter she had carefully nurtured, and every gesture she made exuded the elegance of a young lady.

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As for Briana, she only got rid of the smell of mud and blood after living with the Schneider family for a few years.

If she could have wholeheartedly helped the Schneider Group, it would have been fine. She might have even given her a little bit of a good face sometimes. But now, she just wants Briana to stop appearing in front of her!

Zane glanced at the time and realized that it had been over half an hour since the agreed time, and Maxim still hadn't arrived.

He looked at Kiley and said, "Kiley, could you make a phone call and ask where Maxim went?"

Kiley nodded, "Okay."

She made several phone calls in a row, but Maxim didn't answer. Her expression also became increasingly unpleasant.

"Dad, Maxim didn't answer..."

Zane frowned, "I will go contact his secretary."

He dialed Rayan's phone number and the call was quickly answered. However, soon after, his face turned extremely ugly.

Mallory and Kiley, standing beside, both sensed his anger. They exchanged a glance, their faces filled with confusion.

After hanging up the phone, Zane slammed his phone on the table, anger evident in his eyes.

"The Yoder Group terminated its partnership with the Schneider Group!"

"What happened?! Why was the collaboration suddenly canceled?!"

Zane clenched his back teeth and said coldly, "Rayan said he wants to resolve this matter, and he wants Briana to personally talk to Maxim. She must have done something to anger Maxim! Otherwise, it wouldn't be possible to suddenly cancel the collaboration!"

Mallory's face turned pale with anger, "This jinx! Ever since we brought her back, the Schneider family hasn't had a single good thing happen!"

Zane looked cold and gave Briana a call.

As soon as he answered the call, he immediately shouted, "Briana, what did you do?! Why did Maxim suddenly cancel the collaboration with the Schneider Group?!"

Briana frowned, a coldness flickered in her eyes, and she hung up the phone directly.

When Briana hung up again, it made Zane even more furious.

He dialed the secretary's phone number and coldly said, "Go find out where Briana is now!"

Briana returned to the villa and had just finished dinner with Madeline when the doorbell rang.

Seeing the angry faces of Zane and Mallory outside, Briana felt a hint of annoyance between her eyebrows.

As soon as she opened the door, Zane's slap came flying towards me.

Briana took a step back and avoided him, looking at him with a cold

expression. "Mr. Schneider, if you came here to cause trouble, you can leave now, otherwise I will call the police."

The two words "call the police" instantly fueled Zane's anger, pointing at Briana's nose and scolding, "Briana, do you have to be satisfied only if you kill the Schneider family?"

I called you before and asked you to say a few good words for me in front of Maxim, but you refused. Later, your sister called him and convinced him to cooperate with the Schneider Group. However, you turned around and ruined this matter. What exactly do you want?

Briana hadn't even spoken yet when Mallory let out a cold laugh, "What else could it be for? You just want a share of the Schneider Group, but using such a cheap tactic will only make us dislike you even more!"

She coldly looked at the two people at the door, without any warmth in her eyes.

"Since Kiley is so capable, why don't you let her go and coax Maxim to continue the collaboration?"

"Why should Kiley clean up the mess you caused? Apologize to Mr. Yoder immediately!"

Seeing Mallory's presumptuous look, Briana couldn't help but laugh.

"What are you laughing at?!"

"I laughed at you, why should I apologize to Maxim when I haven't done anything wrong?"

Mallory was so angry that she raised her hand to hit her, "You dare to say you didn't do anything wrong?!"

However, as soon as that slap landed, it was immediately caught by a

fair hand.

Madeline pushed Mallory and coldly said, "I thought there was a crazy dog barking at the door, turns out it's just two crazy dogs in human form!"

Mallory was pushed and almost fell down. After managing to stand steady, she angrily said, "Briana, look at the kind of friends you associate with! Not only do they insult people, but they also lay hands on an elder!"

Briana's face instantly turned cold, and she said slowly, "You are not qualified to criticize my friend!"

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Mallory's heart ached with anger as she looked into Briana's eyes filled with disgust and fury.

"You became like this because you were always associating with such rotten people!"

Briana looked indifferent, with no trace of emotion in her eyes.

"It seems like whatever I became, it had no connection with any of you."

Mallory coldly stared at her, "If it wasn't for you causing the cancellation of the Yoder Group and the Schneider Group's collaboration, do you think we would be willing to come find you?!"

Briana frowned and immediately called Maxim.

Soon, the call was connected.

"Why did you suddenly call me? What's wrong?"

Briana sneered, "Isn't this exactly what you expected?!"

Maxim fell silent for a few seconds, his voice becoming slightly lower, "What do you mean by that?"

"Mr. Yoder, didn't you deliberately terminate the partnership with the Schneider Group with the intention of having Mr. and Mrs. Schneider come after me and force me to confront you?!"

"Where are you now? I'm coming right away!"

Briana looked indifferent and spoke slowly, "I made this call just to

tell you, don't bother me anymore using the Schneider family in the future, we have absolutely no relationship anymore!"

After speaking, Briana hung up the phone directly.

Mallory and Zane at the entrance were stunned by her sudden action, and for a moment, neither of them spoke.

After a few seconds, Mallory trembled and pointed at her, "Briana, how could you treat Mr. Yoder like this? Quickly call him and apologize!"

If Briana completely offends Maxim this time, the Schneider Group can forget about any future good collaborations!

Seeing Mallory's angry expression, Briana slammed the villa door shut with a loud bang.

If Mallory hadn't retreated quickly, her face might have been smashed by the door.

She was so angry that she jumped up and cursed loudly at the door, "Briana, you have really gone mad! Are you crazy?!"

Zane looked at Mallory, who looked like a shrew, and unconsciously furrowed his brow.

He remembered that Mallory, true to her name, was a gentle person. When the friend of the Schneider family had predicted that Briana would bring destruction upon the Schneider family, he had said that they should get rid of Briana, and she would only sit on the bed silently shedding tears.

When exactly did she slowly become like this, even making him feel a bit unfamiliar?

Maybe from the day he realized he didn't love her, she changed in his eyes.

Mallory cursed for a while, but seeing that there was still no response inside, she finally stopped.

Turning her head, she saw Zane staring at her with a shocked

expression on his face. She furrowed her brows and asked, "What are you looking at me for?!"

Zane snapped out of it and shook his head, saying, "It's fine, it looks like she won't open the door. Let's go back."

Mallory remained silent for a moment and was about to leave with him when suddenly a car sound erupted.

Both of them turned their heads at the same time, and a black Maybach

came into view.

Zane immediately recognized that it was Maxim's car. His face unconsciously changed, and he quickly walked over. Kiley, who had been sitting in the car all along, also got out and walked over.

Maxim had just gotten off the car when Kiley's weak voice sounded beside him.

"Maxim, how did you come?"

"Mr. Yoder..." Zane also approached.

Maxim didn't even look at them, he walked straight to the front door of the villa and knocked on it. He said, "Briana, open the door, I want to talk to you."

A few seconds later, Briana's cold voice came from inside.

"I have nothing to talk to you about, just leave."