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Briana looked a little helpless. “The dress I designed as your birthday present was accidentally hung up by the new clerk. A customer in the store wanted to buy it.”

Melody raised her eyebrows. Her eyes were full of curiosity, “What kind of dress? I am going to a party tonight. Tell Amy to bring it over, so I can wear it to the party.”

“It’s still half a month before your birthday. Let’s wait until your birthday. Hurry up and go to work. I still have some documents to deal with.”

Melody begged Briana for a while, but her efforts still didn’t work. Melody had to go to work.

In the evening, when she was about to leave work, Briana received a call from Maxim.

“I’m downstairs in MY Corporation. When do you get off work?”

Maxim’s voice was cold. He was still angry about what happened last night.

“It’s five o’clock. I still have ten minutes. If you’re in a hurry, I can head downstairs now.”

“No need. I’ll wait for you.”

When it was five o’clock, Briana put down the documents and went downstairs.

As soon as she walked out of the building, Briana saw a black

Maybach parked by the side of the road.

She walked to the car. As soon as she opened the door and sat in, Briana felt cold all over her body.

Maxim stared at the document in his hand. He told the driver to start the car without raising his head.

They reached the gate of the Schneider’s house in silence. When the car was about to stop, Briana turned to look at Maxim and said, “If someone asks why I came here in your car, just say that Kiley asked you to give me a lift.”

Maxim frowned slightly. He looked at Briana coldly. “Is my existence so shameless for you?”

“We’ve been married in secret for three years, and we’re about to get divorced now. There’s no need to let others know that we were married.”

Maxim sneered. He said in a mocking tone, “You’re afraid that you’ll have problems in finding a man when others know you’ve married once, right?”

Surprise flashed in Briana’s eyes. She said expressionlessly, “It’s good that you know.”

She was about to open the door and get out of the car when her wrist was grabbed and pulled back. She fell directly into Maxim’s arms.

Briana frowned. When she was about to push Maxim's hand away, his cold voice sounded from above her head. "Briana, you're challenging my patience time and time again!"

Outside the car, the Schneider family all came out to greet Maxim after they heard he was coming.

Desmond stood at the front with a proud smile on his face.

Maxim came to his birthday party this time, which was the most exciting news for him and the Schneider family. Desmond could teach those villains who tried to take advantage of the Schneider family.

Mallory also looked proud. If it weren't for Kiley, Maxim wouldn't have come here. She raised a good daughter.

They waited for a few minutes, but Maxim didn't get out of the car. They started to feel a little weird.

Seeing such a big move in the Schneider family, the guests all came out, but they didn't see Maxim. They couldn't help but start talking.

"What's going on? Didn't Mr. Yoder come?"

"I think maybe the Schneider family offended Mr. Yoder, and Mr. Yoder now deliberately stays in the car.

"Doesn't Mr. Yoder like Kiley? Even if the Schneider family offended Mr. Yoder, Kiley can soften him up, right? I guess Kiley quarreled with Mr. Yoder, so Mr. Yoder is waiting for Kiley to ask him to get out of the car."

The Schneider family heard the guests' discussion. Desmond couldn't help but look at Kiley.

"Kiley, go and ask Mr. Yoder to get out of the car."

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Kiley blushed and said with a nod, "Yes."

She walked up to the car and said sweetly, "Maxim, we're waiting for you. Come and join us."

In the car, Briana and Maxim were in a standoff. The way Kiley remained Maxim even gave Briana goose bumps.

Briana looked at Maxim with a fake smile and started talking like Kiley. "Maxim, your sweetheart can't wait. So can you let go?"

There was a deeper frown on Maxim's face. "Briana, stop speaking that way," said Maxim, his teeth gritted.

Briana rolled her eyes. "I can't unless you let go."

After a moment of silence, Maxim let go indifferently and said, "Get off."

Briana pushed the car door open and got off. Kiley was standing there shyly and expectantly. Her face darkened the moment she saw Briana.

“Briana? Why are you here?”

Kiley couldn’t believe that Maxim had come with Briana.

Briana cursed in her heart, “Bitch!”

Briana raised her eyebrows and smiled, “Hi, Kiley. You seem to be very surprised to see me?”

Not only Kiley, but the Schneider family were shocked at Briana’s presence, especially Mallory. Mallory stared at Briana as if Briana was

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her enemy.

They didn’t think this was just a coincidence!

Ever since Briana came back, she had been trying to outshine Kiley.

Maxim got off from the other side and walked to Briana. He took her hand naturally.

Briana frowned and tried to get rid of Maxim but failed.

She couldn’t help gritting her teeth and growled, “What’s wrong with you? They are all watching us. What if they get the wrong idea?”

“Wrong idea? We’re husband and wife. Isn’t this a normal thing for a couple?”

Briana sneered and didn’t ask again.

In the eyes of others, Briana and Maxim were whispering intimately. The crowd burst into an uproar.

“What is this? Everyone’s told me that Mr. Yoder and Kiley are in love. Why is he holding Briana’s hand?”

“Kiley was away for three years. Things change, you know. Perhaps Briana took the advantage and got him.”

“Kiley really makes a fool of herself. In the hall, she kind of showed off that Maxim came to her grandpa’s party because she had invited him. That bitchy attitude... This is a slap in the face.”

“Yes, I have had enough of Kiley being bitchy. I actually enjoy seeing her defeat now.”

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These people’s gossip angered Kiley so much that she wanted to slap Briana. Kiley believed that Briana rode with Maxim because Briana intended to embarrass Kiley.

Kiley looked up at Maxim with tears in her eyes. “Maxim, you and Briana have gone too far.”

With that, Kiley turned and ran away

Watching her leave, Briana narrowed her eyes, thinking, “Bitch as usual.”

Kiley didn’t point it out but they got it.

Kiley meant that she didn't know about what had happened between Maxim and Briana and that Briana stole her man. Kiley played her game well.

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As expected, the way those guests looked at Briana got funny.

But Briana didn't care. She even turned to remind Maxim, "Hey, your sweetheart feels hurt. Go and say something sweet."

Maxim frowned and said coldly, "Briana, be careful."

Briana put on a smile and shut her mouth.

The Schneider family knew about her marriage with Maxim, but Mallory was still convinced that Briana took Kiley's man.

Mallory looked at Briana coldly and said, "This public intimate behavior is very indecent!"

Briana had expected Mallory to be nicer to her when Briana just returned to the Schneider family. But later Briana regarded her as a stranger because she was unfair to Briana.

"It's his idea. You should tell him to behave. I can't change anything."

Briana's response and attitude angered Mallory more. Mallory said coldly, "Briana, watch your tongue. I'm still your mother."

Desmond heard the fight and snapped, "Stop! Both of you! Or people will laugh at us!"

Hearing that, Zane nodded and shot a disapproving glance at Mallory. The next second, he was all smiles and said to Maxim, "Mr. Yoder, this way, please."

With an indifferent look, Maxim took Briana into the hall.

Briana was annoyed. She didn't want to stay with him for even a second.

"Mr. Yoder, I think it's time for you to talk business with others. Can you leave me alone now?"

From the impatient look in her eyes, Maxim could tell that she couldn't wait to walk away. He put on a cold face.

"If you want to keep our marriage private, then stick with me!"

Briana frowned and thought of something. She chuckled and answered, "Good. Go and tell them our marriage, as long as you're okay with the idea that people will call Kiley a whore."

Before Maxim could speak, Briana shook his hand off and left right away.

Maxim stared at her back coldly, thinking, "Looks like I've indulged her. She has the guts to give me that look."

She found a quiet place and was about to take a break, but a servant from the Schneider family came.

“Ms. Schneider, your mother calls for you.”

Briana followed the servant to Mallory’s room. Briana was met with a slap.

There was a cold look in Briana’s eyes. She took a step back, dodged, and then stared at Mallory.

Mallory missed and almost fell. This made her angrier. She pointed at Briana’s nose and shouted, “Briana, you spiteful woman! You always know that Kiley and Maxim love each other, yet you embarrassed her in front of so many people! Do you have a heart?”

A hint of scorn crossed Briana’s eyes, as she thought, “In reality, Maxim and I are married, but you think it’s me who has taken Maxim from Kiley.”

How could Mallory be partial to Kiley?

Briana looked at Mallory coldly. “When he was paralyzed after the car accident three years ago, Kiley hid abroad, pretending not to know while I asked to marry him. Why didn’t you stop me?

“Now that Maxim’s recovered and Kiley is back, I should give him back to her? Why should I?”

“You owe Kiley that. You think the Schneider family would accept you if not for her? Briana, be grateful!” Mallory said.

Briana was amused by her remarks and asked coldly, “I owe her nothing. If I hadn’t donated my bone marrow to her, she would have died long ago. You begged me to come home, or I wouldn’t be here!”

Mallory sneered and said with contempt, “Your bone marrow saved you from farming in that backward and poor place. The life you have now is because of the Schneider family.”

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Briana said indifferently, “Whatever”

“What?”

Mallory pointed at Briana and said coldly, “How self-willed! That’s why I hate you so much!”

“Is there anything else you want to say?”

Briana’s eyes were full of impatience and the anger Mallory had managed to suppress suddenly burst out again.

“How dare you talk to me like that, Briana?”

Seeing Mallory fly into a rage, Briana looked at her and said, “Then what do you want me to do?”

Mallory frowned slightly and said with detest, “Forget about it! Let’s go straight to the point. Kiley is back now, and when will you divorce Maxim?”

“Why do I have to divorce Maxim when Kiley is back?”

Mallory sneered coldly, "Don't play dumb! Maxim and Kiley love each other, and if you sandwich in the middle, you can only be a laughingstock!"

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Briana was still indifferent. "I am Maxim's wife now. And I think I am not the one sandwiched in between nor will I be laughed at by others."

Mallory flew into a rage and said with her teeth gritted, "Is there no other man in the world? Why do you have to steal Kiley's man?"

With a cold smile on her lips, Briana said word by word, "Mrs. Schneider, just so you know, Kiley is the one who's trying to rob my husband now. Why don't you just go and tell Kiley to work harder instead of forcing me to take the initiative to divorce Maxim? As long as she can make Maxim agree to divorce, I will immediately sign the paper and will absolutely not pester Maxim anymore!"

"OK! Remember what you said today, Briana!"

Briana turned around and left without saying anything else.

When Briana returned to the banquet hall, Desmond was giving a birthday speech.

Briana was not interested in that, so she just got seated somewhere quiet and took out her mobile phone, intending to play games. Suddenly, someone sat next to her.

Turning to see Melody, Briana calmly withdrew her eyes and continued to play the game.

Melody took a look at Briana's mobile phone and twitched her mouth, saying, "Won't you be tired of this game?"

"No."

Melody saw Briana's beautiful side face at a glance and could not help but feel, "Clearly Briana is much more outstanding than Kiley in all aspects. How come the Schneider family can not see it?

Oh, it seems Maxim can't see that either."

When Melody thought of the scene she just saw in the garden, there was a flash of anger in her eyes. She could not hold her tongue and said, "I just saw Maxim hugging Kiley in the garden, and I almost threw my lunch up!"

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Briana went on playing the game without any pause and said indifferently, "They were actually a couple before. You may see more such scenes later, so you should get used to it earlier."

"I don't think I can get used to that. Is there anything wrong with Maxim's eyes? Why would he like Kiley, that two-faced slut!"

Briana had just finished a game, so she put away the phone and looked at Melody. "Everybody has his own preference. To each their own!"

Seeing Briana is still calm, Melody couldn't help but frown. "The problem is you and Maxim haven't divorced yet. He cheats on you! Are you gonna look on coldly like that?"

"Or what? Few people know about my secret marriage with Maxim, and now to others, Maxim and Kiley look normal to be together."

Melody went speechless.

After keeping silent for a while, Melody patted Briana's shoulder and said, "How poor you are! I'll be nicer to you."

"Why not start being nice to me from now? I want cupcakes. You go get me some."

Melody couldn't help but smile, "OK, I'll get it for you!"

Soon after Melody left, Desmond walked down from the stage and Ruby walked onto it.

Desmond and Lacey had three kids, two boys and a girl.

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Zane was the eldest son of Desmond and Lacey, and Zane and Mallory had a pair of twins, Briana and Kiley.

Talon Schneider was Desmond and Lacey's younger son. He married Valerie and the two of them had two daughters, Ruby and Kathy, and a son, Noah.

Kathy, Talon's younger daughter, had recently gotten married and moved to Haseton. It was rumored that she had a family matter to attend to, so she wouldn't be returning for some time.

Ruby was currently studying at Haseton University and was an outstanding girl. She was very popular among the Schneider family.

Now Ruby was playing the birthday video she personally made for Desmond on the stage. However, the video had just been on for more than ten seconds when the screen suddenly went blank.

Everyone froze for a moment, thinking that there was something wrong with the screen. But the next second, the screen suddenly lit up again.

However, instead of the previous video, there was a surveillance video on the screen.

Briana's eyes narrowed and a sneer formed on her lips.

What was on the screen was the footage of Briana and Melody going to Charm Club and being waited upon by two male models. Briana lost a game and was feeding the male model some fruit. That was what the security camera caught and it was played over and over again.

All the guests were shocked at first, and then all of them looked at

Briana and began to whisper.

"Blimey! I did not expect the daughter the Schneider family had just brought back home to be so open, and she even openly flirted with a male model!"

“Sure enough, that daughter has been lost for more than ten years and she grew up outside. How humiliated the Schneider family may feel! I really wonder whether the Schneider family now regrets bringing her back or not!”

“If I were Zane or Mallory, I would feel so ashamed! I am just here to attend Desmond’s birthday party, and I didn’t expect to see such a wonderful scene!”

On the stage, Ruby was so embarrassed. Aware of Desmond’s discontented gaze, she knew that she was being calculated.

As for who had fumed her, Ruby already had an idea.

Desmond’s face darkened and he simmered with rage.

“Look, Zane and Mallory! This is the daughter you raised! What a shame!”

Zane frowned slightly and said, “Dad, the most important thing right now is to get this over with!”

Desmond’s face turned cold. He gritted his teeth and said, “What else can we say? Don’t you feel humiliated enough?”

Mallory was also in a rage. “I say we cut Briana off, or we’ll never know what else she might do!”

Zane glanced coldly at Mallory. “You shut up! If you kept an eye on her, how could such a thing happen?”

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Mallory felt wronged. “What does that have to do with me? Briana was lost for ten years! I mean, who knows who she learned this shit from?!”

“Shut up! Isn’t that messy enough? Never let Briana set foot in the Schneider’s place again!”

Zane still wanted to say something, but Mallory stopped him.

“Can’t you see Dad’s pissed right now? You’re only gonna make things worse if you say something more now!”

Zane could do nothing but shut up. However, he was also pissed, thinking Briana was really a troublemaker.

Today Zane saw Maxim come with Briana and thought the two were in a good relationship. But to Zane’s shock, such a kind of thing happened now.

Seeing Mallory and Zane keep silent, Lacey said with a frown, “Ask Briana to give us an explanation herself.”

At that moment, Maxim and Kiley also walked into the banquet hall. Seeing what was on the screen, the two of them had different looks on their faces.

There was a gleam of triumph in Kiley’s eyes. She thought, “It seems Adeline’s idea works! Everyone must think of Briana as a bitch now!”



Maxim's face darkened. He walked quickly to Briana and asked coldly, "What's wrong?"

Briana coldly glanced at Maxim. "How could I know? Besides Melody, you are the only one who knows that I went to the bar, and Melody would not do such a thing."

When Maxim heard what Briana said, his face turned extremely cold. "Are you saying it was me?"

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Briana nodded confidently. "Shouldn't I be suspicious of you? I mean, I've upset the person you love. It's natural to assume you might take revenge on her behalf."

Fury flashed across Maxim's eyes. "Do you think I am this kind of person?"

Briana didn't speak. Indignation and a sense of powerlessness surged in Maxim's heart.

She had never trusted him!

Just as they were in a stalemate, a servant of the Schneider family came over. "Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Lacey Schneider wants you to explain everything to her."

Briana had an indifferent look on her face. "Why bother? You've all seen the truth."

The servant had a straight face and said with dissatisfaction, "Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Lacey Schneider has taken several pills to prevent a heart attack from happening because of this matter. She'll be angrier if you don't explain it to her."

Before Briana could say anything, someone grabbed her wrist.

When she came to her senses, she had been pulled forward by Maxim.

Briana looked at Maxim with a frown, saying coldly, "Maxim, what are you doing? Let go!"

Kiley hurried over to stop Maxim with worry in her eyes. "Maxim,

what do you want to do? Although Briana was in the wrong, things will get uglier if she explains to Grandma. We should let her leave now."

Briana coldly looked at Kiley. She believed that what happened today must have something to do with her.

Kiley asked Briana to leave just to facilitate herself slandering Briana later.

"Kiley, you don't have to pretend to be the nice guy. I won't let you off if I discover any connection between you and what happened today!"

Kiley's eyes flashed, and she looked at Briana with grievance. "Briana, I've always done things for your good. How could you think of me as a bad person? I wasn't the one asking you to get a barman for entertainment in the bar. Even if you were pissed off by the exposure of this matter, you couldn't vent your anger on me!"

At this time, Mallory walked to Kiley and looked at Briana with disgust. "You took the initiative to hook up with those dirty guys yet you slander Kiley for being the mastermind. How could I have such an indecent daughter like you?"

Kiley pulled Mallory and pretended to be magnanimous. "Mom, I can take the grievance, but Briana's reputation may have been destroyed."

"She asked for it. It has nothing to do with you!"

Hearing that Mallory and Kiley echoed each other, Briana would have applauded for them if Maxim hadn't grabbed her hand.

Maxim didn't even look at Kiley and pulled Briana to the center of the stage.

Everyone looked at Maxim with surprise, not knowing what he was going to do.

Briana looked at Maxim with mockery. "It looks like you love Kiley so much that you want to make me ashamed in public even if you've played the surveillance footage on the screen!"

Kiley thought like this as well. Maxim must be feeling that Briana was a disgrace to him so he wanted to cut all ties with her.

However, what Maxim said stunned Kiley.

"Lacey said that she wanted an explanation. Briana could give her one, but I don't think her family can take it!"

The crowd was in an uproar after Maxim said this.

"Did I mishear? Aren't Maxim and Kiley a couple? Why did he say that Briana was his wife?"

"I thought Briana was the mistress, but it turns out Kiley is the real homewrecker. She knew that Briana had married Maxim yet she still pestered him. What a bitch!"

"Maxim calmly said that he had married Briana when he saw Briana feed fruit to the barman. Isn't this the most shocking thing?"

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Kiley's face was deathly pale, and she couldn't help trembling. She never expected Maxim to admit his marriage to Briana in public.

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Didn't he have no feelings for Briana?

Why?

Mallory sensed the sadness on Kiley's face and felt heartbroken. She immediately supported Kiley to prevent her from falling to the ground.

"Kiley, don't be sad. Maxim must have said this on purpose because he didn't want to humiliate the Schneider family."

After hearing this, Kiley felt that she had clutched the last straw and nodded. "It must be the case. Maxim would never like Briana. We're a couple!"

Desmond and Lacey exchanged glances and found shock in each other's eyes.

They always thought that Maxim was on bad terms with Briana. When Kiley was back, they would surely get a divorce, and that was why the old couple looked down on and schemed against Briana without fear. If Maxim still had feelings for Briana, they had to think twice!

Soon, Desmond came to his senses and said to Maxim, "Mr. Yoder, you think too highly of us. We just thought that there was a misunderstanding, so we asked Briana to explain it to the guests, or they would have a false image of her!"

Maxim had a long face, and he said word by word, "What's there to misunderstand? I was in the bar that day. We had a conflict, so she deliberately interacted with a barman to anger me. This is how we enjoy our relationship. Do we need to explain it to all of you?"

"Who cares so much about our privacy? How about I let you install a camera in my house so you can watch over us every day?"

He swept his cold gaze around the venue, and the crowd looked down because of his glance. No one dared to look into his eyes.

Nobody dared to say anything. If they offended Maxim, he could bankrupt them in minutes. They would never pursue this matter unless they were crazy.

Socialites and business owners played wilder games, but it was just that they weren't exposed.

The hall was in silence. Everyone held their breath, for fear that Maxim would notice them.

After the shock in the beginning, Briana calmed down and shook off Maxim's hand. She strode to the entrance of the hall.

Maxim furrowed his brows and followed her.

Kiley bit her lips and ran after them.

When they arrived at the entrance, Kiley stopped Maxim.

She looked at him with a fearful face. "Maxim, did you fall in love with Briana?"

Displeasure flashed across Maxim's eyes, and he said flatly, "Kiley, this is between me and Briana. It has nothing to do with you."

"How could that be?"

Kiley almost broke down, and tears kept flowing out of her eyes. "We were a couple. She came in between us when you had the car accident. You didn't publicize your marriage because you've been waiting for me, did you?"

Maxim fell silent for a few seconds and then said with an emotionless face. "I did intend to wait for you, but as time passed, I didn't have this idea anymore. Kiley, you'll meet a better guy."

"You're the best man I've ever met. Maxim, I know that you still like me. I'm not going to give up!"

Maxim frowned. "You're still young, so you don't have to waste your time on..."

Kiley interrupted him and said word by word, "This isn't a waste of time. I won't fall in love with anyone else except for you!"

Maxim's eyes went colder when he saw Kiley's firm gaze. He left without saying anything else.

Back in the villa, Maxim had a trace of anger in his eyes when he saw Briana sitting on the sofa in the living room. "Why didn't you come back without me?"

Briana didn't answer and calmly gazed at him. "Maxim, we need to talk."

Maxim sat down opposite Briana with coldness in his eyes.

"What do you want to talk about?"

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Briana pursed her lips. "Let's talk about you exposing our hidden marriage at the banquet tonight."

Fortunately, the guests present were all familiar with the Schneider family, so as long as Briana took care of them, no more people would know about her marriage.

Maxim was silent for seconds, and anger was forming in his eyes. "Briana, you'd have no idea about how to deal with your interaction with the barman will if I hadn't helped you!"

Briana chuckled, but her eyes were still cold.

"I didn't seem to ask for your help. You decided it on your own, and your action has brought me trouble."

Maxim looked at Briana with mockery and coldness.

"What trouble? Am I in your way of being with another guy?"

Briana frowned. "Do you have to make it sound so bad?"

"Truths are always hard to accept."

"Maxim, I don't want to make things ugly. How can I make you divorce me?"

Maxim suddenly stood up and looked condescendingly at Briana. Word by word, he said, "I told you I wouldn't agree to the divorce. You'd better give up!"

Briana took a deep breath to suppress her anger. She tried her best to

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calmly look at Maxim. "You should have a reason for that. My reason is that I won't love you anymore, so I don't want this relationship without love to last."

Somehow, Maxim would be irritated whenever he thought that Briana wouldn't include him in her future plans.

He coldly looked at Briana. "You chose this marriage. It's not up to you to end it!"

Seeing Maxim turning away, Briana gritted her teeth. "Since you disagree, I'll talk to Norma about this!"

"I dare you!"

In Maxim's voice was obvious fury, and he stared at Briana like a beast that was going to eat her alive.

Briana wasn't terrified by his gaze and looked into his eyes without fear. "If you continue to pester me like this, I have to get Norma to make you divorce me!"

Maxim stared fixedly at Briana's face and sneered after a while. "Try me!"

After Maxim left, Briana's heart was filled with anger. Maxim just needed to sign his name. Why did he just refuse to do it?

Suddenly, her phone on the table rang.

As soon as she picked up the call, Melody's voice rang out. "Briana, where did you go? I just called my mother before I found you gone. People around me were whispering about your marriage to Maxim. Did you make it public?"

Briana couldn't help gripping the phone tighter, and her finger turned pale from it. She admitted it in a low voice after a long time.

"What's going on? Aren't you going to divorce?"

"I'll explain it to you later. I feel like sleeping. I gotta go."

After hanging up, Briana sat on the sofa for a while before standing up and going to the bedroom.

In the study room.

Maxim was on a call with Rayan.

"Mr. Yoder, I've found it out. Adeline was behind what happened tonight. She was a good friend of Kiley's when she was abroad. She just returned home and had no grudges against Briana, so, Kiley may have instigated her to do that."

Maxim's eyes turned colder as he said. "Send what you found to my phone."

"Yes, sir!"

After receiving a reminder, Maxim clicked on the email and took a glance. He gave out a cold aura.

He sent Rayan a message and asked him to erase all the traces before calling Kiley.

Kiley waited for a while before talking when she received Maxim's call. "Maxim, didn't you say that you didn't want to have any connection with me? Why do you call?"

"Are you behind what happened tonight?"

Kiley's breathing went heavy. She then said with anger and grievance. "Are you suspecting me?"

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Maxim's tone was indifferent. "Answer my question."

"It's not me! No matter how notorious Briana is, she's my older sister after all. How could I hurt her?"

A trace of coldness flashed across Maxim's eyes, and he said in a deep voice. "I've found the truth. On the surface, Adeline seemed to be the culprit, but if I dig deeper, I can find clues. I'll give you another chance. Is this matter related to you?"

Kiley was scared by Maxim's cold tone. She spoke after a long time. "Yes, I did it. I'm sick of seeing you being with her. I should be the one by your side!

"I'm so envious of Briana that I went crazy! That's why I did this! Do you think I'm ridiculous?"

Maxim pursed his lips and said coldly, "I'll forgive you this time. Don't play this trick ever again. I don't want you to destroy the last bit of good impression I have on you!"

Hanging up, Maxim felt his heart filled with irritation.

It looked like he had to hurry to acquire MY Corporation. He would never give Kiley another chance to get close to him after giving the company to her!

Early the next morning, Briana received Zane's call soon after she woke up.

"Briana, are you up?"

Sensing that Zane was speaking in a cautious tone. Briana frowned. "What's the matter?"

Zane coughed and said, "We didn't have a chance to talk at Desmond's birthday banquet yesterday. Today, Desmond and Lacey ordered the chef to cook your favorite dishes. Go to the old mansion tonight and eat with them."

Briana finally knew why Zane's attitude toward her changed so much. However, she wouldn't grant his wish.

She was not on good terms with Maxim, and even if they were close, she wouldn't let him help her family.

"I'll pass. I'm busy, so I may not have time."

"Have you always been a housewife? How could you not have time?"

"I found a job, and I'm going to work now. I have to go if you have nothing else to say."

Zane was stunned and didn't come back to his senses until he heard the beeping sound from the phone.

Mallory was beside him and had an ugly face. She curled her lips. "How is it? Did she agree?"

Zane shook his head. "She said that she found a job and didn't have time to come over."

d and said with disdain, "What kind of job can she get? in a restaurant? If that's the case, talk her out of that or Embarrassed!"

Zane coldly looked at Mallory. "Briana is Maxim's wife. Do you know what you said?"

"Do you think we'll let a woman who didn't graduate from high school be Maxim's wife if his legs hadn't been broken?"

Briana disappeared for a while without finishing high school. After she reappeared, she never mentioned going to school.

Therefore, Briana was the worst educated one in her family, and Mallory would be mocked by Valerie again and again because of this. Every time, Mallory would feel great embarrassment. If Kiley hadn't been outstanding enough, Valerie's ridicule would have gone further!

"Mallory, I'm warning you, Briana is your daughter no matter what kind of person she is!"

"She isn't! Kiley is my only daughter!"

After that, Mallory turned around and left.

Zane felt a burst of headache as he watched Mallory leave.

He called his assistant. "Go find out where Briana works."

Ten in the morning, the meeting room on the top floor of MY Corporation.

George glared at Briana and slammed the documents in his hand on the table, saying coldly, "Ms. Schneider, all the employees in my department have been fired, and new ones are yet to be recruited. My department is now no different from being dead.

"Clients have been urging me for products, and my remaining people worked till midnight for more than a week. Some of them can't stand such intensity and want to resign!

"You started all of this. Shouldn't you give me a solution?"

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Just as George finished speaking, several shareholders also echoed.

"George is right. It's the same to my side. Everything is messed up! The work that requires three people to finish is now weighed on one person. Who can stand it?"

"If it continues, I think MY Corporation will go bankrupt sooner or later!"

"Frankly, Ms. Schneider, even though you were the one who

established MY Corporation, you haven't been actively involved in the company for these past few years. Whatever your intentions are, you need to proceed step by step, rather than attempting to accomplish everything at once!"

Briana didn't reply to them. Instead, she said to Melody with an indifferent look, "Show me files about the business that Mr. Landry and his department have been engaged in."

George's face changed, "Ms. Schneider, what do you mean? You don't believe me?"

Briana received the files that Melody handed to her. She chuckled and said, “Mr. Landry, I trust the data more than your personality. After all, the data won’t lie to me.”

“You!”

George’s face was livid with anger, but Briana had already closed the files and looked at him with cold eyes.

“Mr. Landry, I can see from the file that the department you are now in

charge of has only five projects, three of which have deadlines half a year later. Two projects started a year ago but have not yet been completed.

“You shouldn’t have come to me, but you should reflect on why there were so many people in your department, but you couldn’t finish two projects a year!”

Hearing Briana’s criticism, George felt so awkward. He gritted his teeth and said, “Those two projects are already in the final stage, and now others have projects on their hands. We can’t let others leave their work to clean up these two messes, can we?”

Briana looked cold. “This is your own business. You don’t have to report to me about how you will arrange it. What I want is the final result! In addition, your department has not got any business for our company so far this year. If those departments under you are unable to generate revenue for the company, I will consider shutting down those departments at the end of the year.”

George looked sullen and stared coldly at Briana. “Ms. Schneider, this company is not yours alone. You can’t be so arbitrary.”

Raising her eyebrows, Briana looked at him and said one word at a time, “Then we will wait to read the earnings report at the end of the year. If your department continues to be money-losing, it will also affect the dividends of other shareholders.”

As soon as Briana said that, the other shareholders all looked at George with different eyes. Those who intended to make trouble for Briana all felt a chill over their backs.

Briana no longer looked at George and said faintly, “I will make quarterly and annual plans for each department. At the end of the year, if any department’s process is too far behind the plan, either the one in charge of it will be changed to someone else, or the department will be shut down.”

Seeing no one was going to utter a word, Briana got up, “If there’s nothing else, let’s call it a day. See you!”

George stared at Briana’s back, and there was only chilling coldness in his eyes.

In the next few days, Briana was busy with the company’s affairs and didn’t have much contact with Maxim. The two met every day when they went out and when they came back home.

Soon, it was Melody’s birthday. After work, Briana went directly to JM Studio to pick the evening dress that she had prepared for Melody.



As soon as Briana entered the mall, she met Kiley and Kendra, who went shopping together arm in arm.

Seeing Briana, they all changed their expressions.

Kendra frowned as she stared at Briana, saying coldly, "Briana, what're you doing here?"

"I'm here to take care of my business."

Although Kendra was Briana's mother-in-law, Briana knew that she only treated Kiley as her daughter-in-law. So no matter how 88 tried to frown on her, she didn't put Briana in her eyes.

But now Briana had let it go, and she was no longer so timid when she faced Kendra.

Seeing that Briana was about to leave directly, Kendra was somewhat dissatisfied. "Coincidentally, I met you here. I want to buy two dresses. Please come. I'd love to hear your advice!"

Kendra used to buy inappropriate dresses, but later she went shopping

with Briana several times and found that Briana could always find the dress that best suited her. When Kendra went out wearing the dress Briana picked for her, she was always praised by other rich ladies, thus she formed the habit of keeping Briana around when shopping.

Today, Kendra went shopping with Kiley. The dresses Kiley picked out for her were also very beautiful, but she always felt that they were not as good as those that Briana picked for her.

Hearing Kendra's commanding tone, Briana looked disinterested, "I have something to do. You'd better let Kiley help you."

After saying that, Briana turned to leave.

Kendra was irritated. She stared at Briana's back coldly and gritted her teeth. "She pissed me off! I shouldn't have let her marry Maxim!"

"Mrs. Yoder, easy. That's just the way she is. She didn't mean it."

Hearing that, Kendra became much gloomier. Frowning, she didn't say anything.