#### Fall for You 861

# Chapter 861

The audio and video would be posted online tomorrow.

After watching the video, Rayan excitedly called immediately, "Mr. Yoder, where did you find this evidence! With this, we don't even need to go to court!"

The corner of Maxim's mouth twitched, "It's a secret. Just do as I say. I have other things to deal with. That's it."

Early the next morning, the Public Relations Department of the Yoder Group had posted the audio and video online, which immediately caused a huge stir.

People who listened to the recording and watched the video were extremely shocked. Most of those who had previously criticized Maxim also switched sides.

"I never expected that this was something done by Daniel, the secretary of the Kingly Group's CEO. He seduced a poor woman to the point where she was willing to commit suicide for him, and even splashed the dirty water onto Mr. Yoder. It completely shattered my

worldview!"

"Hehe, if it's true, shouldn't Daniel be held responsible for Marjorie's death? Such scum should be in jail!"

"And Marjorie's family, they were actually used by Daniel, a murderer, all for money. They're even more disgusting than Daniel!"

"Speaking of which, Kingly Group has been targeting the Yoder Group recently. If I remember correctly, Isaac, the president of Kingly Group, is also from the Yoder family. The things he did in Bridenville were

utterly disgusting. Daniel, his secretary, might have planned this whole thing!"

There was a significant reversal in online public opinion, with most people having switched from the comment section of the Yoder Group to that of the Kingly Group.

The more triumphant Isaac was when Maxim was previously scolded, the more miserable he is now being scolded.

"Isaac, did you think that no one would know about the things you've done? The internet has a memory!"

"Hahaha. I told you long ago that Isaac was no good, but you didn't believe me. Now the tables have turned, haven't they? I just want to know, does it feel like a slap in the face?"

"Kingly Group should go bankrupt soon! I hope scum like Isaac and Daniel will be eating prison food soon!"

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Isaac saw the comments insulting him, his face turned livid with anger.. and he directly called the Public Relations Department manager into

his office to scold him.

"How on earth do you work?! Why hasn't this matter been dealt with yet, after an entire morning?!"

The manager of the Public Relations Department was also very upset If it weren't for the things he had done before, the public opinion wouldn't be irreversible now.

"Mr. Yoder, I have been trying, it just needs some more time."

"How long is a period of time? Give me an exact duration!".

Whenever Isaac thought about the nasty things those people said about him online, he had the urge to drag them all out and give them a beating.

The manager of the Public Relations Department looked troubled and was about to speak when the office door was suddenly pushed open. The assistant walked in, looking upset.

"Mr. Yoder, we were sued by the Yoder Group..."

Isaac's face instantly turned even more unsightly, he coldly said, "On what grounds does the Yoder Group sue the Kingly Group?!"

"Due to the matter of Mr. Merchant, the Yoder Group is now accusing us of defaming the president of the Yoder Group, affecting the image of the Yoder Group, and... they have also found out about the matter of us buying reviews from people of the Kingly Group, and are accusing us of spreading rumors."

A flash of anger passed through Isaac's eyes, he gritted his teeth and said. "If Maxim wants to fight against us! I'm not afraid of him, call over the legal team from Kingly Group for a meeting!"

The assistant nodded, "Alright, I'll go right away."

The manager of the Public Relations Department cautiously said, "Mr. Yoder, about the online public relations." "Carry on! Control the public opinion as soon as possible!"

"Alright."

The Public Relations Department finally breathed a sigh of relief, as long as Isaac didn't ask them for the exact time.

Isaac's reputation was so bad now that it might even affect the image of Kingly Group. Perhaps he should also seriously consider whether or not to find a new job.

After the manager of the Public Relations Department left, Isaac immediately called Maxim.

"Maxim, you didn't think you could defeat me like this, did you? I'm telling you, between us, the one who will lose is definitely you!"

#### Chapter 862

Maxim chuckled lightly, "Were you scared?"

"Do you think I would be afraid of you? I am now the president of Kingly Group, not to mention you, even Sean has to respect me! What do you count for?!"

"Was Kingly Group really yours? I was curious, would you still be so brazen if you didn't have the support of the person behind you?"

Isaac sneered. "Since you know I have someone backing me up, you should be clear, you can never defeat me!"

"Oh?" Maxim spoke with a hint of skepticism, "If I were to uproot the power behind you, would you still be so confident?"

Isaac sneered. "Stop dreaming, you'll never find out who's behind me. Even if you did, you wouldn't have the ability to contend with him!"

After speaking, Isaac immediately hung up the phone.

Maxim put away his phone, a cold smirk playing at the corner of his mouth

He was already getting close to the truth, he would definitely expose the person who was scheming against him and Briana Cameron behind Isaac's back, and that day wouldn't be too far off!

The online incident of Maxim being framed for no reason had already caused a huge uproar, yet the Knight family was still unaware that their actions had been exposed. They continued to cause trouble at the Yoder Group as they had before.

However, as soon as they unfurled the banner, the security guard from the Yoder Group quickly approached them and coldly said, "Get lost immediately, or I'll call the police right away!"

Marjorie's mother sneered, "Fine, call the police! Maxim killed my daughter, am I not even allowed to seek justice?!"

"Fair?"

The security guard looked at her as if he was watching a joke, his expression mocking as he said, "Now everyone knows that you clearly knew it was Douglas who killed Marjorie, yet you still took Douglas's money to slander our Mr. Yoder!"

Mr. Yoder said, "Considering that you've just lost a loved one, I won't hold this against you. But if you don't leave now, I'll call the police. and you'll be detained for at least three days!"

Marjorie's mother's face turned pale, her eyes filled with shock and disbelief. How could this security guard know about their deal with Douglas!?

It wasn't necessarily the security guard who tricked them!

"You're full of crap! I bet you took dirty money from Maxim, that's why you're trying to throw mud at others. It's outrageous!"

My daughter! Even in death, you are slandered like this, my heart aches so much that I could die! I might as well die with you, so I don't have to see others defaming you like this!

The security guard sneered, too lazy to waste words with them, he directly called the police to come and take the people away.

The police acted swiftly, coming directly to take the entire Knight family to the police station.

Initially, Marjorie's mother and father accused Maxim of being the murderer who killed their daughter. However, when the police presented the evidence before them, both of them fell silent.

After a good while, Marjorie's mother gritted her teeth and said, "How do we know this man is deceiving us?! It was him who informed us about our daughter's inexplicable death, told us to make a fuss at the Yoder Group, promised us a sum of money, and said he would help us avenge our daughter!"

The police officer looked at her with a cold expression, saying icily, "If you commit perjury, you could be sentenced to up to three years in prison. Are you sure you still want to lie?!"

Upon hearing that she was going to jail, Marjorie's mother immediately panicked.

She was just an uneducated rural woman, how could she know about legal knowledge? The moment she heard she was going to jail, she immediately panicked.

"It wasn't my fault... It was that man who forced us!"

The police officer, holding back his anger, said word by word, "Your daughter clearly left a suicide note, stating that she couldn't stand Daniel's PUA and chose to commit suicide. Yet, for the sake of money, you replaced her suicide note with one saying she couldn't bear Maxim's sexual harassment and committed suicide. You are simply unfit to be parents!"

Marjorie's mother was exposed by the police and didn't bother to pretend anymore. She angrily said, "After that worthless girl started working, I asked her to bring money home, but she refused to give a single penny! Even in death, she still wanted us to offend people for her!"

# Chapter 863

"It was her who didn't recognize us first! It's all her fault. If she had been willing to give us all the money, this wouldn't have happened!"

Listening to Marjorie's mother's worldview–shattering words, the policeman's face was filled with anger.

"When did you ever consider her as your daughter? You just treated her like an ATM!"

These blood–sucking parents were like leeches, once they tasted blood for the first time, it was impossible to get rid of them.

What Marjorie did by distancing herself from them was right, but she fell into Daniel's trap, ending up taking her own life in the company.

"You people, you're not even worthy of being parents, let alone human beings!"

Marjorie's mother's face turned livid with anger, she snapped, "How do you police talk? You have no manners at all, I'm going to file a complaint against you!"

The police officer looked at her coldly, saying in a cold voice, "If you want to complain, then complain!"

After speaking, the police officer immediately stood up and left.

As soon as the police left, the expression on Marjorie's mother's face instantly changed from fierce to incredibly unpleasant.

The thought of possibly going to jail filled her with a sudden surge of fear.

Had I known, I should have left immediately after taking that money from Daniel. If I hadn't been so greedy afterwards, I wouldn't have ended up being caught.

The more she thought about it, the more Marjorie's mother regretted...

However, it was already too late, what awaited her was the outcome of imprisonment.

Kingly Group.

Isaac had been calling Daniel, but after a dozen or so calls, there was

still no answer.

He angrily hung up the phone, called his assistant in, and coldly ordered. "Find out where Daniel is right now! Bring him to me!"

He made such a big mess and then disappeared, he wouldn't let him off the hook!

Soon, the assistant rushed in with a panicked look on his face.

"Mr. Yoder, Mr. Merchant's plane to abroad took off an hour ago, the plane has already taken off by now....."

A flash of anger passed through Isaac's eyes, he gritted his teeth and said, "I understand, you can leave now."

After the office door was closed, Isaac immediately made a call to Scorpion.

"Scorpion, where was Daniel?"

After a few seconds, Scorpion's cold voice came through, "I have some matters here that need his assistance, I asked him to come back for a while."

Isaac sneered, "You think you can fool me?! He killed Marjorie and bribed the Knight family to cause trouble for Maxim. As soon as these things were exposed, he fled abroad. You think it's all just a coincidence?"

Scorpion chuckled lightly. "Believe it or not, it's just such a

coincidence. And if you can't even handle this little thing, how can I continue to work with you?"

"Fine, so you're playing dirty with me, huh? It seems you don't want the key anymore."

"I had already gotten the key of the Yoder family."

Isaac sneered, enunciating each word, "Are you sure, you got the real key?"

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There was a moment of silence on the other end of the phone, then Scorpion's mocking voice rang out, "Of course I knew the key you gave me was fake, but I've already got the real one. You didn't really think I was that stupid, to be played around by you, did you?"

Disbelief flashed in Isaac's eyes, he gritted his teeth and said, "Impossible, how could you possibly have the real one!"

"Then you could go check your study, see if there's anything left where you previously placed the key."

Isaac dropped his phone, hastily pushed away the bookshelf in front of him. The place where a box had originally been was now completely empty.

He turned around, picked up his phone, his voice filled with anger, "When did you steal the key?!"

Scorpion chuckled lightly, "I just took what was mine. If you have any complaints, you can find me at Mekton."

Isaac's hand, clutching his phone, kept tightening, he was so angry he

could kill

"Scorpion, you dared to scheme against me!"

"Wasn't it you who hid the key first?" Scorpion's voice was cold, clearly very dissatisfied with Isaac

Isaac's expression was icy, "You said you would give me 50% of the shares in Kingly Group, didn't you? But you didn't."

"It was originally intended to be given to you, but considering you broke our agreement first, I decided to revoke your position as the President of Kingly Group."

Isaac's pupils dilated sharply, his voice filled with fury, "Dare you break your promise?!"

"Isaac, don't forget, if it wasn't for me, you'd still be locked in a dark basement. I rescued you and even made you the CEO of Kingly Group, yet you're scheming behind my back."

"I wouldn't keep a disobedient dog. From this moment on, our cooperation is over. You're on your own!"

Just as Scorpion was about to hang up the phone, Isaac suddenly let out a cold laugh.

"Scorpion, don't forget, if Briana Cameron knew your whereabouts, she wouldn't let you off so easily, would she?"

Compared to others, Briana Cameron was much more difficult to deal with.

Scorpion sneered, "You think you can threaten me?"

"If you couldn't, you should have already hung up the phone just now, instead of asking me this question, right?"

The other end of the phone fell silent. After a while, Scorpion finally said slowly, "What exactly do you want?"

"Give me the 50% share of Kingly Group that was promised to me before."

"Sorry, I never engage in unprofitable transactions."

Hearing his refusal, Isaac didn't get angry. Instead, he slowly said, "If I remember correctly, the Cameron family also has a key. No matter how powerful you are abroad, it's impossible for you to reach Haseton."

Another long silence ensued. Scorpion slowly said, "I can agree to your terms, but if you pull any more tricks, I will deal with you personally. You wouldn't want to know the methods I use to handle people."

"Don't worry, I didn't."

"You had better keep your word this time."

After speaking, Scorpion hung up the phone.

A cold glint flashed in Isaac's eyes. He had indeed planned to kill Briana Cameron, but now he thought it would be better to keep Briana Cameron to balance against Scorpion.

Thinking of this, a cold smirk hooked up at the corner of his mouth.

At that moment outside the study, Kiley, holding a cup of coffee at the door. was filled with shock and disbelief in her eyes. Kingly Group had absolutely no connection with Isaac?!

No, she had to figure this out!

She turned around and hurriedly left, immediately dialing a private detective's number as soon as she returned to her room.

"Go check the share percentage of Isaac in Kingly Group!"

## Chapter 865

During the waiting process, Kiley was feeling restless inside.

She originally thought that the Kingly Group belonged to Isaac, so she had no intention of dealing with Mallory's pregnancy. But if the Kingly Group had nothing to do with Isaac, she would have to start planning for her own future.

After more than an hour had passed, just as Kiley's patience was gradually running out, the cell phone rang.

She quickly answered, taking a deep breath and asking, "What's the result?"

"It was confirmed, Isaac was not a shareholder in Kingly Group."

Kiley's face instantly turned incredibly ugly. She could imagine that if people outside knew about this news, she would definitely fall from heaven to the bottom of the valley in an instant.

Thinking of others' mocking and contemptuous gazes, she couldn't help but bite her lower lip hard, her eyes full of coldness.

No, we absolutely couldn't let such a thing happen!

Isaac had originally thought that Marjorie's affairs would have nothing to do with him anymore, as Daniel fled abroad.

Unexpectedly, the next morning, as soon as Isaac arrived at the company, two policemen came looking for him.

"Mr. Yoder, we were investigating the case of Marjorie's suicide, which was related to your company's employees. Given that the suspect was your secretary, we asked you to come with us to make a statement."

Isaac's expression was icy cold as he directly ordered his assistant to call over the lawyer from Kingly Group.

"Before my lawyer arrived, I wouldn't do anything."

Soon, the lawyer came.

After learning the ins and outs of the situation, he looked at Isaac, "Mr. Yoder. please go with them for a while. You can come back after giving a statement."

Upon hearing this, Isaac nodded. "Alright, I understand."

The news that he was taken to the police station for investigation quickly spread among the upper– class circles in Haseton.

Those who had previously rushed to flatter him in order to negotiate a cooperation with Kingly Group, were now somewhat hesitant.

Isaac was the president of Kingly Group. If any negative news about him broke out, it would be a significant blow to Kingly Group

Therefore, everyone decided to wait and see again.

When Isaac walked out of the police station, his face was full of anger

The police claimed they were just taking notes, but their questioning felt more like an interrogation. They stopped just short of directly asking if he had instructed Daniel They even brought up the incident

from three years ago when he misappropriated funds from the Yoder Group as a veiled threat.

However, Isaac kept pleading ignorance to every question, even

pushing the matters from three years ago directly onto his secretary.

He called his assistant to pick him up, then immediately dialed Scorpion's number.

"What exactly were you planning to do about Marjorie's situation? The police were already investigating where Daniel was, ready to make an arrest."

Most importantly, he didn't want to attract the attention of the police because of this matter, otherwise, he wouldn't be able to continue doing many things.

"You didn't need to worry about this matter. I would send someone to handle it. After a while, once this matter had settled down, I would have Daniel return to the country to assist you."

Isaac sneered, "No need. I can't afford a secretary like Daniel. If you want to send someone, send someone with a better personality."

"You had no choice."

A flash of anger passed through Isaac's eyes, just as he was about to speak, the person on the other end hung up the phone.

His expression suddenly turned cold, he wouldn't let Scorpion get away with treating him so casually!

The Yoder Group, President's Office.

With a face full of joy, Rayan said, "Mr. Yoder, the online public opinion has completely turned in our favor now. Kingly Group and Isaac are being heavily criticized."

## Chapter 866

Maxim's expression was indifferent as he said in a deep voice, "Keep an eye on Isaac, in case he does anything else. Have the lawyer watch the lawsuit as well, don't drag it out!"

"Alright, I understood."

"By the way, did I have you bring over the ring I asked for before?"

"It had already been arranged for someone to fly it over from Bridenville, it should have arrived this afternoon."

A smile tugged at the corner of Maxim's mouth, softening the hard lines of his face considerably.

"Alright, I understand. You go ahead with your work."

After Rayan left, Maxim picked up the documents and was just about to start working when his phone suddenly rang

Seeing the caller's name, he frowned, only answering after a while.

"Is there something wrong?"

"Did you forget that when I initially gave you the key, you promised me you would return to the Vanderberg family?"

Maxim frowned, his voice turning icy, "Rest assured, since I've promised, I won't go back on my word."

"Alright, to celebrate your return, let's go out for dinner tonight."

"Wasn't free."

"My seat was already reserved. I'll send you the box number later. If you don't come. I'll have to go talk to Briana Cameron."

Maxim's grip on his phone unconsciously tightened as he coldly warned. "I'm warning you, if you dare to look for her, consider what I promised you before as never happened."

"If she wanted me to find her, she should have remembered to be on

time."

After speaking. Cosmo immediately hung up the phone.

Maxim put down the phone, his eyes filled with icy coldness.

It seemed that I needed to find time to explain my relationship with the Vanderberg family to Briana Cameron, otherwise it might cause some misunderstandings later.

A touch of tenderness flashed in Maxim's eyes as he thought of Briana

Cameron.

They had seen each other just this morning when they left the house, but he was already missing her now.

He picked up his phone and subconsciously dialed Briana Cameron's

number.

"Hello? Why are you calling me at this hour? Is there something going on?"

Her gentle voice came through, causing the corner of Maxim's mouth to twitch involuntarily. He said softly, "It's nothing, I just missed you, so I called."

"We had only been apart for a few hours."

"Every minute and every second that I didn't see you, I was missing you."

Briana Cameron was silent for a few seconds, then couldn't help but say, "Maxim, could you please not talk like that. I'm not comfortable with it."

"But this is what I wanted to tell you, I wanted to share my feelings with you."

Briana Cameron pursed her lips, unable to suppress a slight smile at the corner of her mouth.

"Alright, I got it. I still have work to do, so I can't talk to you right now."

After speaking. Briana Cameron quickly hung up the phone, fearing that if she continued chatting with him, she wouldn't be able to stop herself from missing him.

Just as I put down the phone, the office door was knocked.

Anastasia walked in holding a document, her expression indifferent as she said. "Ms. Cameron, this is the document Mr. Murphy asked me to. bring for your signature."

Since the two had a complete falling out, they hadn't spoken a word to each other except for necessary work–related contact.

Briana Cameron took the document and read through it, finding no issues, she signed her name on the last page.

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"It's signed, you can deliver it now."

"Alright."

Anastasia turned around with the documents and left. After leaving the office, she didn't rush to deliver the documents, but stayed at her workstation for more than two hours before she got up with the documents to go to Elliot's office.

Seeing her. Elliot frowned and said coldly, "Didn't I say this document was urgent? Why did it take so long to get here?!"

Anastasia looked innocent, "Mr. Murphy. I told Ms. Cameron, but she was drawing at the time. If she stopped, it would interrupt her train of thought. so I had to wait until she finished drawing and signed it before I could bring it over."

Elliot took the document, suppressing his anger, he said, "Understood. you may go now."

"Alright, Mr. Murphy."

After Anastasia left, Elliot immediately handed in the documents, inevitably facing a scolding from his boss.

After work in the evening, Elliot had Briana Cameron come to his office.

"Ms. Cameron, the design drawings are important, but the documents I gave you to sign are also important. I don't want to experience again the situation where the urgent documents I sent over were delayed for several hours before being returned. Do you understand what I mean?"

A flash of surprise crossed Briana Cameron's eyes, and then she quickly understood what was going on.

Originally, it was thought that Anastasia was just stupid, but

unexpectedly, she turned out to be both stupid and malicious, daring to scheme against her so blatantly. It seems she really didn't want to stay at Graceful Attire any longer.

With a guilty expression, she said, "Mr. Murphy, I understand now, I promise this won't happen again."

Elliot nodded, he greatly admired Briana Cameron, so he didn't want to trouble her too much.

"Alright, you go back."

"Alright."

Because Maxim had told her in advance about a dinner party tonight, only the driver came to pick up Briana Cameron.

Just after returning to the villa, Briana Cameron received a call from Astrid.

"Briana, do you know who I just saw at the restaurant where I was having dinner with the investors?"

Briana Cameron kicked off her high heels, slipped on her slippers and asked as she walked towards the living room, "Who is it? It's not one of your ex—boyfriends, is it?"

"How could it be, I saw Maxim! He was having dinner with the -daughter of a real estate tycoon, Haseton, just the two of them!"

The smile on Briana Cameron's face froze for a moment, then she feigned calmness and said, "Oh, I know... that's his client, he told me before he went to dinner."

"Oh, I see, that's good then. I thought something had happened between you and Maxim! However, not many people in Haseton know about your marriage with Maxim, so many socialites are eyeing him. You must keep a close eye on him!"

Briana Cameron chuckled. "Alright, I got it. Weren't you having dinner with an investor? I won't disturb you then, I need to get ready for dinner too."

"Alright, we'll talk again next time when we're free."

"Mm-hmm."

After hanging up the phone, Briana Cameron casually tossed her cell phone on the table, leaning on the sofa as if all her strength had been drained, completely filled with exhaustion.

In the evening, Maxim simply sent her a message saying he had a dinner appointment, but he didn't tell her that the dinner was with a woman, and they were dining alone.

Briana Cameron wanted to believe him, but in such a situation, no one could think calmly.

She took a deep breath, preparing to wait for his return before hearing his explanation, because she didn't want to doubt him just because of a few words from Astrid.

On the other side, in the restaurant's private room.

Maxim's expression was icy as he looked at the woman across from him, her face blooming with a smile. "Ms. Fredrick," he said, "I already have someone I like. I came here today because I wasn't aware that this dinner would only be the two of us. I hope you won't misunderstand, Ms. Fredrick."

Aurora Fredrick furrowed her brow, the smile on her face gradually fading.

"Mr. Yoder, you've never been close to any woman these past few years. Why won't you give me a chance? I've liked you for a long time."

# Chapter 868

Despite Aurora's loving gaze, there was no change in Maxim's emotions, not even a change in his expression.

"Ms. Fredrick, I really did have someone I liked."

If it hadn't been for Cosmo threatening him with Briana Cameron, he wouldn't have come here tonight.

Aurora furrowed her brow, "Maxim, the Fredrick family and the Yoder Group are about to collaborate, are you sure you really want to reject

me?"

Maxim's gaze cooled a few degrees as he stood up and said. "Ms. Fredrick. I truly have no interest in you whatsoever, so I hope you will respect yourself. If you feel humiliated by my rejection, you can tell others that you were not interested in me. I have work to do, so I must excuse myself now!"

After speaking, Maxim turned around and left directly.

Watching his retreating figure, a flash of annoyance flickered in Aurora's eyes. However, seemingly thinking of something, a smile suddenly tugged at the corner of her mouth.

The moment she first laid eyes on Maxim, she fell in love with him. She was determined to have this man, no matter what it took!

She took out her phone and made a call to Aurora's father, softly saying, "Dad, I really like Maxim, but he doesn't seem to be interested in me. I think if we could get engaged, maybe he would grow to like me."

"Nonsense! You said you wanted to have a meal with him, and I shamelessly went to arrange a meeting with Mr. Vanderberg for you. If he doesn't like you, then find someone else who does. Are all the men in this world dead or what?!"

"But I just love him, I don't want anyone else. If you don't agree, I won't come home!" Aurora's tone was full of threats.

Aurora's father was so angry that he almost couldn't catch his breath, and said irritably, "I can't see what's so good about Maxim, always with a cold face. Such a man won't be tender!"

"He didn't care about being kind to others, it didn't matter. As long as I could be kind. I would definitely treat him well. Dad, could you please help me talk to Mr. Vanderberg?"

Aurora's father remained silent. not uttering a word. After Aurora nagged him for a while, he finally said coldly. "Fine, I get it. I'll give it a try. but I can't guarantee that it will definitely be successful."

"Was there anything my dad wanted to do that he couldn't succeed in? Dad. I love you! After I marry Maxim, I will definitely make him respect you properly!"

"Off you go, off you go. Not even a stroke was made yet, and you're already daydreaming!"

"Alright, I won't talk to you anymore, I'm going to get a beauty treatment. I'll be waiting for your good news!"

After hanging up the phone, a confident smile tugged at the corners of Aurora's mouth.

Don't even mention that the words Maxim spoke tonight were obviously excuses. Even if he truly liked another woman, she was confident that she could make him fall in love with her!

After leaving the restaurant, Maxim went to Briana Cameron's favorite pastry shop and bought some green bean cakes before driving back to the villa.

Returning to the villa, he was surprised to see Briana Cameron sitting on the sofa, watching TV.

"Why were you still watching TV downstairs today?"

Briana Cameron turned her head, saw the pastry in his hand, and her eyes sparkled.

"Which client did you have dinner with tonight? You're back already and it's just past nine?"

The expression on Maxim's face stiffened for a moment. Although it was fleeting, it was still noticed by Briana Cameron.

Her heart sank, she had a bad feeling.

Sure enough, the next second......

"Several clients, you didn't know them, I'll bring you along next time."

A flicker of disappointment flashed in Briana Cameron's eyes. If Maxim had told her the truth, it would have indicated that he was honest and had nothing to hide. But his choice to lie suggested that he had something to conceal.

She put down the remote control, stood up with a blank expression and said, "I understand. I'm going upstairs to wash up."

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Seeing Briana Cameron about to turn and leave, Maxim hurriedly stepped forward, holding up the mung bean cake in his hand to her, smiling and saying, "This is from your favorite pastry shop, I queued for a long time."

Seeing him present the mung bean cake to her as if it were a treasure, his eyes full of anticipation for her praise. Briana Cameron couldn't help but feel a pang in her heart.

He clearly showed so much love for her, his eyes were full of her, but why did he have to lie to her because of another woman, making her

upset.

"I didn't feel like eating today. I went upstairs first."

Noticing Briana Cameron's cold demeanor, Maxim frowned, grabbing her hand and whispering, "Briana, are you upset? Is there a problem at work?"

"It's okay, just a bit tired."

She broke free from Maxim's grip, turned around and headed straight upstairs.

Maxim watched her retreating figure for a while, then suddenly spoke, "My dinner companion tonight was Aurora, the daughter of a client from the Yoder Group. Did you know about this?"

Briana Cameron's back stiffened for a moment, and Maxim instantly confirmed his thoughts.

"Briana, it was wrong of me to lie to you about this. Could you give

me a chance to explain?"

Hearing Maxim's voice sound somewhat humble, Briana Cameron couldn't help but frown, turning back to look at him.

"When you came back, I had asked you. That was the opportunity I was giving you, but you missed it."

Maxim quickly stepped forward, his eyes full of guilt. "Briana, I'm sorry Tonight was supposed to be a dinner arranged by an elder. I didn't know it would just be me and Aurora. But I've already explained to her. I didn't tell you because I didn't want you to overthink."

Briana Cameron pursed her lips, feeling somewhat uneasy. However, upon seeing the sincere gaze, she chose to believe.

"Alright, I'll forgive you this time. but if you deceive me again next time, I won't let you off easily!"

"Mm-hmm."

Maxim reached out and pulled her into his arms, his eyes filled with guilt.

"I definitely wouldn't lie to you again in the future."

Briana Cameron couldn't help but curl her lip, saying irritably, "Mr. Yoder, don't make promises lightly, because it's easy to end up with egg on your face."

The corner of Maxim's mouth curled into a smile, "No."

"Alright, I'm going to wash up and go to bed, I won't talk to you anymore."

"Didn't you want to eat some of your favorite mung bean cake?"

"No more eating, I'm on a diet!"

Watching her haughty demeanor, a smile involuntarily crept up the corner of Maxim's mouth, "Alright, if you don't want to eat, then don't. I have a few documents to go through, I'll come up to accompany you once I'm done."

"Mm-hmm."

After Briana Cameron went upstairs, the smile on Maxim's face gradually turned icy. He immediately returned to his study and made a call to Cosmo.

"Mr. Vanderberg. I only agreed to return to the Vanderberg family, not to go on blind dates. I hope you won't do such boring things in the future!"

Cosmo's voice was filled with displeasure. "What do you mean, Mr. Vanderberg! I am your father! Aurora is of equal social status as you, and she likes you. What's wrong with being with her? In the future. both the Vanderberg Group and the Fredrick Group will be yours!"

Maxim sneered, "Whether it's the Vanderberg Group or the Fredrick Group. I have no interest whatsoever. I advise you to give up this idea sooner. my wife will only be one, and that is Briana Cameron!"

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Cosmo's face turned livid with anger, he said coldly, "When you return to the Vanderberg family, you will find yourself drifting further and further away from Briana Cameron. She is not worthy of you!"

"Whether I'm worthy of you or not has nothing to do with you. If you interfere in our affairs again, I won't return to the Vanderberg family!"

"Fine, since you didn't believe, I couldn't be bothered to explain further."

After speaking. Cosmo angrily hung up the phone.

Maxim had thought that the matter was over, but to his surprise, as soon as he arrived at the Yoder Group the next morning, Aurora came looking for him.

Upon seeing her, Maxim's face turned incredibly unpleasant. He said coldly. "Ms. Fredrick, I believe I made myself clear last night. I hope you won't bother me again!"

A smile spread across Aurora's face as she raised an eyebrow, "Mr. Yoder, it seems you've misunderstood. I'm not here to pursue you, but to discuss business with you."

Saying so, she took out a document from her bag, her face somewhat

smug.

Maxim looked indifferent, turning to Rayan and said, "Go get Mr. Wang over here."

Seeing that he didn't want to deal with her, Aurora said, "Mr. Yoder, I'm only discussing this business with you. If it were anyone else, I

would pass. There are plenty of companies that want to collaborate with the Fredrick Group."

Upon hearing this. Rayan couldn't help but frown, feeling some disgust towards Aurora's shameless behavior. Maxim had already expressed

his dislike for her, yet she had no sense of propriety and still insisted on approaching him.

Maxim's face was icy cold, staring at Aurora for a few seconds before he said coldly. "If the Fredrick Group is so indifferent about business. I don't think we need to continue this conversation."

"Rayan, see the guest out."

After speaking. Maxim turned around and walked straight into the office.

Disbelief flashed in Aurora's eyes, she gritted her teeth and said, "Maxim, do you realize you just turned down a contract worth hundreds of millions?!"

She simply couldn't believe that this man truly didn't care about the contract at all!

However, Maxim didn't even pause his steps, he walked straight into

the office.

Rayan's expression was indifferent, "Ms. Fredrick, please go back."

Aurora looked at Rayan, her eyes flickering, and suddenly laughed, "Rayan, I heard you've been with Maxim for many years. What kind of women does he like? Tell me about it."

Rayan looked at her expressionlessly, "I'm sorry, I don't know what type of woman Mr. Yoder prefers, but it's probably not the Ms. Fredrick type."

## Aurora:

She glared at Rayan for a moment, then sneered, "No wonder you've been Maxim's secretary for so many years. You're quite handsome when you keep your mouth shut, but why do you become so unlikable once you start talking?!"

Ravan chuckled. "If Ms. Fredrick found Mr. Yoder's personality so unlikable, why did she keep bothering Mr. Yoder?"

Upon hearing this, Aurora pondered for a moment, then spoke, "Because I enjoy challenging men. The more they dislike me, the more I want to see them fall in love with me, to see them crazily infatuated with me."

"Then I would advise Ms. Fredrick to give up. Mr. Yoder already had a woman he liked."

Aurora became interested, "Then you tell me, who is the woman he likes? Maybe I won't bother him anymore."

"This was Mr. Yoder's private matter, no comment!"

"If you didn't say it, then I would just pretend it didn't exist."

Aurora looked at Rayan, saying word by word, "I like Mr. Yoder, I will definitely marry him!"

Rayan: "

It has to be said, Aurora may not have other advantages, but she was indeed quite confident.

"Ms. Fredrick, I escorted you out."

"No need, I know the way myself. But if I miss this cooperation, I won't come looking for Maxim again. Are you sure you really want me to leave?"

Rayan didn't speak, he just smiled at her, the emotions in his eyes said it all.

Aurora hummed lightly, "Never mind then, there are plenty of people to collaborate with!"