

I Quit Mr. Shaffer (Isabella Symons)

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Isabella went to welcome Fiona, and a lot of people saw that.

“I can’t believe you quit your job just to work here, Isabella.” Fiona sat down, looking uncomfortable.

She looked at her surroundings with contempt.

Isabella got her glass of water. She forced herself to look relaxed. “Office job almost dulled my skills. I got another job so I can gain enough experience to set

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up my own shop.

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“I see.” Fiona looked like realization had struck her.

She held Isabella’s arm. “I thought it was weird that you left when Mr. Shaffer needed you so much.”

Fiona wasn’t subtle with her comment, so everyone got what she was saying, but Isabella didn’t argue.

Instead, she picked up the notes that she had

sorted out and told Fiona about Seth's preferences.

Isabella did this on purpose. Through Fiona, she was telling everyone she wasn't exiled but sent here to see what the lower echelons were like.

Fiona listened intently and stayed until lunch break was over. Before she left, she stood at the doorway and spoke to Isabella. "You have to come back

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sooner or later. Mr. Shaffer has a ton of stuff to deal with, and we have to help him out."

You want me to go back? For what? So, you can bully me again? Isabella knew this was just a fake courtesy, and she played along. "Oh, you don't need me. You're a veteran, too. I'm sure you can be the head secretary. I trust you."

Fiona had a smug look in her eyes. She made small talk with Isabella before she drove away.

After Isabella came back from sending Fiona off,

many people came to curry favor with her. Even

Jonas made small talk with her.

Isabella answered them courteously.

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Not too long after that, Abigail brought Isabella a cup of milk tea. Her cheeks were still swollen, but she simpered. “Isabella, I’ve thought about it. The credit should go to you, not me.”

Isabella despised people like her, and she sardonically said, “Oh, it belongs to you. You’ve worked hard the whole afternoon, after all.”

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“I can’t. You’re my colleague, and a new one at that. You need the credit more than I do.” Abigail blinked. When she looked down, a drop of tear rolled down her cheek. If she hadn’t pulled the rug out from underneath Fiona, I could have taken all the credit. I hate putting on this act.

Isabella acted like she was hesitating before she

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sighed. “Fine. I’ll take it, then.”

“That’s good to hear.” Abigail patted her chest and wiped her tears away. “It wouldn’t sit right with me otherwise.”

Yeah, right. A hint of scorn flickered in Isabella’s eyes. She then poked a straw into the cup of milk tea. “Get back to work.”

“See you.”

Isabella saw her off and rolled her eyes.

Isabella was trying to come up with a marketing

plan when her phone vibrated. It was a text from Alex Young. The gist of it was that there was an evaluation at the end of the month.

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The fact that Isabella was an outside hire was already not sitting well with the office. Things would be bad for her if her performance weren't up to par.

The sales she made the day prior were due to sheer luck. A newbie salesperson like her couldn't have closed a deal on her first day.

Now that she was feeling the stress, she was motivated to do better. Isabella quickly set aside her thoughts about Seth and put all her focus on work.

It was about six. Fiona ordered Seth's usual food as per Isabella's tips. Once the food arrived, she carefully took them into the office. "It's late, Mr. Shaffer. You should eat dinner first."

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Seth was behind his desk, frowning. The air around him was sharp and icy. He signed another document fluidly, not even raising his head.

Fiona felt a chill running down her spine. It was risky, but she asked, “Are you sure you’re not eating?”

Seth skewered Fiona with a sharp, icy look. If looks could kill, she would have died.

Feeling slightly wronged, Fiona muttered, “Isabella said your gastric would act up if you didn’t eat.”

Seth’s gaze turned icier than ever. He capped his pen. “She told you that?”

“Yes.” Since Seth was interested, she continued, “I

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“Yes.” Since Seth was interested, she continued, “I met with her earlier in the afternoon, and she told me so much about you.”

A slight sneer curled Seth’s lips. He tossed his pen away and got up to straighten his collar. Slowly, he walked to the coffee table. There were fried fish filets, orange chicken, clam chowder, and aglio olio

there. There's more than one type of cuisine here.

She obviously ordered them from multiple restaurants.

Nervous, Fiona observed the look on Seth's face.

"Mr. Shaffer?"

"You believed everything she said?" Seth shot her an icy look.

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Fiona froze. "I-"

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"What the hell is this? You think I'd eat these?" Seth's face fell. He was furious as he enunciated, "I don't want to see anything this stupid anymore."

Fiona was flabbergasted. She had seen what Isabella ordered previously, and these were indeed on the menu.

"Isabella's nothing. You think the secretary department can't run without her?" Seth hissed coldly.

Fiona felt like crying. She hated Isabella for telling her all this. I shouldn't have even gone all the way

there. That place was filthy.

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Seth scanned the food on the table coldly. Then, he walked to his desk and called HR. “Issue a public notice. We’re hiring a head secretary.”

Fiona was flummoxed.