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"You just go. If you've done nothing wrong, you've got nothing to fear. Besides, Mr. Lopez doesn't mind"

She remained silent

But she felt she did do something wrong

Dorothy was already feeling suffocated. She couldn't imagine when she actually met Everett Lopez, alone in a car with him, in a confined space. She'd probably be so awkward that she'd break out in goosebumps!

"Mr. Lopez has a car at Lumina Bay. I give you the keys when we get there

"Um. I'm not a great driver. I don't want to wreck Mr. Lopez's car

Kevin gave her a mysterious smile and raised his eyebrows, "Don't worry! Mr. Lopez has dozens of cars parked in his garage a

garage at Lumina Bay, even if you wreck one, no one will know if it wasn't for the fact that you can't transfer ownership, you could sell a few"

Dorothy pulled a face, unsure whether to marvel at Everett's wealth first or mourn the fact that her excuse had been shot down,

On the plane, Kevin and a few colleagues who were traveling together held a small meeting

She listened in, but didn't understand much; she exclaimed to herself about how smart her mentor was

After the flight attendant distributed the meals, Kevin returned to his seat.

Dorothy glanced at the contract in his hand. It was a hedge report..

"Is this Genesis Creations Inc. research project that big a deal to the Lopez Corporation?"

"Yeah, the profits are huge, but so are the challenges." Kevin waved the stack of research materials, Tim going to be tied up with this for the next few months."

"You're working so hard. Doesn't your family mind?" She noticed Kevin practically lived at the Lopez Corporation.

Kevin picked up his coffee and took a sip. "My parents are overseas."

"What about your wife?"

I don't have a wife.

I'm not married." Kevin made a point of showing his bare ring finger. Tim in my prime right now so I need to focus on my career!"

"No wonder, Kevin. You've achieved such a high position at the Lopez Corporation because you've put your all into it."

Kevin waved his hand and laughed, "Less of the flattery. Tell me who gets married early in our industry? I'm so busy I wish there were 48 hours in a day. If I have a girlfriend, get married, and have a kid with her, it wouldn't be fair to her. I won't have time for her or our family"

Dorothy nodded in agreement.

There were so many married men who failed to do their duties to attend kids, thus leading to a divorce. The children were the ones who suffered the most.

"Look at Mr. Loper. He's not married either, is he? Ms. Heather has been with him for so long and they've made no moves to take the next step. It's because they have to focus on their careers too"

Dorothy was taken aback. She let out an awkward laugh.

"Hey, was Mr. Lopez a catch as a schoolboy?"

Kevin suddenly felt in the mood for some idle chit-chat

That was the first time

Dorothy though asked Dorothy about something not work-related.

a moment. "He was just chased by almost every girl in school"

She still remembered Everett's desk, which was overflowing with love letters. Many of them ended up on her desk because there was no room on his! It was so disruptive that she even considered asking the teacher for a new deskmate

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She later decided to drop the issue because she didn't want to cause her teacher trouble. She was always afraid of causing others trouble. The teachers at school had already taken good care of her, so Dorothy felt she was the least entitled to be picky.

"Did that include you?"

Kevin asked this question while turning his gaze to her face at the same time.

Dorothy shook her head the whole time. "It didn't In middle school, besides going to class, I had to work in a B&B in the morning and worked the night shift in an internet cafe after leaving the library. My schedule was even tighter than it is now!"

Thinking about it, this was probably why the homeroom teacher felt it was okay to let her sit next to Everett

Any other girl would probably be so infatuated that she wouldn't have the heart to study

"Huh? How old were you in middle school?"

"Still gotta be a breadwinner regardless of my age, right?" Dorothy shrugged. She w rather than becoming trapped in the shadows of her childhood.

was just glad she trudged through all the difficulties

Things could get worse if she did that. After all, trapping herself in couldn't bring her the power she needed.

Kevin looked at her. He couldn't help but admire the girl in front of him.

"Keep at it. You're definitely going to make it in investment banking."

"Yeah!" She thought so too.

The plane landed at Lumina Bay Airport. Someone was already there to pick them up and take them directly to the hotel

Kevin didn't even have time to rest before he started working.

Dorothy put down her luggage. She didn't have any work assignments so she went to the window after tidying up and looked at the scenery below

It was so beautiful!

The whole place was filled with high-rise buildings that she couldn't afford.

She opened her phone and saw a WhatsApp message from Karen Miller

[Sweetie, I always feel like something is off about the way you talk about that man. I must remind you again, don't fall for guys like that. You'll be the only one who gets hurt in the end!

Fall for him?

Dorothy sighed and replied, "Don't worry, there's a world of difference between him and me.

There won't be any story and I'm very clear

about that."

After sending this message, she got up to pour herself a glass of water. When she came back, Karen's reply almost made her drop her phone.

[Don't tell me this guy is Mr. Lopez]

Dorothy realized she really wasn't good at lying or hiding anything.

Afraid of giving herself away, she decided not to reply.

As it neared evening, Kevin came and knocked on the door, placing a car key in her hand, "You drive to the airport now. There's still time, just take it slow"

'Now?!'

Wasn't it supposed to be Tuesday?

"We've run into some problems with work here so Mr. Lopez has pushed it forward a day! Don't waste any more time. Go now, you'll be delayed on the road"

Kevin left in a hurry after saying that, not giving Dorothy any chance to argue

Left with no choice, she could only brace herself and take up this task.

On the way, Dorothy comforted herself

Everett probably wouldn't come to Lumina Hay alone.

His assistant always accompanied him on business trips, and there was also Heather Garcia. She had gone to Verdant City with Everett and should be coming back with him!

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She would never get the chance to talk to Everett if his true love was also around,

After giving herself a solid pep talk, Dorothy parked the car and walked into the arrival hall.

It was quite easy to spot Everett among the crowd.

As always, he was very conspicuous with his tall figure. His presence was strong just by standing there.

He was wearing a dark suit, his shirt and tie were ironed and tidy. The way he casually rolled up his sleeves exuded a natural sense of nobility and ease.

Dorothy put a hand on her left chest as she watched.

Because her heart just skipped a beat.

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Everett spotted her in no time and with long strides, he started heading her way.

As he got close: Dorothy felt a sudden urge to turn back and run.

Nobody was accompanying him here: he was all by himself.

Everett came to a halt next to her. The sense of oppression was making her lose her breath

She saw him pressing his thin lips together, brows slightly furrowed. The white bandage on his handsome face was a bit conspicuous. He looked somewhat displeased, as if he was mulling over how to scold her.

Sensibly, Dorothy reached out to grab his luggage first. Her face was stiff and she was uncertain what to say first.

Finally, it was Everett who broke the silence.

“So you will never call me if I don’t contact you first, right?”

Dorothy was taken aback by his words and ended up saying nothing at all.

“Forget it, give me the car keys.” Everett extended his hand, his tall figure completely blocking the light that should’ve been on her.

“Huh?”

“You plan on chatting with me at the airport?” He asked.

Dorothy quickly shook her head and handed over the car keys.

She ended up in the passenger seat with Everett driving.

Wasn’t I supposed to pick him up? She thought.

On the way back there were times that Dorothy wanted to say something. But in the end, she couldn’t find a starting point and swallowed her words.

She didn’t expect their reunion to be like this. Why did it feel like... like Everett was more helpless than angry?

“Your mother’s surgery was successful”

Once again, it was Everett who broke the silence.

“Yeah I really need to thank you for finding the doctor. The last few physicians all said the success rate wasn’t high after learning about her condition.”

“Now you are thanking me.

But your mother thanked Kenneth Nelson.”

“Uh...”

Everett glanced at her in the rear-view mirror, “Isn’t it?”

Dorothy suddenly realized that he seemed to care a lot about this. And now it felt like he wanted to show all his cards and settle the

scores.

But no matter what, she decided to clear things up first.

“Let me explain. My mother she found out about the agreement I signed with you for the money. She thought I was selling my body and absolutely refused to have the surgery. I had no choice but to ask Karen’s brother to pretend,”

“Uh–huh, that’s very plausible.”

Everett’s voice was low and cool, devoid of any discernible emotion.

This only made Dorothy feel more anxious.

“It’s true, I didn’t lie to you”

“I know you didn’t lie to me. But you never thought about telling your mother the truth from the start, right?”

You’d rather find a stand–in than reveal my identity, he thought.

“Of course,” Dorothy stated it as if it was a natural thing.

Everett slammed on the brakes, causing them both to lurch forward for a few seconds before the car came to a stop on the side of the road.

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Dorothy looked at him in surprise, not understanding why.

The next second, Everett ravished her lips as a punishment.

He didn’t know why he was so fond of this clueless woman. He could even be dumbfounded by the way she pissed him,pl

Everything happened so suddenly. Dorothy only pushed the man off her when she felt like she was about to pass out from lack of

oxygen.

“What are you doing?!”

At this moment, Everett’s lips were stained with her lipstick; his shirt was disheveled from her pulling, adding a sense of laziness to him.

The air in the car suddenly became quiet.

After a while, he spoke softly, ‘Dorothy, what do I have to do to make you understandTM

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Dorothy was still flabbergasted, completely at a loss.

To be honest, she had started to doubt if Everett had his head during the car accident. Why else would he be saying stuff she didn't understand all the time?

"I'll give you some time to think it over. Let's head back to the hotel."

Everett said that and resumed his position in the driver's seat. His words were heavy with a sense of defeat.

Dorothy blinked her eyes. Noticing his hesitation, she finally plucked up the courage to ask, "Mr. Lopez, are you... planning to terminate our contract? You can just say it. I have no objections

She would even happy support him getting together with Heather!

Everett raised his hand to rub his temples.

Jeffrey Tumer was right: Everett had no idea how he got himself into such a mess.

He couldnt understand why he insisted on making life difficult for himself.

The car arrived at the hotel

-Kevin and a few assistants were already starding there to welcome them.

ey were quite surprised to see the boss coming out from the driver's side

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"Dorothy, weren't you supposed to pick up nur boss?"

Why was the boss dring her instead?

Dorothy gave him an awkward laugh, "Maybe Mr. Lopez feared I'd wreck his car."



Kevin got nothing to say.

Everett took out the luggage from the trunk and walked over to Kevin, it's too late now, let's have a meeting tomorrow morning. Everyone can go get some rest"

"Sure, Mr. Lopez"

Kevin nodded while giving Dorothy a look indicating that she could leave.

But Everett suddenly ushered his suitcase into her hands.

"Dorothy, help me bring my luggage up."

"Sure"

She followed Everett stiffly. She could already imagine the shocked expression on Kevin's face.

Why couldn't Everett have talked to her in the car? Why did he have to bring her to his room in front of everyone?

Thankfully, Kevin was good at keeping his mouth shut; otherwise there would have been rumors all over the company by tomorrow.

Dorothy followed him into his booked room with his luggage. Before she could even open her mouth to say something, he handed her a

tube of ointment

"Apply the ointment on me after I finish showering."

After saying this, he took his robe and went into the bathroom.

Listening to the sound of water, Dorothy was still in shock.

What was happening? It was completely different from what she had anticipated.

Everett had neither brought up the termination of the contract nor chastised her for taking Kenneth to the hospital on her own initiative.

She could still sense his anger at the airport just a while ago!

After a while, Everett came out of the bathroom.

His robe was loosely tied around his waist. He walked over to the bed in a few strides and lay down.

Steing Dorothy standing still, he furrowed his brows, “Are you not coming over?”

“1” She quickly walked over to the bed. Only then did she see the large wound on Everett’s leg. The skin around it was already becoming black and blue. It looked homifying.

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“Should I call a doctor? I’m afraid I might hurt you more.”

“No need. I don’t like others touching me”

After speaking, he pulled his robe up a little more, revealing his black briefs. They were tight and filling perfectly. The cutline of his package was clear and bulging

Everett seemed completely comfortable with this.

On the other hand, Dorothy quickly averted her eyes. Her cheeks were burning as she began applying the ointment on him,

While applying, she suddenly thought of the text Heather had sent her

She hadn’t seen the black briefs when she was packing for Everett last time, so these must be new ones Heather bought for him during their trip!

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Dorothy was spacing out for a second so she accidentally pressed a bit too hard...

Prople applied medicine to heal wounds, but when she did it, she somehow made Everett’s almost–healed wound bleed again!

“You, you’re bleeding! I go get the doctor!”

Dorothy was about to dash off, but Everett grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms.

“I’m fine” He said

“You’re not fine! Your wound has re–opened! I’m so sorry...I didn’t mean it!” She was like a kid who’s done something wrong, spinning around like a headless chicken.

Everett gave a helpless smile; he just couldn’t handle her sometimes

It’s just a small wound, no biggie.”

“But ...”

“You didn’t have dinner, right? I ask room service to send something up.” He interrupted her gently, then followed with a slightly awkward cough, ‘Ga take a shower first”

Dorothy suddenly realized that given their positions, any movement could easily cause a stir, of all places, she was pressed up against his lower body

He couldn’t hide his bulge much longer...

“Okay! M...I’ll go take a shower!”

She couldn’t think about anything else so she even forget to grab a change of clothes. And she bolted into the bathroom just like that

Watching Dorothy’s retreating figure. Everett’s lips curved into a small smirk.

She really was something else.

Dorothy, in opposition to Everett, wished she could shrink and escape through the drain in the bathroom’

That didn’t go as she planned. Now she was taking a shower after him. Why?

Shouldn’t they be sitting down in discuss the dissolution of their contract and when they’d head to get their divorce certificate?

Everett and Heather had already reached the paint of buying each other underwear or this business trip. She wouldn’t buy it if he later told her they werent back together.

Dorothy paced around the bathroom a few times before Everett’s voice came from outside.

‘Dinner’s here.

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“Okay, I’ll be right out. She clenched her fists, opened the bathroom door, and saw Everett standing at the door. His eyes were scanning over her

“You didn’t shower?”

“I think we need to have a serious talk, Mr. Lopez. What do you say?”

Everett nodded with a calm look, “Sure, let’s talk while we eat”

He walked over to the dining table and even thoughtfully pulled out the chair for her.

Dorothy took a deep breath, “I think you should reconsider our contract!”

Everett paused in cutting his steak. He raised an eyebrow, “Now that the surgery is over and you don’t need me anymore, huh?”

“No, no, that’s not what I mean!!”

“Ms. Sanchez, there’s something you should be clear about. We signed the contract written in black and white, so you should honor it”

If she wanted to be formal about it, he could play along

the penalty”

“Of course, if you’re adamant about breaking the contract, I’ll have my lawyer contact you tomorrow to discuss the p

Penalty?”

Dorothy was stunned, “Aren’t you the one who wants to break the contract?”

Why would she have to pay a penalty? She hadn’t even asked him for anything yet!

“Did I say that?”

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“No.”

But Everett was already back together with Heather. Was he still planning to keep her, the substitute, around?!

“So, anything else you want to discuss?” Everett pushed the cut steak in front of her

Lifting his eyes to look at her

“No.”

“Then have some food and get some rest early. I’m tired today”

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Now they were lying in bed, his large hand resting on her waist and his steady breathing filling the room, but Dorothy still couldn’t figure it out. Was this... a continuation of the contract?

She struggled with it almost all night, and it wasn’t until she was dead tired that she finally drifted off.

When she woke up the next morning, the man beside her had gone.

Dressed in her pajamas, Dorothy walked out of the bedroom to see the breakfast that Everett had left behind on the dining table. It looked like there was no tiff between them at all.

Suddenly, the phone on the bedside table rang.

She ran over to check it. It was Karen.

“Didn’t you see the message I sent you yesterday?”

“Well, I was really busy yesterday. I got lots of business stuff to handle,”

“I’m asking the guy you were talking about it can’t be Mr. Lopez, right? Karen had been waiting for her reply all along.

Dorothy’s heart skipped a beat, “You sure have a wild imagination.

“So it’s not Mr. Lopez then?” Karen seemed relieved. “You scared the hell out of me! I thought you didn’t reply because I hit the nail on the head! Mr. Lopez is indeed a catch. But his relationship with Ms. Heather is an open secret, and the Lopez family is all in on it. Marriage is just a matter of time. If you’re really thinking about it, girl, I would advise you to think twice!”

Sure enough, even Karen thought Heather and Everett were the perfect couple

“Don’t worry, I know my limits.”

“It’s not that you’re not good enough. Don’t sell yourself short. It’s just that Mr Lopez is taken. He mentioned it during an interview once. He said he only has eyes for one person. He was so charming in that video that I’ve kept it on my USB to this day.

“I’ll send it to you later.”

Dorothy forced a smile, “No thanks.”

“Ugh! It’s okay to fantasize about him from time to time. If you’re really looking for a boyfriend, I’d still recommend Kenneth!”

Karen was really pushing it now. She longed to get her bestie into Kenneth’s bed

“That’s enough, girl, I think about it when I’ve made enough money”

After hanging up, Dorothy sat down and picked up a piece of toast. But before she could take a bite, the video from Karen came in.

After hesitating for a moment, she decided to open it.

In the video, Everett was wearing a dark suit with a black shirt underneath, which gave him a cold and aloof look. His chiseled face was calm and composed as he faced the camera.

“Mr. Lopez, do you have any plans to get married recently?” The reporter asked.

“No.”

“Do you prefer the soft type or the career type?”

“Career type.”

The reporter smiled, “So, Mr. Lopez, you’ve got someone in mind?”

Everett paused for a moment, then nodded, “Yes, and it’s just for one person.”

The reporter asked him a lot more questions, and Everett answered each one professionally.

But Dorothy didn’t continue to watch. She turned off her phone and started biting her toast.

For some reason, the toast didn’t taste good today. Not at all.

After breakfast, she cleaned up the table and went to ask Kevin about her schedule for the day.

In the elevator she took out her phone and deleted the video.

No point in watching it again.

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Downstairs of the Lopez Building in Eldoma City

Since Heather went on a business trip just days after her surgery, her wounds have been healing poorly.

So right after Jeffrey picked her up from the airport, they went straight to the hospital for a medication change and a thorough check-up before heading back to the company.

“The Lopez Corporation can survive a day without you, it won't go bankrupt just like that.”

Seeing her rushing back to the office to work overtime, Jeffrey couldn't help but tease.

Heather laughed, “On this business trip, Everett has made connections with many overseas executives. They value the rigor of contracts

and also focus on the capabilities of the legal department during due diligence. I can't be a drag.”

“Do we still need approval from our overseas partners given the achievements of The Lopez Corporation?”

“Of course we are not considering those who beg us to cooperate. But when we meet companies of equal status as The Lopez Corporation, we still need to strive to be the best.”

She was so thoughtful and so dedicated to the Lopez Corporation.

Jeffrey didn't know why he felt so uncomfortable about that.

Can't Heather see Everett hasn't paid her any mind? He thought in his mind.

“While you're here busting your ass, he's off gallivanting in Lumina Bay with his assistant”

Heather heard Jeffrey's grumble.

She suddenly furrowed her brows. "What did you say?"

"Nothing"

"Everett... did he take Dorothy to Lumina Bay on a business trip?"

Heather didn't know the specific arrangements of the company. After all, nothing had been finalized, and the legal department couldn't get involved yet.

But she knew that the first thing Everett was going to do when he returned was to head to Lumina Bay for a major tech development project

And now he was taking Dorothy with him? Wasn't that blatant favoritism?

Dorothy wouldn't be qualified to get involved in such an important project even if she worked for another decade!

"Yep, he took her on a business trip. Maybe you'll even see that junior assistant's name on the credits of Genesis Creations Inc's research development.

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Jeffrey also thought his friend was being unfairly biased.

He had always said he'd give Dorothy a fair shot to let her grow up! Now, if it weren't for the fact that the junior assistant didn't have the capacity to handle the project on her own, Everett would probably want to make her the team leader!

Heather's face was grim. She didn't want to meddle in these trivial matters before She felt Dorothy wouldn't get far in The Lopez Corporation with her ability. But if Everett continued promoting her at this rate, Dorothy might climb up sooner or later if she still didn't intervene.

This was absolutely unacceptable.

"Everett is being so blatant, and the shareholders are okay with it?"

Jeffrey shrugged, "What can they say? He's the CEO. He doesn't need anyone's permission to choose his assistant."

"Dorothy is also beating my expectations. I checked the projects she's handled, and them's actually nothing to pick on." Really?"



Heather suddenly laughed. Her lips were curling, but her eyes were devoid of humor, “She’d better keep up the good work.” Jeffrey glanced at her instinctively. He had a chill down his spine for no apparent reason.

Due to the heavy workload of this business trip, Kevin had to delegate some of the less important documents to Dorothy for verification

For one thing, Kevin thought she was always doing a good job. And he also wanted to pull her into this project to justify adding her

name to the credits.

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When the thick stack of manila folders landed in her hands, Dorothy had an inkling that a trip to the optician was in order once she returned to Eldora City.

“Make sure to give it a thorough look. We can’t afford any slip-ups! I might be able to help you double check if I have the time after finishing my work, otherwise we’re gonna have to go with what you got!”

“Got it.”

Dorothy took a deep breath, put on her glasses, and started cross-checking from the first section of market research.

Once she got started, she was stuck in it for hours.

I came to her room that she managed to take a slight breather,

It wasn’t until Everett and Kevin’s group finished their meeting and c

The sudden influx of unfamiliar colleagues into her room left Dorothy feeling a bit awkward. And she worried that someone sharp might notice she hadn’t slept there the night before.

But Everett seemed completely unfazed. He strode over to her side, eyes falling on the pile of documents.

“Just do your best.” He said, acknowledging the enormous amount of paperwork that would likely exhaust her.

“Mm” Dorothy nodded, deliberately trying to put some distance between them.

Nobody had been picturing things until he suddenly broke the silence with a low voice..

“Did you have breakfast?”

Now Kevin was also looking their way! The managers and assistants behind him all turned to look as well,

“If you have a stomachache, it will affect your work.” Everett said

Everett’s expression was natural as if it was a natural thing to be concerned about Dorothy, and everyone else was simply making a fuss over nothing

“Til take care of it. It won’t delay the progress.”

“Mm.” He gave a light nod, then pointed to a spot in the documents “Here, the R&D investment of Genesis Creations Inc. is pretty vague. Usually, there are problems behind such reports.

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Dorothy nodded and made a note of it with a pencil.

Kevin, who was standing behind them, cleared his throat, “Mr. Lopez, I think I’ll take the managers to my room for a due diligence summary. Call me if you need anything”

“Sure.”

Kevin quickly ushered everyone out upon getting the green light

The moment the door closed, Dorothy finally let out a breath of relief.

He looked at her and chuckled. “What are you nervous about?”

What do you think? She wanted to demand.

She gave a wry smile, “Kevin usually describes you as someone who doesn’t get close to women, but you’ve been hanging around me quite a bit recently. I’m worried they’ll get the wrong idea.”

“There’s nothing to get the wrong idea about.”

Dorothy watched as he calmly started unbuttoning his shirt, revealing his pale chest one button at a time.

She quickly looked away; her voice was filled with panic, “What, what are you doing?”

“I spilled coffee on my sleeve during the meeting. I’m going to change.” Everett started undressing nonchalantly, making Dorothy’s shyness an overreaction.

She could only lower her head, wishing she could bury herself in the documents.

Thankfully, Everett quickly grabbed a change of clothes and went into the bathroom, otherwise Dorothy’s neck would’ve been in pain from all the caning!

Listening to the sound of running water from the bathroom, she rubbed her temples and felt a headache coming on.

Everett had a car accident and went abroad for a business trip right after that. He was clearly trying to distance himself from her probably intending to break the contract. But why hadn’t he mentioned anything since he came back?

Maybe he had another argument with Heather?

So that was why he returned to Lumina Bay from Verdant City alone?

These questions were even more sticky than cross-checking the documents! And every time she brought it up, he’d sidestep the issue and even bring up the penalty for breaking the contract!

So what’s the deal now?

Was she, the substitute, still on the job?

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Everett, fresh out of the shower, saw her sitting there and knitting her brows in deep thought.

He walked over while towel-drying his still dripping hair

“Go to my room and grab the medicine from the table. The room code is 0825.”

Darathy immediately got up and nodded upon hearing his voice. “Sure thing, Mr. Lopez.”

Since the Lopez Corporation had a stake in this hotel, the presidential suite where Everett stayed was exclusively his. So he became the

one to set the code.

She went to get his medicine, and on the way back, she couldn't help but ponder

His code hadn't changed, which meant his feelings for Heather probably hadn't either. Were they having another fluff?

Even though her original plan to break the contract might be down the drain, she found herself oddly relieved.

Dorothy was really messing with her own head.

On one hand, she was desperate to escape the emotional entanglement of Everett and Heather, to stop being someone's standin

On the other hand, the thought of having no connection with Everett once the contract ended made her feel a pang of loss.

That's right, loss. The feeling was crystal clear

She could fool others, but not herself.

Back in the room, Everett had already changed his clothes and waited for Dorothy to apply his medication.

She shuffled over slowly, trying her best to keep her eyes off his well-built physique

'Did the doctor say it would leave a scar? To avoid the awkward silence.

Dorothy stated a conversation

"Didn't ask" Everett's thin lips moved slightly, 'Do you mind?"

What did that have to do with me? She thought

"If you think it's unsightly, it can be removed. Everett when he woke up in the hospital, was too consumed with displeasure and anger to care about his wound.

Especially since Dorothy hadn't called or texted him since he woke up!

"Was the accident happening while you were rushing to the hospital to find me?"

She finally mustered the courage to ask after a second of hesitation.

Everett's gaze fell on her face.

If she hadn't brought it up, he would've let it slide. After all, when he decided to pursue Dorothy after they reunited, he knew it wasn't going to be easy.

It would require endless patience and time.

But since she had mentioned it, Everett sat up, "Why did you decide to let Kenneth pretend to be your boyfriend without even asking me?"

"You're so busy. How could I bother you with my trivial matters?"

"Dorothy! How many times have I told you before to share your troubles with me?"

"But the problem... its not easy to solve! I brought you, I'd have to explain to my mom why you went from being my boss to my boyfriend, and..."

And how could she dare to let Everest face her mother's harsh criticism!?

She even felt guilty when she was facing Kenneth.

"You've never believed that I could face any problem with you, right?" He asked,

She blinked her eyes and met his gaze.

After a long silence, she nodded. 'No, I don't believe.'

Dorothy smirked, "You're the golden boy grown up with everyone's adoration. We'm not from the same world! Your time is spent on controlling a massive corporation, while I have to deal with all the trivial and clinic stuff that can't be solved with money

How could they possibly face these together?

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"So I can't, but Kenneth can? Everett furrowed his brow his eyes not missing a beat of her emotional fluctuations.

She mused for a few seconds but didn't answer the question. Instead, she countered, "My mom insisted on me bringing a boyfriend to see her this time, or she wouldn't have surgery. I brought Kenneth, thinking I could fool her, but she suddenly demanded that

Kenneth's parents come to the hospital immediately! If I had brought you instead, could your parents have come?

The answer was a big no of course.

Both of them were well aware.

After all, everybody knew his highfalutin status!

"So, can you understand?" Dorothy asked carefully

But Evereti didn't say another word.

He buttoned up his shirt before she could apply the medicine, and left the room straight away.

Dorothy could only sigh as she watched his retreating figure.

She hoped that Everett could keep his possessiveness over Heather in the future! She also wished he could realize that she was not Heather but just a low status stand-in

Everett never came back after he left. Dorothy washed her face and sat back down at her desk to work

Around six in the evening, Kevin came knocking

you dont need to leave the hotel, try to do as much as

"Give me the parts you've checked and you've got three days for the rest! Since your you can. Ill mention your contributions to Mr Lopez when the time comes."

Dorothy gave him a thumbs up, but there was something she didn't understand

"Kevin, why did you bring me to Lumina Bay if you guys don't need me to tag along for meetings or due diligence?"

He could have just emailed these documents to her and she could have checked them at the main office. She was brought all the way to Lumina Bay, but she didn't even need to step out of the hotel

it was Mr. Loper's decision. I don't know the spec fics. He might have other uses for you."

"Mr. Lopez's decision?"

“Yeah! I’m just a secretary, no matter how important I am, I can’t decide who gets to join the project.

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Dorothy frowned slightly, “He asked for me specifically?”

“Uh–huh,” Kewin nodded. He was puzzled about this too. “But I think he might feel sorry for you. He knows that you’ve had a tough time in the investment banking world and wants to help you out a bit! If you are in Lumina Bay, your contribution could be recognized more legitimately”

So that’s it. He felt sorry for her.

“Dorothy don’t overthink it. In our line of work, performance is what speaks. It doesn’t matter where you come from, it’s not like we’re choosing a crown princess! Mr. Lopez always appreciates those who are serious and responsible at work. He’s probably looking out for you because he sees potential in you!”

She smiled, “He and I were classmates so he knew all about my family s about. Instead, I should be thanking Mr. Loper

situation back in middle school. I don’t have much to think

After Kewin left, Dorothy returned to her room, feeling a little empty inside.

She couldn’t quite put her finger on why

She picked up her phone, thought for a while, and sent a message to Karen.

Do you think the stronger a man’s possessiveness, the more he loves the woman?)

Everett was even getting jealous over her as Heather’s stand in.

Karen replied almost instantly

[Of course! Isn’t that obvious? The two are directly proportional He must be crazy in love]

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