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Every word she spoke was in a chill and casual tone. It was like a casual chat between friends, but each word was a reminder to Dorothy of the gap between her and Everett.

Heather would never dig deeper after she finished speaking: she would just casually blabber and then naturally switch to the next topic. Sometimes, it even gave Dorothy the false impression that she was being overly sensitive.

Finally, the contract was set in stone.

Dorothy let out a sigh of relief, stood up, and said. "Thanks for your hard work, Ms Heather, I'll be leaving now"

"Hey! What's the rush? Everett should be waking up soon. I'll go get him, and we can grab lunch together

Everett was waking up?

She paused, then heard Heather's explanation. "I don't know what he was up to last night, I asked him, but he kept quiet about it. He looked so exhausted after two consecutive meetings this morning, so I let him rest"

Dorothy thought it was normal for Everett to keep quiet, right? How could he tell his first love that he was with another woman and that woman was just a substitute?

"I'll pass on lunch. I have some other things to do. Thanks, Ms. Heather

She turned to leave as soon as she finished speaking.

But Heather chose this moment to stop her, striding over in her high heels.

"I... Umm. I have something to say. Don't take it the wrong way. You should cover up the hickey on your neck when you come to the head office. It doesn't look good." She pointed at the red mark on Dorothy's neck. "You should also take precautions. Otherwise, neither the Lopez Corporation nor Everett can afford the consequences"

Dorothy had intentionally covered it up with foundation, so even her mother hadn't noticed it in the hospital

But perhaps it was a woman's innate sensitivity. Heather must have looked at her closely

“Ms. Heather Dorothy’s voice was icy cold, without any emotional fluctuation. copy right hot novel pub

I take offense at your reminder. Maybe you should remind Everett not to leave marks on me. That would be better.”

She really didn’t like this kind of insinuation. It was dull and tasteless.

Unquestionably Heather was indeed Everett’s true love. She was noble and capable, but for now at least, she was still Everett’s legally recognized wife

In terms of morals and ethics, Everett had given her the right to refute her

Dorothy walked out of Heather’s office with her back straight. She didn’t relax until she got into the elev

As soon as she reached the entrance of the head office, Everett called.

As soon as she answered, his voice was indeed a little groggy from just waking up. Heather hadn’t lied to her.

“Are you at the hospital?”

“No. I’m meeting a colleague at Enlightenment Church” Dorothy said while looking up at the towering Lopez Corporation building. It was so high that it made her squint “What’s up?”

be home for dinner tonight.”

“Oh, text me what you want to eat, and i’ll buy the groceries on my way home.”

There was a pause on Everett’s end, then he suddenly said, “Your tone is off. What’s wrong?”

“What could be wrong? Dorothy quickly laughed. “I was just thinking about work. I need to catch the subway to meet up with my colleague, so I catch up with you later.”

She hung up the phone and then looked at the WhatsApp message from Karen.

“Dorothy, babe, I’m already at Enlightenment Church. I’m here with my brother, you don’t mind, right?”

1 don’t mind. Wait for me; be right there.”

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She had met Karen's brother before. They were actually cousins, but they were so close that they called each other brother and sister. He was the total opposite of Karen. He was super mature and stable. He became a physics professor at a young age, so he was clearly an intellectual.

Just as Dorothy arrived at Enlightenment Church, she saw a woman frantically waving at her by a pillar

She reluctantly walked over. "There are so many people around. Aren't you afraid they'd laugh at you?"

"Who cares? There are a lot of people here, and I was afraid you wouldn't see me. Karen chuckled, then nodded towards the man beside her. "This is my brother, Kenneth, Remember him? The chatty professor"

Dorothy chuckled. "I remember"

Back then, both of them had just quit their previous jobs to work at the Prosperity Consortium. Her brother being overprotective, bought a small duplex nearby for her that was fully furnished

was obvious that he was a considerate and caring brother, so they got along well.

Kenneth patted his sister on the head in exasperation. "I did all that for your own good"

"Yeah, yeah, you and mom are always on the same side." Karen rolled her eyes while throwing an arm over Dorothy's shoulder. "Let me introduce my bestie, Dorothy. She's gorgeous, kind-hearted and currently single."

Dorothy was caught off guard by this introduction

Luckily, Kenneth was used to his sister's antics and extended a hand to Dorothy. "Hi, I'm Kenneth. We met when I helped Karen move."

"Nice to see you again" She shook his hand politely then withdrew it

The three of them went to the main hall to pray. Then Karen claimed she was hungry, and Kenneth offered to buy some snacks and

water

Once he left, Karen started winking at Dorothy

“What do you think of my brother? Any chance for the two of you *

Dorothy was taken aback “Stop joking! Don’t play matchmaker”

“I’m serious! My brother came here yesterday and I found out he broke up with his girlfriend half a year ago. He’s single too!” Karen was overjoyed when she heard this “I wouldn’t trust any jerk with you, but if it’s my brother. Ill stake my life on it. He’d make a great husband. copy right hot novel pub

He has a stable job with a high income, and he’s the only child. You know my uncle’s business, Everfresh Mart. It’s more than enough to cover your mom’s medical bills”

“Stop!” Dorothy interrupted her. “If that’s your intention, then Im leaving.”

“Why? Don’t you like my brother?”

“I never thought about him in that way” She knew Karen meant well, but it simply wasn’t possible.

As they were talking, Kenneth came back with the snacks.

He gave Karen one and handed Dorothy one without garlic.

*I remember Karen saying you don’t eat garlic.”

“Thank you.” Dorothy was okay initially, but after what Karen said, she felt awkward.

After roaming around the church, she decided to go back to the hospital to see her mom.

“Let me drive you. I came in my car” Kenneth looked at Dorothy gently.

Karen nodded vigorously. “Perfect! I want to shop around more. You guys, go ahead”

“No, it’s fine. L’

Before Dorothy could finish, someone was calling her name from behind.

She instinctively turned around to see a black Maybach parked by the road. The window rolled down halfway, revealing Everett’s handsome face.

“Dorothy, come here”

“Mr. Lopez?”

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Before Dorothy could react, Karen behind her had already blurted out a deafening question.

Everett's sudden appearance here was as unbelievable as hitting the lottery jackpot

Without even turning her head, she could imagine Karen's expression right now.

A helty interrogation from her was inevitable, so Dorothy quickly put on a very professional office smile and briskly walked to the car "Mr. Lopez, is there something work-related you need?"

Everett gave a cold glance to the person behind her without exposing anything further. "Get in the car

"Alright"

Dorothy quickly nodded, then turned to Karen and waved. I've got something to take care of. I've gotta bounce. We'll catch up nex

Taking advantage of the situation before it could escalate, she quickly hopped in the car

Throughout the ride, both of them remained silent. The atmosphere in the car was somewhat weird. But when it came to figuring out why, Dorothy had no clue

Could it be because he didn't sleep well last night?

As they were about to reach the supermarket, Dorothy broke the silence. I haven't done my grocery shopping yet. Could you pull over?" Everett kept his lips tightly sealed, but he did drive into the underground parking lot of the supermarket.

Just as Dorothy was about to get out of the car he suddenly grabbed her wrist

"Who was that person just now?"

Just now?

"That's my friend, Karen. We work together at the Prosperity Consortium

So, he should know now how serious it was to suddenly shout out her name on the street

Especially since Katen was a big blabbermouth.

But clearly, Everett's attention was elsewhere. "The guy?"

"That's her cousin, but he's more like her brother."

"Hmm, go on

Dorothy blinked, not understanding his meaning. Did he think Kenneth was promising and wanted to rope him into the Lopez Corporation?

"Then... he's a university physics professor His father is a businessman who owns Everlresh Mart, and he's the only child." She spilled everything she knew. copy right hot novel pub

But Everett's face turned darker and darker.

"You seem to know a lot."

Just as Dorothy was about to speak, he got out of the car first

Although she was not good at guessing other people's thoughts, she could see that Everett was angry. It felt like a husband suddenly catching his wife in some improper behavior

Of course, if Everett didn't say anything, Dorothy wouldn't ask. She knew her place well

Back at Bay Residence after grocery shopping, she cooked, and he worked, as if everything were normal.

Except that night, Everett was exceptionally restless

The weekend flew by and finally, it was Dorothy's fast day at the head office.

Early in the morning, she made sure to freshen up, put on her professional attire, and double check everything she needed to bring "Let's go." At the entrance, Everett was already suited and booted. He was always impeccable, even at home. His every move exuded elegance and refinement.

She was holding her laptop bag, stunned. "I can take the subway."

of people gaw her getting out of the CEO's car, it would cause quite a stir.

“My car parks directly in a private spot. No one will see.”

“There’s no need, I should get familiar with the subway route.”

“I don’t want to repeat myself.”

His tone was getting even more commanding

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Everett hardly ever spoke that way in private, which meant he was dead set

“Thanks, Mr. Leper.

Once at the Lopez Corporation, Everett headed straight for the conference room.

Dorothy felt like all he did these days was attend never ending meetings.

She headed straight for Kevin with her bag.

After seeing him she finally understood why his style of conversation sounded so familiar. Wasn’t he the one who had blocked her from emmering when she had gone to see Everett Eat a contract in Fujinon City?

“Ms. Sanchez.” Kevin didit seem surprised at all. fi seemed like he already knew who she was

“You don’t have to be so formal. Just call me Dorothy She was here to learn, or, in layman’s terms, to be tutored by Kevin. She couldn’t have him keep calling her Ms. Sanchez

This took Kevin aback a little.

“No. It was Mr. Lopez himself who asked me to lock after you so fill keep calling you Ms. Sanchez

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Kevin had been with Everett for many years and had never seen any woman close to him, not even the chief lawyer, Heather. Now, suddenly, he was asked to look after this girl. She must be special

At least in Mr. Lopez's eyes, she was something else.

Unable to convince him and unable to explain her relationship with Everett, Dorothy simply nodded. "Well, I be counting on you then. copy right hot novel pub

I'm new to the falc, sa I might need your gudarce but I can handle criticism. If make a mistake, just let me know and I'll correct it"

Kevin had never seen agid who was willing to lower her stance like this. It was quite a surpose

He had thought she would be some spoiled rich girl when he received the instructions from Mr Lopez. After all, she was backed by Mr Lopez

With this his fondness for Dorothy increased spidly

"How about I show you around the project department first? And your office."

"Sure. Thanks for your help"

After a tour of the headquarters with Kevin, she got a general idea of the layout. As she stood on the observation deck at the top of the Lopez Building and looked at the luxurious building and the entre Lopez Corporation landscape in Elderia City she genuinely fell impressed by Everett.

It wasn't about his wealth, but more about hus capabilities and dedication to work

pabilites

Despite owning so much property and status, he was still fighting on the front line. He was busy as hell, working overtime and burning the midnight oil more often than she did.

No wonder he had been named Outstanding Young Entrepreneur of the country multiple times. He was truly a role model in the Industry

After the tour Dorothy dove straight into work

The work atmosphere here was much more intense than of the Prosperity Consortium. Everyone was glued to their screens, with hardly any casual glances around.

Although she was exhausted by the end of the day, she felt oddly satisfied:

When it was time to knock off, Dorothy tidied up her desk, confirmed her fight to Havenbinok with Kevin for the next day and was about to leave when Everest's call came in right on time.

She even suspected Everett had put surveillance in her office.

“Come to the place we met this morning”

“Are you done for the day too?”

“Yeah I have an overseas project meeting at one in the morning. I can do it from home.

Dorothy hummed in agreement, hung up the phone, and headed straight for the underground parking lot. She was all smiles until she saw Heather standing next to Everett from a distance.

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abe had come to the headquarters, such scenes would become pretty common.

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Everett spotted Dorothy just as she was about to duck out of sight.

“Dorothy”

His voice was deep and magnetic, and his lone was steady.

Since she had failed her attempt at hide and seek, Dorothy had to brace herself and march over. “Mr. Lopez, Ms. Heather”

“We’ll head out now” The moment she came over Everett slid into the car

Heather waved and gave Dorothy a friendly smile. “Take care on the road. We’ll discuss our thing when you’re back from your trip.

“Uh–huh.”

Only after Heather turned to leave did Dorothy get into the car,

She sneakily eyed Everett, wondering what Heather meant by “our thing.”

“Tired?” Everett loosened his tie and unbuttoned the top of his shirt.

From Dorothy’s angle, she could catch a glimpse of the tattoo on his collarbone.

“It was okay. Kevin didn’t dump too much work on me.”

“If the workload gets too much, tell him.” Everett had brought her to the head office to thrive, not to work herself to death

Dorothy nodded, only to be interrupted by her phone’s ring.

New friend request

‘KN’ wanted to add her as a friend.

Who was this?

Hesitant, Dorothy accepted the request.

Before she could wonder too long, her phone rang, It was Karen.

“My cousin added you on Facebook. He said he had a research project he wanted to discuss with you when you’re free.”

This girl was relentless in her matchmaking efforts

“Im not pulling your leg. copy right hot novel pub

Mr. Percy would definitely be interested. If you introduce this to the seam 3. your status will skyrocket”

“Alright, I accepted the request. Thanks for leaving this opportunity to me” She hung up after a quick conversation.

Everett didn’t react this time

Phew, so his earlier displeasure wasn’t due to jealousy

Back at Bay Residence, Dorothy started packing. In the spirit of being thorough, she knocked on the study door.

“Everett, do you need help packing for your trip?”

He was leaning against his desk, reading some company reports. His robe was loosely hanging off him, revealing a large expanse of pale skin.

After hearing her voice, he straightened up. “Yes. Bring a couple of white shirts and two suits.”

“Alright”

“And pajamas, underwear, and condoms”

What?

She looked at him instinctively, but Everett seemed completely calm.

How could he say that so casually and naturally? Didn't he feel awkward at all?

Moreover with the trip approaching so fast, he still had time to think about such matters?

Quietly leaving his study, Dorothy obediently inned his clothes, folded them neatly, and placed them in the suitcase along with lies, socks, underwear, and a box of contraceptives

Before putting them in, she glanced at the box.

Five pieces should be enough

Once everything was set, Dorothy was going to take a shower when she checked her phone, Kenneth had sent several maastogos.

It was a greeting followed by a brief introduction of his colleagues' joint research on an intelligent vehicle.

She watched the conceptual video Kenneth had made. Not only could it achieve driverless operation and automatic parking but it also added four-wheel 360-degree rotation and an initial low-altitude fight.

This surprised Dorothy

A car that could operate on land and in the air was indeed a gap in the market. Domestic technology was not quite there yet.

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Karen really didn't disappoint this time

Tm going on a business trip tomorrow. Ill bring this up with my boss when I get back. This really is a solid project”

In no time a reply came. “You're going on a bus ness trip tomorrow too?

“Yeah To Havenbrook”

“What a coincidence! I’m heading to Haverbrock tomorrow too. I’ve been invited to give a talk at Techopolis University. If you’re free. let’s meet up. I’d love to chat more about this project

This was sudden. Dorothy didn’t know if he just wanted to talk about work or if Karen had a hand in this and had some ulterior motives. But the project did seem really promising.

She couldn’t afford to miss out on the project just because
was suspicious.

Alter a moment of thought she replied, “Sure. We’ll keep in touch”

After she put down her phone, Dorothy went into the bathroom. When she came out, she saw an unread message on her phone. It was not from WhatsApp.

When she opened it, she saw that the number was anonymous.

“I heard you’ve been a sugar baby for some rich guy. How do you Think your r mom would react?”

It hit Dorothy like a bucket of ice cold water.

She knew instantly that it was from her dad’s mistress. She was unable to wreak havoc at her mom’s hospital, so she decided to mess with Durotly instead.
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“What the hell do you want?”

you can get your mom to agree to the divorce, I won’t tell her about this”

Dorothy was so furious that she started shaking. She had never thought someone could be so shameless.

That woman had been the mistress for over twenty years, and she was still plotting to forse the wife to divorce?

And yet, she was genuinely womed about her mom finding out.

If the news of her contract mamage got out, her mom would definitely refuse to have the surgery She could even have mare health Issues due to the emotional stress.

Since Dorally didn’t reply, the mistress added. “Dor’t think I’m bluffing.

Ing. I mean what I say.”

Everett came in and saw Dorothy’s troubled expression. He walked over and touched her shoulder lightly. “What’s wrong?”

She was startled and instinctively hid the messages on her phone. “No, nothing.”

‘Dorothy, I think you should tell your friends that you’re married now.’

She was taken aback and caught off guard by his sudden seriousness. “Huh? But she’ll definitely ask more questions. I’m not good at making up stories, let alone fabricating a whole person.

She knew Karen too well. She wouldn’t rest until she knew everything about her husband. There was no way she could fool her with some made-up person.

“Then just tell her Everett’s eyes were fixed on her face, as if he were trying to read something from it.

“Tell her what?’ Dorothy’s instinctive response showed that she had never considered bringing their marriage into the open

After a few seconds of silence, Everett asked, frowning, “So, I’m not good enough to be seen?”

“But our contract only lasts for a year.. She’d have to explain the divorce then.

Dorothy analyzed rationally. “I know you don’t like Karen introducing me to guys. You’re worried about me having ambiguous relationships during our contract period, which might affect you physically. Don’t worry; I have absolutely no intentions in that direction.

If you think my word isn’t enough, we can add a penalty clause to the contract. I have no objections.”

She had thought deeply about what Everett meant when he said about his cleanliness obsession. Basically he couldn’t accept sharing a woman with other men.

Especially since he saw her as a stand-in for his true love, his concern was quite understandable.

Actually, Dorothy had only been intimate with him so far. But she didn’t want to tell him that he was her first, since it felt like moral kidnapping.

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Everett took a deep breath. “Let’s wait a bit more”

Maybe he was being too impatient.

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The next morning, their assistant came to take them to the airport.

The whole way, he was busy discussing business matters with the shareholders. He didn't even have time for a sip of water. It wasn't until they were on the plane that he finally got a chance to lean back and catch a break.

Dorothy wouldn't disturb him. This was the perfect time for her to check out the information Kevin had sent.

The further she delved into the project, the more questions she had.

The prospects for the energy-saving company were indeed promising, but did it really require the grand CEO. Everett, to personally take a business trip to Havenbrook? Even if the investment doubled or tripled, it wouldn't be enough to stir this big shot.

He must have other things to deal with

The flight from Eldonia City to Havenbrook took three hours. Dorothy had already taken several pages of notes, and the man beside her was still asleep.

Who knew what time the late-night meeting ended last night? However, it seemed like it was enough to make him very weary. After landing. Event slowly opened his eyes with his eyebrows furrowed. We're here?

"Mm-hmm" Dorothy quickly handed him a cup of warm water. "You didn't eat anything this morning, and you've been sleeping till now Your stomach might hurt later, so have some water first"

He took it and took a sip. "Thanks."

"Don't mention it."

After saying this, she started to gather her materials.

This natural interaction between the two was exactly what Everett wanted

He didn't like how cautious Dorothy was around him. She was always looking up at him like how a subordinate would look at a superior. After getting off the plane, the CEO of Social Networking Service personally came to the airport to welcome them. copy right hot novel pub

There were even local media waiting at the entrance of the full to take photos.

As soon as Dorothy saw the cameras, she promptly stepped behind Kevin to lower her presence.

"Mr. Loper, your presence has made Hasenbrook shine today!

"You're exaggerating. I'm a native of Havenbrook. It's only right to support my hometown." Only Everett could make such a formal statement sound so pleasant.

The media started taking pictures of him, and for some unknown reason, Dorothy secretly took out her phone and snapped a photo of Everett's back

He was wearing a light-colored trench coat with a dark blue suit underneath, making him look tall and straight. He looked like a star posing for a photo shoot. His simple attire gave off an air of luxury, and his every move exuded refinement

This man, whether in his student days or after entering society, was always at the top of the pyramid. It seemed like he was destined to stand at the peak and look down on everyone else.

Soon, Everett was escorted into a car. Dorothy saw this and quickly picked up her laptop to follow Kevin

Before she could even take a step, she heard Everett's voice.

"Dorothy, nde with me"

Upon hearing this, the people present inevitably shifted their gaze to her.

To avoid causing any further speculation, Dorothy quickly put on her 100% professional assistant smile and walked over. "Sure thing. Mr. Loper

After finally getting in the cat she let out a sigh of relief.

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Seeing that the man beside her wasn't taking a nap, Dorothy lowered her voice and said, "You keep calling my name. They'll not She didn't understand why Everett wanted to call her out so publicly. Wouldn't this affect his reputation? "Are you afraid of being seen?"

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"I'm not afraid of being seen. I'm afraid of misunderstanding our relationship"

Ever since Everett entered the business world and made a name for himself, there hadn't been any juicy gossip about him. The only piece of scandal might be something about him and Heather

Now, if people started spreading rumors about him taking a female assistant out on business trips and acting all chummy, it could stir up a lot of unnecessary trouble.

Anyway, she was with Kevin, so she wouldn't be far from him, and she certainly wouldn't get lost in Havenbrook.

"Why should we fear what people might guess about our relationship? Everett said.

They were a married couple who just hadn't gone public yet. Why did they have to fear rumors?

But when Dorothy heard this, she took it differently

Was Everett being deliberately close with her, even in public? Could it be that he had another argument with Heather and was trying to provoke her?

She found herself increasingly put off by her role as a pawn in this game.

But she couldn't avoid it. She had to be prepared at all

After all, Everett came to her, investing money and effort. This was what he wanted.

Dorothy didn't say anything more. She just turned her gaze out the car window

She hadn't been back here in five or six years. The last time she came, it was just a quick trip to give up her rented apartment and rush her mother to Elderna City for treatment.

Havenbrook had changed dramatically. It now had towering skyscrapers everywhere, and the IT industry here had soared to great heights

Many tech villages had been built here, and the government was fully supporting economic development. There were even more foreigners on the streets after the city started to attract foreign investment

When they arrived at Social Networking Service, Everett was still the center of attention as he led the way.

Dorothy deliberately lagged behind Kevin, whispering, "Before coming, I looked up the shareholders of Social Networking Service. The man in the gray suit following their president is named Edward. His shares in the Social Networking Service changed three times. It seems like he wanted to split from Social Networking Service before, but when he saw the Lopez Corporation was interested, he held onto his shares."

The timeline matched up perfectly

Kevin followed her gaze and nodded. copy right hot novel pub

"Your analysis makes sense. We'll need to talk to our lawyers and accountants about it later

"Okay"

Because Everett personally came to the Social Networking Service, it attracted quite a lot of attention. So today, he wouldn't be able to slip away easily.

In the afternoon, Kevin was getting tired and called Dorothy over, "You're from Havenbrook, right? Any good food around here?"

"Huh? Well, there is... But don't you have to accompany Everett.. Uh, Mc Lopez, for some socializing?"

They seemed to have mentioned going to a hotel for a chat

"Mr. Lopez brought his PR secretary today. Not only will people from the Social Networking Service be coming, but also will leaders. from the Environmental Protection Bureau. I'd better not tag along"

Dorothy finally understood. "I see. Well, let's go for some pizza then Quick in and out. We can get it done in half an hour, no delay"

Kevin raised his eyebrows in satisfaction. "Mr. Lopez has good reason to value you."

Such a perceptive assistant, stuck in a subsidiary like the Prosperity Consortium, was a bit of a waste.

Dorothy squinted and smiled, finding Kevin not as stiff and old-fashioned as she had thought. In fact, he smiled a lot more than Everett

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After checking a nearby pizza place on her phone, they halled a cab and headed straight there.

Just as they sat down and ordered, Dorothy suddenly saw a figure that was both strange and familiar,

Maxton Sanchez.

Her father

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Talk about a small world!

Dorothy had imagined she might run into someone from the Sanchez family before she came, but she didn't expect to seem right off the bat.

No wonder that woman started stinging the pot again. So they were back from abroad.

This couldn't be good.

"Do you think Edward wants to cut and run from the Social Networking Service because there's something fishy with the company?" Kevin's voice brought her back from her thoughts.

Dorothy nodded making sure to sit with her back to Maxton, Otherwise, even without the backing of the Lopez Corporation for going public, the revenue of the Social Networking Service isn't shabby, unless he has a better one lined up. Leaving money on the table and pulling out his shares is a big decision"

Anyone who invested in a company from the get go definitely had high hopes for it.

Either they were really good friends, or they were family. Given this, as an original shareholder, he would have to think long and hard before making a move.

Also, share changes take time from declaration to realization, which meant Edward was dead set on leaving.

“Could you lock up Edward’s shareholdings in other companies?”

Dorothy smiled. She quickly flipped through her phone and handed it to Kevin. “Here’s the latest

“Dornity. I’m starting to see you in a new light.” Kevin was a workaholic. The pizza just awed, and he started reading the information without ever bothering to eat

His compliment for her didn’t matter, but it did catch the attention of Marton behind her. copy right hot novel pub

“Dorothy?”

“It really is you!”

Maxton walked over. He was about to say something when she stood up first

“Kevin, I have something to deal with. Ill be back in ten minutes.”

Kevin waved his hand “Sure, go ahead.”

Dorothy walked ahead, with Maxton following her cut of the pizza place

He started speaking in an unpleasant tone as soon as they stopped, “What brings you back to Havenbrook?”

“Work”

If it werent for work, she wouldn’t step foot in this place again,

“You need to work? Didn’t you latch onto some rich guy?”

Maxton didn’t mince his words. He was okay with embarrassing his own daughter in public, not even bothering to lower his voice

“Is that any of your business? Dorothy was getting impatient. “We haven’t asked for your money or ridden on your coattails. You’d better stay out of my business”

“Who do you think you’re talking to? Dorothy, I’m your father! Don’t put on airs with me: you’re just like your mother!”

His voice raised unconsciously when she gave him the cold shoulder.

Originally, Dorothy just wanted to deal with him quickly and return, but she couldn't stand it when he spoke about her mother like that.

"Huh, such words coming from a man who abandoned his family and had an affair, that's a laugh!"

"You"

"Save it, and tell that woman to save it too! We've backed down this far, not because we're weak, but because we don't want to fight over trash! If you keep pushing us, I won't hesitate to spill the beans to the media! The Sanchez family has a reputation in Hawenbrook, so you can think about the consequences."

Dorothy left him with that and walked back into the shop.

Behind her, Maxton was fuming. You dare to threaten me? Fine! Don't blame me for not holding back! You better prepare to collect your mother's body!"

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Dorothy took his threat as an empty bark from a tired dog

That woman had been itching to become the man's wife all along. She was constantly pushing Maxton to get a divorce. Despite countless attempts, Bella just wouldn't sign the damn divorce papers, leaving her stuck with the label of a mistress.

She could understand her mother. That was the main reason why her mom kept going.

When Dorothy got back, even though her face was extremely pale, Kevin didn't prod any further and acted like nothing had happened. They ate and then were summoned back to the Social Networking Service headquarters.

Everett and his crew must have just finished their meal since they were lounging on the couch in the reception room. His suit jacket was casually draped over his arm, and his long legs were crossed.

Seeing Derally, he waved her over

Not wanting to keep him waiting, she quickly made her way over to him, greeting him with a polite smile. "Mr. Lopez"

"Let me introduce you. This is Mr. Ryan from the Social Networking Service."

"Hello, Mr. Ryan. Dorothy didn't get why he was suddenly introducing this man to her but she knew she had to keep up the pretense of politeness. She couldn't embarrass the Lopez Corporation.

Since Everett was making an effort to introduce this woman to him, Mr. Ryan figured she must be someone special. copy right hot novel pub

He extended his hand with a "nerdly smile. "Nice to meet you."

"Dorothy is the one I've assigned to handle our collaboration. If there's anything you need, you can go directly to her."

This hit her like a bomb.

Dorothy was completely stunned

Since when did she become the project manager? She... She was still green!

"Ms. Sanchez looks so young. I wouldn't have guessed she's your right-hand. Mr. Lopez. My bad." Mr. Ryan instantly saw Dorothy in a new light, and his eyes held a hint of flattery

After all it was hard to get on Everett's good side, so he might as well try his luck with others.

"You flatter me. Dorothy was forcibly dragged into their small talk.

They didn't leave the Social Networking Service until it was dark.

On the way back to the hotel, she couldn't help but ask. "Most of the credit for this project goes to Kevin. I can't just take all the glory,

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If she made enemies right after arriving at the head office, she could kiss any chance of promotion goodbye.

"Kevin handles many projects. He won't mind this one" Everett rubbed his forehead, clearly worn out from a day of socializing

"Whether he minds or not, that's his business.

But for me, it's unethical."

"Dorothy Sanchez." Everett suddenly called her by her full name, his voice stern. "Everyone at the head office, even the lowest-level employees, have impressive resumes. If you want to slay, you need one too."

That was the only way to shut people up.

"If it's because of this, then I'd rather not stay at the head office. I'll return to the Prosperity Consortium after the training Dorothy was stubborn. If she took what wasn't hers, she'd feel deeply guilty

And she would keep thinking about it, day and night.

Everett frowned/He went silent for a few seconds before speaking. "This project was originally meant to be yours. Kevin knew from the start that he was just an assistant."

What?

"Don't doubt it. I've said before that I won't do any favors for anyone. But I believe in your ability to lead this project. It's just that you're inexperienced in many aspects, which is why Kevin was assigned as your mentor"

Dorothy looked at Everett, finding him more and more enigmatic

The same man who coldly rejected her application was now suddenly placing her in an important position.

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