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Keren, who was at work, was taken aback by Donery's raspy voice when she called.

"What happened to you? Didn't my brother say your mam didn't find out?"

"It's not about my mom." Dorothy hesitated for a while on the other side of the phone, before finally speaking with difficulty. "Can L.can stay at your place for a few days? I find a place as soon as I can. It'll be for a week at most!"

Karen was taken aback. "You're not renting your place anymore?"

Dorothy hesitated a bit before saying, "Yeah, you could say that."

"Then just move in with me! Why bother staying temporarily?" she sighed, "I suggested this before, but you were adamant about not agreeing! How great would it be if we lived together? You could help me cook and clean and keep me company! That's settled then. Move in tonight"

"Okay, we'll talk more when you get off work."

After hanging up, Karen sat at her desk, her eyes spinning, before quickly calling Kenneth.

"Just a heads up that Dorothy is moving into my place today. We might need a strong guy to help move her stuff!

Kenneth chuckled on the other end. "You sly fox, new you're talking in circles."

"Tak! What do I have to talk in circles for? I'm not the one pursuing her

"All right!" he laughed, "Ill come after work. Thanks for setting this up, okay?"

"That's more like d!" Karen snorted, "Don't underestimate Dorothy because she's struggling now. Given time, she's bound to make big strides in her career.

By then, you'll have a bear ful and talented wife, and you'll be aughing up your sleeve!"

"Yeah, yeah, yeah."

"That's settled then! See you tonight."

Putting down the phone. Karen let out a long sigh

Then all she had to do was wait for the day her best friend became her sister in law! If that could really happen, she and Dorothy would have truly become family!

Dorothy packed up all her belongings, even cleaning the master bedroom one more time before picking up the strawberries in the living room one by one and putting them in the fridge.

Although they weren't hers, it would have been a shame if they went bad.

Standing in front of the fridge, she looked at the abundance of red strawberries and, on a whim, tasted one of the strawberries.

It was really sweet

Dorothy suddenly understood what Everett meant by his obsession with cleanliness! it meant that even as a substitute, she had to be pure in both body and mind.

So, when he found out she brought another man to her mother's hospital mom, he was so angry that he rushed to the hospital, even missing his date with Heather.

So, that time, it was really over between her and Everett, right?

According to the contract if he proposed to terminate it first, he wouldn't pursue the medical expenses for her mother.

Dorothy thought that once she cared enough, she would have definitely repaid him to buy back her dignity.

At six in the evening, she took a taxi to Karen's place with her luggage.

That little mine, Karen, came bouncing down the stairs to greet her, followed by Kernell.

"You've finally agreed to stay at my place! My dear Dorothy, do you know how happy I am?"

I'm just staying temporarily. Once I find a suitable place, I'll move out\* Dorothy still insisted on not owing anyone any favors.

She was afraid out if she stayed for too long and accepted too much of Karen's kindness, she wouldn't be able to return the favor!

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"I won't let you! You have to stay with me Karen peuted rendy to voice her complaints.

Kenneth's gaze suddenly fell on her cheek.

'Dorothy, your face...

Reminded by him. Karen also looked over, and her eyes widened instantly!

"Oh my gosh! What happened to you? Your mom didn't hit you again, did she?!"

"No, no, I really did bump myself this time." Dorothy awkwardly covered her wound, clearly not willing to talk about it.

Just as Karen was about to call her out, Kenneth lugged at her from behind and shot her a look, signaling her to stop talking

"Let's go. Il help you carry your luggage upstairs. Karen says today is a day of celebration for your moving in. I'll treat you guys to a nice

meal"

"Yay! Kenneth, you're the best! Let's go, Dorothy. Lets go upstairs!"

Dorothy noddod and followed them.

She habitually took out her phone to check messages.

There were still no messages from Everett No WhatsApp messages, no calls, no activity at all.

But Kevin said he had called Kevin himself in the maming, which means he was awake. He just didn't want to contact her

Well, that explained a lot.

She wasn't anything important. Why would Everett have bothered in contact her after waking up from a car accident?

In the VIP ward of the hospital

The doctor was changing the dressing on Everetts wounds.

Fortunately, his face wasn't too damaged. There was just a slight concussion from hitting his forehead and leaning forward due to inertia, plus various scrapes on his arms and legs.

"Where's my phone? Give it to me" He frowned slightly.

Perhaps because the medication was reacting with the wound.

Jeffrey handed over the phone, watching him open WhatsApp and the chat with Derothy, where the last message she sent was displayed

[My mom's really emotional right now. You really shouldn't come!]

"You can look at it a thousand times, but it won't change the fact that she doesn't care about you at all."

At those words, Everett looked up at him abruptly, his gloomy handsome face instantly dropping the temperature in the room.

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Jeffrey instinctively shrank back, I'm just telling the truth. She's clearly feeling guilty, that's why she's afraid of you coming! I sent you the hospital corridor surveillance video. She told someone else that the guy she brought was her boyfriend! Tell me, Everett, has she ever introduced you like that to her mom?"

Obviously not

She was always cautious, keeping a safe distance

As if she was afraid of getting involved with him beyond their contract.

"Does she know about my car accident?"

His voice was feebly hoarse when he spoke.

"Yes, Heather felt bad for you and called her,"

"Did she come? Freti asked quickly

Jeffrey frowned, the words on the tip of his tongue, but he suddenly changed his mind, "Yes, she came, but she left quickly! She didn't even wait outside the emergency room."

Everett didn't say anything

Like I said, she has no feelings for you. Ne maller now much you give, all you get in return is heartbreak! You're the CEO of the Loper Corporation, and you can have any woman you want. Why hang yourself on this too?"

Jeffrey rambled on and on, but Everett obviously wasn't listening.

After a while, he slowly spoke, "Did she really leave quickly?"

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Jeffrey was taken aback, and it took him a few seconds to nod. "Yes! Did you see her when you were pushed out of the emergency room?"

He did not

Of course, it was because he was transfered to another emergency room hallway through, but Dorothy didn't know that.

"Let's stop talking about this! So far, has the initiated contact with you? Everett, if she cared about you, how could she not send you a message?"

Jeffrey's words hit Everett right in the feels.

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It was indeed true that since the blow up, Evertas phone hadn't even buzzed with a single text from Dorothy

"Wake up, Everell, Jelfiey said, "There's someone else better for you. Someone who actually cares about you"

He might as well have said Heather's name

But Everett just pursed his lips, eyes glued to his phone screen without a word

Seeing him like that, Jeffrey sighed and said, "Wi right, I'll stop blabbering. You must figure this out yourself! Need hep packing? You've got that business trip tonight"

"No thanks, fil drive myself back to Bay Residence"

"You're going back to her Jeffrey knew Dorothy lived at Bay Residence

left some clothes there”

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go get them for you”

“No need.” Everett’s reply was curt

His feelings were written all over his face.

Everett thought that maybe it was all just a big misunderstanding

“Everett, listen to me this once. Don’t go back! See when she finally reach out! You can’t keep fooling yourself.”

On the other hand, even though Kenneth was throwing a housewarming dinner, Dorothy was quiet the whole time, constantly checking her phone.

It was already half past seven. Everett should have been on his way to his business trip, right?

Didn’t he notice she had left Bay Residence?

Or was that whole thing not worth a phone call for the busy Mr. Lopez?

“Dorothy, eat up! This is really good. Karen kept piling food into her bowl. Call the people at the table, she was the happiest

“Okay” Dorothy forced a smile, trying not to show she was distracted

Suddenly, her phone on the table lit up. There was a new WhatsApp message

She grabbed it immediately, only to find it was from her mother

[After the surgery, you two must hold a wedding ceremony Just getting registered isn’t enough.]

It wasn’t Everett.

Dorothy took a deep breath and replied, [Get it [

Everything would have been over after her mom’s surgery.

She hadn’t planned to drag it out that long

“You seem distracted.

Are you waiting for a call? Now, even Karen noticed,

Kenneth quickly shot his sister a look, signaling her to stop asking.

But Karen didn't care. She was upset that her best friend was keeping secrets!

is it work? Cris your mom giving you a hard time again?

Dorothy shook her head and smiled, "No, I'm just thinking about what kind of apartment to get

"Don't bother with that, just stay with me! If you insist on paying rent, you can pay me"

Dorothy was helpless. But speaking of money. Dorothy took out a wad of cash from her bag. I was money she withdrew from a nearby bank after packing her things in the afternoon. She handed it to Kenneth across the table, "Thank you for helping me out. I don't know if this is enough to cover the cost of those supplements. If it's not, I'll make up the difference next month when I get paid."

Karen's eyes went wide when she saw the money, "Kenneth, you're so cheap! You're actually charging Dorothy for supplements?!"

Kenneth looked wronged, "Dorothy, what are you doing? I just bought some stuff for your mom"

"No, I'm already grateful that you're helping me out. I can't let you pay out of your own pocket." Dorothy put the money on the table "Karen, if you still consider me a friend, let your brother take the money. Otherwise, I'll be awkward between us in the future."

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Kenneth was about to push it back, but Karen beat him to it. She snatched up the money and stuffed it into his arms.

"Wright, he is going to take it then!"

"Huh?"

Dorothy chuckled, got up with her phone in hand, "I'm going to the restroom, you guys carry on."

As she left, Kenneth looked at the wad of cash, helpless and frowning, "What does it mean if I take this money?"

"You don't understand Dorothy! She's always super cautious and likes to keep track of every penny. If you still want a future with her, you can't be so hasty" Talking about her best friend, Karen seemed helpless too.

After all those years, her most vivid impression of Dorothy was that she was incredibly insecure

And yet she loved to put on a brave face.

"She's in need of money right now, and her mom's surgery is costly. Does she really need to be this calculative? Kenneth realized Dorothy wasn't the girl he imagined she was.

It seemed like she was always cutting ties, any kind of ties. As if she was afraid of getting too close and too intimate with anyone.

"Just take the money anyway Is it enough?"

"More than enough. I didn't spend much" Kenneth pulled out a few bills, "Give the rest back to her

"Okay"

Inside the restroom, Dorothy splashed cold water on her face to wake herself up

Maybe because she didn't sleep the previous night, she felt lightheaded, as if she could faint anytime

Looking at her swollen and bruised face in the mirror Dorothy clenched her fists, suddenly pulled out her phone, and dialed Everett's

number!

She told herself she just wanted to talk about canceling the contact with Everett and nothing else

But as soon as she dialed the number, Dorothy held her breath

Until a voice came from the other end

"Hello, the number you dialed is powered off..

Riding on that momentum, Dorothy dialed Kevin's number.

“Hey, Kevin, I’m looking for Mr.

Lopez”

“Mr. Loper? He’s already boarded the plane. I dropped him off at the airport. Now I’m on my way back. You can send him a message on WhatsApp. He’ll see it when he lands.”

Dorothy pursed her lips, “Can I know where he’s gone for his business trip?”

“Verdant City, for a technology development cooperation exchange meeting”

Everett was out of the country

Kevin finally sensed something was off in her tone, “Is it urgent?”

“No, not really. Just heard he had a car accident. As an old classmate, I should show some concern.” She laughed with a hint of self-mockery.

“Oh, no need to worry. I just saw him, and he’s fine! By the way, can you come to work normally tomorrow?”

“Yes, see you tomorrow.”

“Okay”

After hanging up, Dorothy felt as if all the remaining strength in her body had been sucked out.

This was her last bit of courage.

Even Dorothy herself didn’t know if she had gotten through to Everett just now and heard his voice, what would she have said?

Would she have explained why she and Kenneth were at the hospital together or directly discuss canceling the contract, or just asked about his well-being?

Even then, standing in front of the mirror in the restroom, she felt relieved it didn’t get through!.

That way, she could have pretended that she never called and waited for Everett to take the initiative to find her either to discuss the

contract or perhaps something else.

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After dinner, Kenneth dropped the girls back at their place, made sure the door was locked, and then took

Dorothy was completely wiped out. She took a bath and hit the hay

She had a restless night, curling up like a shrimp, clutching her blanket tightly.

In the morning, she was startled awake by the alarm clock.

Staring at the unfamiliar ceiling, it took her a moment to remember she was crashing at Karen's place.

She got dressed and cleaned up.

Karen finally emerged from her room phone in hand. "Just hang on a second. I've ordered breakfast on my phone. We can eat and then head to work together"

Dorothy glanced at the time, "No can do the Lopez Corporation is a tirk from here, I have to dash for the subway now! I can't grab breakfast with you"

"Just take a cab then! It won't break the bank. Karen blurted out but then realized Dorothy was too frugal to splurge on a cab when there was a cheaper subway option

"No womes. I can grab a bite at lunch. I have to go now. See you later

She grabbed her laptop and bag and headed out the door. It was her first day commuting from here to the Lopez Corporation, and she fumbled a bit with the route

Luckily, she left early and didn't clock in late at the Lopez Corporation.

"Morning" As soon as she got to the office, she saw Kevin at the door with a bag in his hand.

"You look like you've skipped breakfast, am I right?

Dorothy grinned, Tm not hungry I eat at lunch.

"Here, I bought exta.

Try this strawberry toast from this place,” Kevin put the bag on her desk.

“No way. Their stuff is pricey!

“That’s why I can’t bear to chuck it. It’s perfect for you to munch on Kevin dropped that line, ignored her protests, and took the elevator back to his office.

Dorothy reluctantly sat down and opened the fancy bag

Toast from L&H Bakery Company cost more than a hundred bucks a slice! And Kevin about to toss half a bag of it?

She looked at the toast in her hand, and a thought suddenly popped into her head  
“Could it be that Everett had Kevin buy it for me

But the next second, she shook off that thought!

No way!

Lately, she had been quite the daydreamer

Dorothy turned to her computer munched on her toast while tidying up the data, and sent it to legal for review.

After the morning meeting, she checked her inbox but there was still no reply on the new

Usually that would have been ample time for legal to look it over

Dorothy dialed the internal line to legal, and a familiar female voice answered, “Hello, Ms. Sanchez. Ms. Heather went on a business trip with Mr Lopez yesterday, so she can’t sign and stamp the documents now 11 let her know. She should review it when she sees it”

“Oh.” So, they were on a business trip together.

“Didn’t Ms. Heather just have surgery?”

She remembered it was Everett who took Heather to the hospital.

“Yes, but Ms. Heather is really dedicated! A true chief lawyer of the Lopez Corporation.”

That time Dorothy was sure she heard correctly

Ha, she just couldn’t let it go and had to probe further

She hung up, rubbed her forehead, and her gaze landed on the bag of toast on her desk

She had actually fancied the idea that perhaps Everett had asked Kevin to get the toast for her Wasn't that a laugh riot?

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It was close to noon when Dorothy finally managed to take a breather from her keyboard.

Subconsciously, she glanced at her phone beside her, unlocked it, and opened WhatsApp

There was dead silence and no messages.

The chat with Everett was the third on the screen, and the latest message was the one she

"Knock knock."

The office door was knocked

Dorothy looked up and saw that it was Kevin.

"Keep an eye on Genesis Creations Inc. at Lumina Bay. They've been acquiring assets left and right this year and they are mostly new tech. Mr. Loper is on a business trip because of this and our Lopez Corporation is thinking about investing in promising public companies through private placement

"Got it" She immediately opened her computer and began a quick look into Genesis Creations Inc's recent activities.

Kevin laughed at her eagerness. "There's no need to rush. The deal with SinoSuccess Enterprises is signed, and the project is underway. You've contributed a lot to the Social Networking Service project. So, don't worry about your bonus this year."

"Mr. Lopez is willing to promote me to the head office for training, so doing more for the company is only right

Besides, she found that keeping busy with work helped her avoid unnecessary worries

“You’ve got a good spint, but remember to take care of your health. In our industry, the real grind comes later.” No sooner had Kevin finished his sentence than his phone rang

Without avoiding Dorothy, he answered it immediately

“Mr. Lopez”

At the sound of the name.

Dorothy instinctively held her breath.

Unfortunately, she could hardly hear anything from the other end. Kevin just responded a few times, apparently receiving a task from Everett

Soon, the call was over

Kevin’s face was visibly pleased, “Our Mr. Lopez is indeed impressive. He secured a multinational investment partnership, Import and export trade has always been a big fish”

Dorothy was naturally pleased too

She had long admitted that Everett was very good at business. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have been able to bring the Lopez Corporation to its current status.

“Keep up the good work, strive to stay in the head office after your training period.” Kevin had high hopes for his apprentice.

Having her help at work really sped things up, mainly due to her execution, which was very satisfactory,

“Im afraid I might not be qualified enough”

“As long as there are no accidents during the cooperation period with SinoSuccess Enterprises, plus the achievements of the project about Social Networking Service, even if Mr. Lopez doesn’t make a move, you can apply to be transferred to the head office. Don’t worry. I help you arrange a meeting with HR when the time comes”

Upon hearing that, Dorothy’s spirits were lifted.

Before, she was womed that after angering Everett, he might have completely cut off her opportunity to work in the head office just to avod seeing her

d the price on the official website and transferred the money to you”

“Thanks an advance! Also, the toast was delicious. I checked the

“I was going to throw it away anyway Why are you giving me money?”

“Consider it me buying it from you isn’t that better than throwing it away?’ She smiled, still in a polite manner.

However, that time, Kevin refused to take the money no matter what, so Dorothy decided to buy some more for him the next day and give it back to him

Before leaving. Kevin suddenly stopped at the door, “By the way. Mr Lopez has a remote video conference at eight o’clock tonight You should join in too”

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About to meet Everett, huh?

Dorothy couldn’t quite put into words how she was feeling at that time. It was like hanging in mid air, not knowing whether to go up or down.

Part of her war led to find an excuse to bail, but then again, why run?

After all, she and Everett had to sort things out sooner or later, be it breaking up or whatever. They were bound to cross paths eventually. Kevin had given his instructions and left, which left Dorothy unable to focus on work the rest of the afternoon, Her mind was preoccupied with the upcoming evening meeting.

After work, she stepped out of the office and saw Kenneth’s car parked in the distance, with Karen waiting by the side. Dorothy quickly headed over “What brings you guys here?”

I figured the head office is far from my place, and Kenneth here was free, so I asked him to give “No need. I can just take the subway.”

Give us a ride.”

Karen looped her arm through Dorothy’s affectionately, giggling, “I just wanted to spend more time with you! When we were at the Prosperity Consortium, we could see each other every day. Now that you’re here, I got no one to chat with!”

Dorothy was left speechless by Karen’s antics, and she simply shrugged and replied. “Then you better buckle down and work hard. Mr. Percy has been too busy to bother you lately, but some year-end, he’ll be all over your performance.”

“Scared of him?” Karen rolled her eyes dramatically. And if he does, I’ll just quit!! I’ve had enough of his way of doing things. He’s always trying to grab the glory but blaming others when things go wrong”

Karen wasn’t under pressure to earn money. Her family didn’t depend on it

But things were different for Dorothy.

Kenneth, who had been silent all that while, chimed in. “That’s just how it is in the workplace these days. Not just in your company, even among teaching staff and principals”

“Do you get bullied by your principal too?”

“No way. He wouldn’t dare,”

Kenneth’s reputation and status at school meant the principal wouldn’t dare to act recklessly towards him.

Karen smirked, ‘Enough chit–chat Let’s go and grab some grub. I’m starving

With that, she tried to pull Dorothy along.

“I have a meeting at eight, and I need to prepare some documents now, so I can’t join you”

She did have work to do, but also, she didn’t want to spend too much time with Kenneth outside of work. She knew he was a good guy and could guess what he was trying to imply, but at least for the time being, Dorothy couldn’t have the energy or the heart to deal with romantic issues.

Especially considering her current situation with Everett, which was still up in the air. She couldn’t afford any further complications.

“Huh? You’re still working after hours? Karen’s face fell.

She had been hoping to help her best friend and Kenneth get closer

“Yeah, I have a lot on my plate. It’s a good thing, in any case. I want to earn more money so that my mom can have a stable place to live after she gets discharged from the hospital.”

She could handle renting a place on her own, but her mom was a different story. If she encountered a difficult landlord, she might not have been able to cope.

Karen was about to argue some more when Kenneth beat her to it.

“Let me take you home, then, After that, I take Karen out for dinner.”

“No, really. 111 just take the subway

“Stop turning us down! You’re making Kenneth feel awkward.” Karen’s words made it clear that if Dorothy refused again, the’d be making things uncomfortable for everyone.

night then. Thanks for the ride, Mr. Nelson.”

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After Dorothy got back to Karen’s house, she didn’t even have a moment to take a sip of water before she started sorting out the materials for the upcoming meeting.

She’d just received the task from Genesis Creations Inc that day, and it was a big deal from the headquarters, so her understanding of the project was still at the beginner stage. She knew she’d have to pay extra attention during the meeting

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Once she’d prepared everything she could think of, Dorothy sat on her chair, turned on her computer, and opened the interface fo

company meeting.

The text displayed on the screen was: 20.00 Channel One Technology Development Project Meeting Main Attendee: Everett

As she stared at the words on the screen, Dorothy suddenly

Would she be able to see how badly he was hurt? Would his face be disfigured?

She glanced at the lower right corner of her computer screen. There was still nearly an hour before the meeting started! Under normal circumstances, she would have gone and found something to eat since she wasn’t sure how long the meeting would have lasted.

But Dorothy didn’t want to leave her computer screen,

She just wanted to watch the time and wait for the meeting to start.

The last time she remembered time passing so slowly was at the dinner Mr. Percy had taken her to meet Everett. Every second felt like sitting on pins and needles.

So, Dorothy just watched the clock, ticking away minute by minute

As it got closer, her growing nervousness continued to unseile her

Finally, with ten minutes left to eight, she saw Channel One open up, and a notification popped up on the software telling relevant personnel they could enter

On impulse, Darathy was about to click it but hesitated and waited a few more minutes

What if it was just her and Everett in the meeting room? Wouldn't that have been awkward?

But it turned out that she was overthinking it.

After entering the meeting room, even Kevin was there, but Everett's camera was still off.

Then Dorothy received a message from Kevin on her private chat

My internet is a bit shaky today, so record the meeting and send me a copy tomorrow:

She sent back an OK emoji, then switched back to the main screen, only to see Everett's handsome face appear before her eyes!

He seemed thinner

Just from the angle of his gaze at the documents, the tredness lurking in his eyes could have been seen

His exquisite face was still deeply attractive, with a piece of gauze on his forehead that stood out. That must be from the car accident.

That was the first time she had seen him since the incident, and Everett seemed to have regained his usual coldness, severe and aloof, with no hint of warmth in his eyes.

Dorothy subconsciously covered her heart, where she felt a twinge of pain.

It felt empty as if something had been lost.

"The matenals from today's exchange meeting have been uploaded. You can check them out," Everett said.

As soon as he spoke, everyone in the meeting immediately went to check.

Dorothy was 'beat late in opening it. The materials contained the latest progress of the technology exchange, with occasional pictures. She was quick to spot Everett's figure in the pictures

He was dressed in a black suit, holding a goblet and chatting with a foreign partner with his usual polite smile on his face.

Next to him, it was clear that Heather had also attended the exchange. Perhaps because she'd just had surgery, she was sitting down, but her custom red dress was still quite conspicuous. It seemed to match Everett's suit perfectly

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Kevin gave a detailed report on the due diligence of Genesis Creations Inc, covering all aspects from finances, future development, to shareholder changes. He really did his homework on it.

He also analyzed the prospects of all the current technological developments.

Suddenly, Dorothy heard her name being mentioned.

"Dorothy recently proposed a tech project about new cars to the Prosperity Consortium. It's now under review by the headquarters. I took a look at it, and if it's legitimate, it might just be what we need right now"

The speaker was the investment director a big shot in the Lopez Corporation.

Behind the camera Everett nodded slightly, not even batting an eyelid. "Kevin, keep an eye on it"

I checked it out. It's a project by several university professors, led by a man named Kenneth. He holds quite a few patents and is definitely a talent."

Dorothy had a weird feeling that Everett stiffened up a bit when Kevin mentioned Kernell, but he quickly returned to normal. The meeting went on

Dorothy didn't have much say in such an important meeting, so she just kept her head down and took notes

Almost ten at night, and the meeting showed no signs of ending However, she began to feel her stomach acting up.

If only she had eaten something earlier!

She couldn't have possibly started eating in front of the camera.

Dorothy clenched her fists, trying to suppress the discomfort, but it only got worse, and she even started to sweat.

Karen, who was supposed to be out for dinner hadn't returned yet. She must've gone on a date with some hot guy. There was no one else in the house who could have handed her some stomach medicine.

Gradually, she was sweating more, and the stomach pain was so intense that she almost lost her hearing

Suddenly, Everett's voice rang out.

"Meeting adjourned for 30 minutes"

Dorothy was relieved.

She didn't even bother to turn off the camera before scrambling to find her stomach medicine.

Just then, Karen returned with Kenneth in tow.

Seeing Dorothy with the stomach medicine and a glass of water, he walked over with the cakes in his hand, "Hungry huh? You'll feel worse if you take the medicine on an empty stomach. Eat something first, then take the medicine. I'll get you some warm water." Karen quickly chimed in. "My brother is always so thoughtful. Dorothy go back to your room. He'll bring it to you."

Because her stomach was hurting so badly, Dorothy didn't put up any resistance and obediently went back to her room

She saw that everyone had left the meeting screen, and Everett's camera was off

She forced a few bites of the cake, and soon Kenneth knocked on the door, water in hand. "Dorothy, can I come in?"

"Sure" Dorothy looked up, gratefully accepting the water from him. "Thank you for getting me food as well"

"Don't mention it. I figured you'd still need to eat even if you're working late. If Karen hadn't insisted on buying some clothes, we could've come back earlier. I'll ask her to stock up on some food, so you'll have something to eat when you're working late."

Kenneth's voice was always so gentle and warm like he was incapable of getting angry

Dorothy drank the warm water ate some food, and tuck the medicine. Her stomach pain soon subsided.

Half an hour later, the meeting resumed.

Everett's handsome face reappeared on the screen. He frowned, seemingly displeased.

"From now on, everyone should eat dinner before attending evening meetings

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Was he talking to himself?

Seeing everyone else replying with an acknowledgment, Dorothy quickly typed out her own and sent it

The meeting lasted until one in the morning, but no one dared to yawn because the host was the President.

Finally, Everett's secretary summed up the meeting and announced. "That'll be all for today"

Relieved, Dorothy was about to turn off her camera and stretch when Everett suddenly added, "The person in charge of the new car technology project mentioned earlier, please come see me privately"

"Are you referring to Kenneth's project?" Kevin asked directly

"Yep."

"All right! Dorothy, please connect with Mr. Lopez privately.

"Dorothy did not expect that surprise. Under everyone's watchful eyes, she quickly nodded. "Okay"

After leaving the meeting room, she stared at Everett's personal account for several seconds, lacking the courage to request a connection..

She felt a little scared and awkward.

Earlier, she could hide behind the numerous employees in the meeting, but then, she had to talk to him one-on-one!

Dorothy sincerely wished her computer would crash right at that moment.

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The conflicting emotions really tortured her.

After standing up, sitting down, standing up, sitting down, repeating the cycle three times, Dorothy finally took a deep breath and sent a request

The connection took almost a minute before Everett picked up

He chose not to turn on his camera, so only his voice could be heard

"I just took a look at Kenneth's project. The due diligence was insufficient, the mass production data is vague, raise funds while still in the trial phase, which is high risk."

It's already starting to

Clearing her throat, Dorothy immediately switched to work mode, "There is indeed some risk, which I have noted in my report.

However the majority of the project's patents have been approved by the state, which indirectly verifies its feasibility. I believe, after investment analysis, that if it passes for mass production, the return on investment will be quite significant."

"But if it fails during the conceptual phase, all invested funds will be lost."

"That won't happen! Mr. Nelson told me they have already produced an actual vehicle, and not just the concept car video. And he himself is very confident in this model. He seems to have everything under control."

"Dorothy Sanchez"

Everett suddenly called her by her full name, "This is work. What the company needs is a quantifiable risk reduction, not just the investor's confidence."

Dorothy lowered her head, speechless

Indeed, she had a habit of judging the risk of a project based on her impression of a person

“Also, what is your relationship with him?”

Everett’s voice was deep, with a gravelly quality, as if he were interrogating her

She lifted her head abruptly, hurriedly explaining. “We’m just friends! The time at the hospital..”

“You give this project to Kevin later Projects introduced by employees like you cannot be handled by you personally, as it’s necessary to avoid suspicion Everett didn’t let her explain but interrupted her in a businesslike manner, “Regardless of your relationship, based on what you just said, I think you’re no longer able to assess the feasibility of this project correctly”

“Oh, okay, I get it”

So, he only wanted to talk about work and didn’t want her to explain.

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