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Before Corothy could utter another word, Everett had already hung up

It felt like their relationship had suddenly returned to the whole boss and secretary dynamis

It made sense. He was back with Heather. What place could she, the stand-in, have possibly held?

After shutting down her computer, Dorothy took a shower, and changed into her pajamas but then found herself lying in bed, unable to sleep.

She was tossing and turning, yet sleep eluded her.

It was already the early hours of the morning, and if she didn't get some shut eye soon, it would have been time for work!

Dorothy closed her eyes tightly, but no matter what, she just didn't feel sleepy, so she reluctantly got up and rebooted her computer to continue working.

Just as she logged onto the company software she noticed that Everett was still online.

Was he also not sleeping?

After staring at the screen for a while, it suddenly occurred to Dorothy that Everett was abroad, with a time difference. It was aftermoon for him at that time

She tugged at her lips, a self-mocking smile playing on her face

She was seriously getting ahead of herself, ever bathenng about the buss's every move!

Dorothy archived all the data of Genesis Creations Inc. and then handed over all the projects related to Kenneth to Kevin.

As for Everett's decision, she had no complaints

She understood that after considering all aspects, he felt she was not competent or prone to emars, so he asked her to hand it over

But his cold and calculated analysis and decision, devoid of any trace of emotion, made Dorothy feel estranged.

Everett was still the high and mighty boss, holding the power of life and death over the entire company as if the gentle and considerate him from before was a figment of her imagination, and the cold him was the real deal

Early the next morning. Dorothy had to go to work with dark circles under her eyes due to a sleepless night

Thank God for foundation, which could somewhat conceal them, along with the small wound on her face

saw you handed over the new car development project to me. Are you upset with Mr. Lopez?" Kevin came over as soon as he saw her.

Dorothy shook her head, "Mr. Lopez said at yesterday's meeting that I'm too emotional and can't objectively handle the project. Handing it over is a good thing. Otherwise, if the company suffers a loss because of me, I'll be the villain"

Kevin laughed at her comment.

"You don't have to think like that. Mr Lopez is quite fair. I've been working with him for years, and I've never seen him target anyone. Every decision he makes is well thought out."

Every decision?

Did that include their absurd contract?

"Don't worry, I really have no ulterior motives. I'm just grateful to be working in the head office."

"That's good. I was afraid you didn't understand Mr. Lopez's personality and held grudges against him! And you don't have to rush. Since you brought this project to the company, if it succeeds, I'm sure you'll get your share of the credit"

"You really don't have to explain all this. I understand."

Kevin nodded and said with a smile, "All right, you get back to work I'll handle this project. You can rest assured, I'll communicate well with the other party"

Dorothy gave a OK sign and then sat back down at her desk.

Beep beep.

Her phone on the side beeped indicating unread messages

She quickly picked it up and unlocked it.

I was a message from Bella [You and Kenneth rust come with me for my surgery this weekend!

Dprothy frowned

Mom, he's swamped]

(Don't make excuses! I just called him, and he said he's free this weekend.

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Her mother actually called Kenneth directly?

Deathy's eyebrows were about to tangle into a knot. A wave of anger in her chest was on a rampage, threatening to burst out!

The feeling of being controlled and coerced in everything was really infuriating her

"You just went and contacted him without even telling me I already told you he's really busy He only agreed to save your dignity!" "Are you questioning me? Bella's temper flared up on the other end. "Who do you think I'm doing all this for?! You just went and got marned without even telling your own mother! I should be the one pissed off here! just want him to do more for you, to spend more time with you. What's wrong with that?!"

Dorothy slammed the phone down, the loud bang echoing in the room.

There it was again.

All for her own good!

But what did

mean to be for her own good? Was it whatever she thought was good?

Dorothy ined to reassure herself, not wanting to be affected by those things. After all, her mom's upcoming surgery was the primary

concern

After a moment's pause, she called Kenneth,

Soon, a scolding and warm voice came through

"I was just about to call you. How come a gentleman named Kevin contacted me today?"

"It's like this, because your project is a key one. The company, to be safe decided to assign a more competent person to communicate with you!"

Kenneth chuckled, "I think your capability is already enough."

"Thanks for the compliment." Dorothy hadn't forgotten how he helped her with the water the previous night. "And thanks for last night! I was in such a rush for the meeting that I didn't get a chance to thank you properly

"That was nothing. It was just a piece of cake. Kenneth had guessed the purpose of her call. It definitely wasn't to chat about such trivial things. 'About your mom's surgery, I've agreed to be there".

The mention of that gave Dorothy a headache

"Sorry about that I didn't expect her to go over my head and contact you directly

"It's fine. In her eyes, I'm her son-in-law isn't it a given that I accompany my mother-in-law for her surgery?"

He said that but Dorothy felt uncomfortable.

She thought that once the last scene was over, everything would have been all right.

She didn't expect that twist.

"You don't have to go that day. I can explain it to her myself. Everything's ready, and the mickey's been spent, so she can't back out."

"Dorothy." Kenneth called her so smoothly since he changed the way he addressed her "If my going can relieve her worries, even make her happy, why not? I'm free this weekend anyway."

"But

"We don't need to make it so clear-cut. Just think of me as a friend doing a small over."

Dorothy thought for a moment but still declined

“Once you tell a lie, you have to cover it up with countless more. I don’t have the time to maintain the lies I’ve told before. Better to let her know the truth Souner”

On the other end of phone, there was a long silence before Kenneth sighed.

“All night, I do as you say. If anything comes up, feel free to call me.”

“Mmm, thank you!”

After hanging up, Dorothy finally noticed a message from Heather

Because she was on a call, the message had just arrived.

Sorry to bother you, but do you know the size of Everett’s clothes? I’m afraid I might buy a size too small and it’ll be tight on him.]

Dorothy was kind of impressed by Heather.

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She had the guts to ask her about such private matters, without even a hint of embarrassment.

That was about Everett, the guy who had been crushing on Heather for years. And then Heather was into him too What the heck was her role in all this, being asked to give advice on such matters?

And if she did the math it must have been the middle of the night in Verdant City. At that hour, when passions are on high, it was hard not to wonder what they had been up to, that Everett would need to change into fresh clothes

“Sorry, I have no idea”

Feeling annoyed from the previous conversation, she simply turned off her phone and tossed it aside, not wanting any more distractions during work

Meanwhile, at a star-rated hotel suite in Verdant City.

Everett had just finished handling some company matters and was about to change the dressing on his wound before resting.

“Knock knock

There was a sudden knock at the door

He walked to the door with a stern face and opened it partially.

It was Heather.

“Everett, the doctor told you to change your dressing after 36 hours when you were discharged. You can’t reach the wound on the back of your leg, can you? Let me help.”

No need. The hotel has staff.

She chuckled, “You’re such a clean freak. You definitely never planned to ask them to help you”

Indeed, Everett had no such plans.

But he also never thought of letting Heather help him.

“I can handle it myself.”

Seeing his distant and indifferent demeanor, Heather felt a surge of sadness.

“After all these years, can’t you even give me the status of a friend?”

That was the first time she had tried to break the ice and talk to him about that matter,

Although Everett’s parents had tried to set them up countless times, Heather always knew what Everett was thinking. So she helped him dodge the issue, staying by his side as a friend rather than accepting the title of “future daughter-in-law” bestowed upon her by his

parents.

“We are friends, very good partners.” His answer was always impeccable, gentlemanly, and official

Heather forced a smile, “So, am I the same to you as Dorally?”

Mentioned out of the blue, a different emotion finally appeared on Everett’s handsome face.

“Not the same”

“Because you two are married?”

He frowned, knowing that Jeffrey must have spilled the beans

“You don’t need to blame Jeffrey! It’s because you had a car accident, Jeffrey and I were upset and called Dorothy over. He blurted it out

Recalling the scene, she lowered her eyes, “Jeffrey said, you two got married, and Dorothy was still trying to seduce other men

Although Jeffrey had pulled her away, she was close enough to hear.

“I don’t want to talk about this, is there anything else?” Everett’s expression darkened even more, and his aura became even colder

Heather kept silent for a long time before sighing, “You’re really not afraid that if your mom finds out, her illness will relapse”

What she really wanted to say was that he had just married Dorothy so easily.

That position was supposed to be hers.

The name on their marriage license should have been Heather

She thought Dorothy was someone Everett was attracted to, liked, had been infatuated with since his youth, and felt fresh sensations towards upon reuniting. But she had never imagined that he had actually thrown caution to the wind and planned everything in advance.

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Everett made things official with Dorothy, giving her the legal status of being his wife!

That’s what the Lopez family had always wanted for her!

“Let’s keep it a secret for now”

Everett took into consideration his mother’s illness, but he also knew that if he didn’t lock down Dorothy then, take advantage of the situation, he might have really missed his chance later

It’s like what they say strike while the iron is hot

“Okay, calm down. I won’t spill the beans Heather stepped back a few paces, “Since you don’t need my help, I won’t bother you anymore. Get some sleep.

After she finished speaking, Everett just gave a slight nod. He didn’t even say goodnight before shutting the door.

He strode back to his bed, recalling the conversation he heard from Dorothy’s end during a meeting

“Dorothy, can I come

“Don’t be shy. Even if you’re working overtime, you still have to eat! If it weren’t for Karen insisting on buying clothes, we could’ve been home earlier. Tomorrow. I have her prepare some food at home so you won’t have to worry about going hungry when you’re working

That was definitely Kenneth’s voice.

Although it seemed like there was a Karen involved, it was late at night back in their home country, and the two of them were still

together!

With a frown, Everett sent a message to Kevin.

[Go to Lurrina Bay and check out Genesis Creations Inc. and bring Dorothy

Receiving the news of another business trip. Dorothy was a bit dazed.

After all, the project at Genesis Creations Inc, was so crucial that it was pretty much the biggest move the Lopez Corporation was going to make this year. And they were letting her be involved?

She thought that since her relationship with Everett had become strained and ended, her favorable treatment at the main office would have also disappeared.

I know your mother is having surgery, so let’s leave on Monday. How does that sound?”

Kevin was considerate enough to schedule the date, not leaving her any room for negotiation.

‘I’m good with that, but will my name be on the Genesis Creations Inc. project?’

If she was going to run around, she might as well have gotten something out of it, right?

Although the opportunity to gain experience was rare, if the company was willing to give her some credit on the project, it would have looked good on her resume!

I'm not sure, that's up to Mr. Lopez.

I mention it for you."

'No need." Dorothy didn't dare to show up in front of Everett at that time.

"Scared of what?" Kevin didn't know what she was thinking, assuming she was just intimidated by the CEO, "When Mr. Lopez's plane lands in Lumina Bay after his trip, I'll arrange for you to pick him up alone. You can butler him up. Whether or not your name is on the project will just be a nod from Mr. Lopez."

It wouldn't be a problem if she were actually involved. But without Mr. Lopez's approval, no one would have dared to make the decision. "Everett is returning for a business trip and will go straight to Lumina Bay?"

doubt his first name after she had already spoken.

Dorothy was subconsciously startled and assed, only realizing she had called out his

Kevin was also startled, "You should still call him Mr. Lopez at the company."

"Tim sorry... I thought Mr. Lopez would return directly to the company"

"The original plan was for him to go directly to Lumina Bay from Verdant City"

the original plan, however, they didn't plan on bringing Dorothy to Lumina Bay.

Kevin gave her a reassuring look, "You just need to seize the opportunity

"Okay, got it"

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Dorothy watched as Kevin left, then suddenly remembered what he had just said.

What did he say?

She had to go to the airport alone to pick up Everett?

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The night before Bella's surgery, Dorothy didn't stay at Karen's place, but accompanied her mother in the hospital.

She knew that Bella, though acting tough, must have been scared inside.

No matter how it was sliced, surgery was still a scary thing.

"The doctor said your surgery has a high success rate. And in about a fortnight, you should be able to get discharged." Dorothy could only bring up positive things to lighten her mother's mood.

"I know. The chief surgeon came and talked to me yesterday." Bella was required to fast before the surgery, so she had to lie in bed and minimize her movements. Even the amount of water she could drink was limited, "You don't need to worry about me. I'm more worried about you."

As she was wiping her mother's arm, she paused slightly. "I've got nothing to worry about"

"You two are married but haven't had a wedding yet! That guy isn't pulling your leg, is he? He's legally married to you but not sneaking off with other women behind your back, is he?" Bella's biggest fear was this.

She had been burned before and was naturally more worried about her daughter walking the same path.

"That won't happen," Dorothy knew that in her mother's eyes, no man was a good guy

"When I was young. I thought so too."

Dorothy didn't say anything

"You look just like I did back then! No, I need to have a word with this Kenneth His parents also need to come over and bear witness.

" With that Bella was about to make a phone call

Dorothy quickly stopped her "What are you doing? His late, they're probably resting

"It's only 7 pm! And I want to disturb them at inconvenient times to see how sincere Kenneth and his family are!"

Her mother's approach and ideas always caught Dorothy off guard.

She thought. "If she keeps this up, my marriage will be in trouble even if there isn't any to begin with"

Luckily, Kenneth was just a ruse. Once her mother's surgery was over, the whole act would have been over too!

ool if she had really married, what men could have put up with her mother's dramatic nature?.

That was the real reason why Dorothy had no interest in romance for so many years.

She didn't want to inflict her warped family environment on an average person.

"Are you complaining about me again?" Bella was not pleased to hear this. "Dorothy, have you thought about how everything I do is for your sake? I'm your mother, and I don't want you to be duped like I was!"

Dorothy sighed, "I know you mean well. How about this? Alter your surgery, once I've finished my project at work and received my bonus, I'll repay him and then get a divorce."

Of course, "him" referred to Everett

"No way!" Bella immediately rejected the idea. "You're a young woman. You can't just divorce him like that!

"Don't you think it's better to be single than to be calculating in a relationship?"

She was talking to her mother but also to herself.

Ever since Everett suddenly entered her life, she was beginning to get used to his presence and occasionally tangled up over his relationship with Heather.

It was so tiring

It was better when she was alone, just working and earning money every day, not having to think about anything else, let alone being emotionally affected by another person.

That feeling was awful

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It's even worse than working overtime for a whole week.

Bella let out a sigh too. "Honey I know I shouldn't always instill this fear of marriage in you. After all, you'll have to get married eventually and have a home of your own to rely on, But just can't help worrying! Feel like all men are up to no good."

Thinking back, Dorothy's father was also gentle and considerate, without a single flaw. It was that fact that made Bella fall head over heels for him, even blocking her own way out

"Mom, don't think about those things. You have surgery tomorrow You should rest more. She tucked her mother in and smiled. "Finally, the surgery is happening. Nothing else matters to me."

She had been waiting for that day for a very long time.

After she put her mother to sleep, she found herself too excited to sleep.

She opened the internal software of the Lopez Corporation on her computer, wanting to organize her files again, but every time, she couldn't help but look at Everett's account.

He was still alive.

Everett, the CEO, was really dedicated

Dorothy stared at the screen for a while before she realized she was doing something only a love-struck woman would do

She quickly looked away, but she couldn't get Everett's face out of her mind. That made her lose the mood to work, so she closed her computer and forced herself to sleep

After who knew how long she finally managed to fall asleep in her drowsy state, she heard someone calling her name

She opened her eyes and

mother dressed and sitting on bed. Next to her were Kenneth and his parents

"You're finally awake. You were working late again last night, weren't you? My daughter is just so career-driven"

Her mother's words brought her back to reality. She quickly got up, "Why...why are you guys here?"

Kenneth gave her a reassuring look and told her not to panic

Bella out in," asked them to come. I was worried you would be too busy waiting outside the operating room by yourself.

If Kenneth is here with you, I'll feel more at ease.

"Yes, Dorothy, we're here to keep you company" Kenneth's mom was a very amiable woman. Even though she had only met Dorothy for the second time, she really liked her and warmly took her hand.

Watching that scene, Bella felt that she had achieved her goal

Her aim was to repeatedly secure a place in the family for her daughter to let the Nelder family know that if they mistreated her daughter, she would not have taken it lying down.

Soon, a nurse came to lead the patient to the operating room.

The red light outside lit up, and the words "in surgery" made Dorothy's heart race.

Suddenly, she felt a jacket being draped over her. A refreshing mint scent filled her nostrils.

She turned around subconsciously

It was Kenneth,

"You're not dressed warmly enough. You'll catch a cold."

"I'm fine." Dorothy declined his jacket. Also, I'm really sorry! I didn't know my mom went in to bother you again."

"I've told you before, as long as your mom is at ease, it's fine! Karen told me earlier that you've been working like crazy to save up for this surgery. Now that we're finally here, the most important thing is to make sure nothing goes wrong."

Dorothy looked down and thought for a long time before she finally spoke in a soft voice, "Mr. Nelson, you've seen the situation in my family. The doctor said that my mother's surgery won't be a one-time fix and could relapse at any time in the future. So, we're not suitable."

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Call it wishful thinking or overthinking, either way, Dorothy decided to lay it all out on the table.

That revelation let Kenneth a bit stunned

"I don't care about any of that."

He was firm in his response.

Actually, from the moment he first laid eyes on Dorothy Kenneth was deeply impressed. Coupled with his sister always singing her praises, he found himself growing more and more interested in the girl.

But because he had a steady girlfriend before, he didn't entertain any other thoughts. However after breaking up when his sister suggested selling him up with Dorothy, he admitted that he was very interested.

It wasn't just because Dorothy was pretty but more so because of her strong spirit which made him want to protect her.

"But I do care"

stated calmly, "I want an equal marriage, but under these circumstances. I can only become a burden to a family."

"How can that be? Even if your mom needs a few more surgeries, it's just a few milicr at most! My family can totally afford it. Kenneth's tone was somewhat urgent, "if this is the only reason why you're keeping me at arm's length, then there's no need

Dorothy shook her head. "You don't understand what I mean."

do understand!" Kenneth looked unusually anxious. "My parents don't care about all that social status stuff, and as for the several million in medical fees, we can give it to you as a cash gift. Emean, I have to give cre when I get mamed anyway."

"Mr. Neiser, besides money can you tolerate my mother calling you at all hours? Even when you're in class, in a meeting or even when you're tired from working overtime and haven't slept for days, you must go immediately, or you'll be scolded to high heavens."

I can!"

“That’s because you haven’t experienced it.”

Dorothy knew her mother all too well.

She wouldn’t have let go of her daughter’s marriage so easily

The way she has tormented herself over the years, she would have done the same to her son-in-law.

“Dorothy, I haven’t experienced it, but I want to try. Give me a chance” Kenneth took a deep breath, I know it’s not the best time to say this, but I’m serious, and my parents are very supportive

“Don’t step into this messy situation.

After speaking, Dorothy bowed slightly, “Mr. Nelson, thank you for everything. Please take your parents and leave. With my wife Karen, you wouldn’t want our future encounters to be awkward, would you?”

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After a long while, Kenneth could only laugh and nod, “All right, we’ll leave for now. But remember, you can always come to me if you need anything.”

Dorothy watched as they left her nose suddenly stung, and she almost shed tears.

She had to face the reality.

She wasn’t good enough for Kenneth, let alone for Everett

Her mother’s surgery was

The doctor Everett had personally asked for did an excellent job and even laid a good foundation for a potential second surgery.

“The patient needs to rest well, and when she goes home, make sure she doesn’t get too emotional, as it could lead to heart complications”

“All night, Jundesland. Thank you, doctor”

As Dorothy pushed her mother’s bed back to the V1 ward, she noticed the table was full of fresh fruit and expensive supplements!

She didn’t see Kenneth bring them in the morning

She went over to look and found a note from the merchant next to the fruit basket, besides the ward address, it also had the name M Lopez willen on 1.

“Was it Everett who sent it?”

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Dorothy rushed to the door to ask the two bodyguards, but they claimed they didn’t know

She pulled out her phone, thinking about calling Everett to ask, but her fingers hesitated on the dial pad and she didn’t end up making

The call.

Even if it was him who sent it, so what?

At most, it was just a consolation gift sent by the boss to the subordinate

In the hotel suite in Verdant City.

That was already the fifth time Everett had checked his phone.

But there was still no news.

Did the stuff he ordered not get delivered to the ward? Or, was it that she simply didn’t want to contact him

That woman was usually so cautious, always polite to everyone, but when it came to receiving things from him, there was

Finally, his phone rang.

Everett answered it immediately, but it was Jeffrey’s voice that came through

“You answered so fast. Who were you waiting for a call from?”

“I was just using my phone”

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Jeffrey, on the other side, wished he could roll his eyes at him, "Don't pretend I don't know. You contacted that little assistant again! Didn't we agree to test how long it would take her to call and check on you?"

"I just sent some consolation gifts to her mother"

"So, after sending it, you're waiting for her to contact you?"

Everett's brow furrowed. "Do you have something to say, or can I get back to work?"

"I mean, she's gone this far, it's clear she's not into you. Aren't you going to let go?"

"We're married."

Although Everett was displeased, he didn't think that because of Kenneth, he and Dorothy would have ended up divorcing.

He was just mad at her for not being savvy!

"Only you take this marriage seriously: Jeffrey couldn't help feeling indignant for his friend, "She introduces a guy as her boyfriend back home, and you can forgive that. But Heather flew here for you right after surgery, clutching her belly, to negotiate contracts for you, and you're not the least bit moved. What's with that?"

"I told her not to come.

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"Don't play dumb! Don't tell me you don't know Heather's feelings for your

"As a married man, that's something I can't know"

With that, Jeffrey was left speechless.

After hanging up, Everett rubbed his temples, asking his assistant to move up his return flight by one day

Her mother's Surgery went smoothly. Dorothy took care of her in the hospital for two days, and only rushed back to Karen's to pack her business trip luggage on Sunday evening.

"You look exhausted. Why not tell your boss and skip this trip!" Karen felt sorry for her Inlenda

"How can I do that? This is a core project. Not only can I broaden my horizons, I can learn a lot." Other people would kill for this opportunity. She absolutely can't refuse!

“But what about your health?”

“When I make money later, I have plenty of time to recuperate. Dorothy finished packing her suitcase, put it aside, finally breathing a sigh of relief, “Karen, while I’m away on business, if anything happens to my mom, I’ll have to ask you to take care of her for me.”

Karen nodded, “No problem! I’m just worried about your health.”

Dorothy was already thin. Wouldn’t she have lost even more weight?

“I can handle it. This is nothing.”

Dorothy patted her on the shoulder, then turned to sort out her bag.

Then suddenly, she found a condom.

It was the only one left from her last business trip with Everett.

“How the hell did you get this?”

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From behind, sharp-eyed Karen almost popped her eyeballs out when she saw that

In her eyes, her best friend was someone who had never even dated. So where would have she gotten a guy from? In her wildest dreams, she never thought she would have seen that thing from her,

Dorothy was also embarrassed. She didn’t intend to play the innocent, but she thought the thing was quite private, and felt awkward when someone saw it.

“Just... leftovers.”

Karen blinked, and used a lot of effort to digest that sentence.

“You don’t have a boyfriend. Who did you use it with?”

“Just a guy who fulfilled a need.”

Knowing that Karen was not easy to fool, Dorothy could only dodge the main issue.

And to describe Everett like that, it should have been quite accurate, right?

Wasn't their relationship just like that?

Upon hearing that, Karen playfully slapped her shoulder. Her gossip spirit ignited, "You naughty girl! You went all the way without telling me! Come on, what's this guy like? Is he in good shape?"

Dorothy felt her face burning and hurriedly stuffed the culprit back into her bag, "Let's not talk about this."

"What are you afraid of? You're not a newbie anymore, right?" Karen raised her brows and chuckled, "To capture your frozen heart, this guy must be pretty handsome! Have you got any pictures? Is he from our company? Have I met him?"

He was very handsome.

There were pictures.

He was sort of from the company.

She had indeed met him.

And the occurrence of that whole thing was primarily thanks to Karen.

But Dorothy didn't dare answer any of those questions and could only vaguely reply. "We were drunk that night. I don't remember"

"Oh? Just one night? No contact afterward?"

Karen was like discovering a new world, and her curiosity was off the charts, How could she have let her go?

"He has a girl he likes."

Dorothy directly blocked all her following questions.

Karen almost choked on her own saliva.

"Then he still

"Like I said, we were drunk." She attributed their first time to Everett being drunk.

As for what happened later, it was probably that he found out she looked like Heather and then proposed a marriage agreement.

“Well, that guy really has no class. He was playing around when he had someone he loved! You should forget him as soon as possible, I’m telling you. It’s not the playboys that are scary. It’s the ones who have someone else in their hearts!”

As she spoke, Karen even grabbed the condom from Dorothy’s bag and threw it away as if it was the guy himself.

Dorothy raised an eyebrow puzzled, “Why? Aren’t playboys more annoying?”

“Playboys will have a day when they’ve had enough and settled down. And maybe they become more passionate and devoted because -they’ve seen it all. A man who has someone else in his heart will never give you his whole heart! No matter how outstanding you

are, how much you love him, none of it can compete with his pining.”

“You don’t want to be someone else’s replacement, do you?” Karen asked directly.

Dorothy shook her head, “No, I don’t.”

“That’s right! Let me tell you, love is quite a delicate thing. The more you care about someone, the less they care about you. Since you two are using each other, and it seems like you’re quite satisfied with him in that aspect, that’s enough. Just consider a freebie.”

Dorothy silently listened to her words.

Ironically, the whole reason why she dared to sleep with Everett that night was because she was brainwashed by Karen.

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Karen was afraid Dorothy was falling in love or something. She kept repeating over and over that she should just sleep and not get emotionally involved.

Then, for some reason, the conversation shifted to Kenneth

“Kenneth really digs you. If you’re not considering it now, could you consider him first when you’re ready for a boyfriend?”

Dorothy sighed, “Given my situation, don’t you think I’m not good enough for him?”

“Are you kidding me? if he can marry you, it’s his lucky day! Besides, what’s wrong with you? All you did was have some fun. It’s normal Kenneth won’t judge you over this”

That cracked Dorothy up

Sometimes she really envied Karen. She seemed to be a loudmouth, but she really knew how to live freely.

“Karen, I know you mean well, and Kenneth is indeed a good man. But I’m really not in the state for a relationship”

“I’ll make him wait then! After all, you’ll have to get married sooner or later Karen grabbed her arm and cooed. “I just want you to be sister in law. Then we’ll be a real family!”

Dorothy looked at her and said sincerely. No matter what happens, I always see you as my family”

Right now she was just struggling. There were too many issues that needed to be solved. But Dorothy never thought about giving up! She knew that her day would come

She barely slept that night. Luckily, she could catch up on sleep on the plane

Kevin went to pick her up early in the morning, which made Dorothy feel embarrassed.

“It’s okay I can go to the airport by myself. No need to trouble you?”

It’s not a big deal. It’s on my way” Kevin helped her with the luggage and briefed her about the business trip.

“You don’t have to attend the meeting on the first day. Another assistant and I can handle it

As Dorothy buckled up in the passenger seat she asked. “Then what’s my task?”

“Not much”

Mainly because Mr. Lopez personally called her, Kevin couldn’t refuse.

“Oh, right, you can pick up Mr. Lopez from the airport on Tuesday. His flight lands at 10 PM”

As soon as he mentioned that, Dorothy suddenly remembered, “Can I not go? I’m not familiar with Lumina Bay...”

“You don’t want to be credited to the project?”

She did, but there were problems

“it’s bothersome, forget it! I don’t want people to think that I have a special relationship with Mr. Lopez and got a shortcut. It’s not good to smear Mr. Lopez’s reputation.”

Kevin laughed. “Do you think anyone in our company has time to gossip?”

His words were not exaggerated. The ones who loved to gossip were employees from the branch offices, like those from the Prosperity Consortium!

Although there might have been some employees from the head office in the chat groups, but very few of them actually participated in the gossiping

“Getting into the Loper Corporation head office is a milestone! Many people are dying to get in, and the company changes employees anytime. Everyone is afraid that they might be kicked out due to underperformance. Who has time to gossip?”

Dorothy could be taken as an example. She was busy when she was in the Prosperity Consortium, but she did have weekends off! Ever

as an as Cha since she joined the head office, when did she not work overtime?

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