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The next day, Candice saw Sonia again at the office but the latter was being scolded.

Sonia noticed Candice as well but quickly pulled her gaze away, seemingly in avoidance.

Candice paused for a moment before she headed into the CEO's office.

later in the afternoon. Lisa was the one who scolded Sonia the same morning.

To her surprise, the assistant supervisor of the Secretary's Office, Lisa Lindom, was fired

Sonia stood in front of Candice, looking afraid and youthful. She introduced herself timidly,

"Candice, Mr. Elysian told me to report to you." Alex was right. Sonia was indeed a good girl.

Candice flipped through the documents with her slender fingers. She looked at Sonia while

leaning back in her seat; her aura remained imposing even when she was seated. She spoke flatly, "What did Alex tell you to do?"

Sonia grew nervous. "He told me to shadow you and I could learn a thing or two from you."

Candice slammed the document shut and hummed a reply. She pointed at an empty desk and

said, "That's your place." Unlike the Secretary's Office, there were only three people in the CEO's office including Candice.

With Sonia joining, the only spot left was the one in the corner.

Sonia's expression froze for a moment but she quickly regained her composure.

Candice noticed her urge to speak up and asked, "What is it?"

Sonia bit her lips and shook her head. "N-Nothing. Thank you, Candice." Candice sized the girl up meaningfully. She asked, "How far have you gotten with Alex?"

telling you that Alex's interest doesn't last more than a month."

Then, a man's voice was heard. "Sonia."

Caught by surprise, Sonia reacted with shock and wide eyes. She looked at Candice and

There's nothing between us, Candice. Please don't take it the wrong way."

Everyone in Aether Corporation was aware that Candice was more than just Alex's secretary. Many were wondering when Candice would officially rise in the ranks and become the lady

boss of the company. Candice's expression remained blank. She looked at Sonia and said, "Don't worry, I'm just

Sonia bit her lips and her eyes turned red, looking like a startled rabbit and shivering in fear.

Candice frowned. Right before she could speak, footsteps were heard coming from outside the door.

and nobility.

Sonia snorted. Her head remained bowed and timidly she uttered, "Mr. Elysian."

Alex was slightly baffled. He looked at the girl and sized her up, but the girl did not look up and continued to avert his gaze.

The man lost his patience. He frowned and said sternly, "Look up."

Candice was sitting at her desk as she watched Sonia reluctantly shift her gaze up, showing off her teary and aggrieved eyes.

Candice looked at Sonia with the same blank expression. "Explain?"

She extended her hand and slightly tugged at Alex's sleeve. "It's not that, Mr. Elysian, it's

with it."

asked coldly, "Mind explaining?"

Sonia's eyes got even more teary.

Candice saw Sonia tugging at Alex's sleeve. Alex never liked being touched.

just that my contact lenses are making my eyes uncomfortable. Candice had nothing to do

Sonia noticed it as well. She quickly retracted her hand.

coming of age ceremony for the son of Tevar Group's chairman. It's at..."

dismissal.

Candice."

computer.

Alex stopped her before she could finish. "You can attend it on my behalf."

The man then headed to his working space together with Sonia.

Candice bowed her head and kept the invitation away. She could vaguely hear Alex telling Sonia, "It's okay. You don't need to be afraid of her."

Candice believed there was nothing scary about herself, but she had to inquire about Lisa's

Lisa was the assistant supervisor at the Secretary's Office. She was good at her job but she got fired without a reason.

through the glass window, she decided it was not a good time to talk to the man. Sonia was inside the CEO's office for an hour.

She came out with her face flushed red and nodded at Candice before heading back to her work station.

Alex had brought her in, Candice had to assign her some tasks.

Theoretically, she had no right to join the CEO's office because she was an intern, but since

Sonia bit her lips. Her face flushed. Unlike the shyness from before, this time she was embarrassed. She timidly uttered, "I'm not good at French."

Sonia looked embarrassed and she did not accept the document.

Candice's expression turned cold as she asked, "Can't do it?"

Candice nodded. She took a sheet of paper out and asked, "How about Excel? Can you fill in the sheets?"

told her to wait. Candice stood and waited. Her eyes unintentionally picked up on a rabbit doll beside Alex's

It was poorly made and it looked old, like a little girl's toy. It stood out in the frosty interior of the room.

Candice regained her composure immediately and handed him the invitation card. "Since Tevart Corporation is working with us, we should show some respect."

After the video conference, Alex asked, "What is it?"

representative. Pick a fitting present."

working under you?"

"What about you?" "I'm busy."

Candice could tell it was a stern warning, but it sounded different from Alex's mouth.

Candice took the card and turned around. Before she left, Alex held her back.

He stared at her fiercely and warned her, "Sonia is different. Don't touch her."

As for how different, Candice would find out later in the evening.

Sonia was sitting beside Alex while the man's fingers were casually typing on the keyboard. Candice stood at a distance, but the quiet room allowed her to overhear Sonia's affectionate complaints, "Am I really that clueless? Candice assigned me the simplest task, yet I can't

seem to get it right. Now you have to stay behind and help me with it."

than you when she first started." Comments (1)

Alex's hands froze. He casually said, "There's nothing to be afraid of. She's even clumsier

nervously explained, "Mr. Elysian and I have a professional relationship. He's a good boss.

Candice looked up and saw Alex. He looked astonishing; each action of his exuded elegance

Alex narrowed his eyes and then looked at Candice. He tapped the desk with his fingers and

Candice retracted her gaze. She then picked up an invitation card on her desk and said, "The

However, when she saw Sonia standing in front of Alex like a little girl being bullied

Candice handed Sonia a contract in a foreign language.

When Candice brought the invitation card to Alex, he was having a video conference and

Sonia looked even more embarrassed. Her voice grew softer as she said, "Thank you,

Alex glanced at the card with a hot stamping logo. His handsome face showed displeasure. Candice wanted to convince him but he looked at her, asking, "You're not happy with Sonia Candice remained unfazed. "There's nothing to be unhappy about."

"Great." Alex then gave her a black card and said, "You can attend the ceremony as my

She was forced to turn around and retrieve it from her desk. When she approached the CEO's Office, she heard a girl chuckling.

She was on her way to attend the ceremony when she realized she had forgotten her phone.