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Barbara panicked, and she quickly looked to Chad for help.

Chad wore a stern expression and remained unyielding. He scoffed at Kenneth's assertion. "You weren't directly involved in the production, Mr. Green. How could you be so certain that this design can't be produced?"

Kenneth's face turned pale. "I've been crafting jade for over forty years. I can discern at a glance which designs are feasible and which are not. You can bring someone here to create that piece if you doubt my judgment. If I'm wrong, I'll personally tarnish Emerald Skies Jeweler's reputation!"

For a craftsman to stake his own reputation, he must be confident.

Tension permeated the room. The audience below murmured, exchanging their thoughts.

"I'm not following here. What's the issue with not being able to produce it?"

"If it can't be produced, it means this design is merely a conceptual sketch. To put it bluntly, it's a draft. It's like scoring a hundred on an exam while someone next to you scores zero, and they accuse you of cheating because your answer matches their draft exactly. Then, they say they just didn't write it on their paper."

"Isn't that absurd? Who knows if what's on their draft is the correct answer? And, who would copy from your draft?"

"I don't think that's an appropriate example. A conceptual sketch is still a design. If she takes someone else's conceptual sketch and makes some alterations, doesn't that count as plagiarism?"

"We're not sure who's the real culprit here. Moreover, if Barbara is so confident in her own design, why hasn't she made a sample to test its effectiveness? Isn't it strange?"

Seeing his plan foiled, Chad stubbornly clung to the accusation of plagiarism. "The company has a lot of orders recently.

We haven't had the time to make samples yet.

Does being a bit slow mean someone can claim the design as theirs? Doesn't the timestamp of the digital file prove who came first?"

Maggie looked at him coldly. "Digital file timestamps can be manipulated. You know this better than anyone. Didn't you use the same method to stain my name back then? Where did all those comparison images online come from?"

Chad gritted his teeth. "Stop making things up!"

Maggie ignored him and walked straight to the computer that controlled the projector. She opened the digital file of Barbara's design using specialized graphic design software. With deliberate steps, she started removing layers, until Barbara's face turned pale.

Stella was equally astonished, as she watched the screen. Maggie had not told her about this hidden detail in the design.

The crowd roared in shock.

"I-Is that..?"

"It's a logo, right? It's The Velvet's logo."

"Doesn't Barbara work for Grandeur Gallery? Why did she use The Velvet's logo in her design for her new company?"

"Haven't you guys figured it out? Barbara stole Maggie's work. This fool didn't realize that there was a hidden logo in Maggie's design. She copied it without noticing!"

"How could she have the nerve to accuse others like this? She's shameless!"

"She's clearly in it for the money. If she had successfully tricked us today, The Velvet's product launch would have turned into Grandeur Gallery's million-dollar marketing event instead!"

"I can't believe she's using someone else's platform to bolster her own image. What a daring and vicious move!"

"What is wrong with her? She has quite a reputation in the industry. Why resort to such underhanded tactics?"

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“Do you think Barbara earned her reputation on her own? I heard she was the head of the design team at The Velvet before she left. With that kind of authority, who would dare to question her actions? Just look at the jewelry she designed for Kayla. It lacks creativity. It’s just a jumble of tacky elements,” said someone from the crowd.

“I find Chad to be the most shameless one in this scenario. When Maggie was plagiarized in Grandeur Gallery and exposed the culprit, he blacklisted her. Now that she left them and joined a new company, she still gets plagiarized by his associates. Did Maggie kill someone in her past life or something? Why do they keep targeting her?”

“Birds of a feather flock together. None of them are good people.”

“The integration of the logo is rather smart. Maggie sure is something special. Are these pendants only for old clients?”

“What about potential new clients?”

“I want one too.”

Barbara’s expression turned ashen. She could not fathom why Maggie had not brought up the evidence earlier, and she realized she looked like a clown.

Maggie approached Barbara calmly and looked her straight in the eyes.

“Barbara, can you explain why there’s The Velvet’s logo in the design you did for Grandeur Gallery?”

“I-I-I must have accidentally...” Barbara stammered. She was utterly unable to come up with a reasonable explanation.

“It’s because you didn’t actually draw this design yourself. You copied the sketch from my design.”

Barbara froze upon hearing that. “What do you mean sketch? If “Did you think I would leave the finalized design in the open on my desk? What you took was my initial draft! I wanted to incorporate the logo and an openwork design at the tip of the butterfly’s wings. But, when I showed the design to the carver, he told me that this kind of design would result in a very high scrap rate for the jade. He said that the design was suitable for personal use but not

recommended for mass production. That's why I made the modifications, resulting in the final version," Maggie sneered.

"If you had taken it home and redrawn it yourself, you would have noticed the clues. But, you didn't. You're so used to getting others to do your drafting that you can't be bothered to redraw it, right?"

Barbara's face was extremely pale. She glared at Maggie, and her eyes were red. "You set me up!"

Maggie glanced at her coldly and said, "You overestimated yourself."

Once bitten, twice shy. Over the years, Maggie had incorporated specific elements into her designs as a habit.

She never imagined that she would be accused of plagiarism again.

Seeing that the situation was hopeless, Chad seized an opportunity to slip away.

Stella had been keeping an eye on him and intercepted his path. She smiled and said, "Mr. Benson, the show isn't over.

Where are you off to?"

At this point, Chad's arrogant demeanor faded. He smiled awkwardly and said, "Ms. Hall, this is all just a misunderstanding. Barbara deceived me. She claimed her work was plagiarized. As the head of the company's design department, I couldn't just ignore it. I didn't think she was lying."

Stella's gaze turned cold. "You've been in the design industry for years. You should understand how serious plagiarism is.

Shouldn't you have contacted us first to confirm your suspicions instead of causing a scene at the presentation? What were your true intentions?"

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"I-I let my emotions get the better of me. I didn't think it through. And, Barbara manipulated me. She's the one who

plagiarized Maggie's work. If you want to hold someone accountable, she's the one."

Chad shifted the blame onto Barbara, trying to distance himself.

Stella did not believe his nonsense. She knew that Barbara would not act brazenly if no one backed her up behind the scenes.

Barbara grew anxious before Stella could say anything. “Mr. Benson, I came here at your request. Why are you pushing

everything on me?”

‘What a fool! Does she think that her previous outburst wasn’t enough?’ Chad’s voice was stern. “What do you mean you

came at my request? Don’t be silly. When you gave me the design, you told me it was your original work. That’s why I put

my position on the line and help you fight for your rights. But, it turns out that you have deceived me. I literally said so

many good things about you to the boss earlier. Now, you need to go back and explain everything to him yourself.”

Chad had made his hint quite clear. He wanted Barbara to admit to the plagiarism but not drag the company down with

her. That way, he could help her keep her job.

However, Barbara could not sense that in her current state. She felt as though she was a pawn. She got involved in this

publicity stunt to help Chad, but he kicked her to the curb at the sign of danger. ‘How am I going to continue to work in the

industry if I bear all this infamy? Since he is acting so unrighteous, don’t blame me for showing no mercy.’

Barbara said with a stern face, “Mr. Benson, you planned all this. You wanted to use The Velvet’s launch event to promote

your company. How could you turn your back on me now that the plan has failed?”

Chad's expression suddenly changed. "What kind of nonsense are you spouting?!"

In her agitation, Barbara said, "You know what you did. You resented Maggie for exposing your girlfriend's plagiarism,

which led to your breakup. Blacklisting her wasn't enough for you. You wanted to use this incident to ruin her reputation.

It's true that I stole her idea, but it was your plan! I was blinded by the conditions you promised me. That is why I did this!"

"You wretched woman! You fool!" Chad's arrogance was long gone. He was now shouting angrily. The two began to

exchange insults, which escalated into a physical altercation on stage.

The media below recorded and filmed the entire scene with their phones. The spectacle was broadcasted live.

Chris quickly approached Stella and said, "Ms. Hall, let's get these two out of here. The conference has turned into a

joke."

Stella glanced at him. "Our work has been plagiarized. As a manager, shouldn't you actively investigate this? Why are you

so eager to sweep things under the rug?"

Chris froze for a moment. He then quickly said, "We must investigate the plagiarism! I'll make sure to find out who's

behind all this. But, today is the launch of our new product, Ms. Hall. If the situation gets ugly, it might leave a bad

impression on the clients. It might not be worth it."

Stella said in disdain, "We can't let these two leave for now. Contact the owner of Grandeur Gallery and have them come

pick up their staff. Also..." Stella paused. "Call the police. We must get to the bottom of who leaked Maggie's work. I want

to know who's stabbing me in the back."

Chris clenched his fists and looked down, as he replied, "Alright, I'll arrange it immediately."

While Barbara and Chad were arguing, the security escorted them off the stage.

Stella held the microphone and addressed the audience. "I'm sorry for taking up so much of your time witnessing this

spectacle. As compensation, everyone in the audience today can receive a free commemorative item from Rebirth within

thirty days with your entry ticket. For our existing customers who already have our commemorative item and don't want

another, just present this coupon and enjoy a 20% discount on anything from our store."

"Oh my, that's generous!"

"We were just wondering if they would sell these items, but now they're giving them away!"

"My friends who didn't attend this event will probably be jealous. They thought that this item was only given to already

paying customers. Who would have thought that the boss would be so kind!"