

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2371

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2371-Carter, exasperated, reached out and took the comparison file from Keegan's hand, saying coldly, "Wait!"

Keegan, with a smug look, said, "It's too much trouble for you. I'll treat you to a meal with Officer Gray later."

Carter turned away, raising his middle finger behind his back.

Stella whispered to Keegan, "Carter seems annoyed with you. I remember Lena said he never swears."

"No," Keegan lied, "I think we have a good relationship. Look how actively he's helping me."

Stella looked at him suspiciously.

Was that so? Why did Carter seem so reluctant?

Stella thought for a moment and said, "In the future, let's trouble Carter less. We should find other ways. It's not good to rely on him all the time."

Keegan nodded.

In fact, he didn't just rely on Carter. The main reason was that Carter had great abilities and was discreet.

But Stella was right. Keegan couldn't trouble Carter constantly. With old Mr. Lowe critically ill and internal family conflicts, Carter's situation was tense. Any mistake could be costly.

The Lowe family had recently secured a major order, and Keegan planned to help Carter increase his leverage.

That afternoon, the comparison results came out. Besides Stella and Keegan's fingerprints, there were three others: Larry's wife, his son Yuha Bard, and an unidentified individual.

This wasn't unusual. People without criminal records or without their fingerprints entered in the public security system wouldn't have a match.

Stella felt disappointed. She thought they could uncover something significant, but their efforts led to a dead end.

Keegan comforted her, "Don't worry. Larry is right under our noses; we'll figure it out eventually."

He thought for a moment and asked, "When is your company's next physical examination?"

Stella's eyes lit up. "I received a notice a few days ago. It's next Friday."

Keegan said, "Find a chance to collect his blood. I'll think of other ways to check his identity."

Stella: "But he recently injured his hand and took leave. He might use that as an excuse not to come."

Keegan smiled. "He's usually smart. Why is he confused now?"

Stella nudged him. "Don't keep me in suspense. What's your plan?"

Keegan took her hand and pulled her to sit beside him. "A person may have an excuse not to attend a physical examination, but what if it benefits their family? Doesn't your company provide extra commercial insurance for employees? You can ask employees to bring their relatives for the physical exam under the pretense of expanding family benefits. The exam is free, family members get insurance, and the company reimburses half. Most people would be willing to bring their families."

Caline treated its employees well, especially in terms of insurance. The coverage was extensive, reimbursing many types of medical expenses. Ordinary outpatient visits could be reimbursed by medical insurance and then by commercial insurance, allowing employees to see doctors without spending their own money.

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2372-However, the company's insurance only covered individual employees, and their families couldn't purchase this insurance. Keegan's current intention was to extend this benefit to employees' families.

Larry had two patients at home who needed frequent medication. If he refused the company's kindness, it wouldn't align with his character. After all, he had previously taken a risky job to afford a cochlear implant for his son, so he would definitely not refuse this opportunity.

Additionally, Keegan had another motive. This kind of comprehensive benefit would gradually improve the employees' views on Stella.

Top management might not care about small profits, but for ordinary employees, every bit of financial help mattered. Most of their company's employees were between 30 and 45 years old, typically with elderly parents and young children. Compared to commissions, this type of easily reimbursable commercial insurance brought tangible benefits to employees, winning their loyalty.

Stella suddenly had an epiphany and patted Keegan on the shoulder. "So that's how you win people over."

Keegan smiled. "Actually, I didn't think of this initially. Baldwin accompanied my grandma to the doctor, so we rarely had to go ourselves. One time, Aldor and I were on a business trip to his hometown. His mother came to pick us up in the rain, slipped on the road, and had a serious fall requiring surgery.

I asked Aldor to stay with his mother while I met the client. After finishing my business in a few days, I went to the hospital. Aldor's mother's surgery was successful, but the total cost was nearly \$100,000. When Aldor tried to get reimbursement, he found that his mother's medical insurance covered only a small part, and most of it had to be paid out of pocket.

Sylvia was worried about the expense. She blamed herself for being a burden. When Aldor returned from settling the bill, she kept asking how much it cost. Aldor couldn't lie to his mother, so he told her the company's commercial insurance covered it, and it cost less than \$10,000."

With Keegan's endorsement, Sylvia believed it and praised him as a good boss.

Keegan felt uncomfortable with the praise, but this incident inspired him to upgrade the employees' commercial insurance to benefit their families. He wanted everyone to enjoy the same peace of mind.

Although he fought Chandler's faction for a long time, he eventually implemented this benefit. Now he was replicating his success with Stella.

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2373-Keegan might not be as popular among employees as Chandler, but his proposed benefits and reforms had genuinely improved their income and treatment. This was why he could quickly stand against Chandler after his long absence.

Everyone has their own opinion on who to follow to prosper.

Stella rubbed the back of Keegan's head, smiling with twinkling eyes. "I take back what I said about you only scaring employees. From now on, you are my hero!"

Keegan pulled her hand off his head, hooked her chin with his finger, and said lazily, "Hero, can I break a rule now?"

Stella leaned in and kissed him on the lips, murmuring, "Let me break it. Heroes don't punish pregnant women."

Keegan smiled and deepened the kiss.

The moment didn't last long. Keegan's phone rang. It was Jaylene.

Stella, slightly out of breath, sat next to Keegan and motioned for him to answer the call.

Keegan was a bit annoyed at the interruption. He took a moment to calm down before answering.

Before Jaylene could speak, Keegan asked, "Jaylene, what did Dr. Stone say? When can we schedule a follow-up examination?"

Jaylene hesitated and whispered, "Dr. Stone has urgent matters and cannot return to the country soon."

"Is that so," Keegan seemed distressed, "When can he come?"

Jaylene, more anxious than Keegan, knew Dr. Stone was deported for carrying contraband and couldn't return soon. Without him, she couldn't control Keegan. She was extremely anxious.

"Do you want to go abroad with me to see Dr. Stone?" she suggested.

Keegan was silent for a while. "Jaylene, under normal circumstances, I'd agree, but not now. Rivera's situation is critical, and I can't leave. If necessary, I'll find a local doctor."

"That's impossible!" Jaylene raised her voice.

Keegan paused, "Why not?"

Jaylene, realizing her abnormal behavior, hesitated. "Dr. Stone is one of the best neurosurgeons in the world. How can domestic doctors compare?"

Changing doctors would mean Keegan asking about his previous medications, risking exposure. Jaylene couldn't let that happen.

Keegan pretended to be embarrassed. "Then there's no other way. Actually, the medicine was quite effective. Every time I took it, I felt clear-headed. But now that it's finished, my headaches are recurring. If I had that medicine, I could hold on until Dr. Stone returns."

Jaylene's eyes lit up.

Yes, there was still the medicine.

Suppressing her excitement, she whispered, "Don't worry, I'll find a way to get the medicine."

Keegan sighed, "This is too much trouble for you."

Jaylene was embarrassed. "No trouble at all."

Stella glanced at Keegan, who held her hand, signaling his desire to survive.

Keegan continued, "I heard you have a competition soon. Focus on that, and I won't bother you for now. I hope you achieve a good ranking."

Jaylene, wanting to linger, agreed reluctantly. Keegan then said, "I have another call. I'll hang up now."

He hung up quickly, not giving Jaylene a chance to respond.

Stella teased, "Not bad, Mr. Kane. You're getting more and more proficient."

Keegan was modest. "Professor Jewell taught well."

Stella nodded. "Find someone to keep an eye on her. Dr. Stone can't enter the country, so she'll get the drugs from other channels. We need to catch her red-handed."

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2374-Two days later, at the Caline regular meeting, Darcie brought up the upcoming physical examinations, instructing all departments to coordinate the employees' schedules and organize them to go in batches.

After speaking, she looked at the time, "Alright, if there's nothing else, we'll end the meeting here—"

"Wait a minute."

Stella interrupted Darcie.

Everyone turned their attention to Stella.

Darcie also raised her eyes, looking at Stella leisurely, "Stella, do you have anything else to add?"

Stella smiled, "I wouldn't presume to instruct. Everyone here is my senior, and I still need your guidance on work matters. I heard you mention the employee physical examinations. Since the company's senior management is present, I have a suggestion. Mrs. Saun, may I?"

Everyone exchanged glances, sensing that Stella was about to address the company's management.

Despite having gained several clients, including Mrs. Clint, in the past few months, Darcie's position remained solid. The difference in their standings was significant, and Stella's lack of progress might be causing her anxiety.

Darcie, folding her hands and placing them on the table, responded with a relaxed smile, "Regular meetings are for management to voice their opinions. Feel free to share your suggestions. If they are good, we will certainly consider them."

Her demeanor appeared generous and democratic, which contributed to her stable position. Darcie never outright rejected opinions and suggestions during meetings but would later use other means to maintain control. She had a firm grasp on managing perceptions.

Stella said, "Since you've given me the floor, I'll speak directly. I want to propose some additional plans for the company's employee commercial insurance."

Darcie paused, tapped her pen lightly, and remained silent.

Stella continued, "In the months I've been here, I conducted a preliminary survey of our employees. Among the hundreds of staff, the largest age group, excluding management, is between 30 and 45 years old. This demographic..."

Recalling what Keegan had taught her, Stella's speech became smoother.

"I've had many conversations with employees in the cafeteria. Many of them have significant medical expenses for their elderly and children, spending thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars annually. The commercial insurance our company provides does not cover these costs effectively, as most employees are in their prime and rarely use it.

The company's intent behind this benefit is good, but if it's not widely beneficial, it becomes like a 'chicken rib'—nice to have but not essential.

I thought long and hard about this and consulted friends who run their own companies and leaders in the insurance industry. I believe it's necessary to improve and upgrade our commercial insurance plan. For instance, allowing employees to purchase insurance for their family members with the company covering 50% of the cost, leaving the rest to be paid by the employees. This way, everyone can benefit from this provision. What do you think, President Saun?"

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2375-After Stella finished, the room fell silent as everyone exchanged glances.

Darcie remained silent, and no one dared to speak without her lead.

Although the cost of insurance is not substantial, even with Stella's proposed addition, the expense would be minimal compared to the company's revenue, and the suggestion was beneficial to employees.

However, if implemented, Stella would gain significant credit, which Darcie might not endorse.

Darcie appeared to contemplate before saying, "The suggestion is good, but commercial insurance is meant to be a benefit the company provides. Charging employees could make them feel like it's a wage cut. Additionally, some employees might not need this, making the expense unnecessary for them. If fully funded by the company, there's a risk of false claims for family members."

Stella had anticipated this and responded calmly.

"Participation would be entirely voluntary. The company wouldn't force anyone, but the option should be available. This way, those who wish to purchase can do so, and those who don't won't incur any extra cost. What do you think?"

Darcie pursed her lips and, after a moment of silence, said, “Stella, opening up such purchases isn’t simple. It requires negotiation with the insurance company. No insurance company will easily agree to pay such compensations.”

Stella smiled, “I will handle the negotiations. Right now, I’m asking for your personal opinion. Do you agree?”

Darcie wouldn’t directly say “no” in front of so many people. If she vetoed the proposal, it would tarnish her image as a considerate boss.

She said, “Stella, you’ve missed the point. Since it’s an employee benefit, we should put it to a vote. Your initial survey doesn’t reflect everyone’s opinions or willingness.”

Stella replied, “I’ve already taken care of that. Before today’s meeting, I had Samuel distribute opinion forms to each department. We’ve been meeting for over an hour, so everyone has had time to respond. We can see the results now.”

As Stella finished, there was a knock on the conference room door.

Samuel entered, “Mrs. Jewell, the opinion forms have been collected.”

Stella motioned for Samuel to bring them in. The thick stack of forms had been sorted.

She had outlined three options—support, oppose, and abstain.

Out of over 200 votes, more than 190 were in favor, with a dozen opposed and about 20 abstaining.

Stella placed the forms in front of Darcie, “Mrs. Saun, the majority support this. What’s your decision?”

She was forcing Darcie to make a choice. If Darcie refused, Stella would seek another way to obtain Larry’s sample, which would be more complicated. Stella would still gain a good reputation for advocating employee benefits, despite Darcie’s rejection.

Darcie pressed her pen tip on the paper and smiled, “Since the majority are in favor, I have no objections. You can proceed with the negotiations with the insurance company. Please implement it as soon as possible.”

Stella smiled, “Thank you, Mrs. Saun.”

Turning to the attendees, she said, "Each department should compile a list of family members who wish to participate in the insurance. They should bring these family members for the physical examination this Friday. After the insurance company receives the health reports, they will arrange for the coverage. The meeting is adjourned."

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2376-The crowd in the office gradually dispersed. Stella packed up her things, glanced at Darcie who was still seated, and walked over with the documents.

Stella said, "Aunt Saun, thank you for your support earlier."

Darcie smiled, "You were thinking about the employees, so of course, I supported you. We're all part of the same company; we're a team."

Stella also smiled, "Aunt Saun, don't hold it against me for taking the initiative with the research. By the way, I received what you asked Jaylene to send. Thank you for your concern."

Darcie replied, "We're all family; you're too polite."

In a gentle voice, Stella said, "Aunt Saun, I've caused you a lot of trouble since I joined the company. I'm straightforward and stubborn. Sometimes I speak too bluntly. Thank you for your tolerance. My father said you always praised my work in front of him, which makes me feel even more grateful. I hope you don't mind."

Darcie said, "What are you saying? How could an elder hold a grudge against you? Stella, although I'm not your biological mother, your mother and I were like sisters back then. I'm happier than anyone else that you can return to the Saun family. When I see you and Jaylene, it reminds me of the bond your mother and I shared. We were sisters for half our lives, and you two have become real sisters. It's fate."

Stella almost felt nauseous. Darcie could certainly put on a show!

If there wasn't ample evidence linking the child swap and even her mother's death in childbirth to this seemingly kind woman before her, who would doubt her sincerity?

Stella was moved to tears, "Aunt Saun, thank you."

Darcie wanted to reach out and touch her head but seemed uncomfortable, so she settled for smoothing the wrinkles on Stella's clothes. "Go on, do a good job."

Stella nodded and left with the documents.

As soon as she left, Darcie wiped the hand that had touched Stella with a wet towel.

Aubrey asked quietly, "Boss Saun, what does she mean by this? Is she trying to make peace with you?"

"Make peace?" Darcie sneered. "If she were truly that naive, I wouldn't have to worry. She's trying to make me lower my guard."

Aubrey said, "Her strategy seems overly simplistic. Does she really think that offering such a benefit will win people over? Does she think the company's employees are that easily swayed?"

Darcie discarded the wet wipe and said lightly, "Inform the insurance company to delay her cooperation application."

"Understood."

If the insurance company can't be negotiated with, what can she use to win people over? The relationships Darcie had cultivated over the years were not to be underestimated.

The approval of the commercial insurance upgrade at the meeting delighted the entire company. Stella specifically asked Samuel to visit various departments to notify them.

In truth, her primary aim was to inform the security department. After Samuel notified them, he asked the security captain, "Captain Liu, have you notified everyone?"

The captain replied, "Everyone has been notified. Several people have signed up, while a few have yet to respond."

Samuel handed him a cigarette, "Mr. Bard has taken leave. Remember to notify him. His wife and children are not in good health. When he was driving for Mrs. Jewell, I often heard calls from his family about buying medicine. The company's current benefits are excellent. For just a few hundred dollars a year, all medicine and medical expenses can be reimbursed, which can save him a lot. It's not easy for Mr. Bard either. This could relieve some of his stress. Make sure to remind him."

The captain nodded repeatedly, "Of course, I called Larry first, and he said he would discuss it with his family and get back to me soon. Given his family's situation, this is a huge benefit. How could he not take advantage of it?"

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2377-Samuel chatted with Captain Liu for a while and then put out his cigarette, "Okay, I'll notify the other departments. You carry on."

After seeing Samuel off, the captain called Larry again, "Larry, your family of three will only need to pay an extra thousand dollars a year, which averages out to less than a hundred dollars a month. Your whole family won't have to spend money on medical treatment. Don't miss out on this benefit."

Larry wasn't short on money, but he couldn't spend it openly. Mainly, he didn't want to undergo a physical examination. If he signed up his family, he would definitely have to accompany them on Friday. Despite the hospital being arranged by Darcie, he still felt uneasy.

The captain kept urging him, highlighting the benefits, until Larry finally agreed, "Please register my wife and son. I'll send you their ID photos later."

"Okay, take care of your injuries and come back soon. I heard you'll be transferred to drive for the leader. That's great news. Remember to treat us to a meal once it's settled."

Thinking about his transfer to work for Jaylene, Larry's expression softened, and he whispered, "Alright, I'll treat everyone once it's confirmed."

It wasn't until Stella saw Larry's family on the final list that she felt relieved.

The physical examination was scheduled over two days, Friday and Saturday, with employees going in batches.

Stella specifically checked and saw that Larry was scheduled for Saturday, so she also planned to go to the hospital on the same day.

Larry arrived with his wife and son. His wife was a kind, ordinary woman, gently brushing dust off Larry's shoulders. She had a gentle demeanor and seemed very virtuous.

Larry's son, Yuha, was about fourteen or fifteen, taller than his mother. He wore a white T-shirt and light grey sweatpants. His features bore some resemblance to Larry's, and though not striking, he had a bright presence. He wore a hearing aid and communicated using sign language.

Larry responded to him with sign language. The family appeared harmonious.

Stella must have stared too long, as Larry noticed her, turned, and looked surprised. He said something to his wife and son and approached Stella with them.

“Miss Jewell, are you here for a physical examination too?” Larry asked politely.

Stella nodded and looked at the two people beside him, “Is this your wife and son?”

Larry nodded and, while signing to his son, introduced them to his wife, “This is Miss Jewell I told you about. She gave Yuha chocolates on his birthday and approved my leave. She’s very kind and takes good care of me.”

His wife understood and said politely to Stella, “Miss Jewell, thank you for your care for Larry. I’m sorry for any trouble we’ve caused recently.”

Her words were clear and she didn’t seem confused or ill. Stella responded politely, “You’re welcome. Mr. Bard has been a great help to me too.”

Yuha looked at Stella curiously but lowered his head when she noticed him. He pulled Larry’s sleeve and gestured.

Stella didn’t understand sign language and had no idea what Yuha was saying.

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2378-Larry explained, “Yuha asked if you received the painting he sent and if you liked it?”

Stella understood and asked Larry in a low voice, “How do I sign that I like it?”

Larry smiled and said, “Just say it directly. He can hear, but he doesn’t speak very well.”

In reality, it wasn’t that Yuha couldn’t speak. After being kidnapped and rescued, he lost his hearing. For a long time, he lived as a hearing-impaired person. Because he couldn’t hear sounds for an extended period, coupled with the trauma of the kidnapping, he became afraid of interacting with people, and his language ability gradually declined, making him unwilling to speak. Later, after getting a hearing aid, his hearing gradually recovered, but his language ability did not. He was more accustomed to communicating using sign language.

Stella smiled at Yuha and said softly, “Thank you, I like it very much.”

Yuha’s eyes sparkled. He wanted to sign but paused. Then he took out his mobile phone, typed a paragraph on it, and handed it to Stella.

“Show me?” Stella asked in a low voice.

Yuha nodded.

Stella looked at the phone, “Sister Jewell, thank you for giving my dad a holiday so that he could spend my birthday with me. Dad said he did something wrong and can’t work with you now. Can you please not blame him? My dad is actually a very good person. He has suffered a lot for me and my mom. We’ve dragged him down. I want to say sorry to you on behalf of my dad. Can you forgive him?”

Stella pursed her lips.

Yuha’s words were sincere and filled with love, but he didn’t know that the “dad” he spoke of might not be his real dad.

Stella didn’t say anything but took out her phone and typed a response, “It’s all over, I don’t blame him.”

Larry no longer worked with her, and their past relationship had been settled. There was no question of loyalty now, and this person’s identity was still uncertain. She didn’t know his purpose for appearing in Caline, nor his true identity. All she could do was wait and maintain a superficial peace.

After reading it, Yuha solemnly gestured to Stella, and she recognized the sign language for “thank you.”

Larry whispered to Yuha, “What did you say to Miss Jewell?”

Yuha used sign language – secret.

Larry smiled and rubbed the back of his head, his eyes full of kindness. Anyone who saw them would say that the father was kind and the son was filial.

“Mr. Bard.” Stella called Larry.

Larry raised his head.

Stella took out a red envelope from her bag and handed it to Larry, “I heard from people in the company that your hand was injured. You didn’t mention it when we met at the police station that day, and I didn’t notice. I originally planned to have someone bring this gift to you when the company organized a visit. Since we met here today, I’ll give it to you directly. I hope you recover soon.”

Larry quickly refused, "Miss Jewell, I can't accept this. It's just a minor injury. I did it accidentally. It will heal soon. You are too kind; there's no need for a visit."

Stella opened his hand and stuffed the red envelope into it. "Mr. Bard, although we may not have the opportunity to work together again, I still hope everything goes well for you. This is just a small token of my appreciation. Please don't refuse it. Consider it a little help for getting your child a cochlear implant."

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2379-Larry couldn't refuse any longer. He took it with both hands, took Yuha's hand, and bowed deeply to Stella. "Miss Jewell, I will remember your kindness. If you need any help in the future, just let me know. I'll do my best."

Before Stella could respond, someone called her from behind, "Boss Jewell."

She turned around and saw Kiara and Wren approaching with the list.

Kiara pulled Wren over, "Boss Jewell, are you here for a physical examination as well?"

Stella nodded, glanced at Wren, and then focused on Kiara, "Are you two here today too?"

Kiara smiled, "I was supposed to come yesterday, but no one I knew well was coming, so I switched with someone and came with Wren."

Stella inquired, "Didn't you bring your family with you?"

Kiara said, "My parents' employer pays for supplementary medical insurance, so I don't have to worry about it. Wren's grandmother's illness can't be covered."

Wren remained silent. While Kiara spoke, her eyes occasionally glanced at Larry.

Larry noticed and looked at Wren. She clenched her hands and nodded calmly at him. He nodded back, and both looked away.

When the physical examination numbers began to be called, Larry said to Stella, "Miss Jewell, you guys chat first. I'll take them for their examinations."

As soon as they left, Kiara said, "Boss Jewell, do you want to go together? We can get your blood drawn first and then do the ultrasound. It will be faster, and you can eat sooner."

“I’ve already drawn the blood. You two go ahead; I’ll get a number for you in the ultrasound room.”

Stella didn’t come for the physical examination today. After realizing that “Larry” might not be Larry, she wanted to see him.

During their conversation, she had been observing Larry carefully.

Larry’s facial features were very ordinary, the kind that wouldn’t attract attention in a crowd, so she had never scrutinized him closely.

Just now, she carefully observed his nose and eyebrows and noticed traces of surgery.

No matter how advanced plastic surgery is, it’s impossible to completely replicate someone’s appearance. Otherwise, there would be many identical faces among celebrities.

This person changed his face to resemble Larry’s, but few recognized it. A significant reason might be that the face was too ordinary, so ordinary that few people paid attention. When the person was swapped and deliberately imitated, few noticed the difference.

Additionally, due to natural aging and changes in facial features over time, she might not have suspected it.

She recalled that when she and Keegan first met Larry, they both thought he looked too old for 45.

Now, she realized this person might be older than 45. He had plastic surgery to look like Larry but did not maintain his skin accordingly. His skin condition matched his actual age, making him appear old.

If this is the case, this person’s age should be between 50 and 55.

If he replaced Larry, where is the real Larry?

Is he still alive?

Stella was deep in thought when a passing doctor suddenly addressed her, “Pregnant women, please queue over there.”

Stella replied, “I’m queuing for someone else.”

As soon as she finished speaking, she felt someone's eyes on her. She paused, turned, and saw Wren holding the medical examination form, looking at her in surprise.

Stella looked at her calmly and said, "Aren't you going to queue?"

Mr. Kane Got Blacklisted Chapter 2380-Wren quickly retracted her gaze, clutching the medical examination form, and walked over to stand behind Stella. Her eyes involuntarily glanced at Stella's belly.

Stella had always worn loose clothes since joining the company, and her waistline was not visible at all. From the back, she appeared very slender, with nothing unusual. However, when she moved in certain ways, a slight bulge in her belly was noticeable. Wren had noticed it before when riding in Stella's car but had dismissed it as a bit of fat. Now, she realized it was a pregnancy.

This realization made Wren's heart pound. Why hadn't Stella informed the company about her pregnancy? Was it because of Darcie?

Wren's thoughts were in turmoil. Stella didn't seem to care about Wren's discovery. After fiddling with her mobile phone for a while, Stella answered a call, exchanged a few words, and hung up before leaving the queue.

Wren was stunned. "Miss Jewell, aren't you getting checked?"

Stella turned and said lightly, "No, I have something to do. I'll come back another day."

Then she left.

Stella had just exited when Kiara arrived.

"Where's Boss Jewell?" Kiara looked around.

Wren replied, "Boss Jewell received a call, said she had something to do, and left. She'll have her physical another day."

"Oh." Kiara responded, then asked, "Did you talk to her? She knew you were excluded and had your salary deducted because you accepted her clothes. She felt very sorry and wanted to help. But things turned out differently... She's a kind-hearted person. You should apologize to her; she'll understand."

Wren lowered her eyes. "Boss Jewell doesn't mind, and I don't have the face to say anything. Besides, I'm just a small employee. I don't want to get involved in the

struggles between the leaders. I just want to collect my salary quietly. Don't mention this anymore. If Boss Jewell finds out, she'll think I'm on her side. I really need this job now."

"That's not what I meant..." Kiara sighed. "Okay, I won't say anything more. Is your grandma feeling better recently?"

Wren paused and whispered, "It's my grandma."

"Oh, yes, your grandma. Look at my brain. I've been thinking about my grandma and calling yours that. Maybe I've been close to my grandma since I was a child, so I'm used to it."

Wren smiled and said nothing.

Kiara's explanation was natural but unnecessary.

Suddenly, Wren covered her stomach, her expression pained.

Kiara was startled and hurriedly pulled her. "Wren, what's wrong?"

Wren grimaced. "I think I have a stomachache. I need to go to the toilet."

She handed Kiara her medical examination number. "Please help me line up first. I need to go to the toilet."

Without waiting for Kiara's response, Wren rushed off.

Kiara called out twice but couldn't stop her, so she lined up. It was almost her turn.

Downstairs, in the car.

Stella held her phone. "If I lose the bet, the worst that can happen is that Darcie will know I'm pregnant. I can't hide my belly anymore. I was going to tell her anyway. It would be even better if I could get her to reveal her identity if she is the one behind all this."

Felicity was shocked. "You still have hope for Wren?"