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Anna saw her name on the disciplinary action issued by the hotel. She was one of the people in charge, and she needed to take responsibility for the fire. Also, she was suspended for one month without pay and should cooperate with the company to investigate into the fire.

The notice was issued suddenly in the early hours of the morning. The HR used it as an excuse, and said that “employees will not be allowed to resign during their suspension”. So, Anna’s resignation was firmly rejected.

Anna couldn’t go back to the office, so she had no way to vent her anger. After a while, Peace brought breakfast to visit them.

Tammy sat on the bed drinking milk. In a still hoarse voice, she asked, “Mommy, is Matthew coming today?”

Anna was stirring her milk with a spoon. She frowned at the words and replied, “I’m sorry, honey. Matthew isn’t feeling well now, and he’s in another hospital. He’ll come to see you when he’s better.”

“Okay. So, what about Daddy?”

Peter had always wanted Tammy to call Wayne “daddy”. As time went on, Tammy got used to calling Wayne that.

Anna looked up abruptly. She said unhappily, “Oh, no, he’s not your daddy. Tammy, don’t you ever call him daddy again!”

Tammy didn’t expect Anna to scold her. She immediately looked like she was going to cry and whispered, “Mommy.”

Peace immediately took Tammy into her arms. To smooth the thing over, she said, “Gee, okay, okay. Anna, what’s wrong with you? Wayne is the one who made you mad. So, don’t talk to Tammy like this. Tammy, don’t cry, okay?”

Tammy was never a crybaby. However, she was scared by the fire yesterday and had been uneasy since she woke up in the emergency room. The way Anna just spoke to her frightened her again.

See Tammy whimpering in Peace’s arms, Anna was frustrated. She said, “Oh, my God. Tammy, baby, I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to say that. I was just...”

just thinking about something else.” Peace finished her

think the incident isn’t as simple as it seems and suspect that you’ve been set up. But, you know, Wayne is not a fool. Both of you

you really can't wait. If you need help, just say it. Matthew is your son, but Tammy is also still your daughter. Anyway, stop talking like that to Tammy. Tammy

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as you were not around as he grew up. If you want to do it, just go ahead. I can take care of Tammy for you." Peace was angry, so she spoke in an irritated

she knew that he was her son. She didn't ignore Tammy. But, she let them play together at the hotel because she wanted them to get along. Tammy wouldn't have been

had no idea how to explain what had happened to her. And she knew that she

I can. Then, I'll resign from the hotel." Anna

she left, "Don't worry, I promise you that something like this will never

Then, what

him back

voice and said, "I'll help you get a

she had an urge to

in the past few years, and the only by her side was Peace. They met by chance, and neither of them expected that they would be with each other for so many

fire was caused by an employee who broke the rules and smoked in the storage room. Also, they compensated the

and quickly deleted the negative news on the Internet. However, although the official statement was released, they still didn't find out

John to meet her at a cafe to talk about

what is going on? Did Mike Smith actually smoke in the warehouse? Did he admit it?" Anna

replied doubtfully, "Oh, I'm not sure. Mr. Jones issued this statement after discussing it with several managers in the HR and PR departments. Mr. Smith has retired and is now in his hometown in Liverpool. So, we have no way to ask him. Moreover, if Kenny hadn't rushed in to get him out, he might

yeah, I was just going to ask you about him. I don't remember meeting that guy

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Although John acted a little reluctant, he still sent Anna the footage a few days later.

That night, Anna opened her laptop and began to watch that video. She stared carefully and tentatively at every detail on the screen

The fire broke out at around 11:30 in the morning. At that time, all the junior and senior managers were having a meeting in the conference room on the second floor. Since it was lunchtime, many people were walking around in the kitchen. So, Anna didn't notice anything wrong for a while.

She saw Mike, the pastry chef, baking, and Kenny standing next to him to help. It seemed that Mike kept telling Kenny to get something, so Kenny left every few minutes and then came back. Each time he came back, he carried some ingredients.

At 10:54 am., the two children walked into the kitchen. Tammy walked in front, and Matthew followed her. Then, they stopped in front of Mike.

Anna still felt scared at the thought of two children trapped in the fire. She took a deep breath and then continued to watch the video.

Tammy and Matthew both had a sweet tooth. They immediately went to Mike's side after they entered the kitchen, and it looked like they did it very often. Mike pointed at the oven to them, and then to Kenny.

Then, the two children followed Kenny out. After that, Kenny was not in the picture again until the fire broke out.

According to the hotel's investigation, Mike had gone to the storeroom to smoke at that time. Mike was a chain smoker, and it was known to all the people in the hotel.

Anna first watched the whole video from the first minute to the last. Then, she skipped the beginning and end, and carefully watched the crucial part in the middle

However, she found nothing because everything looked perfectly normal making the fire seem like an accident

After watching the camera footage in the kitchen, Anna checked the storage room video. However, she still found nothing.

The reason why the hotel put surveillance in the storage room was to prevent people from stealing things. So, the camera was only focused on the goods on the shelves and could not shoot the other few corners. And even if someone was there, they would not be captured by the camera

she didn't even need to watch the video of the kitchen door because many waiters

to look for Tammy and Matthew. Then, a waiter told her that

That was why

long time, she couldn't remember

with the two children. However, when he came out, he only that said Tammy was in there. Everyone in the hotel knew that Matthew was Wayne's son. So, Kenny should have said that Matthew was

piece of paper and wrote down three suspicious points

to the bathroom at all; the waiter lied. Second, Kenny only said that Tammy was in the

cold room? While Anna was thinking hard about these three suspicious things, she heard someone open the bedroom door. Then, a person

Holmes, are you still solving the case? Don't forget to eat."

Anna immediately felt moved.

Peace said thoughtfully, "Well, I think you can just ask them. About the first thing, you can ask the waiter who told you that Matthew went to the bathroom. Only Kenny knows the answer to the second question. About the last, you can just ask Tammy or Matthew himself! You can't

Liverpool," Anna said slowly and

asked, "What? do you have

ask him if he smoked in

person and knew that Wayne had indeed pissed her

would go there no matter what she said, she said, "Oh, okay. Anna, if you really want to go there, just do it.

can do it?" Anna asked, looking

her hair, raised her eyebrows proudly, and answered, "Yes, I can. You know, I'm

"Well, thank you. But, Karl should never know about this. Otherwise, that

were just having fun. But, Anna

was that Peace was the one who was not so faithful. So, Anna

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"I don't want to go against you. As you know, 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend.' Don't you think so, Miss Wilson?"

Charlotte suddenly felt that Ada's voice was like a black hole. Also, she knew that she had been pulled to the edge of the abyss by Ada. If she didn't stop, she would get herself into a lot of trouble

Charlotte took a deep breath and whispered, "I know you're doing this to get back at Anna and Wayne. You hate them because you think that you've lost everything you could have gotten because of them. You want money, don't you? I can give you as much money as you want. But, I want you to end this nonsense immediately."

Ada snorted right away and said, "I wish you could say that to Wayne, too."

"What?! You..."

Ada said in a dominating tone, "Charlotte, do you still think you're still a kind woman after all this? You tried to get Wayne to pay attention to you before, and I've helped you achieve your goal. Am I right?"

Charlotte froze and then started to think about how good Wayne had been to her in the past few days.

She thought to herself, Wayne was always so sweet to me before I got married. Unfortunately, I took all that for granted. Later, I went through a rough time in France. It was not until then that I realized how

much Wayne had pampered me. Yet, even after I saved Matthew's life, Wayne would never be that good to me ever again.

Charlotte had mixed feelings when she thought about the past. She asked, "Ada, what the hell do you want from me?"

Hearing this, Ada gave a sneer as if she had expected Charlotte to ask this. She replied, "Hey, don't worry, I won't ask you to do anything illegal. All you have to do is carry out your original plan. So, figure out how to get Wayne to fall in love with you again."

After hanging up the phone, Charlotte fell into the bed and was lost in thought. In disbelief, she stared at the wall, and felt that Ada's sinister voice was kept haunting her head.

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John checked the company's employee profile and sent Mike's address to Anna. Then Anna headed there immediately. However, she did not meet him there.

They said they had been living there for more than two months. Also, the

And on her third day in Liverpool, a fisherman on the island said that

pastry baker, isn't he?" The fisherman sized up Anna as he wiped his sweat. He had just wall.

he had just returned from Birmingham. Why are you looking

he accidentally left some of his things at our company. So, my boss asked me to send the same company as him? I heard

Anna smiled and nodded.

with me." The

the village were scattered. After walking along the village road for ten minutes or so, they stopped in front of a neat white house. The house's front door was open, and it sounded like someone

The Smith house is huge, right? This yard out front is where Mike's brother lives. You can go in and say in detail how she should go. Along the way, he told her many things that happened in the village

healthy. However, since Mike's wife was in poor health, they had no children. Kenny who was working in the

walked through the gate. And no one saw her as she walked into the courtyard. Then, she saw several people gathered

in the middle was very tall. He was about six and a half feet tall and wearing a suit and leather shoes. The man

here to buy that old furniture, Anna thought. "Hey, you! Who are you?" Anna heard a

woman staring at her warily. The woman seemed to have been tanned by the hot
asked, "Hello, ma'am. Does Mike
her hand impatiently and said, "Mike? No, I don't know him, Just go! Can't you see I
so, her eyes drifted. Therefore, Anna immediately knew for sure that Mike was living there. She didn't
say anything, but just thanked that
Smith house.
of the men, who appeared to be

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Anna immediately realized that this man was a sophisticated and intelligent person. If she did not offer
conditions in exchange, even if Mr. Smith gave him the cabinet, he might not receive

So, Anna simply suggested, "Well, please let me join you when you go to his house again. You can say
that I am also your assistant. After the deal is done, you then offer to go around their house to see other
furniture. Then, you can look at the furniture there, and I'll find someone."

The man stared at her for a few seconds and said, "Deal."

Anna called that man Mr. Wilson because his assistant called him that. With them, Anna finally walked
into the Smith house this time.

The woman who had just kicked her out was not there. Otherwise, Anna would be in trouble again.

Anna looked carefully at the cabinet again. After confirming that it was intact, she gave Mr. Wilson a
hint.

Mr. Wilson said, "Okay, I'll buy it at your price."

Mike's brother Jack was delighted to hear this. He immediately held out his hand and said, "Oh my God,
that's great! Thank you!"

The assistant immediately stepped in front of Mr. Wilson and shook Jack's hand. He said, "Then, it's a
deal. We'll transfer the money to your account within half an hour, okay? Well, we don't want to go
back yet; it's still early. We'd like to see if you have any more furniture here."

"Yes, of course," Jack said. He was willing to do that because he hoped they could buy a few more pieces

He was thrilled that Mr. Wilson was so generous. Many people had looked at the cabinet before, but no
one had ever agreed to buy it at that price.

Anna followed Mr. Wilson and his assistant into the courtyard. After casually looking at some more
furniture, they went into the backyard. – Jack followed in and explained, "This is where my brother lives.
All of his furniture is new, and none of it is worth buying."

Anna smiled and said, "Really? You don't have any expensive furniture hidden in here, do you? Come on, show it to Mr. Wilson."

Jack immediately waved his hand and said, "No, I swear I'm telling you the truth. If you don't believe me, you can get in and have a look. He doesn't have any good stuff there. I'm saying this because I'm afraid that'll waste your time."

Mr. Wilson's assistant was standing behind Anna. He grimaced and muttered, "Does she really consider herself a secretary?"

Just as he finished speaking, he winced. Then, when he looked up, he saw his boss staring at him with a poker face.

Mr. Wilson said, "If you're getting impatient, I'll ask my secretary to come with me the next time."

The assistant shivered a little and said awkwardly, "Oh, no, I didn't mean to say that. Sorry."

"Then, just stop complaining."

They smelled a strong scent of cinnamon just as they entered the backyard. Jack immediately explained, "My brother is a pastry chef and just retired. So, he often makes these sweet treats at home. We can go somewhere else if you can't stand the smell."

Anna pretended to be surprised and asked, "He's a pastry chef? So, is he making pastries now? Well, you know, Mr. Wilson hasn't eaten anything yet on our way. If he has already made something to eat, can we buy some? So, we can eat on our way home."

Jack immediately said, "No problem! But, you don't have to buy from him, because I can just get you some. Mr. Wilson, what kind of pastry would you like to eat?"

Mr. Wilson looked at Anna suspiciously and as if to question her.

Well, she used me as an excuse. I didn't even say I wanted to eat anything just now. It seemed that she really knew how to push it, Mr. Wilson thought.

Anna just winked at him as if she was justified, and gestured for him to cooperate with her.

The assistant couldn't take it anymore. However, he was about to say something when he heard Mr. Wilson, standing beside him, say, "Well, please show us."

and

an intelligent man! You already knew that the person I was looking

rich, sweet smelt of cinnamon was coming from the kitchen. Jack then enthusiastically led the three of them into the

Mike. Anna thought he looked as if he had fully recovered from that

Wilson is here to buy furniture. Have you made

“Sure, help yourselves to

to the table next to the

pastries there, many of which were the hotel’s specialty. After Mike retired, the hotel could hardly find another pastry

think that cake looks nice. I used to work in a hotel, and this kind of pastry was

finished speaking, she heard a loud “clang.” Then, a thing beside Mike fell to the floor with a harsh sound. Everyone looked at

an expression of

“Miss Gabriel?

what’s going on? You scared the hell out of me!” Anna frowned and also

Mike in the living room. After Mike washed his hands, he walked in. The house

left without saying anything after knowing that Anna and Mike knew each other. So, there were just the Gabriel, have you quit your

supposed to be responsible for that fire. As you

kept fumbling with his trouser pocket and finally found a pack of cigarettes.

the pack. Then, he

puzzled, glanced toward the door, and said, “Why should I do that? By the way, that’s your wife, right? I saw her this morning. But, how come she told me that she

you?”

find a reasonable excuse for a while. A moment later, he stumbled and said, “Oh, we had a fight. You just heard

lot of damage to the company this time. The equipment destroyed

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Mike didn't say anything to make Anna stay. So, she walked straight out of the house. It was noon, and the sun was very bright and scorching. But Mike's wife was standing in the sunlight feeding the chickens as if she didn't feel the heat. As Anna came out, she found that Mike's wife was looking into the house. When she saw Anna, she immediately lowered her head and seemed to resent her. As Anna walked past her, she clearly heard that woman curse, "What a troublesome woman!" Anna looked back at her, frowned, and asked, "What? Who are you talking to?" The woman looked up and snarled, "Ah, it's none of your business. I said that my chickens are troublesome."

The chickens inside the coop were still small. Then, one chicken cooed a few times to express how discontent it was

Of course, Mike's wife would not scold her own chickens for being troublesome, unless she's crazy. So, she must be cursing me. Besides, there is no one here but the two of us. Anna thought to herself,

Anna looked at her and said, "Mike is such a good baker. It's such a shame that he retired after the incident

"Humph, I don't know what you're talking about."

"The hotel suffered huge economic loss because of the fire. And someone has to be responsible for that matter. I think that even if the hotel only let him pay for a small part of the money, it is still a lot. You can't solve that just by retiring and leaving. So, do you know anything about this?"

Hearing that, the woman's face immediately turned pale.

"Anyway, I'm staying at a nearby B&B tonight. You can find me there if you have anything to say to me. I will be waiting for you." After saying this, Anna left Smith's house without looking back

Anna thought to herself, it appeared that Mike's wife obviously knew something about the fire. Or maybe, she knew the truth about it!

Anna had some thoughts in mind, but she still needed someone to confirm that.

"Hello. Did you find Mike?" Anna had just arrived where she was staying when the owner's wife warmly greeted her.

Anna stayed at the fisherman's house. That small village had a beautiful view, and many people would travel there every summer. So, almost every family turned their house into a B&B hotel.

Anna smiled and replied, "Yes, I've found him. Did your husband go out?"

"Yeah, right. He took our son to the beach to fish. A guest just ordered seafood from us, and he will pick it up in a few minutes."

"Is that so? It seems that the seafood here is very popular." Anna sat by the window and drank her coffee. She looked out the window and felt that the sea breeze was brushing her face.

soon as the assistant got out of the car, he saw Anna. Then, he asked warily, "Hey, it's you again?

was going to ask

here?" A man

startled at that voice. He turned around and said

did not ask more questions but walked up to her and asked, "Can I sit

Wilson could sit down, his fussy assistant said, "Mr. Wilson, wait! Please don't sit down

sighed, and said from the bottom of her heart, "Mr. Wilson, your assistant is more attentive than a secretary! He even cares about whether you can

I found an antique chair made of valuable wood at Smith's house later. That's a great piece of furniture and more valuable than

"Really? Congratulations!" Anna said.

But, I think it's all thanks to you. Can you tell my

waved her hand and said nonchalantly, "No, thanks. I was just there to do my own thing, and I

saw that Mr. Wilson was already seated, he clutched that

two of them for a moment and suddenly

forties. He was handsome, very composed and seemed like he had been through many things. So, he seemed a bit older and more mature than Wayne. However, he and his assistant look like two completely different kinds

young and energetic. He looked like an elite, but he sometimes talked like a fool.

and his sassy assistant.

fisherman returned with his son. They then gave Mr. Wilson and his assistant a box of seafood. The assistant

handed Anna a business card before he left. He

a little funny when she took the card. She had

read it in her mind: Randal Wilson Nice name, Anna

took one look at its name. Because, she

That was Mike's wife.

came faster than

really have to pay for the accident?" Mike's wife asked nervously. She didn't look

depends on whether the company will file a lawsuit or not." Anna said – She was telling the truth. The company had

started the fire go. They would definitely

hearing this, the woman suddenly panicked. She stumbled and said, "Oh God! But, we can't

this. If he hadn't

But, the fire extinguishing device was clearly broken! We shouldn't be the only ones to take the blame for

"Wait, how do you know that

extinguishing device was broken, including Anna and John. So, they claimed on the public notice that the fire extinguishing device didn't function as it

found this woman's firm attitude very
he broke it. But I could swear to God he really
so? Then, why didn't he tell

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She had basically figured out the truth about the fire. However, she knew she could not easily find out who made Kenny set the fire.

After getting on the plane, Anna sat in her seat, stared out of the window and was lost in thought. A few minutes later, a flight attendant approached Anna.

"Excuse me, lady, are you Miss Gabriel?" The flight attendant asked. Hearing her sweet voice, Anna immediately snapped back to her senses and said, "Um, yes, I
am

"Well, you have been upgraded to business class." Anna froze for a moment and asked, "Why?"

"I'm sorry, I'm not sure about that. But, someone would sit on this seat later. Shall I take you to your seat in business class, please?"

Anna had no idea what was going on and had to follow the flight attendant to the business class

"Miss Gabriel, this is your seat. If you need anything, you can call me anytime."

"Okay, thanks," Anna said, and then sat down in her seat. She turned her head sideways and froze after seeing the face of the man next to her.

She said in surprise, "Mr. Wilson?"

Randal put the newspaper down and looked at Anna. He was wearing a pair of gold-rimmed glasses that blocked his eyes, which were so calm that they seemed to carry no emotion. He said slowly, "Hello, Miss Gabriel. We've met again."

already knew we would meet Anna, which made her wary She said, "Mr. Wilson,

we happened to be on the same plane, so I got you a more comfortable seat. I know that I still owe you a favor and that you

words were

world." Anna looked Randal straight in the eye.

thought to herself. This is definitely not a coincidence! Why did he happen to know that I was also on this plane? I'm not going to believe his explanation. What a lame excuse! It seems that he isn't going

doesn't matter if it's deliberate or coincidental. Anyway, I think we met here just because of

slightly, and said, "Oh, but I'm

women with one
to be interested in her words. He smiled like
stopped talking. Anna soon fell asleep after the plane took off. Then, Randal out away
took a picture of himself and Anna with his
sitting across the aisle from him. When he saw that, his eyes widened in
happened. He called the flight attendant over and told her to bring
no idea what was going on. However, it took her a long time to realize
she guessed that Randal had a purpose for changing her seat, she fell asleep because
were in the building of the headquarters of Carousel Group. Wayne told Gabe to conduct a thorough
investigation into the cause of the fire. After
with Mike. I deduced that in order to smoke, Mike damaged the smoke alarm system. However, the
source of the fire was not that cigarette butt. The kitchen was
I think someone set the fire

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“Okay, keep focusing on him. I hope you can find out who exactly made him do it and who ordered him. By the way, find out what he’s been doing lately.”

Gabe nodded and said, “Got it. By the way, Miss Gabriel’s flight will arrive at the airport tonight. Are you going to pick her up?”

Wayne frowned and said, “No. I’m going to the hospital tonight to see Charlotte.” Gabe froze for a moment. Then he sighed in his mind and suddenly felt sympathy for

Anna.

Anna hasn’t done anything. Yet, they blamed her before for the fire. Now that things are pretty much checked out, and we know that the fire has nothing to do with her. Also, we are sure that she did not know that Matthew was in the kitchen. But too bad that Wayne doesn’t seem to care about her anymore, Gabe thought to himself.

“Mr. Wright, there’s one more thing. The hotel staff has been gossiping about Miss Gabriel lately. Should we do something about it?”

Most of the staff thought that since Anna and Wayne had broken up, and they talked about her all they wanted. They dared not to say that Wayne did something wrong, so they could only talk s**t about Anna

When Gabe went to the hotel to take care of business the other day, he heard Anna’s subordinate employees talking about gossip.

Someone said, "It took so long for us to realize what kind of person she is. Anyway, I've never seen a woman treat her step-children nice. It seems that when people are in danger, they usually only protect their children. Luckily, Mr. Wright found out that she's a selfish woman. Anna would get nothing from him!".

"Exactly! I think she used to pretend to be nice."

Anna hadn't resigned from the hotel yet. Wayne suspended her only because he wanted her to stay. However, people misunderstood him,

Gabe was worried that if Anna heard their gossip, she would also misunderstand Wayne.

And then, Gabe heard Wayne say indifferently, "Just let them gossip. I don't care about that."

His tone was very grim, and Gabe sighed in his heart when he heard this.

*** It was already evening when that plane landed in Birmingham. After picking up her luggage, Anna walked out of the airport. There were many people at entrance of the airport, but she immediately recognized Peace standing in front of her car.

where's Tammy?" Seeing that Peace seemed to have come alone, Anna

Don't worry, Anna, she should be asleep by now. Anyway, I think

Anna pulled open the car door. She then immediately saw a

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teeth were

got into the car and closed the door. She asked, "Hey! Scott, what are you doing

Honestly, I've been in a bit of trouble lately So I thought I'd stay at your

can take your refuge, but you'd better not stay in at our house. There will be a bunch of paparazzi following you no matter where you go. If you

for a moment, and he looked like he was

But, none are reliable, and I don't want to talk to them about

is it?" Anna looked at

You know, my agent took me to dinner with the investor of my new show the other day But, that investor made a move on me, which made

it's pretty good. If that rich woman wants to date you,

was so angry that his face went pale. He said furiously, "What? I wish that person were a woman! But, no, he's

and Peace were silent after hearing his words. After a few seconds, they broke out into a

looked at the two who couldn't stop laughing, and said in exasperation, "Why are you laughing?

that you might be

not gay! I'm

is usually a gay."" "I believe you

problems, not

"Geez, relax, we're just kidding with you. Tell us, how

party which will be held in a few days. Which one of you two will be available? You can go with me

Will it really be

"Yeah."

and Peace looked at each

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"What? Sis, you know him?" Scott said warily. "Sis?" Randal asked with a teasing smile.

Watching Scott spill the beans, Anna laughed as she felt resigned. She said, "Hey, Scott, you shouldn't have said that."

She had only told Randal that she was engaged, but she didn't tell him who her fiance was. Little did she know that Scott would spill the beans within seconds.

What a simple kid! But, this whole thing is indeed not my fault, is it? Anna thought to herself.

"Oh, I'll leave you two alone, okay? We're off to somewhere else." Anna rubbed her nose awkwardly and left with Peace.

Anna thought that there were so many people here, so there was no way Randal could do anything to Scott. Also, she and Peace felt awkward just by standing next to them. So, she thought it was better to run away.

Just as Anna left, Scott glared at Randal in annoyance and prepared to leave as well.

"Don't you want to know how Anna and I met?" Randal asked.

"No!"

"I know you hate me. But do you hate me more for being your boyfriend or for being your sister's boyfriend?"

"What do you mean?" Scott stood still. As soon as he turned around, he saw the picture of Anna and Randal on Randal's phone.

His gaze instantly became alert. Then, he grabbed Randal by the collar and lowered his voice, "Hey, I'm warning you. Don't you lay your hands on my sister. Otherwise, I won't let you go."

Randal didn't struggle at all and just let Scott grab his collar. He put his hands inside his trouser pockets and lifted his head. At that moment, his glasses reflected the bright light

He looked interested and asked, "Oh? Is that so? How will you do that?"

"Humph! I'm going to tell everyone that you're gay! And, the news will be all over this city. You're divorced, but you were married to a woman and had a child. You did that

know about it." Randal looked at the young man in front of him at ease. The way he looked at Scott was like a wolf looking at his weak

will tell everyone that you are my boyfriend so

expression immediately became irritated. He cursed, "Bulls**t! Randal, I'm not your

like it when you curse." Randal smiled tenderly

his body was boiling. He froze

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Randal's hand away and took two steps back. He said cautiously, "I'm telling you, I'm straight! Also, I would never go on a damn date with you.

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just

said, "Okay. Randal, I can be your friend. But please don't come near my

said, "Oh, hey, I have a lot of friends. You know why I'm approaching you, Scott. You want

felt that working every day had already made him exhausted. Therefore, he had always been very open about his feelings

What the hell are you trying to do?!" Scott

you to go on a date with me." "What? Are you kidding me?" "No,

by He turned toward Anna and said, "Your sister may have broken up with Wayne. But, you know what, my sister knows Wayne very well. So, if I want to. I can change the relationship between them. Scott, I'll give you one night

that moment, Randal had strutted

could do was stare at Randal's back, and

while, Wayne walked into the

with her hands around his arm intimately. They looked like they were

he was slightly relieved to see that Anna was talking to Randal and didn't saw
before he could fully relax, he

is so shameless! He's obviously gay, but he has tricked his ex-wife into marrying him and having a kid.
Now, it seems that he even tried to fool Anna!

thought to himself.

Falling in Love With A One-Night Stand

Chapter 179

Randal was a smart and sophisticated guy. He was an expert at finding people's weak spots and saying something ironic about them. Also, he was good at pretending that he didn't mean it

He and Anna were just being sarcastic with each other. He just implied that her relationship with Wayne wasn't solid. The problem between them was not Charlotte, but themselves. Also, he said they broke up because they weren't that in love with each other in the first place.

However, Anna was also not shy. She rolled her eyes at him as he talked, and then mocked him for falling in love with a straight guy. She also said that he was naive to think he could turn a heterosexual man into a gay.

In short, neither of them was willing to admit defeat in comparing who could be more sarcastic

Then, Wayne appeared on the scene. Not long after, Ms. Wilson stopped him and talked to him.

And that brought Anna and Randal a new topic.

"Anna, are you feeling embarrassed? Look, the man you love is so close to his ex-fiancée and gets along so well with her family."

Anna glanced at Randal and said, "Well, you can stop talking now. If I'd known you were Charlotte's brother, then I wouldn't have even talked to you back in Liverpool."

Everyone in the Wilson family is a jerk! Anna thought to herself.

Randall raised his eyebrows and seemed not to mind her words. He then said in a teasing way, "Hey, Anna, I can help you get back in the game if you want."

"Oh? Really? How would you do that?"

Before Randal could answer her, he saw Wayne saying goodbye to his mother and walking toward them.

"What are you doing here?" Wayne asked. He was standing in front of Anna and looked at her imposingly

Anna said irritably, "What am I doing here? Hey, Wayne, this has nothing to do with you at all! Don't forget that I'm not working at your hotel anymore!"

"Oh? But, you were suspended, not fired." Wayne corrected her grimly.

make any difference. I'll resign

arguing with her, he saw Randal watching them. Wayne had no choice that they were leaving, he said, "Wayne! Hey, she's someone else's girlfriend, not yours. Where she was amazed. To her surprise, Damn, you're such a cunning man, hear you if you were just joking." Wayne stared at Randal hostilely was my girlfriend. Scott just told me that they were but shiver. She thought that Randal was really shrewd. He didn't want to get himself into trouble, and upset Ignoring the fact that people around him were looking at him, he dragged as he closed the door and then slammed painful as her back hit the couch. She gasped and then lifted her head. as she felt upset. "Hey! what are you on the armrests on the couch and confined Anna in his arms. He stared down at her from above condescendingly, which made because he really is my brother. Oh, up. Wayne." that," Wayne said in an assertive way, and he face. At that moment, Anna smelled the scent of a lady's hard against his chest. Then, she became annoyed and said, "Hey, get was thinking the moment he saw her disgusted expression. But, he didn't explain anything. He just sat next to her and regained asked. "We met to someone if he doesn't want anything from them. So, stay intentions? Sure, she saved Matthew's life. But, do you think that the reason why she put herself on the line is that now, into that. I also know that if you want to find out the truth, you can do it. But, when you knew what happened that day, the first someone investigate the fire. Also, he's not a fool. If I think Charlotte is suspicious, then he must think so too. So, I'm sure that he would find out the truth.

Chapter 180

Gabe was standing in the doorway of the lounge while Anna and Wayne were arguing,

After a while, he glanced at his watch and saw that they had been in there for fifteen minutes.

Charlotte had come there several times on purpose to hear what they were saying. But, Gabe had told her to leave

Gabe thought, they'd been in there for such a long time. So, are they going to make up?

As he was expecting it, he heard the sound of the door opening. Then, Anna stepped out.

"Miss Gabriel, hello," Gabe said.

"Oh, no, Gabe, you can call me Anna now. I'm not the manager of the hotel anymore." Anna glanced at Gabe indifferently

Gabe was frozen when he noticed Wayne walking out with a grim face as well.

He immediately became frustrated. He thought to himself. So, they're getting back together? But I didn't think so. They looked like they had another big fight and were ready to break up for good. Oh my God, how could this happen?

Then the party started. And the Wilson family was toasting all the guests there with champagne

Anna had been following Peace and Scott around since she came out of the lounge. After a while, Randal joined them and introduced them to other guests from time to time.

"How did Randal know them? That's so weird!" Charlotte felt confused and asked her mother.

Evelyn was already in her sixties. However, because she had spent her life making herself more beautiful, she still looked relatively young and pretty. When she saw the four of them in the distance, her eyes lit up. She said, "Oh, you're right. How come Randal knows them so well? Charlotte, who's that girl over there? Is she married?"

Evelyn Wilson was from Ireland, and was a gentle and sweet woman. She spoke in a very kind way as if Anna were her friend.

Charlotte looked at them and asked hesitantly, "Which one are you asking about, Mom? There are two girls there."

that cute black dress. I saw her just talking to Randal. That's weird. I remember that Randal rarely talks to girls. Could it be that she

I know her. That's Anna, and she is an employee of Wayne's company. I heard that she is single.

Randal's wife. You know, his ex-wife

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have to worry about that! No offense, but she's really a wife material. You know, she has a daughter. Let me tell you, that child

and asked in surprise, "What? She already has a daughter? Oh, she looks so young. I

but do you

Charlotte expected, her mother didn't care about it at all. Evelyn just waved her

me, I think it's totally fine. As long as Randal likes her, I'll give them my blessing.

to stop her mother, but she

could help me set Anna up with Randal, that would be great! That way, she can help me solve a huge problem

Peace what Wayne had just asked her, Peace immediately became outraged.

could he have the nerve to ask such a question? These two kids

drank the wine in her glass and said, "Forget it, Peace. Don't be mad. He doesn't know the truth, so it's not his fault. He can think whatever he wants, and I don't give

"I'm telling you,

glass of wine, thinking. This evening is a real mess! Well, I've seen the jokes

looked at Randal and said she was about to leave. Then, Scott immediately

you off." Randal

other. They both knew what Randal meant and then

for me!" The four of them had just reached the door when they heard a woman say that. And

walked faster and caught up

please don't go yet. Why don't you

me?"

at his mother and said, "Oh, Mom,

and said, "Yes, you're

You know, you don't have to

Just as she was thinking about it,