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Back in the office, Caspian was curious. "Larry, how did you end up drinking with Caiden?"

They were arch-rival. Did they really go for a meal and drank together? This is unbelievable!

"We had a meal together, that's all. Stop exaggerating." Larry threw him a glance and said.

Two love rivals sat down for a meal together? Well, if that is not headline news, what is? Caspian could not read Larry's mind.

He changed the subject, pointed at a pile of documents on the table, and said, "The assistant just sent these documents for you."

Suddenly, Caiden entered the office and exclaimed, "Larry, let's go for a meal!"

Caspian was perplexed by Caiden's presence.

"No, I'm not going." Larry rejected Caiden resolutely.

"Why? Are you going to ignore me?" Caiden mumbled as he walked over and sat down. Caspian was so shocked.

Don't tell me something strange happened between the two men last night? Is there a shift in Larry's sexual orientation? Caspian eyed Larry, hungrily searching for more juicy clues.

"Stop your nonsense. And you, stop speculating. There is nothing between the two of us," Larry roared in frustration.

He is so eager to clarify and brush it off! That means it is true! Caspian was convinced his guess was right.

He was worried he would get influenced by these two men, so he tried to get away.

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"Larry, I have something on. I'll make a move first." Caspian retreated hurriedly as he spoke.

I had better stay out of this. Even if I wanted to help him get over his confusion, I don't think I will be successful. It had always been me taking instructions from him. We had never reversed that role. Joan would be a better candidate to help him in this matter.

"Your buddy seemed to have misread us," Caiden remarked, unbothered.

"I am aware," Larry said.

"Ain't you worried there will be gossips about us?"

That will not happen." Larry was confident.

He knew Caspian well. Even if he had privy knowledge into some gossips, he would keep it to himself. He was never a blabbermouth.

"What are you saying? Larry and Caiden? How is that possible? Caspian, is there a misunderstanding? Larry is straight!" Joan was defensive.

"I know, Joan. But that doesn't mean Caiden is. If Larry is led astray by that jerk, we are in trouble," Caspian grumbled.

"Okay. You keep this to yourself. I will find out!" With that, she ended the call.

What mischief is Caiden up to? Fancy him seducing Larry! And what is wrong with Larry? Why is he entertaining Caiden?

After being rejected by Larry, Caiden went home.

Jaden and Noelle were not in. An emotionally perplexed Caiden lay down on the sofa and mindlessly flipped through the newspapers.

He did not expect he could hit it off and be buddies with Larry.

"Caiden, open the door!" Joan was outside the door.

Why is she here? She doesn't have to be mindful of being seen with me anymore? Caiden had a mischievous thought in mind, and he ran towards the door.

"My dear Joan, are you here to cook for me?" He looked at his watch and asked sweetly.

Cook for you? Dream on! Joan stomped into the living room and looked around. Thank goodness Larry is not here.

"What are you looking for?" Caiden asked.

"Not looking for anything. I came for some clarification. What is happening between you and Larry?" She went straight to the point.

"Nothing. We just clicked!" he shrugged and replied.

What he meant by clicked was they became friends.

However, Joan's mind got the wrong cue, so she misconstrued that as they fell for each other. She rested her hands on her hips and fumed.

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"What's wrong? Shouldn't you be happy we are no longer hostile towards one another?" Caiden posed softly.

He must be crazy! She was in distress.

"Caiden Owens, you look like a normal guy. Why don't you find yourself a girlfriend? Why do you have to mess with my husband?" Joan growled.

Why can't men have a good time together? Everyone thought it's fine when women are close to one another, but most frown at the news of how close some men can be.

"Stop meeting Larry from now on," she demanded.

"Why?" he asked, baffled.

He has the audacity to ask me why? Is he really oblivious or is he feigning ignorance?

"I'll whack you if I ever see you with Larry again in the future!" With that, Joan turned and left.

She is still so adorable! Caiden rued his unrequited love for Joan as he watched her disappear through the door.

If I had met her before Larry did, would she have agreed to be my girlfriend?

Life can be boring and funny at the same time. Caiden turned to walk into the kitchen and made himself busy.

Joan headed straight to Norton Corporation after she left Caiden's place. In the office, Larry was napping on his table.

He must have been drained out from the night before as he looked tired.

Joan took the blanket from the sofa and gently draped it over Larry. Unfortunately, she woke him instead.

He rubbed his eyes and asked, "What brings you here?"

"I came to visit you." She decided not to raise the subject about him and Caiden.

"Let's eat out tonight, just the two of us," Larry suggested.

That totally wiped out any doubts she had about this man.

He is absolutely fine!

"Sure!"

Larry and Joan had not visited Nancy since she gave birth to her daughter. If Nancy hadn't called Joan, she would likely have procrastinated.

"Is love a frivolous game to you? First, the two of you divorce, then you reconcile." Nancy nagged at Joan as she kissed her baby.

Joan was embarrassed. It was incomprehensible to her as well. Everything happened in a flash, and the divorce ended even before it could sink into her mind.

"Oh, by the way, did Dustin contact you?" Nancy popped this question unexpectedly.

"No. I have not met him in a while."

"He was ousted from Norton Corporation, so he must be devastated." Nancy shook her head and muttered.

Joan was surprised by Nancy's revelations. The thought of what Dustin would do just to take over Norton Corporation never crossed her mind. She could never imagine that he would even resort to illegal means such as faking evidence.

She was puzzled why Larry kept her in the dark and quietly took on all the burden by himself.

"Stop wondering. Larry chose to divorce you as he wanted to protect you from being dragged down by him. I'm glad everything is back on track now," Nancy elaborated.

Although Dustin was Jory's buddy, Nancy could not side with him as his conduct was abominable.

On the other hand, Joan was overwhelmed with guilt. Larry must be so emotionally distressed during that ordeal, yet I was throwing tantrums at him.

"What happened then? How did Larry wrestle back and gained control of Norton Corporation? And how did Dustin get ousted?" She desperately wanted to find out.

"Larry left the country for an extended period of time. I heard he was trying to find a sleeping shareholder who had kept himself away from the business world. His efforts were not wasted, as he managed to find him," Nancy explained.

Joan knew Larry left the country, but she did not know he went away for Norton Corporation. She also did not know the hardships he faced while he was overseas. Now that she was made aware, her heart bled for him.

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"Joan, you ought to treasure Larry. During his most difficult times, he chose to proceed with the divorce in order to protect you. And he never gave up on you even after he got Norton Corporation back."

She is right. I owe this man too much.

"Enough about that. Now, look at my daughter. Isn't she adorable?" Nancy quickly changed the subject as she was worried Joan would start crying if they continued talking about what Larry has gone through.

She was aware that things had been tough on both Joan and Larry. They had been through so much together over the years, but nothing had separate them so far. The only time they were apart was when Joan went missing after the accident. Thankfully, destiny was in their favor, and their paths crossed again.

"I'm sorry I could not send you my best wishes when you gave birth, as I was not well myself," Joan apologized softly.

"That's alright. I totally understand. How is your health, Joan? I heard you went through surgeries. Are you okay?" Nancy asked with concern.

"I'm fine now," Joan assured her.

After having gone through lots of ups and downs in their lives, the two ladies had matured. Their topics of discussion were no longer playful and carefree like before.

"Baby, Joan is here to see you!" Nancy was smiling as she interacted with the baby in her arms.

Joan was very pleased with the sight of Nancy looking blissed and elated.

She had finally become a mother and was no longer the wilful and unreasonable Nancy Barrymore.

"Joan, I realized a person would change after becoming a mother. I've learned so much from motherhood," Nancy said.

She was absolutely right. Women had an advantage when it came to taking on different roles. Many could instinctively become wonderful wives and mothers without any guidance. It was easy to see how they achieved that. Women were naturally more sensitive and nurturing; hence, they would make sure everything at home was properly taken care of, so their kids and husband could enjoy a comfortable life.

"Nancy, you are getting more beautiful by the day," Joan praised. She meant both her beautiful face and the inner beauty in Nancy.

"Nancy, what would you like to eat today?" Jory chirped as he walked in. He seemed to be in a good mood.

"Joan is here." Jory saw her and immediately went forward to greet her. However, the twinkle in his eyes dimmed.

"The two of you have a good chat. I'll make a move now." Joan stood up and was ready to leave.

"Don't go now! We were together every day and had run out of things to talk about. You stay and chat with me!" Nancy grabbed her arms, refusing to let her go.

"Yes. Nancy had been looking forward to your visit. Since you are here, do stay a little longer." With that, Jory left the room instead.

"Ignore him," Nancy dismissed as she took a glance at the door closing behind him.

Did they have a little tiff? Joan scratched her head and wondered.

"Did the two of you fight?" she asked Nancy.

"No, baby knows I can't be bothered to fight with him, right? Mommy was just annoyed that Daddy keeps secrets from me," she said, obviously out of spite.

From the look of it, the two had some disagreements.

"You can confide in me if you want. It is not good to keep bad feelings bottled up. The tension will affect your child too," Joan remarked.

They fought over a small matter. Nancy was unhappy Jory knew about Dustin's sinister plot against Norton Corporation, yet he chose to keep quiet about it.

"It is normal for a couple to bicker, but don't be too harsh on Jory. You had just given birth, and he had to manage his company affairs as well, so it must be quite taxing on him."

"Joan, what's wrong with you? Why are you siding Jory instead?" Nancy pouted, upset.