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Mabel was completely taken aback by Kimberly's words. She stared in disbelief at the phone screen, where Kimberly's makeup-free face still radiated with the glamour of a celebrity.

It took her a moment to collect herself.

"Kimberly... Did someone say something to you? How did you find out about the Holden Group's financial troubles?"

Facing Mabel's confused look, Kimberly experienced a twinge of guilt but maintained her composure, responding vaguely, "I heard from Declan. He mentioned that the Holden Group has recently been investing in a new energy project."

In her past life, indeed, the Holden Group had faced financial issues around this period. Only later did Kimberly learn of Declan's involvement.

"Recently? Is that what he told you?" Mabel sneered.

At that time, new energy vehicles were just starting to become popular in the country, and many people were keen on this profitable opportunity. Mabel, who had studied abroad, possessed a fresh business perspective and had been watching this project for two or three years, getting a head start compared to others. If it hadn't been for the financial difficulties, the Holden Group's new energy project might have successfully launched this month.

As for Declan... He had only decided to engage in the new energy project six months prior, making a grand show of it to ensure everyone was aware of his interest.

In Kimberly's previous life, he had even used her necklace to win over Renee's favor and secure her investment, propelling the project forward almost overnight.

A year later, the Holden Group's new energy venture finally got off the ground.

In her past life, Kimberly had become suspicious because the Walsh Group's business partners ended up in legal battles with the Holden Group.

This occurred soon after the Walsh Group launched their new energy



project, yet it hardly made headlines.

After her rebirth, Kimberly continued to dwell on these events, suspecting something was amiss.

Why had Declan suddenly pursued a new energy project?

How had he managed to accelerate the past two to three years of the Holden Group's efforts in just six months?

Additionally, considering the legal battles between the Holden Group and the partners of the Walsh Group, which resulted in the Holden Group paying millions, Kimberly suspected a deeper conspiracy.

When Kimberly brought up Declan, Mabel frowned, a look of disdain briefly crossing her face, her voice chilling. "Not recently. The Holden Group has been focused on this new energy project for more than two years. I wouldn't have disclosed any information before we were ready."

Mabel didn't question Kimberly's intentions. She seemed to remember something, her gaze intensifying as she looked directly at Kimberly.

"Kimberly, you just mentioned securing an investment from the Howard family for the Holden Group? But the Walsh Group has also been working on a new energy project recently. Why didn't you help the Walsh Group secure funding, instead directing it to the Holden Group?"

Kimberly always shared positive news, sparing Mabel with the negative. She seldom spoke about her marriage or the discord between her and the Walsh siblings, leaving Mabel oblivious to Kimberly's distress within her marriage.

Kimberly quickly noticed a brief look of emotion in Mabel's eyes. Before fully processing it, she heard Mabel's probing question. She explained, "He's not worth it! Aunt Mabel, I'm planning to divorce him!"

"Divorce him?" Mabel reacted with surprise, asking, "Why divorce? Weren't you absolutely in love with him, insisting that you wanted to marry him?"

Kimberly found herself speechless at her aunt's blunt words, feeling deeply embarrassed.

It wasn't Mabel's fault for her blunt phrasing. In her previous life, Kimberly had indeed been naively infatuated.

After pausing momentarily, Kimberly resolved to share the truth. "He was unfaithful. You know I cannot tolerate any form of deception."

She decided not to mention the mistreatment and humiliation she endured from the Walsh family, not out of indifference but... It was simply too humiliating to admit!

Given her proud nature, she couldn't bear to reveal her dismal life or how miserable her circumstances were within the Walsh family, not even to her own family.

"That bastard Declan!" Mabel exploded in anger, slamming her hand on the table. "How dare he bully you! Kimberly, divorce him! You have my full support!"

Kimberly was briefly taken aback, not anticipating Mabel's reaction to be so strong. Her heart warmed at what her aunt had said.

Her expression turned determined. "Don't worry, I definitely will divorce him."

Mabel's expression was dark. She took a deep breath to compose herself, then sat back down, focusing on the phone screen.

Mabel said, "I never mentioned it before because I didn't want to burden you. That scumbag Declan conspired with your uncle to steal secrets from the company's new energy project and used your uncle's influence to lure away the Holden Group's business partners.

I was willing to overlook it, given he was your husband, but I never imagined Declan would stoop so low as to bully you! Does he really think the Holden family has no power? That bastard, this time, I'll address both past and present grievances with him!"

At Mabel's declaration, all of Kimberly's suspicions were confirmed.

So it was indeed Declan orchestrating troubles from the shadows!

"Aunt Mabel... When did you find out?"

Mabel, having released her anger, regained her composure. Reflecting on the chaos at home, she couldn't help but feel overwhelmed, gently massaging her forehead.

"I only discovered it recently. It never crossed my mind that your uncle would team up with the Walsh family against our own company. Upon investigating, I learned he had secretly funded the Walsh Group's project."

Following the car accident that claimed Kimberly's parents, the superficial

unity within the Holden family crumbled, leading her elder and younger uncles to demand a division of the family assets.

Kimberly's grandfather, Archie Holden, was elderly and in declining health, unable to manage these disputes, and thus he allowed the family to split.

The growth of the Holden Group to its current status was largely due to the tireless efforts and dedication of Kimberly's father, Caiden Holden, over a decade.

Kimberly's elder and younger uncles each received only ten percent of the shares. Their goal was to control the entire Holden Group, and such a small stake was far from satisfying.

However, it was unthinkable that Kimberly's elder uncle would conspire with outsiders against their own company.

That was like biting the hand that fed him!

Kimberly's eyes grew cold as if a thought had crossed her mind. She lifted her gaze to look at Mabel. "About this matter, do you have any concrete evidence, Aunt Mabel?"

Mabel was surprised by the question, believing Kimberly doubted her honesty. She pressed her lips together. "No. But I can obtain it. Kimberly, do you still have hope for that scumbag?"

She had previously respected the relationship between Declan and Kimberly, hence she had not pursued evidence.

However, obtaining proof was certainly within Mabel's capabilities.

Surprised by such a direct question, Kimberly paused, feeling somewhat at a loss. "What are you suggesting? I think it's time they learned a harsh lesson."

"You're absolutely right. We should teach them a harsh lesson!" As Mabel pondered the deceitful and ambitious actions of Declan and Kimberly's uncle, her expression hardened, and she clenched her teeth, saying, "Otherwise, these individuals might believe we are an easy target! What's your plan?"