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There was really no rush. Catherine had given her two million, which was enough for her to spend.

Putting down the phone, she picked up the design draft and looked at it before she began to design.

After a while, there were footsteps at the door.

Catherine looked over and met Leslie's eyes. Leslie asked, "You are still working?"

"I'm getting off work after the design is finished." Catherine looked down and said in an aloof manner.

From where Leslie was standing, he looked down and could see her cleavage. He couldn't help but feel

restless.

Leslie sighed, walked around the table to her side and with one hand on the table, he said in a gentler

voice, "Are you still angry?"

"Why should I be angry?" Catherine was still indifferent.

"I didn't want to urge you," Leslie explained, "I'm not saying that it was wrong for you to go to the Roxy

Waterfall. I was just a bit anxious seeing how fast the Marsh Group is moving. They seemed to be

wining."

"You think I'm not anxious?" Catherine looked up at him, "You should leave now. You are interrupting

my thoughts." Catherine didn't want to talk to Leslie about anything other than work.

"Alright, alright. Just don't be mad at me." Leslie seemed gentle with her, "Go back home early and have some rest. Health is more important than anything. I know we can't rush into things."

Catherine did not speak. She did not intend to talk to him, a man who killed his wife right after divorce.

How cruel and heartless was that?

After a few seconds of silence, Leslie got bored and left.

As soon as Leslie left, Catherine suddenly was in no mood to design. She sighed and thought of the nightmare she had had of Leslie on top of her in bed.

She knew what kind of person he was, which was why she needed to keep a distance from him.

Catherine did change, but she wouldn't degrade herself into turning into someone like Leslie.

It was getting late.

After going back home, Shirley had a sleepless night. She had been tossing and turning in bed, but unable to fall asleep.

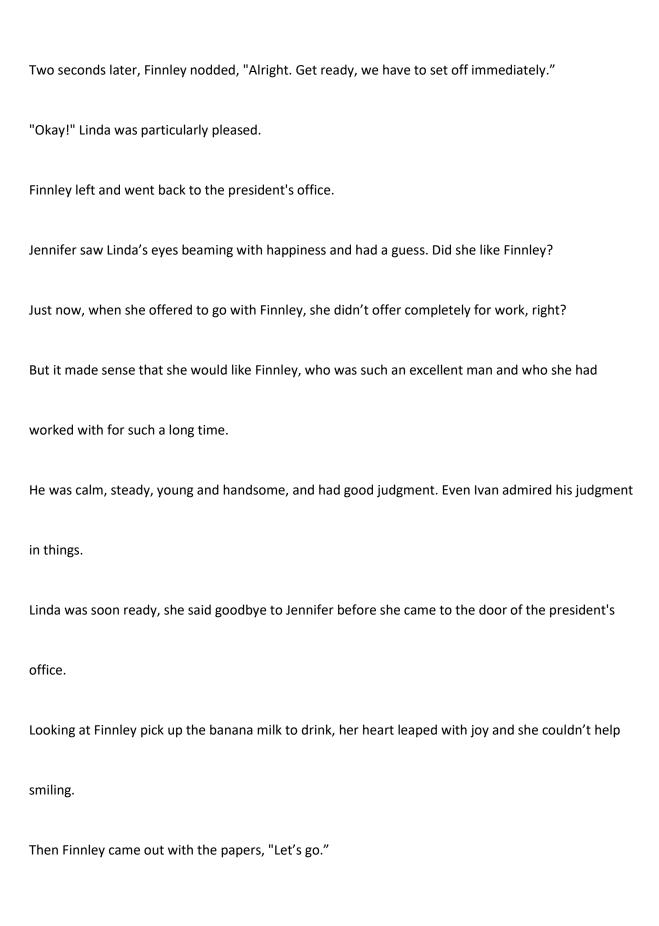
Clarence had used up all the comforting words he could find.



has happened, there is no use to blame her. It's just a matter of communication. I will try fix it and let her open up to me." In the vice president's office in the Marsh Group. The phone rang. Mya looked at the Caller ID and answered it, "Hey, mom. I thought I have told you I would go home for dinner tonight and stay at home for the night." "I know. I am not calling to remind you of that," Shirley asked, "Honey, do you have time now? I miss you, you want to grab a cup of coffee together?" "But I'm coming home this afternoon." Mya wanted refuse, for she was too lazy to go downstairs. "But I'm already at your company. I just really miss you." Shirley wasn't angry and said, "It won't take much time. Just a cup of coffee. Honey, I will be waiting for you!" With that, Shirley hung up. Chapter 682 Active Listening to the busy tone from her phone, Mya sighed and sorted out the information in her arms. Mrs.

Marsh, I need to go out for about ten minutes."







So, he liked it? He used the word "also".
Linda was very happy and decided to buy only such skirts in the future, she had money anyway.
As long as it pleased the man she loved.
"Finnley, are we going to a club or somewhere far?" Linda wished they could be on a business trip
together for a few days. She'd love to sit on his passenger seat.
The elevator stopped.
As he walked out, Finnley said, "It's not far. It's right across the road in that coffeehouse."
Chapter 693 Clearly A Lie
Linda was contented. She had rarely been alone with him without Mya's disturbance.
She was in a great mood.
Moreover, in the afternoon, the moving crew would come and help her move. Things were going in the
right direction.
In the Listeners' Cafe.
It was the most famous coffeehouse in Arkpool city with great location and classy environment.
In a booth, Mya and her mother sat opposite each other.

"Mya, haven't you always hated yellow clothes? When did you buy a yellow coat?" Shirley remembered very clearly that her daughter had never liked yellow since she was a child. She said it was the color of an ugly duckling.

Mya remembered the day when Finnley took her out for clothes-shopping.

Her eyes were bright as stars and she replied with a smile, "People change as they grow up."

Shirley smiled, "That's right..." How should she follow the lead? A topic about growing up.

"Mya," Shirley gently stirred her coffee with a silver spoon, half-jokingly and half-seriously asked, "Do

you think that people tend to be estranged from their parents after they grow up?"

Mya sipped her coffee and blinked her big eyes. "No, I don't think so. Do you think so?"

"I don't think so, either." Shirley smiled.

Mya said, "I think I'm still the apple of you and dad's eyes. We are bonded by blood, how can we be

estranged?"

Shirley agreed and nodded, "Mya, you have had your 20th birthday. Do you have anyone you like in

school?"

"No, and it's nothing to do with age, right?" Mya laughed and joked, "I don't like any of the guys in

school. They are either too short or too ugly, or, too geeky."
"What about off-campus?" Shirley asked carefully, "Is there anyone you like outside the school?" Her
curious eyes did not move away from Mya.
"No." Mya blurted out, "Mom, I am still young, why do I want to fall in love?"
Her daughter denied it, Shirley was very unhappy and thought that she was not honest with her own
mother.
Mya sipped her coffee. "I am in my prime. I want to stay away from men! Young girls nowadays always
say that."
Huh!
Did she mean it?
Otherwise, what was she doing now?
Shirley thought that Mya was obviously lying and she was starting to feel angry.
But thinking of her husband's words, she reminded herself not to be angry and that she needed to
reflect on herself.



we last met and all you asked about is my relationship with others. I didn't remember you care at all when I was in my adolescence."

Shirley was about to say something more when she looked up and saw Finnley coming in. He had a file

bag in his hand and a woman beside him.

Chapter 684 A Vain Woman

That woman walked very close to him, from the woman's look on her face and her body language, she

should be in love with Finnley and they should be close with each other.

Soon, Finnley walked up this way with Linda.

Because the client they were meeting was sitting not far away from Mya and Shirley.

Finnley had never seen Shirley before, but the middle-aged woman kept staring at him, which made

him feel strange. When he saw Mya's back, he was stunned and recognized her from the way she

dressed to her hairstyle.

As they approached, he also heard the familiar voice of Mya.

"Mom, what are you looking at?" Mya turned eyes and saw Finnley stop by her side with Linda.

She was a little surprised.



Finnley left while Linda followed without looking back. She didn't even greet Mya, let alone Shirley.

Shirley stared at Mya, who, in her eyes, was pretending to feel nothing about Finnley. Obviously, there

was something between the two of them.

Mya's eyes fell on Linda's back, and she frowned, "Clothes from Valentino?" She didn't find what Linda

was wearing in the company in the morning.

She was shocked. "How could she afford it?" Linda had had to borrow fifty thousand from her a while

ago, how could she afford Valentino's clothes now?

"Mya, what are you thinking?" Shirley stared at her daughter and snorted, "Well, I guess you never

know. You must be surprised now."

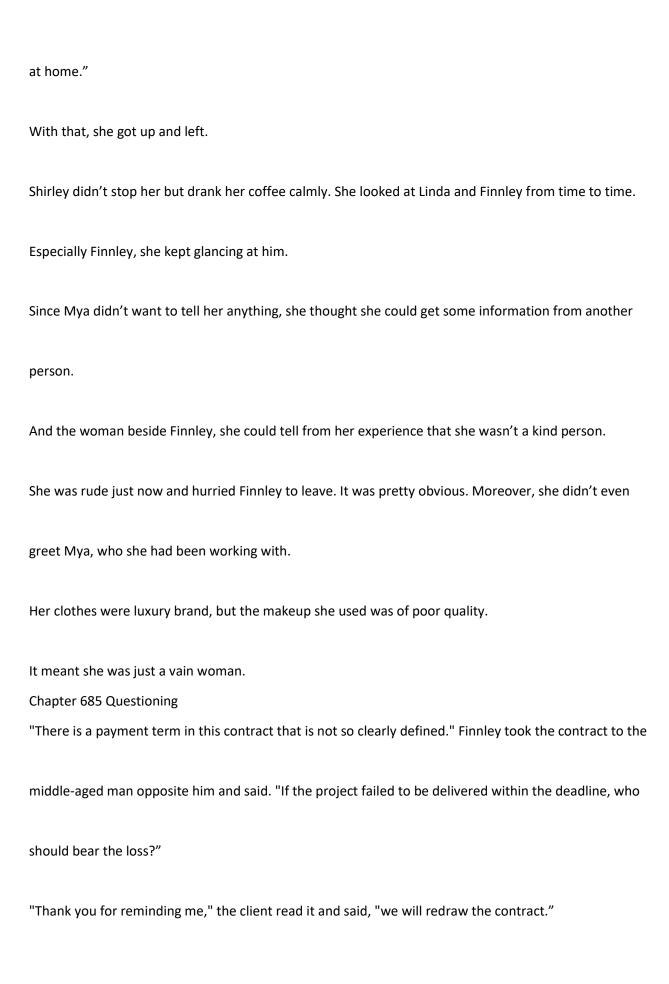
"Mom, you know?" Mya looked back and asked in a low voice, "Do you know why?"

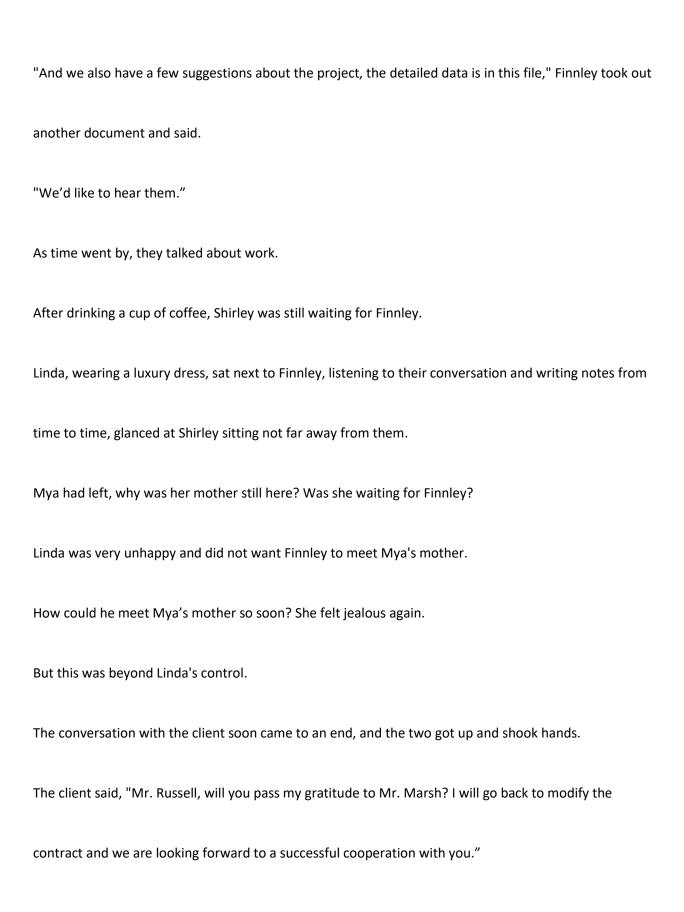
Shirley took a sip of coffee, "It's just man's nature."

"What?" Linda wasn't a man.

Mya was stunned and felt that they weren't talking about the same thing, "Mom, I have to go back to

work. Or Jennie might call to urge me soon. Don't worry, I will go home for dinner and stay for the night









together!

"Mrs. Saunders, would you believe it if I told you we are just friends?" Finnley asked.

"You are a scum!" Shirley didn't want to lash out at Mya, but she didn't care about Finnley. "You have

slept together and you said you are just friends? What do you mean by that?"

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Slept together? Why told her that? Finnley was in shock.

"Mrs. Saunders, what are you talking about?" Finnley wanted to justify himself, "I..."

"Bullshit! You didn't see me waiting for you here just now?" Shirley said, "You think that because you

work for Ivan Marsh, you can play all the women in the world in your hands? How dare you deny it!"

Finnley looked into her eyes and understood how she felt, "Mrs. Saunders, there is really nothing

between Mya and I."

"You know what you did," Shirley was pissed, "I just want you to be a responsible man who dares to

admit it, at least."

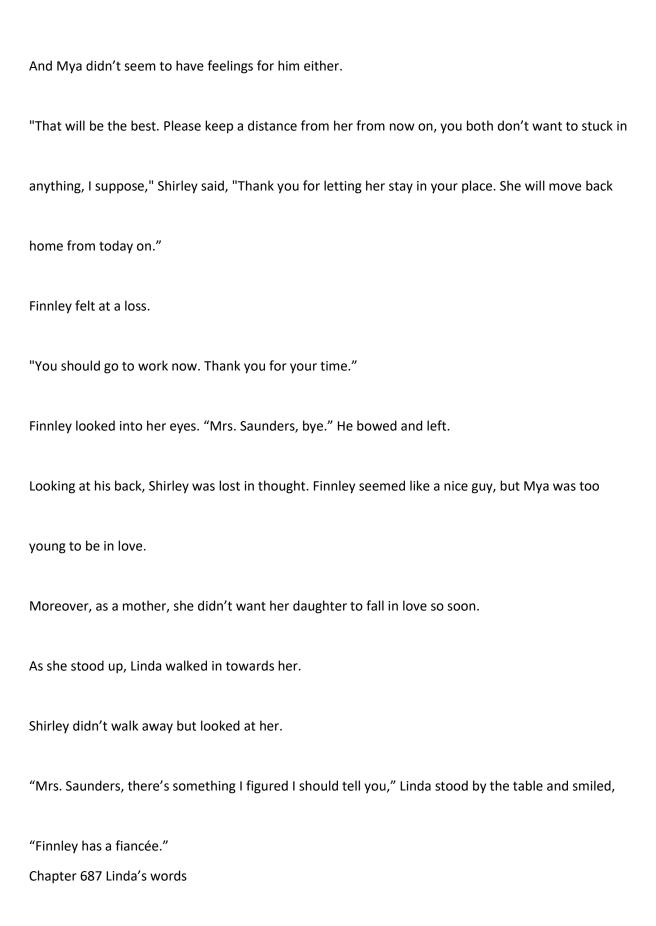
"But won't I be lying if I admitted something I never did?" Finnley was still gentle.

Their eyes met and Shirley could see the sincerity in his eyes. "I will ask you one more time, Finnley

Russell. What's your relationship with Mya and where are you now? Tell me the truth if you want to







He had a fiancée? And he liked Mya?

Linda saw shock in Shirley's eyes and she was a bit embarrassed. "Mrs. Saunders, in fact, it is Mya

who has been trying to get close to him, Finnley has always kept a distance between the two of them,

Mya has been staying in his apartment and he couldn't get her out. Everyone in the Marsh Group

knows it and there have been criticism about her..."

Hearing this, Shirley had a heavy heart.

Linda noticed it and deliberately stopped talking.

Shirley looked expressionless, "What kind of criticism?" Although she did not like the woman in front of

me, it was about her daughter and she wanted to know.

Linda gave a weird look and said in a strange tone, "They say that she did it because she's Clarence

Saunders' daughter. That's why she would dare to steal an engaged man."

"I know my daughter well," Shirley said in a firm tone with a smile, "Miss, I'd like you not to slander

someone out of jealousy. I can sue you. Just a kind reminder."

Linda's face changed. She didn't believe it?

Shirley looked at her up and down. "You like Finnley Russell, but he likes my daughter."

Linda was stunned and snorted, "He has a fiancée, how could he like your daughter?" At the same time, she was intimidated by Shirley's sharp eyes.

"If what you said is true, you should take it as a lesson." Shirley looked away from her.

Linda tried to keep calm and said, "You can ask Finnley yourself next time you see him if he has a fiancée or not." Then, she was about to walk away.

"That's why you should keep a distance from him," Shirley shouted at her back, "As I see it, you are the one who has been trying to get close to him. You are too young to play tricks on me, girl!"

Linda was pissed. This wasn't in her plan! Shirley should have been pissed and gone to snap at Mya.

But she was Clarence Saunders' wife, she couldn't afford to offend her. She had delivered the message and that was all. Linda quickened her pace.

She believed that as a mother, Shirley would surely do something.

It was true that Finnley had been engaged. With Mya's parents' help, she just needed to work harder and Finnley would be hers.

In a bad mood, Shirley went back home and thought about it carefully on the way.

At this time, Clarence happened to be home for a document from work. He was going downstairs when he saw Shirley stepping into the house. "Honey, what's wrong? You look terrible. Did you quarrel with Mya?" Clarence had a bad feeling. "Finnley said that Mya lost her key, that's why she has been staying with him. He said that they haven't been sleeping together and that he has been sleeping on the couch. There is nothing between the two of them. Do you believe it?" "You talked to Finnley?" Clarence was surprised. "I thought you asked Mya out for a cup of coffee? Why did you talk Finnley?" "I ran into him," Shirley explained, "It was really just a chance encounter. Don't stare at me. The point is, do you believe in his words?" "Well..." Clarence thought from an objective point of view, "He might be telling the truth." "And Finnley has a fiancée, do you know about it?" This was what Shirley had been thinking. She believed in it. Linda wouldn't made such a thing up, because it was easy to verify.

"A fiancée?" Clarence was stunned, "I haven't heard of it, I do not know him well."

"No matter what, Mya has to move back home." Shirley was determined as she had realized the

Chapter 688 Spencer Came

seriousness of this matter, "If the fact that she has been living with an engaged man was spread out,
what would everyone say about her?"
"Didn't she promise to come back home tonight? Why are you so excited?"
"Not only tonight, I want her to move back home." Shirley shouted, "Ms. May! Clean up Mya's room!
Stock up on her favorite snacks!"
"Yes, ma'am."
In the Marsh Group.
Linda went to the bathroom after coming back.
She stood in front of the mirror to appreciate herself. Her dress was beautiful, it matched her.
However, what was with her makeup?
She suddenly felt a bit embarrassed.
She suddenly thought that her foundation was only worth dozens of dollars, it didn't match her
expensive dress at all.
Therefore, she decided to go cosmetics shopping this afternoon and buy herself some expensive ones.

She needed to buy some big brands.

Shaking off the water beads on her hands, she put them under the automatic hand-dryer for a while before walked towards the VP's office in her high heels. She straightened her back, looking much more energetic.

Linda had decided to change herself for the better bit by bit.

And she had to let Finnley see the changes in her until she became worthy of him.

Today, Finnley complimented her dress. In the elevator, he fixed his eyes on her, which made her

pleased.

When she entered the vice president's office, Mya was reading comics.

Linda glanced at her coldly. It seemed that no one cared about what she did during work hours.

She noticed that Mya was dressed casually, wearing canvas shoes. She recalled that Mya had not

worn high heels, which made her mediocre.

She thought Finnley would never fall for a girl like that, a childish woman.

Linda sat back in her chair, still somewhat jealous of Mya being the mayor's daughter. Because of her

born luck, she would always be special.





And his delicate features looked somewhat like those of Ivan's/
As he walked, everyone's gaze unconsciously fell on him.
Mya's heart skipped a beat as she stared.
Every step he took, he looked gorgeous as hell.
"Spencer, I love you!!!"
"Spencer! You are so hot!"
"You are my idol!"
Mya couldn't help ignoring all the voices. Her heart beat fast as Spencer walked closer and closer to
her.
It seemed to be jumping out of her throat.
She couldn't help blushing and even her neck turned red.
Seeing his addictive smile, Mya chuckled.
The elevator went all the way down.
With a file bag, Finnley looked serious and lost in thought about what Shirley had said to him. He felt it





looked ahead and no one could tell what was on his mind.
Mya was in no mood to eat.
Looking at her disappointed face through the rearview mirror, Finnley wanted to say something but
gave up several times. "You never know the stars. It's just how it is."
Mya was really depressed. "Why is he dating someone again? There haven't been any gossips about
him and anyone for a long time, I had thought he had quit playing the field. And who is that woman? I
didn't see her face just now, has she been standing behind me?"
"You should thank me, if I did not hold you back in time, think about how awkward it would be.
He was right. It would be really awkward if she rushed over. Chapter 690 Look Good Together Then in the car there was silence.
When the car stopped outside the cafe, the two got off and went in.
There were very few customers during working hours.
"Delicious food and drink will always make you feel better, if not, you didn't have enough. There are
desserts here. Do you want some? I can choose for you." Finnley came over with two cups of milk
shake.

He looked like a warm-hearted big brother, trying to make her feel better. Sitting in a chair, Mya looked around the cafe. It was spacious here. The decoration was classy. The lights were bright and light enough. There were all kinds of desserts here, seemingly delicious. Finnley Stared at her, saying in a gentle voice, "Sit here still. I'll get you some desserts." Mya sat back in her chair and looked out of the window. She could not help frowning and felt really depressed. Spencer, her idol, had had a girlfriend? And she almost embarrassed herself in front of everyone. She hadn't been able to process it. Only star chasers could understand how she felt now, she supposed. "The cupcake is their specialty. Have a try." Finnley came over with two cupcakes. "Thank you." Mya took the spoon from his hand, and had a spoon of the cupcake before she felt better. She sighed and accepted the truth. Finnley thought for a while before saying, "I'm telling you, Spencer is not a man to be in love with. He

has dated more girls than he himself could remember." Mya didn't speak, she knew it, but she didn't want to hold on to it. Spencer was Ivan's brother, Finnley didn't want to speak ill of him. It was enough. He believed that Mya had realized it herself after today. Mya saw him sitting there without eating the dessert or drinking his milkshake and asked, "Why don't you eat it? What's on your mind?" The two's eyes met as she turned to look at him. Perhaps Finnley had been looking at her. He picked up the spoon. " How does it taste? Do you like it?" "It's ok." Mya loved desserts, she was a foodie. However, she was in a bad mood today, "Are you free now? Don't you have to work?" "I just need a drink," he replied, "The drinks here are good. I haven't had a chance to try them here." In fact, he was delivering a document. Mya was an open-minded person and soon got over the frustration. Moreover, she simply considered Spencer her idol. Although they didn't know each other, she felt sad.

"I have discovered something recently," Mya raised her eyes as she ate the dessert, and said with a

smile, "You and Linda will look good together." Finnley's face changed. "What are you talking about?" "I'm serious!" Mya smiled and said, "When you two went to see the client together, you looked like a loving couple. I am just curious how Linda could suddenly afford luxury clothes." Finnley also felt it strange, but it was not his business, he didn't intend to pry into it. After drinking the milk shake and eating the dessert, Finnley saw Mya in a much better mood, he smiled, "Shall we go to work now? Or do you want to take a walk?" "Let's go back to work." It was working hours, after all. "Okay." Finnley drove her back to the company. At dusk. Linda walked out of the Marsh Group, she took a taxi to the most bustling streets in Arkpool. She went straight to the cosmetics counter, the lights here were bright and dazzling. The imported cosmetics were placed in the glass cabinets. She had never owned any of them in her life so far. Although she didn't know which brand suited her, she believed that they were expensive for a reason. "Introduce the most expensive cosmetics to me."