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Chapter 251 His Phone Is Turned Off

They selected a fancy restaurant.

Once they were seated, Daniella handed her business card to the man.
“Here’s my card. I’m

Daniella Love.”

He accepted her card with a faint smile. “Ah, you’re the chairwoman of YN,
the newly–founded

company.”

“It’s nothing special,” Daniella replied, tucking a strand of hair behind her ear.
“May I know your

name?”

“I am Casey Jordan.”

‘Casey... Jordan? Daniella was taken aback. ‘Evan’s older brother, Casey?’”

She recalled her grandfather mentioning Casey once in the past.

When Casey noticed Daniella’s shocked expression, a hint of contempt briefly
crossed his

seemingly friendly eyes.

“Is something wrong, Ms. Love?” Casey asked.

“No, it’s just... a coincidence,” Daniella said, snapping back to reality.

Meanwhile, Caroline was in a meeting with the sales and planning
departments at TYC.

The sales manager reported, "Our sales revenue has exceeded 100,000,000 dollars since the launch of our new product, Ms. Shenton. We'll soon initiate the second wave of pre-orders."

Caroline nodded "Understood. Maintain customer communication after sales. Have we finalized

the storefront location?"

"Yes, Ms. Shenton. We'll email the details for your review," replied the planning department

manager.

"Good. Focus on model selection, and if possible, close the deal by next week..."

As Caroline finished speaking, her phone vibrated on the table. She noticed Naomi's name and novelbin

answered. "Hello-"

Caroline's voice was interrupted by terrifying screams and chaotic footsteps on the call.

For a moment, her body froze, and she checked her watch. "Naomi should be at the factory right now. Has something gone wrong there?" she wondered.

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However, before she could voice her thoughts, Naomi urgently said, "Ms. Shenton! There's a fire at the factory! The workers are evacuating, and the firefighters are on their way."

Caroline's face turned pale. "What?"

"The factory is on fire, and we don't know the cause yet!"

Caroline jumped to her feet. "I'm on my way!"

Caroline arrived at the factory an hour later, where the fire was nearly extinguished. The once- organized facility now resembled a wasteland.

Her bodyguard rushed to her side. “Are you okay, Ms Shenton?”

Caroline steadied herself and stammered, “I—I’m fine.”

Naomi approached, her hair partly burnt and her face smudged with ash

“Ms. Shenton, all the imported fabrics have been destroyed. I tried calling the VP, but his phone is off,” Naomi said.

“Contacting Kenny won’t help now! Caroline furrowed her brow and struggled to stay composed.

How are the workers?”

“We’ve sent the injured ones to the hospital.”

“You’ve handled that well. Ensure proper follow-up support for the workers and their families. Have the lawyer discuss compensation for the injured workers. Don’t offer meager bereavement compensation. Treat the workers fairly, even those with minor injuries.

“Once the negotiations conclude, have them sign the compensation agreement. Also, make sure the temporarily unemployed workers receive adequate daily living expenses.”

Naomi looked surprised. “Ms. Shenton, this will cost a significant amount.”

“So what?”

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Caroline felt her heart break at the sight of workers sitting on the floor, shocked by the factory

fire.

“They need time to recover, and finding new jobs won’t be easy after this,” Caroline said.

Naomi nodded in agreement.

Caroline took action, directing her bodyguards to assist injured workers to the nearby hospital and

preventing journalists from documenting the incident. She stayed with the injured workers,

discussing compensation.

At MK.

Reuben burst into Evan’s office

“Mr. Jordan, Ms. Shenton’s company is facing a crisis!” Reuben placed a tablet in front of Evan,

showing a video of the factory fire.

Evan’s expression turned grave as he watched the fierce fire and thick black smoke in the sky.

“What’s the situation?” he asked.

“We don’t know the fire’s cause yet, but the injured workers have been taken to the hospital. Ms.

Shenton is handling it well,” Reuben replied.

Evan’s furrowed brows finally relaxed. He had forgotten that he had trained her for three years.

She was capable of finding the best solution to any unexpected situation.

Evan instructed Reuben, “Contact the city police and prioritize the fire investigation.”

“Do you think this was intentional, Mr. Jordan?” Reuben asked.

“What do you think? It’s hard not to suspect foul play when a newly established company creates

such a huge stir so easily,” Evan replied.

Reuben glanced at YN next to TYC and suggested, “Perhaps someone wants to take the lead?”

Evan knew who Reuben was referring to. “We can’t let them off easily.”

Reuben grinned and remarked, “You still care about Ms. Shenton, Mr. Jordan.”

Evan gave Reuben a stern look. “You talk too much.”

Stunned, Reuben grabbed the tablet and said, “I have some other matters to attend to. I’ll head

back to my office now!”

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As Reuben hastily left. Evan gazed at TYC through his floor-to-ceiling window. He wondered if

Caroline had the financial resources to handle the current situation. She would need funds for

worker compensation, fulfilling orders from numerous customers, and rebuilding the clothing

factory.

How will she manage the financial aspect?’ he pondered.

At night, at Jordan Residence

The three children were worried when they heard about the factory accident.

Tyler clenched his fists. “Someone is definitely targeting Mommy!”

Liora's eyes welled up with tears "I want to go home to be with Mommy. She must be really sad"

Axel explained, "Mommy can't go home right now as she has too much to handle."

"What can we do then?" Liora sobbed "Will Mommy get sick from being so busy?"

Tyler gently patted Liora's head. "Don't cry. The best way we can help Mommy right now is to find

the person responsible for this."

Liora looked at Axel. "Axel."

"Don't worry." Axel forced a smile to comfort Liora. "I'll check the surveillance footage."

At Xander Residence

Daniella watched the fire video and said, "You did a good job."

A female voice on the call asked, "Is there anything else I should do?" novelbin

Daniella replied, "This strike will keep Caroline occupied for a while. We can proceed with our

next steps slowly. There's no need to rush."

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"Noted," said the woman

"Be careful and avoid getting caught," Daniella reminded casually.

"I know my limits, replied the woman before ending the call

Daniella threw the phone onto the table, clearly frustrated.

It's just a simple reminder. If you're caught, it's not my concern.' she thought

As long as Caroline didn't gain control over her, Daniella had no interest in others' survival. She

had her own tasks ahead.

'Casey... She blushed at the thought of Casey.

He was much better than Evan Despite Casey being over 40 years old, he was on par with male

celebrities!

She would stop caring about Evan if she could earn Casey's favor. She knew Draco favored his oldest son, too. Also, teaming up with Casey would make beating Caroline a breeze.

Daniella laughed with excitement as she scrolled through TYC related posts

Suddenly, one post captured Daniella's attention.

[Holy cow! TYC's female owner is actually my uncle's daughter! She has struck gold!]

"Uncle? Confusion shadowed Daniella's face. 'Could that be related to Caroline's father's family?

Daniella smirked, thinking. This is becoming more intriguing!'

ALTYC.

Caroline sat in her office, exhausted from the grilling interrogation and interviews.

The customer service department was overwhelmed with refund requests and customer

complaints in a short span.

The online community made some nasty remarks about TYC's clothing factory and its fire safety

system.

Meanwhile, some netizens questioned the quality of TYC's clothing, urging past customers to inspect their purchases.

Caroline struggled to catch her breath amid the overwhelming turmoil.

Suddenly, someone knocked on the door.

Caroline looked up, her voice hoarse, "Come in."

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Naomi entered and placed a stack of contracts before Caroline "Ms. Shenton, the workers have signed the contracts and are satisfied with your compensation offer. Also, please sign this funding approval document."

Caroline glanced at the number on the document, which aligned with her estimate, and signed it.

"Leave the contracts here, Go home and rest. You haven't fully recovered," Caroline instructed.

Naomi remained silent and showed no intention of leaving

Confused, Caroline asked, "Is there something else?"

Naomi replied, "Ms. Shenton, the company requires the vice president's presence."

Caroline had been so busy she had forgotten about that. "I should inquire when he's coming back."

She reached for her phone and dialed Kenny's number.

However, his phone was still switched off.

"Is the vice president not answering the call?" Naomi asked. novelbin

Caroline set down the phone, uncertain of Kenny's current engagement.

"We'll address this tomorrow. He's likely occupied, or his phone is dead," Caroline replied.

She wished not to dwell on Kenny. After all, he was on leave. She wouldn't have contacted him if she weren't already preoccupied.

"Ms. Shenton, I apologize for being nosy, but isn't it strange that the vice president's phone is only

off today when he was reachable before? Furthermore, the factory was fine when he was around, but an accident happened in his absence."

"Naomi, think carefully before speaking!" Caroline warned sternly.

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Naomi calmly remarked, "Ms. Shenton, I'm just assessing the situation objectively."

Caroline, visibly mad, retorted, "It also depends on the person! Don't you think I know what kind of

person Kenny is?"

Naomi fell silent and stared at Caroline

Caroline realized her anger had flared up too quickly, especially after the silence settled in the

TOOM.

"I apologize, Naomi. I appreciate your analysis, but today is overwhelming for me. However, Kenny isn't like that, and I hope you can trust him as much as I do

Naomi nodded. "I understand, Ms. Shenton. I'll do my best to connect with him."

Caroline nodded in return. "You can head home now.

"Alright."

As Naomi left the office, Caroline massaged her temples, feeling drained.

It was midnight, and Caroline had fallen asleep on the desk.

Suddenly, a tall figure appeared at the office entrance. He quietly entered and noticed a small

blanket on the sofa. Casually, he unfolded it and then approached Caroline, gently covering her.

His face revealed deep compassion as he watched her restless sleeping form. He seemed to truly

care as he observed her uneasy slumber.

Even with her eyes tightly shut, Caroline furrowed her brow, sensing the warmth. She then

sobbed and mumbled in her dream, "I'm tired... Mommy..."

Evan's expression dimmed. Almost instinctively, he reached out to touch her face but stopped just

short. Frustration welled up within him as he pulled his hand back.

"Maybe she doesn't want to see me. Why should I add to her troubles by showing up when she's already troubled?" he thought.

With a heavy heart, Evan averted his gaze and quietly left the office.

Soon, he returned to his car, where Reuben asked in surprise, "Why are you back so soon, Mr.

Jordan?"

Reuben thought, "Shouldn't they be arguing for a while when they meet? Besides, he's here to

Did Ms. Shenton reject his offer?"

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Reuben glanced at the frowning Evan in the rearview mirror and sensed Evan's sympathy for

Caroline. It was a shame that neither of them was willing to yield.

The following day, Caroline woke up at daybreak. She rubbed her sore arms and sat up. As she

glanced around, her gaze fell upon a blanket that had slipped off her.

She was perplexed because she hadn't covered herself. She knew her employees wouldn't enter

her office without permission. So, who had done it?

Caroline glanced at the office's surveillance camera and quickly pulled up the surveillance footage on her computer. Her eyes widened in astonishment as she watched the footage from midnight.

It was Evan who had placed the blanket over her. How had he managed to enter her company? novelbin

Caroline stared at the blanket, her emotions a jumble of confusion.

At 9:00 a.m., at Jordan Residence.

Draco had risen early and was waiting in the living room for the DNA report. His face lit up with

excitement as the doctor emerged with the results.

"How did it go? Do you have the results?" Draco eagerly asked.

The doctor approached Draco, handed him the report, and said, "Here it is."

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Draco took the report, turned to the last page, and frowned upon reading, "The alleged father is excluded as the biological father of the tested child."

“How is this possible?” he exclaimed.

The doctor also found it strange because Evan and Tyler looked very similar, yet they didn’t share a father–son relationship. Nevertheless, he couldn’t find any error in his test results. He had doubl

-checked and was the first to receive the report.

The doctor said hesitantly, “It’s possible that they simply resemble each other-

“Say no more. Bodyguard!” Draco interrupted angrily.

The bodyguard by the door entered promptly.

Draco gritted his teeth and ordered, “Send the children home!”

Bernard asked, “You’re quite fond of these two children, sir. Won’t you let them stay a bit longer?”

“For what? Do I appear to be the type who raises someone else’s children without reason?” Draco

shouted.

Bernard nodded and said, “You’re right, sir. We’ll send them away immediately.”

“Yes, sir!” the bodyguard replied.

Downstairs, the three children beamed upon hearing the raised voices.

Axel said, “Ty and Lia, it’s time to go home.”

Liora hugged Axel joyfully. “You’re the best, Axel!”

Tyler couldn’t help but smirk. “Where did you learn to combine criticism and compliments?”

“Mommy says smart kids figure things out on their own, and I’m one of them!” Liora said with

pride.

Tyler pulled her away from Axel. "Alright, don't get too carried away, or they'll notice."

Liora nodded. "You're just jealous of me having a special moment with my big brother."

Tyler smiled and reminded her, "We're all siblings, you know."

Liora stuck out her tongue, turned to Axel, and said, "So, Axel, what's your plan? We're leaving."

"Daddy will come to pick me up. Don't worry," Axel explained casually.

"Okay, but remember to call us," Liora said.

Axel reassured her, saying, "Sure thing. Don't worry, Lia."

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Ten minutes later, the bodyguards escorted Tyler and Liora back home.

As Axel was about to descend the stairs, he heard a gentle voice call. "Father."

Draco appeared to be in a better mood with Casey. "What brings you home, Casey? Come and have

a seat."

Axel frowned, thinking. 'Casey? Daddy's brother? I don't think I've met him before.'

Axel quietly moved closer to the staircase corner and observed Casey, who wore gold-framed

glasses.

Casey casually said, "I've returned to visit you."

Draco replied, "You're a good son. However, we'll chat later because Evan is coming over shortly.

You should head upstairs to avoid him."

Casey said calmly, "Yes, Father. I'll go upstairs first."

Axel was taken aback and quickly ascended the stairs.

Upon reaching the second floor, a drop of blood fell to the floor. Axel didn't notice it until he

entered a room.

When he turned around, he heard approaching footsteps. Panicked, he rushed into the bathroom. and repeatedly splashed cold water on his face.

The more anxious he became, the more his nose bled.

Outside, Casey noticed the blood dripping on the floor to Evan's room. He approached and heard. the water flowing in the bathroom, looking sinister

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Draco had informed Casey that Evan's son had spent the previous night there, so the blood must

belong to Axel.

Casey walked toward the bathroom, and Axel panicked when he heard his footsteps. He didn't want anyone to discover his nosebleed especially his busy father. He didn't want Evan to worry

about him.

Casey arrived at the bathroom entrance, where he noticed the bloody water in the basin and the

blood on Axel's pale face.

Axel was startled and stepped back, covering his nose when he saw Casey. He tried to stay calm.

and asked, "Who are you?"

Casey blinked, and the coldness in his eyes disappeared. He now looked concerned and asked, ”

You’re Evan’s son, right? What happened to you?”

Axel stared at Casey, unable to comprehend how his earlier intense gaze had faded so rapidly.

Axel fibbed, “I tripped and hit my nose.”

“Should we get a doctor to check it?” Casey asked.

“No,” Axel declined, pretending as if nothing was amiss. He proceeded to rinse his nose again.

Casey briefly examined the bloody water. ‘T’ll leave since you’re okay.”

Axel watched him cautiously, relaxing only when Casey’s footsteps grew distant

Fortunately, Casey’s suspicions weren’t aroused

After stopping the nosebleed, Axel sat by the bed and wondered why Draco had told Casey to avoid Evan. ‘Does my father hate him? Or did something happen between them?’

Draco shared the DNA test results with Evan downstairs, who listened indifferently. He then went upstairs to fetch Axel without saying a word. The results were as he had expected, confirming his suspicions that Tyler and Liora were Caroline and Neil’s children.

This left him wondering about his own two children. Where were they? Were they alive?

As Evan ascended the stairs, Draco called out, “Stay away from that promiscuous woman from

now on!”

Evan’s expression turned serious “Fulfill your promise before attempting to control me. If you can’t, don’t even think about managing my life!”

+15 BONUS

With those words, Evan continued upstairs.

Draco sat on the sofa, squinting intensely as he watched Evan vanish up the stairwell.

“Does he suspect something?” he questioned.

Beside him, Bernard replied, “He probably doesn’t know you arranged for Casey to stay at Aura Villa.”

“What was his intent then?”

“He might be reminding you not to forget your promise to him.”

Draco grew furious, “Casey is his brother! Does he harbor such a strong dislike for him? He should

prioritize his status!” novelbin

Bernard sighed. ‘Please calm down, sir. Who will look out for Casey if you fall ill? Evan’s role is to

take charge of the company and secure a foundation for Casey. You need to endure this for Casey’s

sake!”

Draco conceded. “Fine! Starting tomorrow, have Adam spend more time at Aura Villa. They should

watch out for each other.”

“Yes, sir!”

In the afternoon, Caroline visited the injured workers at the hospital.

The workers and their families treated her respectfully due to her generous compensation.

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Chapter 257 Something Was Very Off

The deputy factory manager, Caleb Depp, had sustained injuries while dispersing the workers. He

sat up in bed and greeted, "Ms. Shenton, you're here."

Caleb's wife stood and offered her seat. "Please, have a seat, Ms. Shenton."

Caroline smiled and signaled her bodyguard to place the gift basket down. Then, she sat and said, "

Even though the police have already taken a statement, I'd like to inquire about some details."

Caleb nodded. "I understand. Our mismanagement resulted in your financial loss."

"Money is a minor concern. What matters is that we are all safe," Caroline replied with a faint

smile

Caleb added, "You care deeply about everyone, Ms. Shenton. Honestly, I'm puzzled about the fire's

cause. It originated in the warehouse, where the fabric was stored. But we inspected it diligently

daily and noticed no fire hazards." novelbin

Caroline nodded, "Hmm. The detective mentioned the same and hasn't ruled out deliberate arson."

Caleb emphasized, "Absolutely! The warehouse is secured, and there are fire alarms, too. We didn't hear any alarms when the fire started."

Caleb's wife chimed in "Yes, we were working, and there was no noise. By the time we realized,

the fire had already spread. The real silk and cotton fabric burned quickly."

Caroline asked, "Did you notice anyone acting suspiciously? If you can't recall now, please inform

me if you remember later.”

Caleb assured, “Don’t worry, Ms. Shenton. I’ll definitely let you know if something comes to mind.”

Caroline engaged in conversation with them for a while before departing.

As she was about to head downstairs, her phone rang, and she answered when she saw Paige’s

name.

Paige’s worried voice sounded, “Carol, I saw the news, and I didn’t call you yesterday because I knew you’d be busy.”

Caroline sighed. “I understand.” She pressed the elevator button weakly.

Paige continued. “What did the detective say? Have they checked the surveillance footage?”

“The surveillance footage didn’t reveal any suspicious individuals at the time or any other time.”

“Could it be an inside job, then?” Paige wondered.

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Caroline paused and frowned. “That’s a possibility, but why would an employee do that?”

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“What if it wasn’t an employee but someone close to you? Don’t forget Daniella! She just started her company, and now yours is in trouble. It seems suspicious, right?”

“I had my suspicions, but I can’t make accusations without evidence,” Caroline shared

Paige sighed. “You’re too lenient! You can’t establish a strong foothold without being ruthless!”

The elevator doors opened, and Caroline stepped inside. "I'll be cautious around those close to me.

I have to hang up now. I'm going into the elevator."

"Of course."

Paige contemplated and sensed that something was amiss.

How could there be no leads on the fire incident? Had someone planted an ignition source

beforehand?

After pondering for a few minutes, Paige grew increasingly agitated and smacked the table,

inadvertently shaking her phone.

Suddenly, she thought of Alex and quickly dialed his number.

Alex answered promptly, I'm busy. What do you need?"

Paige said urgently, "Hey, Pug, when can you spare some time? I need your help to analyze

something."

"Hey, 'Pug' doesn't sound too great. Can you call me something else?"

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Chapter 258 Which Hospital

Paige grinned. "Sure! If you don't like 'Pug.' I'll just call you Puggy' instead. Do you fancy that?"

Alex's lips twitched as he responded, "Alright then, Pug' it is. But now, what's on your mind?"

Paige replied, "I need your help to analyze something. My brain's not cooperating."

“Can you get me a drink?” Alex asked.

“Absolutely! However, I’m a bit cash–strapped from throwing Carol’s birthday party, so don’t

choose an expensive spot!”

Alex chuckled. “I will definitely choose an expensive spot to match the nickname you’ve given me

then.”

“Fuck you!”

Caroline and Naomi were searching for a clothing factory to fulfill their order quickly.

However, none of the five factories they visited could accommodate their request, as they were all

booked months in advance.

Naomi suggested, “There are two more options. Should we check those out?”

Caroline replied, “Which ones are those?”

“MK’s clothing factory and-

“Nope, if the others are busy, I doubt MK will have any room for us.”

“In that case, we might have to explore factories in another city,” Naomi reminded her.

“Hmm. How many orders got canceled today?” Caroline inquired.

“Over 4,000 pieces. Many customers are waiting for G’s work. Who is this G person, and how can we collaborate with them?” Naomi expressed her confusion.

As they pulled up in front of their company, Caroline fell unconscious in her seat.

Evan had just wrapped up a meeting at MK when Reuben rushed up to him.
“Mr. Jordan, Ms. Shenton is at the hospital

Evan’s heart raced. “Which hospital?”

“Grand East. Shall we head there?” Reuben asked,

“Let’s go!” Evan ordered

+15 BONUS

Twenty minutes later, Evan reached the emergency room. He intended to look for Caroline when he spotted Neil.

He forced a smile and halted. He had nearly forgotten about Caroline’s peculiar relationship with Neil– he felt like an unwanted extra on the scene.

Reuben sighed. “Do you still want to go in, Mr. Jordan?”

Evan turned away coldly. “Arrange for Caroline’s attending doctor to come upstairs to my office.”

“Yes, sir”

Ten minutes later, the attending doctor arrived at Evan’s office and bowed respectfully. “Mr. Jordan.”

Evan leaned against his desk “What’s Caroline’s diagnosis?”

Reuben had already informed the doctor to be straightforward

“Overexhaustion.”

Evan said, ‘Have you conducted a comprehensive checkup?’

*1 performed a complete blood count and discovered she is anemic. Is a full checkup necessary?’ Dr. Shepherd inquired.

Evan replied, “Find a reason to have her undergo a full–body examination. I’ll cover the expenses, and you can forward me the results.”

Dr. Shepherd nodded, saying, “Of course, Mr. Jordan. I’ll get on that.”

Evan turned to Reuben. "Check if there are any unresolved issues she is facing.

Reuben responded, "I already asked, Mr. Jordan. Ms. Shenton visited five factories but couldn't

secure any short-term collaborations."

Evan thought for a moment before saying, "Assign her the clothing factory that MK recently partnered with."

"Mr. Jordan, I'm concerned that Ms. Shenton might not accept such an offer given her personality,

Reuben said hesitantly.

Evan paused before finally stating, "In that case, have Alex discuss it with Caroline on his behalf." Reuben nodded. "Understood."

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Chapter 259 Wisest Thing to Do

Alex received a call from Reuben late at night, informing him about Evan's decision. After the call..

he headed to the bar and spotted Paige in the VIP booth.

As he approached, Paige wasted no time in berating him. "Pug, what's wrong with you?" novelbin

Alex smiled, removed his jacket, and quipped, "Are you mad because I kept you waiting for 30

minutes?"

Paige glared at him. "I can't stand people who aren't on time!"

"Alright, calm down. I'll buy you drinks tonight, okay?" Alex offered.

"Sure!" Paige's mood shifted, and she giggled, accepting the offer.

Alex steered the conversation back to business. "Let's get back to the point. What do you need

from me?"

Pouring a drink, Paige said, "I assume you've heard about the incident at Carol's factory. Something doesn't add up. Excluding Kenny-

"Hold on! What do you mean, excluding Kenny?" Alex interrupted.

Paige blinked innocently. "Kenny's out of the country, and he owes Carol a favor, so he wouldn't do

anything to harm her."

Alex scoffed. "You trust people too easily. Go on."

Paige continued. "Here's my theory. There's a mole at Carol's company working for Daniella. Carol's company faces trouble shortly after Daniella starts hers. It's the perfect opportunity for Daniella to expand."

"I believe it's highly likely that Carol's secretary is the mole. She acted to save Carol's life to gain her trust and stayed at the factory when Kenny was away. That gave her ample opportunity."

"You must watch a lot of detective series," Alex remarked,

"Why do you say that?" Paige asked, setting her glass down firmly.

"Carol's company was running smoothly while Kenny was there, Naomi was sent to the factory in Kenny's absence, and trouble followed soon after. Surveillance footage showed no suspicious activity except for the deputy factory manager and Naomi entering the warehouse daily. Regular workers had to sign in, so that leaves Naomi as the prime suspect," Paige concluded.

Alex chuckled. "But if that's the case, why would she leave behind evidence that made you suspicious? Plus, she couldn't have known she'd be put in charge of the factory."

+15 BONUS

Paige rolled her eyes. "Even if she didn't target the factory, she could have chosen another location!"

“That would be the wisest thing for her to do then!”

Paige insisted. “If it were me, I’d first gain Carol’s trust by saving her life before executing my plan.

“Saving Carol was an accident,” Alex reminded her.

“No. Even if she didn’t save Carol, she’d find another way to earn her trust,” Paige countered.

“If you were injured, would you keep going to work every day?” Alex questioned

“No. That’s it! Naomi received extra compensation from Carol, in addition to paid medical leave. Why would she complicate things for herself? It’s her way of earning Carol’s trust.”

“Ah, so what do you need my help analyzing?” Alex inquired.

Paige blinked in surprise. “You’re right. Why would I need your help when I’ve figured it all out?”

Alex teased, “Well, you’re pretty skilled at analyzing. Can I assume you just wanted to see me?”

Paige was irritated, “Do I treat you respectfully?”

“Who else do you plan on treating with respect? Alex quipped

Paige grunted. “I’ll treat whoever I choose with respect.”

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Chapter 260 Staying Hidden

Alex shifted the conversation’s focus. “I need to ask you something.

“What’s up?” Paige inquired.

Alex got to the point. “Is Caroline looking to partner with a clothing factory?”

Paige replied, “It’s pretty obvious. She needs to complete her order soon!”

“Could you help me set up a meeting with her?” Alex asked.

Paige eyed him suspiciously. “Just get to it!”

“I’d like to offer my factory for her use temporarily

“Why didn’t you say so sooner? I’ll arrange the meeting tomorrow!” Paige exclaimed.

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At 8:00 p.m., Caroline woke up to find Neil speaking quietly on the phone.

Neil was momentarily surprised to see Caroline awake. He said quietly to the phone, “Mommy’s. here. I’ll let you talk to her.”

Neil placed the phone next to Caroline’s ear. “It’s the kids.”

Caroline was surprised. “Hello?”

“Mommy!” Liora’s joyful voice came through. “Tyler and I are home. When are you coming back?”

Caroline coughed and perked up. “You’re home? When did you get back?”

“We’ve been home since morning. Tyler and I have been waiting for you all day,” Liora complained.

Caroline smiled. “Alright, I’ll be home soon.”

“Tyler and I will be waiting for you,” Liora said.

After hanging up, Caroline sat up immediately.

Neil knew Caroline wanted to go home, so he helped her out of bed “Take it slow.”

Caroline put on her jacket. “I know. Don’t worry about me, Neil.”

“How can I not? Let me know if you need anything. Don’t handle everything on your own.”

Caroline was both amused and frustrated. “Am I that incapable?”

Neil affectionately stroked Caroline's hair. "I know you're capable, but I'm your brother."

"No one's invincible. I understand how busy you are, too," Caroline replied.

Neil knew his sister was strong-willed, so he didn't say more.

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After getting Caroline settled at home, Neil didn't leave but went into the kitchen to make soup for her. novelbin

Caroline spent some time playing with the kids with great effort before coming downstairs to eat after getting them ready for bed.

Neil handed Caroline a bowl of chicken soup. "Caroline, consider the police's fire investigation results as a reference, not gospel"

mean?"

"What do you mean?"

"Don't you think it might be more effective to investigate people close to you rather than relying solely on the police's findings?" Neil asked.

Caroline blew on her soup, thinking briefly. "So, you're suggesting that even if the police find

some clues, it doesn't necessarily mean they've got the whole picture?"

Neil nodded. "Exactly. A smart culprit won't leave behind evidence that points to them. They

might even try to shift the blame elsewhere to divert attention. These people are skilled at hiding.

you know."

Caroline suddenly remembered something Naomi had mentioned before and shared it with Neil.

'Could it be Naomi? Caroline wondered

Naomi had previously saved her life, even though they weren't friends. It was plausible that Naomi might be involved. T

– Caroline informed Neil about Naomi.

Neil advised, "Our current analysis is too shallow. Instead of jumping to conclusions, why not set a

trap?"

"Are you suggesting I act suspicious of Kenny to gauge Naomi's reaction?" Caroline asked.

"Yes, exactly. See if she reacts strongly to Kenny. But most importantly, be patient and let the conversation unfold naturally," Neil replied.

Caroline nodded. "Alright, I'll give it a try."