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Chapter 261

Chapter 261 Being Rigorous

The next day, after giving the children a ride, Caroline received a call from Paige. The latter told

her that Alex wanted to meet and discuss the clothing factory.

Caroline agreed to meet him downstairs ten minutes later,

Once Caroline reached the company, she had a quick meeting with the sales department. Then,

she invited Naomi to join her for coffee.

At the cafe, they spotted Paige and Alex waiting for them.

When they saw Naomi, they exchanged glances Alex approached Paige and whispered, 'It's okay to be doubtful, but let's not make it obvious. We won't be able to gauge her if she becomes

suspicious.'

Paige gnashed her teeth and put on a smile. "Do I look that dumb?"

Alex seemed surprised. "You seem to know yourself well!"

Paige was taken aback. She wanted to teach this stern man a lesson.

However, when she noticed Caroline and Naomi right before them, she discreetly pinched Alex's

thigh under the table and greeted Caroline with a smile, "Caroline, I ordered an Americano for you!"

"Thanks."

As Caroline sat down, she was about to greet Alex, but she noticed his flushed face and twitching

lips.

“Mr. Price, have you been getting enough rest lately?” Caroline asked, puzzled.

Pretending to be curious, Paige glanced at Alex. “Oh dear, Pug, I told you not to drink too much, but you never listen. Now you’re suffering from Bell’s palsy?”

Upon hearing that, Caroline looked at Paige’s hand under the table and quickly understood what was happening. She chose to ignore it and pushed the menu toward Naomi. “What would you like

to drink? Pick something.”

Naomi remained expressionless. “Thank you, Ms. Shenton, but I’m not thirsty.”

Caroline nodded and turned her attention back to Alex, who had regained his composure. “Mr.

Price, does that clothing factory belong to your company?”

Alex rubbed his thigh. “Yes, it’s mine. The machinery just arrived. After learning about your situation, I thought you might be interested in collaborating with me.”

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Caroline remarked, I know Price Corp, has never ventured into the clothing business. Your decision to start a factory seems rather peculiar.”

“Yes, it’s unusual, but that doesn’t mean I can’t try.” Alex replied with a smile.

Caroline found the excuse rather odd. She suspected Evan’s involvement but decided to play along.

as long as she didn’t have to negotiate with Evan directly. She knew how to act oblivious.

Before Caroline could say more, Naomi produced a contract from her bag and handed it to Alex. ”

Mr. Price, please take a look at the contract. Sign it if you agree with the terms.”

Alex pretended to carefully review the contract to cover for Evan. After a moment, he teased, “Ms.

Shenton, I didn’t expect you to have the resources to draw up a contract after your recent

company troubles.”

“At work, sincerity goes a long way.” Caroline replied casually.

Alex chuckled and signed the contract without hesitation. He didn’t care about the terms. After

all, he wasn’t the one receiving the money.

However, Paige glanced at him in annoyance due to his swift action. “You’re quite ruthless!”

Her reaction rendered Alex speechless. Well, she scolded me instead of praising me,’ he thought.

After signing, he turned to Caroline. “Have you discovered who was behind the fire?”

As he spoke, he discreetly observed Naomi from the corner of his eye.

Caroline sighed. “They were thorough. Even the police couldn’t find any leads.”

“Do you suspect anyone?” Alex inquired again. novelbin

Caroline replied, “Yes, but I’m still uncertain”

“Carol, you should inform the police,” Paige exclaimed indignantly before turning to Naomi. “Ms. Lynch, don’t you agree? You’ve been working with Carol for a while now. As her secretary, it’s your duty to

remind her to report any suspicious individuals to the police!”

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Chapter 262 No News at All

Naomi remained composed, her response a simple, “Hmm.

Paige was at a loss for words. Why had Naomi replied so briefly?

Paige desired to hear more from Naomi, hoping to uncover any flaws in her reasoning.

Naomi concealed her emotions effectively.

Alex was also speechless. He had reminded Paige not to dwell on it right now, but she did the

opposite. ‘How forgetful! he thought.

Caroline joined in and asked Naomi, “Did you manage to reach Kenny?”

Naomi’s reply was concise, “No.”

Paige was stunned, blurting out, “What’s wrong with Kenny?”

Caroline clarified, “He turned off his phone on the day of the accident. I haven’t received any

updates from him yet.

Paige widened her eyes, thinking. Could it be Kenny? If not, why would he turn off his phone?

Alex sneered at Paige, sarcastically wondering. Does this fool doubt Kenny now?”

Caroline pondered, I intentionally raised that question. Didn’t Paige catch on?’

Alex chimed in. “It’s always the people closest to us who are the most difficult to understand.”

Caroline concurred, signing the contract and handing two copies to Alex. "Mr. Price, here are two copies. Please excuse me, I have other matters to attend to. I hope we have a pleasant collaboration."

Alex nodded, and before departing, Paige hastily added, "Carol, 111 get in touch with you when I'm available."

Caroline replied, "Okay."

After their departure, Paige glared at Alex. "It cost a fortune! Why didn't you negotiate a lower price?"

Alex replied, "Consider it fortunate that I didn't raise the price. If you don't believe me, go check.

out the factory's size."

Paige pursed her lips. "Never m
trivial matters."

I have enough on my plate already. I don't want to fuss over

Alex smiled and asked, "Are you suspicious of Kenny?"

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"Yeah!" Paige sighed. "I find his behavior odd. It's hard to predict!"

Alex smiled quietly.

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In the afternoon, at MK.

Alex handed the contract to Evan. "Here, we've signed the contract."

Evan gave a brief response before picking up the contract. As he read further, his expression grew

darker. "Party B will be responsible for the workers' salaries during the collaboration. And the half-

year rent is one million dollars?"

In frustration, Evan tossed the contract onto the desk and glared at Alex. "Why did you agree to

such terms? It's unjust!"

Alex shrugged innocently. "Ms. Shenton is clever. She likely guessed that you were the one who

recommended me for this collaboration, so all the terms aim to distance her from you.

Evan sneered. He had no need for her money.

"Did she mention anything else?" Evan asked in frustration, tugging at his tie

"What else was there to say?" Alex replied. "I believe this arrangement benefits both of you."

Evan inquired, "What are you trying to imply?"

Intrigued by Evan's question, Alex leaned in and said mysteriously, "The other day, when you ended up with a bruised face, was it because of Neil?"

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He suspected as much.

Although Neil and Evan were childhood friends who rarely communicated, they had grown up

together. Evan couldn't tolerate Neil trying to steal his woman. It made sense that they would

confront each other.

Evan's expression darkened. "Are you asking to get beaten up too?"

Alex was at a loss for words, thinking, I guessed right.'

Clearing his throat, Alex changed the subject. "I won't beat around the bush. Here's an objective

analysis. She severed ties with you to avoid making Neil jealous."

Evan exuded a cold demeanor. "Then why didn't she go to Neil instead?"

Alex explained, "He doesn't own a clothing factory, and no one dares to operate in your territory."

Chapter 263

Chapter 263 It's Your Relatives

Alex was so happy that he felt like laughing when he witnessed Evan's humiliated expression. He

wanted to taunt Evan further so he could boldly pursue the woman who belonged to him.

Evan tightly gripped the contract, his mood darkening. He pondered whether Caroline would reject his kindness, given the situation where Neil had a clothing factory ready for her in case of

an emergency.

When had he become anyone's second choice?

As this thought crossed his mind, he angrily hurled the contract at Alex, who was struggling to

suppress his laughter.

Caroline was about to visit the new factory in the afternoon when Naomi knocked on her door.

"Ms. Shenton, there are four people downstairs who say they're your relatives, Naomi informed

her

Caroline was surprised "Relatives?"

Naomi clarified, "They claim to be Bradley Shenton's family from his hometown."

The mention of Bradley's name sent Caroline into a daze. She remembered her mother once mentioning Bradley had a younger sister in their hometown. But Katie had always described them as difficult people and avoided communicating with them.

Caroline had an ominous feeling. Why have they come now?"

She firmly declined, "No, I won't meet with them."

"Alright." Naomi nodded and turned to leave.

Just then, Caroline's desk phone rang abruptly. She picked it up and heard the receptionist's voice.

on the other end.

"Ms. Shenton! Someone is causing a scene here, demanding to see you-

Before the receptionist could finish, the phone was snatched from her hand.

A sharp voice, that of a middle-aged woman, spoke. "Are you Caroline?"

Caroline replied, "No, you've got the wrong person."

"You're definitely her!" The middle-aged woman threatened Caroline, "You better let me up! If you

don't, I'll call the reporters. Have you forgotten how you sent your father to prison?"

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Caroline clenched her fists "What do you want?"

"Are you scared?" The middle-aged woman taunted. "Let's meet and discuss it."

Caroline took a deep breath to calm her emotions and then looked at Naomi.
“Allow them to come up.”

“Okay, Ms. Shenton,” Naomi responded.

Within five minutes, two men, a woman, and an 8-year-old girl stood before Caroline.

The young man seemed to be in his early 30s and was dressed like a thug, while the other man seemed to be in his 50s. They entered the office first and started sizing it up.

The middle-aged woman appeared harsh and petty. She dragged the girl over and sat on the sofa. She became very excited as she roughly touched Caroline’s leather sofa. “Greg, this sofa is of great quality. It must cost a lot!”

When Gregory Lawson heard that, he walked over and touched the sofa, exclaiming. This sofa

must cost a fortune!”

Upon entering the office, they each went about their business, paying little attention to Caroline

Caroline sat in her chair, her demeanor chilly, and observed them as they moved around.

After some time, Naomi turned to Caroline and said, ‘Ms. Shenton, I’ll head out first.’”

Caroline nodded. Once Naomi left, the middle-aged woman glanced at Caroline from the corner of

her eye, assessing her.

“Are you my brother’s child?” she asked. “I’m Jade Shenton, your aunt.”

Caroline remained silent. novelbin

Jade continued. “The one in the red leather jacket is my oldest son and your cousin, Brandon

Shenton

“This is my daughter, your cousin too, Gigi Shenton. And this is your uncle, Gregory Lawson.”

Caroline laughed coldly after Jade’s introduction “So?”

Jade frowned. “What’s that supposed to mean? Your father is no longer with us, and we’re

struggling financially. You are his daughter and need to step up.”

Caroline began, “I’m-”

Before Caroline could complete her sentence, Jade cut her off. “I get it! You think you’re better than your less fortunate relatives now that you’re wealthy?”

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Chapter 264 A Bunch of Trash

Caroline chuckled with frustration. “Were we close in the past?”

Upon hearing her question, Jade erupted, “Oh, my brother! You died so miserably. Your daughter’s wealthy now, but she acts like she doesn’t know us!

“My mother, my brother! Who will bring us justice? We can’t survive. It’s better to die...”

Caroline clenched her fists on her lap, glaring at Jade’s dramatic outburst. She couldn’t fathom it. Her father had great gambling debts in the past, yet they had never kept in touch. Why were they suddenly here?

Caroline was lost in thought when a sudden, sharp crash interrupted her. Looking up, she saw Gigi smashing a rabbit ornament Neil had given her when she first started her company. novelbin

“What a piece of junk! It shattered when it fell,” Gigi remarked with disdain.

Pursing her lips, Gigi reached for another item on the display cabinet—a vase on the third shelf. She couldn’t reach it, so Gregory helped her retrieve it.

Caroline couldn't take it any longer. She stood up and leered at them. "If you can converse politely. my employees, I won't

I can stay calm, too. But if you continue breaking my things and disruption converse politely.

hesitate to use force to stop you."

Brandon clutched his chest and laughed wickedly. I'm shaking in my boots."

As he spoke, he approached Caroline and leaned in. "You're going to use violence to stop us?"

Brandon was uncomfortably close, and his foul breath made Caroline cringe. She swallowed her

discomfort and stared him down. "Yes,"

"Go on, then!" Brandon raised his phone and pushed it toward Caroline. "Hit me! Get someone to hit

1. me. I'll record it. How shameless can you be!"

Caroline's anger boiled over. She swatted his phone away and slapped him. "Stop being rude!"

Jade, who had been crying, rushed over to cradle Brandon's face. When she saw the red handprint on her son's face, she pointed at Caroline and scolded her. "Shameless! How dare you slap my son?"

She rolled up her sleeves as she spoke, ready to teach Caroline a lesson.

Brandon intervened, "Mom, don't hit her! Let her do it."

While speaking, he lifted his red face and gestured at Caroline. "Go on. Hit me. I'll have plenty to

say when the reporters arrive"

"What do you want?" Caroline asked.

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“Not much,” Brandon replied. “We want to stay with you for a while. You’re living in a villa, right? Let us experience it, too.”

Caroline offered, “I can arrange a hotel for you.”

“No, we want to stay at your place. If not, we’ll expose it on the Internet.”

Caroline closed her eyes and took a deep breath. She had to endure this, at least for now. If more

negative news came out, it would harm her company further.

Gritting her teeth, she said, “Fine! I’ll take you home with me.”

Suppressing her emotions, Caroline left the office with her troublesome family.

The employees who had witnessed the spectacle quickly retreated to their offices.

Once Caroline and her guests were gone, they exchanged worried remarks.

“What kind of people are they?”

“Why does Ms. Shenton have such shameless relatives?”

“Every family has its problems. We can’t help her, but we can work hard here.”

Naomi said, “It’s better to work than gossip.”

Everyone fell silent.

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Chapter 265 You’re Sick

Twenty minutes later, Caroline arrived at Bayview Villa with the Shenton family. The Shentons. novelbin

exited the car first, and the bodyguards at the door gazed at them, puzzled.

It was Gregory’s first encounter with bodyguards. His eyes widened as he approached them, his

curiosity piqued. “Are these real security guards? They’re standing so still, like statues.”

A bodyguard, growing annoyed, grabbed Gregory’s collar and lifted him. “You’ve never seen bodyguards before?”

“Bodyguards? Are they the ones who hurt people? Jade felt terrified upon hearing that and hurried over to smooth things out for Gregory. “My husband didn’t know. Don’t scare him.”

She then scolded Gregory, “Stop being nosy. Let’s go inside.”

The bodyguards displayed their disdain.

Caroline sneered and swiftly opened the door. Meanwhile, Jamie, with her long black hair flowing freely, stood by the entrance in a white dress.

This sight sent shivers down the Shentons’ spines. They wondered, ‘Why does she resemble a female ghost?’

Before Caroline could speak, Jamie’s expression suddenly changed as she glanced beyond Caroline. When she spotted Brandon, her eyes filled with anger.

Caroline had yet to react when she saw Jamie’s furious expression.

Jamie rushed toward Brandon, pushed him down, and strangled him aggressively. “Die! Die! Fucking man! You must die!”

The Shentons were terrified. Their eyes widened, and they were momentarily unable to react.

Caroline’s brow furrowed as she rushed to intervene. “Jamie, stop strangling him!”

Upon hearing Caroline’s words, the Shentons regained their composure.

Jade remarked, “What a terrible act! Who is this woman?”

Gigi’s voice pierced the air. “Let go of my brother! Stop hurting him!”

Jannie glared at the Shentons, her voice filled with anger. “Silence! All of you, be quiet! I want him gone! He must die!”

Gregory was rendered speechless in that instant.

Freya arrived when she heard the commotion. Seeing the scene, she quickly fetched a sedative.

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After administering the sedative to Jamie, her agitated state gradually subsided.

Brandon clutched his throat, coughing heavily before rising to his feet.

Caroline glanced at him. "I forgot to mention, Jamie's mental health isn't stable. Her mood swings might suddenly flare up."

Following that, Caroline and Freya assisted in taking Jamie upstairs.

"Motherfucker! What the hell?" Brandon looked at the stairs in fear.

Gregory shuddered. "T—This woman looks crazy. Why... don't we go? I—Is Caroline crazy, too? No normal people would let a maniac stay home."

"No, we can't go! What a coward you are! So, what if she's crazy?" Jade reprimanded Gregory.

Gregory was still scared. "Why not? That woman seemed like she was about to kill him!*"!

"We're here for the money. If we leave, where else can we get it? We can't leave!" Jade scowled at the disappointing Gregory, then pulled Gigi and Brandon into the living room.

Gregory scratched his head in frustration and reluctantly followed them inside.

Once in the living room, their faces lit up with excitement. 1

Gigi

spotted a lovely Lego house next to the French window and dashed over. She stood beside it!

and kicked it.

Before long, it toppled over, and the pieces scattered across the floor.

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Chapter 266 I Don't Know

Caroline came downstairs at that moment. When she saw the scene, she was rendered speechless.

Tyler and Liora had put in a lot of effort and time to build the Lego castle. The roof hadn't been added yet, but it had somehow been ruined. They would be heartbroken when they got home.

Caroline closed her eyes in frustration and leaned against the wall. She tried to calm down amidst the exclamations and discussions downstairs, organizing her thoughts. When she opened her eyes again, they were clear.

As she descended the stairs and saw their eager expressions, she said icily, "There are two empty rooms on the third floor. You can choose whichever one you want."

Upon hearing that, the Shentons became energized.

"Let's go check out the rooms upstairs!"

After Jade's declaration, she pushed Caroline aside at the base of the stairs and excitedly led her

family upstairs

Freya came downstairs and kept glancing upstairs while approaching Caroline. "Ms. Shenton,

these people..."

"Just tolerate them," Caroline said wearily, "I'll leave them to you here. I need to hurry back to the

company."

Freya sighed. "Alright."

In the afternoon, Caroline asked Alex to accompany her to the clothing factory. When she arrived

and saw the size of the factory, she was taken aback.

She had mentally prepared for the MK clothing factory not to be small, but it dawned on her that this facility was nearly as large as two universities combined. The one-million-dollar rent for half a year suddenly seemed insignificant.

Upon entering the factory, she noticed signs hung on different floors, each dedicated to specific,

manufacturing steps. MK even had its own weaving floor.

Alex secured a patrol car, and together with Caroline, he went through every part of the factory. He became quite exhausted as he continuously took photos for Paige during the tour.

Paige texted him back after a long while. [I finally understand why you claimed it was fortunate you didn't increase the price.]

Alex put his phone away and glanced at Caroline, who seemed lost in thought.

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“What do you think? Impressive, right?” he asked.

+15 BONUS

Caroline shifted her gaze and offered a smile. “Indeed, I struck a fantastic deal and learned a lot as

well.”

“Oh?” Alex smiled back, probing, “What did you learn?”

Caroline examined the machinery before her again. “Aren't these machines enough for me to

learn from?”

Alex was momentarily surprised before laughing heartily. “Ms. Shenton, you have incredible potential. If you collaborate with MK, you can dominate the global fashion industry.”

Caroline’s smile faded as she replied, “Mr. Price, TYC Fashion has its own strength. I don’t want others to perceive my company’s growth as solely reliant on MK.” novelbin

That wasn’t her dream. She aimed to expand and strengthen her company through her own efforts. That was the path to gaining the influence necessary to investigate her mother’s death.

Alex mentioned, “For your sake, Evan-”

“Mr. Price!” Caroline interjected, “When can I start working in the factory?”

Alex replied, “It’s up to you. But, Ms. Shenton, avoiding issues won’t lead to favorable outcomes.

Caroline fell silent.

Alex continued. “I apologize if I’m overstepping, but may I ask a somewhat personal question?”

“Go ahead.”

“You were carrying Evan’s triplets. Axel is with Evan. What happened to the other two kids?”

Grief clouded Caroline’s face. “They didn’t survive childbirth.”

– Alex questioned, “Is that... true?”

Caroline met his gaze. “Do you think I’d joke about something like that?”

Seeing Caroline’s reddened eyes, Alex regretted his words. “I’m sorry. I didn’t know...”

Chapter 267

Chapter 267 Don’t Worry

+15 BONUS

After inspecting the factory, it was time to pick up the children from school. Caroline bid farewell. to Alex and headed to the kindergarten.

Once the kids got in the car, Caroline decided to mentally prepare them. “Ty, Lia, I need to tell you something”

Liora blinked, curiosity in her eyes. “What is it?”

Caroline sighed. “Some relatives from my father’s side are staying with us. They didn’t behave well and accidentally caused your Lego castle to collapse.”

Liora gasped. “What? Why would they ruin the castle we worked so hard on?”

Tyler’s smile faded as he listened.

“Some people lack manners, but I want you to remember something,” Caroline advised. “You must always protect yourselves, no matter what happens. Do you understand?”

Tyler inquired, “How long will they be staying?”

Caroline replied, “I’m not sure.”

Tears welled up in Liora’s eyes. “Mommy, they bullied you too, didn’t they?”

Caroline embraced Liora. “I can handle myself. Don’t worry about me.”

Liora clung to her mother’s clothes, tears streaming “Ty and I won’t cause trouble for you as long as they don’t cross the line.”

Caroline reassured them with a smile, “That won’t be necessary. Just ensure you’re safe. If they bother you, deal with them without resorting to scolding.”

Weak individuals often found themselves vulnerable to the whims of others. Fortunately, there were various ways to protect oneself.

Caroline would never allow her children to suffer in silence.

Now that Caroline had made her stance clear, Tyler clenched his fists, eager to see how those people would behave.

Upon arriving home, Caroline opened the door and found Gigi parading around in her high heels.

Meanwhile, Jade had put on Caroline's silk pajamas and applied her mask.

Liora wasted no time, rushing over when she saw this. She confronted Gigi, "Who gave you

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Gigi glanced at Liora. "So what? I put them on. What's it to you?"

Liora clenched her fists. "Don't you know how to show respect?"

Gigi spat at Liora. "You can't tell me what to do!"

Liora's body tensed. She widened her eyes and hesitated, torn about whether to wipe away that foul-smelling liquid.

Caroline felt sorry for her daughter but was stopped by Tyler.

"Let me handle this!" Tyler stepped forward with a stern expression, pushing Gigi to the floor.

"You're incredibly misbehaved!" Gigi protested, kicking the high heels away. "How dare you, a

man, push a woman!"

"I'm not a man. I'm a boy!" Tyler retorted. "And I didn't bully you. Can't you see that?"

Gigi struggled to find a response as Tyler outwitted her and ended up in tears. novelbin

The commotion caught the attention of the Shentons lounging nearby.

Jade quickly sat up and rushed over. "Why is my dear crying?"

Gigi pointed at Tyler. "He... He pushed and scolded me, and I couldn't say anything!"

Jade turned her stern gaze toward Tyler. “Where did this naughty boy come from? Why are you

bothering my precious daughter?”

Caroline stepped in firmly, asserting, “If you have any issues with my kids’ actions, I suggest you address your own child’s behavior first.”

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Chapter 268 Give Me 14,000 First novelbin

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Afterward, Caroline led Tyler and Liora upstairs to wash up. It was necessary, given their contact

with dirty things.

However, Jade intercepted her, blocking her path. “Wait! What do you mean? What did my child do

wrong? Why did your rude child bully her?”

Caroline’s gaze turned icy, and she replied slowly, “Excuse me?”

Taken aback by Caroline’s stare, Jade stammered, “... I’ll say it again. I’m not afraid of you. Your

child-”

“It’s so noisy...”

Suddenly, Jamie’s voice echoed from downstairs.

Jade trembled with fear, falling silent immediately. She turned, picked up the crying Gigi, covered

her mouth, and hurriedly retreated into the washroom.

Jamie blinked in confusion, then tilted her head to observe Liora, whose eyes were red.

Concerned, Jamie approached her, her face showing irritation at the sight of saliva on Liora's face.

"Who bullied you?"

Liora bit her lip and replied, "Madam, that woman bullied Tyler, Mommy, and me."

Jamie stormed toward the restroom and slammed the door. 'T'll deal with you if you bully my

babies again!"

Everyone in the living room turned their attention toward Jamie in unison.

Everyone in the living room turned their attention to Jamie.

Sensing their gaze, Jamie turned to Gregory and Brandon, glaring fiercely. They both cowered on

the sofa, holding their breath.

Jamie then carried Liora upstairs, leaving Caroline relieved and smiling. It seemed Jamie's stern

look was more effective than her stern words.

At night, Caroline intended to dine out with Jamie and the kids. However, Jade intercepted her, extended her hand, and demanded, "Give me money!"

Caroline responded coolly, "What money?"

"For food, of course," Jade stated. "We just arrived. Shouldn't we enjoy a nice meal? Give me \$

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Caroline observed Jade for a moment before agreeing, "Fine."

She took out her phone and said, "I'll transfer it to you. Enjoy your dinner."

Jade's eyes brightened at Caroline's straightforwardness. If she had known how easily Caroline could be swayed, she might have asked for more earlier.

14,000 dollars! Her family couldn't earn that much even after a year of hard work.

After transferring the money to Jade, Caroline left with Jamie and the children. As they were on their way to the restaurant, Liora asked, "Mommy, why did you give those demons 14,000 dollars?"

Caroline smiled and asked, "Isn't it sometimes better to buy peace with money?"

"No, it's not better at all!" Liora protested. "You shouldn't have given them money!"

Tyler said, "Stop. Mommy knows what she's doing

Liora did not believe it. She looked up at Caroline innocently. "Mommy, is what Tyler said true?"

Caroline nodded. "Yes, it's true. Lia, don't worry. I'm not such a silly person, am I?"

Liora was at ease. She threw herself into Caroline's arms and stopped talking.

At Xander Residence,

Daniella sat on the sofa, staring intently at her phone's chat log, waiting for half an hour. Why hasn't Casey replied to my message?' she wondered.

Just as she contemplated this, Casey sent her a text [I'm sorry, I'm a bit busy. Can we go out for dinner another time?]

Daniella put her phone down, disappointment washing over her.

This was the third time she had asked him out, and he claimed to be busy each time. Could he be married?

Chapter 269

Chapter 269 In a Few Days

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Daniella had finally found an exceptional man, and she didn't want to lose him. Thus, she texted novelbin

him.

Daniella: [Mr. Jordan, I apologize for my earlier rudeness. I won't bother you unless it's important.]

Casey: [Ms. Love, you don't need to be so formal. I can make it next time.]

Daniella was a bit surprised. It seemed like he hadn't rejected her intentionally.

As she contemplated this, she messaged the technician from Evan's company she had bribed

before.

Daniella: [I'll give you 7,000 dollars. Please investigate if Casey Jordan is married or not. He's your boss' older brother. Be sure to check the right person.]

Technician: [Okay, I'll get back to you by tomorrow afternoon.]

Afterward, she checked her social media and found an intriguing post.

[What's it like to stay in the villa of TYC Fashion's CEO?]

Curious, she clicked on it and examined all the villa photographs. When she spotted a picture of Caroline and her two children, she couldn't help but chuckle.

'Caroline's relatives work fast,' she thought.

Although Daniella had slightly led them, they had quickly moved into the villa. They might have

caused Caroline a lot of trouble.

This post was less than three hours old, but the poster had already gained 4,000 new fans.

Daniella's smile faded. Caroline is undoubtedly skilled. She has attracted a lot of attention. I will

tarnish Caroline's reputation one day!"

At 8:30 p.m., Caroline returned home with her children, but the Shentons were still not back. The unusual tranquility comforted the children.

Caroline accompanied them upstairs to get ready for bed.

Liora asked, "Mommy, are they not coming back?"

Before Caroline could respond, Tyler chimed in. "No, they just haven't had enough fun yet."

Liora pouted. "Mommy, will that annoying kid be sent to our school?"

+15 BONUS

"Don't jinx it." Tyler couldn't even bear to think about it. Gigi disgusted him. If he had to spend all

day with her, he'd rather hang out with his scumbag father.

Caroline assured them, "No, they won't. I'll find a way to prevent it."

Liora sighed in relief. "Great. Mommy, you don't have to tell us stories tonight. Just go and rest.

Caroline chuckled. "Alright, I'll head to my room now."

After kissing their foreheads, she left the bedroom.

Once the door closed, Liora approached Tyler and said, "Ty!"

Tyler narrowed his eyes and asked, "What's up?"

"I overheard the teachers gossiping today. After something happened to Mommy's company, that

mean woman started her own company! They even said her new company will thrive while

Mommy's company is struggling. Is it true

At the mention of Daniella, Tyler's eyes shot open in the darkness.

Tyler scoffed. "Hmph! She thinks her company can take advantage of this situation and succeed?"

Dream on!"

Liora inquired, "What are you going to do. Tyler?"

"You'll find out soon enough. It won't be long."

At 10:00 p.m. that night, Jamie had just finished her shower on the third floor. She could hear loud

footsteps and conversations outside.

"Mom, I can't believe dinner cost over 1,000 dollars, We should've eaten with Caroline if we'd

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"Alas, you've been talking about that endlessly," Jade remarked. "I didn't expect a meal to be so expensive. The shops in the city are ruthless."

Gregory suggested, "So, you should listen to me. Let's go out to eat with them tomorrow. It's free. We can spend the money ourselves."

we shouldn't spend it. We have to save it. Since we're living here, she should pay for our expenses. I'll make her buy us a house eventually," Jade insisted.

Brandon chimed in. "Mom, what a great idea! Large, flat houses are popular in the city. We should check them out."

Jade nodded. "Sure, let's check them out."

When Jamie overheard their conversation, she clenched her fists in frustration, thinking, 'No! Carol is in trouble. I must help her!'

After Caroline finished her bath downstairs, she called Neil.

Neil answered, “Carol, are you still busy at this late hour?”

Caroline pinched her brow in exhaustion and replied, “No, I’d like to ask for your help with something”

Neil put down his document and smiled. Tell me about it.”

Caroline explained how Alex had inquired about her two children’s whereabouts at the factory.

Neil fell silent briefly, then said, “This isn’t difficult. I can forge the death certificates. But you need to consider the consequences. Will Evan be upset if he finds out?”

“I’ve already made up my mind,” said Caroline. “At least the Jordan family won’t take my kids.”

Neil replied, “Okay. I won’t say much since you’ve decided.”

Caroline sighed softly. “Neil, I know this isn’t fair to you, but I don’t have any other options.”

“Silly girl, don’t say that.” Neil chuckled. “Alright, it’s getting late. You should get some rest.”

At the same time, Alex poured a glass of wine and pushed it toward Evan at a rooftop bar.

Looking at Alex gloomily, Evan asked, “Aren’t you keeping a woman’s company tonight?”

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Alex’s hand stiffened, and he joked, “Well, women aren’t as important as my buddy, but isn’t it

normal to occasionally need their company?”

Evan scoffed. “What did you want to talk to me about?”

“I can’t ask you out without any important reason?” Alex sipped his wine. “But I do have

something to tell you.”

“What is it?” He had a hunch it was related to Caroline.

Alex explained, “I asked Caroline something this afternoon, mainly about the kids.”

Evan narrowed his eyes. “What did she say?”

Alex looked serious. “Evan, your other two kids are no longer alive.”

Evan tightened his grip on the glass. Coldness filled his eyes as he spoke with difficulty. “What novelbin

did you just say?”

Alex sighed. “I know you’ll be furious when you hear this, but try to put yourself in her shoes.

You’re devastated even though you’ve never met the two kids.

“Now, think about Caroline. She’s their mother, so her connection with them is deeper than yours.

How has she managed the guilt and pain for all these years?

“But I suggest you investigate the details. The death certificates can confirm whether she’s telling

the truth or not.”

Evan’s expression turned grim. He pursed his lips tightly and remained silent.