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Chapter 81

Chapter 81 You're Lying

Caroline observed silently as Daniella put on her act, her gaze fixated on Evan as he approached. "Can I go up now, or do I need the madam of the house's permission?" she asked bitterly, causing a

frown to appear on his face.

"Can't you speak properly?" he questioned, a single sentence that instantly drained the color from Daniella's face. How could she not understand what he meant? Who was Caroline to treat him

rudely? And why was she even here?

Caroline sensed the drastic change in Daniella's expression and couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction. With a cold and composed demeanor, she said, "Of course I can. I'll go up and pack now." And with that, she headed toward the stairs

However, after taking just two steps, she suddenly stumbled and fell. Instinctively, she protected her belly and frowned, enduring the pain in her knees.

The commotion on the stairs caught Evan's attention, and his face darkened as he witnessed her

fall.

Hurrying over, he swiftly lifted her up, his eyes fixed on her reddened knees. He exclaimed, "Are you blind? How could you fall on the stairs you've been using for years?"

Caroline retracted her hand and replied, "Thank you. I felt a little dizzy, but I'm okay now." She could act just as well as Daniella; she would shamelessly play her part as long as she could stay.

Evan's brow furrowed, and he asked softly, "What's wrong?"

Her response was icy, "I'm fine!" She then released her arm from his grip, limping up the stairs while holding onto the railing.

His expression turned stiff. After a moment of silence, he followed her up and scooped her into his arms. Daniella, who witnessed this, felt a surge of rage. Why was this bitch seeking sympathy?

She caught up to them and seethed as she watched Evan carry Caroline into his bedroom. Her eyes filled with poisonous resentment. She had never set foot in his room since she moved here. Once Evan had placed Caroline on the bed, he retrieved his phone to call the family doctor. After hanging up, he stared at her coldly and remarked, "I thought someone was taking care of you. Why

are you so skinny?"

She was speechless.

Who was being sarcastic right now?

She sat up straight and changed the topic. "This is inappropriate, Evan. Your fiancée is out there."

+15 BONUS

"I'm not planning to marry her just yet!" He removed his tie in irritation.

What did it matter to Caroline whether he was getting married or not? She wanted to leave once she had gathered the evidence; she wasn't in the mood to discuss his impending marriage.

Nevertheless, in order to buy more time, she replied in a flat tone, "But she's pregnant with your child."

"We'll see after the child is born," he responded with a harsh tone, clearly unwilling to delve further into the topic.

"So, what did you come here to retrieve before returning?" he asked, his voice deep and commanding.

She offered the excuse she had concocted, “Just some knick–knacks. The box was too small, so my things couldn’t fit.”

Taking a seat on the leather sofa, he casually picked up a finance magazine, not bothering to look

Without missing a beat, he continued, “Why didn’t you stay at the place I bought for you?”

Caroline was speechless. Was he suddenly initiating a conversation? He had never spoken about such things with her before.

“Wouldn’t I have to look for my own place anyway if you take it back when you’re upset?” Caroline couldn’t resist being sarcastic.

He scoffed in response. “You’re lying, Caroline.”

“Well, what if I am?” She looked at him, her lips pursed with a hint of mockery in her eyes. “You wouldn’t believe me anyway, would you?”

He squinted at her but remained silent.

An awkward silence enveloped the bedroom, only broken when the family doctor arrived

After conducting a simple test on Caroline, the doctor informed Evan, “Ms. Shenton has always been malnourished; she remains the same. She needs to adjust her food intake and avoid exhausting herself.”

Caroline was left speechless. The doctor’s words hit home. She knew she hadn’t been eating properly recently. Busy as she was, she often forgot to take care of her own meals.

Evan’s expression darkened as he nodded. “Understood. You may leave.”

Once the doctor departed, Caroline pretended to get off the bed. However, she was met with a stern glare from Evan.

“Lie back down!” he commanded. 1

+15 BONUS

If she were too obedient, it would seem contrived. Aware of that, she willfully disregarded his

order and stepped off the bed. “Do you need a hug?” she asked, looking up at him.

His face turned grim.

“Evan, do you enjoy seeing people call me a mistress?” Caroline looked at him squarely.

Evan abruptly rose from his chair. ‘T’ll sleep in your old bedroom. Stay here and rest if you don’t

want to die!”

He headed toward the bedroom, pausing briefly after opening the door. In a lowered voice, he added, “I won’t touch you.”*

She was stunned to hear that.

Was he saying that to comfort her? Or was it because Daniella was present?

Chapter 82

Chapter 82 I’m Back to Retrieve My Belongings

After lying down for a while, Caroline heard a knock on the door some ten minutes later. It was Lily, carrying a tray of food with a bright smile on her face. “You’re finally home, Ms. Shenton.”

Caroline sat up and offered a flat smile. “I’m just back to get some stuff, Lily.”

Lily sighed as she placed the food on the bedside table. “It would be great if you stayed.”

Caroline fell silent for a moment. “Is Daniella giving you a hard time?”

Lily forced a smile and remained silent, handing her the cooled–down soup.

“I can see that you’ve lost more weight. You should stay here for a while and let me nurse you back to health,” Lily suggested.

Caroline took a sip of the soup and licking her lips before asking. "Tell me the truth, Lily, Has Daniella been causing trouble for you?" novelbin

"It's unavoidable." Lily sighed. "I often wish you'd come back."

Caroline drank another sip of soup and licked her lips. "I can't come back, Lily. But I believe I can chase Daniella out. You must help me with this."

She lifted her head to look at Lily. Her clear eyes filled with determination

Lily widened her eyes in shock. "Ms Shenton, the reason you're doing this.

Caroline took a deep breath and recounted all the things Daniella had done to Katie briefly.

Lily couldn't contain her anger after hearing the whole story. "I can do it, Ms. Shenton. Let me come up with a plan on how to do it."

Caroline nodded and expressed her gratefulness to Lily.

At 1 a.m., Caroline looked up from her phone as the door opened.

Daniella entered the room with bloodshot eyes

Approaching the bed, Daniella spoke in a lowered voice. "Do you have no shame, Caroline?!"

Caroline stared back expressionlessly. "You're shameless too, so why can't I be?"

Fists clenched, Daniella seethed, "Aren't you here to grab your stuff?! Why haven't you left? Why must you steal someone's fiancé? I've never met anyone as malicious as you!"

Caroline scoffed. "I don't recall being the one who wanted to stay. Evan asked me to because he's

fall."

+15 BONUS

Daniella trembled with anger. "Aren't you scared that I'll expose your shameless behavior on the

internet?!”

“Go ahead!” Caroline replied nonchalantly. “I’m already the infamous mistress. Do you think I’m

afraid of a little criticism like that?”

“You’re threatening me? What gives you the audacity, Caroline?!” Daniella was on the verge of

losing control, her face contorted in fury.

Caroline scoffed once more. “You destroyed my family. Why wouldn’t I dare?”

Daniella was ready to tear her apart. But then, she suddenly paused as she noticed the long hair

cascading down Caroline’s back.

She had almost forgotten about the Xanders because of Nic!

She knew very well of her status. If Evan said no, there was no way that she could drive Caroline

away.

Instead of wasting her energy being pissed here, she would win the Xanders’ hearts first.

Also, now that Caroline was here, it was the perfect cover for her to steal some of MK’s secrets just

like Nic suggested.

Unknowingly, Caroline even saved her the effort to get her to the office!

A strange calm washed over her face as she thought about this. “Sure, let’s see. Let’s see who will

come out on top in the end!” ”

With that, she turned to leave.

Caroline narrowed her eyes. Judging by Daniella's character, she knew she wouldn't leave so

easily.

She turned off the lights and lay down with a sense of skepticism.

As she smelled Evan's scent lingering on the blanket, a strange comfort washed over her. She knew that moving on from a relationship wouldn't be easy.

Caroline woke up well past 10 a.m., feeling refreshed from a good night's sleep. After freshening up, she went downstairs, making sure to tidy up the bed before leaving her room.

In the dining area, Daniella was already having breakfast at the table. Caroline took a seat across from her, treating her as if she were invisible.

+15 BONUS

Lily served Caroline the breakfast she had heated up, smiling warmly. "Mr. Jordan asked me to make your favorite breakfast, Ms. Shenton."

Caroline was taken aback. It was difficult to determine if Lily's friendliness was genuine after their conversation last night. Nonetheless, she couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction as she noticed Daniella's increasingly jealous gaze.

With a smile, Caroline met her gaze head-on. "Sure, I'll thank him for his love later."

Bam!

Daniella slammed her cutlery down in anger and stormed off upstairs.

Caroline turned to Lily and instructed her, "Lily, go to her on my behalf. We'll talk through

WhatsApp.

Lily nodded and hurriedly went upstairs.

As Daniella seized the opportunity to search for Caroline's hair in Evan's room, she heard

footsteps approaching from the stairs. Her heart skipped a beat, and she swiftly retreated back to

the guest room.

Lily walked to Evan's room to pretend to clean. When she got upstairs, she saw Daniella's door being shut.

She quickly sent a text to Caroline, informing her, "She's in her room."

Caroline frowned upon reading the message. It seemed that her plan could only be executed when

Daniella took a shower in the evening.

Chapter 83

Chapter 83 Are You Trying To Come Back

+15 BONUS

Caroline made her way back upstairs to Evan's room after finishing her breakfast.

Just as she was about to enter, Daniella opened the door and approached her. Her eyes darted toward Caroline's belly as she commented, "You're nearly four months along, aren't you?"

Caroline regarded her with a guarded expression. "What are you trying to insinuate?"

Daniella put on a gentle smile. "I wonder if you haven't told him because you're afraid he might ask you to get an abortion or if you've been hiding something from him. Say, for example, being pregnant with someone else's child."

Caroline scoffed. "Do you think everyone is like you?"

Daniella's face froze for a moment. "Then why haven't you told him about me?"

“What’s the point of telling him now? Caroline took a step closer, her voice laced with a sense of

vindictiveness. “I simply enjoy reminding you from time to time. I want you to live in pain, to see you filled with worry, fear, and anger. It brings me happiness, Daniella, you better pray that the

child inside you is Evan’s. Otherwise, even I can’t predict the consequences.”

Without waiting for a response, Caroline turned away and returned to Evan’s room.

Daniella stared at the closed door with intense fury. Soon enough, Caroline wouldn’t be reveling in

her misery anymore!

She then proceeded to Evan’s study and entered the room. Inside, she spotted a safe with three

locks. Furrowing her brows, she recalled Nic mentioning that some safes were custom-made and

had only one working lock out of the three. Triggering the wrong locks without the correct one.

would set off an alarm.

She bit her lip in contemplation. There was no safe in Evan’s office. Perhaps she should carry out

her plan in the office.

She casually grabbed a book and walked out. Back in her room, she sent a message to the young

secretary.

“Try to get Caroline to come to the office.”

The young secretary promptly contacted Caroline upon receiving the message.

[Do you have a moment, Ms. Shenton?]

Caroline who was in the middle of reading the news, responded after reading the message.

[Yes, what's up?)

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+15 BONUS

[Could you drop by the office, Ms. Shenton?)

The young secretary briefly explained the issue.

After some consideration, Caroline replied.

[Sure, I understand. Don't move the file, I'll guide you later.]

No longer being part of MK's staff, Caroline needed Evan's permission to access the office, She retrieved his phone number and dialed it.

The call connected quickly, and Evan's tired voice came through. 'What's the matter?!

Caroline explained, "The young secretary I mentored needs me to come to the office. She made a mistake in a file that's quite substantial, and it needs to be completed by the end of the month. Since I don't have a computer here, can I come by to help her?"

He smirked. "What? Can't move on from MK? Are you trying to come back?"

Caroline suppressed the urge to roll her eyes. "I take responsibility for the mistakes made by the person I mentored. It's not that I want to return

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His face sank, and his voice became cold. "I'll inform the front desk. I'm hanging up!"

She was taken aback. He had been in a good mood just moments ago, so why did he suddenly

snap?

She informed Lily and changed her clothes before leaving the house. Daniella followed suit and they both hailed a taxi to the MK office, Caroline first, then Daniella closely behind.

Upon arriving, Caroline spoke to the front desk and made her way upstairs. The familiar

surroundings of the office building brought back a wave of nostalgia.

She took a deep breath and headed towards the president's office. Since she was here, it was only

appropriate to greet Evan.

Just as she approached the office, she heard a scoff from behind her.

"Hah, I knew it had to be you, Caroline. You've already resigned, so why are you back?"

Caroline turned around upon hearing the voice. She faced her former colleague, Ms. Walker.

"How have you been, Ms. Walker?" Caroline greeted her with a smile, taking a good look at her.

"Ms. Walker, you're more experienced than me no matter what. Now that I'm gone, why aren't you

sitting on the leader's throne?

"Caroline, you may have left, but you have no right to gloat over me! Does Mr. Jordan even know

you're here? I can have security escort you out for trespassing MKI Ms. Walker retorted, her face

+15 BONUS

Caroline's smile faded, and she stared at her flatly. Feel free to try

Ms. Walker frowned. "A-Are you back?" novelbin

Let's see if security comes.

Caroline didn't dignify her with a response. Instead, she turned away and approached Evan's office

door, knocking on it.

"Come in." came the hoarse voice of Evan from within the office.

Ms. Walker was dumbstruck to see her going in.

Inside the office, Caroline's gaze swept across the empty secretary's desk at the side. Then, she looked at Evan and said, "I just wanted to say hello before going to assist the young secretary."

Evan closed the documents on his desk, glanced at her, and stood up. "Okay. I'll be at the project

site."

He walked past her toward the door but turned around before leaving. "I'll take you out to dinner

later."

Chapter 84

Chapter 84 I Can Only Give Her Status and Money

+15 BONUS

Caroline smiled. "You're so generous, Evan. Aren't you worried that I might clash with Daniella

when I see her?"

Evan narrowed his eyes, his gaze fixed on her red lips. "Don't force me to silence you, Caroline."

She was rendered speechless. It was best for her to keep her mouth shut when dealing with a man driven by high testosterone.

After he left, she made her way to her old desk. novelbin

Her hand gently caressed the stationery she had used for the past three years. Memories of her hard work and dedication played in her mind.

Before Daniella came into the picture, she had naively believed that she would be with Evan for a long time.

Unfortunately, her childish fantasies were shattered by reality.

She sniffled softly, composing herself. Then she left the desk and headed to the secretary's office.

However, just as she left, Daniella appeared in the corridor.

She knocked on Evan's door, holding a bag in her hand

Although her gaze was on the door, she kept a keen eye on the security camera hanging in the

corridor.

Realizing that the room was empty, she entered

She knew Evan's schedule like the back of her hand. That was why she chose to come today.

Approaching the desk, she placed some snacks on it.

Then, her eyes shifted toward the document cabinet on the side. She walked over while licking

her lips out of anxiety.

In the secretary's office, Caroline's presence stirred excitement among the younger secretaries, who eagerly chatted with her.

They even vented their frustrations about the boss to her.

Caroline responded to each one of them with a smile. Meanwhile, Ms. Walker and Ms. Fisher, who were not far away, rolled their eyes in annoyance.

"Did you see how arrogant that bitch is? Acting like the office can't function without her!" Ms. Walker remarked.

+15 BONUS

Ms. Fisher was taken aback by Caroline's return. "Is she actually back to work?!"

"Shut up! How am I supposed to get promoted if she's back?" Ms. Walker grumbled

Ms. Fisher pouted. "Let's be honest here, we're just jealous of her. Jealous of her competence and the fact that she gets to sleep with Mr. Jordan"

Ms. Walker glared at her angrily. "So now you're suddenly enlightened? Aren't you jealous too?"

Ms. Fisher scoffed. During Caroline's absence, she had seen things clearly. It was true that Caroline's personal capabilities surpassed everyone else's.

She would never forget how chaotic the secretary's office became in those two days that Caroline

was gone.

At 5 p.m., when Evan returned, he noticed a crowd gathered around Caroline. They were all observing her work.

Seeing how engrossed she was in her tasks, he made his way to his office.

Upon entering the room, he found Daniella curled up on the couch, apparently resting Snacks

were placed on his desk.

Instinctively, he frowned. How long had she been lying there?

He approached her and called out her name in his deep voice. "Daniella."

He called three times before she slowly opened her eyes.

Startled, she sat up when she saw him. "I'm sorry, Evan I

"If you're tired, go home," Evan interrupted, looking away as he walked toward his desk. "Don't

wait for me.”

Daniella quickly grasped her phone from her pocket and stood up. She cautiously looked up at

him and asked, “Are you going home for dinner?”

He glanced at her with a flat expression. “No, I’ll have the driver take you home.”

Sadness filled her eyes. “It’s alright, I’ll take a taxi.”

His voice grew deeper. “It’s not safe…”

Knock! Knock!

A knock sounded at the door just as he spoke.

Caroline entered the room after he gave her permission.

+15 BONUS

She glanced at Daniella, who was holding a bag, before turning her attention to Evan. “I thought we were having dinner together?”

Daniella looked at the man before her in disbelief.

He rejected her invitation because of Caroline?

Who exactly was his fiancée?!

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Her face paled from anger, but she dared not lash out in front of him.

She could only suppress her emotions and leave the office…

Once Daniella was gone, Evan coldly questioned Caroline. “Did you do that on purpose?”

Caroline admitted proudly, “Yes, I’m delighted to see her being defeated. If it pains you, you can go

after her

“Caroline, would you believe me if I said there are no feelings between her and 17” Evan explained,

his tone serious.

“Don’t tell me you’re repaying her favor by giving her a status? And you’re keeping someone you actually like out there?” Caroline’s questions were sharp and direct.

“I can only give her status and financial support. Nothing more,” Evan clarified.

“I don’t want to know the details of your relationship! All I know is that she’s pregnant with your

child!”

Evan squinted at her mention of that. “Caroline, did you come to my room on the night of the

annual dinner?”

“What difference does it make? You slept with her anyway!” Caroline retorted.

Chapter 85

Chapter 85 Can’t You Do Anything Right

+15 BONUS

Caroline looked away flatly after saying her piece. She didn’t wait for Evan’s response and left the

office

The thought of Daniella and Evan being intimate made her feel disgusted.

Having dinner with him was out of the question. She couldn’t peacefully sit and eat with him.

She had only asked that question to witness Daniella struggling to suppress her anger.

Once she left the office, Caroline took a deep breath, forcing herself to calm down.

She checked the time. She should have enough time if she went back right now.

When she arrived at Villa Rosa by taxi, Lily hurriedly came out to greet her.

Lily urged her as soon as she saw her. "Ms. Love is currently taking a shower, Ms. Shenton. I saw

her place her phone on the table."

Caroline's expression turned grim. "Got it. Please stall for me."

Daniella was staying in a quest room without a bathroom. Caroline could use this opportunity to

retrieve what she needed.

Lily nodded and handed her a piece of paper. "This is the passcode to Ms. Love's phone. I secretly

took a look."

Grateful, Caroline replied, "Thank you, Lily!"

She grabbed the passcode and went upstairs. Seeing the bathroom light was still on, she quickly

entered Daniella's room

As soon as she walked in, she noticed Daniella's phone on the table.

Suppressing her nervousness, she took out the reader and connected it to her own phone.

As soon as the connection was established, a stream of data appeared on the screen.

Caroline gulped as she watched the progress bar at the bottom, her ears attentive to any sounds.

outside.

When the progress bar reached 50%, a sudden commotion erupted from the next room.

Her heart skipped a beat.

Shortly after, Lily's voice could be heard. "The towel is still in the dryer, Ms. Love! There wasn't much sun today. I'll get it for you now."

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"What's wrong with you, Lily? Can't you do anything right?! Daniella's angry voice pierced through the door.

Lily stuttered in response before the door was slammed shut. However, the sound of a car engine came from downstairs at that moment.

Caroline's nerves heightened. Evan was home!

Lily walked up to the door and asked with concern, "Are you finished, Ms. Shenton? Sir is also

home!"

"It'll be done soon!" Caroline replied.

Wiping the cold sweat from her palms, she quickly disconnected the reader when the progress

reached 100%.

She placed the phone back on the table and turned to leave.

Just as she reached Evan's room, he appeared at the top of the stairs.

Shocked, Caroline's facial expression changed, and she almost stumbled.

Glancing at him while feigning calmness, she opened the door and entered the room.

Just when she thought she could finally relax, he walked in as well.

“Why are you panicking?” The man’s penetrating gaze bore into her, sharp as a hawk’s.

Sweat formed on her forehead, and just as she was contemplating what to say, Lily arrived at the

door.

“Sir, Ms. Shenton is experiencing gastric discomfort. She has no appetite to eat the food I prepared

for her.”

Caroline felt secretly grateful. Lily had come to her rescue at the perfect moment!

Evan’s expression turned grim instantly. “Are you throwing a tantrum? Don’t you realize how terrible you look?”

She seized the opportunity to catch her breath. “I’m feeling a little sick. Am I not allowed to feel

that way?”

She wasn’t lying: the anxiety had made her nauseous. She truly couldn’t adjust to engaging in sneaky activities.

Evan pursed his thin lips. “Get the doctor here, Lily.

“No need!” Caroline interrupted quickly. “Lily, just bring me some fruits.”

Lily nodded and left the room.

+15 BONUS

Evan didn’t leave either, Instead, he sat down on the couch and began scrolling through his phone.

Caroline still hadn’t fully composed herself, so she used the excuse to sort out her belongings. “Im

gonna go sort out my stuff.”

He observed her departing with an enigmatic expression.

Squinting, he rhythmically tapped his finger on the armrest of the couch.

Meanwhile, Daniella returned to her room after finishing her shower. She locked the door and

sent the pictures of the secret documents she had sneakily taken to Nic.

Sen the information. I can't be involved, or Evan will find out it was me]

Nic replied promptly. That was fast!]

She clenched her teeth. [There won't be a next time!

[Get Evan to give you pocket money!]

She stared at the screen, falling into a momentary silence.

Now that money was mentioned, perhaps she should test him. Not only to reduce Evan's suspicions of her but also because she didn't have much money left. After all, she was pregnant, so asking for financial support shouldn't be crossing a line, right? She would need to be a bit

indirect in her approach.

In her room, Caroline lay on the bed after organizing her clothes. She needed to hand over the reader and data to Paige tomorrow and then leave Villa Rosa.

She didn't want to stay here any longer and watch as a murderer roamed freely around her.

Moreover, she still hadn't finished the design draft. Time was precious, and she couldn't afford to

waste it.

After drinking the herbal soup that Lily had served her, she planned to take a shower.

Suddenly, Evan entered the room just as she had taken out clothes to change into.

She stared at him. "Can't you knock?"

He glanced at her. "Haven't I seen every inch of your body already?"

'What a jerk! Pervert! she couldn't help but criticize in her mind.

Suppressing her flustered state, she composed herself and asked, "Is there something I can help you with?"

Chapter 86

Chapter 86 It's Snowing

Seeing Caroline's anger, Evan leaned against the door and asked, "Do you feel better now?"

She responded flatly.

He turned around. "Let's go. I'll take you somewhere."

She was baffled. It was already past 9 p.m., so where was he taking her?

+15 BONUS

As they reached a halfway point up the northern mountain after a two-hour drive, Caroline had fallen asleep on the reclined seat.

After parking the car, Evan looked at her curled up figure in the passenger seat, and his eyes softened significantly.

She didn't appear as cold and intimidating when she was asleep.

Observing the hair that partially covered her face, he slowly reached his hand out to tuck it away.

However, the moment his fingers made contact with her face, he was stunned.

There was moisture on the tips of his fingers.

"Mom... Don't go. I'll listen to you, I won't be a mistress. Don't go..."

His heart constricted upon hearing her murmurs in her sleep.

Was she insistent on leaving because of something her mother had said?

His eyes darkened. Besides seeing her cry on the day her mother passed away, he had never witnessed any pain on her face.

She was skilled at hiding her emotions.

She always wanted to appear strong.

In frustration, Evan loosened his tie. He grabbed a tissue and gently wiped away her tears.

She finally woke up at that moment.

As soon as she opened her eyes, she saw the bony joints of his fingers.

She was taken aback and looked at him warily. "What are you doing?"

He ignored her and retracted his hand only after he had finished. "You were drooling. It's disgusting."

+15 BONUS

Feeling awkward, she quickly looked away and gazed out the window.
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Her eyes widened gradually as she noticed that it was heavily snowing outside.

"It's snowing?"

"Mm-hmm, Reuben, who is in his hometown, told me it's snowing." Evan lied without hesitation.

Caroline paid him no mind. She opened the car door and stepped out.

Her spirits lifted as she stepped onto the soft snow.

She had never imagined that he would bring her here to witness the snowfall.

She smiled with her eyes as she playfully walked around in the snow. The first snow brings good. luck. I hope everything goes smoothly this year."

Evan leaned against the car and watched her quietly. A smile unknowingly formed on his face.

The peaceful atmosphere lasted for less than ten minutes when it was abruptly interrupted by the sound of his phone ringing.

He answered the call.

“Mr. Jordan, the company’s confidential information has been leaked!”
Reuben’s voice came

through.

His eyes turned cold. “What happened?”

“The design draft for the new product, completed by the electronic R&D department, has been

stolen. We’re still trying to find the person who sold it! The recipient of the classified information

hasn’t dared to sell it yet. The message exchange occurred after 6 p.m. today.

“We were immediately notified once the exchange took place. It was an online trade with a virtual

1. ID. They need time to investigate.”

Evan’s coldness reached its peak. “Give them two days! If they can’t solve it by then, fire them!”

“Yes, sir!”

After hanging up the call, Evan turned to get back into the car.

Sensing that something was wrong, Caroline went after him.

She had a sinking feeling when she saw his grim expression.

“Did something happen?” she asked, her voice filled with concern.

He pursed his thin lips, his eyes filled with intensity. “Company confidential information was stolen. It happened today.”

+15 BONUS

She was taken aback. The company's confidential information was stolen?!"

"That's right," Evan replied, squinting as he started the car.

Caroline was shocked. How could this have happened? No secretary would dare touch his documents, and access to the president's floor required an exclusive access card.

She had stopped by his office earlier in the day when she visited the company. Besides the events in the morning that she was unaware of, Daniella was the only person who had entered the office

after that.

Without any conclusive evidence, she didn't want to jump to conclusions,

During the drive home, Evan received another call from Reuben.

"Mr. Jordan, we asked the secretaries. They said that apart from Ms. Love, the only person who entered your office today was..."

He dared not say the rest.

"

Got it!" Evan hung up the call, he looked terribly grim.

Caroline heard the conversation clearly.

It wouldn't be strange if Evan suspected her. She was indeed more suspicious than Daniella, unexpectedly turning up at Villa Rosa and then to the office.

He even saw her anxious face when he returned home.

"Caroline," he said sternly, his anger evident in his tone, "Tell me, why did you suddenly come

back?"

Her eyes darkened. Just as she had expected, he suspected her.

He would never consider the possibility of Daniella being involved. He always assumed it was her

fault.

“Do you think it was me?” Her voice was almost devoid of emotion.

Screech-

Evan slammed on the brakes and turned to face her. His gaze was fierce.

“Then tell me, why did

you come back all of a sudden?! You insisted on not seeing me before, and now you suddenly came

looking for me! Caroline, how am I supposed to believe you’re innocent?!”

Chapter 87

Chapter 87 What’s There To Explain.

Caroline’s heart grew colder with each word Evan spoke.

She closed her eyes, a helpless smile appearing on her face.

Would he believe her even if she explained herself?

“Say something!!!” He suddenly yelled.

She looked at him with a flat expression. “Would you believe me, Evan? If you won’t, then

whatever I explain will be meaningless to you!”

“I don’t want to hear all that! I just want you to explain yourself! The rage burning in his eyes

seemed capable of reducing her to ashes.

“What is there to explain when you’re behaving like this?” She turned her head and looked out of

the window.

She did not want to explain‘

She had been his secretary for three years. If she wanted to steal the company’s information, she would have done it long ago! Why would she wait until now?

Evan reached out and forcefully turned her body to face him. His grip was so tight it felt like he

might break her arm.

“I’m giving you one last chance to explain! Don’t push me to my limit!” He enunciated each word through clenched teeth. The pressure emanating from him was suffocating.

‘Don’t push his limit?’

Caroline scoffed and pulled her arm away, biting her lower lip to suppress the pain.

She stared at him, her eyes filled with mockery. “What do you want to hear? Do you want me to confess to stealing the company’s confidential information, or do you want me to deny it completely? Have you ever truly trusted me? I wasn’t the only one who went into your office today! Daniella was there too! She stayed longer than I did, so why are you so convinced that it

was me?!” novelbin

“Then why did you suddenly come back?” He clenched his fists and stared at her fiercely. His tone

remained harsh.

Helplessness washed over Caroline. She couldn’t explain that part.

She couldn’t present incomplete evidence to him.

She wasn’t sure if he would take Daniella’s side.

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“Evan, I already told you that I came back only to get my things,” she weakly explained.

“You’re lying!!!”

He slammed his fist against the back of her seat and shouted in rage.

“Caroline! Is it so difficult for

you to tell me the fucking truth?!”

She stared at the man before her in disbelief, disappointment filling her eyes.

“Evan, am I not worthy of your trust at all?”

I’m asking you a question! You have no fucking right to question me!” he retorted angrily.

“Nothing I say matters when there’s no trust between us!” she yelled back, her frustration reaching its peak. She couldn’t take it anymore. Why was she automatically assumed to be the culprit? Why wasn’t she trusted even after explaining herself? Was she labeled the criminal simply because she didn’t offer an explanation? Was it because she was the lowly mistress?!

Evan suppressed his urge to hit her and spoke with a grim expression. “You’re not going to

explain yourself, are you? Fine, I’ll do it for you then! You obtained my schedule through other secretaries and pleaded for my sympathy at Villa Rosa with a false excuse. The next day, your

entered the office and stole the confidential information when I was away! Caroline, is my

payment not enough for you?! Are you so sick of your life that you dare betray me?!”

As Caroline listened to the accusations pouring out from the man in front of her, she felt

suffocated. Did he not already have his answer? What was the point of asking her over and over

again? She forced a smile. “Evan, so this is how despicable you think I am?”

A mocking smirk appeared on his lips. “Get out.”

Caroline instinctively looked at the dark mountain outside the car.

Did he want her to get off here?!

She gulped nervously. Before she could react, she heard a shriek coming from the depths of his lungs. "I said, get out!!!"

Choked with emotions, she quickly opened the door and got out.

The moment the door closed, the car sped away in an instant.

After it turned the corner, the surroundings fell into complete darkness.

The cold breeze seeped into her clothes, and the dense, dark forest sent shivers down her spine. She shuddered, taking a careful look around while shoving her hands into her pockets. She realized, to her dismay, that she had left her phone in Evan's car. All she had was the reader in her

pocket...

In the car, Evan's hands gripped the steering wheel tightly. He had truly believed she had come

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He had even asked Lily to take care of her health. He had brought her here to watch the snow, trying to uplift her mood. But she had taken advantage of his kindness and done something he despised the most.

It was infuriating! He had never been played by a woman like this before. Deep resentment filled his eyes as he lifted his hand and slammed it hard on the steering wheel. She certainly had nerve!

Meanwhile, Caroline walked for two hours in the snow on the mountain, pushing through the cold and darkness. Finally, she saw the distant lights as she arrived at the foot of the mountain.

Chapter 88

Chapter 88 I'm Scared

After finally descending the mountain, Caroline struggled to move forward, her head heavy and her stomach sick. She lifted her numb feet and trudged

toward the distant light. But as she took two steps, darkness engulfed her vision, and she fell face-first into the snow.

Back at Villa Rosa, Daniella sat in the living room, her heart filled with panic. Nic had informed her that the confidential information hadn't been sold at all. However, he still demanded the 70,000 dollars from her within three days.

She was contemplating how to ask Evan for the money when a commotion outside the door caught her attention.

Quickly standing up, Daniella's eyes widened when she saw Evan's fierce expression. Instantly, the thought of asking for money vanished from her mind. She hurriedly approached him and grabbed his arm, her voice filled with concern. "What's wrong, Evan? You look terrible."

"Let go," he said coldly, causing her to retract her hands in fear.

Timidly, she looked at him, her voice tinged with a sense of injustice. "Don't be like that, Evan. I'm

scared."

"From now on, don't go to the office without my permission," he replied without even glancing at

her, then promptly headed upstairs.

Daniella's heart jolted. Could it be that Evan had discovered something? Nervously biting her lip,

she noticed that Caroline hadn't returned home. After pondering for a moment, she came to a

realization.

Evan must have had a fight with Caroline, which was why he returned home in such a furious

state. Caroline's actions had made him wary, hence his instruction for Daniella to stay away from

the office to avoid getting involved in any trouble.

A smirk formed on Daniella's face as she entertained her thoughts.

It seemed that even fate was on her side. Caroline's absence didn't matter anymore. She had

already achieved her target.

Taking advantage of their absence, she sneaked into Evan's room and found a few strands of

Caroline's hair on the vanity.

Tomorrow, when she stayed at the Xander Residence, she would leave the hair on the comb. Her

plan was foolproof!

In the room, Evan sat on the couch, tightly gripping Caroline's phone. He couldn't help but think how manipulative she was to purposely leave her phone in his car.

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After a brief moment of silence, he suddenly stood up and walked over to the window. His gaze fell upon the falling snow, and his expression turned grim.

The north was experiencing a snowstorm, with temperatures dropping below 10 degrees Celsius. It would be challenging for anyone to navigate the harsh conditions, let alone endure the strong

winds and snow.

Evan pursed his lips in concern and, feeling irritable, pulled out his phone to call Reuben.

"Bring someone to find Caroline on Mount Pilgrim in the north," he instructed.

Reuben was taken aback. "Mr. Jordan left Ms. Shenton on Mount Pilgrim?!"

He quickly responded. "I'll get to it right away, Mr. Jordan!"

At 1 a.m., Reuben found Caroline buried under a thick layer of snow. Fortunately, she was still

alive. He quickly brought her to Villa Rosa, where Evan was waiting in the living room.

Evan's heart squeezed when he saw Reuben carrying the pale Caroline inside. Panic was evident in Reuben's voice as he spoke. "Mr. Jordan! We don't know how long Ms. Shenton was buried in

snow. Her body temperature is dangerously low."

Fear flickered in Evan's eyes as he hurriedly approached to take her in his arms. When he

touched her hands, he could feel how icy cold they were. Panic overwhelming him, he rushed upstairs, urging, "Bring Lily here and call the doctor!"

In the room, Evan removed Caroline's wet coat and wrapped her in a blanket. Lily was taken aback

when she entered the room. "Sir, Ms. Shenton..."

Evan's voice boomed, cutting her off. "Fetch hot water to wipe her body!"

Lily quickly obeyed his orders, her mind racing. If Evan hadn't explicitly stated otherwise, she

would have thought that Caroline was already dead. Her face was so pale, resembling that of a

lifeless person.

As the hot water was brought, Evan snatched the towel from Lily's hands and began wiping

Caroline's body. He meticulously wiped from her head to her toes, repeating the process again and

again until the doctor arrived.

The doctor let out a sigh after examining Caroline. "Mr. Jordan, Ms. Shenton's body has always

been on the weak side. Given the severity of this cold, it will be challenging to nurse her back to

full health.”

Evan’s frustration boiled over, and he snapped at the doctor. “Did I call you here just to hear this?!”

The doctor was taken aback by Evan’s outburst but quickly composed himself. “I apologize, Mr.

Jordan. I will provide you with a list of foods that Ms. Shenton should consume to aid in her

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Evan’s jaw clenched unusually hard as he continued rubbing Caroline’s cold hands with his palms. Regret consumed him as he looked at the woman who lay so still, almost as if she were dead. Why had he left her there? Regardless of her mistakes, he shouldn’t have abandoned her alone.

Three days later, Caroline woke up in a daze. As soon as she opened her eyes, she saw the man sitting on the nearby couch. Stubble adorned his chin, and his hair was disheveled. Dark circles under his eyes betrayed his lack of sleep, and weariness marked his gaze. She quickly averted her gaze and closed her eyes once more.

He brought her back? novelbin

She really couldn’t bear his way of tormenting her and then trying to make it up to her.

Chapter 89

Chapter 89 It’d Be Tough To Get Revenge

Caroline wearily shifted her body, turning away from Evan. The mere sight of him was enough to make her wish she could disappear from the face of the earth.

Her movement caught the attention of the man who had been engrossed in a document. He looked up, rose swiftly from his seat, and approached the bed. His lips moved, but no words came out. After a moment, he turned to exit the room and called for Lily.

Lily hurried in, carrying food, and addressed Caroline. “Ms. Shenton?”

Caroline slowly opened her eyes and responded with a flat tone. “Mm.”

“I’m glad you’re awake. You should sit up and have some soup. You’ve been on drips for days, so your stomach might be upset.”

Caroline was taken aback and turned to look at Lily. “How long was I unconscious?”

“Three days, and sir hasn’t slept for three days either. He’s been using hot towels to clean your body every hour.”

“Don’t mention him.”

Caroline interrupted Lily, her eyes devoid of emotion. “I don’t want to hear about him or see him.”

Lily had heard a little something from Reuben about why Caroline was out for the past few days.

She knew very well why Caroline came back. But she had promised Caroline to keep it a secret.

Feeling the weight of Caroline’s cold gaze, Lily sighed inwardly.

“Alright, I won’t mention him. Can you sit up and have some soup?”

Caroline furrowed her brow. “Who checked on my condition?”

“The doctor. He said you need to focus on recovering your health. ”

Caroline felt a sense of relief upon hearing that

The fact that her babies were not mentioned indicated that they

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We were still unaware.

And she felt no discomfort in her abdomen, assuring her that her babies were doing well.

With Lily's assistance, she managed to sit up.

Only after slowly sipping the soup did she recline again.

"Ms. Shenton, I beg you not to leave, okay? This illness will linger if you don't take it seriously "

Caroline responded softly. "I understand."

For the sake of her babies, she had to regain her health.

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However, she had left her laptop in her rental house in Redwood Neighborhood. The submission

deadline was approaching.

After a brief pause, she spoke up. "Lily, I'll give you the passcode to my house. Could you get my laptop for me?"

Lily nodded. "Of course, just send me the location. I'll get it for you."

After Lily left, she reached for her phone on the bedside table and checked it.

Paige had sent her over a hundred messages and called her numerous times.

[Something happened, Paige. I can't send you the reader now.] She replied.

[I almost had a heart attack when the boss answered my call. How are you feeling? Are you still at Villa Rosa?] Paige replied promptly.

[Much better. If you have time, you can drop by, and I'll pass you the thing.] She texted back.

[I'll come by after work. There are two things I need to tell you. First, they replaced everyone in the secretary's office. Second, Daniella is actually a

Xander! It's going to be tough to get revenge on her with the Xanders backing her up.]

She couldn't believe that Daniella was truly a Xander.

But it didn't matter.

Even if she had to sacrifice everything, she wouldn't let that scheming bitch live happily ever

after!

However, why were all the secretaries replaced?

Could it be that Evan also suspected the other secretaries?

Secretaries...

She furrowed her brow, feeling like she had forgotten something.

This might be connected to the young secretary!

She appeared out of nowhere and asked her to come to the office.

The day she went, the company's confidential information was stolen.

After giving it some thought, she replied to Paige.

[Paige, can you investigate someone for me?]

[Who?]

[Cecilia Ford, the young secretary I used to mentor...] novelbin

Paige immediately called her as soon as she mentioned her suspicion.

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She began complaining the moment she picked up the call. "Caroline! Is this your pregnant brain talking again?! That person is clearly colluding with Daniella! Damn it. Just you wait, I'll have

someone follow her. I'll make sure justice is served for you!"

Caroline couldn't help but smile. "Sure, thank you."

As soon as she hung up with Paige, another call came in.

Chapter 90

Chapter 90 I Have News

Neil's name appeared on the screen.

Caroline picked up the call reluctantly. "What is it, Mr. Xander?"

"Where are you, Caroline?" Neil's voice sounded weary.

"Just get to the point, Mr. Xander," she replied calmly.

There was a brief pause before he spoke again. "I don't think Daniella is my sister."

"What does that have to do with me?" she asked, her tone composed.

"Are you still at Villa Rosa?" Neil inquired.

"Yes."

"Caroline, would you be willing to take a DNA test with me?"

"Mr. Xander, didn't you already do that with Daniella? If you did, and she is your sister, why are you involving me? So people can mock me?" There was a hint of frustration in her voice.

Neil's voice resonated with helplessness. "I don't believe it. But it's fine if you don't want to go

through with it. I'll continue my investigation."

She felt perplexed. She couldn't fathom why he was so stubborn.

How could the Xanders be careless in verifying their own family members?

If it had already been confirmed, why was he still denying it?

She responded dismissively, her words lacking conviction. “I can’t stop you from doing what you want, Mr. Xander, so you don’t have to inform me about it.

“In any case, I’m glad you still remember our agreement. I’ll hang up if there’s nothing else.”

“...Alright.”

Caroline closed her eyes wearily after ending the call.

She could already envision how arrogant Daniella would act in front of her.

All she could do was hope that the information she had obtained from Daniella’s phone would

prove useful.

In the evening, Paige arrived at Villa Rosa and was led upstairs by Lily

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As soon as she entered the room, she rushed to Caroline. “Caroline, you look like a worn-out mess!”

Caroline instinctively touched her face. “I haven’t seen myself in the mirror.”

Paige settled down by the bed and surveyed the room. “Wow, this must be the boss’s room?”

Caroline nodded. “Yes.”

“It’s suffocating in here! It’s a wonder that you don’t go crazy!” Paige exclaimed, bewildered. ”

Everything is black, except for the gray walls.”

Caroline didn’t know whether to laugh or sigh. She reached under her pillow, retrieved the reader,

and handed it to Paige.

“How soon can you retrieve the data?”

Paige swiftly tucked it into her pocket. "Tonight. My friend said he can get it within three hours."

Caroline nodded. "I hope the data proves useful this time."

"Forget about the data!" Paige glanced at the door and lowered her voice. "You asked me to

investigate Cecília. I have some news! Her grandmother is in the hospital. I had my friend inquire

about it.

"Guess what? She recently paid a medical fee of 5,000 dollars. Normally, she would only pay less

than 500 dollars at a time."

Caroline hadn't expected Paige to gather the information so quickly.

She looked down and said, "It seems my instincts were right. She was colluding with someone to

plot against me."

"So there's definitely a bank transfer record in Daniella's phone!"

"I'll text you tonight. Let's wait for her to finally get the punishment she deserves!"

Caroline felt a mix of emotions.

She sensed that things might not be as straightforward as they seemed.

However, she had obtained the evidence. What could possibly go wrong? novelbin

She couldn't figure it out. Perhaps her recent chaotic life had made her overly suspicious.

She nodded. "Alright, please..."

Before she could finish her sentence, the door suddenly swung open.

Daniella appeared, wearing a smug expression as she glanced disdainfully at Caroline in bed and Paige next to her

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“I was wondering why there was a car parked downstairs. So, I see we have an uninvited guest.

Paige immediately stood up. “What? You thought a man came? Were you trying to catch a lover in

the act?”