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"Mr. Johns! I must speak with you immediately!" Mina called out, her voice echoing urgently.

Madisyn turned to face Mina, her expression icy, her eyes piercing. "It appears you are quite eager to part ways with the company."

"Regardless of my future here, Mr. Johns deserves to know this!" Mina retorted, casting a pointed look at Dane who was inside his car. She leaned closer and said, "Mr. Johns, Madisyn has been cheating on you."

Dane's reaction was a flicker of shock, his composure momentarily shattered.

Mina's lips curled into a smug smile; Dane was clearly blindsided by the revelation.

Dane emerged from his vehicle, his towering frame and imposing presence drawing immediate attention. He addressed Mina with a frosty calm. "What are you talking about?"

"I speak only the truth. And I have evidence to prove it," Mina asserted confidently, pulling out her phone. "Here, look at this. Madisyn exited a car that isn't hers!"

Madisyn regarded Mina with a steely, cold gaze, her annoyance palpable.

Dane's face, usually composed and suave, took on a stormy expression as he scrutinized the photograph, a chilling aura enveloping him.

Mina, basking in her perceived victory, braced herself for the spectacle she had ignited.

Surely Dane would not overlook such a betrayal!

She was nearly giddy with anticipation of Madisyn's downfall.

Dane finally broke the silence, his voice low and daunting. 'Is this what

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"Yes, precisely! Madisyn, here you are, at Mr. Johns's company, blatantly betraying him. How do you justify your actions?" Mina said eagerly.

"I was asking yout" Dane snapped back, his voice icy, sending shivers down Mina's spine as she met his glare, sharp and threatening.

"But Mr. Johns, I'm doing this in your interest!" Mina protested, her voice faltering.

"You hold the position of vice president. Your role is to support her, yet you've chosen to indulge in these trivial pursuits," Dane stated, his gaze piercing and tinged with stark disappointment.

Mina's mind went blank. "But isn't this for your benefit? She's not the right person for you. She's a slut..."

"You don't need to report to work tomorrow." Dane cut her off curtly, making his decision clear without further justification. He took Madisyn by the arm, helping her get into the car.

As the luxury vehicle pulled away, Mina was left standing alone, her mind reeling from the swift turn of events.

The reality of her dismissal sank in as she watched the taillights fade into the distance. Confusion clouded her thoughts. She struggled to grasp why Dane had chosen to terminate her, not Madisyn.

The harsh reality was confirmed when her phone rang with a call from the HR department—she was officially fired.

All her years of dedication to climbing to the vice presidency seemed to evaporate in an instant.

Tears threatened to flow as the weight of her dismissal settled in, but then her phone buzzed with a new message from Michelle.

"Ms. Atkins, Natural Beauty isn't the place for you. Why not join us at Migge Skincare? We'll value what you can bring to the table!"

In the car, Dane turned to Madisyn with a look of sincere apology.

"I'm truly sorry, Madisyn. I haven't expected such behavior from Mina."

Madisyn shrugged slightly, unfazed. "It's fine. She was never really a threat to me."

"I'll find someone new to help you at work."

Madisyn paused, then replied, "Actually, there's no need. I already have someone in mind, and I've got the hang of things around the company."

"Okay then," Dane said, not pressing further. After all, it was just a small venture, and he only wanted Madisyn to enjoy her role.

Upon arriving at home, they were greeted by the comforting aroma of dinner.

Elaine hurried over to Madisyn, her hands gently framing Madisyn's face as she looked at her with evident concern.

"My dear, why are you pushing yourself so hard? You've been coming home so late these past days," Elaine lamented, having seen Madisyn only in the evening for some time. She turned her complaining gaze to Dane. "Didn't I ask you to lighten her load? You've let her overwork herself. You're not being a helpful brother."

Glenn, lounging on the sofa, chimed in, reinforcing the sentiment. "Dane, you really need to prioritize family over work. It's about time you learn that."

Dane, finding himself the target of familial disapproval, was left without

After a while, he said, "I think Mom and Dad have a point. I'll make sure to be more attentive to you going forward, Madisyn."

Madisyn immediately clarified, "Actually, Dane has been very supportive. It's me who insisted on handling the company issues alone."

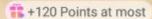
"Really?" Elaine still looked unconvinced, her eyes filled with concern.
"But, Madisyn, there's no need to push yourself so hard. Our family's
wealth is more than sufficient to sustain us for generations."

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Madisyn coughed slightly.

She had always known she was well-off, but the scale of her family's legacy was something else entirely.

"Madisyn is just eager to make her mark and prove her capabilities to you all," Kristine chimed in softly.

Her words seemed to echo unheard in the living room as everyone's attention remained fixed on Madisyn.

Kristine's fingers tightened slightly, as she looked at Dane, who surely felt the same sense of being overlooked.

At dinner, Kristine, seeking some solidarity, chose to sit next to Dane, offering him soup while voicing a gentle observation. "Morn and Dad really do dote on Madisyn."

Dane responded smoothly, his face showing no hint of jealousy, "It took us so long to be reunited with Madisyn. It's natural for them to dote on her."

Kristine bit her lip slightly before saying, "It used to be you who they valued the most, Dane."



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