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North responded, "I told her to look for you because you were looking for a girlfriend."

Brian chuckled. "Did you freak out last night? Was that why you went to your mother's room?"

North stared at him. "Are you jealous because you can't do that? Is that why you've been trying to talk down to me?"

Brian snorted and refuted, "Why can't I do that? Of course, I can share a room with my mother!"

North looked at him contemptuously. "Isn't it embarrassing for someone as old as you to share a room with his mother?"

Brian responded, "Of course, not. No matter how old I am, I'll always be my mommy's son!"

Hearing these exchanges at the dining table, Eugene jumped in, "That sounds perfect then. You can stay here for one more night to fulfill your filial duty as a son."

North was delighted to hear that. "Grandma, Uncle Brian wants to stay for a couple more days to spend time with you!"

Brian was rendered speechless by their attacks.

Ellen was in the kitchen when she heard that and she treated it as something serious as she turned to Brian. "Really?"

Not wanting to disappoint her, Brian was left with no choice but to agree. "Uh-huh."

North exchanged a look with Eugene and was delighted to be on the same page as his father.

Whilst at the dining table, Ellen knew that they were about to leave as well as the fact that Lara and Edward would now use Isaac as a catalyst to spark conflict between the brothers.

As such, after they went back, they might have to confront them head-on.

No matter how much she tried, Eugene would never want his grandfather to be the middleman in this conflict. But right now, they desperately wanted to get on with it, so how could Eugene just sit back and watch?

At this point, Ellen could not help but repeat, "Eugene, Brian, I still want to repeat the same thing: no matter how many mistakes Edward made, he's still your father after all. Please don't do anything too disrespectful when you get back."

Eugene sneered. "He didn't fulfill his responsibilities as a father. Mom, the fact that you were fortunate enough to survive was not because he turned over a new leaf but how much we've tried our best to protect you. I don't know where to draw the line, but for one, I know that I have to retaliate for whatever he did to me. An eye for an eye is my way of doing things. Since he did what he did, he should bear the consequences!"

Ellen inhaled deeply and tried to negotiate, "Please promise me that no matter what you do, you have to spare his life."

Eugene and Brian were both quiet, appearing to protest in silence.

Ellen could not control her tears from streaming down her face. "I insisted on marrying him, so it's my greediness that caused everything that you went through. If anyone is to be blamed, it should be me!"

Eugene was not too happy to hear that. "What does it have to do with you? Since Edward decided to marry you, he should bear the responsibility. He had an affair with Lara first before plotting everything including your assassination. What he did is truly unforgivable!"

Right now, Ellen was in tears. "You all came to this world because of him—he gave you life. Since I'm fine right now, why do you want to make him pay?"

Eugene no longer wanted to discuss this with his mother. If he did not kill him, he would be allowing him to continue to do evil, wouldn't he?

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It was already evening when they arrived home, and they were all exhausted and sleepy from the journey. As such, Eugene decided to just order takeout from a restaurant.

After having dinner, North went back to his room to look into what happened before while Eugene lay on the couch, feeling rather tired.

Meanwhile, Olivia asked, "What's going on?"

"Nothing. You must be tired from the trip." As Eugene continued, he pulled her down to sit on the couch with him.

Olivia responded, "I'm okay. What's on your mind?"

Eugene replied, "I think it's time for me to fight back."

Olivia asked, "What are your plans?"

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Eugene glanced over at Olivia. "Isn't Lara's company the most important thing to her? How will she react if I bought the Roberts Group?"

"Under the Nolan Group? Isn't your dad also a shareholder at the Roberts Group? He won't agree to it."

He scowled at her. "I'm the head of the Nolan Family!"

"I think your dad still deserves to know about Lara's true colors!"

He scoffed. "Edward and Lara have been married for so long. Do you really think he doesn't know what kind of person she is?"

Olivia looked at him. "That's because your dad feels like he owes Lara because he married someone else even though she saved him and even got disfigured. But will that still be the case once he finds out the truth? Also, don't you think there was something fishy about that fire? Why did Lara leave the country and come back again? You should be looking into all of this!"

Even though he did not say anything, he knew that she was right.

Grabbing his hand, she continued, "I know you didn't make any promises to your mom, but you're the one who's not planning on forgiving him. You don't necessarily have to see things through to the end if you want to punish someone. If you make him aware of the truth and let him regret the actions he took back then, wouldn't it be more meaningful to see him repent to your mom?"

His eyes closed as he held her in his arms. "Before this, I was never able to understand. He was the one who wronged my mother, so why couldn't I take revenge on him?"

"What about now? Is it still hard to understand?"

Shaking his head, he said, "Not anymore. You're right. I have to make him live in regret forever. He has to live the rest of his life in atonement to my mom!"

She nodded. "Yes. Let's secretly do some digging on our own first. We don't want Lara to bring harm to Grandpa when she starts to panic."

"I know."

The next day, it had been three days since Eugene went to Promise Island and failed to show up at work.

As a result, people at the company started speculating amongst themselves.

“President Nolan hasn’t been to work for three days now. This is a miracle!”

“Even Curtis doesn’t know where he is. It almost feels like he’s gone missing.”

“You don’t think someone could’ve abducted our president, do you?”

“What are you saying? Who would be bold enough to abduct him?”

At this moment, a woman suddenly stood out. “Is President Nolan someone you can talk about behind his back? Have you all finished your work?”

The crowd dispersed. Someone asked in a small voice, “Who is that?”

“Samantha Yapp. She was hired a few days ago as the president’s new secretary.”

“We’re secretaries too. Why is she such a snob?”

“I heard she was the first secretary of the foreign company, Kanes Corporation. She has managed several big projects before. She also holds the record for sealing the most business deals within a year.

No one has been able to surpass her to date.”

“Oh, no wonder she’s such a snob. But why did she quit?”

“Who knows? Let’s just focus on our jobs and not get on her bad side.”

When Eugene came back to work, all the chatter stopped abruptly and the speculations that were made earlier were instantly disproved.

The moment he arrived at his office, Samantha walked up to him. “President Nolan.”

A frown appeared on his forehead when he saw the woman who was dressed in Nolan Group’s work attire and who had a small face with big eyes, a small mouth, and a pointed chin. She was quite beautiful but seemed unfamiliar to him.

“You are...”

She had a put-together smile on her face. “I’m Samantha Yapp, your new secretary. I started three days ago.”

He was stunned as if he was unaware of such a thing.

Before this, Curtis had interviewed her. They were going to hire a salesperson, but she came to apply for the position as the president’s secretary. Because she had a brilliant resume, Curtis brought it up to Eugene who then hired her on the spot. He had not met her in person before and had only seen a photo of her.

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They met for the first time today. “Oh, I remember now. Have you gone through the induction procedures?”

Samantha nodded. “Mr. Wood helped me with it.”

“I heard you were working at Kanes Corporation prior to this. Why did you leave your job?”

“I wanted to return to my roots. After spending years overseas, I wanted to develop my career back home and Nolan Group was my first choice.”

He was very satisfied with her answer. The reason she gave and the way she spoke were pleasing to hear. “Why did you make our company your first choice?”

“Nolan Group is well-known all over the world. There isn’t a person who doesn’t dream of such a huge career development.”

Eugene nodded along as he listened. “How long did you work at Kanes Corporation?”

“For six years.”

“Were you the one who got the project with Continental Group?”

She answered straightforwardly, “Yes.”

“Tell me your thoughts on Kanes Corporation and Continental Group.”

“Kanes Corporation is my former company. They treat their employees well and have good welfare and benefits. Looking at long-term business prospects, though, I think Continental Group exceeds Kanes

Corporation. These days, traditional business operations are slowly being replaced by digital operations. Big data should be at the core of a company. A company that masters the use of big data will be the winner!”

His eyebrows shot up, showing that he was impressed with her answer. “Not bad.”

“I heard that Nolan Group is also developing this smart technology.”

Glancing over her information once again, he said, "Yes. You should come with me to the negotiation at noon today. I'll have Curtis send you the details later so you can prepare for it."

"Yes, President Nolan."

"You may leave now. I'll call you if I need anything."

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North spent a long time searching last night, but it was just as Ellen had mentioned: there was no security monitoring system thirty years ago so there was nothing for him to find. All he could do was slowly comb through the classmates they had gatherings with and the owner of the hotel. However, the information he got was not very helpful. Finally, he decided to return to the Will-o'-Wisp Headquarters and use their network to continue searching. After all, their network was connected to all the information in the world. Without Will-o'-Wisp, he would not be able to find anything.

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The following day, Olivia took North to the Will-o'-Wisp Headquarters. She was not too worried so she did not wait for him there. Once she dropped him off, she returned to her studio right away. On her way back, she received a call from Marcus whose exasperated voice came through the phone as soon as she answered. "Did you think your film would screen itself after you went for that audition?"

Olivia knew that she was in the wrong. The film crew had started filming earlier on, but she had gone to an audition that day. After that, she thought about treating Brian first before returning to the set. In the end, however, Eugene had tricked her into going to Promise Island, which caused that delay.

"I know, but I've been busy these few days. Here; how about I go to the film set tomorrow and the day after?"

There was still anger in his voice. "Director Norris has been calling me for the past few days and I don't even know what to say to him. If you still don't show up, I will find someone else. I've never met a less devoted actor than you!"

She sneered to herself. "Go ahead. It's not like I want to be in this film that badly. Who was the one who insisted that I had to act in this?"

"Don't think you're that great just because you've been in one movie before. If I had known that you were such a handful, getting a new actress and letting her familiarize herself with the script would still be easier than dealing with you."

"What are you waiting for? Look for one quickly. There's still time!"

He grunted. "Don't be ungrateful! Who do you think I'm doing this for?"

As she walked down the steps, she said, "Me, me, me. You're only being this demanding because you want me to become a global superstar. But I was out these few days and I just came back. I have to visit the studio. I'll go tomorrow, okay?"

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Marcus snorted. "That's more like it!"

On the other hand, Olivia let out a long sigh of relief. Her cousin often became heartless whenever he was angry and would scold anyone without scruples, often causing her to be confused as to who was the boss.

The taxi stopped at the door of the studio. As soon as she got down from the taxi, Sophia came to greet her. "Miss Olivia, you're finally back. Miss Thomas is waiting for you inside."

Olivia was surprised. "Kate?"

Sophia replied, "Yes, along with a man."

A man? Knitting her eyebrows, Olivia asked, "Who?"

“I don’t know. I’ve never met him.”

Could it be that Kate has a new boyfriend? Olivia thought to herself. She suddenly felt anxious so she strode in with big steps. Then, she saw that man. It wasn’t her new boyfriend, but Jasper.

“Why are the both of you here?”

Smiling, Kate put away her phone. “You’re here. I was just about to call you!”

Olivia smiled and asked, “What’s wrong?”

In a mysterious tone, Kate explained, “Good news. Our magazine is designing its front cover featuring the top tier celebrity, Summer Monroe. I thought that it would be great to let her wear your clothes and

advertise your products for free since she’s famous. That’s why I’m here. What do you think? Am I a helpful friend?”

Olivia laughed. “Yes; you’re very helpful!” To be honest, she wasn’t planning to advertise her products since her studio’s sale was doing well. However, she couldn’t turn down her friend’s kindness. Besides, it would be beneficial to the both of them. Yet, she slowly furrowed her eyebrows. “What is the celebrity’s name that you mentioned?”

Kate replied, “Summer Monroe.”

Olivia was surprised. Wasn’t Summer the lead of Nine-Tailed Fox No.7, who went to the ceremony of the first shooting only to sign her attendance and leave? She was indeed famous and extremely haughty. However, she did have the right to act haughtily because she was close with John so she had countless resources.

It turned out that they were in the same film crew. On the contrary, Kate was extremely excited. “It took a huge amount of Jasper’s effort to invite Summer so quickly, so do choose a few sets of clothes for me. I’ll bring them for the shooting.”

Olivia agreed and told Sophia to help in choosing a few sets of clothes.

“You should choose different styles of clothes,” Kate advised.

Feeling suspicious, Olivia asked, “I heard that she’s shooting movies lately, right?”

“That’s why it isn’t easy to invite her. Rumor is there’s an actor who hasn’t shown up until now and is delaying the shooting progress. Therefore, Summer is free for two days.”

Olivia’s lips twitched. Was she the actor that hadn’t shown up that they were talking about?

While they were chatting and laughing, the door of the studio suddenly opened. In walked Nathan, with a woman following close behind. When everyone looked in their direction, the whole world seemed to be muted.

Upon seeing Kate, Nathan froze on the spot. He gazed at the woman in front of him, reluctant to look away. She had lost weight and became prettier. Standing beside Jasper, they seemed like a matching couple. Had he truly lost her?

As for Kate, she didn’t expect to bump into the person she least wanted to meet when she was in Olivia’s studio, which she rarely visited. Truth be told, who was she lying to when she said that she didn’t want to meet him? Only she herself knew how much she missed him! However, she would feel so awkward whenever she met him, feeling like she was nothing but a joke.

Although it was just a quick glance, she got a clear look at the man in front of her. He definitely lost a lot of weight and even grew a beard. To top it all off, his eyes were bloodshot, causing him to look dejected.

Expression indifferent, Kate looked at the woman behind him, who had a beautiful face and a petite physique. She was adorable and had a similar vibe to Melanie. Looking down, Kate couldn’t help but smiled mockingly at herself. As expected, a man’s words could never be trusted.

He said that he didn't like Melanie and that he would wait for her forever. He even said that she was the only one he loved. Was this what he meant by loving her or waiting for her? If she did not bump into him today, perhaps she would even believe that he had turned over a new leaf!

On the other hand, Olivia finally pulled herself out from this awkward situation. She didn't expect that they would bump into each other here either! But what was going on now? Did Nathan have a new girlfriend? "Why are you here?" she asked Nathan.

Seemingly coming back to his senses, Nathan replied, "I came to see North."

Olivia countered, "He's not here."

Furrowing his eyebrows, Nathan asked, "Where did he go?"

"He went out with his friends. Is something the matter?"

"Yeah. My new game is not going smoothly. I was hoping he could help me with that," Nathan responded.

Olivia suggested, "Why don't you come to my house tonight? He'll be back at night."

Nathan nodded. "Alright." After that, he threw a deep look at Kate and Jasper before reluctantly averting his gaze. "I'll get going now!"

Olivia hummed briefly and watched him as he left. It was only after his figure vanished from her sight that she turned to look at Kate.

Kate, on the other hand, seemed unbothered and calm on the outside but only she herself knew if she was fine. Judging from her stiff posture when she stood there and the smile on her lips that looked miserable, she was probably bleeding her heart out.

Even Olivia couldn't accept it when another woman appeared beside Nathan. Not to mention Kate, who hadn't forgotten about him. It must be extremely hard and painstaking for Kate to suppress her emotions to be able to maintain her composure. Olivia couldn't help but feel heartbroken for them. Why would the pair of them, who loved each other so much, end up this way?

Seemingly sensing Kate's emotions, Jasper reached out to touch her shoulder without saying a word. She looked at him in gratitude before discreetly dodging out of his hold.

At that moment, Sophia had picked the clothes and brought out six bags, all of which had a set of clothes each. Kate walked over to get the bags. Looking at Olivia's worried expression, she deliberately smiled and said, "To be honest, that famous celebrity is so picky that she despises our clothes; that's why I came to get your clothes."

Surprisingly, Olivia was calm. "I guessed it from the start."

Stepping forward, Kate gave Olivia a hug. If there weren't so many people here, she would've broken down in tears while hugging Olivia. But now, she could only conceal it with a smile. "You deserve a hug since you didn't expose me after finding out my motive. You're such a good friend."

Patting Kate's back, Olivia whispered, "I'll ask him about that tonight." Then, she deliberately raised her voice. "Don't forget to pay me for the clothes!"

Kate tried her best to swallow back her tears before stepping out of Olivia's embrace. Smiling, she blinked at Olivia. "Sure. I'll pay you after I earn some money."

She looked unperturbed, but Olivia knew that she was pretending to be strong.

"I'll carry the bags," Jasper said as he came over to get the bags of clothes from Kate, but she rejected his help. "It's alright."

He didn't let go of the bags and his tone was light when he said, "I'm still able to carry a few bags of clothes."

In the end, Kate didn't argue with him and left after saying goodbye to Olivia. On the way back, she didn't say a word and only focused on the view outside the car. Yet, she wasn't seeing anything because her mind was preoccupied with the scene earlier, where Nathan opened the door and a woman came in behind him.

He really was busy and didn't even give himself a breather; it wasn't long before he had a new girlfriend again. But she was still naïve and foolish to believe what he had said. She even stupidly got into a fight with Melanie because she humiliated him!

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Oh Kate. What are you doing and what were you expecting?

"Bad mood?"

Jasper suddenly spoke, jolting her back to her senses. Eyes vacant, she then looked at him and replied on auto-pilot, "No."

Jasper looked at her and said with a smile, "When you're down, you don't talk."

Smiling awkwardly, Kate replied, "R-Really? Since when did you know me so well?"

Jasper chuckled. "When you like someone, it's only natural to care about everything she does."

Startled, Kate's heart almost skipped a beat while she stared at Jasper in surprise. "W-What are you talking about?"

Jasper glanced at her. "What do you think I'm talking about?"

His look was as deep as the ocean, causing Kate to avoid his gaze out of reflex. "I don't know what you're talking about!"

Feeling helpless, Jasper asked, "Can you tell me about you and him?"

Kate looked at him in surprise. "You mean Nathan?"

"Yeah," Jasper replied. "You seem to care about him a lot."

Out of reflex, Kate denied. "No. We're just friends who split up because of some misunderstanding."

Jasper's eyes seemed like they could gauge one's soul as he prompted, "Do you like him?"

Instinctively, she replied, "No!"

He pressed, "Do you like me then?"

All at once, Kate was stunned. Panicked, she averted her gaze while bantering as usual, "Don't pull my leg. You should know that a boyfriend is the most unreliable person of all!"

Jasper took a deep breath and reassured, "Don't feel pressured; I was just asking. You don't have to put up your guard against me. Even if I'm not your boyfriend, we're still friends, aren't we? After all, we've known each other for so long."

Looking at Jasper, Kate suddenly felt inexplicably guilty. He had helped her a lot and he was truly a gentleman, who was always considerate of others' feelings. He had never made things difficult for her and due to that, she felt even more sorry for him because she couldn't give him anything. Perhaps that was how feelings worked. The best might not be the one she fell for. Looking at him, she nodded. "Alright."

Staring at her, Jasper said, "Haven't you realized? Usually, the reason one cannot accept someone else is because they have another person in their hearts."

Kate pursed her lips and remained silent.

Jasper continued, "What I'm trying to say is, every girl is an angel who should be coddled. Therefore, you must find a man that loves you wholeheartedly. Don't ever get upset by someone unworthy and definitely don't waste your love on them!"

Kate smiled. "Thank you. I understand."

Jasper then said, "Alright then; stop thinking about it. Summer is waiting for our clothes."

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After that, both of them went back to the magazine publisher. Kate told Jasper to wait for her in the office whereas she headed straight to the photo studio. She knew that Summer was hard to please so she didn't even ask her assistant to send the clothes in. Instead, she brought the clothes over herself.

Meanwhile, Summer was leisurely sitting on the rocking chair while playing with her phone. Beside her, the assistant was massaging her legs. As soon as Kate walked in, she politely apologized, "Miss Summer, sorry to make you wait. You'll definitely like the clothes that I bring you this time."

However, Summer didn't raise her head or open her eyes nor did she respond to Kate's words. She just sat there and continued playing on her phone.

Kate wasn't bothered by that. After all, Summer was a top tier celebrity and it was truly an honor to have her working on the cover of their small magazine. Therefore, it was only natural for Summer to act haughtily.

While placing the bags on the floor, Kate explained, "Our theme this time emphasizes on fashion elements. The clothes from Olivia Maxwell Studio are leading the fashion and with the jewellery from Luck & Diamonds, we'll surely get a perfect photo!"

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Upon hearing that, Summer finally looked at Kate and asked, "Who?"

Kate was stunned for a second before she answered, "Olivia. Olivia Maxwell Studio. Her clothes are not only superb in quality, the design is also outstanding. I guarantee that you'll like it when you see them!"

"I've worn countless branded clothes," Summer sneered. "It's just a small studio, but the way you put it is like I've never experienced anything like it."

Patently, Kate placated, "Yes, I'm sure you have worn all kinds of branded clothes, Miss Summer. I'm just trying to say that the clothes from Olivia Maxwell Studio come highly recommended by many. Let me show you!" While speaking, Kate took out a sky blue sleeveless long dress. It was translucent at the collar and light blue at the chest, embellished with lace. It's translucent material seemed to reveal the skin underneath, making it look extremely alluring. Not to mention the fabric was of good quality, which made the dress all the more stunning.

Summer's eyes lit up in delight but the minute she remembered that it was from Olivia Maxwell Studio, she deliberately tried to find fault. "These obviously look cheap. Do you think that they're fit for me?"

Kate was utterly speechless. How did these look like cheap clothes? However, she had no choice but to comfort Summer. "Don't panic, Miss Summer. There are other choices. How about this dress?"

Kate then took out another red dress and asked, "Miss Summer, how about this? Red is a tough color to handle but I think that it'll look gorgeous on you. Shall we try it on?"

Lying on the chair, Summer lazily looked up and countered, "Red? What poor taste. Next!"

Kate stood rooted to the spot and was staring hard at Summer as she tried to suppress the urge to slap her. Deep down inside, she cursed, Who do you think you are? Stop acting haughtily! I should throw you out with all your belongings! But in reality, Kate restrained herself for the sake of her employees. Then, she continued to take out the remaining dresses from the bag.

However, Summer had truly crossed the line. No matter which dress Kate showed her, she would give her a perfunctory comment before rejecting it. The last piece was a midnight blue gown, soft to the touch and as light as a feather. Even without putting it on, it truly looked exquisite.

Kate thought that Summer wouldn't be able to find any fault with this dress but unexpectedly, that problematic woman glanced at it and said, "What kind of color is that? That's disastrous. Next!"

Kate sighed. "This is the last one."

Knitting her eyebrows, Summer said, "Then go find some other dresses!"

Kate suppressed her anger and said, "I've shown you at least 20 pieces but none suits your preference. It's reasonable that you dislike the earlier dresses since they're not designed by famous designers. However, you don't even like the clothes from Olivia Maxwell Studio and I'm starting to doubt your taste. I know that our magazine publisher isn't famous and you've been humble enough to accept our invitation. That's why you're not satisfied no matter how meticulously we try. In that case, I think we should end our collaboration."

Summer thought that she had misheard Kate and she asked in disbelief, "What did you say?"

Kate responded, "I'll explain to President Liam that it's not your problem but mine. It's my fault that I failed to please you." She couldn't make it hard for Jasper. After all, he was the one who contacted President Liam, who then asked Summer to make a trip here.

All at once, Summer shot up from the chair and mocked, "You're dismissing me? Who do you think you are to push me away? You should be honored that I came! Just look at the clothes that you brought me; are they even fit for humans?"

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Kate almost suffocated in anger. Just when she was about to speak, an icy voice of a man suddenly interrupted, "Which dress isn't for humans?"

Upon hearing that voice, Summer instinctively wanted to refute but when she saw that it was Jasper who walked in, she chose to keep quiet. This man was a friend of John and was the one who suggested to John to send her over. Evidently, John was willing to listen to this man so she'd better not offend him! Therefore, she lifted her chin slightly while replying, "I don't like the clothes that Miss Thomas brought over. How dare she bring me clothes of such poor quality? It obviously looks cheap."

Before she could finish her sentence, Jasper interrupted, "Why did I invite you here if not for you to bring out the nobility of cheap clothes? Besides, I've seen the clothes from her studio and they're all of high quality. Why did you find fault in them? Are you unhappy to shoot for our cover photo or are you just itching for a fight? I would've been more convinced if you'd said that you can't bring out the classiness of the clothes!"

Jasper wasn't sparing Summer's feelings when he said that and it caused her to feel embarrassed and angry. "Jasper, how dare you go against me for a mere editor? Regardless of my willingness, I came for President Liam's sake. Shouldn't you be overwhelmed with gratitude? How dare you humiliate me?"

Jasper sneered, "Humiliate you? You've overestimated yourself. Who do you think you are?"

Kate was worried and discreetly nudged Jasper. "Forget it. It's just a collaboration. If it works, we'll go with it but if it doesn't, we'll just end it. It's not worth affecting the relationship with your friend because of this matter."

However, Summer vented her anger at Kate and she shouted, "It seems like you're aware that you're the culprit of this dispute! You've got quite a huge temper for someone with no ability. What's wrong

with finding clothes that I like? Even famous magazine publishers overseas won't dare offend me, much less a small magazine publisher like yours. Look at the cheap clothes you brought over. Did you pick them up from the dumpster?" While she was ranting, she pulled out the clothes of Olivia Maxwell Studio from the bag and threw them on the floor before stomping on them.

Brimming with anger, Kate pushed her away. "What are you doing?"

Summer snorted. "What am I doing? I'm just telling you these clothes should stay in the dumpster. If you can't find nice clothes, please don't shamelessly invite me over for a shoot!"

Glaring at Summer, Kate's long-suppressed anger finally erupted and she shouted, "What's wrong with you?"

Summer was stunned for a second before rage seized her as well. "Do you know who you're talking to? Do you know that I'm able to shut your magazine publisher down with just one sentence?"

Kate chuckled coldly as she countered, "Just one sentence? You sure think highly of yourself. Now, get lost and stay as far away as you can!"

Summer nodded fiercely. "Fine. Just you wait and see!" With that, she looked at Jasper and added, "We'll see who's the one who doesn't appreciate favors. I hope that you'll tell President Liam the truth!"

"Don't worry," Jasper sneered. "I'll definitely tell him the truth!"

Summer didn't expect him to not spare her feelings. Snorting, she arrogantly stormed off in her high heels. Kate was feeling embarrassed when she looked at Jasper. "I'm sorry for not restraining myself."

Upon hearing that, he broke out into a smile. "You don't have to be sorry. I'm the one who lost my temper. Don't worry; I'll explain it to President Liam."

She sighed internally and lamented, "Birds of different feathers shouldn't fly together. Even if we force it to work, it would only turn out to be a terrible idea that only an insane person could come up with."

Jasper felt that there was an underlying meaning to her words. Even so, he smiled and asked, "Then are we the same kind of people?"

Kate smiled. "It depends if you, a big boss, is willing to befriend me, a commoner."

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Jasper smiled too. "I'm more than willing to!"

Laughing, Kate said, "Somehow, I feel like I'm roping you into trouble."

“That’s not true,” Jasper refuted. “I roped myself in!”

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Olivia was surprised that her clothes were sent back within two hours. Looking at the six bags of clothes, she asked, “What’s wrong? She doesn’t like it?”

Kate sighed. “That’s not it. She’s just deliberately finding fault. Even the clothes from the world-renowned fashion designer, Angel, can’t please her. Isn’t she obviously trying to find fault in everything?”

“What will you do?” Olivia asked, to which Kate replied, “Hmph! What can I do? Nothing! I told her to get lost out of anger.”

Olivia was surprised and asked, “You ended the shooting session?”

Kate lamented, “Yeah. You have no idea how frustrating she can be...” She then related the ins and outs of what had happened in the photo studio to Olivia. After that, she pointed at one of the clothing bags and mumbled, “Summer even stomped on one of the clothes just now. What should we do? Should we send it for dry cleaning or should I pay you back the exact price?”

Olivia said coldly, “Pay me back the exact price!”

“Can I work here as compensation?”

“What can you do?”

Kate touched her own face and said narcissistically, “I think I can be a model with my beautiful features.”

Olivia pointed at those mannequins. “I think they’ll do a better job than you.”

Hugging her, Kate grumbled, "Please don't do this to me. We're best friends who grew up together, after all. I think I'll be a good model."

Olivia glared at her as she retorted, "You want to quit your job as a magazine editor and work as a model for me? I don't even know where to start with you!"

Feeling helpless, Kate sighed. "It's equivalent to offending President Liam if I offend Summer. I don't even know when my magazine publisher will stop operating."

"Jasper and John are friends but Summer can only be considered as John's lover at most. I don't think he'll fall out with Jasper because of her."

Kate asked, "What about the cover of my magazine's latest edition then?"

After pondering, Olivia looked at Kate as she asked, "Did Summer mock that my clothes are from the dumpster?"

Kate nodded firmly. "Yes, she did. She even said that your clothes are cheap and it made me so frustrated. How dare she despise the clothes from others when she herself dresses sloppily?"

Olivia burst out laughing in response. "How long does it take to shoot a magazine cover?"

"It depends. If all goes smoothly, perhaps only a few hours. But if the model is as problematic as Summer, there won't be any progress even after two days."

Olivia patted her clothes and asked curiously, "What about me?"

Kate was stunned and stared at Olivia without blinking. Then, she suddenly shouted in excitement, "Ah! Olivia, do you mean that you'll help me to shoot for the magazine cover?"

Knitting her eyebrows, Olivia covered her ears with her hands. "Hush, lower your voice. Who are you trying to startle?"

Overwhelmed with excitement, Kate hugged Olivia and kissed her face. "Come, darling. Tell me, why did you suddenly decide to shoot for the magazine cover? Did you feel sorry and heartbroken to see me suffering so you decided to take action and retaliate on my behalf?" Kate was acting coquettishly and pretentiously.

Expression unchanging, Olivia pushed her away while she commented, "You're thinking too much."

Kate pursed her lips and countered, "If you don't tell me, I won't let you become famous!"

"So?"

In a frivolous manner, Kate lifted Olivia's chin while teasing, "Admit it, darling. You've fallen in love with me."

Olivia was so frustrated that she laughed. "You're such a drama queen!"

Kate laughed heartily as well. "When are we leaving?"

Olivia glared at her before replying, "Right now. I won't be free after today once I enter the film set."

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Feeling suspicious, Kate asked, "Enter the film set? What film set?"

"The set for Nine-Tailed Fox No.7," Olivia explained.

"What? You're acting in a drama?"

Olivia retorted, "Do you have a problem with that?"

Laughing, Kate replied, "Oh, my God! A future celebrity will be shooting for my magazine cover. I feel that I'll have a bright future ahead of me!"

Olivia interrupted, "What are you waiting for?"

"Yes, Ma'am!" Kate deliberately linked her arm with Olivia's and announced, "Make way for the Empress of Petite Bourgeoisie!"

"Stop it! What Empress are you talking about? Hurry up and take the clothes!"

Laughing, Kate picked up the clothes that she brought back and said, "If I knew this would happen, I should've given you a call so I don't have to travel back and forth."

Olivia refuted, "The story wouldn't be as good if you told it to me via a call instead of in person."

"Do you feel like killing her after hearing my story?"

"Absolutely!" Olivia agreed. "She won't ever get to wear my clothes in the future even if she wished to. Does she think that she can bully you?"

Kate chimed in, "Exactly!"

Seeing this, Sophia couldn't help but giggle. "You two don't look like you're going to shoot for a magazine cover."

Laughing, Kate asked, "What do we look like then?"

Sophia smiled and teased, "You look like two bosses who are going to pick a fight."

Kate burst out laughing. "Exactly!"

On the way there, Kate suddenly looked at Olivia and questioned, "I think Summer is in Nine-Tailed Fox No.7's film crew too. Don't tell me that the both of you are in the same film?"

"I think so," Olivia replied.

"Oh god. You'll have a hell of a time. That woman is seriously pushing my limits. Even someone as patient as me can't stand her. Isn't she terrible?"

Glancing at Kate, Olivia asked, "Are you a patient person?"

"Am I not?"

"Who is the one who always fights whenever she disagrees?"

"You!"

"Then who is the one who smashes a wine bottle at the others?"

Kate clicked her tongue. "Why are you airing my dirty laundry?"

Olivia smiled and retorted, "I'm reminding you to have better self-awareness. Being gentle and poised just ain't your style."

Kate glared at her and commented, "I really don't understand how President Nolan bears with your venomous mouth."

Innocently, Olivia asked, "What's wrong? I can be soft, fierce, sexy or sweet! He must have done something right in his past lives to become my boyfriend!"

Kate mocked dryly, "I'm not sure if you can be sexy and sweet, but you sure can be shameless!"

Olivia couldn't help but laugh. "Where's Jasper? Why isn't he here this time?"

Speaking of Jasper, Kate felt extremely helpless. "I think I owe him a life of debts. He even ticked Summer off because of me and I bet that it'll be close to impossible to explain it to President Liam."

"If you're not planning to be with him, you should tell him now. Don't waste his time," Olivia advised.

"I've hinted to him many times and I even told him that I'm not planning to get a boyfriend," Kate replied. "However, he's truly a gentleman and sincerely cares for me. Whenever he thinks that I'll feel awkward listening to that, he will change the topic. He always expresses his feelings yet he won't make things difficult for me. I truly have no idea how to deal with him."

Olivia gave Kate a glance. "He didn't make things difficult for you? If you're not in a dilemma, you won't be troubled now. The more he acts this way, the more pressured you'll feel."

Kate nodded. "You're right, but I truly feel that I owe him a lot. Sometimes, I think that I might as well get together with him because he seems like he will be a good boyfriend."

Olivia added, "If you can start a relationship, you might as well give it a try with him. But you must be clear with your feelings on whether you're in love with him or you're just grateful to him."

Looking down, Kate remained silent for a while before she murmured, "I'm foolish, aren't I?"

Olivia didn't reply and just hugged her tight.