

Wedded Bride 41

Chapter 41

"Mr. Lu, do you want to ask why Ye didn't come here?" Paula hated Autumn, but she remained calm and said, "She has quit her job, so I'm in charge of her job from now on. Mr. Lu, we..."

Charles was left confused when he learnt that Autumn had resigned. Despite that, he told Paula, "Go back and tell Mr. Zhou that I will only collaborate with her. If she has quit her job, I think there is no reason to cooperate anymore."

Charles entered the office, passed by Paula who stood in front him and sat at his office desk. He then became busy with some documents.

Paula remained stunned for a long while. She didn't expect Charles not to react at all.

"Mr. Lu..." She frowned perplexedly. She took every means to sow dissension between Ryan and Autumn. Now she had finally forced Autumn to leave Cloud Advertising Company. But since Charles insisted on working with Autumn, she didn't know how to explain this to Ryan.

"Is there anything else?" asked Charles flatly, while discontentedly glancing at Paula who stood nearby.

Paula continued to hesitate. She tried every way to drive Autumn out of the company and was just promoted to the Planning Director position. So she didn't want to fail in dealing with the first case in this position.

"Mr. Lu, I know that it is Ye who gets in touch with you to deal with all the previous cases. But now she has quit her job. Mr. Zhou pays high attention to the cooperation with the Shining Company, so he asked me to come here to discuss the case with you. I promise that we will certainly..."

"Miss Pan!" Charles didn't want to talk with Paula anymore. He interrupted her before she finished her sentence and said, "I don't think that a person, who messed up my stuff, will devote herself wholly to the job. You have to ask Ye to come here to talk to me, otherwise... I will cooperate with another company."

Although the time was bit tight, they would definitely be able to prepare everything on time.

"Mr. Lu..." After she heard this, Paula felt very embarrassed. However, she didn't want to give up hope. When she was about to speak again, somebody opened the office's door.

"Charles!" When the glass door opened, Paula looked towards the door. There was a beautiful lady standing there. She wore an off-the-shoulder dress showing off her thin collar bones. She wore delicate makeup and her long eyelashes slightly trembled. She looked like a well-dressed doll.

But she looked very angry.

"David Fan!" When he saw the lady at the door, Charles got so angry that he called David's full name. David embarrassedly stood behind the lady and said, "Mr. Lu, I couldn't stop..."

Charles knew that David was telling the truth, but now his office had become a place where people could get in and out freely. "If this happens again next time, you have to go to the HR Department and accept punishment."

"Yes..." David was very upset over it.

"Miss Pan, is there anything else?" Charles looked at Paula and said, "I have made it clear. I have other things to deal with now. Please go back and tell Mr. Zhou what I just said."

Paula saw how annoyed Charles was at this moment, so she had no other option than to leave. She couldn't help but take a glance at the lady as she passed by her. Charles's office door slowly closed. She heard that lady say, "Brother-in-law, I come to your company to work as your secretary, but the staff of the HR Department asks me to..."

'Brother-in-law? Is she Mrs. Lu's sister?'

Paula pondered over it. After she came out of Charles's office, she didn't leave the company, but instead waited for that lady at the lobby on the ground floor.

The lady was Yvonne. Autumn agreed to put in a good word for her, so she went to Charles's company in the morning for the job interview.

Taking advantage of her identity, she took the Shining Company as her own family's company. She also arrogantly talked to the staff of the HR Department and insisted on becoming Charles's secretary.

Charles had already told the HR Department's staff in advance that they had to interview her objectively and formally. She wanted to be Charles's secretary, but she didn't pass the English Test. At last, the HR Department's staff made her the clerk of one of the other departments. Yvonne was very furious to know that. She rushed to Charles's office to ask for his help.

"Charles, Those people in your company bullied me. They asked me to work as a clerk and do some odd chores." Yvonne's complaints didn't seem to end, "Except for the position of being your secretary, I won't accept any other position. Please go and tell them to let me be your secretary."

Yvonne grasped Charles's sleeve and said, "You must help me this time. How dare they bully me this way? You better fire them right away."

"Get your hands off me!" Charles pushed Yvonne's hand away with disgust. He wondered why his wife was so nice, but her sister was just so unreasonable.

"Charles, I..." Yvonne embarrassedly looked at her hand which he pushed back. She still said, "I know I'm not the best fit for this job and have some shortcomings. But please trust me, I will try my best to do my job well as long as I work as your secretary. My sister can only take care of you in daily life, and I can help and take care of you at work..."

Yvonne blushed while saying these words. It was evident what she meant.

Charles frowned at this. He wondered how she was so self-confident.

"Are you that eager to be my secretary?" asked Charles.

"Yes." Yvonne firmly nodded and told Charles, "Since the day I met you for the first time at our house, I have admired you. I think that I can learn a lot if I can be your secretary and work for you. Please let me work by your side."

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"You can go out now. Close the door when you leave." Charles didn't ask Yvonne to make a decision immediately. Yvonne trembled with anger when she walked out of the office.

Yvonne didn't lose her senses. As angry as she was, she had the least intention to displease Charles.

Yvonne was in a bad mood because Charles refused her requirement. As soon as she left the lift, she wanted to call Autumn and scold her. All of a sudden, a voice reached her ear, "Excuse me."

Yvonne looked at the woman in front of her, and asked, "Who are you?" Soon she remembered that she was the same woman she had seen in Charles's office a few minutes ago.

"I'm Mr. Lu's client." Paula cast a glimpse of Yvonne, and asked smilingly, "May I know your relationship with Mr. Lu?"

Hearing this, Yvonne suddenly became alert. She gave her a dissatisfied glance, and replied impatiently, "That's none of your business."

Although Paula didn't like Yvonne, she still pretended to be warm. She explained with a smile on her face, "I bear you no ill will. When I left the Mr. Lu's office, I heard you call him brother-in-law. So you must be... Mrs. Lu's sister, right?"

Yvonne snorted with a cold laugh, "Mrs. Lu." "If I hadn't made a mistake, today I would be Mrs. Lu." She thought to herself. "I am. Why have you come to me?"

"How about we find a cafe and have a drink together? Then we can sit down and have a talk." Paula grabbed Yvonne by the hand warmly and suggested, "I know a cafe nearby and their dessert is delicious. Should we go there?"

After hesitating for a while, Yvonne agreed.

Paula took Yvonne to the cafe. She ordered two cups of coffee and two pieces of cake, and offered them to Yvonne. Paula said with a smile, "Try these. The dessert here is really yummy."

Yvonne took a sip of the coffee. She hadn't slept well last night. She needed coffee to refresh herself.

Yvonne asked coolly, "So what's up?" She didn't know why she agreed to come here with Paula. Perhaps... she thought that they two were greedy people.

Both of their eyes were filled with greed.

"Actually it's nothing serious." Paula had met different kinds of people in all her life. She knew Yvonne's intention of wanting to be together with Charles. Her greedy eyes said it all. 'It's funny that a sister-in-law should admire her brother-in-law.' She thought in disdain.

"I brought us here to remind you that as you're Mr. Lu' sister-in-law." Paula continued with a slight smile, "It's common for a rich and handsome man like Mr. Lu to be surrounded by several beautiful women. But... Mr. Lu is a married man now. Even so, some shameless woman still comes to seduce him."

"Although I haven't met Mrs. Lu yet, I believe that she must be an amazing woman. Otherwise, Mr. Lu wouldn't have been willing to marry her so easily. Recently, a woman in our company has tried all means to seduce Mr. Lu on the excuse of work. Now, Mr. Lu is obsessed with her. As we are women, I think that I should give you a hint today to help your sister. Please tell her to keep a close eye on her husband so as not to give some shameless woman any chance to steal her husband."

"What? You mean someone is trying to seduce C... my brother-in-law?" Upon hearing this, Yvonne's expressions changed immediately. She asked furiously, "Who is that shameless woman?"

"It's hard for me to say. She is my colleague who is good-looking. As our company is working on a project with Shining Company, she always flirts with Mr. Lu when they work together. After I noticed it, I told it to my boss and he fired her. But..." Paula frowned and proceeded, "After she left the company, I'm in charge of the project. Today I came here to discuss the project with Mr. Lu, but Mr. Lu told me that he would stop the cooperation with us if we didn't get her back."

Noticing Yvonne's anger, Paula sighed and continued, "That's why I come to you today."

Paula's words aroused a great rage inside Yvonne.

'I have already had Autumn getting between me and Charles. But now there is this third woman. Now I have to handle two of them.' Yvonne mused.

"By the way, when you mention this matter, please speak good of me in front of Mrs. Lu, if possible. We are a small company and this project with Shining Company is very important to us. Now, Mr. Lu wants to cancel the contract, which puts me into a dilemma. I don't even know how to talk about this to my boss. So, could you ask Mrs. Lu to persuade Mr. Lu to change his mind as I have provided her this information?" Paula said with a smile, "You have my word. I'll repay your kindness once this problem is solved."

Yvonne didn't get pleased after hearing these words. She nodded slightly and said to Paula, "Okay, now that I know it, I'll tell this to my sister. You just watch how I treat that bitch."

Noticing Yvonne's rage, Paula was satisfied. She smiled and said, "Thank you." She then took out a name card from her handbag and gave it to Yvonne. She proceeded, "It's my name card. You can call me anytime if I can be of any help to you."

After she took the name card, Yvonne was taken aback by great surprise. She didn't care about Autumn's life, but she knew where she worked. She gazed at Paula and asked in surprise, "Cloud Advertising Company? You work for Cloud Advertising Company, don't you?"

Paula stared blankly at Yvonne, and asked in confusion, "Yes, I do. Is anything wrong?"

Yvonne calmed down, and then replied, "Nothing. By the way, can you tell me that woman's name?"

"Of course." Paula smiled coldly and continued, "Her name is Autumn."

Hearing this, Yvonne was shocked. It never occurred to her that Autumn would be the woman who had fascinated Charles. She asked in amazement, "Autumn?"

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Autumn went to the Gu's villa with a box. As she entered the door, she saw Yvonne sitting on the couch in a huff. Putting down the box in her hands, she indifferently asked, "Why did you call me back?"

"Oh, do you even know where your home is?" Yvonne sneered and said, "Autumn Ye, you have no shame at all!"

"Shut up!" Autumn was a kind and sympathetic woman, but not a pushover. Her weak point was her granny. She always kept a straight face in front of Yvonne, "I didn't come back to invite any trouble. Anything else? If not, will you excuse me?"

Autumn regretted coming back now.

"Damn you, just stop!" Yvonne stopped Autumn, glancing at the box beside her, "What happened? You were fired because you seduced your client, right?"

Hearing Yvonne's words, Autumn frowned slightly, "What nonsense!"

"Yes, you did. How is it nonsense?" Yvonne sneered, "Autumn, listen! I am Charles' wife. You're just a substitution. If you dare seduce Charles, just wait and see how I'll punish you!"

"I don't understand what you are talking about." Autumn said with a grim face.

"Don't play the fool in front of me. You know it very well. I heard of what you have done." Yvonne said with disdain, "Autumn, shame on you! Taking advantage of work, dare you seduce Charles. Because of you, Charles wants to cancel the cooperation with the Cloud Advertising Company. In addition, I..."

Yvonne paused and continued to say, "I asked you to put in a good word for me with Charles to make me his secretary. But he made me the clerk. What will you get out of this?"

Autumn didn't expect that Charles had received the news of her resignation so soon and even cancelled all the dealings with the Cloud Advertising Company. She also didn't expect that all of these news eventually reached Yvonne.

She wrinkled her brows in disgust, "I don't know who told you these things but I have no guilt at all." "Do you mean that

You're being wronged by your colleague?" Yvonne sniffed.

"Colleague?" Autumn racked her brains, trying to figure out which one, "Do you mean Paula?" After thinking it over and over, Autumn concluded that it must be her.

Because only Paula had visited the Shining Company and only she must have gotten the chance to meet Yvonne.

"You don't have to care who it is. Anyway, keep it in mind. If I find you trying to seduce Charles, I will kick your ass. Just wait and see!" Yvonne warned Autumn.

Seeing Yvonne's response, Autumn was now sure that Paula must have told her something. But she didn't want to explain anything. Above all, she and Charles did have a relationship.

Now that she agreed to give Charles a chance, she was not afraid of Yvonne's threats.

"I am talking to you. Do you hear me?" Yvonne didn't get any response from Autumn, so she raised her voice, "Do you think this thing will be over if you don't speak? No! I won't let you go!" "Yvonne, What happened?" While Yvonne was shouting, Wendy came back. As she entered the house, she saw the two fighting. She immediately chose to protect Yvonne, "What happened, Yvonne? Is she picking on you?"

"Mom..." Seeing Wendy, Yvonne rushed to her right away. Her aggrieved expressions made Wendy think that she must have suffered great injustice. Wendy gently patted on Yvonne's hands and criticized Autumn, "What is wrong with you? She is your sister!"

"Sister?" Autumn mockingly smiled and stayed silent.

"What the hell is going on here?" Wendy glared at Autumn and turned around to ask Yvonne gently, "Tell me, I'll help you."

"Mom, I went to Charles' company today." The more Yvonne thought about it, the angrier she grew. If Autumn didn't seduce Charles, he wouldn't have given her the cold shoulder.

"How did it go? When do you go to work?" Wendy's eyes lit up.

"Fuck the work!" Yvonne said with furrowed brows, "Mom, you want me to be Charles's secretary. But when I got there, he gave me the position of clerk. I'm not going!"

"What the hell is this? Didn't you talk to Charles about it?" Wendy suddenly cast a glance at Autumn, "Don't you forget that your granny is still..."

"Don't threaten me over my granny!" Autumn was fueled, "Wendy, I have done whatever you asked me to do. If she wants to be Charles's secretary, she must speak English fluently. Can she do it? Although she spent two years abroad, she always killed time in the bar. You can count on your fingers the number of complete English sentences she can speak. Charles doesn't want a useless secretary. What can I do in this?"

Autumn said ironically, "I don't have the ability to ask Charles to listen to me. If I have, I will definitely ask him to deal with the Gu clan."

"Autumn Ye, you dare talk nonsense here. I'll tear you apart!" Yvonne was infuriated. She never treated Autumn as her sister.

"Stop!" Wendy hurriedly pulled Yvonne's arms.

Looking at the hatred in Autumn's eyes, Wendy felt a bit guilty. At this crucial point, she couldn't force Autumn much.

"My girl, complaining is the evil here. Why do you do that?" Wendy pretended to scold her slightly, attempting to comfort Autumn,"Above all, Yvonne is your sister. You should try your best to help her, shouldn't you?"

"She is hopeless. Why are you blaming me?" Autumn said indifferently.

Her words infuriated Yvonne even more.

"Autumn Ye, did you just say that I am hopeless? Oh, how grateful of you! You can play with Charles like a fiddle. Because of you, he even wants to cancel the cooperation with the Cloud Advertising Company. How do you even dare say that you didn't place obstacles in my job interview?" Yvonne scolded her.

"Of course I do."

Autumn said. Wendy was also fed up with them constantly arguing,"Enough! Can you both just stop here?"

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Autumn stared at Wendy in confusion. Wendy fixed her eyes upon Autumn and sternly stated,"Although you are Charles's wife now, remember, you are the substitute of Yvonne and a fake. You should have a clear estimation of yourself. Don't you dream of something you don't deserve."

Wendy laughed scornfully and continued,"You and Charles are from different strata. You must always keep that in mind, Charles is your brother-in-law. You should help Yvonne to win his love. Do you understand?"

Wendy's warning agitated Autumn.

Before she married Charles, she loathed him. But the longer she stayed with him, the better she knew him. He was not the kind of playboy as the media described him.

She tried so hard not to fall in love with him, but the more she tried to stay away, she found herself more attracted to him.

Autumn didn't respond. Wendy keenly perceived Autumn's unusual behavior and asked, "Are you... in love with him?"

"No!" Autumn immediately denied, but dodged Wendy's eyes with guilty haste, "How can I fall in love with him?"

"Well, you better not." Wendy sneered, "Remember what you said today. If I catch you lying to me, you would be really sorry."

Autumn finally calmed down. She stared at Wendy and asked coldly, "I've done what you asked me to do. Now, when can I meet my grandma?"

"What's the hurry?" Wendy picked up the teacup on the table and looked away. "I'll let you meet your grandma after Yvonne marries Charles."

"You..." Autumn suddenly stood up and questioned Wendy, "Wendy Ye, what the hell do you mean by that? You said I can meet my grandma after I did that. What have you done to her?"

"What can I possibly do to her?" Wendy answered indifferently, "She is in a stable condition in hospital. If you want to meet your grandma, help Yvonne get close to Charles. That's what you should really be doing."

"Wendy Ye, don't take this too far." Autumn's voice shook with anxiety. She had been worrying about her grandma for a long time now. If it were not for her grandma, she would have never married Charles.

But she was still unable to meet her grandma now.

"I haven't seen grandma in a long time. Mother, I beg you, please let me meet her. As long as I know that she is fine, I'll do anything you want me to do..." The hard look on Autumn's face before was only a mask. Grandma was her weakest point. She earnestly begged Wendy with tears in her eyes.

Nobody knew how difficult it was for her to call Wendy "mother."

"I'm also your daughter. You never treated me like a daughter, and I'm still fine with that. But you can't take my grandma away from me. She is my only family." Autumn's cries were heartbreaking.

However, Wendy looked nonchalantly at Autumn. Autumn was her daughter, but she hated Autumn's face as it looked like her ex-husband.

She irritably shook off Autumn's hands and scolded, "Stop making that noise. Your grandma is not dead. Leave that for her funeral".

Wendy stood up and demanded, "Do what I said. After Yvonne marries Charles, I'll give you a certain sum of money. You must leave Y City with your grandma and be out of my sight forever. Understand?"

Autumn also stood straight. Other daughters could cry in front of their mothers as mothers were the powerful backing and peaceful haven.

But Autumn had no right to cry as crying would solve no problem.

How naive of her to believe that Wendy would take pity on her!

Autumn stopped herself from crying more. The moment she stood up, Wendy showed her the door, "Well, I've said all there is to be said about it. Leave, don't stand in my way."

Before Autumn left, Wendy added, "Remember, do not expose your identity until the right time, understand? "

Autumn gave a bitter smile. She lifelessly walked out of Gu family, holding the box that she had packed from the company.

The world is such a huge place, but she had nowhere to go.

Autumn and her grandma used to live in a small house that she inherited from her father. In order to pay her grandma's medical bills, she sold the house without telling her grandma and rented one. But now... she had nothing left.

Autumn wandered aimlessly around the streets with the box. Her cell phone was on silent mode. She didn't know Charles had called her numerous times.

Hearing the busy tone, Charles was annoyed. He threw the phone across the desk.

Charles had been worrying for Autumn since he knew that she resigned. He had called her many times, but she didn't answer. He was painfully anxious about her. "David! " Charles shouted.

"Mr. Lu, what can I do for you?" David answered, standing at the office door.

Charles had been in a bad mood since he knew about Autumn's resignation. David was afraid Charles might vent out his anger on him.

"I asked you to keep a check on Yvonne. Any results?" Charles felt his wife held many secrets. She was sometimes very strong, and sometimes in low spirits. He was dying to know what had happened to her. Only by knowing her he can get close to her.

Although it was disgraceful for him to have her investigated, he was left with no other choice.

"The private detective called me this morning, but I was busy at that moment and missed the call. Should I call him back now?" Seeing Charles's furious expression, David immediately corrected himself, "I'm calling him right now."

Before long, David went back with the detective. "Mr. Lu, Mr. Zhang has been waiting downstairs for a while. So, I brought him here." David explained.

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"Yvonne eloped with Joe, and after a while, the two came back. Yvonne has now asked to break up with Joe, but Joe wasn't in favor of same. After he blackmailed her for a large sum of money, he agreed to leave her alone." Mr. Zhang drank some water, and then proceeded further, "Joe told us that Wendy

didn't stop her when Yvonne decided to elope from home in order to escape marrying you. After she left, Wendy threatened Autumn to marry you. She blackmailed Autumn with her grandmother. But as for her grandmother's whereabouts... Mr. Lu, I need some more time to investigate."

Mr. Zhang gave Charles a momentary glance, and then continued,"Mr. Lu, now Autumn's photo is in your hand. As for the real Yvonne... the Gu family must have destroyed all her photos, so I didn't get any photo of her."

Charles laughed coldly, and said,"You don't have to investigate about the real Yvonne." 'The real Yvonne... must be the one bearing Autumn's name.

Now, all my doubts have been erased. I finally understand why she always looked unhappy. She probably.. was worried about her grandma all this while.' Charles pondered.

Noticing Charles' concerned expression, Mr. Zhang continued,"What else do you want me to investigate?"

"Nothing more for now," Charles replied. Charles put these papers away, and said to Mr. Zhang seriously,"Get your pay from David and you can leave. By the way, I don't want others to know about this."

"I assure you that I will keep it to myself. It's my duty." Mr. Zhang stood up and said,"Mr. Lu, I have to leave now. Please give me a call if you need my help any further."

Charles nodded and said,"Okay, I will." After Mr. Zhang left, Charles called Autumn again and she answered the phone this time.

"Hello..." Hearing her voice on the phone, Charles felt relieved. He asked in a serious tone,"Where are you right now? I called you many times. Why didn't you answer the phone?"

"I..." Autumn had planned to lie to him that she was in the office. Although she was fired, she didn't want to bother him with it. Then she gave up on that thought. She guessed that Charles already knew about her leaving the job which is why he cancelled the cooperation with Cloud Advising Company. "I'm on the street," she continued.

She carried her baggage and walked aimlessly on the streets. She didn't know where to go.

"Tell me the exact place, and I'll come and pick you up." Charles said, "Send me the address right away and I'll come now."

Charles received Autumn's message immediately after he hung up the phone. Knowing where she was, he drove his car immediately. When he reached there, he found Autumn sitting on a bench by the roadside.

She sat there alone, and had a lot of baggage with her. She looked lonely and sad.

Charles pulled over, and then walked up to Autumn. As Autumn sat there with her head bowed down, she saw his shining leather shoes and slim long legs. Then she raised her head and caught the sight of Charles' angry face.

She managed a smile and greeted, "Charles."

Though he was angry, he didn't lose his temper at the sight of her. He knew she was sad but still smiled at him. "What are you doing here?" he asked. Noticing that her eyes were red, Charles knew that she must have cried a lot. He said in a soft tone, "Come, let's go home."

Charles held her hand and put her baggage in the car. Autumn didn't say a word. After they got in the car, Charles fastened her safety belt. She was silent all the way.

Charles took her to Dream Garden. Chris and Gary were surprised when they saw Autumn and Charles. Curious as they were, they didn't ask them questions when they cast a glimpse of Autumn's baggage. Charles took her upstairs.

Charles grabbed her hand and placed her on the swing in the balcony. He asked, "Don't you have anything to say to me?"

Autumn whispered, "You might already know everything."

Charles said calmly, "But I want to hear it from you."

Autumn lowered her head. After hesitating for a while, she said, "I quit my job."

"It's okay. I can afford you." Hearing this, Autumn couldn't resist her grievance and burst into tears. When Charles saw her crying, he knew she wanted to be comforted. Then, he sat beside her, and held her to his breast. He calmly said, "Why are you crying? It's not a big deal. I'm a CEO and I can afford you very well."

Upon hearing this, Autumn smiled through tears and said, "You're being over confident now."

"I'm telling you the truth." Charles said confidently, "Don't worry. I could afford you even if you didn't work a day in the future."

After she heard Charles' words, Autumn felt much better. All the grievance she had suffered from Wendy disappeared suddenly.

She calmed down. After pausing for a while, she asked Charles, "Don't you want to know the reason why I quit my job?"

Charles replied coolly, "It's your decision. Ye.. Yvonne, I'll support you no matter what decisions you make. As for job... you can join Shining Company if you want."

"I have no such intentions," Autumn said, shaking her head, "I will take a break for a couple of days, and then look for work myself."

Charles frowned and asked, "Why do you push yourself so hard?" "With my help, she could easily get a job. Why did she refuse my help?" He wondered.

"Pushing myself too hard? I don't think so," she said, shaking her head. Autumn had already been accustomed to living on her own. She continued, "Perhaps I've gotten used to it."

"But now you have me. You can share some of your burden with me." Although she was touched by Charles' words, she still said No with a smile.

'This happiness doesn't belong to me. Let me be selfish for a while, just for a few minutes.

I have to return him to Yvonne one day.' She reflected.

Seeing Autumn in his arms, he wanted to ask her about her true identity but he resisted. 'She will tell me herself some day.

Be slow. Take it easy.' He thought to himself.

When Charles realised that Autumn was now calm, he asked, "You went to your home today, right?"

Hearing this, Autumn suddenly raised her head. She panicked and asked, "How do you know?" 'How does he know about it? Did he find something?' She wondered.

"The place I picked you up is close to your home. When I saw you sitting on the bench, your eyes were red. Did they bully you?" Charles wrinkled his brows, and said, "This morning, I told... her that I can't hire her as my secretary. I want a competent secretary and not just someone with a beautiful face."

"I understand," she smiled and said, "Don't worry about me. They didn't bully me."

"Charles." After a hesitation, she proceeded, "Actually you don't have to cancel your cooperation with Cloud Advertising Company. I proposed this case, and you liked it. As for the implementation, Paula can do it well..."

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The next morning, Charles got up silently to avoid waking up Autumn. After getting dressed, he went to work. As Autumn didn't have to go to work today, he let her sleep a little longer.

Soon, Autumn got a call from the HR Department. The call woke her up.

When she went downstairs, she saw Gary watering the flowers alone in the garden. She cried out gladly, "Grandpa." Hearing her passionate greeting, Gary said, "Why did you not sleep a little longer?"

Autumn replied, "I got a call from the office. I have to go to the company to finish some procedures of resignation."

Gary frowned and said, "Chris can give you a ride as she is also going outside." 'Every time Autumn went out, she had to take a subway. It's not very convenient. I must talk to Charles about this next time.' Gary thought to himself.

Autumn declined immediately, "I'd rather not give her any trouble, grandpa."

Hearing their conversation, Chris came and said, "That's fine.". Chris took her by the arm, and said, "Let's go. I'll take you to the office."

While they walked out of the house, Gary asked Autumn to get things done quickly so she could come home early. After she got in the car, Autumn told Chris the address of her office. Thinking of Gary's words, she asked curiously, "Where are you going today?"

"Few days ago, I got an offer from a hotel. Today, I will go there for an interview." Chris said smilingly, "I learnt hotel management at college. I think that hotel is perfect for me, so I plan to work there if I pass the interview."

"Why didn't you ask your brother to get you a job?" In Autumn's eyes, Chris had been a protected child ever since her childhood. She was a spoilt princess. Autumn never imagined that Chris would find a job on her own.

"I can't always rely on my brother." Chris tried to smile and said, "It's not easy for him to run such a big company. As his sister, I can't lag behind him. So I want to see how far I can go and whether I can support myself without my brother's help."

Hearing this, Autumn began admiring Chris. She thought the two of them were very alike.

Chris drove the car to the Cloud Advertising Company and said, "Autumn, I can wait for you here." Autumn slightly shook her head and said, "Don't you have an interview? Go there now. I don't know when things will finish here. I'll take the subway later."

"Alright." Chris nodded slightly, and said, "Then I'll go now. Take care of yourself on your way back home."

Autumn didn't go upstairs until Chris left. When she entered the office, Leila walked up to her and said, "Ye, you are finally here."

Autumn glanced at Leila's face, and asked in confusion, "What's going on?" She was surprised by Leila's excessive enthusiasm.

"This time Paula pissed off our boss." Leila grabbed her arm, and they walked to a quiet corner. She said, "Paula went to Shining Company after you left yesterday. I heard that things didn't go well and Mr. Lu from Shining Company made it clear that he wouldn't cooperate with our company without you."

Leila looked around cautiously and continued, "Ye, after Paula told this to Mr. Zhou, he was shocked. Today Mr. Zhou himself went to the Shining Company to solve this problem, but he didn't even get to meet Mr. Lu. On coming back to the office, he scolded Paula and asked her to get you back immediately. Today the call from HR Department that you received was her plan to get you back in office."

After pausing for a moment, Leila continued, "Mr. Zhou said that if she cannot solve this, she will have to quit her position as planning director. Now she has become a laughingstock in the company. She became planning director yesterday but now she will get demoted soon."

Autumn frowned in disdain.

When Paula got promoted to planning director yesterday, they all tried to please her. But in just one day, their attitude towards her changed.' She mused.

Autumn didn't make any comment on it, but said, "Well, I see." She added, "It's work hours, go get back to your work."

'It's impossible to come here without meeting a companion. Besides, I have to go to the HR Department to get my money.' She thought.

"Ye." After hesitating for a while, Leila took Autumn by her arm and asked, "What's going on between you and Mr. Lu? Why did he do this for you? Do you really..."

Autumn stopped her immediately and said, "What are you thinking?" She frowned slightly and proceeded, "Perhaps Mr. Lu made this decision because he was worried that she would screw it up. After all, Paula didn't participate in this case. Don't talk nonsense. Mr. Lu and I are clean. Don't spread this rumour."

Hearing this, Leila became a bit displeased. She replied in embarrassment, "I won't spread the rumour."

Then, Autumn went to the HR Department directly. She found the accountant and said, "Mr. Li, I'm here to receive my bonus and salary."

The bonus in the past few years added up to a huge sum of money. In her eyes, she deserved the money for she had worked hard all these years.

At the sight of Autumn, Mr. Li treated her nicely. He asked her to sit down patiently and said, "Ye, you are finally here. Please be seated. I have some matters to deal with, please wait for a moment."

"It's fine. Take your time," Autumn said. She took a seat, and then Mr. Li brought her a cup of tea. A few minutes later, the door was opened.

Paula came in and walked to Autumn. When they looked at each other in the eye, a bit of embarrassment and anger flashed through Paula's eyes. Paula stood in front of Autumn and said, "Mr. Zhou wants to meet you in his office."

"For what?" Autumn didn't raise her head, but kept drinking the tea. She said, "I have nothing to do with this company since I was fired. I have no reason to meet Mr. Zhou. Besides, I got nothing to talk with him. "

Upon hearing this, Paula got more angry. Her face turned red. She stammered, "You..." 'She is right. Since she isn't an employee of the company anymore, she didn't have to listen to Mr. Zhou.' Paula thought to herself.

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On hearing what Autumn said, Paula tried hard to suppress her impulse to smash her face into pieces. But she had to hold it back, even though Autumn's words had pissed her off.

"What do you want me to do in exchange for your help?" Paula asked Autumn.

Autumn didn't say anything. To be honest, she was determined to ignore whatever happened to Cloud now. After all, even if she did a great job, she could still get nothing out of it. Why bother then?

"Ye, I'm sorry for what I've done to you in the past. I would like to extend my apologies to you. I really have no idea how to deal with the problem now. Please help us out." Paula was rarely courteous to her. Accountant Li also tried to persuade Autumn. "Ye, you are a generous girl, please accept Paula's apologies. You are colleagues. You've fought together. Moreover, Mr. Zhou has always treated you well. You should lend a hand."

Paula had done Accountant Li a favor before, so it was reasonable for him to say a word or two for Paula.

But Autumn felt disgusted.

A famous talk show host once said, "I hate it that some people persuade others to be generous, even though they don't know the whole story. Keep away from such hypocrites. Be careful not to get hurt when they are being struck by lightning."

To be honest, you don't have to listen to them or try to be generous at all. These hypocrites only think of themselves to be good. And if we let go of these despicable ones, who the hypocrites thought to be innocent, we would be indulging immoral behaviors.

"What if I refuse to help?" Autumn sneered. Then Ryan interrupted from outside.

He had been waiting in his office. But he couldn't wait any longer since Autumn didn't come to his office. So he came here.

In order to save the big client, he was ready to do anything. Compared to the opportunities Shining could give Cloud in the future, his self-esteem was nothing at all.

"Are you so cold-hearted?" Ryan asked, staring at her.

Paula rushed to him the moment she saw him. "Mr. Zhou, you just heard it all. No matter how hard I tried to convince her, she just didn't seem to budge. I..."

"Cut the crap!" Ryan shouted at her. "If you hadn't sown discord between us, things wouldn't have ended like this..."

"I..." Paula cast an awkward glance at Ryan. She didn't expect the predicament too.

"Mr. Zhou." Autumn stood in front of him, with sheer elegance and peace.

"Ye, we have been great partners all these years. I have always trusted you. We both didn't know this would happen. Now our company is in trouble, so I think... I'd better have you as my planning director. I will double your previous salary. Please help me?" Ryan begged Autumn.

Though this project was not very profitable anymore, Cloud made a huge profit owing to it. There could be more and more orders. But if they lost this project, then it might get hard to run the business.

Who would be willing to cooperate with a company that Shining disliked?

"No! Mr. Zhou!" Paula got upset. She couldn't give up the position she had long been dreaming of. "I have just been promoted to the planning director. How can you..."

"Shut your damn mouth up!" Ryan sneered. "Paula, you really brought a lot of harm to me. I am telling you, if the problem with Shining is left unsolved, then you are fired!"

Autumn frowned. She now clearly understood what type of person Ryan was.

She resigned not just because of Paula. The most important reason for her resignation was that Ryan didn't trust her.

"Mr. Zhou." Autumn threw a cold glimpse at him. "What is between us has nothing to do with Paula. I don't care about the promotion. Now that I have made up my mind to leave Cloud, I won't come back again."

"Why?" Ryan's mind went blank for a while. He thought he could convince her easily but perhaps he was mistaken.

He hastily begged her. "If it is because of Paula, I will fire her right away. I only want you back."

"Mr. Zhou, I think you don't understand why I chose to leave." Autumn shook her head in resignation. She was more determined to leave now. "You indeed treated me well when I first came here. I cannot deny you were a wonderful mentor. You taught me everything in person. That's the reason why I reached where I am. I am, therefore, grateful to Cloud. I leave here because I have to. And now it is my time to leave."

"Over these years, many companies tried to poach me. I refused all the invitations for the sake of your kindness and your trust on me." Autumn stopped for a while. Then she continued. "But recently, you've changed. Your only aim is to pursue more and more profit, just like those greedy bosses. And you don't trust me like you did before."

"This project is the last straw. I've had just enough of this. So, I want to leave now."

"You liar! You are leaving because of Charles, aren't you!" Ryan sneered. "Ye, you say I've changed. But look at you. Didn't you change? Can you dare to swear that your relationship with Charles is as pure as crystal?"

She couldn't. She remained silent for a while. Then she spoke, "Mr. Zhou, it's my private life. I think it has nothing to do with my job, so... I guess I don't have to tell you about it."

"Huh..." Ryan gave out a laugh. "You dare not say it, don't you?"

"Ye, you make me sick." Ryan shouted at her. He was furious because Autumn refused to tell him the truth.

Autumn frowned slightly. She wanted to stop the quarrel about these trivial things. "Mr. Zhou, I came here to get my salary. As for the project, I will talk to Mr. Lu. But I am not sure whether I can persuade him. Anyway, I have done my work."

After finishing her words, she turned to Accountant Li. "Please transfer my salary to me as soon as possible. I have something urgent to do. So, I'm leaving."

"I..." Accountant Li peeked at Ryan. Though he was unhappy about her resignation, he didn't stop her. She then answered. "Okay. I will accelerate the process."

"That'll be fine." Autumn nodded. "I should get going now."

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Autumn pondered for quite a while before dissuading Leila, "Don't be impulsive. You are still young, you should stay here and work hard. Better jobs await you when you have gained enough work experience. Leaving with me now... is definitely not a good idea."

She got rid of Leila's grasp and said, "I've got to go now."

"Ye, Ye..." Yet no matter how hard Leila cried, Autumn left without looking back.

She had no idea though, that her declining Leila today happened to create an opportunity for Paula to fight her back in the future.

After Autumn left, Ryan was fuming with anger. But Paula still tried knocking on his door. He responded with a storm of scolding, "Buzz off! Don't bother me!"

"Mr. Zhou!" Paula clenched her teeth and pushed the office door open.

"I said go away. Are you deaf or what?" Ryan said with a grim-face. Other people could be scared away, but Paula decided to bite the bullet and enter.

"Mr. Zhou, I know you are upset. I am here to make amends." Paula said without batting an eye.

"Make amends?" Ryan smirked. "You seriously are something, Paula! My relationship with Autumn went sour, and I have to face all the mess here! Don't you think it is all because of you?"

"If that is the case, dismissing me won't help the situation, will it?" Paula sneered, "Don't you... ever think of revenge?"

"What exactly do you want to say ?" Ryan frowned.

Having seen how Ryan shouted at Autumn about making her regret everything, Paula knew that he would not let go of Autumn easily.

She went up and said in his ear, "Mr. Zhou, how about..."

After hearing Paula's words, Ryan calmed down a bit, but his face was still darkened.

"Are you sure of that?" Ryan asked with a cold face.

Paula nodded lightly, "Trust me with it, I will definitely drive her out of the advertising industry forever."

"Good." Ryan nodded and blinked, "But mark my words, if you screw it up again, I won't let you get away with it. You've been warned!"

"Please be assured. I won't let you down." Paula answered, with composure.

She swore to take revenge for all her past humiliations and today's disgrace.

Not knowing what they were planning, Autumn went to the shopping centre by the subway. She had been busy with her work and seldom went out shopping. What's more, Gary had been back for quite a long time, she felt like buying him some gifts.

However, she wasn't expecting to run into Yvonne and Wendy there. She was trying on some clothes at a women's clothing shop when this unpleasant coincidence happened. Dresses there were too short for her, it took her quite a while to check them out but she miserably failed to pick one that satisfied her.

Although the salesgirl kept flattering her about how beautiful she looked in those dresses, she decided not to buy anything.

"How annoying! Tried so many dresses, without buying even a single one of them, what a waste of my time!" Autumn overheard the salesgirl complaining outside the fitting room. She couldn't help but frown.

'What a big mistake for the boss to hire a salesgirl like her.' Autumn thought. to herself.

Having changed her clothes back, Autumn walked out of the fitting room and passed on the brand-new dress to the salesgirl. She pretended not to have heard her complain. Anyway... she decided not to come back here again.

After marrying a rich man like Charles, there was no shortage of expensive clothes in her wardrobe. But she still preferred her off-the-rack clothes that she bought before marriage. She never expected to be looked down upon by this salesgirl.

She didn't really care about it at first, but things went bad. The girl took the dress over from her by pulling it. She pulled it very roughly that the dress got torn.

"What have you done?" The girl responded quickly and shouted at Autumn with an intention to shift the blame to her. She knew clearly that this dress was worth a month's salary for her, so a scapegoat was needed. "It's OK that you didn't want to buy it, but you don't have to tear it up. Pay for it or you are not leaving the shop today."

"I..." Autumn was about to declare her innocence when she heard Yvonne's scornful laugh, "Oh God, isn't it my dear sister? What happened? You tore the dress? Mind if I pay for you?"

Autumn glanced at Yvonne and saw that Wendy was with her. Wendy looked back at her, as if... looking at a stranger.

Autumn's heart sank. She looked away without a word.

Yvonne wanted to insult Autumn so she went on to aggravate the situation. "Sister, given your economic condition, why did you try such an expensive dress? It must be worth a month of your salary. If you didn't plan to buy it, why bother trying it on? Now you've torn it, you are making things difficult for the girl."

"Shut up!" Autumn snapped at her and turned to the salesgirl, "Miss, I believe like others, your shop also gives customer's convenience a top priority. I did try on this dress, but realised that it didn't suit me. Haven't I got the right to decide whether I should buy something or not?"

"Of course you do." Said the salesgirl with a flash of contempt in her eyes. After hearing Yvonne's words, she thought of Autumn as a pushover. "Of course we will not force you to buy it, but you have to pay the full price for damaging it."

"I would have paid for it if it was my fault. But the problem is, YOU were the one who tore it. Don't try to frame me, I believe you have cameras in your shop." Autumn's words threw the salesgirl into panic.

She didn't expect Autumn to be calm enough to handle the situation.

In contrast to her belief, Autumn stood there with quiet dignity. She showed her anger without any infuriation. "How about this, call your manager, and we will figure it out together. I will pay the money if it is really my fault."

"You..." Clutching the dress tightly, the salesgirl's knuckles turned white, which gave away her guilty conscience. But she continued to fight back in fear of shouldering the responsibility. "Don't think you can get out of this. The dress was flawless before I gave it to you, yet ended up with a hole after you tried it on. Calling the manager won't change this fact. If you can't afford it, you shouldn't have touched it!"

Yvonne took a great pleasure in watching this conflict. She was to work in the Shining Company next week. She would then get plenty of opportunities to get along with Charles. Both she and Wendy wanted to make sure she looked her best in front of Charles. They had just entered the shopping centre when they came across this catfight.

"She's right. You shouldn't have tried it on when you know that you can't afford it. What a trouble now that you've torn it. You better pay the price. Don't make it too hard for that poor girl. She's been having a rough time. I can lend you some money if you need. Just pay me back when you have surplus." She said in a voice dripping with sarcasm. On hearing this, the salesgirl looked at Yvonne with grateful eyes.

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The man said those words flatly, but his voice was familiar to Autumn.

Autumn was surprised and stood still with a straight back. She didn't even dare turn her head around to look at him.

Yvonne and the salesgirl turned their heads to see who the man was. Wendy also did the same and when she saw him, she was surprised first and then sneered.

The man, with dark skin, wore a set of ETRO business suit. He looked like a well-dressed gentleman. He had a pair of bright piercing eyes and a calm expression glimmered in them. He also had a handsome, straight face, which made him look more aggressive.

Yvonne became jealous of Autumn again. She wondered how Autumn was so lucky to be helped by others whenever she got into trouble.

"Who are you?" Yvonne asked the man discontentedly. She believed that Autumn must be a bad woman who always hooked up with other men. Otherwise, there wouldn't be so many men who were willing to try their best to help her.

"The evidence is here. And all of us present here are the witnesses." Yvonne got the people around involved in this matter and they all began to echo her words.

"Right. We saw that this lady tore the dress."

People always did things like these. They never saw things happening, but insisted on saying that they saw what happened.

Perhaps this was why the false rumours or messages were so easy to spread.

The man behind them got close to them and said to the woman who just spoke, "Did you personally see this lady tear the clothes?"

Before the woman got a chance to say anything, the man continued saying, "Think twice before you tell me anything. If you give false evidence, you will be liable for what you say."

"I..." The woman looked embarrassed and said with hesitation, "I didn't see it personally, but... they all saw what happened here. Since they say it is this lady's fault, I believe it to be true."

"So you mean to say that you didn't see it yourself." The man sneered and continued, "Does any one of you dare to admit that you personally saw the lady tear the clothes?"

The people around went silent. They didn't dare to speak anything because they feared that they might be held liable for their words.

The sales clerk began to get anxious as she realised that the situation was no longer in her favour. "Before I gave her this dress, it was in perfectly fine condition, but when I got it back, I found it to be torn. I would never damage it. And if she didn't damage it, who else did it?"

The salesgirl began to cry and said, "I don't have enough money to pay for this dress. It is costlier than my one month's salary. You can't bully me just because there are so many people on your side."

'This salesgirl is very good at gaining sympathy. She just now oppressed me by gathering the crowd,' thought Autumn.

She frowned and didn't want others to help her get rid of the predicament, so she calmly walked up to the salesgirl and said, "It's not your fault for being a needy person, but you can't pretend to be a weak one only to seek pity from others. We all should be honest in our lives. Do you think you can remain guilt free all your life after you shift the blame to me? "

"Don't sling mud at me here." The salesgirl cried and said, "You damaged this dress. It has nothing to do with me."

"Then we can call the police." Autumn could afford the clothes, but she thought that she shouldn't give in to such a bad behaviour. If she paid for the clothes today, the salesgirl might do other unreasonable things in the future.

The salesgirl got anxious and upset the moment she heard that Autumn wanted to call the police. Since the whole thing happened under a security camera, the police would surely figure out that she told a lie.

She didn't want to call the police and Yvonne too was reluctant to do that.

"Just let it go please..." Yvonne smilingly walked to them and tried to settle an argument between them. "It's just a small thing. You don't have to call the police. I can help you pay for the clothes and you don't have to return the money to me. It is not easy for a young girl to earn money by working here. We should not put her in a fix. And we should be kind to others whenever possible."

Yvonne pretended to be generous just to make others believe that Autumn damaged the clothes.

Of course, Autumn wouldn't allow Yvonne to do that.

"Don't pretend to be a nice person here. I won't admit it since I haven't done anything. Why are you so anxious to help me pay for the clothes?" said Autumn ironically.

"I don't have any hidden agenda. I just think that since it is such a petty thing, there's no need to call the police." Yvonne sneered.

"I won't admit it because I haven't done it. Let's call the police. After the police checks the surveillance video, we can very well figure out who damaged the clothes." Autumn insisted on calling the police, and the people present began to doubt the salesgirl now.

The man who spoke earlier said, "You don't have to call the police. We can watch the surveillance video now."

The man whispered something to his assistant who was standing behind him. After a short while, the manager of the shop came to the spot.

She gathered her courage and stood in front of the man. She already scolded that salesgirl several times in her head since the salesgirl had displeased such an important person. "Mr. Lin, why didn't you inform me before coming..."

"Why do I have to inform you when I come for inspection?" Mr. Lin glanced at the shop manager, looking very furious.

The manager realised that she made an imprudent remark, so she immediately explained, "No. I didn't mean that. I mean that if you had informed me in advance, I would have asked someone to receive you and give you good company."

"No, thanks." Mr. Lin said coldly, "Go and get the surveillance video."

"Well..." The manager hesitated. The salesgirl who did this wrong thing was actually her niece. Although Mr. Lin was here, she had to protect her niece. "Mr. Lin, I'm so sorry. The surveillance camera of this shop has been out of order for a few days. I haven't had a chance to hire people to repair it, so I..."

Mr. Lin slightly frowned but Yvonne grinned while standing there. She said, "It doesn't matter. After all, it is just one dress. I can help the lady pay for it."

"That's more like it." Chris sneered. "I just came now. Can anyone tell me what happened exactly?"

"Shelley, hurry. Explain it to Miss Lu. She will deal with the case in a fair and just manner." Manager Yi clearly forgot that Chris addressed Autumn as "sister-in-law".

"Well, the thing is..." Shelley told the whole story but with a lot of exaggeration. Autumn just stood there, without saying a word.

She believed that facts speak louder than words and people have a sense of justice. She was not afraid of being framed at all because she knew she was honest.

Though Shelley now knew that Autumn was not any random girl, she had no option but to continue playing along.

"Miss Lu, please help me out. If every customer acts like her, how will I handle my work?" Shelley pretended to be the victim.

Chris cast a cold glance at her. She was nothing like Autumn when it came to being bullied.

"You think that she didn't admit tearing this dress because she can't afford it?" Chris asked coldly.

"Can she?" Shelley scorned and continued. "Why didn't she buy it if she can afford it? If she would have bought it, then we wouldn't have been debating here."

Chris said to Manager Yi with contempt. "Manager Yi, didn't you hear about my brother's wedding?"

"Of course." Manager Yi flattered her by saying, "I so wish I could attend the wedding, but it's a pity that I wasn't really invited. I heard that Mrs. Lu is a beauty. Why don't you bring her here the next time you come so we can get to know each other better..."

"Sure." Chris held Autumn's hand and took her in front of Manager Yi. "This is my sister-in-law. What will happen if Charles finds out how your staff treated his wife..."

Chris didn't say anything explicitly, but Manager Yi, who now knew Autumn's identity, was scared. She helped her niece find a job here. But it never occurred to her that her niece would bring her into big trouble on the first day of work.

"Miss Lu, please don't make fun of me." Manager Yi regretted everything now. In order to help her niece, she first offended Mr. Lin and then Charles Lu. But she was still confused. "It's impossible..."

"Why is it impossible?" Chris sneered. It seems like people today judge others on the basis of their appearance. She said to Autumn, "Sister-in-law, I always told you to buy some luxury clothes, but you never paid any heed to me and kept wearing those old clothes. Look, people are despising you because of these clothes now."

"Being comfortable is all I worry about." Autumn said.

Yvonne didn't know Chris, so she was unhappy about her protecting Autumn. "Who are you? I'm telling you! I am the..."

"Come back." Wendy, however, knew Chris. She hadn't stop Yvonne when she was showing her contempt just now, but now she had to keep her mouth shut in front of Chris.

After all, Chris was going to be her sister-in-law. So she would better not offend Chris.

"Mother, what are you doing?" Yvonne frowned. It was a good chance for her to deal with Autumn. She was unwilling to give it away. "I..."

"Shut up!" Wendy noticed Chris's enquiring eyes, so she hastily dragged Yvonne back. "It's enough. She is Charles's real sister. If you leave a bad first impression, how will you get along well with her in the future?"

Yvonne, with a frown, hesitated for a while and then gave up.

Manager Yi, who heard the casual talk between Chris and Autumn, awkwardly walked closer to them and said, "Mrs. Lu, I am really sorry for the misunderstanding. I..."

She dragged Shelley to her and said, "Apologize to Mrs. Lu!"

"Aunt, I don't want to." Shelley was an absolute idiot. How could she let others know that they are related? Manager Yi was scared. She had sweat gushing from her forehead, but Shelley still went on to argue. "She tore it indeed! She was pretending to be rich! She certainly can not afford it!"

Shelley didn't care who Autumn was. She was determined to transfer the blame on Autumn.

"Shut up!" Manager Yi held Shelley's hand tight. "Don't you know who Mrs. Lu is? Who taught you to blame others for your mistake? You are trying to frame Mrs. Lu?"

After lecturing Shelley, Manager Yi turned to Autumn and said, "Mrs. Lu, you are very generous. Please forgive her."

Autumn now calmed down. However, she didn't want to make small talk with somebody who could switch sides so easily.

Autumn's silence made Manager Yi a little worried.

She awkwardly said, "Mrs. Lu, it's my fault. Don't worry. I'll make it up to you."

"No need." Mr. Lin was standing next to them and heard everything. He interrupted. "You're fired."

"What... What did you say?" Manager Yi went blank. She didn't expect to lose her job over such a trivial matter. "Mr. Lin, I've been working hard for HKind Group for years. I should be given credit for hard work, if not for merit. You've just come back from abroad and taken over the business here. How could you fire me for such a small reason... Isn't it inappropriate?"

"Inappropriate?" Mr. Lin scorned. "Though I've just come back, I know everything about HKind Group. You take bribes from people while on job. Do you think... that I came here for no reason?"

"I..." Manager Yi was speechless.