

### 165: The Smoking G\*n! This Move Was Brilliant!

It was an exclusive interview by one of New York's most authoritative daily newspaper reporters with Professor Walker from New York University.

In the interview, the reporter asked, "Professor, the plagiarism incident involving LIG has caused quite a stir. Netizens have been debating whether the original manuscripts are real or fake. Could you share your thoughts on this?"

"What's your impression of Jasmine? Do you think Jasmine would plagiarize someone else's work?"

"Absolutely not!" Walker replied firmly and objectively, offering a positive assessment. "Jasmine was a student of mine. She's outstanding in both character and academics, respectful to her teachers. I have a deep impression of her."

At this point, the viewers couldn't help but believe Jasmine. After all, her mentor was vouching for her!

The reporter then continued, "Now, Professor, could you help us identify if the handwriting in the two original manuscripts involved in the plagiarism allegations matches Jasmine's handwriting?"

Walker examined the comparison on the screen before shaking his head. "After looking at them, I can tell that neither of these manuscripts has Jasmine's handwriting."

"Are you certain?" the reporter asked.

"Absolutely! How could I not recognize my own student's handwriting?" Walker answered with confidence.

His straightforward response caused a stir among the audience.

He claimed that neither of the manuscripts in the news was Jasmine's handwriting? This was a direct slap in the face to Jasmine's earlier claims that they were her original works! The fact that Walker, her own mentor, could recognize the difference in handwriting was far more credible than any expert handwriting analysis.

After all, Walker had been Jasmine's mentor throughout her college years, guiding her all the way to graduation. His testimony was undeniably persuasive.

To further back up his claim, Walker personally went to the archives and retrieved Jasmine's personal files, which included many documents filled out by Jasmine herself.

The cameras showed the documents clearly, and the handwriting in Jasmine's files looked nothing like the handwriting on the manuscripts in question.

The differences were undeniable—completely different styles!

At this point, the audience didn't need any more explanation. The truth was clear: the original manuscripts provided by LIG were not written by Jasmine, which meant LIG had clearly plagiarized!

They had plagiarized the early works of internationally renowned designer Kayla!

There was no dispute about it.

The reporter went on to question, "I believe our audience can see clearly that Jasmine's handwriting and the manuscript handwriting are completely different. Now, we'd like to hear from LIG—what's your explanation for this plagiarism?"

At the end of the interview, the reporter posed a thought-provoking question: "LIG and chief designer Jasmine, does your behavior have no boundaries? Don't you owe an apology to the victim, Kayla, the designer

whose work you stole?"

The moment this interview aired, it quickly became a hot topic online. The video surged up the trending charts, with the plagiarism scandal topping the list, followed by the interview with Walker clearing up the issue.

The viewers and netizens were outraged. After understanding the truth, they couldn't help but feel betrayed. How could LIG and Jasmine deceive the public like this?

Anger flooded social media, with people expressing their rage at LIG and Jasmine.

The comments poured in:

- \* "The audacity! Plagiarism, and now they're openly going up against the original designer? LIG is shameless!"\*

- \* "Jasmine is the most shameless—she's never had an original idea, and yet she dares to put on a solo exhibition?"\*

- \* "Plagiarism dog, you should just disappear! Get out of the design industry!"\*

- \* "We've misunderstood Kayla. She's the one who was plagiarized. Let's support her!"\*

The internet was flooded with outrage!

Jasmine and everyone at LIG felt the full force of this online backlash. It wasn't just insults—there were meticulous online sleuths who dug into Jasmine's past design series and compared them with Kayla's registered overseas design patents. The overlap was undeniable.

This meant that, for years, LIG's so-called exclusive designs were simply copies of Kayla's work, only slightly modified and rebranded as

Jasmine's own creations.

This level of plagiarism was truly the most shameless example in the entire industry!

LIG's official website crashed under the weight of the furious comments, and journalists surrounded their headquarters, blocking the entrance.

Jasmine was too afraid to leave the house, and inside the company, panic was spreading. The old saying that "when the wall falls, everyone pushes" seemed to be coming true, as negative gossip about her intensified.

Some netizens even dug into her background, revealing that Jonathan's first wife had died less than a year ago, and Jasmine's mother had taken her place. Jasmine's birth date was only one year apart from Caitlin's, suggesting that Jasmine was the product of Jonathan's affair with his mistress, Megan.

This revelation sent chills down everyone's spine.

The internet erupted again, with keyboard warriors tearing Jonathan and Megan apart:

- \* "The Lewis family is full of trash!" \*

- \* "How can Jonathan still act like the good guy? Doesn't he feel ashamed?" \*

- \* "Megan isn't any better—she's just as guilty!" \*

The reputation of the Lewis family was thoroughly ruined, but that wasn't even the worst part. The real damage was the blow this plagiarism scandal dealt to LIG.

LIG's stock price, which had peaked just yesterday, plummeted overnight.

To stabilize their image, LIG had no choice but to issue a public apology, admitting to the plagiarism and offering a sincere apology to Kayla. They

promised to pay compensation as required by their lawyers.

\* \* \*

In the CEO office of CL Group.

Yosef was practically bursting with excitement as he shared the outcome with Caitlin.

"Boss, who's behind this? Having your former mentor, Walker, vouch for you is more powerful than any police investigation! One move and the game is over! This strategy is absolutely brilliant!"

Seeing the outcome, Caitlin felt a wave of satisfaction. LIG had been struck hard, and the truth had come to light.

Although Caitlin still didn't know who had secretly helped them, the fact that they had received help meant they didn't have to worry as much.

"Yosef, what's happening with LIG's stock now?" Caitlin asked.

"Overnight, it dropped straight to the bottom and is now at a halt," Yosef replied.

"Great!"

Caitlin was very pleased with the result. Now, her focus shifted to reclaiming Thompson Global Ventures!

After leaving CLHC, Caitlin was about to head home when she received a call from Wendy.

"Caitlin, you need to come over right away! There's something urgent!"

Not knowing what was going on, Caitlin immediately grabbed her things and rushed to Wendy.