

what you're so proud of. I already told you I just went to the Ford Group to discuss business. I'm not like you; I don't have a rich husband who provides me with the money I can fling about. I'm different, I need to work. Even though I embarrassed myself at the Ford Group, I still have t o behave as if nothing happened because I have to survive, and I still have a daughter to raise." Her words sounded neither arrogant nor self-deprecating. Anyone else who heard would definitely be moved, but to Sabrina's ears, all she wanted to do was laugh condescendingly. Lori was still acting, but her pretenses were less obvious than they were in the afternoon. She listened to her mother's advice; her mask had to be perfect; she had t o convince them. She could only advance forward once her audience





