# **Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera (Caroline Evans) Chapter 271**

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1. Sherman hurriedly said, "Since he's your friend, we'll take him in. I'll g et the obstetrics and gynecology department to get him registered righ t away"

Caroline nodded slightly, then looked at Desmond again. "You'd better not pull any tricks on me."

Desmond smiled wryly. "I willingly helped your father forge accounts for the sa ke of having children. After handing over these ledgers, I don't even care if I end up in jail again."

Caroline thought someone like him was pitiful. He had taken the risk and gone against the law just to have a child of his own. She actually couldn't understand his feelings.

Half an hour later, Desmond's wife, Ivy Baker, brought Evans Group's real led gers to the hospital gate.

When she learned that Victoria Hospital had accepted to help them, she was so happy that she hugged Desmond. The two cried tears of Joy

However, when Ivy learned she had to give Caroline the real ledgers, she hesi tated.

"Give it to Ms. Evans, dear. The hospital wouldn't take us in without her help."

"But Ivy was hesitant.

Desmond reassured his wife. "It's okay. Just give it to her."

Ivy hesitated for a while longer before handing it to Caroline with gritted teeth.

Caroline took the ledger and flipped through a few pages. She was more or **le ss** sure that these ledgers were real She turned around and said to Mr. Sherm an, "Let's go. Mr. Sherman,"

The two had just walked a few steps when Ivy chased after her. "Ms. Evans, c an I make a small request?"

Caroline said, "What is it?

"Can you not hand these ledgers over to law enforcement?"

Ivy said, "Your father asked my husband to do all this. My husband had no choice but to do this so we could have children."

Caroline looked at Ivy's tearful expression. The strange thing was that she did n't feel any sympathy for her.

"We'll see how it goes." After saying that, she and Mr. Sherman walked into the hospital.

The obstetrics and gynecology doctors took Desmond and Ivy for examination .

After listening to the lecture, Caroline **bumped** into Ivy again. She had probabl y just finished the examination and was curled up on the

chair in pain.

Caroline wanted to leave, but for some reason, she turned around and walked over to Ivy. She handed a bottle of juice to her and said. "You'll feel better aft er drinking some grape juice."

When I saw it was Caroline, she was wary.

The hospital gave me this." Caroline placed the bottle beside Ivy.

She hesitated for a moment before asking, "Can I ask you a question?

Ivy didn't dare disobey Caroline, "Go ahead."

"Why do you both insist on having children?"

Kirk had also mentioned several times that he wanted to have children with he r. With her family situation, she wasn't keen on having a

child.

But after seeing Desmond's and Ivy's dedication, she really wanted to know w hy they would go so far.

Ivy took a deep breath, relieving her pain significantly. She stroked her stomac h and said happily. "Because Desmond and I want to know

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ly gradually dulled away in her thoughts.

"Since college, Desmond and I have been thinking about what our child will **be** like. After doing so for over a decade, it's become an obsession."

When Caroline thought of Kirk, she wondered if he would also often **think** abo ut what their child was like. If she kept refusing to have children, could their m arriage go on?

Caroline became a little annoyed and quickly left the hospital.

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When she returned to the niche was already cooking. He said. "You're lying to me again."

Thet, te cucked "Just wait for now. I call you when I'm done."

Capline didn't leave instead she leaned against the wall. As she watched Kirk get busy in the kitchen, she couldn't help blurting out. "Do you ever regret man ing me?

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remember that you wanted children very much. But after I told you that I didn't want children, you never brought it up again."

Caroline saic soitty. Til never get over my reservations and still refuse to have children, won't you feel unfortunate?"

Crowned. The never regrated marying you. As for having children-

He caused the focused on cooking. didn't bring up having children because I wanted one."

"What did you say? Carbine binted in confusion

wanted to have children with you because— Orr felt like he had been foolish back then.

Pe was embarrassed to admit it and said quiety, if we have children, you'll nev er return to Eddy's side."

Carbine stered an their shOCC

Cooler uneasy under her stare and said immediately, "Daring, I was a fool for t hinking of something like that. Don't be upset. I won't mention having children again, if you want one, we'll have one. If you don't, then we won't"

Caroline fowned. Her eyes were red from emotion. "Are you so afraid of me re turning to Eddy's side?"

Cr Towned. His ears tumed signty red as he placed the completed dishes on the table. "Not really

When retuned off the tonen hood, the villa became much quieter. Kirk listened to reason and stopped recklessly expressing his feelings

Caire waged him from benind. She placed a sweet kiss on his neck slowly unb uttoning his clothes with both hands. "Kirk, you look so

Caroline's vocal unintentional teasing already made it hard for Kirk to control h imself.

he fer defenceless against her intentional teasing. He reached out behind him and pulled Caroline into his arms.

Care ine raided her head and the kitchen light landed on her face, clearly illum inating the desire in her eyes.

Kk covered her eyes and whispered. "Don't look at me like that. I lose control"

She kissed his throat and said sensually, "Go ahead and lose control"

Then, she quickly forgot about

what happened at the hospital. She thought her life right now was good. There was no need to ruin her good mood with the unknown

Having this figured out Caroline walked happily to work the next day.

She carefully compared the ledgers

Desmond had given her. After confirming that they matched the information from the investigation, she started to take the next step.

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Meanwhile, Layla had made it clear that she would run for CEO of Evans Gro up. Moreover, she and Eddy had been showing up together a lol, so many pe ople were optimistic about her as the next CEO.

There had never been a second competitor for the position. To become the next CEO, Layla needed the support of more than half of the shareholders.

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Evans Group was a small company with a total of six shareholders. The comp any itself was the **largest** sharonder, but because s member of the Evans fam ily was running for the position, Gan, the previous CEO, had no say in the situ atio

Only the five other shareholders could make the final decision. And among the se five

people, two were on Eddy's side, in other words, they were definitely on I ayla's side.

Hence, Caroline had to convince the other three people to support her. That's why she had gotten the real ledgers. They could recover the money people had cheated them out of with these ledgers too.

Caroline had just finished tidying up when she got a call from Gwen.

"Carol, I'll go wedding dress shopping with you later,"

"Don't you have work? Caroline asked.

"I have a two-hour break at noon. So, we can go over and have a look"

"All right."

Caroline had no hopes for the store Cook had introduced, but she still said, "I'l call you when I get off work at noon

"Okay."

Soon enough, Caroline and Gwen met at Merry Color.

Caroline was surprised to see that Sean was also there. She asked, "Why is S ean here too?"

Gwen said with a look of disgust, "He insisted on coming. He said he wanted to see you in your wedding dress in advance and show it off to Kirk."

After that, she leaned over to Caroline and lowered her voice. "Men are so childish."

Caroline smiled and didn't refute, Gwen was correct; men could be really child ish sometimes.

The three entered the bridal boutique together. The clerk immediately greeted them, "Welcome! Which one of you ladies needs a wedding dress?"

Caroline said, "That would be me."

The clerk looked at Caroline's figure and immediately smiled. She praised her, saying. "You have such a good figure, ma'am. Any wedding dress will look go od on you."

Caroline smiled and walked into the store under the clerk's guidance.

She had to admit that this place deserved to be the most popular bridal boutiq ue among the upper class. The wedding dresses in the shop were boldly desi gned. They were novel and exciting.

Each dress looked brilliant and elegant. She could tell they were valuable. A w edding dress like this could reflect the identity and status of its wearer. No one from the upper class would dislike that.

Sean wasn't interested in clothes. He wanted to see Gwen wear a wedding dress. But he remembered what Kirk said about a groom seeing hi s bride in a wedding dress, so he simply said, "I'll buy you both some milkshak es."

With that, he slipped out of the bridal boutique..

Caroline joked, "It seems you dragged him here by force."

"No way."

Gwen argued, "He really wanted to come here."

"He came here for you."

Caroline moved closer to Gwen and whispered, "Ms. Jameson, shouldn't you end this probation soon?"

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With burning cheeks, Gwen protested, "1– I'm still thinking about it. Carol why does it feel like you keep taking his side? Did he price you or something?"

Just as Caroline was about to answer, a crowd of bodyguards rushed in from outside the door. The bodyguard's leader said arrogantly to the clerk "Clear out all your customers!"

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The bodyguard's arrogance made Caroline and Gwen frown in unison.

Gwen whispered in Caroline's ear, "Why make such a big fuss? It's not like the queen is coming, right?

The store manager walked out when he heard the commotion, Seeing so man y bodyguards, she hornedly asked with a site, w you people?"

"We're Ms. Daphne's bodyguards. She's coming here to try on wedding dress es. You're the store manager, noen? The word we down on his nose at the st ore manager.

He ordered. "Hurry up and get rid of the irrelevant people. If we spread any ne ws about this place, you might as well close these doors?

The store manager asked. "By Ms. Daphne, do you mean Daphne Dawson?"

"Yes."

When the store manager heard that Daphne was coming, she didn't care about anything else and hurriedly asked the clerks to get the customers out of the store.

Most people were having lunch at this hour, so there was only one other custo mer besides Caroline and Gwen. The customer immediday left without saying anything after hearing that Daphne was coming.

Meanwhile, Gwen said unhappily. "This isn't Daphne's store. Why should we I eave when she comes?

The store manager said awkwardly. "Ms. Daphne is Mr. Eddy's second uncle's wife. We can't afford to upset her. Please forgive us."

Caroline hadn't planned on buying a wedding dress from this store in the first place. So she said, "Everyone is just doing their job, Gwen Don't make things difficult for them. Let's go."

Although Gwen was upset, she wasn't unreasonable. She dragged Caroline o ut. "Daphne is getting crazier and crazier, Im sure she's

Before she could even finish, she almost bumped into Daphne and Jane, who were walking toward the door.

When Jane saw Caroline, the smile on her face immediately disappeared. She raised her head to **slap** Caroline

Fortunately, Gwen had already noticed and pushed her friend away. As a result, Jane's slap landed on Gwen's arm. Her pale arm tumed red in an instant.

Caroline's expression turned dark, and before Jane could react, she slapped h er in the face.

Jane was struck so hard that her head turned. It took her a moment to react, a nd she charged at Caroline. "How dare you hit mer

Suddenly, there was a lot of noise at the door of the bridal boutique.

Daphne was afraid of being photographed and hid in the boutique before orde ring the bodyguards, "Quick! Break them up."

The bodyguards quickly separated Jane, Caroline, and Gwen.

After all, Jane was a pampered woman. Although she was very imposing, she was fighting against two young people. Her face and hands were covered in b ruises. On the other hand, Caroline and Gwen were unscathed, aside from the ir messy hair.

Seeing this, Jane became even more furious. She shook off the bodyguards a nd yelled, "Let go of me

After that, she turned

around and questioned the store manager, "What's the matter with you people? I cant believe you'd let such

poor sods into your store! Do you really think she can afford all of this?"

Everyone looked at each other. Caroline and Gwen had an elegant bearing, so the clerk naturally thought they could afford the dresses in the store. However, after hearing what Jane said, she couldn't help but doubt her vision.

Jane continued, "Do you know who they are? One of them is just a little girl from a small family. And the other one's family has already gone bankrupt! Am I right, Ms. Evans?" She mockingly said Caroline's title.

She hated Caroline to the core. Although there wasn't any evidence pointing to Caroline for

what happened to Brie, her daughter had gone nuts after seeing Caroline that da

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After calming down, Jane realized that she couldn't make a big huss with a big star like Daphine around, so she jesuited to yelling

Daphne thought Caroline looked familiar, so she asked casually. "Who is this, Mrs. Collins?"

"You still haven't noticed, Daph?

Jane said disdainfulb, "This is Caroline, the woman who had the chance to ma rry Eddy and become a rich lady but chose to act high and mighty and marry an ordinary person,"

Everyone's expressions turned dark in response. They still had vivid memorie s of the events of the past few days.

Caroline had stepped out to refute the rumors and say that there was nothing between her and Adilan and that her husband was an

ordinary person.

There was no way she could afford to buy things from a store like this.

Daphne was different now. She might have fawned over Caroline in the past, but now "So, this is her."

She rolled her eyes and said disdainfully, "She does act pretty high and might y."

"Hey! Are you two done being condescending?" Gwen couldn't take their yapping anymore.

She asked. "Isn't it just a wedding dress? Choose whichever one you like, Carol, and I'll give it to you!" She could afford to spen d a few million dollars. At worst she could just pay it in installments.

Caroline knew Gwen was helping her assert authority, but she thought it was completely unnecessary.

She lived life for herself. It wasn't worth spending millions of dollars to buy a wedding dress you would only wear once just to get back at someone. She said, "Let's go."

"Now, you're slinking away because you can't afford it."

Jane sneered, "Didn't you realize you couldn't afford it before coming here?"

Caroline slowly tumed around and looked straight at Jane. "The Collins family has been out of tune with the other three big families for sa many years. It's entirely because of your nouveau riche mentality.

"There wasn't a time when your family hadn't bought publicity, but you still hav en't improved your image."

Her words were a fatal blow, and Jane's expression immediately changed.

Gwen covered her mouth and giggled. "Exactly! Although we don't have much money, we're clever about spending it. We're not a bunch of foolish rich peopl e like your family, who don't change their attitude at all no matter how much m oney they spend."

"How dare you?" Jane was furious at her words.

She ordered. "Throw them out."

Several bodyguards were about to step forward when they heard a drawl: "Who dares try to throw my girlfriend and her friend out?

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice and saw Sean walking over with three cups of milkshakes.

Jane didn't recognize Sean. Seeing that he was alone, she scoffed, "You can't be Caroline's husband, right? You look pretty good, but

you're too poor."

As Sean listened to Jane's words, he was glad he hadn't had a milkshake yet. Otherwise, it would've been a waste. He rolled his eyes.

He glanced at Gwen, then handed two cups of milkshakes to her and Caroline , mouthing. "Just play along."

Caroline and Gwen were confused by his words.

Immediately afterward, Sean turned around and **said** to Jane, "That's right. I'm Caroline's husband."

Caroline hurriedly looked over at Gwen, but Gwen winked at her, telling her to keep watching.

Caroline had no choice but to watch patiently.

when Jane heard that he was Largunes husband, she immediat

She said. "No wonder

Caroline has always been embarrassed to say who you are. Let me ask you w hich family are you fro

way you have a house or a car, right?"

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Sean nudded his gold med ulasses and answered honestly, I'm from the Vate s family."

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anyone with lat name who an bom a well off family

Furthermore, as the fourth party of the big four familles, the Collins family coul d step all over anyone except the other big familles, They only had to tread ca refully around the Morrisons, the Sorkins, and the Hacketts.

#### Jane didn't

overthink it and laughed. "I can tell you're a refined gentleman, so you must h ave studled for a few more years. What's the use of studying so much? You n't work for a blu family like ours"

Sean raised an eyebrow at her words. He was from a well known family. His f amily had studied medicine for generations, and their behavior was excellent. This was the first time he had met someone like Jane,

"You're being lyrannical

"Sean," Gwen Interupted him. "There's no point talking to a bunch of heartless, rich fools like the Collins family. They only care about their money."

"I see. That explains why money is all they talk aboul."

Seeing the two of them singing the same lune, Caroline raised an eyebrow, Impressed.

Although she didn't know what Sean was up to, she could tell they compleme nted each other very well. With their chemistry, they could officially be togethe r soon enough.

However, Jane was outraged. "You-"

Seeing this, Daphne sald arrogantly, "Mrs, Collins, there's no need to stoop yo urself down to their levels. They can just yap all they want. We don't need to w aste our time on them."

She suddenly raised her voice. "Kick them out!"

"Hang on!" **Sean** frowned. "We're here lo spend money. This is the first time I' ve seen someone try to drive away a customer."

"Spend money, you say?" Jane chuckled at his words.

"Do you have money?"

At this point, Sean was pissed off. This was the first time someone had questioned him like this.

Ignoring Jane and Daphne, he turned to Caroline. He said, "Caroline, give me the list Cook gave you."

Caroline **look** out the list and handed it to Sean.

Sean threw the list in front of the store manager, shouting, "Bring out all the cl othes that suit her according to the categories on this list!"

The store manager was stunned and looked at Jane helplessly.

Jane scoffed, "You're a **good** actor, aren't you?"

After that, she **said** to the manager, "You're not really going to listen to him, ar e you? Even If you take out these clothes, they won't buy them. It's just a wast e of time."

"Who says I won't buy them?" Sean took a black card from his wallet and han ded it to the clerk. "I'm buying all of these."

Everyone gasped when they saw the black card.

This black card was

issued exclusively by Union Bank. There were very few people in the world who owned such a card. It was specially customized for the most distinguished V IPs.

Only customers who spent around one billion dollars a year were eligible for th is card.

As an entertainment Industry member, Daphne was very sensitive to status sy mbols. Her expression shilted when she saw that card.

Jane was also laken aback. But soon, she thought of a possibility and said fir mly. "This card is a lake!"

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She was speaking from experience. Before the Lownses had become one of the big tour families, Jane nan sometimes used lake DiaCK

cards to show off her status.

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"We'll find out if the card is real after I pay."

Sean turned to Caroline and said, "Go ahead and pick whatever you want, Ca roline." Kirk was the one paying, anyway.

Caroline knew that Sean's net worth was a lot since he was a genius doctor, b ut she and Sean were just friends. She felt terrible about him spending so muc h money.

But if she chose to repay the money, she couldn't afford to. She said, "We sho uld go, Sean. I have to go to work."

Just as Caroline was about to turn around, she heard Jane's mocking voice. "See? I told you it was fake. It seems you both complement

each other **as** a couple."

Gwen snapped before Caroline did. She tugged at Caroline's clothes, grilled h er teeth, and shouted, "Buy whatever you want, Carol! If

worst comes to worst, you can just treat it as a gift from me. I'll return the mon ey to Sean.

"We're not arguing about this! The Collins family is going too far!"

Caroline smiled slightly. "Why waste money just because someone else is jud ging you? Besides, a wedding dress isn't a necessity."

Hearing what Caroline said, Sean

touched his nose and cursed internally. With her husband's conditions, he could make shopping for a wedding dress seem like grocery shopping.

Sean couldn't bear to see Caroline foolishly saving money for Kirk. Yet he held back the urge to tell her the truth for his friend's sake.

He approached Caroline and quietly said, "Don't worry about the money. It isn't an issue for me."

After a brief pause, he continued, "I'm mainly doing this to get even with those jerks. If you don't buy it, I'll feel uncomfortable."

Gwen convinced her as well "He's right, Carol Go ahead and pick whatever yo u want. For people like them, money doesn't buy happiness **at** all. Money isn't an issue for Sean."

They pushed Caroline into the store. She had no choice but to tell the clerk, "I want to see some wedding dresses."

The store manager looked at Daphne and Jane. The former was the wife of E ddy's mysterious second uncle, while the latter was the wife of Howard Collins . And Caroline and her companions were just nobodys.

After thinking about it, she said, "I'm sorry. We only accept VIPS in our store to oday. You should come again next time."

Sean smirked. He asked, "You're only taking VIPs, huh? Your store's largest s hareholder is Morrison Corp, right?"

The clerk was stunned and said, "Yes."

Sean took out his phone and called Eddy. Under everyone's watchful eyes, he said on the phone, "Mr. Eddy, I'm in your store right now, and the service here is dreadful. Today is obviously a regular day, but the store manager lied, saying that only VIPS are allowed in today. Is this how your subordinates fool the customers?"

When Sean opened his mouth, everyone thought of Eddy, but Jane and Daph ne soon denied this possibility.

There was no way someone like him knew Eddy. He was acting again. The po orer someone was, the more they worked to compensate for

#### 1. it.

Sean complained on the phone for a while longer, then handed the phone to the store manager.

The store manager hesitated for a moment but still took the phone. When she heard Eddy's voice, she trembled in fear. She tried to explain, "M—Mr. Eddy I…

Daphne and Jane simultaneously raised their heads.

The store manager's face was already flushed red. She said, "Yes, I understand. I'll pack up my things and leave right away."

When the store manager spoke, a man ran in from the door. He walked in pan ting. He had obviously rushed over here.

"M-May I ask which one of you is Mr. Sean Yates?"

When Jane and Daphne heard his name, their faces turned pale.

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Kirk was very mysterious, and no one even knew his name, but as a genius doctor, Sean was different.

He often had to attend medical conventions and didn't hide that he was friend s with Kirk, which attracted many people's attention.

Both Jane and Daphne knew his name. Jane knew it because the Collins family was already one of the big four families, so she kept tabs on families more prominent than hers.

Daphne knew Sean's name because she hadn't been able to find any informat ion about Kirk, except that he was good friends with Sean. Hence, his name h ad left an impression on her.

"That's me." Sean turned around to face the man who had rushed over.

The man hurriedly approached Sean, nodded solemnly, and said, "I'm really s orry! I'm the person in charge of this store. I'll compensate for my subordinate s' incompetence. We'll do whatever you want!" The man's tone showed his sincerity.

Sean pointed at Jane and Daphne and ordered, "Ban these two from your store for life."

When the man saw who he was pointing at, he was hesitant.

"What's wrong? Didn't you say you would do anything?" Sean sat down on the couch and crossed his legs.

He smiled very gently, but an imperceptible coldness was hidden in that gentle e smile.

"But The man walked up to Sean and glanced at Daphne. "Ms. Dawson is mar ried to Mr. Eddy's second uncle. II can't ban her."

Banning Daphne was equivalent to getting killed. Eddy's second uncle was a r espectable man. He didn't dare to offend him either.

Right now, the bridal boutique was silent, so Daphne heard his words clearly.

As if someone was supporting her back, she straightened up. "So, you're Sea n. My husband has talked about you."

She said with a smile. "Since you're my husband's friend, you're my friend as well" As she spoke, she stretched her hand to him as a show

of goodwill

Sean didn't even look at her. Disgust appeared on his bookish face as he said, "Really? But Ki—he never told me he was married."

Daphne's expression changed slightly. Kirk definitely wouldn't tell Sean that s he was pretending to be his wife.

But as his friend, if Sean said he didn't know about her in front of everyone, it would only make them think she was insignificant to Kirk Sure enough, everyone began looking at her differently.

Her face turned pale. She said, "Oh, maybe it's because we just got married, s

Sean waved his hand and interrupted Daphne, "I want them banned from this place. If you can't do even a simple thing like this, I tell Eddy about it and let him handle it himself!"

Sean smiled again. "I find it troublesome to make two phone calls in a row for something so trivial"

Speaking of this, the store manager had just finished packing her things and w alked out. When she saw the person in charge, her eyes

were red.

The person in charge gritted his teeth and ordered, "Someone escort these two ladies out and ban them from this store!"

"How dare you?" Jane was furious.

She said, "I'm Howard Collins' wife."

The person in charge smiled in response. "I don't have a choice, Mrs. Collins. Please leave."

Seeing that using her status didn't work, Jane hurriedly said, "She's married to Mr. Eddy's second uncle, you know!"

The person in charge couldn't bring himself to keep smiling. If he **had** to offen d Daphne or Sean, he would choose the former.

A rich man's spouse

could go away at any time, but if Sean could mingle with the likes of Eddy, it meant that Sean was also from the upper class. Things wouldn't end

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Four security guards came in, grabbed Jane and Daphne, and threw them out. The bodyguards Daphne had brought didn't dare to stop them and just slinked out of the store with her and Jane.

After dealing with them, the person in charge ran to Sean again. He said, "Mr. Yates, Mr. Eddy asked me to hand this to you."

Sean glanced at the item. It was a card.

"There are 200 thousand dollars on this card. You can spend it at any store under Morrison Corp. Mr. Eddy said it's a token of apology," the person in charge explained.

Gwen clicked her tongue at his words and nudged Caroline with her arm.

Caroline had never seen Eddy be so generous in their eight years together. E ven Eddy had to lower himself in front of someone more powerful than him.

200 thousand dollars was just a

drop in the bucket for Sean, but when he thought of Kirk, he smiled and kept the card.

"You're lucky that Mr. Eddy knows how to deal with people. We'll just leave this matter at that, but I won't be so kind the next time this happens."

**The** person in charge nodded hastily. "Yes, all right. I'll make sure to relay you r message to Mr. Eddy."

Sean said, "You can leave."

"Yes, sir." The person in charge immediately left, as if receiving grace from a **king**.

After this, the clerks in the store understood that Sean was someone important, to the point where even Eddy couldn't afford to upset him.

They all approached him enthusiastically.

"Mr. and Mrs. Yates, let me show you around."

"We have a new wedding dress in our store. It's really beautiful

"Mrs. Yates, we also have different styles right here. If you like them."

Hearing the clerks' chatter, Caroline massaged her temples. She said wearily, "It's getting late. We have to go."

Gwen glanced at her phone. "You're right. It's time to go back to work."

Sean nodded and led Caroline and Gwen out of the store. In the car, he hand ed the card to

Caroline. He said, "You can keep this, Caroline." It was the card Eddy had giv en him.

Caroline waved her hand and refused. "I don't deserve this. Besides, I have to thank you for helping me."

Hearing her words, Gwen turned in the passenger seat and said, "Just keep it, Carol. It's Eddy's money. Treat this as compensation for wasting your youth on him."

Caroline teased, "Since when did you start making decisions for Sean?"

Gwen blushed slightly and straightened **up.** "I'm telling the truth. You cared fo r Eddy for eight years, so you should get something from it."

Sean looked over at Gwen happily, then turned to Caroline through the rearvie w mirror. "Gwen's right. You deserve this money. Besides, there's *no* point in me keeping it. I don't buy wedding dresses anyway."

After feeling the blush on her face slowly disappear, Gwen turned to look at Caroline again. "Carol, you're taking a wedding photo. You don't hav e to leave any regrets, do you?"

Caroline was moved. They were right.

Sean wouldn't use the card anyway. Even if he got married, he probably wouldn't buy a wedding outfit off the shelf. He would have one custom—made. It would be a waste not to use 200 thousand dollars.

"I don't know what to say," Caroline said awkward

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#### +15 BONOS

Sean dropped Caroline off at Thorne Corp before driving Gwen to the city cent er When they

reached the underground parking lot, Gwen was about to take off her seat belt when Sean held her

hand.

Gwen's heart skipped a beat, but she pretended to be calm. She asked, "What are you doing?"

"Don't you have anything to say?" Sean asked in return, looking at Gwen with a tender smile.

Gwen's heart beat wildly as he watched her. She said insincerely, "What?"

Sean moved closer, maintaining an appropriate distance.

He said, "I helped your friend today, you know..."

He looked at her, silently asking for a reward.

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Although there was a distance between them, Gwen could still feel Sean's bre ath on her cheeks.

She felt uneasy and wanted to cover her face.

Sean grabbed her wrist and stared at her with a burning gaze.

"Gwen, I know you're not ready to take the next step, but I'm not in a hurry. But you have to give

me a treat once in a while so that I can have some hope as I wait for your ans wer" He spoke as

sincerely as a devout follower.

Gwen shivered slightly. She asked quietly, "What do you want?"

"Anything is fine, even just a pat on my head."

Gwen's hands trembled. After a long while, she whispered, "Let go of me first."

Sean did as she said Gwen gently cupped his cheek and kissed him on the lip s "How about this?"

She looked at him boldly, but her bashfulness could be seen on her face

Sean's heart was beating fast. Holding back the smile on his lips, he said, "Ye ah, that's a mice treat. Enough for me to last a long time."

Gwen looked at him shyly, **and** her face clowly turned red. She unbuckled the seatbelt and said. Im going to work."

#### 15 RONGS

After watching her leave the car, Sean said, "Darling, do I get this treatment a s long as I help

Caroline?"

"You're insane " Gwen glared at him. But when she turned around, she couldn't stop her lips from

curling into a smule.

#### Sean rubbed

his lips with his fingertips, smiling foolishly. It wasn't until he heard a honk behind him that he returned to his senses. He realized he was blocking the way and quickly drove away.

On the way, he got a call from Kirk..

"Caroline hasn't bought a wedding dress yet," he said quickly, knowing what K irk would ask as

soon as he answered the phone.

He recounted what happened just now to his friend and sighed, "Caroline considers your feelings.

all the time. How could you lie to her, saying you're a poor man?"

"Since when did I say that?" Kirk retorted, narrowing his eyes.

As he tapped his fingers on the table, the image of Caroline's heartbroken expression appeared in

his mind, and his frown deepened.

"The middle management of Morrison Corp only earns 20 to 30 thousand doll ars annually.

Although Evans Group is in decline, look at the people Caroline has interacted with as she grew

1. up. Aren't you just poor in her eyes?"

Kirk remained silent.

"But you don't have to worry." Sean laughed.

"I just thought of a good way to help you. You can tell Caroline that you won o ne billion dollars in a

lottery. Then, you can live in peace without worrying about keeping your secre t."

Kirk smirked. "Are you saying this to help me or yourself?"