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"What's wrong, Cher/17 Caroline asked patiently, looking at the silent woman in front of her

Cheryl looked up at Caroline. After seeing her encouraging gaze, she said, "C aroline, can I go to Evans Group?

Caroline smiled at her words. "You want to go to Evans Group with me?"

Cherd hit her lip nervously and nodded.

But she immediately explained, "Caroline, I swear I'm not trying to ride on your coattails. Well not exactly. I want to ride on your coattails

and learn by your side t

She was blabbering, and her face turned red.

Caroline said with a smile, "I understand."

Hearing Caroline's gentle voice, Cheryl calmed down.

She looked at Caroline gratefully and said, "Caroline, I really learned a lot of th ings when I worked for you. I promise I'm not following you

because you're Evans Group's CEO."

Caroline nodded. She could tell that Cheryl was sincere, but she said, "You ha ve to think this through. The workplace isn't a place for

emotions."

Caroline paused and said bluntly, "Do you know the situation Evans Group is i n right now? It's a total mess. If you follow me there, you'll

endure many hardships."

Evans Group had both internal and external problems. Caroline's job was bound to be more challenging than people thought.

But as long as she got through this, she believed that her and everyone else's careers would grow rapidly.

Cheryl looked at Caroline and said sincerely, "I'm not afraid of suffering. I'm afraid of suffering in vain." She didn't think it would be a waste

to follow Caroline.

"All right." Hearing Cheryl's assurance, Caroline agreed, "I can take you with me."

Cheryl smiled happily. "Thank you for giving me the opportunity, Caroline!"

Caroline patted her shoulder. "Handle your resignation and report to Evans Gr oup."

Not long after Cheryl left, Jack returned. He looked free and easy. Caroline lo oked at him questioningly. Jack even took the initiative to take all of her things , easily carrying five boxes..

Caroline had originally planned to move her things in two trips, but Jack carrie d all of them by himself. After bringing the things

Jack patted the car door leisurely.

ything else, Ms. Evans?" He looked like a kid who had gotten a bunch of cand y.

"Mr. Jack, did something good happen?"

Jack said with a smile, "Nothing much. My boss just bought me a villa in Macl do and gave me a fighting gym."

"Your boss is so generous!" Caroline exclaimed in surprise. No wonder Jack d idn't have to work.

"Yeah, he really is." Jack wished that he could take the blame for Kirk more oft en.

"Let me lake you home, Ms. Evans."

Caroline was about to say yes, but she remembered that he had become her driver because he had a crush on her.

He hadn't even earned a single penny, but he had still worked hard without co mplaining. Thinking of this, she felt guilty.

She said,

"It's okay, Mr. Jack. Thank you for helping me out during this time. Why don't you figure out how much I should pay you for your

Trouble?"

No matter how much Caroline had changed, she still couldn't bear to see som eone selflessly helping her with peace of mind.

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it was the most precious sentiment one could give, and she had to repay him f or his efforts.

Jack felt a little quilty seeing Caroline like this.

He said, "You don't

have to, Ms. Evans, I volunteered to do this, I didn't feel troubled working for y ou at all. On the contrary, this is the most relaxed Ive been in the past few yea rs. Thank you for giving me a chance to take a breather."

He was most grateful that, because of Caroline, he had the chance to stay by Kirk's side and see a different side of him. For that alone, all his efforts had be en worth it.

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Caroline felt embarrassed at his words. She insisted, "But I should still pay yo u back for your efforts."

"It's okay. You already did."

Caroline thought he was referring to him becoming more mature and happler because of his

experience working for her. She didn't know he was referring to the villa and fi ghting gym his boss had given him.

Seeing how Jack had insisted, Caroline no longer hesitated. "Okay. Thank yo u, Mr. Jack."

When Jack sent Caroline home, Kirk was already waiting for her.

Seeing Caroline return home, he wrapped his arms around her waist. "You're j ust on time, darling."

Caroline pushed Kirk's chest. Before, she **hadn't** known that Jack had a crush on her, so she could act lovey–

dovey with Kirk without any worries. However, now ***

Kirk seemed to have seen through Caroline's thoughts. He let go of her and s aid to Jack, "Let's talk outside."

Caroline was stunned by his words. She nervously grabbed his tie and looked at him, silently asking if he knew about Jack's crush on her. She was also curi ous as to how Kirk knew about this.

Kirk held Caroline's hand, feeling a hint of jealousy. But he still said with **a** smil e, "Don't worry. Nothing will happen."

Caroline tightly grasped Kirk's tie. As she got lost in his enchanting gaze, she slowly loosened her grip. While the two men approached the door, Caroline s wallowed nervously. She said, "Come back soon, Kirk."

Her eyes were damp as

she stood there. The evening sunlight enveloped her body, making her look m ystical and ethereal She looked like a goddess who had descended from heav en. Kirk smiled at the sight. He promised, "Okay."

After leaving the villa, Jack hurriedly said, "Don't worry, sir. I've already told the madam that I've let go of my feelings, and I definitely won't try to court her in the future."

There was no way he would do that if he wanted to keep breathing.

Kirk played with the lighter in his hand, wearing a half– smile on his face. "Don't be so anxious. I was the one who tampered with your

dossier."

Jack was stunned. It took him a few moments to realize that Kirk was behind all of this. He was speechless. "Sir-

Kirk raised his head, looking in the distance. He said, "I called you out becaus e I want you to remain in Easton and care for my wife."

Jack said. "But I-

"You haven't let go of your feelings?" Kirk looked at Jack warningly.

Jack hurriedly said, "Please stop joking with me about this, sir. I'm worried that if I stay, I'll ruin your relationship

Kirk waved his hand and said confidently, "You definitely won't."

Jack hang he was being judged. He wished he could see Kirk go wild for his lo ve once more.

"lf th

joesn't have a problemn with it, I'd be happy to help."

Kirk smirked. He said, "She definitely won't. You may leave."

"Yes, sir." Jack started his car and drove away.

After watching the car disappear into the distance, Kirk **finally** relaxed his tens e shoulders. He had resolved the issue with Jack but he had to be more caref ul from now on. When he thought of **Caroline** waiting for him in the villa, he instantly relaxed h is frown. He strode toward the villa and opened the door." Darling

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Laroune was cleaning vegetables in the kitchen. When she neard Kirk s voice, sne poked her head out and asked, "I cook something, and we'll celebrate tog ether. How about that?"

Kirk removed his tie, revealing his sharp collarbones.

He carried Caroline out of the kitchen with one hand, kissing a trail down from her forehead. "Of course, we're in no rush. So let's celebrate to our hearts' co nte

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Caroline was half awake, and she didn't feel as if she was lying in bed. Instea d, she fell as if she were lying in a bed of flowers, and she could sorell all kind s of scents.

She finally woke up and tapped Kirk's chin lightly with her lingers.

Kirk nodded slightly and placed a kiss on her fingers. "Are you okay?

"To hist hungry," Caroline replied.

Kirk smiled softly. "I'll ask Charles to bring some lood over."

"Isn't he off work at this hour?"

"Not yet," Kirk picked up his phone and sent Charles a message. Then, he **put** his phone back on the bedside table.

He said, "He'll be here in 15 minutes. I'll go downstairs and get you a plece of toast now."

"It's okay," Caroline sat up with a blush.

She looked into

Kirk's eyes and pondered for a moment. "I need to talk to you about somethin g."

"What is it?"

"I want to talk about"

Caroline looked away and sald hesitantly, "Mr. Jack's crush on me

At the mention of this, she looked back at Kirk and assured him, "Don't worry. We'll never see each other again."

Kirk tucked her wet hair behind her ears. He **said**, "I'm not that pelty. I've alrea dy talked about it with him. He'll continue to be your driver."

Caroline blinked at his words.

Kirk continued, "Besides, Isn't it normal for someone to have a crush on you, d arling? You're so outstanding, after all"

Caroline blinked again and said hesitantly, "But

"But what?"

*Sean said you'll feel inferior. Caroline said. Back then, there had been nothin g between her and Adrian. However, there had been a scandal, and Kirk had even gone drinking because he felt inferior.

But this time, Jack really had a crush on her.

Kirk froze, and then he pressed his forehead against Caroline's.

"Me? Inferior?" His voice was low and deep, stirring up tenderness and charm.

Caroline blushed.

Kirk hooked his fingers with Caroline's and sald somewhat happily. "Did I manage to charm you, darling?"

Caroline was speechless. His fingers reached under the blanket, and she fell a cold touch at her waist. She hurriedly said, "Charles will be Kirk picked up his phone and sent Charles a message. "I'll ask him to leave th e food at the door."

Caroline was dumbfounded.

It **was** already 10:00 pm when they got out of bed and started eating. Wrappe d in a bathrobe, Caroline sat across from Kirk, listening to his

voice rolling out in the kitchen.

Kirk explained, "Jack is a fighting champion. He'll do a good job protecting you , so you should let him stay by your side."

"But that would feel like I'm using him."

You wont. You can just pay him a salary. Filk smiled.

allet on Caroline's plate. "I think he il be delighted."

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Okay, I'll ask him tomorrow"

Don't wa

Kuk

suggested, "Ask him right now. Aren't you going to make sweeping changes t o the company tomorrow? I'm worried that those fumatics will go against you'

Caroline held her fork and stared at Kirk, perplexed. She asked, "How do you know I'm going to do that?"

She had never told Kirk what she Wanted to do in Evans Group this entire tim e,

Kirk palled his chest and joked, "Call it a spouse's intuition."

Caroline smiled at his words.

"You should go to bed soon. You have to fight a tough battle tomorrow," Kirk a dvised.

He put another plece of meal on Caroline's plate. "And eat some more food."

He worked so hard to make Caroline gain some weight, but that weight would probably be gone from the stress of working at Evans Group.

"Okay" Caroline continued eating and tried to suppress her smile,

Finally, she could no longer hold it back, and a large grin spread on her face,

The next day, Caroline saw Jack's car in front of her house. She hesitated for a moment, then walked to the car.

Neither of them spoke as if nothing had changed. Last night, they reached an agreement that Jack would join Evans Group and become her full-time driver.

Jack's words completely quelled Caroline's worries. He said he wasn't staying because of his former crush on her but because he wanted to live an ordinary life,

In the past, he had only known the life of a fighter, and he had lost many chan ces to enjoy himself. Having a regular job would make it easier for him to have an ordinary lifestyle.

Most importantly, he sounded tactful and appropriate, without a hint of conflict or complaint. Their relationship was utterly professional which freed Caroline f rom her worries,

In the car, Caroline first made several phone calls to the recruiting company to finalize the interview details for the afternoon.

She then took the time to contact several companies' bosses with whom she h ad built bridges during her time at Thorne Corp.

By the time she was done, she was almost at the company. She thought for a moment before saying, "Can you come upstairs with me, Mr. Jack

Jack nodded, "Of course." This morning, Kirk had specifically ordered him to p rotect Caroline.

The

ed side by side to the elevator, it was rush hour right now. There were many companies on the floor where Evans Group was

yees who were going to work blocked the elevator entrance.

Taking advantage of the time, Caroline took out the list of employees at Evans Group and made some notes.

At this moment, several men who looked like renovators came in carrying ladd ers and tools, making the already narrow passageway even more congested.

Some people couldn't help complaining, "Which floor is having a renovation so soon in the morning?"

"It seems to be the 24th Boor."

Someone replied, "I heard someone took over the entire floor, and they're goi ng to **open** an apparel company."

"Using an entire floor? That's amazing."

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What's right. A big boss must have cought it

While they were chatting, Caroline had already entered the elevator. Soon, th e elevator reached the 23rd floor. She left the elevator and immediately saw E mery putting on makeup at the front desk.

Emery also saw Caroline and stopped her movements quiltly. Then, she continued to put on her eye makeup as if no one else was around.

Caroline gave her another glance, then walked into the office lobby.

In the lobby, everyone was slacking off. Caroline looked at the watch on her w rist. It was already 9:30 am. She couldn't believe they were slacking off just aft er working for half an hour.

She gently placed her bag on the table and ordered. "Call everyone out here!"

Everyone lazily looked up at Caroline, but no one moved.

At this moment, two people walked in the door. One of them was Luke, and th e other was Tom. When they saw Caroline, they smiled brightly.

"You're so hardworking to be here early in the moming. Ms. Evans. We were a fraid we wouldn't see you if we came early."

Caroline asked. "Is there something I can help you with?"

"We're here to discuss our divestment.

As soon as they finished speaking, everyone looked at Caroline gloatingly.

Caroline coldly looked back at everyone and said, "All right

Everyone was slightly startled by her gaze.

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Luke and Tem were also dumbfounded. They thought there would be some dif f Caroline to agree so readily.

They couldn't help but wonder if she was up to something.

In achieving their objectives, but they didn't expect

"Are you

really agreeing to us retracting our Investment? Luke asked.

Caroline said. "Forcing things will never work out. Since both of you are unwilling to work with this company, I won't force you."

Before taking over this mess, she had already thought of this outcome. "The c ompany personnel will contact you later about the process details. Is there an ything else I can do for both of you?

She was clearly implying that they should leave.

Luke and Tom replied, "No. I hope that the divestment process will be as relax ed as this. With that, the two men left.

The employees al Evans Group were still waiting for Luke **and** Tom to leach C aroline a lesson. They didn't expect things to be resolved so quickly. They fou nd it boring.

Emery quickly texted Layla about what happened just now. As soon as she se nt the message, she heard Caroline's cold voice. "Mr. Jack, call everyone out here!"

Jack nodded and called everyone out in the office area. Those who dared to r esist didn't dare say anything else after seeing how strong Jack was, and they went to the hall obediently.

More than 200 people had been scattered throughout the office, but they all ar rived in the hall.

Caroline glanced at everyone. She already knew there were 225 people In Ev ans Group.

90% of the top management were ignorant and incompetent jerks who allied with the Evans family, so she had to replace the m all.

However, changing so many employees at once was unrealistic, so she had n o choice but to pick them off individually.

Meanwhile, the ordinary employees were a little better, with only 45% of them siding with the Evans family.

Yet even this number of people could be dangerous in a regular family busine ss. **So** Caroline needed to deal with the 45% first.

Facing all the employees, she announced undauntingly, "I know some of you are unhappy with me becoming Evans Group's CEO. However, let me say this : this company is a place where we generale profits. If you can't do something as simple as that, feel free to

resign!"

Many people frowned at Caroline for suggesting they resign first thing.

"If not, I will be announcing the employees who will be dismissed," Caroline continued.

Everyone's

expression changed slightly, and their eyes landed on the list Caroline had tak en from her **bag**.

Emery's face turned pale when she saw the list. She remembered Caroline telling her she would fire her the first day she t ook office.

Back **then**, she thought Caroline was talking nonsense. She quickly took out h er phone and sent a **message** to Layla, desperately asking

Layla to save her.

Caroline looked at everyone, who had varying expressions on their faces, and began to call the names of the terminated employees.

"Hayden aves. Rowan Evans, Gale Parsons. Emery Evans" Caroline's voice was gentle but full of authority.

Evi

ther

se name was called had an intricate connection with the Evans family. Some of them were blood relatives, while some of

elated to them by marriage.

These were the ordinary employees. Meanwhile, for the top management, Car oline only fired the head of the public relations department.

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