

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 471-500

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 471-The horoscope-themed outfits were selling like hotcakes.

In addition, Caroline had had the insight to develop the second batch of clothing in advance, so the company had already started discussing the announcement and distribution of the second batch of clothes.

Everyone was busy except for Caroline. She discovered that her subordinates were not incompetent. On the contrary, they had taken on a passive attitude toward their work because they had thought Evans Group would go bankrupt sooner or later.

But things were different now. Everyone was motivated and energetic due to their success. They were now doing the things she had had to handle alone previously with no trouble.

So Caroline was free at the moment. All she did was sign documents all day.

Being a boss was really easy. No wonder everyone wanted to be one.

However, Caroline didn't want to relax. If she did, her mind would wander.

In desperation, she called Gwen. She didn't know what her friend had been doing lately since she had been really elusive. She hadn't even shown up at their company's celebration.

As soon as the call connected, Caroline heard the sound of typing on the keyboard. "Carol..." Gwen's voice was filled with joy.

It brightened up Caroline's mood as well. "You're in a good mood today." "That's right!" Gwen made no secret of her mood.

"Did you make up with Sean?" Gwen paused, then said leisurely, "No." Caroline was stunned. "Then, did you win a lottery?" "Haha, of course not." Gwen said, "I got a new boyfriend. I'll let you meet him tonight." "A new boyfriend?" Caroline almost bit her tongue in shock.

"Yeah!" Gwen typed on her keyboard nonchalantly.

“Are you coming?” Caroline was still shocked. “So you’ve been busy looking for a new boyfriend?” “Yeah.” Gwen sounded free and easy.

“Didn’t I tell you? To forget a past relationship, you need time or someone new.

Since you’re using time, I’ll find someone new.” Caroline said, “But before, you didn’t need to find someone else to get over a relationship.” Gwen either didn’t hear her words or didn’t care.

She asked again, “Are you coming? We’re meeting at a trendy Jasmorian restaurant. It’s difficult to book a spot. My boyfriend is the boss there.” Caroline asked, “Is your boyfriend Jasmorian?” Was Gwen in a long-distance relationship now?

“No, he’s just a student studying in Jasmoria.” Gwen said mysteriously, “But don’t tell anyone. He said it was a publicity stunt. If he claims to be Jasmorian, others will think his restaurant is authentic.” Caroline frowned slightly at her words. Wasn’t this an act of deception?

However, judging from Gwen’s tone, she really liked her new boyfriend. So Caroline didn’t mention anything.

In the evening, Caroline and Gwen went to the Jasmorian restaurant together.

Like Gwen had said, it was pretty popular. There was a long line of people in front of the restaurant.

Caroline and Gwen entered through the back door. Coincidentally, when they went into the restaurant, they met Sonia.

Sonia took off her sunglasses and mask, feeling a little excited. “Caroline?” Caroline asked, “Hey! What are you doing here?” Sonia explained with a smile, “I just finished work. I heard the food in this restaurant is excellent, so I asked Helena to book a table for me. What a coincidence!”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 472-oked at Caroline excitedly. “Carol, you’ve also seen ‘Odyssey’, right?” After saying this, she seemed to realize something and laughed heartily. “Oh, how forgetful of me. You had predicted Sonia would become famous because of that show.” Speaking of

this, she felt a little guilty. She grabbed Caroline and whispered, "I'm really sorry, Carol. I've been so busy looking for a new partner that I forgot to congratulate you!" Caroline said, "It's okay. I'm just happy to see you back on your feet." While the two were talking, the sliding door was pushed open, and a tall man walked in. He was wearing a Jasmorian outfit, and he looked pretty handsome, but Caroline somehow always ended up looking at the prickly hairs below his nose.

"This is my boyfriend, Colin Waverly," Gwen introduced.

Colin's eyes fell on Caroline. "Is this your best friend?" "Yes." "She's pretty." Caroline frowned. This wasn't the first time Gwen had introduced her to a new boyfriend. They had brazenly checked her out before, but they would restrain themselves around Gwen.

However, Colin didn't seem to know the meaning of restraint. He kept looking at Caroline boldly.

The next second, he walked past Caroline and Gwen and stretched his hand towards Sonia.

1/2 "You're Sonia Norman! The one from 'Odyssey! You're so beautiful! My muses used to be Jasmorian stars, but you've been my only muse since I met you." Sonia was used to meeting enthusiastic fans, so she politely shook Colin's hand and then let go.

She thought Colin would let go of her hand, but unexpectedly, he took a step further and grabbed Sonia's hand tightly.

"Can you give me an autograph, my muse? Just sign your name on your bra and hand it to me." Gwen's expression turned dark when she heard Colin's perverted request. She kicked his thigh and hissed, "What the hell are you doing?" Colin grimaced in pain, but he could still come up with sweet nothings.

"Are you jealous, my dear? You and Sonia are different. You're my girlfriend, and she's my muse. I'll be together with you, but I won't ever be in a relationship with her." Caroline was speechless.

Gwen was dumbfounded as well. She turned to Caroline and said, "Let's go, Carol." Caroline grabbed Sonia. She had to ask Gwen where she had found this nutjob after they left. However, when she opened the door, she saw Sean standing at the door with a sullen expression.

Sean always had a scholarly air that made him appear weak and bookish.

But now, his sullen expression even made Caroline's heart jump. Then, her eyes met Kirk's, who was standing behind Sean.

Kirk had a neutral expression on his face. He leaned lazily against the door, like a spectator watching a play.

Even when distracted, Caroline noticed Gwen holding Colin's arm beside her and introduced warmly, "What a coincidence, Dr. Yates! This is my boyfriend, Colin. And Colin, this is Sean Yates.

You must know him. He's a genius doctor." She winked at Colin charmingly.

Colin was stunned by her behavior.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 473-Anger surged in Sean's eyes, and he clenched his fists. "This is your new boyfriend?" "That's right." Gwen smiled heartily.

"What do you think? Is he more handsome than you?" Sean remained silent, looking at Colin sullenly. His gaze was so intense that Colin lost his lustful attitude. He just wanted to break away from Gwen and escape.

However, Gwen held his arm tightly, looking at Sean fearlessly. She had known how awful Colin was from the moment she had met him. But when she saw his eyes, she would always think about Sean.

Initially, Gwen didn't know why, but after seeing him a few times, she finally figured it out.

Colin's eyes looked very similar to Sean's. His eyes were on the rounder side, and they had a warm tint. As soon as she realized this, she proposed getting together with Colin.

Therefore, she didn't care how much of a scumbag Colin was. She just wanted to see those eyes, just like she was looking into Sean's eyes right now.

Gwen bit her lip slightly, feeling bitter. But she still sounded relaxed when she asked, "Are you here for dinner, Dr. Yates?" Suddenly, Sean grabbed Gwen, and she staggered into his arms. She struggled and yelled, "Let go of me!" But Sean still pulled Gwen toward the door with a long face. Soon, the sounds of Gwen's struggle faded into the distance.

Sonia was dumbfounded at the sight. She whispered in Caroline's ear, "Caroline, w—will she be okay?" Caroline glanced at Colin, who was standing there blankly. "Why should we be worried when her boyfriend isn't?" Caroline still trusted Sean. She didn't believe he would do anything to harm Gwen. Colin, on the other hand His girlfriend had been taken away, but he hadn't even tried to go after her.

He had such an awful personality! Caroline would definitely try to persuade Gwen to break up with him, even if it would ruin their friendship.

"Are you still eating dinner?" Kirk suddenly spoke, his voice magnetic.

Sonia immediately looked at Kirk, a blush staining her pretty cheeks. Having worked in the entertainment industry for years, she had seen many handsome men.

But this was the first time she had seen someone as good-looking as Kirk. Her heart, which had never skipped a beat, was beating wildly right now.

Caroline didn't notice the change in Sonia's behavior, but she looked at Kirk and stepped out of the private room. Kirk put his hands in his pockets and followed her.

Only then did Sonia notice the unusual connection between Caroline and Kirk.

She suppressed the fluttering in her heart and hurriedly followed Caroline.

But she still couldn't help sneaking a glance at Kirk when she passed by him.

Just one glance was enough to astound her. She quickly looked away and asked Caroline, "Are you going home, Caroline?" Caroline had already left the restaurant. Jack's car was parked not far away.

Thinking Kirk would definitely get in the car with her, she said sullenly, "I'm going for a walk." She could use this chance to make it clear to him that he didn't have to go to her house anymore.

Unexpectedly, Sonia asked, "Why don't I come with you?" She put on her mask and said with bright eyes, "Since I joined the entertainment industry, I've been practicing martial arts at home every day. I don't even have the time to go out, let alone take a walk."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 474-Caroline looked at Sonia and found it difficult to refuse a request from a beautiful girl like her." Okay, but is it okay for you to do this? If fans recognize you..." "They won't." Sonia pointed to her mask.

"It's dark at night. They won't recognize me unless their eyes are sharp." Caroline relaxed and took Sonia for a silent walk along the street. Kirk followed behind them, remaining quiet as well.

Sonia discreetly asked Caroline, "Caroline, who is that man?" Caroline said bluntly, "I don't know him." Sonia chuckled at her words.

Caroline asked, "Why are you laughing?" "He must be your husband. You two must be having trouble." Sonia said mysteriously, "Besides, I can see that you both love each other very much." Caroline's heart skipped a beat. She said, "You're so confident about that. Are you a psychic or something? Or have you been in a relationship?" "No, but I've seen people in love." Sonia mused, "Look at him. Even though you both are fighting, he still follows you every step of the way.

"It shows that you're more important than his anger at you. I've seen many people lose their girlfriends because they lost their temper over the tiniest things." Kirk's attitude touched Sonia.

Caroline had met someone like that before. That had been the case with Eddy.

He would abandon her at any time during meetings, banquets, or even the roads. It wasn't because they were fighting, but because he didn't like her.

Sonia nudged Caroline's arm. "Caroline. If it isn't a big issue, you should just forgive him. In relationships, there must be a compromise, right?" Caroline looked at Sonia silently.

Sonia's expression shifted. "Is it really a big issue?" Caroline nodded. "Do you remember what I asked you? About a man falling in love with another woman "And marrying her?" Sonia interjected, looking back at Kirk in shock.

But she quickly shook her head and said, "I don't think he's someone like that.

Did you give him a chance to explain?" Caroline threw up her hands. "Yes, and I did it more than once! But he just wouldn't explain himself." After what she heard, Sonia couldn't take Kirk's side anymore.

Still, she said, "Maybe he has his reasons." Caroline grimaced. She didn't care if he had his reasons.

She was going to kick Kirk out of her apartment tonight! She didn't want to see his face every night right after work!

Before this issue was resolved, she would give him the silent treatment until the end!

As she walked, she noticed fewer lights and people around them.

Realizing that she had reached a remote place, Caroline was about to turn around and go back when three people showed up in front of them.

All three wore masks and hats. They were even more covered up than Sonia.

Caroline turned around and noticed they weren't the only ones there.

They were surrounded from all directions. There were at least 20 to 30 people, and they were all holding weapons. It was clear that they weren't good people.

Caroline protected Sonia behind her.

Her actions made Sonia, who had only had herself to rely on since childhood, feel a warmth in her chest.

However, before the warmth dissipated, she felt a chill on her back. When she turned around, she met Kirk's aggressive gaze.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 475-What are you up to?"

Caroline could tell these men were up to no good. She secretly used Sonia's body as cover to call the authorities.

"Nothing much." The person who spoke was probably their leader. He was casually holding a baton in his hand, tapping it on his palm.

"We're just a little short of money, and we would like to borrow some from you." Just as Caroline was about to speak, Kirk walked to stand between her and the leader.

The leader was a head shorter than Kirk, so he had to raise his head to see him clearly. But as soon as his eyes met Kirk's, he trembled in fear.

The man before him had eyes as sharp as daggers, and he had an air of danger. He could tell this man couldn't be trifled with.

But he remembered the generous reward he would get. Besides, they only had one man on their side.

At this thought, he became more courageous and tightened his grip on his baton.

"What's wrong? Aren't you going to pay?" Kirk raised his hand and grabbed his neck. The leader was caught off guard, and his eyes widened.

He raised his baton, trying to hit Kirk, but he couldn't muster any strength.

The situation escalated so suddenly that everyone rushed toward Kirk like a swarm of bees.

Seeing that they had begun fighting, Sonia braced Caroline behind her. With a clean sweep of her leg, she kicked down three men rushing toward them.

The sight amazed Caroline. Sonia was so cool!

Kirk's moves were even cleaner and sharper. He didn't fight flamboyantly like Sonia. Instead, he would deliver every blow with all his strength.

With each punch he threw, someone would fall to the ground, incapacitated.

Just like that, the two of them defeated dozens of men.

Before Caroline could smile in relief, she saw someone getting up behind Kirk with a knife he had gotten out of nowhere. She didn't even have time to warn him when she saw the man stab Kirk in the back as he walked toward her.

"Kirk!" Caroline yelled anxiously.

Behind him, the tip of the knife pierced Kirk's back. The man only made a shallow cut before he lost his strength.

Kirk felt danger coming from behind him and was about to fight back. But seeing the fear in Caroline's eyes, he changed his mind. He pressed his back against the tip of the knife and backed away forcefully.

Shunk! The knife stabbed into his chest. A huge wave of pain surged from his back, spreading throughout his body.

Caroline, who was running toward Kirk, also heard the sound of a stab.

She stood there blankly, watching Kirk smile at her.

"Darling ..." His mouth opened and closed as his body slowly fell to the ground.

Caroline didn't care about anything else. She rushed over and tightly hugged Kirk, who was about to fall.

With tears in her eyes, she sobbed, "Kirk ..." As her tears fell on his cheeks one by one, Kirk discreetly curled his lips into a small smirk.

The police soon arrived at the scene and took the dozens of thugs away. The doctor who followed them took Kirk to the hospital.

Although the knife wound was deep, it hadn't damaged any vital parts of Kirk's body. The doctor briefly treated the wound and gave instructions before leaving the ward.

Caroline finally breathed a sigh of relief when she learned Kirk was fine.

She glanced at Sonia, who hadn't left yet. "You should go home, Sonia. There are many people here. It would be bad if they recognized you." Sonia nodded, not wanting to cause more trouble for Caroline.

Noticing the worry on Caroline's face, she couldn't resist saying, "You don't have to worry, Sonia had only found out Kirk's name when they had admitted him to the hospital.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 476-What a coincidence! Caroline's husband's surname was also Morrison.

"Thank you." Caroline walked her to the door.

"Be careful on the way home. Hurry up and go. It would be bad if someone recognized you." "Okay." Sonia glanced at Kirk one last time before looking away. This man was someone she could only dream of.

Caroline didn't notice it just now, but Sonia did. She knew martial arts, so she understood a martial artist's instinctive reaction when facing danger.

However, Kirk had taken a step back, putting himself in more danger. This wasn't something a typical martial artist would do. Therefore, he had done it on purpose.

He had probably done it to make Caroline worry.

Sonia curled her lips into a smile. That man would even risk his own life to get closer to Caroline.

Nothing could get this man away from her, not even God.

At this thought, Sonia's steps relaxed a little as she walked.

Caroline looked at Kirk, who was lying on the hospital bed with a pale face. His eyes were closed.

He hadn't woken up.

The doctor said he possibly hadn't woken up because he was in too much pain.

Caroline took the chance to see Kirk's appearance carefully. After looking at him, she noticed he had really lost weight.

He used to have more flesh on his cheeks, but now his cheeks were slightly sunken, making him look even more ruthless.

Feeling distressed, Caroline lowered her head and saw that Kirk's fingers had become more slender.

She wanted to touch his palm with her hand, but she suddenly pulled away as if she had been shocked.

She nervously looked up at Kirk.

Seeing that he was still asleep, she boldly reached out again, carefully touching Kirk's palm. His familiar touch made her heart race, and she slowly touched his skin with her fingers.

People were greedy. After feeling a hint of warmth, she wanted more.

It wasn't until Caroline's entire palm covered Kirk's hand that she finally circled his wrist with her thumb and middle finger. His wrist had become thinner as well.

As Caroline felt the bones on his wrist, she felt her heart sting. She wondered if he had lost weight anywhere else. She glanced at his body, which was covered by the blanket.

Unbeknownst to her, Kirk, who was lying on the bed, slightly opened his eyes and was looking at Caroline secretly.

Her distress for him was like a drug, lessening the pain in his back.

Time passed silently. It was a quiet and beautiful moment between them.

Then, Kirk heard the sound of high heels tapping on the ground. He frowned slightly.

The next second, Gwen opened the door and walked in, panting. She asked nervously, "Are you okay, Carol?" Caroline quickly let go of Kirk.

Kirk rolled his eyes with his eyes still closed.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 477-“I’m fine. What are you doing here?” Caroline’s question made Gwen’s expression shift.

After Sean had dragged her out of the restaurant, he had taken her to a secluded place before letting her go.

Naturally, Gwen had taken the chance to attempt an escape, but unexpectedly, Sean had pinned her against the tree.

He stared at her with a vicious look she had never seen before, like a hunter eyeing his prey.

Gwen’s body trembled from his gaze, but she still braced herself to look into Sean’s eyes. “What?

Are you going to force a kiss now?” “You’re damn right I am!” After saying that, Sean pressed his mouth against hers.

At first, Gwen had resisted, but eventually, for some reason, she felt dizzy, her mind drifting like a cloud. Gradually, she had lost strength in her limbs, and she had leaned against Sean.

She had felt as if she had caught a piece of driftwood in the ocean. She would survive if she held on, but she would have to endure its putrid stench.

If she didn’t want to endure the smell, she had to let go of her lifeline. But that also meant she would die.

As her mind had been spinning from deciding what to do, Sean had let her go. A faint smile had stretched on his face as he traced her lips with his fingers.

He had a hint of pride in his eyes as he said, “Your body is more honest than you.” His words had pissed Gwen off.

Just then, they had heard police sirens behind them. Gwen had taken the chance to escape from Sean’s arms and returned to the restaurant to look for Caroline.

They had learned from other people that Caroline and Kirk had gone to the hospital. Then, they had come here in a hurry.

“Is Kirk all right?” Sean asked.

He glanced at the blush on Gwen's cheeks, acting naturally when Caroline looked over at them.

"He's fine. He just hasn't woken up yet." Caroline looked at Sean worriedly.

"I wonder when he'll wake up." Sean glanced down at Kirk's wound and noticed his eyes moving slightly. Then, he raised his head and looked at Caroline with a smile.

"I can wake him up right away, but..." Sean glanced at Gwen.

"I'll do it on one condition." Gwen's heart was pounding at his words.

Caroline blurted out, "What?" "Gwen has to break up with that fake foreign bastard." After Sean finished speaking, he looked at Gwen inquiringly.

Gwen's face turned red in an instant. "You're absolutely shameless." "Just tell me whether you'll do it." Gwen bit her lip and glanced at Caroline. "Fine, I'll do as you say. I'll break up with him ..." After that, she mumbled, "With my good looks, I can quickly find a new partner anyway..

11 "What did you say?" Sean asked.

Gwen said, "Oh, nothing. Didn't you say you could wake Kirk up? Come on, don't waste any time.

Show us your miraculous skills as a genius doctor." "This method is ... a family secret. I can't let you see it." Sean said, "You two should leave. I guarantee that Kirk will wake up in five minutes." Gwen scoffed, feeling skeptical, but she still left the room with Caroline.

After closing the door, Caroline looked at Gwen and said, "Even if you don't want to break up with Colin, Sean wouldn't just sit still. Kirk is his friend, after all." "I know." Gwen waved her hand in frustration.

"I'm just taking the chance to break up with him."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 478-What are you laughing at?" Gwen asked in confusion.

“I’m laughing at you. You knew Colin wasn’t a good person, but you still wasted your time on him.” Gwen laughed as well. “I can’t help it. My past relationship is too unforgettable.” “Since it’s so memorable, why don’t you give it another try?” Caroline suggested.

“Not everyone is like your father. There are loyal and faithful men in this world.” “Give me an example, then.” For a moment, Caroline couldn’t come up with an answer.

“See?” Gwen turned to look at the moon outside the window.

“Anyone can see how much Kirk loves you, but ...” Speaking of this, she glanced at Caroline and whispered, “I’m sorry, Carol. I didn’t mean to rub salt in your wounds.” Caroline shook her head. “It’s fine. In fact, I’ve been thinking about this problem recently. Why can a man marry another woman if he loves his first partner so much?” “Did you figure it out?” Caroline shook her head.

Gwen smiled. Not caring about the cold wind brushing her face, she continued, “See?”

Relationships are complicated. They’re so complicated that even scientists don’t dare study them.

“I might as well live a simple life. It’s actually not a bad thing. If you keep pursuing the next partner, you’ll never be troubled by emotional matters.” Caroline chuckled. She and Gwen had different approaches to a relationship.

Gwen wanted someone to live in the moment with, while Caroline wanted a companion for the rest of her life.

There was no right or nobler way of living one’s life. Everyone was just experiencing their 1 “Gwen, I’ll support you unconditionally, regardless of whether you decide to keep living the life you have or accept Sean’s feelings and live your life differently. But ...” At the mention of this, Caroline looked at Gwen sternly. “If you end up finding someone like Colin again, we won’t be friends anymore.” Gwen laughed loudly. Still laughing, she hugged Caroline’s shoulders.

“Don’t worry! I’ll definitely keep my eyes peeled when I find another partner. At least I won’t get together with a scumbag again.” In contrast to the warm atmosphere between the two friends outside the room, Kirk glared at Sean inside the ward.

Sean clasped his hands together with a smile. "Oh, kind sir, my dear friend. I'm counting on you to pretend to stir awake. My relationship is at stake here. So help me out here, okay?" Kirk looked at Sean expressionlessly.

"I guess it's really hoes before bros for you.

" Sean smiled. "I don't have a choice. Just take pity on me and do me a favor." "What about me?" Kirk asked with a gloomy expression. He stretched his wound by accident, which made him grit his teeth in pain.

Sean smiled graciously. "I'll do whatever you want! I'll even call you a god!" Kirk scoffed, "Can you help me reconcile with Caroline?" Sean was silent.

Kirk hissed, "Then, get the hell out of here." Suddenly, Sean's eyes lit up with an idea, and he curled his lips into an evil smile. "Haha! I have an idea!" Kirk's expression remained unchanged as he questioned, "What did a simpleton like you come up with?" "If you don't wake up, I'll tell her you deliberately turned her house into the scene of a robbery.

Also, you intentionally caused the wound on your back, right? If Caroline finds out you lied to her 2/3 Sean became more excited as he talked, while Kirk's eyes became as dark as night.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 479-Sean, who had been outperformed in all aspects since childhood, almost couldn't hold back his joy when he saw Kirk lose for the first time.

"I'm going to call them in," Sean said before going out to call Caroline and Gwen.

Kirk knew Sean very well. Even if he didn't do as Sean wanted him to, Sean still wouldn't tell Caroline what he had done.

Thinking that Sean was in a worse situation than him, Kirk didn't expose Sean's lie. He pretended to stir awake when Caroline and Gwen walked into the room.

When Caroline saw Kirk awake, her worries were put to rest. She returned to her usual attitude, putting distance between them again.

She stood beside Kirk's bed and asked, "Are you hungry? Do you want something?" Kirk shook his head, his eyes following Caroline. His gaze was so passionate that even a blind person could feel its intensity.

Caroline told herself she should be nice to him since he was a patient right now.

So she resisted the urge to push his face aside.

"Since Kirk is awake, we'll be taking our leave." Sean silently gestured his gratitude to Kirk and dragged Gwen out of the ward.

Inevitably, Gwen's struggles echoed in the hospital again, but not in an intense way.

Gwen wasn't actually that determined in her approach, was she? Caroline curled her lips into a small smile at the thought.

As their voices faded away, the room became quiet again. Only then did she realize they were the only ones left in the room.

Caroline sat down, keeping her head lowered. After a long while, she couldn't take the silence anymore and raised her head. "How are you feeling?" "I'm doing okay." "Then... I'll get someone to take care of you."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 480-Kirk frowned slightly in disgust and said, "No, I don't like other people touching me." "How are you going to eat, get out of bed, or clean yourself?" Kirk looked at Caroline expectantly.

Caroline stood up and refused, "I ... I don't have time to take care of you. I still have to go to work." Although nothing was going on at work, she didn't want to stay behind and take care of Kirk.

It wasn't because she disliked him, but constantly spending time together would drive her crazy.

She didn't know what attitude she should adopt to deal with Kirk. Although she didn't know what it was like when other couples argued, it was wrong for them to act like this.

“Then, I’ll just rot and stink in the hospital bed,” Kirk said nonchalantly.

Caroline was utterly dumbstruck.

In the end, she decided to stay behind and take care of Kirk. It definitely wasn’t because she was worried about him, but because he was still her benefactor no matter what.

Caroline believed that she had to be grateful. Yes, that was it—she was just repaying him for helping her.

Thinking about this, she no longer felt conflicted when facing Kirk.

She treated him as she would a benefactor, cooking the most sumptuous meals for him and accompanying him for a walk downstairs after food.

This beautiful moment was like a dream. The two also had a tacit understanding not to mention anything aside from his injuries. It seemed they didn’t want to wake up from their dream.

It wasn’t until Caroline had to clean Kirk that the beautiful moments came to an abrupt end. She stood in front of the bathroom mirror, biting her lip hesitantly.

Logically speaking, she had seen every single inch of his body, so she didn’t have to be bashful.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 481-Quentin was worried about Caroline when he learned about her encounter with the gangsters.

“It’s fine. They have been arrested. It just doesn’t make sense that so many of them did this for money, so I want you to help me look into this.” “Sure.” “He’s busy working his ass off.” Quentin laughed.

“Apparently, he wants to become more successful before returning to meet the love of his life.” Caroline felt her heart skip a beat. Hastily, she looked out the window. “I—is that so?” “Caroline.” Quentin sounded serious all of a sudden.

“If you’re the one he’s after, what would you tell him?” “I...” Caroline pressed her fingers to her temple and fell silent.

A moment later, she sighed and said, “I’ll probably tell him to lead a good life alone and that he shouldn’t sacrifice anything for anyone at all.” On the other end of the line, Quentin froze.

Laughing it off, he said under his breath, “I think I know why he likes you now.” “What?” Caroline asked. She hadn’t heard him clearly.

“It’s nothing. I’ll do what you asked me to.” After that, he ended the call.

With her phone in hand, Caroline felt a pang of guilt wash over her.

So she had guessed it right even when they had been in Macovo. She knew intentionally wanted her to see Kirk shoving him.

She had never been good at solving relationship problems. So she had pretended as if she were clueless about it all this time.

1/3 in the future. The thought made her relax a little, and she returned to the room.

Kirk waved at her when he saw her enter the room.

“What?” Caroline stopped in her tracks, cautious.

“I’m gonna sleep.” “Sleep then,” she said.

“Why are you even telling me this?” “It’s uncomfortable to lie on my side like this,” he told her.

Caroline was speechless, yet Kirk stared at her pitifully.

In the end, she didn’t have it in her to be cruel to him. She approached him and said, “You can sleep on your stomach, right?” She had barely finished talking when Kirk grabbed her wrist and yanked her toward him.

The world spun before her eyes, and before she knew it, she was already lying on the bed.

The bed was narrow, and her back was pressed against his chest. She could feel his heartbeat and her own as well. It was as though their hearts were connected, and it made her heart race.

Embarrassed, she struggled to sit up on the bed. “Kirk—” Kirk hissed in pain, making Caroline freeze on the spot.

“Is it your wound?” She asked, worried that she had hurt him.

He wrapped his arms around her with a smile playing on his lips. “Yes,” he mumbled, trying to sound upset.

His answer made her stop struggling, and she let him hug her. “Does it still hurt?” “Yes.” Kirk rested his chin on her shoulder and pressed his lips against her neck.

“Darling, let me hug you while I sleep, will you?” Caroline wanted to refuse, but she couldn’t find it in her to do so because of how pitiful he sounded. Saying “no” right now would be akin to torturing a poor little animal.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 482-When Caroline woke up the next day, she found that there were several missed calls from Gavin.

Surprised that she had slept so fitfully through his calls, she hastily patted her cheeks in an attempt to make sure that she was fully awake.

Her movements roused Kirk. One of his legs was pressed stubbornly against her body, and he mumbled, “Darling, it’s still early. Let’s sleep for a little longer...” “I have to call someone back.” “It can wait,” Kirk muttered into her back.

After trying hard to recompose herself, she told him. “No. I have to make the call now.” Gavin had called her multiple times. It could only mean that something had happened.

Kirk’s eyelids fluttered open. Eventually, he relented when he saw the determined expression on her face. “Fine,” he said.

Her expression made her seem as though she was a scumbag who wanted to shirk all responsibilities after a one-night stand.

Shaking off all the messy thoughts in her mind, Caroline picked up her phone and left the room.

A breeze blew when she got to the corridor, the cold helping to make sure that she was wide awake.

She dialed Gavin's number and took a breath to calm down before he answered the call.

Soon, Gavin's anxious voice sounded from the phone. "You finally answered your phone!" "What happened?" "Dan came to see me yesterday and asked me to drop the lawsuit." Gavin pressed his fingers against his temples.

"He said that if I don't do it, he'll ask Eddy to impose a sanction on our company." "I didn't think too much of it at first, but he mentioned Layla ..." Gavin continued, "I was so worried that I couldn't sleep last night. So I called you to discuss our next step." Now, it was Caroline's turn to massage her temples. She fell silent for a moment before asking him, "Is Eddy up to something?" "Not for now." "If that's the case, we don't need to worry about this yet." "But Layla and Eddy are-" "Layla's not a Samaritan. Dan has to give her something that will catch her eye.

Otherwise, she won't see any reason to help him," Caroline explained.

"For now, there's nothing he can offer her in return for her help." The weight on Gavin's heart lifted instantly at her words.

"Besides, Dan has indeed broken the law by getting involved in corruption.

There's no doubt that he will be punished. If Eddy has his back now, the Morrison family will be doomed." Relief washed over Gavin, and he said, "I can finally stop worrying now. Sorry for calling you so many times last night." "It's fine," Caroline said with a smile, ending the call.

She gazed out the window at the branches of a tree nearby. The leaves rustled ever so slightly in the breeze. The movement was so unnoticeable that no one would've noticed if they hadn't paid attention to it.

Caroline leaned against the wall as her thoughts wandered to Eddy. He seemed to be able to tolerate almost anything and everything when it came to Layla.

He hadn't been mad at Layla when her company went bankrupt. Instead, he had helped her settle the problem regarding her funds and even had the best PR team in Easton to help her with it.

Therefore, Layla hadn't suffered much loss, although she might have humiliated herself and lost quite a sum of money.

In fact, knowing her, she probably would have seized this chance to act all poor and pitiful in front of Eddy.

Caroline couldn't get why he tolerated her so much.

He wasn't the kind of person to change his taste and indulge himself with other women.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 483-In the villa in the suburbs, Layla stared at Dan and Sarah, who sat before her.

Helplessly, she said, "It's not that I don't want to help you. You know that my company is bankrupt right now.

"Eddy won't allow me to get involved in anything related to the company anymore. I don't leave the house much now either, so I truly can't help you." To be honest, Layla simply didn't want to see Eddy.

She had suffered a loss of a hundred million dollars. Even though people thought he was a good man for helping her settle her problem, she knew he was pissed off for real this time.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have gone without talking to her for such a long time.

Naturally, she was anxious and wanted to see him to ease things between them.

However, Eddy had sternly and explicitly told her not to see him. It would be the same as throwing herself off a cliff if she went to see him now.

Sarah's expression changed the moment Layla finished her sentence. "But you told us that you would help us! The trial is going to start soon. How could you break your promise?" Layla snorted in disdain. Since there was no need to carry on pretending anymore, she retorted, "Do you really think that I want to help you? I just didn't want Caroline to have her way!" "You-" Sarah yelled.

Layla then sneered. "Dan was Evans Group's CEO back then. He had full control over our family's finances, but times have changed." "Caroline managed the company really well, so everyone's fawning over her. I can tell you now that you can't climb back to your positions anymore." Layla continued, "This is all your fault. If you hadn't embezzled funds, the Harpers wouldn't have been able to sue you." Sarah was so furious that she started trembling. "You weren't like this before!

"You said that you would treat us as if we were your parents! How could you treat us like this?" "I only said that so that I could become the CEO," Layla admitted.

"Who would want to have parents like you two? I wouldn't want you to become my parents, even if God sent you to me!" "You-" Sarah looked ready to pounce on Layla, but Dan held her back.

"That's enough!" he roared.

"All you ever know is to hit others." After calming down, he turned to Layla and said, "Layla, you can't judge others purely based on the situation they're currently in." Layla furrowed her brows, annoyed.

She was about to snap at them and tell them to stop when Dan said, "Caroline may be Evans Group's CEO right now, but who said I don't have the means to kick her out of that position?" For a moment, Layla seemed as if she bought it. Soon, though, she laughed.

"Did you really think that I would believe you? If you were able to do that, why would you let her become the CEO in the first place?" "You don't believe me, I see." Dan sat on the couch and said, "I'm sure you know that Evans Group is a family business. The CEO has to be a person from our family."

“I know that.” “So what if the current CEO doesn’t share our blood?” Dan spoke clearly and slowly.

Sarah’s expression shifted when she heard what he said. She nudged him to remind him of the gravity of the matter, yet he continued staring right into Layla’s eyes.

Layla straightened her back, her eyes wide open in disbelief.

A moment later, she shook her head. “That’s impossible. You’re lying, right?” “No, I’m not lying to you. Caroline isn’t my daughter. I picked her up somewhere outside.” Layla still couldn’t believe her ears. “Where’s the real Caroline then?” “She’s long gone.” A sliver of agony flashed through Dan’s eyes.

“It happened during the kidnapping more than ten years ago I’m sure you remember it very clearly” Layla trembled as the memories gushed forth in her mind. It was as though the tendrils of fire had suddenly appeared before her eyes. Even Dan’s voice sounded distant now “Back then, you and Eddy managed to escape. My daughter, Caroline, stayed there forever.” Layla opened her mouth to speak, but no words came out.

Dan continued, “We were devastated after she died, but as Evans Group’s CEO back then, I had to support our family business.

“We needed the Morrisons’ help. So I silenced all news about Caroline’s death.” He continued, “I said that she needed to get treatment abroad after suffering from shock due to the incident.

“In truth, Sarah and I found ourselves a young girl to replace our deceased daughter when we were abroad.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 484-“She’s the one everyone knows as ‘Caroline’ right now.” The entire matter sounded so odd that it took Layla some time to digest what she had heard “You’re telling me that the Caroline that I know isn’t part of our family?” “Yes,” said Dan, staring directly at her.

“Once I reveal this to everyone, Caroline won’t be able to hold on to her position as the company’s CEO.” Layla swallowed, tempted by his offer.

“What do you want in return?” “Have Eddy help us so I won’t be locked up,” Dan told her.

“And let me become the CEO of Evans Group once again!” Layla finally calmed down after taking a few deep breaths. “Dan, don’t you think that you’re asking for a bit too much?” “A secret like this in exchange for something that once belonged to me is fair enough, don’t you think?” Dan glanced at Sarah and continued, “Besides, do you think Jude would still insist on Eddy marrying Caroline once he finds out that she isn’t my daughter?” That was the best Layla could ever hope for.

She pressed her fingers against her temple as if to think about Dan’s offer. A moment later, she said, “Okay then. It’s a deal.” “I’ll go and get the documents ready so I can prove to the board that she isn’t my biological daughter.” “There’s no rush.” A smirk appeared on Layla’s face now.

“Caroline thinks that she’s really good at doing business. Let her handle Evans Group for a while longer.” She continued, “Why don’t you just assume her position once she settles all the problems? You can reap what she sowed by then. A shadow flitted across Dan’s face when he heard Layla’s suggestion Layla, I think you’re the one who’s better at doing business*”

“You’re not bad at this either.” Layla smiled, and when their gazes met, they both burst out laughing Sarah watched them from where she sat beside Dan, puzzled.

She didn’t know what they meant, but she was certain that she and Dan wouldn’t meet their doom this time As long as Layla was willing to coax Eddy into helping them, they wouldn’t have to worry about being sent to jail.

For the past few days, Caroline had been busy looking after Kirk in the hospital.

So she had Cheryl send over all the work documents to her there. Fortunately, nothing much happened at the company.

Caroline started thinking of purchasing Mackey Group.

Back then, she had promised Liam that she would purchase his company at a price higher than the market value if he took her side during the election.

However, he had broken his promise to her, so he shouldn't blame her for what was to come.

Caroline flipped through the documents Cheryl had brought for her and started scanning through the pages.

She racked her brains to come up with a way to purchase Mackey Group at a lower price than its market value.

"Are you thinking of a way to purchase Mackey Group?" Came Kirk's gruff voice.

Startled, Caroline turned to look at him. She wondered if he had implanted a chip in her brain to help him know exactly what she was thinking about.

"Don't look at me like that. I might misunderstand you." Kirk laughed.

"Actually, I have an idea, but-" Caroline interrupted him with a wave of her hand. "No, thank you." She knew exactly what he was going to say. Surely, he was going to ask her for a kiss in exchange for his suggestion

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 485-Caroline wasn't the kind of person who would easily bend to another's will. Kirk might have an idea on how to stackle this, but she could come up with her very own idea too.

She sat on the chair beside the bed and continued going through the documents.

A ghost of a smile hung on Kirk's lips as he stared at her, watching her work.

It had been long since he experienced a day as wonderful as this, and he found himself thinking that the hospital wasn't that horrible anymore.

Just then, a doctor came in to check on him. "Mr. and Mrs. Morrison," he greeted them as he entered the room.

Both Caroline and Kirk had left a lasting impression on him. To be precise, they had left a lasting impression on everyone here in the hospital.

Caroline and Kirk looked like a lovey–dovey couple, but when asked if they were husband and wife, Caroline would always deny it. Apparently, they had gotten into a fight and weren't on good terms.

Still, it was kind of embarrassing for her since her actions told the truth.

Although she wouldn't admit that Kirk was her husband, the hospital staff always found signs of her looking after Kirk in the room.

For example, she had bought him a cushion so that he could sleep more comfortably at night.

Besides that, there were fresh fruits on the table and flowers in the vase all the time. The staff could always catch a waft of the aroma of Caroline's cooking from Kirk's room too.

When the doctor spoke, Caroline put down the documents in her hands and asked, "Doctor, how's the injury on his back?" She was already sick of telling the doctor that she wasn't Kirk's wife over and over again.

The doctor then removed the bandage to inspect Kirk's wound. "The wound is healing perfectly." He had barely finished his sentence when he felt Kirk's deadly gaze on him. He forced himself to look at Kirk's face, which had a smile on it.

However, the smile didn't reach his eyes. In fact, it seemed rather eerie and sent a chill down the doctor's back. "Are you sure that my wound is healing as it should?" "I—I think so," muttered the doctor. There was already a sheen of cold sweat on his forehead.

"You think so?" Kirk's smile deepened.

"Doctor, you should take a good look at it since you're here to treat me." The doctor wiped a hand across his brow. He was sure that the wound was nothing to worry about now, but Kirk's formidable look made him say, "How about I come back here to check on you later?"

After hearing the doctor's words, Kirk's smile disappeared in an instant, along with the terrifying air around him.

The doctor was flabbergasted. Kirk was probably the only person who wished to prolong his stay at the hospital.

“Is something the matter?” Caroline asked, concerned.

“It’s just a check–up. I just want to make sure that there aren’t any internal injuries.” Caroline glanced at Kirk with eyes full of worry. The doctor felt the urge to tell her that nothing was wrong. Kirk had fully recovered and was as fit as ever.

However, he could feel Kirk’s piercing gaze on him. So he said, “Don’t worry.

Just look after him and be more considerate toward him. Make sure that he doesn’t get emotional.

It’ll help with his recovery.” After finishing his sentence, he sensed that Kirk’s gaze wasn’t as terrifying anymore.

Caroline also felt very relieved after hearing what he said. “Thank you.” The doctor picked up the patient file and left without even sparing Kirk a glance.

After seeing the doctor off, Caroline walked back to sit beside the bed again.

Just as she started flipping through the documents again, Kirk’s husky voice sounded from beside her. “Darling, you heard what the doctor said, right?” “What now?” “You have to take good care of me and make sure that I don’t get emotional.” Glancing sideways at him, she simply hummed in response.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 486-Kirk pressed a hand against his heart. “You frown all day and every day, and you never smile at 1. me. It makes me upset.

“I’m sure it’s the reason why my wound hasn’t healed completely. Why don’t you smile at me for once?” Caroline had the urge to give him a good kick in the ass, but she discarded the thought when she recalled what the doctor had just said. She had to bear with it. Eventually, she forced a smile.

“Darling, your smile looks so forced that I feel worse now,” Kirk said.

Caroline was about to talk back when Kirk furrowed his brows and hissed in pain. Seeing this, her expression immediately changed. “I–I’ll smile for you.

Just give me some time.” The frown on Kirk’s face disappeared almost instantly. His trick had worked, and he stared contently at Caroline, who stared back at him.

She found it extremely hard to smile now, so she forced herself to think of happy things.

After some time, she still couldn’t recall anything that made her happy, so she gave up. “Let me watch a funny video.” Perhaps she could smile after watching something funny.

Kirk nodded, and she unlocked her phone to scroll through tonnes of funny video clips.

Usually, she would laugh her head off watching these. But they had somehow lost their magic today, and she couldn’t make herself laugh at them.

Seeing the scowl on her face, Kirk couldn’t help but feel his heart throb.

She couldn’t even smile with him around. It showed just how much she was disappointed in him.

He couldn’t imagine how devastated she would be if she discovered that he and Eddy were related.

His hands balled into fists, and he said, “What if ...” “I got it!” Caroline put down her phone and looked at him. She pressed her fingers on the corners of her mouth and pushed them upward to form a smile. “See? I’m smiling.” Kirk laughed, amused at her comical expression. His smile lifted her mood and made her smile. Only after a moment did Caroline tear her eyes away from him and turn around so that her back faced him. She pretended to be busy looking through her documents. In truth, her heart beat like crazy, and she wondered how long it had been since they had a moment of shared laughter like that.

The wonderful memories of past times flashed through her mind as though it were just yesterday.

Caroline found herself missing the days before the wedding photoshoot. If they hadn’t gone to Macovo, perhaps things would have stayed the same as before.

Someone knocked on the door, snapping her out of her daze. “Come in,” she said.

Sonia stood in the doorway with a bouquet of lilies in one hand.

“I heard that your husband is still hospitalized, so I came to pay you two a visit,” said Sonia. She was worried that Kirk’s condition had worsened, so she had come over to visit them.

Seeing how he seemed alive and kicking, she instantly figured out what was going on.

“Thank you,” said Caroline as she placed the lilies into the vase.

“You came just in time. I’m heading back to make dinner. Can I ask you to look after him for a bit?” Sonia panicked when she heard that.

“Let me leave with you then,” Sonia said. She hadn’t taken off her mask, so Caroline couldn’t see the blush creeping up her cheeks.

Caroline assumed that Sonia thought Kirk would be difficult to get along with. So she dragged Sonia out of the room and whispered to her, “Don’t worry. He’s easy to get along with.” Sonia was at a loss for words.

What in the world made Caroline think that Kirk was an easy-going person?

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 487-Caroline left, leaving Sonia and Kirk alone in the room. An awkward silence hung in the air as they both kept quiet.

Sonia sat by the bed and stared at Kirk, who was resting with his eyes closed.

She heaved a sigh of relief.

To be honest, he was pretty good-looking, yet especially hard to get along with.

His dominating air was too much to handle, and he always gave others a sense of sternness and rigidity.

She wondered how Caroline had been able to bear with him for such a long time.

Sonia tapped her nose and took out her phone to read her script, ignoring Kirk.

It didn't seem like he was going to strike up a conversation with her anyway.

She had received the script just yesterday. It was the work of an infamous playwright called Marietta Weiss.

Marietta had come to Easton this time in search of an actress for the female protagonist in her latest work, "Daughter of the Sea".

It told the story of an Eastonian woman who had found her true love after traveling abroad. This character was a pretty lady who had learned to fight in the past and showed strength of character.

One of the producers thought that Sonia was a good fit for the role and had handed her the script. Her recent popularity had probably contributed to it too.

She had fallen in love with the story when she first set eyes on it. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the female protagonist in "Daughter of the Sea" was tailor-made for her.

Both Sonia and the female protagonist were orphans who had learned how to fight for self defense. Both of them worked hard in the city, too.

The only difference was that the character in the story met her true love abroad, whereas Sonia met Caroline, who had given her a chance to shine in the entertainment field.

The many similarities between Sonia and the character made her even more determined to take up the role. She was well aware that lots of actresses were after the role as well.

It was Marietta Weiss' work, after all.

Sadly, Sonia had only just gained popularity recently, so it would be an uphill task for her to 1/3 +15 BONUS That was why she had come to see Caroline today. She had wanted to request Caroline's help.

Upon reaching home, Caroline headed straight for the kitchen to prepare dinner.

Only after she had finished preparing and packing all the dishes did she allow herself to take a breather. She scrolled through her phone as she took a sip of water from her glass.

Just then, a notification popped up. Marina had sent her a message.

Caroline's heart skipped a beat when she saw it. It had been a long time since Marina had contacted her. An ominous feeling loomed over her heart for no apparent reason.

Marina hadn't contacted her for the past few days, so Caroline had refrained from thinking about the matter regarding Kirk's other wife. Now, though... Inhaling deeply, Caroline summoned the courage to open her chat with Marina.

She swayed when she read the message and had to hold on to one of the chairs beside the dining table for support. The letters on the screen seemed to hover as her eyes swept across them.

It read, "Caroline, I got the information about the man's wife from my friend. I'll send it to you right away. Marina" Below the message was information regarding Kirk's wife. Caroline clicked open the file, her hands trembling as she did so. Her eyes turned as wide as saucers when she saw the image.

It took every ounce of her strength to stare at the picture on the screen.

She then collapsed on the chair with a loud thump. The person in the picture was none other than Daphne!

Meanwhile, in the hospital, Sonia noticed that Kirk had started becoming restless. She had been busy with the script, yet she couldn't help but raise her head to look at what he was trying to do.

Kirk had his phone in his hand. He raised it to look at the screen and put it down the next instant.

He repeated this movement several times.

Finally, Sonia couldn't stand it anymore. "What are you looking at?" she asked.

Kirk raised his eyes to look at her briefly with an almost unnoticeable smile. He then looked back

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 488-Sonia glanced at Kirk's phone's screen. His wallpaper was Caroline.

She couldn't help but sigh. So this was what it meant when people said that it was impossible to hide it when you love someone. Every little detail of what you do would reflect your love for the person.

"Why are you staring at your phone all the time? Is something wrong?" Kirk straightened his back and told her, "It's been almost an hour." "So?" "She would usually be back by now." Sonia followed his gaze to look at the room's door and abruptly understood what he meant by that. She laughed. "You're too clingy! Caroline's only gone for an hour." Kirk then stared at her coolly. She lowered her eyes to stare at her phone in an attempt to avoid his gaze. She cleared her throat and said, "It's been quite a while. Let me call her for you." Kirk pursed his lips and said nothing, but from the vague smile on his lips, Sonia knew that he was in a better mood now.

He was truly a pretentious fellow. He wanted to know Caroline's whereabouts but made it so that Sonia would be the one to make the call.

With her phone in hand, Sonia walked toward the windows to call Caroline.

Strangely, though, her call went unanswered. Frowning, she called Caroline a second time, but the same thing happened again.

Her frown deepened as she started to worry.

Just then, she heard Kirk's anxious voice from behind her. "What's wrong?" She told him frankly that Caroline didn't answer her phone. Next, Kirk picked up his phone to call Caroline, but the line was immediately cut off.

When he called her again, the call didn't go through anymore.

He got off the bed, slipped into his shoes, and walked out of the room, with Sonia following closely. Instead of replying, Kirk simply carried on walking. His lips were pursed, and his expression was as gloomy as an overcast sky.

Hastily, Sonia put on her mask and sunglasses, then followed him downstairs.

She watched him hail a cab and drag the driver out of the vehicle. Appalled, the driver was about to say something to retaliate when Sonia quickly forced a bank card into his hands.

“Sorry for the trouble. Here’s a hundred thousand dollars. The PIN number is six eights,” she told him apologetically.

“Lend me your car. I’ll return it to you-” She hadn’t even managed to finish her sentence when Kirk revved the engine.

So she hurriedly got into the car. In the blink of an eye, the car was nowhere to be seen.

It had all happened so quickly that the driver didn’t have time to react.

A wave of devastation washed over him as he stared at the bank card in his hands. That wasn’t his car! It belonged to the company he worked for!

Sonia regretted getting into the car. Kirk was driving so recklessly that she thought they would both meet their ends on the road. It was as though he was in a race.

She clutched at the back of the seat so that she wouldn’t fly through the windscreen.

“Kirk! You’re going too fast!” Although she had gone through the hardship of practicing martial arts, being thrashed about like this made her so nauseous she thought she would throw up.

Despite her plea, Kirk acted as if he didn’t hear her. His grip on the steering wheel tightened, and his eyes were bloodshot.

Sonia couldn’t understand why he was reacting like this. Caroline just hadn’t answered their calls.

It wasn’t a big deal.

Fortunately, they arrived at Caroline's apartment unscathed. It was probably because the other drivers and pedestrians on the roads had seen how they were speeding and avoided them.

Sonia took some time to calm down before getting out of the car. Kirk had already entered the apartment when she stepped out of the car, so she hurried after him.

Alas, she was a bit too late. The elevator Kirk had taken had already reached Caroline's floor. She was about to press the button to close the elevator doors when she heard a loud bang. It startled her so much that she paled, raising her eyes to look at the ceiling.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 489-When Sonia arrived at Caroline's floor, she realized that Kirk was responsible for the loud bang she had just heard. He had kicked open the door to Caroline's apartment.

Sonia stared with wide eyes as Kirk walked in the direction of the bedroom. He raised his hand to knock at the door and said, "Darling!" His tone was very different from what she had heard all this time. It was soft, and his voice was gentle.

Just then, she heard Caroline roar from the other side of the door. "Get lost! I don't want to see you!" Sonia was stunned at her words. She didn't know what had happened between Kirk and Caroline. They had seemed to be on good terms just now. So what had happened?

Sonia then turned to look at Kirk, who rested his forehead against the bedroom door.

He was as patient as he could be as he tried talking to Caroline. "What happened? Can you please tell me what happened?" However, no sound came from the bedroom. Kirk was about to use brute force to kick down the door when Sonia rushed forward to stop him.

"Do you really think Caroline would talk to you if you barged into her room like this? You would only make things worse." Although she and Caroline had met each other recently, her instincts told her that Kirk was the last person Caroline wanted to see right now. Caroline would feel even more annoyed if he forced his way into her room.

Kirk's heart beat wildly in his chest as he stared at Sonia.

Seeing his bloodshot eyes, she felt her heart leap into her throat. Still, she pushed away her fear.

"I know you're anxious, but some things just can't be rushed. I'm sure you don't want to make things worse between you two." Her last sentence made him calm down a bit, and he asked gruffly, "What should I do then?" "Return to the hospital. I'll take care of Caroline for now, and I'll update you about her condition later on, alright?" The scowl on Kirk's gloomy face deepened as he stared at the bedroom door.

Eventually, he nodded his head, albeit unwillingly.

He and Sonia exchanged numbers before she saw him off. She then closed the door of Caroline's apartment and headed in.

On her way to the bedroom, she noticed that the kitchen was in a mess. She briefly raised her eyes to look at the bedroom door before turning into the kitchen to tidy up the mess.

After preparing some pasta, she knocked on the bedroom door and said, "Caroline, it's Sonia here. Kirk's gone. Can you open the door now?" Caroline stiffened when she heard Sonia's voice. Her grip on the blankets tightened as she stared at the bedroom door.

She had felt like her entire world had collapsed when she had found out that Daphne was Kirk's wife.

Initially, she had told herself that maybe Daphne and the woman Kirk was married to shared the same name.

However, the delusion had shattered when she saw the picture. She recognized that face. There was no doubt that it was Daphne!

However, Daphne was Eddy's second uncle's wife. How was she married to Kirk, then? Unless ..

Caroline looked up at the ceiling as a thought struck her. Kirk was Eddy's second uncle!

If that was the case... She cracked a bitter smile as she thought of how pathetic her life had been all along.

First, she had been cheated on by the cousin, and now the second uncle had fooled her.

“Caroline?” Sonia said.

After receiving no reply and failing to hear any movement inside, she started to panic. “Can you open the door? Kirk’s gone already.” Caroline sniffed, got off the bed, and opened the door.

Sonia could finally heave a sigh of relief. However, her happiness was short-lived, for her heart hrobbed when she saw how pale and downcast Caroline looked.

“Are you okay?” Sonia asked.

Caroline numbly shook her head.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 490-“Why don’t you eat this?” Sonia placed the plate of pasta on the bedside table.

Caroline shook her head, to which Sonia said, “You can’t refuse this. Your body is a precious gift from God. You must eat, even if the world falls apart.” Then, Caroline turned to look at her with dull and spiritless eyes. Her lips parted, but no words came out.

Sonia knelt on the carpeted floor and glanced up at Caroline. “Can you tell me what happened?” The corners of Caroline’s lips twitched, but her attempt at a smile failed.

Sonia gripped her hands and said, “It’s okay. You don’t have to tell me if you don’t want to, and you don’t have to eat this if you don’t feel like it. I’ll stay here with you. Just tell me what you want, alright?” Eventually, Caroline nodded. Feeling much relieved, Sonia stood up and walked to the side of the bed to draw the curtains.

The darkness was rather welcoming, and it gave Caroline a sense of security.

She curled up in her blankets and closed her eyes, letting her tears flow.

Sonia watched from the side. She suddenly remembered how Kirk had sped all the way here, and she took out her phone to message him. "Caroline's let me into the room. Don't worry. -Sonia" After that, she pondered for a moment before sending him another message.

"I don't know what happened between you two, but Caroline once told me that you're having an affair with another woman. I think she's become like this because of it.

"I haven't known you two for long, but I can see that you truly like her. Since you like her so much, can't you settle things with the other woman?"

"I know that I shouldn't meddle in your business, but Caroline helped me before this, so I don't want to see her suffer." Kirk read the message line by line, his gaze as cold as ice. It was as though a blade had stabbed right through his heart when he reached the words "Caroline" and "suffer".

He punched the steering wheel hard. Somehow, the thing that hurt wasn't his hand but his heart.

A shadow fell across his face as he dialed Charles' number. "I'm giving you a week to find out who that mysterious person and Dolly are! This is your final chance!" Despite the distance between them, Charles could feel the murderous edge in Kirk's voice. He straightened his back and said, "Sir-" "Five days!" Charles inhaled sharply. He hadn't even said anything!

"Three!" "Five days it is!" Charles said.

"Don't worry. I'll give you every bit of information about them in five days!" He hung up before Kirk could end the call and realized how he had broken out in a cold sweat during the call.

Charles wore a stern expression as he walked into the computer lab. With one hand raised in the air, he said, "Everybody, freeze." Everyone in the room looked at him. Noticing the serious look on his face, they didn't dare to utter a single word.

Charles then said, "Find out who Dolly and that mysterious person are. You have four days' time." Everyone held their breath. They were in so much distress that they didn't have any energy to even wait for the news.

Charles started to leave when he was finished talking, and the person in charge rushed after him. “ Charles, hold on.” Charles stopped and waited for the barrage of questions that was bound to follow.

“Can I ask you something? About the deal related to Dolly and that mysterious person... How many zeros are involved in it? Why do we have to look into this matter so urgently?”

“We’ve been on it for a long time, and we’ve spent way too many resources already.” He added, “If this continues, it could only mean that this deal is worth hundreds of billions.” In answer to these, Charles simply stared at the man and said, “To Mr. Morrison, it’s priceless.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 491-When it was almost afternoon, Caroline’s expression finally eased a little.

However, she still didn’t have much of an appetite and refused to eat anything.

Sonia was really afraid that Caroline would lose herself if she went on like this.

However, when she saw that Caroline could still answer a call from Cheryl and give clear and logical suggestions, Sonia knew that she was someone who would never be defeated.

Besides, when she worked, Caroline was like a whole other person. She was driven and energetic.

No one could even tell that her heart was in agony.

Yet, once Caroline put down her phone, it was like all the energy had been drained from her. She collapsed into bed weakly.

Seeing this, Sonia suddenly got an idea. She took out her script and showed it to Caroline.

As expected, Caroline transformed into another person when she held the script. She concentrated on it wholeheartedly, immersing herself in the world within the script.

Sonia didn't disturb Caroline when she saw her so focused. Instead, she snuck into the living room to send her manager a message.

Helena called immediately. "Thank God you finally texted me back.

"Where are you now? Hurry back to the company." "Is something going on?"

"The company is planning to let you take on a new script. They want you to film a similar show so you can ride the wave of success from the webseries."

Sonia frowned. "Helena, didn't I tell you before? I won't film anything that's similar to something I've acted in before. It will limit the kind of characters I get to play." Helena replied, "Sonia, I know what you're thinking. You want to secure the lead female role for Marietta Weiss' play, 'Daughter of the Sea'. But I'm telling you now to give up on it." "Why?" Sonia felt very displeased to have her capabilities ignored.

"I used to be in theater. I can handle being in a play." 1/3 +15 BONUS "Sonia, I'm your manager. How could I not know that you used to be in theater?"

But I just got the news," Helena said a little impatiently.

"Daphne Dawson is interested in this role." "How ... could she be interested in this role?" Sonia was perplexed.

Daphne had always been in TV shows and wasn't suited to act in a play. If she acted in one, the character would be ruined by her performance.

At the thought of such a well-rounded character being ruined, Sonia felt her heart ache.

Helena answered, "How else? Although she managed to push all the blame on the Evanson Corporation's boss after her stint as their ambassador, people still found out she couldn't act.

"Lots of people are unhappy with her. Plus, she's the wife of Mr. Eddy's second uncle. No one will be pleased if she doesn't have something to her name.

"That's why I think she wants to get the leading role in Marietta Weiss' 'Daughter of the Sea'. This way, she'll have proof that Ms. Weiss acknowledges her talents.

“Her husband invested in this play, so the role is hers without question. There’s no reason to try, Sonia. It’s a waste of time.” Sonia was happy when she ended the phone call. Upset, she went back to the bedroom.

Caroline had just finished reading the script. She looked up to find a disappointed-looking Sonia. What’s wrong?” At being found out, Sonia felt her throat turn scratchy. She said weakly, “Nothing.” She forced a smile as she looked at Caroline. “Caroline, do you think the script is good?” Although Caroline wasn’t a professional critic, she had been brought up well by the Evans family.

Thus, she had a well-rounded education and was very well-read. She was sure that she could make a few comments.

“I think this script is pretty good. But there’s some emotional bits that weren’t handled very well.” Sonia’s eyes widened as she looked at Caroline. “C—Caroline, do you know who wrote this?” Caroline asked, “Who?” “Marietta Weiss.” Caroline was familiar with this name. After all, Marietta was currently the most books

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 492-“Did Marietta really write this?” Caroline asked.

“It doesn’t seem to be her style.” Marietta’s works were known for their sharp satire and harsh criticism. In contrast, this book was warm and tender. It was completely unlike her usual work.

“Yes. Plus, she’s coming to Easton to find a leading female. But ...” At that point, Caroline could see the deep disappointment in Sonia’s eyes, no matter how hard the latter tried to hide it.

“I think there’s no need for an audition. Once she gets here, everything will be set in stone.” Caroline sat up from bed. She hadn’t eaten anything all day, so she felt unsteady.

But now that she had finished some work and managed to distract herself, the burning rage within her had simmered a bit lower.

She forced herself to focus all of her attention on Sonia. “Why is that?” she asked.

“Because... Because it’s been rigged.” When she saw Caroline sit up, she said, “Caroline, you must be hungry. I’ll cook you something to eat.” But Caroline stopped her. “Don’t worry about that. Who’s getting the role?” “Daphne Dawson.” At that answer, Caroline’s face became visibly paler. Just as Sonia was about to ask her what was wrong, Caroline pushed past her and rushed into the bathroom.

Inside, Caroline couldn’t hold back the waves of nausea and started puking.

Since she hadn’t eaten all day, nothing came out. Yet, her stomach kept churning.

After she vomited for a while, the feeling of nausea finally subsided.

Holding onto the toilet bowl, Caroline looked up to find Sonia looking at her worriedly. She forced herself to comfort Sonia, saying, “I’m fine.” 1/2 Sonia was concerned. “Caroline, I think you... Caroline got up by supporting herself on the toilet. Her legs went weak, and she nearly slipped.

Luckily, Scia reacted quickly enough to catch her.

“Caroline.” Caroline gave her a pained smile. “I’m hungry.” Finally, Sonia felt somewhat at ease after hearing that. She helped Caroline back to the bed and sat her down. “I’ll cook you something.” Caroline nodded shallowly. Once Sonia left, she took out her phone. Holding back the nausea, she typed in Daphne’s name.

The first result was still the news about Daphne being Eddy’s second uncle’s wife.

She frowned. Ignoring the buzzing in her head, Caroline kept scrolling through the news.

Soon, she found in the latest news an article that mentioned both Daphne and “Daughter of the Sea” The article mostly talked about how Daphne was the best choice to be the star of the show.

Caroline clicked on Twitter. There, both “Daughter of the Sea” and Daphne were already trending.

The posts involved were mostly praise.

“So I’m not the only one who thinks Daphne Dawson would be the best choice to be the female lead of ‘Daughter of the Sea’!” “Daph can really do it. For those who don’t know, Daph is amazing at Sarcozian and has learned martial arts. She’s a perfect match for the character!” “I don’t know much about Daphne, but after reading about her, I really think she fits the vibe for the main character of ‘Daughter of the Sea’.

“She’s also someone who worked hard to succeed and found a suitable partner for herself. I think the role was made for her!”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 493-“Caroline,” came Sonia’s voice. She had come back with some food.

“I made it a bit bland, so I’m not sure if you’ll find it okay.” Caroline had a few mouthfuls and praised, “It’s very good.” “Really?” Sonia was overjoyed, her face lighting up.

“If you like it, there’s more.” Caroline looked at Sonia without saying anything.

Sonia found this weird and asked in curiosity, “What is it, Caroline?” Caroline asked her something back. “Do you remember the promise I made you?” Sonia thought back on it for a little while before saying hesitantly, “Are you talking about when you said you would help me become an internationally famous actress?” “Yes.” Caroline straightened.

She looked at Sonia and said, “Ms. Weiss is an internationally famous playwright. Her coming to Easton to find an actress for ‘Daughter of the Sea’ is a good opportunity for you.” “But...” Caroline waved her hand. “I’m sure you know that Daphne isn’t suited to this role. She doesn’t have the experience of being in theater.

“Unless Ms. Weiss doesn’t care about this script, she wouldn’t be silly enough to let Daphne be the leading female.” She continued, “I’ve also looked it up. You were in theater, and your life experiences are very similar to this character’s.

“I believe acting will come naturally to you when you have the same emotional journey. Your only issue is Sarcozian. How’s your aptitude in the language?” “I can communicate if necessary ...” Sonia was forced to go along with Caroline.

“That won’t do.” Since they were talking about work, Caroline immediately became stern and As she spoke, she clicked on a web browser and started a search. “Marietta will arrive in just one week. Memorize the script. You must be able to say the lines in Sarcozian. Will that be a problem?” Hearing Caroline’s words, Sonia became invigorated. “No problem!” “Good, then you better be off. Let me talk to your manager about the rest of it.” “Alright, Caroline.” Caroline watched as Sonia left excitedly. However, her own expression became twisted.

She had to admit that she wasn’t only helping Sonia get this role for the latter’s sake. She was doing this mostly for herself.

Daphne was Kirk’s woman, and Kirk was Eddy’s second uncle. Why could the Morrison family mess with everyone so thoroughly?

” Was everyone expected to go along with it just because Daphne wanted the leading role of Daughter of the Sea“? What did the Morrisons think of the rest of the world? Were they just a bunch of nobodies?

No! Caroline wanted to show Eddy and Kirk that not everyone would lie down and be their playthings!

Caroline held on tightly to her sheets. Only then was she able to stop the way her whole body trembled.

Right then, on the opposite side of the planet, Avery was casually tasting some wine.

Beside her, Dolly shot her a look. “Avery, you seem to be in a good mood today.” “Of course I am. You’ll be accompanying Marietta to Easton to audition for the lead female role. This is your first time working with a renowned playwright. I’m so happy for you.” Avery swirled the wine in her glass. She looked at Dolly and smiled insincerely at her.

Dolly took a sip of wine. “It’s all thanks to you and your fervent support.

Otherwise, I would never have gotten the chance to work with Ms. Weiss.” □

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 495-During this time, Caroline had been using challenging tasks at work as an excuse to escape the reality of Kirk being Eddy's second uncle.

Now that Cheryl had brought him up, it felt like a knife stabbing into her heart, making her bleed like a waterfall.

In an instant, she was overwhelmed, and she started sobbing.

Cheryl's expression immediately changed. "Caroline, are you okay?" Caroline huddled against the table, biting her lip. The papers on the desk fell to the floor because of how the table was shaking.

Cheryl was completely panicked and at a loss for what to do. She wanted to open the door and cry for help, but Caroline stopped her.

"Don't open the door!" she shouted. She wanted to preserve some dignity.

"Caroline ..." Cheryl's eyes had turned red, too.

"What's going on?" "Come help me up," Caroline said with difficulty.

Cheryl had no choice but to follow instructions. She went over and helped Caroline onto a chair. When she touched Caroline, she found Caroline was much colder than a normal person should be.

Once Caroline was sitting down, Cheryl said, her voice choked with sobs, "I'll go get a doctor, okay?" Caroline shook her head gently as she slowly leaned back into her seat. Once her spasms stopped, she said, "It's nothing. Just get me some warm water." Still tearful, Cheryl nodded and went off to get the water.

After Caroline took a few sips, she finally regained some color.

Seeing Caroline this way, Cheryl had to speak carefully. She kept apologizing.

"I'm sorry, Caroline." "It's not your fault." Caroline shook her head tiredly.

1/3 +15 BONUS "Go out first. Let me calm myself down." Cheryl glanced at Caroline in worry. However, at Caroline's insistence, Cheryl finally left the office.

But she didn't dare to go too far. She remained in the waiting area outside Caroline's office and did her work there.

Inside the office, Caroline held one hand to her forehead and the other one pressed over her heart.

The pain hadn't dissipated. The kind of pain that had assaulted her had nearly killed her.

It seemed that ignoring a problem wouldn't make it go away. Instead, the pressure built up consistently. When it finally exploded, the consequences were much more severe.

Caroline's lips curved into a mocking smile.

When she had returned from Macovo, she should have gone ahead and divorced Kirk then and there.

That way, she could have gotten everything over with immediately and wouldn't be facing these troubles either.

After trying a few times, Caroline finally managed to pick up her phone with trembling hands and open her list of blocked numbers.

She expended a lot of effort to finally unblock Kirk's number. Then, she sent him a text.

It read, "See you at City Hall at 9 am on Wednesday." After sending the message, she once again blocked Kirk's number. She didn't want to hear any more excuses.

She felt like a complete fool. She should have divorced Kirk when she had found out that he had another wife abroad.

What had been the point of dragging things out? Had she still been hopeful?

She had been hurt once before, so where had she found the strength or the confidence?

Gwen said that Caroline was a brave person, but in reality, she was stupid. She never remembered the lessons she had learned.

She had already been burned once with Eddy, but she had allowed herself to get hurt once again.

Worse, it had happened because of another member of the same family.

If people found out that her husband was Eddy's second uncle, she would probably become the greatest joke of the year.

Caroline hugged her shaking body and let the sharp pain of her thoughts run through her body.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 496-In the president's office of the SY Group's Easton branch office, Kirk was staring at his phone with a dark gaze. He looked like he wanted to burn a hole through the device with his glare.

Standing opposite him, Charles felt like he was having an out-of-body experience. He was holding his breath and trying his best to be as unobtrusive as possible.

Suddenly, there was a loud bang as the phone was smashed to pieces on the ground.

Charles was frightened as he looked up at Kirk. Seeing Kirk's expression, he felt his breath leave his body.

The Kirk before him now was like a wild beast. His eyes were terrifyingly red and shining with a monstrous light.

Charles swallowed and clenched his fists. Finally, he braced himself and said, "Sir, we're really trying our best.

"Right now, we only found out that Dolly is... an actress with Oakes Theater. We also know that she will be coming to Easton soon!" "What good is that information? What good is it?" Kirk roared at Charles.

This was the first time Charles had ever seen Kirk lose his cool to such an extent.

“At least, no... If we find Dolly, maybe we’ll be able to find out who that mystery person is.” Kirk held himself up with both hands on the desk. He glared grimly at Charles, silent.

Kirk was even more terrifying when he looked this way. Charles really wanted to find somewhere to hide.

After a moment, the silence in the office was broken by Kirk’s chilling voice. “Get out!” Charles quickly escaped from the office.

As soon as the door closed, Kirk stumbled and fell to the ground. He tried to get up, but he had no strength in his body.

His world had been destroyed.

Caroline must be unendingly disappointed in him if she had decided to divorce him.

After he had stayed on the floor for god knows how long, there was a knock on the door. He seemed to hear it, but he wasn’t sure. He was in a daze that made him feel like he was sleepwalking.

It was only until a punch landed on his nose, causing him to bleed, that Kirk saw clearly who had come.

It was Sean.

Sean was furious as he grabbed Kirk’s collar. “Kirk, look at yourself now.” He dragged Kirk before the full-length mirror, showing Kirk just what he looked like now.

Kirk looked like someone had killed his dog. He looked like someone who had completely given up on himself.

Sean stared at Kirk in the mirror and said ruthlessly. “Is this person in the mirror still you?”

“In the past, you handled everything easily whenever you faced an impossible challenge. And now? How did you become so weak?” Sean was here because Charles had called him. Charles had found the situation too strange, which was why he called for help once he had left Kirk’s office. Sean knew that something big had happened and had swiftly rushed over. When he had come

in, he had found Kirk sprawled on the ground, looking as if his soul had been sucked out of his body Kirk wouldn't respond, no matter how many times Sean called out Impulsively, Sean had punched Kirk At least the punch had managed to make Kirk regain some of his senses Kirk wiped the blood from his face, but half his body was still slumped. "Then tell me what I should do now Caroline wants to divorce me! What do I do?" Sean was completely taken aback for a second. "Weren't you two fine just a few days ago?" Kirk grinned mockingly "If you don't have any ideas, get the fuck out!" He pointed at the door as a vein pulsed at his temple Sean eyed the door. After trying to hold it in, he exploded He punched Kirk in the face again.

"You're an awful bastard. Are you a man or not? What's the use of giving up on yourself? Are you the only one in pain? What about Caroline?"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 497-When he got hit, Kirk's body swayed. However, he quickly found his footing by supporting himself against the couch. He glanced at Sean.

Sean's words suddenly cleared things up for him, like a beam of light through dark clouds.

That was right. He was in pain, but wasn't Caroline suffering too? Kirk couldn't give up on himself now. What he had to do was quickly find out why she wanted to divorce him.

Kirk took several deep breaths and called an internal number. "Come to the office." Half a minute later, Charles walked in warily. Seeing Kirk's swollen face and the blood under his nose, he stared at Sean in fear.

"Find out why Caroline wants to divorce me." Kirk's voice was terrifyingly low. He lifted his wrist to check the time before saying, "Two hours. I want your report within two hours." Charles could only ask, "What?" "I don't care how you do it. Just find out the truth. I don't care if you have to beg Caroline for the answer." Charles glanced at Sean again.

Seeing that Kirk had finally calmed down, Sean let out a breath. His expression was no longer as tense, and he had regained his usual nonchalance.

“What are you looking at me for? Shouldn’t you get going?” Charles felt put on the spot. “Alright. I—I know what to do.” Walking out of the office, Charles wanted to head to the roof. Kirk had only given him two hours.

How was he supposed to find out why Caroline wanted to divorce Kirk in such a short amount of time?

But seeing how things were now, Charles knew his coming days would be hell if he didn’t find out the truth.

Just as he walked to the elevator hesitantly, Sean’s voice came from behind.

“Wait for me.” 1/2 *UE APRE Charles Rod Nat Neuson laak as sompiliung ginity when bu an tuon behint dan ke he said this. The allesaton diere opened, and to wallked Charles followed, bie arme full of documents e expectation ware still dejected lese III don’t find out why the made ware to divorce My Morrison in the next two hours, I might as well find a hole to bury myself th Sean couldn’t help but laugh at that is not as hard as you think he pointed out “You know what the best thing about Cardline ve “What is that?” Charles ears perked up as he listened intently “She’s extremely soft hearted toward those she cares about As long as you cry a bit about how Kirk treated you—maybe exaggerate it—I’m sure she’ll tell you everything” All of a sudden, Charles recalled what had happened last time. It was because of Caroline that he had gotten the chance to make it through Thinking of this, Charles started to smile Caroline was discussing the next day’s audition with Sonia when she found out that Charles had come to see her Without thinking, she refused to see him “Tell him I’m not here.” Cheryl looked at Caroline with unease “But Caroline, he says that he’ll be a goner if he doesn’t see you in two hours ” Caroline scoffed “Ignore him ” Cheryl kept pushing “Caroline, he’s really making himself sound very pitiful. He says he’ll be fed to the fish if you don’t see him. He might even be fed to the penguins in the Arctic. Also Caroline frowned. Just as she was about to say that it was impossible, she thought of who Kirk was. Suddenly, all those things became likely She clenched her fists as her heart squeezed

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 498-Kirk must have purposely made Charles come and see her. After all, Kirk knew that she would never make things difficult for innocent people.

Besides, Caroline wouldn't change her mind about the divorce, no matter who Kirk sent.

Reinforcing her determination on this decision, Caroline finally said, "Let him in." "Alright." After Cheryl walked out, Sonia spoke up. "Caroline, do you need me to leave?" After some thought, Caroline nodded. "Wait for me in the waiting room next door. I still have some things to tell you. You're not in a rush to leave, are you?" "No, no. I'm free," Sonia said with a smile.

"I've declined all gigs so that I can get this role." Caroline replied, "Helena must be lecturing you non-stop because of that." Sonia swallowed. She didn't tell Caroline about just how angry Helena was about all this.

Helena was already incensed that she still wanted to compete for the lead role in "Daughter of the Sea".

After finding out that she had rejected all other gigs, Helena had been so mad that she had scolded her for days on end.

Sonia knew that Helena only wanted what was best for her, though. She knew that Helena didn't want her to waste so much effort on a role that she would never get. But she still wanted to give it a try.

Although she knew that the role would most likely be Daphne's, this opportunity was hard to come by. She would regret it if she didn't even try.

"It's fine. I'm already used to Helena nagging at me." After saying that, Sonia opened the door. "I'll be off now, then." Caroline nodded. Once Sonia left, she took a deep breath and suppressed the shiver that was beginning to spread through her body.

After a moment, there was a knock at the door. Caroline held her water glass harder as she said, "Come in." Cheryl pushed the door open. "Caroline, Mr. Lane is here." Caroline regarded Charles coldly. Then, she said to Cheryl, "You can go out." "Okay," said Cheryl. She closed the door behind her when she left.

Standing before Caroline, Charles was full of smiles. "Madam ..." Caroline cut him off. "Mr. Lane-no, I should refer to you as the assistant to SY Group's president." Charles swayed and nearly fell. "M-Madam, what are you saying? I don't understand?" "Mr. Lane, your ability to play dumb is just as practiced as your boss'." Caroline's grip tightened on her glass. "Tell me, how do you plan

on lying to me during your visit today?” “Madam, I think you must have misunderstood something.” Without any proof, Charles could only keep denying Kirk’s identity. “How could I be the assistant to SY Group’s president? I’m only Mr. Morrison’s assistant ...” “Charles Lane!” Caroline let out a cold chuckle.

“Kirk’s wife abroad is Daphne Dawson, and Daphne is the wife of Eddy’s second uncle. Tell me, what’s the relationship between Kirk and Eddy’s second uncle?” Charles’s face turned ashen in a second. His mind buzzed with the revelation.

Caroline’s gaze was fixed on him. She had hoped more than anything that this was all not true.

But now, she could no longer allow herself such illusions. The truth was the truth. Her hope wouldn’t change it.

“M–M–Madam ...” Charles wanted to escape, but he had handled many situations before that required him to be adaptable.

He regained his composure and said, “T–this is simply too strange. There must be a misunderstanding here, I–I will investigate it carefully.” “A misunderstanding?” Caroline laughed.

“The biggest misunderstanding is me thinking Kirk isn’t part of the Morrison family. Go back and tell him to go to City Hall on Wednesday! That’s all.” After saying this, Caroline called for Cheryl to send Charles off.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 499-Cheryl was confused when she came into the office. “Mr. Lane,” he said.

Charles threw a panicked glance at Caroline. He really didn’t know how to explain things. Thus, he could only try to keep her calm.

“Madam, there must be a misunderstanding here. Please calm down first. Don’t act rashly.” After saying that, Charles rushed to leave. He had to tell Kirk about this as soon as possible.

In the beginning, he had submitted documents to say that Kirk was already married so that Jude wouldn't become suspicious. However, the documents never stated who Kirk's wife was.

Caroline must have found out about this from that mystery person. Charles was sure about it.

When Charles left, the strength that had been holding Caroline together disappeared. She slumped her head as her complexion turned pale.

When she saw Cheryl, she got a huge fright. She felt extremely worried for Caroline.

"Caroline..." she called.

Caroline waved her off. "Get Sonia to come in," she said.

Cheryl tried again. "Caroline." "I'm fine. The audition for the role of the female lead in 'Daughter of the Sea' is tomorrow. We don't have much more time. Hurry and have Sonia come in." Although she was saying this to Cheryl, she meant it for herself. Caroline had to put all her focus into Sonia. She would help Sonia get the lead female role.

Caroline wanted to prove to the Morrison family, especially to Kirk, that not everyone would be their plaything. They couldn't do whatever they pleased with them!

Helpless, Cheryl could only summon Sonia.

In the SY Group's branch office, Charles was panting. He even forgot to knock before he barged into Kirk's office.

"Sir, we're in trouble," Charles said, still out of breath.

"The madam has found out that you're Mr. Eddy's second uncle!" Kirk's expression became stormy. His knuckles went white where he held the armrests. "What did you say?" "I just went to see the madam. She told me your wife abroad is Daphne Dawson, and Daphne is Mr.

Eddy's second uncle's wife.

"I think she only guessed that you're Mr. Eddy's second uncle because she found out that Daphne is your wife. But I never gave a name for your wife on

your papers-” Before Charles could finish speaking, Kirk grabbed him by the collar.

“Did she say anything else? Was she very angry?” Charles was at a loss for words. He thought that Kirk had missed the point.

“I I was only thinking that I had to rush back to you. I wasn’t paying attention ...” Charles didn’t dare to tell the truth.

Looking at Kirk’s reddened eyes carefully, he repeated carefully, “Sir, I didn’t give a name for your wife on the papers.” He elaborated, “That means the madam wouldn’t have been able to know your wife is Daphne even if she managed to contact the higher-ups in Macdo’s administration.

“Do you think that... Ms. Dawson...” Charles hesitated.

Kirk had a vein bulging at his temple. Feeling worked up, he said, “Spit it out!” “This is only a guess.” Charles swallowed.

“Could Ms. Dawson have told the madam about this?” Kirk suddenly let Charles go. “Investigate it immediately!” “Yes, sir.” Charles turned to leave in a hurry.

Kirk rubbed his nose before picking up his phone hesitantly. When he unlocked the phone, he was met with the sight of Caroline’s sweet smile.

He had never dared to imagine how Caroline would feel if she found out he was a member of the

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 500-When he thought about Caroline’s text about seeing each other at City Hall on Wednesday, Kirk got even more upset.

Luckily, Charles already had a suspect. Soon, he found out that Daphne had indeed sent Caroline a message while Caroline and Kirk had been in Macovo.

Plus, the timing was very close. That meant that it was most likely Daphne who had done it.

With this proof, Charles immediately went to see Kirk. “Sir, look at this.” When he saw the proof, Kirk immediately frowned. “Call Daphne.” At this, Charles quickly piped up. “Sir, please calm down first. If you call Ms.

Dawson now, Mr. Morrison Senior will find out about it and slowly discover your relationship with the madam.

“When the time comes, your identity will be exposed without a doubt if Mr.

Morrison Senior tells the madam about it.” Charles knew what Kirk wanted to do by calling Daphne.

Indeed, it was despicable that Daphne had gone against the terms of her contract and told Caroline about her position. Yet, any sudden move could cause even bigger problems.

Kirk massaged his pounding temples. He could only calm himself down by thinking of Caroline.

After he calmed down, his messy thoughts untangled, and he could think a bit more clearly.

Pinching the bridge of his nose, Kirk inhaled deeply before saying, “Go check what public events Caroline might attend in the coming days.” This was easy. All Charles had to do was send a message.

Once he got a response, he said, “Sir, other than accompanying Ms. Norman for an audition tomorrow, the madam will spend all her time at the company. She has no events to attend.” Kirk hummed lowly for a moment. Then, he said, “I got it. You can leave now.” Charles hesitated but said, “Okay, sir.” After Charles left, Kirk stood up from his chair and walked to the floor-to-ceiling window. He looked at the stream of traffic below and felt uninterested in it for the first time ever.

Compared to standing on top of the world, Kirk would rather be by Caroline’s side.

+15 BONUS His gaze darkened as he thought about things. If he wanted to go back to Caroline’s side, he would have to calm himself and treat this the way he would when handling a difficult project at work.

Otherwise... Although the logic was simple, Kirk found that he couldn't see the situation as objectively as he would have before.

Meanwhile, Caroline was the exact opposite. After being hurt in love, her thoughts became much clearer. She was even more energetic as she worked.

After deciding on the time she and Sonia would set out tomorrow, Caroline looked at her watch. 'Go prepare yourself, then. Remember, you have to perform as I told you for that one scene.' Sonia hesitated for a moment before nodding. "Alright." Earlier, Caroline had gotten her to stay because she wanted to tell Sonia where she thought the script didn't quite make sense. When she had taken the changed script, Sonia had been stunned for a while.

n A few days ago, when Caroline had said she found some parts of the script illogical, Sonia had thought that Caroline was just saying it offhandedly.

She hadn't expected that Caroline would insist on making changes to the parts she found inappropriate, even after finding out that Marietta Weiss had written it.

After Caroline's explanations, Sonia unconsciously began to feel that her edited version made more sense. Plus, she had only realized this after a few minutes of thought.

However, Marietta was the one who had written this script. Surely, she wouldn't like that someone had changed it. Sonia couldn't help but worry about what would happen tomorrow.

But the more she thought about it, the more she realized that she might not have gone to the audition if not for Caroline's insistence and encouragement.

Besides, since she already knew that this role would most likely be Daphne's, why did she need to worry so much?

She would be passed over anyway. As such, she might as well act out the scene the way Caroline had said.