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She searched the location online and found that it was a simple coffee shop in the northern suburbs. However, he wanted them to meet at 9 am the next day. It seemed as though he was in a rush for them to meet.

She and her employees would have to prepare the contract by tomorrow morning. Apparently, they would have to work overtime.

Caroline pressed a button on her desk and asked Cheryl to come over to her office. A moment later, Cheryl arrived.

"Cheryl, tell the legal department that they will have to work overtime. We must get the contract done by 9 am tomorrow." "Is it that urgent?" "Yes. Sloan's father called me and said that he wanted to meet me at 9 am to discuss it tomorrow.

We should prepare the contract beforehand so that we're prepared in case anything pops up." "Alright then. I'll tell them about this right away," said Cheryl as she turned to leave.

Just then, Caroline stood up and stopped Cheryl in her tracks.

"Never mind. I'll tell them about it myself. We can save time if I speak to them in person." She then headed straight for the legal department.

Cheryl shook her head helplessly as she watched Caroline leave in a hurry.

Caroline never seemed to have time for herself.

She had only just gotten on good terms with her husband, yet she was burying herself under the mountain of work again.

The discussion between Caroline and the legal team ended only at around 3 pm. It seemed as though they were done with the contract now.

After flipping through the papers to make sure that there were no mistakes, Caroline stretched.

She said “Thank you for your hard work, everyone. You don’t have to come to work for the next two days. All of you should have a good rest” “Thank you” the employees replied in unison. Their spirits had been lifted now that they had the following two days to themselves.

Caroline smiled and saw them off. Afterward, she picked up the contract and headed back to her office. When she pushed through the doors of the office, she saw Kirk sitting on a chair. Stunned, she stood rooted to the spot.

At the sound of someone entering the room, Kirk raised his head to see who it was. Seeing that it was Caroline, he spread his arms in an attempt to hug her. As if on instinct, Caroline walked toward him. He pulled her into his arms. “Are you done with work?” His voice was strained, as if he had waited for her for a long time. “When did you arrive?” asked Caroline. Sitting on his lap right now made her feel warm and fuzzy inside somehow.

“Around 9 am.” “Why didn’t you call me?” she asked in surprise. “I did, but you didn’t answer.” Kirk carried her to the couch and sat. He shut his eyes and told her. “You must be tired. Quick, take a nap.” Glancing up at him, Caroline saw that his eyes were closed already. The soft light from behind him made him appear all the more gentle and energetic.

In truth, Caroline had felt kind of worn out just now. Now, though, she wasn’t tired in the least. Getting up from the couch, she stared at Kirk, who sat on the ground. His eyelids drooped so much that it was clear he was going to doze off soon.

“Get up. Go back home and go to sleep.” “No. You should sleep. Don’t you have a contract to settle by tomorrow?” he mumbled. +15 BONUS Caroline glanced at the clock on the wall and said, “I still have a couple of hours to get it done. Hurry and get up. The floor’s cold.” Then, Kirk opened his eyes to look at her. “Darling, there’s something I would like to do if you don’t want to sleep.” Flabbergasted, Caroline didn’t know how to respond. A moment later, she simply told him, “Come up here to sleep then.” Instead of listening to her, Kirk rested his chin against the couch. With his eyes half-closed, he murmured, “Go to sleep.” Soon, he was fast asleep.

His soft snores made Caroline drowsy too, and she soon fell asleep.

When she woke up the next morning, it was already 7 am.

She glanced sideways, expecting to see Kirk, but he was nowhere to be seen.

A wave of panic washed over her, and she raised her head to look around the office. However, she calmed down at the sight of a container of mushroom soup and slices of baguette on her desk.

Standing up from the couch, she walked over to her desk and placed a hand over the food to find that it was still hot.

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"Where were you?" Caroline turned to stare at him, her eyes full of worry.

Abruptly, she noticed her toothbrush and cup in his hands.

Kirk smirked. "Why didn't you sleep for a bit longer?" "It's already 7 am. It's about time for me to leave." Kirk handed her the toothbrush and cup and kissed her on the lips. It was soft at first, but soon he deepened the kiss. She struggled to pull away for air.

A moment later, he finally let go of her.

Embarrassed, Caroline pounded her fists against his chest. "Are you starving or what?" "Yes, I am." Kirk laughed, which made her blush even further.

She took the toothbrush and cup from him and rushed out of the office to freshen up.

She came back shortly after that to see Kirk sitting in her chair and flipping through the contract.

She wasn't alarmed, though. She simply let him carry on with what he was doing.

All of a sudden, Kirk broke the silence. "Your office is too small. You don't even have a place to rest or sleep." Caroline was munching on her breakfast when he spoke.

She laughed, amused. "Evans Group isn't the same as before.

"Things have been worse since the company fell from grace back then." She continued, "We're lucky enough that it's still here." "So, you're doing all this so

that Evans Group can rise from the ashes, huh?" Putting her breakfast down, Caroline pursed her lips in thought.

"Yes, I want to, but I know all too well that there is too great a difference between what the company was in the past and the present. It will take a long time for it to regain its glory." "Maybe it won't." "It's fine." Kirk smiled reassuringly at her.

"Let's go." Still, she couldn't stop herself from glancing at him in concern. Only after that did she ask Jack to start driving.

However, Kirk's phone rang again just as they exited the underground car park.

This time, though, he didn't answer the call.

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There wasn't a single person in sight.

After making sure that there was absolutely no one left there besides the two of them, Charles walked out and told him, "Sir, I've checked all the rooms. All the employees have left." "Where's the parcel?" Charles brought Kirk to the reception counter and said, "Here it is. This is the parcel you wanted." Kirk stared at the box, his gaze dark and piercing.

"Sir," said Charles with his voice lowered.

"Does this box really contain a ... bomb?" Instead of answering, Kirk simply stared unblinkingly at the box. No one could ever be certain of how much what Finn said was true. It wouldn't hurt to be extra careful.

"Are they here?" "They're waiting for your orders at the back door," Charles whispered.

He didn't have the guts to speak loudly at this crucial moment. Things would go awry if they were discovered.

"Let them come in," ordered Kirk.

Charles nodded, headed to the back door, and led the men to the reception counter.

"Sir," said all of them in unison upon seeing Kirk.

Kirk nodded at the box. "Open it up and see what's inside." "Yes, sir," came the men's unanimous reply.

After putting on their equipment, they picked up their shields, approached the parcel gingerly, and opened it.

Several minutes later, they took the box out of its outer casing.

Charles' eyes turned as big as saucers when he saw it. It was, in fact, a bomb.

"How did this even get to Easton?" Everyone else's faces were equally gloomy. The men, who were actually bomb disposal technicians, then produced their tools to inspect the bomb. After quite some time, they stared at it in confusion.

"What's wrong?" Kirk asked.

"It doesn't seem like a bomb now." "What do you mean 'seem'?" Charles was displeased.

"If it's a bomb, it's a bomb. There's nothing in between." "It certainly looks like one, but we didn't detect any explosive substances." "It's fake, then?" Charles glanced at Kirk, and everyone else followed suit.

The head of the bomb disposal team looked troubled as he answered, "We can't be sure until we take it apart.

"Sir?" Charles prompted Kirk as the latter considered the suggestion, scowling.

A moment later, he ordered, "Do it!" "Yes, sir!" The team then started doing their job.

Standing aside, Kirk stared at the tiny black object surrounded by the bomb disposal technicians, his eyes dark like a bottomless pit.

There was something off about this, but he couldn't tell what it was.

In the coffee shop, Caroline would have fallen if she hadn't clutched at Jack's arm. The two brawny men were advancing on them.

She turned back to look at Liam. "What are you trying to do?" "I don't know. I'm getting paid for this to free someone from a certain disaster." Liam laughed and continued, "Caroline, you should just stop struggling. The more you move, the quicker the drug takes effect." Caroline bit her lip so hard that she tasted blood. The pain kept her awake so that she could at least stand upright. She refused to talk to Liam anymore.

"Jack, how do you feel?" she asked in barely a whisper.

"I think," said Jack, glowering at the two brutes that were approaching them.

"I can get rid of them both." "It won't work. There must be more of them out there," whispered Caroline as she grabbed his arm.

"I'm their target. I'll buy time. You see if you can make it out of here."

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"You don't need to push yourself," said Caroline through gritted teeth.

"There's only the two of us now. As long as one of us escapes, the other will have a chance at being saved." "Madam- "Enough." Releasing her grasp on his arm, Caroline dashed toward the two brutes and bit one of their arms.

"Run!" She hollered, then bit on one of the men's arms again.

The man yelled in pain and kicked her in the stomach, making her crash against the wall. The impact was so great that she winced in agony.

She tried to bear the pain as she wrapped her arms around the man's thigh.

It all happened in the blink of an eye. Fortunately, Caroline had informed Jack of what she was going to do. So he darted through the door when he heard Caroline yell for him to run.

By the time the brutes reacted, Jack was already quite a distance away from them. One of them called out, "Stop him! Don't let him escape!" Several bodyguards appeared before Jack soon after the brute finished his sentence.

Even though Jack had been drugged and his movement was sluggish, he was, after all, a long-term champion in the UFC.

He shoved them away and quickly made his way to the car, leaving the three bodyguards far behind him.

After exiting the building, he headed straight for the car, then yanked the door open and got into the driver's seat.

He glanced at the men who followed him out of the building, contemplating if he should inside since Caroline was still in there. go back Eventually, he made up his mind and drove away.

The bodyguards chasing after him ran after his car for quite some distance before being ordered to stop.

Liam told them, "Never mind. He's not our target. It's fine even if he runs away." As he spoke, he turned around to snicker at Caroline, who was now being flanked by bodyguards.

Caroline relaxed a little, seeing that Jack had managed to escape. Liam approached her, and she sneered at him.

He slapped her across the face. "And you still have the audacity to smile? Didn't you say you wanted Mackey Group in exchange for just 20 million dollars? Take this!" Liam raised his hand to slap Caroline again, but one of the bodyguards interrupted him. "Mr. Mackey, we have to go back and report to our boss." The arrogant look on his face disappeared when he heard that. "Fine, fine." Caroline furrowed her brows at Liam's sudden change of behavior.

Someone else was behind this.

What was more, this person had quite the influence and power over others. This was the final thought she had before she blacked out.

At SY Group's headquarters in Easton, the bomb disposal squad was done taking apart the box.

"Sir." One of them passed it to Kirk and said, "This bomb is indeed a replica. The materials used to make its shell are genuine, so it looks just like a real bomb." Charles walked over to see it for himself. "So, it's really fake." He waved a hand in the air to dismiss the squad and said, "You may leave now." The men nodded and left.

When only he and Kirk were left, Charles asked, "Sir, why did Finn do this? Did he simply want to play a prank on you?" By now, Kirk's gaze was thunderous. He stared at the fake bomb in silence.

Suddenly, he got an idea.

He sprang up from his seat and strode toward the door. Clueless as to what was going on, Charles went after him.

"Sir, where are you going?" Just then, Kirk's phone started ringing. He fished out his phone from his pocket to see Jack's name on the screen. His gaze darkened even further.

"Speak." Hearing Kirk's voice, Jack finally became less panicked.

Still, he couldn't stop himself from feeling remorseful for not being able to ensure Caroline's safety. In the end, it was Caroline who protected him, not the other way around.

Eventually, when he opened his mouth to speak, his voice trembled ever so slightly. "Sir, the madam's been abducted!"

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He was afraid that being just a moment too slow would cause even more mishaps.

He added, "Also, I saw them dump all of the madam's belongings. I think they're trying to avoid being tracked. They're very professional. I can tell at a glance that they've been trained." Kirk ended the call and turned to head to the basement.

"Have someone track Jack's location immediately," he ordered.

Meanwhile, Charles jogged to catch up with Kirk. As he did, he answered, "Yes, sir." As they spoke, they arrived at the parking lot. Kirk opened the car door and slipped into the driver's seat. Not daring to delay, Charles quickly got into the car too.

Charles had assumed that Kirk would speed, but Kirk drove quite steadily.

Charles found this unusual and said, "Sir." Kirk's expression was dark. "Speak." Charles opened his mouth, but he wasn't quite sure how to phrase his question.

After a moment, he said, "Aren't you worried about the madam when she's been abducted?" Kirk shot Charles a look, making him realize that he had asked a stupid question.

"Or did you already know that the madam would be abducted?" "I'm not clairvoyant," Kirk replied coldly.

Charles grimaced.

Then why in the world was Kirk able to drive so smoothly this time?

Charles wanted desperately to know. But he couldn't ask about it, so he could only keep his mouth shut.

In reality, Kirk was driving quite quickly. It only seemed normal because he used to speed like The car carrying Caroline arrived at a mountain. It was an abandoned place that no one lived in.

The men got out of the car and carried Caroline up the mountain.

Daphne and Jane were waiting at the mountaintop. When they saw Caroline, their expressions became joyful.

“Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Morrison,” Liam was very polite to the two women.

“We’ve captured Caroline for you.” Jane looked at Caroline, who had been thrown onto a pile of grass. She praised Liam, saying, “Good job.” Daphne stepped forward and asked casually, “Were you discovered?” Liam replied, “Don’t worry, Mrs. Morrison. No one saw us. However, her driver got away.” Liam treated Daphne with even more respect than he did Jane. In his eyes, Daphne had more clout as the wife of Eddy’s second uncle than Jane, who was Howard’s wife.

After all, she was part of the Morrison family, and her husband was the wealthiest person overseas.

Before Daphne, the Collins family was nothing.

However, Daphne’s expression changed when she heard what Liam said.

“How can you say that no one saw you if the driver got away?” Liam could only chuckle. “He’s just a driver. So he got away. It’s not like he can come back and save Caroline!” Jane wasn’t worried about the driver, either. “Mr. Mackey is right. Even if he’s a loyal dog, he can’t ask for help anyway. Do you think he could contact the Morrison family for help?” After she said this, both she and Liam laughed.

Yet Daphne’s face got paler and paler. She couldn’t tell them the truth—that Caroline was actually Kirk’s wife.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 542-quickly. It will be bad for us if we delay and more problems arise.” “It’ll be fine.” Jane was very confident.

“Besides, I have some things to ask her.” Daphne got more anxious. “What if someone finds out...” “Daph, you’re so timid.” Jane tilted her head up and looked at the brilliantly shining sun.

“Even if someone finds out, they wouldn’t dare say anything. Unless, of course, they would like to feel the consequences of offending both the Collins and Morrison families.

“Mrs. Collins...” “Come.” Jane ignored Daphne. She got someone to carry out her bidding. “Wake her.” “Yes, ma’am.” One of the Collins family’s bodyguards splashed water on Caroline’s face.

The iciness was an assault on Caroline’s skin, making her shiver. She slowly opened her eyes.

After a moment, she finally saw the person before her clearly. Her expression changed in instant. “Jane?” an Jane smiled coldly as she bent down and grabbed Caroline’s chin. Her expression was sinister as she said, “That’s right. It’s me.” Caroline was in such pain that she frowned. “Why do you keep targeting me?” Jane threw her head back and laughed. She gripped Caroline even harder.

“You’re asking why I’m targeting you? If it hadn’t been for you, would my daughter have lost her mind? You hurt Brie so much, but you just keep living it up.

“The world can’t be that unfair to let you have everything good in life while Brie gets everything horrible.” +15 BONUS Caroline had already expected that Jane would blame Brie’s insanity on her, but she had never expected that Jane would be so despicable.

“Brie got what she deserves!” “Shut up! I have something to ask you!” Jane suddenly let go of Caroline. She straightened and looked down at Caroline.

“How did she go crazy? What in the world did you do to her?” “I don’t know. I only found out that she went crazy a few days after she came after me.

“Maybe it’s divine retribution. She tricked me into going to the hotel, thinking that she could humiliate me.

“But she never expected that she would go crazy herself. You-” Caroline swept her gaze over the three people gathered around her. “Maybe retribution will soon come to you, too, for capturing me and bringing me here.

You’ll be next to go crazy.” Daphne’s face became ghostly.

Liam assumed that Daphne had been scared by Caroline’s words and quickly reassured her.

“Mrs. Morrison, don’t worry. There are no ghosts or gods in this world, so there won’t be any kind of divine retribution.” Daphne looked at Liam, her lips trembling. She couldn’t say a word.

She seemed to know why Brie had lost her mind. Thinking about it, her body started shaking.

She... wouldn’t end up like Brie, would she?

Jane also noticed the unusual way Daphne was behaving.

Her eyebrows scrunched together. She simply couldn’t believe Daphne had lost her cool at this crucial juncture.

She scoffed and said to Caroline, “Retribution? Indeed, there is such a thing in the world, Caroline. But it will be on you today.” She continued, “You will pay for my daughter’s insanity with your life! I would like to see who can possibly save you when we’re in the wilderness.” +15 BONUS As she spoke, she straightened and waved her men over. “Throw her down.” At this, Daphne’s discomfited expression softened slightly.

“You should have done that ages ago, Mrs. Collins.” “Didn’t I say that no one can save her now?” Jane watched as Caroline was completely unbound. She angled her chin upward and pointed in a random direction. “There. Make it seem like she slipped and fell.” Caroline’s body was soft and pliant, completely weak. Soon, she was pushed to the edge of the mountain.

She looked down. The ground was more than 30 feet below her. Her swollen face paled.

Looking back, she saw three malicious pairs of eyes looking at her. Caroline knew that she wouldn’t be able to escape this today.

However, she wasn’t afraid of dying. But she felt that a death like this wasn’t worth it.

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Caroline turned her head, intent on fighting back. However, she didn't have an ounce of energy in her body.

The bodyguard shot Caroline a glare. As he was about to reach out and shove her over the edge, there was a sudden roaring noise from above them.

The bodyguard looked up, only to see a helicopter flying over them like an eagle.

Around them, the grass began to rustle violently.

Jane couldn't help but put a hand to her forehead and look up at the helicopter.

The wind that had been whipped up blinded them. They could only vaguely see a tall figure jump smoothly from the ladder that hung from the helicopter.

It was only when the helicopter flew far away and the surroundings regained their usual peace that everyone came back to themselves.

"Kirk..." Caroline's eyes turned red when she saw Kirk. Meanwhile, Daphne's face had lost all its color.

As for Jane, she had never met Kirk. So she didn't know that this was the man her husband kept fawning over.

She walked arrogantly before him and asked, "Who are you?" Kirk didn't even look at her. He strode in large steps over to Caroline.

The bodyguard who had been holding Caroline forgot what he was doing, awestruck by Kirk's strong presence.

He only snapped out of his trance once Kirk lifted Caroline up from the ground.

He raised a hand and aimed a blow at Kirk's shoulder.

"Careful!" Before Caroline's warning came out fully, Kirk had already kicked the bodyguard's shin, quick as a lightning bolt.

+15 BONUS The bodyguard hissed in pain.

Everyone else also reacted. They quickly went forward and surrounded Kirk.

Seeing this, Daphne quickly tugged on Jane's arm. "Mrs. Collins, h—he's..."
"Who cares who he is?" Jane laughed coolly.

"Playing the hero, is he? This isn't a movie. It's real life. Dump them both off the mountain." The second she said this, the blare of sirens came from below.

Liam's expression shifted. "Mrs. Collins, the police are here." "I heard that!" Jane was enraged.

"Throw them off now. Let's go." As she spoke, she turned and walked down a different path.

Daphne hesitated as she looked at Caroline and Kirk, who were still completely surrounded.

"Let's go!" Jane pulled Daphne along.

"If the police see you when they get here, you'll never be able to claim you're innocent." In the blink of an eye, Jane had dragged Daphne over to the head of the path.

Daphne looked back at where Kirk was once again. "Mrs. Collins..." Jane didn't pay Daphne any attention. She ordered her bodyguards again, "Be quick. Handle this before the police get here." Then, she rushed down the mountain.

Liam followed swiftly behind.

With that, only Caroline and Kirk were left up there. Them, and the bodyguards who surrounded them.

Kirk placed Caroline on the ground and asked lowly, "Can you stand?" "I—I c—can..." Caroline tried to let go of Kirk's arm.

"Don't worry about me." +15 BONUS Kirk chuckled. "Silly, do you think that's possible? Hold on tight." He took Caroline's arm and laid it over his.

At the same time, he kicked the opponent to his left. His strikes were strong and fast, causing the trained fighters among the bodyguards to blanch.

"Do it quick!" the leader of the bodyguards ordered.

Immediately, Kirk responded by kicking him right in the face. The leader was hit so hard that he rolled on the ground.

When the others saw this, their hearts went cold.

Still, they risked it all and rushed forward, trying to overwhelm Kirk with their numbers and defeat him.

But they couldn't even get near him.

When anyone got close, Kirk's kicks defeated them. Soon, the circle that surrounded them had many holes.

Just as the bodyguards thought they would die there, the police finally arrived.

"Don't move. You've been surrounded."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 544-Hearing the voices of the police, the bodyguards felt like they had heard the voice of an angel.

They quickly raised their arms in surrender. Then, they huddled to one side with their arms still up.

The police were flabbergasted by the sight that awaited them.

Kirk eyed them for a moment before picking Caroline up again. He slowly went down the mountain as the police watched.

In Kirk's embrace, Caroline felt her face burning. "Kirk." "Yes?" "You were very handsome just now." Kirk paused in his steps as he looked down at Caroline. "What did you say?" Her face was completely red by now. She pouted. "I didn't say anything." He smiled slightly. "But I heard it." "Why ask if you already heard it?" "I want to hear it again." Caroline pressed her lips together and kept silent.

Kirk didn't say anything more, either. He carried Caroline swiftly down the mountain.

At the foot of the mountain, there was an ambulance waiting. Kirk carried Caroline into the vehicle.

A doctor immediately came over to check on Caroline. With the doctor in the way, Caroline couldn't see Kirk. She panicked and raised her hand instinctively.

"Kirk..." "I'm here." Kirk held Caroline's hand.

She instantly felt at ease. Her eyelids started to droop. She mumbled something softly.

The doctor asked, "Miss, what did you say?" Caroline's lips moved again. However, the doctor didn't hear it clearly. Thus, he could only bend. This time, he heard Caroline clearly. She said, "You're so handsome." +15 BONUS The doctor slowly straightened. Seeing the smile on Caroline's lips, he touched his bald spot in disbelief.

At that moment, Jane was leading Daphne and Liam down the mountain. They were almost at the foot of the mountain when she saw a group of people walking out leisurely to block their path.

Charles was at the head of the group.

Seeing him, Daphne wanted the earth to open up and swallow her whole.

Charles spotted Daphne, too. His gaze became chilling as he waved a hand and instructed, "Arrest them all." "Yes, sir." The men went forward. Jane, Daphne, and Liam had no chance to fight back.

Soon, they were brought before Charles.

He swept a glance over them and said, "Take them away." Unable to accept that this was the outcome of the situation, Jane struggled.

"Hold it. What makes you think you can take us away? I'm the wife of Howard Collins. You better let me go quickly, or I'll make sure you get it!" Charles was unaffected by her threats. He went into the car and faced a pale Daphne, who sat in the middle. "Ms. Dawson, it seems I still wasn't clear enough with you last time." Daphne's body trembled.

Jane only noticed how pale Daphne was now.

She thought that Daphne was simply too timid, so she puffed up her chest and reassured her. Daph, don't be afraid. These people wouldn't dare do anything

to us. Once Howard gets here, they'll all be begging for mercy." Hearing this, Liam couldn't help but smile. "That's right, Mrs. Morrison." To Charles, he said, "By the way, do you know who this is? She's the wife of Mr.

Eddy's second uncle! You're done for! You've offended both the Collins and Morrison families!" With a vague smile, Charles glanced at Liam like he was a fool.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 548-When everything was said and done, the Sorkin family was still second among the big four families.

Given that Anthony was the heir of the Sorkin family, it was rude for Howard to lecture him in front of so many people.

Just as he was about to say something, Damien shot him a look that quieted him.

Damien said lightly, "She's someone Mr. Morrison Senior likes, so she must be quite exceptional.

Isn't that right, Mr. Morrison Senior?" Damien had thought that Howard would back down after this, but instead, Howard said, "Even Mr.

Morrison Senior can misjudge someone, right?" The temperature in the room seemed to plummet.

Eddy frowned. However, it wasn't because of Howard's haughty attitude. Rather, it was due to how he kept disparaging Caroline.

He said coldly, "Mr. Collins, if you say that Caroline is lucky, does that mean you think she has no skills at all?" "Of course." Howard spread his legs.

"If she had any real ability, she would have used Evans Group to get back into the big four families.

No one dared to make a sound.

Eddy gave a cold laugh. "So what you mean is that she's a piece of trash, and I can't even compare to a piece of trash." Howard blanched as he sat up

straighter. “W–what do you mean by that?” Eddy replied, “Don’t you know, Mr. Collins? I invested in Evanson Corporation.

After Caroline became the CEO of Evans Group, Morrison Corp withdrew its investment.

“Right after that, many of Evans Group’s employees resigned. That means Evans Group had no capital or talent during that time. Caroline handled everything.” +15 BONUS He continued, “But that wasn’t so for Evanson Corporation. It had the support of ample funds, the best designers, the best advertising team, the best sales channels... “We had the best of everything. But we still failed. Doesn’t that mean that I can’t even compare to a piece of trash?” No one spoke.

But it wasn’t due to surprise at the information Eddy had revealed. Rather, they were astonished at how Eddy described himself as being less than Caroline.

This was the first time in eight years that they had witnessed Eddy defending Caroline in public. Even Jude and Thomas were staring at him in disbelief.

After a second, Howard managed to force a smile. “Mr. Morrison, I didn’t mean that.” “But you called Caroline a piece of trash.” Howard inhaled deeply and said, “I’m sorry. I didn’t have a clear picture of what had happened before I started making unfounded comments.” “It’s pointless to apologize to me.” Eddy glared icily at Howard.

“I think you had better apologize to Caroline herself.” The attendees all exchanged glances with each other.

Howard forced an unwilling smile. “Don’t worry, I will certainly apologize to Ms. Evans personally.

Ah, it’s getting late. Let me go see if my wife’s ready.” As he spoke, Howard got up to head to the second floor.

After turning a corner and making sure that no one could see his expression, Howard frowned deeply.

His expression remained grim as he walked to the master bedroom.

At the door, he found the butler pacing around in worry. Displeased, Howard called out, "What's going on? Where's the madam? Is she ready?" The butler was panicked as he said, "The madam, s-she..." "What in the world is she-" Before he could finish speaking, Howard heard an anxious cry coming from downstairs. "Sir, sir. Mr. Kirk is here!" Hearing that, Howard couldn't be bothered about Jane anymore. He rushed downstairs. Watching him leave, the butler finally managed to finish speaking.

He said, "... is missing.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 545-At the hospital, Sean pushed open the door and walked into the ward.

He glanced at Caroline, who had her eyes closed as she lay on the hospital bed. Then, he looked at Kirk, who had sat vigil here all night.

Lastly, he exchanged a helpless glance with Charles.

"Has he been like this all night? Has he even closed his eyes?" "Yes," Charles replied.

"But I heard from the doctor in charge that Caroline was given a sedative and will only wake up tomorrow. It's pointless for him to wait here." "I told him that too," Charles said.

"But it's pointless. He insists that he has to stay here by the madam's side. He said something about needing the first person the madam sees when she wakes up to be him." Sean let out a soft breath. "I get it. He only just got her back, and this happened." "But he must have promised the Collins family that he would attend the banquet.

Mr. Collins called me many times, asking when Mr. Morrison will leave... Do you think I should say he's not going?" Before Sean could answer, a hoarse yet appealing voice drifted through the air of the ward.

"What time does the banquet start?" Charles looked at Kirk in astonishment. He had assumed that Kirk couldn't even hear what they were talking about.

"7 pm." "What time is it now?" "Past 5 pm." "Go and prepare everything." Charles remained in his spot. After being stunned for a few seconds, he finally

came back to However, his feet seemed to be stuck to the ground, incapable of moving. He looked over at Sean with eyes still filled with surprise.

Sean smiled as he hooked his arm in Charles'. "Let's go settle the preparations." As he spoke, they both walked over to the elevator.

It was only when they got to the elevator doors that Charles found his lost voice.

"Dr. Yates, did you see that?" Sean raised an eyebrow and asked, "See what?" "Mr. Morrison... He..." Charles wasn't sure how he should put it.

Sean laughed and said, "Do you think that he's changed again?" Charles nodded in response.

"He's become as rational as he used to be in the past. But at the same time, not," Sean clarified.

Charles kept nodding in agreement.

Sean looked up as the elevator doors slowly opened. He was emotional as he patted Charles on the shoulder. "Mr. Lane, you don't have someone you like, do you?" Charles shook his head in confusion.

"Once you have someone you like, you will understand that you might hurt your partner if you're not rational enough in love. So, to prevent hurting her, you will have to force yourself to be rational." As Sean spoke, his tone became more distraught.

As a single man, Charles looked at Sean with only a slight understanding. He was about to head into the elevator but nearly bumped straight into Sonia and Gwen, who were coming out.

"Watch out." Sean instinctively moved to hold Gwen.

However, Gwen had already moved away, awkwardly avoiding Sean's touch.

Looking at his empty hand, Sean felt a sting in his heart. However, he still squeezed out a smile. What are you doing here?" "How's Carol? Is she okay?" Gwen asked anxiously.

Sonia also looked at Sean.

Sean's eyes lit up when he noticed Gwen looking at him. "She's fine. It's just that she was given a sedative and will only wake up tomorrow."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 546-When Sonia and Gwen heard this, they finally felt relieved.

"Take us to see her, then," Gwen said, grabbing Sean's arm.

Sean was silent for a moment before pulling his arm away. "Let Mr. Lane take you. I'm busy, so I'll be making a move." "Ms. Jameson, Ms. Newman, follow me." Charles' words brought Gwen back to earth. She followed Charles, feeling greatly unsettled. As for why, she couldn't quite put her finger on it.

At the ward, Gwen wasn't able to complain when she saw Kirk with reddened eyes. He must have stayed up all night. The words were stuck in her throat.

"You're here." Kirk looked up at them before shooting a glance at Charles.

"Charles was about to explain when Kirk said blandly, "Please take care of Caroline." "Where are you going?" Gwen blurted out.

"To settle the score." "To settle the score? With the Collins family?" Gwen had only found out that Caroline had been abducted by the Collins family on the way here. "Do you think that's possible?" Without answering Gwen, Kirk strode out.

She was about to chase after him when Sonia held her back.

"Gwen." Sonia looked in the direction Kirk went. "You should let him do something. Otherwise, he'll suffocate if he stays here." "But he won't be able to do anything. Even if he's Eddy's second uncle's employee, do you think the Morrison family would go against the Collins family because of him? He's really ..." "Gwen," Sonia said as she pressed Gwen into a chair.

"Maybe he has his own way to solve this problem. Besides, haven't the police caught the suspects? As long as those people say that Jane is the mastermind, she'll go to prison." +15 BONUS "Will Jane really be sent to prison?" Gwen looked up at Sonia.

“The Collins family is so influential, she might...” “Gwen, you have to trust that there is justice in this world.” But Gwen only frowned in response. She gave a bitter laugh and said, “Is there really justice in this world?” “There is.” Sonia bent down and looked right into Gwen’s eyes. “Look at me. Everyone told me that hard work was pointless. If I hadn’t worked so hard, would Caroline have noticed me?” Gwen shivered violently. Her lips moved as she looked at Sonia.

Jane’s birthday banquet was being held at the Collins residence.

The invitees were all members of the big four families. Knowing that Kirk would attend, they all arrived early as a sign of respect for Howard. Once they went through the door, they greeted Howard warmly.

In the past, none of these people had cared for Howard at all. After all, they all knew that the Collins family was only one of the elite four because of how they had sucked the Evans family dry.

The other three families, the Morrisons, the Hacketts, and the Sorkins, all relied on their long- standing businesses to get their positions in the big four families.

It was only natural that they didn’t respect the Collins family, who had gotten their position through tricks and schemes.

But things were different now.

Howard had partnered up with Eddy’s second uncle, which made it so that everyone else needed to get on his good side now.

“Mr. Collins, congratulations!” The head of the Sorkin family, Damien Sorkin, immediately congratulated Howard when he went inside.

Howard looked overjoyed. “Thank you, thank you.” Right then, one of the family’s staff ran in from the outside. When he got to Howard, he said, “Sir, the Morrison family has arrived.” When they heard this, the gathered people immediately became excited and walked over to the entrance.

Howard walked in front of them. When he saw several luxury cars stopped outside, his smile became blindingly bright.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 547-A car door opened, and Eddy and Thomas got out. Right after that, Jude got out as well.

Even after the car drove off, there was still no sign of Kirk. Everyone couldn't help but look at Howard.

Howard felt a little panicked at this. He quickly walked over to Jude. "Mr.

Morrison Senior," he greeted.

Jude exchanged pleasantries with Howard with a laugh. "Am I late?" "No," Howard answered as he looked behind Jude. Still, he saw no signs of Kirk.

He couldn't help but ask, "Where is Mr. Kirk? Did he not come with you?" Jude smiled when he heard this. "Oh, Eddy's second uncle? To be honest with you, I haven't seen him in a long time. I'm afraid I might not have had the chance to see him today if it wasn't for you." When the crowd heard this, they knew that the mysterious man hadn't come with Jude. They all chattered.

"Dad, you can't blame Kirk for that." Thomas chuckled.

"He's busy with his affairs overseas and in the country. He's so busy that he probably wants to clone himself. Naturally, he doesn't have the time to visit you." "Indeed." Jude went to sit on the couch with Howard's help.

"It's because of Kirk's boldness and willingness to work hard that he was able to become the wealthiest person in Sarcozia in such a short time." "That's right," said the head of the Hackett family, Aiden Hackett.

"If the youngsters in my family were half as hardworking as Mr. Kirk, we wouldn't have to worry about them anymore." As he said this, he looked at Damien. "Mr. Sorkin, I heard that you sent your son abroad to work with SY Group on a project." Damien eyed Aiden.

Everyone in attendance tonight was the cunning sort. Once SY Group was mentioned, they all +15 BONUS "It's nothing, just a small project. It's got nothing on the project Mr. Collins is working on with Mr.

Kirk." "That's right, that's right." Everyone focused back on Howard.

“Mr. Collins, you’re amazing to be able to work with short time.” Howard humbly waved it off.

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Mrk. You must have made a lot in this Everyone was chatting very happily, and Eddy couldn’t stand it any longer. He had always despised how fake such events were.

However, as the heir of the Morrison family, he could do nothing but sit there and suffer it all.

He really hoped Kirk would arrive soon.

Eddy hadn’t seen his second uncle in a long time. He had many things to say to Kirk, especially about Caroline.

Just as he thought of this, someone changed the topic of conversation to focus on Caroline.

“I heard that Evans Group has been doing quite well recently. It seems like it’s rising to the top. Is that true?” The person who had spoken was the Sorkin family’s eldest son, Anthony Sorkin.

When he heard this, Howard scoffed. “Mr. Sorkin, you have too much faith in Evans Group.

“If they’re lucky, a small company like them would only make ten million dollars or so. And this doesn’t include the costs and other expenses. Which of us here don’t make the same in profits a day?” Everyone smiled and agreed.

In contrast, Anthony said sheepishly, “If that’s the case, then I’m being shortsighted. However, Evans Group has indeed been improving since Caroline Evans took over. She’s truly a genius.” Howard’s expression changed. Once again, he scoffed.

“A genius? I’m sure she’s just lucky. If it hadn’t been for all the money Mr.

Morrison Senior invested in the beginning, Evans Group wouldn’t have gotten this far. Don’t you understand that, He explained, “Let’s say you feel full after having seven slices of bread. You can’t say that the first six slices are for

nothing and only have the seventh slice. Isn't that right?" Anthony's expression shifted.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 549-The entryway was packed with people.

Howard elbowed through the layers of the crowd and finally managed to squeeze to the front.

A Lamborghini was parked at the entrance to the Collinses' residence. Looking at the shape of the car, it seemed to be a Concept S.

Since it was a convertible, everyone could see that a man in shades sat in the car. He had an oppressive bearing. He was in a black suit, and his expression was tight.

All the crowd could see were his sexy lips and tall nose bridge.

After a long while, Howard seemed to think of something and hurried forward to open the door. Mr. Kirk, you're finally here." Behind his shades, Kirk's gaze was sharper than a knife.

Even through the lenses of the sunglasses, Howard felt such a chill that he shivered. "Mr. Kirk?" he asked.

Kirk raised his chin slightly as he walked straight into the living room.

With that, Howard let out a relieved breath and followed behind Kirk.

Eddy hadn't made his way outside with the others. Instead, he had stayed and waited in the living room.

When he saw Kirk, he immediately went up. "Uncle Kirk." Damien and Aiden quickly turned to focus their gazes on Kirk.

They raised their eyebrows at the sight, thinking that it wasn't surprising that Kirk was the richest man in Sarcozia. After all, no one else in Easton had the kind of charisma he did.

“Mr. Kirk.” The two men stood up and greeted Kirk as well. Although they were the heads of their respective families, they felt small when standing before Kirk.

Kirk looked up slightly and went over to Jude before taking off his shades.

“Uncle Jude.” +15 BONUS Jude looked Kirk up and down before chuckling. “Kirk, it’s been such a long time since I’ve seen you. I thought you forgot you had an uncle.” Kirk smiled but didn’t respond.

Jude continued, “Did you get thinner? Have you been so busy lately that you haven’t been having proper meals?” He sighed. “Your father wanted you to get married because he wanted someone to help look out for you. It seems that your wife isn’t doing a very good job.” Kirk’s eyes narrowed. His sharp instincts told him that Jude’s words had a different meaning.

Still, he answered smoothly, “Uncle Jude, everyone is a unique individual. No one would change just because they got married.

“I don’t have many expectations of ... Daphne. She just needs to do what she should as my wife.” “Grandpa, we’re in Mr. Collin’s home,” Eddy reminded Jude softly.

This wasn’t the right place to talk about family matters. It was best to wait until they went home to discuss such things.

Jude smiled. His gaze was still pinned unblinkingly on Kirk.

Simon had already investigated things. Indeed, Caroline had managed to beat Evanson Corporation on her own without external help.

It was also her own capabilities that allowed her to help that minor celebrity, Sonia Norman, win a huge role.

But... During this time, Daphne had suddenly announced to the public that she had to step away from acting for a while because she had gotten sick.

Jude had had someone look into it and found that Daphne wasn’t sick at all.

Rather, she had been kept under lockdown at home.

It was clear to see that this was Kirk’s doing. Needless to say, this confused Jude.

What had Daphne done to make Kirk lock her up at home?

At the beginning, when Kirk had introduced Daphne d marriage was a fake one.

Now, with this, he was even more sure that he had been tricked.

If he had truly been tricked, then he wouldn't be able to act as if nothing of the like had happened.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 550-After all, Jude was Kirk's uncle. How could Kirk lie to him?

"Grandpa," Eddy reminded again lowly.

Thomas quickly said to Howard, "Mr. Collins, where's your wife? Why hasn't she come downstairs yet? Kirk's here already, too. Does she want everyone to wait for her?" Howard chuckled and said, "Hardly. I'll have someone call her down right now." As he said this, he waved one of the employees over. "Hurry up and ask the madam to come downstairs." The employee rushed upstairs.

However, many minutes later, Jane still didn't show up.

Howard frowned and quietly had someone go upstairs to rush her.

Then, he said to the crowd, "Everyone, please take a seat. Women are quite difficult, always having to put on makeup, change, and all that. I'm sorry for making you all wait." The attendees smiled in understanding and went to take their assigned seats.

Throughout this time, Kirk remained expressionless.

Damien used this golden opportunity to raise a glass to Kirk.

so much money. He's even managed to make some headway into foreign markets successfully." He continued, "These past few years, Sorkin Group has tried to expand outward, but we never managed. I really must thank you tonight." to thank someone." Damien didn't understand. He looked at Anthony beside him. However, Anthony was perplexed as well.

"Mr. Kirk, what do you mean?" 1/3 "He has a good eye," Kirk answered.

+15 BONUS up a way to keep him overseas.

However, Damien misunderstood Kirk's meaning. He thought that Kirk was "Mr. Kirk, you're too kind. That child had always caused such trouble growing up. We..." Seeing how indifferent Kirk seemed and how totally uninterested he was in chatting, Damien didn't know what to say.

After all, he was head of the Sorkin family, the second-most elite family in Easton. Yet he was at a loss.

In the past, he had made others speechless. But before Kirk, he was cowering when faced with the way Kirk held himself, even if he kept telling himself that Kirk was younger than him.

The living room fell into a chilly silence. Nobody dared to speak.

In the end, Eddy walked up and said, "Uncle Kirk, what have you been working on lately? It's been so long since I last saw you." Kirk's gaze fell on Howard. "I've been busy doing business with Mr. Collins." Howard was overjoyed at being mentioned. "You're being too kind, Mr. Kirk. It's all because of your help that we managed to work together.

"Collins Group should be thanking you for all you've done to nurture us. I'm sure that we'll grow even bigger soon." "Naturally. With Mr. Kirk leading the way, you'll definitely get richer," Aiden said admiringly.

"We have no such luck." "That's right." Damien took Aiden's lead and started bootlicking.

"With Mr. Kirk around, the Collins family will be surpassing us soon." Howard smiled, pleased. He faked humility and said, "How can that be?" In truth, he was so happy that he might as well have been a dog wagging its tail.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 551-The man was so scared that he started shaking. He stumbled away, looking like he was running for his life. Seeing this, Howard's eyebrow twitched. A bad feeling grew in his gut.

A wicked look flashed in Kirk's eyes as he sat in the middle of the couch.

Howard braced himself and laughed as he faced the crowd. "Let me go up for a look. You can all chat. Don't mind us..." As he spoke, he stumbled upstairs, nearly tripping a few times.

When he got to the second floor, he looked around at the empty master bedroom and strode over to the butler. Lowering his voice, he questioned, "Where's the madam?" The butler instantly went down on his knees. "Sir, the madam... She hasn't been back since she went out yesterday. I've been trying to contact her all this time, but I didn't manage to get through to her." Howard kicked the butler in the chest. "You useless fool. Why are you telling me such an important piece of news now?" The butler clutched his chest. "Sir, I sent people out to search for her yesterday, but no one's found her, even now. We should make a police report immediately." Howard gritted his teeth and said, "Let me ask you something. Why did she go out yesterday?" "S-she... she..." The butler lowered his head, not daring to tell Howard.

Howard was so angry that he felt like he was about to have a heart attack. "Are you still not going to tell me at this point?" With no other choice, the butler could only answer tremblingly, "To capture ... Caroline." Howard's voice was high as he shouted, "What did you say?" "She went to capture Caroline," the butler repeated.

Howard was so infuriated that he kicked the butler several more times. "Why did she want to capture Caroline? Don't you know I signed a contract with Mr. Kirk?" +15 BONUS Although Howard despised Caroline a lot, the Collins family had been earning so much after signing the contract with Kirk. Thereafter, he couldn't be bothered with Caroline anymore.

If Jane had gone to make trouble for Caroline, wasn't she just transgressing against the person who was letting them make money?

"I don't care how you do it, but find Jane now! Right this instant! And Caroline.

Don't let Mr. Kirk find out about what happened. Go now!" "Yes, sir!" The butler scrambled to get up from the ground. Without caring for his pride, he raced down the stairs.

Downstairs, the guests couldn't help but look up at the butler as he left the house. Right then, Howard's voice drifted down from the second floor.

"I'm so sorry, everyone. We forgot to buy some drinks. I've sent someone to get to it now. Let's-" Before he could finish, the butler retreated from the front entrance. He was trembling even harder now than he had been before.

"You piece of shit! I asked you to do something. How can you be so-" Howard's voice suddenly came to a stop. He watched as the police came in and hurried downstairs. "Officers, what brings you here?" The policeman at the front was stern as he brought out an arrest warrant. "Good evening, we're here to see Jane Dawson. She's implicated in an abduction and murder case." Howard clenched his fists tightly to maintain his composure.

"Officers, you must be mistaken. Other than playing cards and shopping, that wife of mine doesn't do anything much. How could she possibly have abducted or tried to murder anyone?" "Mr. Collins," the policeman started. He was unaffected by Howard's words.

"We will investigate the truth of what happened. If the suspect is innocent, we will naturally release her. For now, please ask her to come out." "She she..." "Mr. Collins!" The policeman sounded even more stern now.

"Search the place!" Seeing that Howard wasn't willing to bring Jane out after a long while, the However, after a flurry of searching, they didn't find her at all.

"Captain, she's not here."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 552-"Sir, she's not upstairs either." The police captain frowned as he looked at Howard. "Mr. Collins, may I ask where your wife is?" Howard replied, "I don't know." "Please cooperate with us in this investigation." "I really don't know." "Then when was the last time you saw your wife?" "Yesterday." Howard's voice was trembling as he said this.

"So you mean that she hasn't been back since yesterday?" The police officer glanced at Howard.

"Do you know what she went out to do yesterday?" "I don't." The second officer said, "Yesterday, your wife went out and abducted Ms.

Caroline Evans..." Howard's face paled at those words.

Enraged, he raised his voice. "I told you that I don't know anything I don't! Do you have any proof?"

"You're just slandering her!" "We do have proof," the policeman said calmly.

"Yesterday, we arrested more than ten bodyguards under the Collins family's employ. According to their statements, they were following your wife's orders to cause harm to Ms.

Evans-" "Stop talking!" Howard cut off the police officer in a rage.

"Stop talking. I don't know about any of this. I don't know anything!" The police officer was silent as he regarded Howard for several minutes.

Then, he waved a hand and said, "If that's the case, we won't disturb you here any further. If you have any news about your wife, please contact us immediately." That said, the police captain led his team away.

"Mr. Collins," Aiden started, "has there been some kind of misunderstanding here?" Aiden's voice brought a teetering Howard back to himself. He was agitated as he whirled his head around to stare at Kirk.

"Mr. Kirk, I really don't know anything about this." Kirk's gaze was dark and grim, like a churning sea at midnight.

Howard was suffering immense pressure as he walked forward to stand before Kirk. As he approached Kirk, he felt a sense that his death was coming terrifyingly closer.

Howard threw himself at Kirk's feet, letting go of his pride.

Kirk let out a short bark of laughter as he placed his hand on Howard's head and pressed down with great force.

Howard's body was trembling. "Mr. Kirk ..." "It seems you've forgotten the agreement between us completely." "I haven't!" Howard rushed to defend himself.

He explained, "I really didn't know about my wife and Ms. Evans. I really didn't know... Mr. Kirk, please give me another chance. I will discipline my wife!" Kirk stood up and glared at Howard. "I came here today to tell you that our partnership is over." Howard trembled even more violently now. He was like a

dog as he circled Kirk's legs in his arms. Mr. Kirk, don't do this. I'm really innocent. I don't know anything H Kirk lowered his head to observe Howard, who was still pleading desperately.

His gaze became even colder.

"Also... anyone who works with the Collins Group won't be able to get a partnership with SY Group!" After saying this, Kirk kicked Howard aside and strode toward the front door.

" Everyone watched in a daze as Kirk left. Although it hadn't been stated explicitly, the reason that Did that mean that Kirk had partnered with Howard because of Caroline in the first place?

The crowd wore mixed expressions when they looked over at the remaining members of the Morrison family.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 553-Outside the door, Kirk was just about to drive off when Jude rushed out of the Collinses' residence with Eddy's help.

Kirk's eyes narrowed.

In that short moment, Jude managed to reach the car and started knocking on the window.

Kirk tilted his chin, signaling for the driver to open the door.

The driver got out of the car and opened the door.

Looking at Kirk inside the car, Jude smiled. "Kirk, do you mind if we get a ride in your car?" "Of course not. Please do get in, Uncle Jude." Kirk extended a hand to help Jude into the car. Once Jude was settled in, Eddy got into the front passenger seat.

After he was settled in as well, Eddy hurriedly asked, "Uncle Kirk, what was all that just now?"

What happened to Caroline?" When Eddy had heard that Jane was involved in an abduction and murder case and that the target was Caroline, his heart had started beating wildly. Now, he couldn't help but ask Kirk about it.

Kirk expended all his effort to control his expression.

He said indifferently, "I'm not sure myself. From what the police said, Jane got more than ten of her bodyguards to try and kill Caroline. It should be something like that, I think?" "Then Caroline must be in a lot of danger now. No, this won't do." Eddy took out his phone.

"I have to look for her. She should stay at our hospital." The hospital under Morrison Corp was the best in all of Easton.

As Eddy made his phone call, Jude spoke up. "Kirk, why didn't you tell us something so big had happened?" "I only just found out." Jude asked, "Is that so? Why does it sound to me like you knew about it much earlier?" 1/3 +15 BONUS "Uncle Jude, you must be joking. I'm not a fortune teller." Kirk answered so smoothly that there was no trace of anything amiss. Jude was still worried about Caroline's condition, so he didn't keep asking about it.

After a long while, Eddy finally ended his call. He let out a heavy breath.

"Grandpa, she's fine. I just asked. The hospital said that they had given Caroline a sedative, so she's currently unconscious. She should wake up tomorrow, so you don't have to worry." Jude glanced at Kirk and said with a chuckle, "Am I the only one worried? Aren't you worried too?" These words were directed at Eddy.

In response, Eddy angled his body to face the two men in the back seat, his expression strange.

"Grandpa, why would I be worried about her? But regardless of anything, she took care of me for eight whole years. Of course, I hope that she'll be fine." His eyebrow twitched.

"Kirk, are you alright?" Jude asked, looking at Kirk.

Kirk only smiled. "I'm fine." Right then, Eddy's voice came again. "If you ask me, Caroline's husband is really useless. If he had any capabilities at all, he wouldn't have let her get hurt. But she still treats him like such a treasure." Eddy kept nagging, unaware of the conflict going on behind him.

Hearing Eddy's words, Jude glanced at Kirk again.

Still, Kirk's expression remained indifferent the whole time, completely unaffected by the words.

After a long time, Eddy got tired of talking when no one responded to him. He shut his mouth.

Then, Jude spoke up again. "Kirk, I've always wanted to ask you something. It seems I have the chance now.

"Why did you choose to partner with Collins Group? Although they're in the entertainment industry and indeed take up a lot of the market share, I remember you saying that you like to work alone."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 554-Jude's expression changed as he sat up straight. "Oh? Are these two incidents related?" "After Brie lost her mind, the Collins family has been wanting to make a move against Caroline to avenge her. I also only found out about this inadvertently.

"Back then, she was on the outs with her family. I was worried that she wouldn't be able to handle it since she was a woman all on her own.

"That's why I partnered with Collins Group. It was with the condition to let Caroline off." Jude kept staring into Kirk's eyes as he said, "Can I ask why you did that?" Kirk was also looking at Jude, no longer avoiding him. He admitted it straightforwardly, saying, "Of course. I did that because I like Caroline." At these words, Jude's expression shifted drastically. He inhaled deeply and said, "You're finally admitting it." Kirk replied, "I have nothing to admit to." "But she's..." "In the front passenger seat, Eddy didn't notice that there was a disagreement going on in the back.

He turned his head to look at the older man and said with a smile, "Didn't I say it before? Caroline is great with the older generation." H Jude looked at his thoughtless grandson and suddenly felt like he couldn't keep going. He lowered his voice and asked, "Then what's the situation with Ms.

Dawson?" "Uncle Jude, I've already said that all she needs to do is what she's supposed to do as my wife." Jude whipped his head up to look at Kirk. "So you mean that, to you, Ms.

Dawson only helps to deal with your marriage problem?” Kirk didn’t keep looking at Jude. He answered, “Yes.” “But you’re married!” Though Jude’s words were simple, they carried a deeper meaning.

+15 BONUS But Kirk didn’t fall for the trap. He said blandly, “We are married. But we can always get divorced.” “You want to marry.

someone else?” Jude was holding back his anger as he looked at Eddy up front.

“Yes.” “Even if she’s already married?” “Yes.” Jude gripped his walking stick tightly. “When did you start getting that desire?” Kirk didn’t answer immediately. After a moment of silence, he said, “I don’t remember anymore.” Eddy was totally confused as he listened to this conversation. He turned to look at the two curiously.

“Uncle Kirk, Grandpa, what are you talking about? Why don’t I understand any of it?” Jude glanced at him for a second before turning to look out the window in a huff.

Kirk only gave Eddy a slight smile, not explaining anything at all.

The atmosphere in the car slowly became quite strange. The three of them remained this way until they arrived at Morrison Manor.

Kirk said, “Uncle Jude, we’ve arrived.” Jude gripped his walking stick and remained silent for a moment. Then, he said to Eddy, “Eddy, you get off first.” Not understanding what Jude wanted to do, Eddy nodded. “Alright.” After Eddy got out of the car, Jude angled himself toward Kirk and said, “Kirk, you cannot be with Caroline!” “Uncle Jude, no one can interfere in my life.” Kirk leaned into the back of his seat, looking lazy.

Jude lifted his walking stick and tapped it lightly several times before he managed to control his churning rage.

“Kirk, Caroline is special to me. Besides, she grew up with Eddy. Although she went overseas for a long time, she had always been with Eddy besides that.” He continued, “Although she is married now and is away from Eddy, she’s like a bird trapped in a golden cage. She craved freedom. Now that she’s gotten out, she’s drawn by the new world she’s found.

“But later, she will realize that staying in the cage and being cared for is a much more comfortable life.

“In the end, she will fly back into the cage. After all, that’s where she spent most of her life. That’s where it’s most homey.” Kirk’s gaze darkened as he stayed quiet.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 555-After a moment, Kirk suddenly let out a soft noise. He seemed afraid of angering Jude.

“Caroline is only in her 20s now. She has a long road in front of her. Eddy only took up about 20 years of her life. However, I can take up the next 30, 40, 50 or more years of her life...” As expected, Jude was incandescent when he heard these words. His eyes were burning with fury as he asked, “So you’re determined to be with Carrie no matter what?” “That’s right.” Kirk gave an affirmative answer.

Angry, Jude pushed the door open in a huff and got out of the car.

Simon was already waiting by the car. Seeing Jude getting out, he went up to help his employer. However, Jude shoved Simon aside in annoyance.

Eddy could tell that Jude was angry and quickly rushed up. “Grandpa, what’s-” Kirk eyed the closed door and said to the driver, “Take me home.” Getting his orders, the driver departed Morrison Manor.

Inside Morrison Manor, Jude walked into the study, with Eddy following closely behind.

“Grandpa, what’s going on with you?” Eddy asked.

He knew that Jude had been talking about something with Kirk, and that was why he was in such a rage now.

Jude glared at Eddy, making the latter even more confused.

“Grandpa, why are you looking at me like that? I didn’t do anything to make you angry.” “I want to ask you something.” Without waiting for a response, Jude barreled on, “Do you like Caroline or not?”

Do you want to be with her?

“I’m telling you now—you have a very powerful competitor. If you don’t work fast, ah... I think you won’t ever get to see Caroline again!” Eddy didn’t believe it. “Who? Grandpa, let me tell you something. I’ve finally understood the 1/3 +15 BONUS “Don’t mention Caroline’s husband to me again! If it hadn’t been for him, Caroline and your-” “My what?” Jude raised a trembling hand at Eddy, unable to say more.

How could he have a grandson who was so slow when it came to matters of the heart?

“Forget it!” Jude slammed a hand on the table and said, “You and Caroline can do whatever you want!” Eddy helped Jude to sit down “Grandpa, wouldn’t it have been better if things had been like this earlier? I told you long ago not to butt into our matters.

“Alright, don’t be mad anymore. I’ll go see Caroline in your stead later, alright?” “No need.” Jude was so angry that his head hurt. He intentionally went against Eddy. “You don’t need to go and see her, either. Besides, there’s no way you’re getting together.” Eddy got anxious when he heard this. “Grandpa, what do you mean by that?

Don’t you like Caroline?” “What’s the use of me liking her if you don’t?” Jude looked Eddy up and down. “I’m telling you not to go. If you go, I’ll break both your legs.” Eddy’s temper reared its head as well. “Grandpa, if you say that, then I have to go and see her!” After saying that, he left in a huff.

Watching Eddy leave, Jude couldn’t help but laugh.

Simon went forward and said, “Sir, I didn’t expect this trick of provoking him would work.” “That’s right,” Jude commented.

“If I had known it would be so effective, I would have used it from the start-” Jude broke off, suddenly thinking of something.

“Sir, what is it?

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 556-“Why do you say that, sir?” “If I hadn’t forced Eddy so hard to marry Carrie, the two of them might have

gotten together long ago.” Simon didn’t understand. He asked, “Sir, this...” “That child is a stubborn one. The more you force him to drink, the more he won’t. Why didn’t I realize this before?” Now that Jude had mentioned it, Simon found it true as well.

“That’s right. You always had to expend so much effort to get Mr. Eddy to visit Ms. Evans. But when you purposely went against him just now, he went right off.” Jude sighed heavily before saying, “Though I know my intentions are good, I feel like I’m doing something bad. It seems like I will have to do everything the opposite way from now on.” Simon consoled him. “But sir, haven’t you simply found the right method of doing things? I’m sure that Mr. Eddy will soon realize how much he cares for Ms. Evans.” “I might not have that long.” Jude got up and walked to the window.

“Lately, I feel so weak. I won’t die happy if I don’t see Eddy and Caroline together before I pass.” “Sir...” Simon went up behind Jude.

“You’ve only been a little tired lately. Rest well, and you will feel better. You will definitely live a long life.” “What’s the point of living a long life? I hope that I can get to the other side and see Giselle sooner.” “Sir...” Jude waved a hand and slowly closed his eyes. After a moment, he reopened them.

“Have people keep a close eye on Daphne and Kirk. If something strange happens, inform me immediately.” Simon tensed at this. “Sir, is Mr. Kirk really ...” 1/3 +15 BONUS “I asked him about it just now. He admitted that he indeed likes Caroline.

However, he’s not her husband. Plus, from what he said, it sounds like he’s trying to come up with a way to get her and her husband to divorce.” “In that case, it means your previous suspicions were wrong?” “It’s still too soon to say. Whatever it is, it’s best to keep an eye out now.” “Yes, sir.” After leaving Morrison Manor, Kirk didn’t rush to the hospital, even though that was what he really wanted to do. He had something very important to do first.

After more than half an hour, Kirk arrived at a villa far away, on the outskirts of Osbury.

Sean and Charles had already been waiting there for a long time. Seeing Kirk arrive, they quickly went forward.

“The three of them are being kept inside.” Kirk nodded and walked into the villa. He pushed the door and went inside to find only wisps of light in the dark interior.

The three people tied to chairs raised their heads and looked toward the entrance.

They had already been kept here for one day and one night. After so much time, they were now absolutely terrified. Their eyesight wasn't very good, either.

With the light shining behind him, Kirk was only a vague silhouette to them.

They couldn't see his features properly.

Nevertheless, Daphne could recognize Kirk at first glance. Her heart dropped.

Next to her, Jane was still doing her best to struggle. Even with her mouth sealed with tape, she kept making muffled noises in protest.

Kirk walked before her and ripped the tape off her mouth.

The pain made Jane gasp. Then, she burst into curses.

“Do you know who I am? How dare you treat me so roughly? Once I get out of here, I'm not lettin

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 557-In the next instant, Kirk gripped Jane's chin. It hurt so much that the pain spread from her jaw all the way down her body. Her face twisted into a scowl at the feeling.

As she frowned, she finally managed to take a good look at Kirk's face.

“Who in the world are you?” Jane squeezed out with difficulty.

“Don't you know who I am? Don't you know who my husband is? Hurry up and let me go, or I'll make sure you die a horrible death.” Sitting next to her, Liam gulped in fear at this. But soon, he became arrogant as well.

“The woman sitting next to me is Mrs. Collins. The other is Mrs. Morrison.

“Do you know the Morrison family? They’re the most influential family in all of Easton! Also, she’s not just Mrs. Morrison, but the wife of Mr. Eddy’s second uncle.” Liam explained, “Mr. Eddy’s second uncle, the one who came back from overseas! Do you know how powerful he is?”

“He was in Sarcozia, on someone else’s turf, and built the top corporation there in just a few years SY Group!”

“You can’t afford to offend any of these people. I advise you to let us go now. Or else-” Kirk’s gaze landed on Liam. It was so grim that it terrified Liam into shaking unconsciously.

Coming inside, Sean heard Liam’s exaggerations and couldn’t help but laugh.

“Kirk, I think you’d better tell them who you are quickly. Let them die in peace.” “Die ... You want to kill us?” Jane’s face blanched. She went into a frenzy, trying to escape.

“If you touch a hair on my head, I’ll cut you up into bits!” “Behave!” Charles kicked Jane’s chair.

“Do you really think the Collins family is as it was before? There won’t be a Collins family in Easton’s big four families from now on.

“What did you say?” Charles said considerately, “Today, Mr. Kirk went to the Collins family’s banquet and cut off all partnerships with them. Plus, we won’t partner with any companies that work with the Collins Group.” Jane’s lips went white. She stammered, “That can’t be. You’re lying to me, aren’t you?”

“Daph, say something!” She turned to look at Daphne.

She finally noticed that Daphne was trembling, her face devoid of any color. She looked like she had suffered a huge blow.

“Daph, what’s wrong with you? You don’t have to be afraid of him. Once your husband is here, they’ll beg for mercy.” Daphne kept shaking, her eyes filled with terror. She felt like there was a heavy weight on her head and kept it lowered. She couldn’t raise it at all.

“H—he’s already here,” she said.

Jane was ecstatic. "Where is he? How did you know? Does that mean we're going to be saved now?" "H—he's... right i—in front of us!" Jane was perplexed as she looked at the three men before her. "He's not here.

Other than these three, the villa's—" She suddenly stopped talking, and her eyes widened as she looked at Kirk in disbelief.

Jane knew Sean, but Charles definitely wasn't Daphne's husband!

"Y—y—you ..." Jane's teeth chattered. "You're... you're Mr. Eddy's second uncle?" Liam suddenly felt his world turn gray. He stared at Kirk as he prayed for the man to deny it.

Unfortunately, things didn't go his way.

Kirk took a step back and said, "That's right.

Liam and Jane both shuddered, staring at Kirk in disbelief..

After a long while, Liam forced a smile. "Mr. Kirk, I really didn't know it was you.

Sorry for the offense before. I was wrong!"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 558-Jane was also frightened. She said fearfully, "I'm really sorry, Mr. Kirk. We have never seen you before, so we didn't know who you were. This is just a misunderstanding. Please let us off." Kirk sneered. "You almost killed Caroline. Do you think I'll let you both live?" Jane could hear the malice in his words, and she felt a chill run down her spine.

However, she didn't understand why he valued Caroline so much. Wasn't she just a former potential granddaughter-in-law Jude liked?

"Sir, there are some things you may not understand. Although your uncle, Mr.

Morrison Senior, likes Caroline very much, she's already married to someone else.

"She isn't affiliated with the Morrisons anymore. You can ask Dr. Yates if you don't believe me. Caroline is already married." Sean was amused by Jane's

cluelessness about the situation. He asked, "Didn't Ms. Dawson tell you who Caroline's husband is?" Jane looked at Daphne and noticed her body trembling. She questioned, "Daph, do you know who Caroline's husband is?" Daphne's body trembled even more at her question.

"Say something!" Jane raised her voice.

"Why didn't you tell me such an important thing?" Daphne bit her lip harshly. Even as she tasted blood, she still couldn't utter a single word.

Jane had an ominous feeling. "Daphne! Are you hiding something from me?" Charles and Sean looked at each other silently. Then, Charles turned to Jane.

"Since Ms. Dawson won't tell you the truth, I will." Jane and Liam's gaze landed on Charles.

Charles said word for word, "Caroline's husband is Mr. Kirk." The simple sentence shocked Jane, Liam, and Daphne to their cores.

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+15 BONUS Jane and Liam were shocked by the revelation. Meanwhile, Daphne froze because the truth had been revealed.

Before it had been revealed, she had still had the illusion that things would work out for her. However, Charles' words completely crushed the last shred of hope that she had.

After a few moments, Jane finally found her voice again. She glared at Daphne and shrieked, "Daphne, you're not his wife!" Liam also stared at Daphne. For a moment, he couldn't process the bombshells that everyone dropped.

Daphne tried to say something, but she still couldn't utter a word.

"You lied to me! How dare you lie to me?" Jane seethed.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 559-This frightening incident made Jane scream hysterically.

Kirk cast an indifferent glance at the group of gnats in the room, then slowly walked out of the villa.

Seeing this, Sean followed his friend. When he arrived at the door, he immediately inhaled the fresh air. He handed Kirk a cigarette.

“How are you going to deal with those three?” Kirk narrowed his eyes. He sniffed the cigarette and said calmly, without a hint of emotion, “We’ll do what is necessary.

“We’ll hand over whoever the police need and bury away whatever we need to.

But... we have to keep Daphne around.” “Why? You can’t bear to see her get hurt?” Sean asked jokingly.

Kirk massaged his temples. “That old man suspects that I’m Caroline’s husband.” “You mean Mr. Morrison Senior?” “Yeah.” ミルミユ Sean immediately panicked. “If he finds out the truth, he’ll definitely tell Caroline your identity. When that happens Kirk had just gotten out of his predicament. He couldn’t get into trouble again.

Kirk said, “That’s why we have to keep Daphne around.” “For what?” “You don’t have to worry about that.” Kirk let out a harsh breath.

“I’ll leave all of this to you. I’m leaving.” “You’re eager to see her, aren’t you?” Sean teased.

Kirk threw the cigaretté back to Sean and got into the car. Then, the car started and headed for the hospital.

Meanwhile, in the hospital, Caroline thought she would see Kirk the moment she woke up.

However, unexpectedly, she only found Gwen and Sonia.

Gwen said, “You don’t look happy to see the both of us, Carol.” Caroline slowly sat up with Sonia’s help. “That’s not true.” “Come on, I saw the disappointment in your eyes.” Gwen approached Caroline.

“Are you upset because you didn’t see Kirk?” Caroline shook her head, but she felt her head spin when she did. She raised her hand and massaged her temples.

Gwen asked nervously, “What’s wrong? Are you in any pain? I’ll get the doctor.” “No, it’s okay. This medicine is just strong.” Caroline pulled Gwen’s arm, looking at her pleadingly.

Knowing Caroline was fine, Gwen smiled once more. She even teased, “What?”

Are you going to ask where Kirk is?” Caroline’s cheeks turned warm, and she pinched Gwen’s waist gently. “You always tease me.” “How unfair. You scared us to death, but you still won’t let us tease you,” Gwen said with a smile.

Sonia said, “Gwen, you’d better just tell Caroline what she wants to know. Kirk just went out. He’ll be back soon.” Caroline’s face turned red at Sonia’s words. After a long while, she mumbled, “He went out? Where did he go?” Gwen pointed at Caroline and said, “See? I told you. She only has Kirk on her mind.” O As Caroline listened to her friends, her smile slowly froze..

She questioned, “Did Kirk go to see the Collins family?” Since Gwen and Sonia kept changing the topic, she was sure Kirk hadn’t gone anywhere else.

Gwen and Sonia looked at each other uneasily. Then, Sonia held Caroline’s shoulder and sat beside her.

She reassured, “No, Caroline. Kirk just went outside.” “I’m sure he went to see the Collins family.” Caroline knew Kirk too well. She tried to get out of bed.

Sonia and Gwen reluctantly held Caroline down from both sides.

“Calm down, Carol.” Gwen said, “He really just went out for a while. Do you think he’s stupid?”

“The Collins family is a powerful family. He wouldn’t dare confront them, even if he works for Eddy’s second uncle!”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 560-Gwen continued, “After all, he isn’t Eddy’s second uncle. Am I right, Carol?” After hearing her words,

Caroline stopped trying to get out of bed. But soon, she felt uneasy and tried to get up again. Fortunately, at this moment, there was a knock on the door.

Gwen said happily, "See? I told you he would be back soon." Then, she yelled at the door, "Quit knocking and come in here. Carol is eager to see you." Eddy, who opened the door and entered, was stunned when he heard Gwen's words. He glanced at Caroline, his cheeks strangely beginning to turn warm.

When the three women saw Eddy come in, their expressions shifted.

"Why is it you?" Gwen asked, dumbfounded.

But Eddy didn't hear Gwen at all.

He kept his eyes on Caroline. He probably hadn't seen Caroline for a long time.

He felt his emotions swell when he saw her today.

Despite being unwell, Caroline didn't come off as weak at all. Instead, she looked beautiful, even when she was sick.

She looked gentle and delicate, quickly arousing Eddy's protective instincts.

"I heard Jane's people tried to kill you. What's going on?" Eddy asked. He couldn't resist walking over to Caroline's side.

Caroline frowned. She didn't want to talk to Eddy. After all, this had happened because of the Morrisons.

Gwen looked at Caroline, then Eddy, and scoffed. "Can't you see that Carol doesn't want to see you, Mr. Eddy?" Once more, Eddy didn't seem to hear Gwen's words. He raised his head and asked Gwen and Sonia, "Can you both go out for a while? I want to talk to Caroline in private." Gwen was about to refuse, but Caroline interrupted, "Gwen, Sonia, you both still have work, so you should go. I'll be fine here." 1/2 +15 BONUS Caroline was mainly worried about Sonia. Sonia was a big star and was busy with tons of work. It would be bad if her work got delayed because she had to visit her.

Gwen said reluctantly, "Carol ..." Caroline gave her a reassuring look, then looked at Sonia. "Sonia, take Gwen away." Sonia did as she was told. "Okay, Caroline." After the two women left, Caroline closed her eyes indifferently.

Ever since she had found out that Eddy's second uncle had asked Kirk to register the marriage on his behalf, her impression of the Morrisons had worsened.

All of them seemed to think they could do whatever they wanted because of their wealth.

She spat, "Quickly say whatever you want and leave." Eddy felt very uncomfortable seeing Caroline's indifference. "You never treated me like this back then." He regretted those words as soon as he said them. He wanted to take it back, but it was too late.

Caroline slowly opened her eyes and sneered at him. "That's because you were my future partner back then, so I treated you like one. I cared for you and respected you.

"But now, you're just a stranger to me. I'm free to treat you however I want." Eddy's heart dropped at her words. He asked, "Are you still playing hard-to-get at a time like this?" His words amused Caroline. She looked at Eddy and said bluntly, "Eddy, why won't you accept that I no longer have feelings for you?"

"Don't tell me you can't bear to see me leave you. Is that why you keep deceiving yourself and telling yourself I'm playing hard-to-get?" Her words cut into the depths of Eddy's heart like a knife. The pain revealed his true feelings.

He stood there, trembling, as he looked at Caroline miserably.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 561-Seeing his dejected expression, Caroline continued, "Perhaps you don't want to admit the truth.

Maybe you don't want to face the fact that you lost to someone whose status and wealth aren't as good as yours." Eddy's expression turned even darker at her words.

"Enough, Caroline! I was nice enough to visit you. I'm not here to listen to your lectures." "Then, you've already visited me. Can you please leave?" Usually, Eddy would turn around and leave at this point. However, this time, his legs seemed to be rooted to the ground. He didn't move a single inch.

After taking several deep breaths, he said, “Although I failed you as a fiancé, you don’t have to be so hostile every time we meet. Perhaps we can still be friends.” Caroline had already closed her eyes.

Seeing this, Eddy frowned. “Or are you planning to skip being friends and be spouses again?” Caroline remained silent.

“I—I mean, it’s not impossible.” Eddy frowned and explained, “But I have to settle things with Layla first.” Caroline opened her eyes and questioned, “Eddy, are you deaf or something?” “What do you mean by that?” Eddy asked angrily.

“If your ears are working, let me tell you this—my husband and I have a very good relationship. We won’t get divorced, so please don’t say anything that makes me seem unloyal to him.

“I already told you, I’ve never thought about getting back together with you after I got married.” Eddy frowned. After a long while, he relaxed.

“Caroline, it’s not shameful to admit that your ploy to marry someone else has failed.

“You know better than anyone else that your husband is a useless piece of garbage. You wouldn’t be in the hospital right now if he wasn’t.” 1/2 +15 BONUS Caroline was about to snap She suspected that Eddy had lost his intelligence.

Pointing at the door, she said, ‘Please get out of-*

However, Eddy sat down on the chair next to the bed. He frowned and looked at Caroline sternly.

“Caroline, this is your life we’re talking about. You can’t be reckless because of www other people.

Your husband isn’t a good fit for you.” Caroline retorted, “And you think you are?” Eddy blinked unnaturally at her words. “Well ... I’m not sure about that. But I know for a fact that your husband doesn’t deserve you.

“He doesn’t even have what it takes to protect you. You’d better leave him.” At this time, neither of them knew that someone was standing outside the door, and that someone was none other than Kirk.

When he heard Eddy asking Caroline to leave him, his eyes turned terrifyingly dark. He resisted the urge to push open the door. He wanted to hear Caroline's answer.

"Are you kidding me, Eddy? If he doesn't have what it takes to protect me, you're even worse than him.

"You had what it took to protect me, but look at what you did. You kept hurting me. And you even tried to take away my kidney to save your lover, who wasn't ill at all. Was that your way of protecting me?" Eddy said, "I told you. I didn't know that-" "Stop." Caroline cut him off.

Then, she said arrogantly, "I have something to say about your little comments.

First of all, I'm an adult capable of protecting myself. Only a child asks for protection in everything they do.

"Also, it's not like my husband didn't protect me. In fact, he kept me safe. If he hadn't shown up at the last moment, you wouldn't even be talking to me right now."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 562-After Caroline was done, she looked at Eddy with a raised brow.

She continued, "Do you get it now? My husband is a hero to me, and our marriage is doing very, very well.

"It's not something people like you can understand. So please don't try to drive a wedge between us anymore. You're just wasting your breath." Eddy looked at Caroline. All the words he wanted to say were stuck in his throat.

Then, he spat, "Caroline, I'm saying this for your own good. No matter what, I hope you can properly think this through. Don't be stubborn!" With that, he turned around and left. After taking a few steps, he turned back around. "By the way, I forgot to tell you something." Caroline looked at him and asked, "What is it?" "Grandpa has been in bad health recently. You should visit him more often if you have time. Also, he really hopes we can be together, so I hope you won't say such hurtful words when you see him." Caroline pursed

her lips. After a while, she said, "I'll make sure to visit him." However, she didn't agree to Eddy's second request.

Eddy was frustrated. He didn't know what to say, so he had no choice but to leave.

As soon as he reached the elevator, he saw Kirk sauntering from the other end of the corridor.

Eddy was very surprised to see him. He asked, "Uncle Kirk? What are you doing here?" M "I'm here to see Caroline." Kirk's tone was calm, and he had a dull expression.

There was only a hint of mysteriousness in his gaze.

Eddy was very depressed. "Uncle Kirk, can you go for a walk with me?" Kirk pondered for a moment and hummed in assent. Then, the two men walked to the garden together.

Eddy covered his cheek in pain. "Uncle Kirk, what do you think is wrong with me? Back then, I thought it was pointless for Grandpa to insist that Caroline and I be together.

1/2 +15 BONUS "But now, I feel very uncomfortable thinking about her being with another man." Kirk said indifferently, "People are always like this. They don't know how to appreciate something until they lose it." "What should I do?" Eddy looked at Kirk in pain.

Kirk said, "I advise you to stay away from Caroline." Eddy said reluctantly, "Why?" Kirk's eyes landed on Eddy's confused face. Then, he chuckled, "Because you wouldn't cherish her after you get her back." Eddy didn't notice the hint of ridicule in Kirk's eyes. He lowered his head and asked, "Is that really going to happen?" Kirk remained silent, staring at Eddy with a hint of fire in his eyes.

After a long while, Eddy raised his head, his eyes still full of conflict.

"I think you're right, Uncle Kirk. The reason I want Caroline is because I've lost her once. Maybe I wouldn't want her anymore when I get her back." The coldness in Kirk's eyes disappeared to some extent. He stood up and patted Eddy on the shoulder.

“That’s right, so don’t think about Caroline anymore. Just keep your distance from her, and you’ll slowly realize you’re not in love with her. You simply want to have her.” Kirk’s words enlightened Eddy. He forcibly ignored his disappointment and thanked him.

“Thank you, Uncle Kirk. You’re really the guide on my journey. I would have thought I was in love with Caroline if it hadn’t been for you.” Kirk smiled cunningly, like a fox. “You should go home, then.” “Okay.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 563-After leaving the hospital, Eddy’s mood still didn’t get better. He felt as if he had lost something important. He wanted to turn around and get it back, but he couldn’t find anything. This negative feeling persisted, and there was no way for him to get rid of it.

Meanwhile, Kirk opened the door to the hospital room. “Darling.” When Caroline heard noises, she immediately looked up and put down her phone.

“You’re back! Where did you go? Are you hurt?” Caroline’s concern made Kirk curl his lips into a smile. He sat down by the bed and wrapped an arm around her waist.

“Did you miss me that much? It’s only been a while since I left.” Caroline’s hospital gown was very thin. When Kirk placed his warm hand on her waist, she felt her cheeks quickly turn red from his touch.

She lowered her head and said bashfully, “As if I missed you.” “I can’t believe you’re still trying to be stubborn. Who was the one who said our marriage was doing well and no one could break us apart?” Caroline’s face turned redder at his words, as if someone had painted on her cheeks. Her red face made her look really cute. Kirk couldn’t resist eating her up.

However, Caroline became annoyed. She raised her fist and gently hit Kirk’s chest with it. “You heard what I said?” “I heard it by chance.” Kirk kissed her cheek.

“I never knew I was so important to you, darling.” “Don’t celebrate too soon.” Caroline avoided Kirk’s kiss.

She said, "I still haven't forgiven you for what happened last time. Though it's not your fault, you've made me sad for so long. So I won't let you off that easily." Kirk put his hands on either side of her with a smile on his face. His nose touched Caroline's, and Somehow, Caroline could hear a hint of tenderness in his tone. She felt her mouth going dry, and she swallowed.

"Darling. Kirk lowered his head slightly and kissed Caroline's lips.

"I've missed you so much." His actions began to make Caroline turn into a puddle. Her fingers tightly grasped Kirk's clothes, and her voice was delicate and soft, like honey. "Kirk..." It had been too long since they had been so intimate. Everything that happened made them act strange, cautious, and tentative.

However, when they earnestly conveyed how they felt, Caroline set aside her bashfulness and embraced the feelings of passion she had dearly missed.

Their burning passion was like a spring. It made them gradually forget their many troubles while they were immersed in it.

When Caroline lay on the bed, sweating, she realized that the bed was too small. She hadn't noticed it earlier, but now she realized that her waist hurt.

She nestled herself in Kirk's arms and grumbled, "It hurts." "Where?" Kirk asked nervously.

"My waist." Kirk smiled and massaged Caroline's waist. "But we weren't too intense this time, so why does your waist hurt?" Caroline was so angry that she wanted to hit him.

"I'm not talking to you anymore," she grumbled, turning over with her back to Kirk.

Kirk watched her back in a daze. He hugged Caroline and murmured, "Darling, let's have a baby." Caroline's body trembled at his words.

Kirk quickly added, "I don't mean now I'll wait for you." Caroline slowly turned around and looked up at Kirk. "W-What if I don't ever want-" "Then, it's fine. We're fine as we are. We can just be by ourselves for the rest of our lives." Tears covered Caroline's face. After a long while, she nestled herself into Kirk's arms once more. Kirk..." "I'm right here."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 564-Kirk would always be there for her.

Caroline slowly dozed off in his arms. In her sleep, she dreamed that she was the mother of three children, all of whom were very beautiful and lovable.

They would surround her and call her 'mommy'. She gradually lost herself in their affectionate calls.

Just as she was consumed with joy, the three children suddenly grew up. Each of them held a knife in their hand, pointing it at her. Their cute expressions were replaced with ferocious ones.

One by one, they shouted, "It's all because of you that we ended up like this.

"You didn't raise us well." "Hurry up and give us some money, you old hag!" Caroline opened her eyes in fright.

Her sudden movements naturally woke up Kirk as well. He looked down at Caroline and asked, "What's wrong, darling?" Caroline looked up at Kirk in confusion before shaking her head. "Nothing. I just had a nightmare." Kirk said, "I'll get you some water." "No, it's fine." Caroline urgently grabbed Kirk's hand. She kept her body arched, forcibly nestling herself into Kirk's arms as if she could dispel the chills she felt.

Kirk asked helplessly, "Darling, can I take this as you trying to entice me?" Caroline's face turned red at his words, and her phone rang just as she was about to speak.

She looked at her phone. It was an unfamiliar number, and it was an international call. Hesitantly, she answered the call.

Then, she heard a strange yet familiar voice on the phone.

"Is this Caroline? I've already written the first part of my new play. Do you want to read it?" 1/2 Caroline froze for a moment before realizing that the caller should be Marietta.

+15 BONUS She looked at the time, and she understood. It was probably still daytime where Marietta was, so she didn't realize it was already late at night in Easton.

Marietta was a sentimental person. She had even remembered to send Caroline her play.

"Of course, why don't you send it over?" Caroline asked, sitting up on the bed.

Since she couldn't sleep after her nightmare, she could read the play to pass the time.

Marietta quickly sent the script to Caroline.

Caroline told Kirk she couldn't sleep and went to the couch to read the play. Kirk poured her a glass of water and sat by her side to keep her company.

Marietta's play was so well written that Caroline was hooked after reading a few lines. When she finished the part and looked forward to more, she realized Kirk had already fallen asleep.

She stood up quietly. After covering Kirk with a blanket, she sent a text to Marietta.

"I've finished your masterpiece. You wrote it so well. When it comes to commenting on current affairs, your precise and rare point of view is always a delight." Marietta quickly replied, "I'm definitely good at writing things I'm familiar with.

Unfortunately, I'm a mess when describing family relationships." Caroline smiled and texted, "Maybe it's because you have a very happy family life. That's why you don't have much experience in this aspect." It had been a while since Caroline sent the message, but Marietta didn't reply.

She didn't think much of it and picked up the phone to reread Marietta's new play.

It was when she finished reading it that she noticed Marietta had replied to her text.

“No, it’s precisely because I have a miserable family life.” 1 Caroline was shocked by her message. She had never expected someone as successful as Marietta to have a bad family life!

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 565-Caroline opened Google on her phone, and after entering Marietta’s name, she clicked on the Wikipedia article about her.

According to the article, Marietta had had a happy family when she was young, but her life had changed after her daughter had been abducted.

That incident had also given her the incentive to start writing. She hoped to become famous so that her abducted daughter could find her and return to her.

Caroline fiddled with her clothes as she read the article, feeling sorry for Marietta.

She couldn’t believe that this seemingly sharp-tongued woman had tragically experienced the loss of her child. On top of that, her husband had abandoned her for his lover in her early years.

But when she saw Marietta, she dared to guess that no one could tell she went through such an experience.

“I’m sorry.” Caroline replied reluctantly, “I must have reminded you of some bad memories.” Marietta replied very slowly, probably because she was processing her emotions. “It’s okay. In fact, I haven’t brought this up for many years.” Caroline apologized once more.

After a long while, Marietta replied, “I just checked the time. It should be around 3:00 am in Easton now. Why aren’t you asleep? Did I wake you up?” Caroline smiled when she saw such a cordial message from the woman notorious for her sharp wit.

In fact, Marietta wasn’t as scary as rumors claimed her to be. At least she was kind and gentle to her.

Moreover, someone like her was actually considerate of the time difference.

Honestly, it was rare for Caroline to see a big shot like her.

Caroline was nestled on the couch. After glancing at the sleeping Kirk, she sent a message to Marietta.

“No, it has nothing to do with you. I just happened to have a nightmare.” “A nightmare? What was it about?” Caroline leisurely explained the nightmare she had to Marietta.

Marietta explained, “There’s a saying in Easton: dreams at night reflect daytime thoughts. You must be having this nightmare because you were worried about something.” Caroline didn’t want to discuss the reasons for the nightmare, so she changed the subject. “You seem to know Eastonian very well.” Marietta texted, “My parents are Eastonian, but I grew up in Yudonia and became a citizen there. That’s why many people think I’m from there.” “I see. When I first met you, I was a little surprised to find out you were Eastonian.” “Actually, after I lost my daughter, I often had nightmares about her.” Marietta brought up the nightmares again. She seemed to be too lonely, so she was eager to have someone to talk to.

She continued, “Once, I dreamed of her holding a knife to my neck, asking me why I let her get abducted. So many years had passed, but I still had nightmares like this.

“But ever since I talked to you, I haven’t had a nightmare like this again. It’s amazing.” Caroline said, “That’s great, Ms. Weiss. I’m sure you’ll find your daughter again one day.” “I hope so.” Marietta asked, “Caroline, can I call you Carrie?” “Of course, it would be my pleasure.” “Then, you shouldn’t call me Ms. Weiss anymore. It sounds so formal. Just call me Aunt Mary. When I publish my new play, I’ll get you to write my foreword.” Caroline was excited. “It would be my honor.” She would never have even imagined that she would have the chance to write Marietta’s foreword.

This woman was too approachable.

“All right. I won’t disturb you anymore. Good night,” Marietta texted.

Caroline replied, “Good night.” After saying good night, Caroline couldn’t resist hugging Kirk and kissing him furiously.

Kirk woke up and murmured sleepily, “Are you done reading?” “Yeah. Marietta even asked me to write the foreword for her play!” Caroline smiled brightly.

"I don't think she's as difficult as everyone says. On the contrary, I think she's a sweet person. If she hadn't lost her daughter, maybe she would be—hey! What are you doing?" Caroline felt a chill and hurriedly reached out to stop Kirk.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 566-Unexpectedly, Kirk pushed Caroline's hands away.

He was so strong that she had no power to resist, and in the end, she could only protest with a whimper. However, her protests were useless. Instead, they served to make Kirk even more excited.

They made love until dawn, and Kirk carried Caroline to bed and fell asleep together.

Caroline would be discharged from the hospital soon. To celebrate, Gwen proposed to have a meal together.

Caroline also invited Sonia, Cheryl, and Jack, and the seven of them happily had their meal in a private room.

When they ordered their food, Caroline noticed Gwen had ordered dozens of glasses of white wine.

She looked at Gwen and asked, "Gwen, did you order these by mistake?" Gwen glanced back at her and replied, "Nope." "Aren't you afraid you'll get alcohol poisoning from drinking this much?" Gwen hugged Caroline's neck and said merrily, "I'm just in a good mood today!

Don't worry, I won't drink too much." Caroline doubted her words, but she said nothing more and continued ordering the food.

After ordering their food, Sean, who had arrived late, opened the door to the private room. Seeing everyone, he immediately explained, "Sorry, I got caught up in something before I left." Everyone said that it was okay with a smile.

Sean's gaze trailed over everyone, finally landing on Kirk. Jack was sitting beside him. He patted Jack's shoulder. "Jack, can you—" Jack was a dense person. He looked at Sean in confusion. "Dr. Yates, there's a spot beside Ms. Gwen." Sean still had a gentle smile on his face. He said, "I want to sit next to

Kirk.” 1/2 +15 BONUS Although Sean’s words were casual, the few people who knew about him and Gwen had subtle changes in their expressions, especially Caroline.

After hearing this, Jack stood up without a second thought.

“You two are very close friends, Dr. Yates,” he said. Then, he walked over to the empty seat next to Gwen.

Caroline nervously looked back at Gwen. However, she looked more comfortable than everyone here.

Noticing Caroline’s eyes on her, she smiled and said, “What are you looking at me for? Hurry up and order the food.” So Caroline absentmindedly ordered the rest of the food. When she handed the tablet to Kirk beside her, she whispered, “What’s up with the two of them?” Kirk took the tablet from her, held her hand, and said calmly, “I don’t know.” Caroline remained silent at his words.

Then, she looked over at Sean. He seemed normal as usual and didn’t look like he had a problem with this. Was she being paranoid?

She wanted to find out more, but Kirk blocked her sight.

“Darling...” Kirk’s low and deep voice filled her ears.

“You can’t look at other men.” Caroline was dumbfounded at his words.