

## **Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 662 - 693**

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 662-Sure enough, Asher's words put a smile on Aurora's face. "Still a smooth-talker, aren't you?" Asher teased. "Then, are we now- "Shut it!" Then, the two of them got into the car, bickering. It wasn't until the car was a short distance away that Layla walked out of the woods nearby.

It was strange. She had done her investigations before coming here. Very few people crossed this place, and Asher didn't live in this area either. So why had he shown up here all of a sudden?

Forget it! Layla didn't want to think about this problem right now. She needed to see Dan and expose the truth that Caroline wasn't an Evans.

At the thought of this, Layla hastened her pace. When she got out of the woods, she quickly hailed a cab on the side of the road. After giving the driver the address, she quickly arrived at Dan's villa.

As soon as she walked in, she saw Sarah and Dan talking and having some coffee in the living room.

She said to them, "I can't take this anymore. You have to announce that Caroline isn't your real daughter!" When Sarah and Dan heard her words, they looked at each other curiously.

"What's going on?" "Nothing's going on. Don't you guys want to get Evans Group back as soon as possible? I think this is the perfect time to do it." Layla didn't dare delay their plans any longer. If she did, Eddy would marry Caroline.

Sarah was about to nod in agreement when Dan stopped her. "Layla, we're on tenterhooks right now. It'll be difficult for us to work with you if you don't tell us your reasons." "There's not much of a reason." Layla pretended to be nonchalant.

"I'm doing this for your sake. Aunt Sarah almost let the truth slip last time." Dan wasn't a fool. He pondered for a moment and asked, "Layla, do you know Collins Group is for sale right now?" Layla had a bad feeling about this. She nodded. "Yes, I do." "It isn't fun to only get Evans Group back. How about this? You should buy Collins Group. That way, we can return to the ranks of the big four families." Layla snipped, "There's no way I can get Collins Group!"

Dan said kindly, "Of course not, but Eddy can. As long as you make him your guarantor, the bank will definitely give you a loan. Then, you'll have the money to buy Collins Group." Dan's suggestion tempted Layla, but given the current situation, Eddy wouldn't agree to her request.

"When we get Collins Group and make me the CEO, I'll immediately expose the truth that Caroline isn't our real daughter. When that happens, Evans Group will be back in our hands. What do you think?" Layla looked at the fruits on the table, lost in thought. After a long time, she stood up and decided, "Okay, I'll give your plan a try. But don't forget what you promised me, Uncle Dan." "Don't worry. If you get Collins Group, I'll expose Caroline's identity to the public." Layla left with peace of mind when she heard his promise.

After Layla left, Sarah couldn't help asking, "Dan, will we be able to return to our old lives soon?" She looked forward to the days when they didn't have to worry about living comfortably anymore. They could do whatever they wanted without caring what other people thought.

"We'll see." Dan wasn't as optimistic as Sarah.

He felt that Layla and Eddy's relationship wasn't as good as Layla had claimed.

He had made this request because he wanted to see how close they actually were.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 665-When Caroline woke up the next day, she saw her wounds had faded, but her scalp was still aching. She stood up and opened the door.

Marietta was watching TV in the room. When she heard the noise, she turned her head and said, "You're awake!" "Yeah. Thank you so much for yesterday, Mom. You even came to pick me up at such a late time." "Don't say such foolish things." Marietta patted the seat next to her. "Sit down and have breakfast with me." "Okay." Caroline sat down beside Marietta.

Marietta looked at Caroline and said with emotion, "It would be great if my daughter was like you." She hadn't slept at all last night. She had kept thinking about what kind of person her daughter was.

Although she could more or less confirm that Yvonne was her daughter, she didn't dare look up any information about her.

She was afraid of seeing something she didn't like. So she could only rely on that photo to imagine what kind of person she was.

"Mom, I'm sure she must be like you, a warm-hearted person who's accomplished in the field of literature." "Haha, you're such a smooth-talker," Marietta chuckled. "By the way, how's the script you wrote some time ago?" "I would've forgotten about it if you hadn't brought it up." Caroline explained, "I just figured out the story's outline, but I haven't started writing it yet." "It's okay. Take your time. I was also like this at first too, but as long as you start writing, you'll always make more progress than the day before." "Okay." "All right. You should eat your food. After that, you should go home and see Kirk.

He must be Caroline nodded at her words. After finishing breakfast, she waved goodbye to Marietta and headed home.

When she reached home, she was surprised to see Kirk there. She walked in, trying to act as natural as possible. "Aren't you supposed to be at work?" Kirk was usually at work at this time. When Kirk saw Caroline return, he strode toward her and hugged her.

Caroline almost couldn't breathe because of how tightly he was hugging her.

She whined, "Kirk, you're going to suffocate me." Only then did Kirk let go of Caroline. When he saw the inconspicuous scar on Caroline's head, he froze momentarily. Then, he tightened his grip on Caroline's waist and questioned, "No one bullied you in the past few days, right?" Caroline chuckled. "No one would even dare! They all know I have a husband who's as ferocious as a tiger." Kirk ruffled her hair, deliberately avoiding her scar, and pinched her nose. "Are you calling me a tiger?" "Am I wrong?" Caroline avoided Kirk's hands with a laugh. Then, she nuzzled against his shoulder and whispered, "You still haven't told me why you're not at work." Kirk pulled Caroline to sit down on the couch. "The reason is simple: I've resigned." Caroline's eyes widened at his words. "What, you resigned? Weren't you-" "I thought what you said made sense. I couldn't stay in my former company any longer." Kirk took Caroline's hands, carefully observing her expressions. When he saw that she was more shocked than happy, he shook her hand.

"What's wrong? You ... you don't seem very happy. Didn't you want me to resign?" Caroline denied, "No, it's not that. It's just too sudden. I thought you

would only resign some time later.” “It’s not sudden at all. I have another important reason for not wanting to stay in my former company—Collins Group is for sale.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 666-Kirk corrected Caroline, “I’m not going to do that. You are.” Caroline refused, “I can’t.” She didn’t mean she couldn’t do it. She felt like she didn’t have the qualifications to do so.

Judging from the current situation, the only people in Easton who could buy Collins Group were the other three big families.

Evans Group was currently doing well, but she couldn’t afford to buy another company. The bank wouldn’t be stupid enough to loan millions of dollars to her either.

“I’m sure you can.” Kirk said, “I’ve already done some homework. You only need to wait until next month to apply for a loan from the bank with the information I prepared for you.” Caroline raised an eyebrow. She couldn’t believe it. “You’ve made preparations already?” “Yeah.” Kirk squeezed Caroline’s hand.

“Darling, I’m counting on you to support me after you become Collins Group’s CEO.” Caroline still couldn’t believe what was happening. “... You couldn’t have asked Eddy’s second uncle to endorse you, right? Hang on, you’ve already resigned, so why would he help you?”

“Also, why do you have the same name as him?” She questioned, grabbing Kirk’s collar. She had wanted to ask Kirk about this for a long time. Now, she had the chance to do so.

A wave of complicated emotions surged in Kirk’s eyes, but he smiled even more at her words. “How did you know I have the same name as him?” “Eddy told me. I was shocked when I heard about it. It’s such a coincidence.” Caroline said, “So did he ask you to register his marriage on his behalf because you two have the same names?” Kirk smiled brightly and gently patted Caroline’s head. “You’re right on the money, darling.” “Why didn’t you tell me such an important thing sooner?” +15 BOWES “I don’t find that important, though.” Kirk carried Caroline. “I think there’s something more important we can focus on ” Caroline’s eyes widened when she realized what

he meant. She wanted to stand up, but it was too late. Kirk tightly held her waist, pulling her into his arms without leaving any room for her to move.

“Kirk...” Caroline’s voice immediately became soft and weak, which aroused Kirk’s suppressed desires. “Ms. Edith...” “Ms. Edith has gone out. She won’t be back for more than an hour.” “Even so, we can’t-” “Don’t worry.” Kirk stroked Caroline’s back. “I’ll make sure we finish before she comes back.” Caroline was speechless at his words.

Ultimately, Kirk fulfilled his promise and ended their love-making before Edith returned.

However, the charged atmosphere in the room remained, so when Edith came back, she looked at Caroline suspiciously.

Caroline blushed at her gaze. She quickly made an excuse and went upstairs.

After Caroline left, Edith walked to Kirk and whispered, “Sir.” “Did you find out why my wife didn’t come home last night?” “Yes, the madam got into a minor car accident last night. The culprit behind it was her cousin, Layla.” Kirk narrowed his eyes. “Did she call the police?” “She did. Unfortunately, the car accident happened in the surveillance camera’s blind spot, so the police didn’t have proof.” “Then, did you give this evidence to them?” “Don’t worry, sir. I’ve already given it to the police in charge of the case. I believe that the madam’s cousin will be locked up in jail this time.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 667-After showering, Caroline picked up her phone and saw several missed calls. All of them were from Dan.

She looked at her phone in suspicion. Dan hadn’t contacted her for a long time.

The last time he had done so felt like a century ago.

The moment Caroline put her phone down, the screen lit up again. Then, her finger slipped, and she pressed the answer button.

She was about to hang up when she heard Dan’s voice. “Caroline, you truly know how to make a scene. You finally answered the phone after I called you



so many times.” “I can still change my mind about that. If you don’t get to the point, I can hang up the phone any time,” Caroline said unkindly.

Dan seemed really afraid that Caroline would hang up, so he quickly said, “You need to go to the police station and bail Layla out.” They were planning to go all out to buy Collins Group, but they couldn’t continue with their plans if Layla got arrested.

What Dan hadn’t expected was for Caroline to be the one behind her arrest.

That made him deduce that Caroline got Layla arrested because she was already aware of their plans.

Caroline asked, “Layla got arrested?” The police sure were efficient. She reminded herself to reward them for that.

“Okay, I know she got arrested because of you. I’m warning you. If you don’t bail her out, I’ll make you lose everything!” Caroline almost laughed at his words. She sat down and asked calmly, “Tell me then. How are you going to make me lose everything?” “Ugh!” Dan never expected his words toward Layla to be a liability for him.

“No matter what, she’s still your family. How could you be so cruel as to send your relatives to prison? A girl like her can’t survive in a place like-” Caroline interrupted Dán’s rambling. “Don’t pull the relative card on me. You don’t have the right to do that.

+15 BONUS “Also, I’m not going to bail her out. You should really find out what she did to me before asking me to save her.” She paused and continued, “But I know you both too well. You’ll still take her side, even if you know what she has done.

“Sometimes, I can’t help but ask myself if I’m really your daughter. It’s funny how you treat Layla better than me.” Dan felt an ominous premonition. He stammered, “W–What are you saying? W– We didn’t treat you too badly ...” Caroline didn’t want to keep talking to him. The past didn’t mean anything to her anymore.

She simply wanted to embrace the happiness she felt in the present. So she immediately hung up the phone.

Dan continued to ramble on about how well he had treated Caroline. But after getting no response, he realized Caroline had hung up without warning. He was so angry that he almost threw his phone on the ground.

Seeing this, Sarah came over and asked, “Hubby, did that bitch disagree with your request?” Dan took a shaky breath.

Sarah suggested, “Why don’t we-”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 668-“Shut up!” Dan interrupted Sarah before she could finish. He knew what she wanted to say.

“Can’t you just wait a little longer? Once Layla takes over Collins Group, the Evans family will once again be part of the big four families. When the time comes, we no longer have to sing to Caroline’s tune.” Sarah asked, “What about Layla?” “We’ll leave her be, but we can’t let Eddy know about this. Eddy seems to be treating Layla a lot colder recently. At this point, we shouldn’t cause any unnecessary trouble.” “What if Eddy no longer wants to marry Layla?” Caroline had participated in Jude’s funeral, but Layla hadn’t even gotten an invite. Many people were already discussing Eddy and Layla’s current relationship after what had happened.

Dan explained, “That’s exactly why I asked Layla to buy Collins Group. If she can do it, it means Eddy still has feelings for her. If not ...” Sarah looked at Dan nervously.

Dan’s eyes turned cold. He said, “No, we’ll start supporting Caroline again. So remember, we need to endure everything she says.

“Then, after our plans succeed, we’ll decide if we should announce the truth that Caroline isn’t our real daughter.” Sarah said, “... Got it.” Meanwhile, Caroline had just hung up the phone when she saw Kirk coming upstairs.

“Are you going to rest?” Caroline asked.

“Yeah, I’ve sent the application materials and endorsement to your email.” Kirk hugged Caroline. You should get some rest.” Caroline had been really sleepy these days, so she fell asleep shortly after lying on the bed. As Kirk watched her sleeping face, he hugged her in distress.

Getting Layla locked up for more than ten days was too lenient of a punishment for her.

+15 BONUS Kirk frowned at the thought. He wanted Layla to pay for hurting Caroline, even if he fell out with Eddy because of it.

Caroline slept peacefully through the night, nestled in Kirk's arms. She didn't have any nightmares at all.

When she woke up the next day, it was already 10:00 am. After looking at the time, Caroline sat up on the bed in shock.

Kirk was talking to Edith downstairs. When he heard noises upstairs, he raised his head and asked, "Are you awake?" "It's already so late. Why didn't you wake me up?" Caroline hurried downstairs.

"I still have to go to work." Kirk held her down and advised, "Cheryl will be there handling things, so don't worry. You seem really tired, so you'd better rest at home today." Caroline struggled against Kirk's hold. He was right. She was tired since she hadn't rested well in the past few days. However ... "Is it really okay to acquire Collins Group?" Caroline was still thinking about this.

She would be lying if she said the idea didn't tempt her, but she still couldn't believe Eddy's second uncle was willing to endorse them.

If Caroline didn't manage things well, the bank could ask him to pay the liquidated damages.

Knowing what Caroline was worried about, Kirk said with a smile, "Remember.

He almost caused us to get a divorce. So, he should be our guarantor for this." Caroline chuckled. "It sounds like you know him very well. But seriously, did he choose you to be an undercover agent at Morrison Corp? Did you resign because your mission is over?" Kirk gently tickled Caroline's nose. "Did Gwen make you read another one of her strange stories?" "No way. I thought of this myself." The two were chatting when Edith walked over with the phone. "Madam, Ms.

Weiss is calling. She said she has something to ask you.

Caroline took the phone. She asked, "What's wrong, Mom?" On the phone, Marietta spoke in a tone different from the others. "... Carrie, I need your help with something. But if it will put you on the spot, you can refuse."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 669-"What's going on, Mom?" Caroline asked, amused.

"I won't know whether to refuse or not if you don't tell me anything." When Marietta heard her words, she laughed and wasn't as nervous as before.

"So here's the thing:

my private detective can basically confirm that my daughter is Yvonne.

"I'm not sure what's going on these past few days, but she has been staying home." She continued, "So, the private detective can't get her DNA for a DNA test. I'm getting anxious from waiting, so I want to ask if you have any way of getting to her." "Yvonne?" Caroline thought that her name sounded familiar. After thinking for a long time, she "Oh, so she's your daughter!" Caroline said in surprise.

Marietta asked, "Do you know her?" "You can say that. We simply have a mutual friend." Caroline asked, "Are you going to use her hair or saliva for a DNA test?" "Yeah, that's right! But since she's staying put at home, the private detective has a hard time getting it from her." Caroline mused, "I have an idea." "So soon? Tell me!" Marietta said excitedly, completely losing her usual cold and stern attitude.

"It's simple. I'll just invite her out for some coffee. Then, I'll tell the waiters in advance to leave behind the cup Yvonne used." Marietta immediately agreed to her idea. "All right. That's a good idea. I'll leave it to you, Carrie." "No problem." Caroline said, "I'll invite her immediately." "All right, good! You know me very well, Carrie. I'll make sure to thank you when I finally meet my daughter." "Mom, you don't have to say that. I'm going to call her now." After Caroline was done, she hung up the phone and called Yvonne.

+15 BONUS It took Yvonne about three minutes to answer the phone, and her voice was frail, as if she had taken a shock.

“Ms. Yvonne? This is Caroline. Do you still remember me?” Yvonne said listlessly, “Yeah... What can I do for you?” “Oh, here’s the thing. Your brother helped me a few days ago, so I want to show him my appreciation. But I don’t know what to give him as a gift. If you’re free, can you come and help me look for options?” Yvonne said irritably, “No, I’m not! Can’t you just ask him directly? How the hell would I know what he likes? Besides, men are just duplicitous creatures.

“They tell you we can be friends. But then, they’ll text you the next day, saying we shouldn’t contact each other.” She barked, “What the hell? How can he change his mind after a good night’s sleep? Is he worried the world will end if he becomes friends with me?” Caroline listened to her rants silently and noticed the issue.

“Ms. Yvonne, did you have a breakup? Would you like me to lend you a listening ear?” she asked softly. Her voice had some allure that could grip people’s hearts.

Yvonne gradually became less irritable, and she hugged her knees.

She said, “He was the one who agreed to date me, but I don’t know what the hell happened to him.

He’s been treating me colder ever since he went abroad.

“At first, I thought he just needed some time to get used to his life abroad. But a week ago, I went to Macldo to see him, and he told me never to see him again.

“He wanted to work hard and become the top businessman in Sarcozia to pursue the woman he loved. But what about me? Do I mean nothing to him?” Yvonne sobbed with a runny nose.

Caroline silently listened to her rants, not giving any feedback.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 670-Yvonne didn’t need Caroline’s opinion either and continued venting her repressed frustrations.

“I like him. I really do. I’ve been secretly in love with him since we were kids.

Although everyone said he was an illegitimate child and wouldn't be useful to the family, I couldn't stop myself from falling in love with him." Yvonne continued, "When he agreed to be set up with me, I thought he liked me too. But it turns out he already likes someone else." Caroline remained silent until Yvonne was done ranting. Then, she said, "You should get a good night's sleep. Perhaps then you won't feel so awful when you wake up the next day." "Really?" Yvonne murmured.

Caroline kept the call on until she heard the sound of snoring. After that, she ended the call.

"Why did your call take so long?" Kirk had gone to work upstairs so as not to disturb Caroline. But he hadn't expected more than an hour to pass by before Caroline hung up the phone.

"She just had a breakup, so she needed to vent her feelings." Caroline felt distressed after listening to Yvonne's heartbreaking rant. She felt sorry for everyone who suffered from their romantic relationships.

She and Kirk were really lucky to have come this far, but she didn't know how long their luck would last.

She no longer had nightmares. However, whenever she felt any hint of happiness, she would hear a sharp voice saying, "Caroline, you're absolutely heartless!" "Darling ..." "Huh?" Caroline returned to her senses. "What's wrong?" Kirk followed Caroline's line of sight and looked over. Then, he stepped forward to block Caroline's line of sight and suggested, "Why don't we move back to the apartment for a while?" "Why do you want to move back? We're doing fine here." Kirk answered, "A small home is cozier ..." +15 BONUS He wrapped an arm around Caroline's waist. "We should live there again, darling. I want to have more privacy with you." Caroline couldn't help but chuckle. "Sure." She knew very well why Kirk suggested moving away. Jude had died here, and he feared staying here would trigger her.

The next day, Caroline and Kirk had just moved back to their apartment when Caroline got a call from Yvonne.

Yvonne was in a much better mood than yesterday. She apologized, "I'm really sorry about yesterday, Caroline. I ... How about this?"

“You wanted to buy my brother a gift, right? I’ll take you out to buy one and treat you to a meal as an apology.” “It’s really okay. Everyone has their bad days.” “No, I have to treat you to a meal,” Yvonne insisted.

Seeing that her goal had been achieved, Caroline didn’t refuse anymore. After deciding on a time and place with Yvonne, she told Marietta what had happened.

On the phone, Marietta was very grateful to Caroline. “Thank goodness you took action, Carrie. Otherwise, I would never be able to get the DNA test done.” “Haha, you’re welcome, Mom. It’s what I should do. I’ve been looking forward to you meeting your daughter.” Caroline was telling the truth. She would no longer have Marietta’s love for herself.

But she hoped that Marietta could find her daughter more than anyone else.

After all, she knew how hard it was not to have the love of a parent.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 671-In the Hackett family’s home, Yvonne saw Asher and Aurora bickering in the living room when she went downstairs. Then, Asher and Aurora broke apart and looked in Yvonne’s direction. When they saw Yvonne up and about, Asher stood up and said, “Yvonne, you’re finally out. Do you want to eat anything? I’ll take you out for a meal.” Yvonne refused, saying, “It’s fine. I’m hanging out with someone.” She didn’t even look at Aurora at all. The rumors were true. She was at odds with Aurora. Her reasons for her enmity were simple. started to mingle with her brother instead. Aurora kept saying that she loved Asher, but she simply loved his wealth. Otherwise, she “Who are you having lunch with?” Asher asked with concern. Aurora asked with feigned concern, “Yvonne, do you want your brother to give you a ride?” “No.” Yvonne grimaced at her words. She didn’t have the energy to fake pleasantries with Aurora. I’m going out with Caroline. I’m almost late,” Upon hearing that Yvonne was going out with Caroline, Aurora hurriedly grabbed her arm.” Caroline? Are you two close? I never heard you mention this.” Yvonne couldn’t tolerate Aurora’s attitude anymore. “What the hell is wrong with you? You’re just my brother’s girlfriend. Why do you care so much?” Aurora’s expression shifted at her outburst. But she still held back her anger and said calmly.” Yvonne, I know you’re in a bad mood, so I don’t blame you for your outburst. But I’m worried about you going out

alone. Why don't I go with you?" "Suit yourself," Yvonne spat. Then, she turned around and left. She really didn't want to talk to Aurora. Therefore, she simply looked out the window after getting -in the car. Aurora silently endured her anger to see Caroline. And so neither of them spoke as the car drove to their destination. Yvonne and Caroline had planned to meet at Meadowbrook Mall, and Caroline was already there when they arrived. Aurora's eyes lit up when she saw Caroline. She was determined to win her over, no matter what +15 BONUS Caroline was surprised to see Aurora coming with Yvonne. She hadn't expected them to show up together. "Ignore her." Yvonne grabbed Caroline's hand and walked to the mall. Caroline blinked at her words, not knowing what to say. However, Aurora had already put on her mask and hat and followed Caroline. "We meet again, Caroline!" Caroline nodded at her words, and then Yvonne dragged her into a store that sold men's ties. The ties in this store were all handmade and designed by top designers. "Hello, Ms. Yvonne." The saleswoman immediately recognized Yvonne and Aurora. She was secretly surprised to see them together, but her expression remained neutral. She said, "Hello, Ms. Jenner, a new batch of ties has arrived recently. You can take a look around." However, the saleswoman completely ignored Caroline. "Bring out your most expensive ties. Then, Aurora said boldly to Yvonne and Caroline, "Buy whatever you want. It's my treat."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 672-The saleswoman was very happy to hear Aurora's words "Okay, Ms. Jenner.

Please wait a moment With that said, the saleswoman took out several types of ties and placed them in front of Aurora." Here you go, Ms. Jenner. Go ahead and pick whatever you like, and I'll wrap them up for you.

Aurora ignored the saleswoman and asked Caroline, "Do you see anything you like, Caroline?" The saleswoman then turned her attention to Caroline. She inwardly mumbled, "Who is this?" She thought Caroline's name sounded familiar, but after looking at her face, she couldn't remember which family she was from.

Caroline was confused. What the hell were those two doing?

"Um." Caroline said hesitantly, "I appreciate your kindness, but I'd rather buy this gift myself" "No!" Yvonne and Aurora said in unison, "Caroline, you must choose someone to pay for you." Caroline held her head. This was her first time seeing people fighting to pay for her expenses.



Perhaps this was also the saleswoman's first time seeing a situation like this.

She stood there dumbfounded, not knowing what to say.

Caroline advised, "Both of you should calm down" "We're very calm They said in unison again, "Caroline, you must choose someone to pay for you Caroline wanted to yell at them for being senseless and immature But then, she remembered her purpose for coming here, so she could only say, "Okay Why don't you pay for me, Ms. Yvonne In Caroline's opinion, it didn't matter if she upset Aurora, but upsetting Yvonne would do more harm than good.

Sure enough, Aurora's expression shifted at Caroline's answer "Caroline, are you sure you want to choose her?" Caroline massaged her temples. "I'm sure "In fact, she didn't have much of a choice.

Yvonne said victoriously, "Hear that? Caroline picked me! You lost!" Aurora dug her nails into her palms and held in anger before she spat, "Yes, you won Upon hearing Aurora's words, Yvonne looked at her in astonishment She didn't expect her to give up so easily After picking a tie, Caroline wanted to treat Yvonne to a meal and complete the task Marietta had +15 BONUS However, as soon as they left the store, Aurora suggested, "Caroline, I'm a VIP of a store here that sells customized grand dresses. Since we're both free today, why don't we have a look?" Caroline declined, "No, thank you." Aurora continued, "Okay, then let's look at other things. I'll buy whatever you like." Caroline was flabbergasted. Aurora was always aloof to others and never tried to please them, but now she was all but trying to curry favor with her.

Even Yvonne noticed her intentions. She said, "Haha, be careful, Caroline.

Some people may be treating you nicely, but they clearly have bad intentions." Caroline said with a smile, "Thank you for your offer, Ms. Jenner. But Ms.

Yvonne and I have to go for a meal now, so I won't continue shopping with you." When Aurora saw Caroline and Yvonne turn and leave, her anger reached a boiling point. She walked up to Caroline and yelled, "Caroline!" Caroline stopped walking and looked at the furious Aurora.

Aurora clenched her fists, desperately trying to suppress her anger.

She said, "I genuinely want to be friends with you. So why are you against that idea? Not everyone has the privilege to be my friend, you know." Caroline remained silent.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 673-Now that they had reached this point, Caroline didn't want to entangle herself with Aurora any longer.

"I'm not going to find out why you're trying to befriend me. But as for whether we can be friends, I'm going to give you my answer—not a chance in hell!" Aurora's expression darkened at her words. "Do you know what you're saying?"

Many people want to be my friends, but they never get the chance." "That's their problem, but I really don't want to be friends with you," Caroline said.

Then, she told Yvonne, who was enjoying the show, "Let's go." Yvonne proudly held Caroline's arm, turning back to look at Aurora with a smug grin. She felt so happy. Meanwhile, Aurora was already so angry that her expression was dark.

After leaving the mall, Yvonne said eagerly, "Good job for saying that, Caroline!"

Aurora is just one of those people who think the world revolves around them!" Caroline simply smiled at her words. She wasn't interested in their grudge. She said, "I already booked a table at the restaurant. Let's go there now." "All right!" Yvonne was very excited. This was the first time she had seen Aurora get defeated in public. She would eat her fill as a celebration.

After arriving at the restaurant, Caroline took the chance to go to the bathroom to call Marietta.

Hey, Mom, we're already at the restaurant." "Okay, my people are already there. Just enjoy your meal as usual and leave." Caroline hummed in assent and hung up. After taking a few steps, she saw the phone screen light up again.

She looked at the caller ID. It was an unknown number, and it was from abroad.

She answered the call hesitantly, but there was only silence on the other end..

“Hello?” Caroline spoke up. However, she still didn’t hear a response. “I’m going to hang up if you’re not saying anything,” she said, about to hang up the phone.

Finally, a clear voice came from the phone’s receiver. “It’s me, Caroline.” “It’s been a while. How are you doing in Easton?” “I’m doing fine.” Caroline looked at the time. She asked, “What about you?” he had arrived in Macldo, he had put all his time and energy into work to stop himself from thinking about Caroline.

Today, he had finally won a project worth more than a billion dollars. Although the project might not be as remarkable as the Sorkins’ other projects, it was their largest project abroad at present. So he had drunk a little more than usual at the celebration party.

After drinking too much, he had accidentally dialed Caroline’s number. When he heard Caroline’s voice, he felt his heart open like Pandora’s box.

His emotions surged, the strongest of which was his longing for her.

He wanted to get a plane ticket and return to Easton, but he couldn’t. He needed to become capable enough so he could have the courage to see Caroline and say those three words out loud.

room. She said, “Um, I have an appointment with someone. So I’ll talk to you later

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 674-Caroline hummed in assent before walking to the private room. After entering the private room, she put her phone on the table as the screen went off.

However, the eagle-eyed Yvonne caught sight of the name on the phone.

Caroline nodded. “Yeah, we do. But we don’t do it much.” “Does he usually contact you first, or do you contact him first?” Caroline put down her spoon and said, “Well, I never kept track of that. What’s wrong? Why are you bringing this up?” Yvonne smiled. “Oh, it’s nothing.” She had realized that she was the one who always took the initiative to contact had never done so for her.

seemed that he simply didn't like her.

Caroline paused slightly at her words. "He treats me fine. We are friends, after all." "I'm afraid he doesn't think so." Caroline wiped her hands calmly. "I may not be able to control other people's thoughts, but I can keep myself in check. I'm already married, and I love my husband very much. I won't cheat on him." Yvonne rested her chin on her hand, smiling half-heartedly at her words. It was some resentment.

However, Caroline didn't notice it and continued to eat.

After the meal, Caroline and Yvonne parted ways at the entrance. Caroline drove around the restaurant before stopping in front of the entrance again. She got out of the car and returned to the restaurant.

The restaurant's manager was already waiting at the entrance. He handed a packaged cup to Caroline. "Ms Evans, here's the cup Ms. Yvonne had used earlier." +15 BONUS Caroline took it over. "Thank you." The manager wiped the sweat from his forehead and said, "Oh, no need to thank me." "I'll be taking my leave." "All right. Take care!" The manager personally escorted Caroline out. It wasn't until Caroline drove away that the manager dropped his smile. He shouted toward the kitchen, "Come here, you!" A waiter walked up to the manager fearfully. He stammered, "S-Sir, I didn't mix up the cups on purpose. I was already clearing the dishes when you told me about this." "I didn't call you over to talk about that." The manager ordered, "I'm warning you. Nothing unusual happened just now, got it? You can't tell anyone you mixed up the cups, even if they try to kill you.

"If anyone asks, you must tell them that Ms. Yvonne used that cup. Got it?" 1 The waiter nodded his head profusely at the manager's order.

After Caroline left the restaurant, she went straight to the hospital Marietta was in. The doctor was already prepared for the DNA test when she arrived.

Caroline handed the cup over to the doctor with white gloves. Then, the doctor entered the laboratory. Marietta paced around nervously as she waited for the test results.

Seeing this, Caroline walked to her side and held her hand. "Don't worry, Mom.

I'm sure they'll do their job well." "I hope so." Marietta couldn't help but look over at the laboratory.

Fortunately, they didn't have to wait too long. About five minutes later, the doctor walked out and took off his mask.

He said to Marietta happily, "Congratulations, Ms. Weiss! Ms. Yvonne is indeed your daughter!"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 675-After waiting for more than a decade, Marietta had finally heard the news she wanted to hear most. She froze on the spot, unable to speak.

After a long while, she turned around and said to Caroline in disbelief, "Carrie, I'm not dreaming, am I? I really found my daughter, right?" "Mom, this is really happening." Caroline said happily, "You found your daughter!" "I..." Marietta burst into tears and hugged Caroline "Thank you so much, Carrie!

If it hadn't been for you, I wouldn't have been able to confirm it so soon." Caroline patted Marietta on the shoulder. She waited until Marietta had calmed down before saying, "What are you going to do next, Mom? Are you going to tell her the truth?" Marietta hesitated. "Carrie, have you known Yvonne for long? What kind of person do you think she is? Will she accept the truth if I go to the Hacketts' home and tell her right now?" Marietta had asked so many questions in succession that Caroline didn't know how to answer them.

"Mom, you shouldn't be impatient. You should think about this carefully and try to tell her the truth in a way that doesn't hurt her." Marietta nodded. "Okay, I'll be calm. I'll take my time." Although she said so, she couldn't take her time at all. Yvonne was the daughter she hadn't seen for over a decade. Marietta felt a wave of pain in her chest at that thought.

Caroline went home after sending Marietta back. After being up and about for an entire day, she was exhausted when she returned home. She was currently nestled in Kirk's arms, about to fall asleep.

"It's great that she found her daughter." Caroline nuzzled into Kirk's chest, feeling an emptiness in her chest.

She was happy for Marietta, but she felt sad when she thought she would soon lose her maternal love. Marietta's love for her was unconditional and unrequited. Her selflessness made Caroline believe she could maybe be a good mother as well.

Kirk hugged Caroline and softly caressed her waist with one hand. "Don't worry, darling. I'll always be by your side." : Caroline closed her eyes and hummed softly at his words. The next moment, Kirk turned her over. Caroline's sleepiness disappeared with his actions "Kirk..." +15 BONUS Kirk's hands were already wandering around her body, and she could feel their heat. Her heart trembled at his touch, and her voice became soft. "W-Wait..." Kirk bit Caroline's lips. When his breath hit her red cheeks, her confusion turned into desire. They made love until midnight, and Caroline finally fell asleep, unable to stay awake anymore.

Then, in the later hours of the night, Caroline felt a chill on her back. She opened her eyes in fright and saw Jude standing at the bedside. He stood so close that Caroline could see the hatred in his eyes.

"Oh, Carrie. I can't believe you. I loved you so much and treated you like my granddaughter.

"I even died for you, and this is how you repay me? You're acting so lovey-dovey with your husband that you forgot about me." "G-grandpa, it's not like that... Listen to me..." "Shut it. I don't want to hear your excuses, Carrie. The facts are right before me.

You're with your husband now.

"But have you ever thought about how I felt? Every day, I have to see you and your husband being affectionate from the afterlife. Carrie, I'm so disappointed in you." "Grandpa..." "Caroline, if you still have a heart, you should get together with Eddy. Otherwise, I won't be able to rest in peace." As Jude spoke, he rolled his eyes behind his head, and his pupils fell to the ground. Caroline was so frightened by the sight that she sat up from the bed with a scream.

Then, she realized she had had another nightmare.

"Darling..."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 676-Kirk also sat up and asked, "What's wrong?" Caroline quickly hugged him, his warmth raising her body temperature.

However, she still couldn't stop her arms from trembling.

Kirk reached out and softly rubbed Caroline's arms. Then, the tremors in her body slowly faded away.

"Did you have a nightmare?" Kirk hugged Caroline tightly, distress filling his gaze.

Caroline shook her head. She didn't dare tell Kirk what nightmare she'd had. If he learned about it, he would definitely be worried.

"Darling." Kirk slowly let go of Caroline. He looked into her eyes and asked again, "Are you sure it's not a nightmare?" "No," Caroline denied. "It's probably just a bit of hysteria. I'm fine. You should go back to sleep." Kirk looked at her silently for a moment before patting her head. "Okay, you too." However, Caroline didn't fall asleep after lying down on the bed. Whenever she closed her eyes, she could see Jude in front of the bed, looking at her.

Kirk didn't sleep tonight, either. However, neither of them said anything.

When dawn arrived, Caroline found an excuse to leave the house. Then, Kirk got up and called Sean. "Where's Michael?" Michael Caldwell was the chief physician of the psychiatric medical team that Sean had invited. They had talked about Caroline's situation on the phone.

Yet Michael believed that Caroline didn't need the help of a medical team at the moment, and it was best if she could get over the trauma of Jude's death alone.

But under the current circumstances, Kirk didn't believe Caroline could do it.

"What's wrong?" Sean asked, "Did something happen with Caroline?" "Just give me his address!" Kirk gritted his teeth.

Sean had no choice but to give Michael's address to Kirk. After hanging up the phone, he pondered for a moment. Then, he put away his phone and headed to the hotel where Michael was staying.

So Sean and Kirk met downstairs in the hotel. Sean hurriedly followed Kirk and asked, "What on earth happened? Why are you in such a hurry to see Michael?" +15 BONUS Kirk said nothing in response.

The two quickly reached the floor where Michael's room was. Soon, Sean knocked on Michael's door. Michael was currently in a meeting with his colleagues. When he saw Kirk waiting at his door, he was startled. Then, he apologized, "Sorry, Mr. Kirk, I'm in a meeting. Can we talk later?"

Kirk had already entered his room and looked into the laptop's camera. He declared, "The meeting is over." After saying that, he turned off the laptop. Michael looked at Sean uneasily. Sean reassured him, "Don't worry, Kirk. I've invested in this psychological organization. They won't hold anything against you. Only then did Michael relax. He asked, "Is there anything I can do for you, Mr.

Kirk?

"My wife had a nightmare last night," Kirk looked at Michael coldly. He asked, "Do you have any other way other than letting her recover on her own?" "Of course I do, but Michael smiled faintly. "It's normal for her to have nightmares. Usually, when someone encounters—" "I hired you to save her from her pain, not to let her feel more of it." Kirk looked at Michael sharply, like a blade piercing his chest.

The look had Michael imagining that Kirk was going to tear him apart.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 677—"Mr. Kirk, in your wife's situation, letting her process her trauma on her own is the best option at the moment. She may suffer even more pain if you insist on using drugs or other treatment." Hearing this, Sean patted Kirk on the shoulder. "Kirk, we know you want Caroline to get over her trauma from Mr. Morrison Senior's death.

"But Michael is the best psychiatrist around, and he's the best at handling PTSD cases.

"It's best for Caroline to recover from this naturally. Without using drugs, she won't suffer physically along with her emotional pain." He paused, then continued, "Kirk, I know you don't want to see her suffer, but only she can overcome this obstacle.



“Even if she undergoes therapy or uses medication, you’ll still have to see her suffer. And she’ll suffer even more than now.” Kirk raised his fist and banged it on the table. The table shook so much that the glass of water overflowed from the force.

Michael was so frightened that he couldn’t say anything and looked at Sean in horror.

Sean nodded at him and motioned for him to leave the room. Michael didn’t dare to disobey and left the room cautiously.

After the door closed, Sean walked behind Kirk and said, “Kirk, I understand how you feel, but I still want to say something.

“Staying rational is the best help for Caroline at the moment. Stay here and cool your head. I’ll take Michael out for a meal.” After saying that, Sean opened the door and left the room.

The room instantly became quiet. Kirk was the only one left. He raised his head and stared at the wall with red eyes.

Jude had been really cunning. He had left such a big surprise before he had died. Even in death, he was determined to make Caroline marry Eddy and become a part of the Morrison family.

Since that was the case, Kirk didn’t have to worry about the Morrisons anymore.

After taking over Collins Group, he would use their resources to take over Morrison Corp.

Meanwhile, Caroline, who hadn’t returned to Evans Group for a long time, finally showed up at work again. The employees immediately stood up and welcomed her back.

+15 BONUS Cheryl whispered to Caroline, “You have no idea how crazy things were, Caroline. When you were away, everyone kept asking me when you would be back.

“The head of the design department even asked when you would make your return and design some new clothes as a bonus.” Caroline said, “I’ll see when

I'm free." She had been busy writing her script, so she hadn't had much time to design any clothes.

Cheryl was about to keep talking about the company's situation when an employee came in. "Ms. Evans, Mr. Eddy is here. He said he wants to see you." Caroline frowned. "Eddy's here?" "Yes." Caroline thought for a moment before saying, "Let him in, then." The employee left, and soon he escorted Eddy in. Cheryl tactfully left them alone.

In the office, Eddy and Caroline sat across from each other. Both of them were silent.

After a moment, Eddy finally said, "I already know that Layla caused your car accident." Caroline looked at Eddy, saying coldly, "If you're asking me to bail her out too, you'd better not waste your breath." Eddy said, "I'm not here to persuade you. I'm here to apologize on Layla's behalf." His words stunned Caroline for a moment. But then, she sneered, "Who are you? Her dad? Why do you want to apologize for her?" "She's my savior. Without her, I wouldn't be here right now." Eddy said calmly, "Although you've forgotten what had happened, I remember it clearly."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 678-Caroline frowned at Eddy's words. He was insane.

The fact that Layla was his savior didn't have anything to do with whether she remembered the past.

"So is that why you'll indulge her unconditionally, even if she almost killed me?"

You did that just because she had saved you once?" Eddy looked at Caroline questioningly. "Do you really not remember what happened when we were children?" Caroline asked, "What?" "I'm talking about the time when we were kidnapped." Then, Eddy recounted precisely what had happened more than a decade ago.

After speaking, he looked at Caroline expectantly, hoping to see some changes in her expression.

However, his expectations were dashed.

Caroline shook her head. “I have zero recollection of that incident.” “You must have shut those memories away. Grandpa said that you went abroad after that incident.

Several vague fragments of her memories crossed Caroline’s mind. She tried to focus on them, but she couldn’t recall anything. “But I remember leaving the country because of you.” At that time, Sarah had constantly nagged her about how she had to be a bride suited for Eddy. So she’d had to leave the country to get a better education and become a better daughter-in-law for the Morrisons.

“Did you remember it wrongly?” Eddy was silent for a moment. Then, a look of realization appeared on his face.

“It’s not that you forgot about the incident or shut those memories away. Instead, someone must have tampered with your memory.

“You went abroad because of the kidnapping incident. Grandpa said you needed psychological support.” “Psychological support?” Some more memories crossed Caroline’s mind, but they were clear as day this time.

She had been around six years old back then. One day, Sarah had taken her to a doctor, and Caroline had even pronounced the word “psychiatrist” perfectly.

+15 BONUS Sarah had praised her intelligence. She had been really gentle back then, completely different from how she was now.

Caroline pulled away from her thoughts and raised her head. She asked, “Can you tell me what happened again?” She didn’t believe that memories could go missing out of the blue. There had to be a reason for this.

Eddy was about to start talking, but Caroline stopped him. “Hang on, let me use a voice recorder.” He waited for Caroline to turn on the voice recorder before recounting what had happened more than a decade ago.

By the time he was done, it had been over an hour. He had added many details to jog Caroline’s memory.

“Okay, I’ll listen to this story again after I get home. I’ll see if I can get back the memories I’ve lost.

“It was clear that Caroline was done with this conversation.

Eddy frowned, feeling as if she were throwing him away after using him. But Caroline had already lowered her head and started to work.

Eddy stood up in resignation. But after taking a few steps, he remembered the actual reason he had visited Caroline.

He turned around and asked, “Caroline, do you know that Collins Group is about to be auctioned?” Caroline looked up at Eddy silently, waiting for him to continue.

However, Eddy couldn’t say what he truly felt. He said in a roundabout way, “Whoever gets Collins Group will also be able to join the big four families.

Caroline blinked at his words. “What are you trying to say?” Eddy looked into Caroline’s eyes. After some hesitation, he asked helplessly, “Don’t you want to take over Collins Group?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 679-Caroline couldn’t help but burst into laughter when she saw Eddy’s unflinching expression.

“Eddy, are you trying to figure out my intentions about Collins Group?” Caroline asked.

There was no need for Eddy to beat around the bush about this. They weren’t talking about business secrets. She sat up and said, “I do have some thoughts about buying it.” Joy appeared on Eddy’s face at her words. “Then, you must need someone to endorse you, right?” He wanted to say that he could help her. However, he ended up changing his words.

Caroline looked at Eddy strangely. “Of course. If I want to buy Collins Group, I’ll definitely need funds from the bank. Hang on. What on earth are you trying to say?” Eddy stammered, “I—I just wanted to remind you. Since you already know what to do, I have nothing else to say.” Caroline didn’t say anything in response.

After Eddy left, Caroline began to deal with some trivial matters in the company.

As for the issue of buying out the Collins Group, she couldn't say that she didn't care, but she didn't pay special attention to it either.

The issue of whether she could get Collins Group wasn't important to her right now. Moreover, she actually couldn't guarantee she could do so.

Although Kirk said that Eddy's second uncle was willing to endorse them, Caroline wasn't ready to take over a large company. Besides, she would rather write her script than manage a company right now.

Since she had been inspired by Marietta, she'd had endless ideas of what to write. In the past few days, she had already written about ten thousand words.

If Marietta hadn't been busy figuring things out about Yvonne at the moment, Caroline would have gone to talk to her about the plot.

She let out a sigh. She wondered how Marietta was doing.

Later, Caroline waited until everyone had gotten off work before she left. As she got out of her office, Caroline noticed that Cheryl had yet to go.

"Cheryl, it's so late. What are you still doing here?" Cheryl raised her head. "I still have some work to do. I'll get off work soon." As Caroline watched Cheryl busy at her desk, she realized how much the latter had grown while "Cheryl.."  
"What's wrong, Caroline?" "You've grown so much." Cheryl's eyes widened slightly at her words, and she said with a smile, "Really?"

Caroline, your praise is the greatest affirmation I could get! I'll definitely keep working hard." "But make sure not to work too hard. You need to take care of your health, too." "It's okay. I'll be alone at home anyway. At least I have work to keep my company here, so I won't be so lonely." Caroline thought of Jack and pursed her lips slightly. But she simply said, "If you ever feel lonely, you can always visit me." "No, thank you." Cheryl waved her hand.

I don't want to be a third wheel." "Come on, a third wheel?" Caroline chuckled.

Then, she thought of something and asked, "By the way, Cheryl, where is your family? I never hear you mention them." Cheryl lowered her eyes, and after a long while, she said bitterly, "My parents died long ago. I don't have relatives anymore." Caroline apologized, "I'm sorry." "It's okay." Cheryl smiled slightly. "It's been years since then. I've already moved on." Caroline hugged Cheryl. A few minutes later, she let go of her and patted her shoulder. "Let's

go home. You can leave the rest of the work for tomorrow. You can't do everything in a day." "Okay." Cheryl nodded. She packed her things and followed Caroline downstairs.

Caroline had driven herself to work today. Hence, she headed to the underground parking lot.

She hadn't expected to see Jack in the parking lot. Moreover, he was obviously waiting for her, She was speechless at the sight

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 680-This was too much of a coincidence. Caroline looked at Cheryl awkwardly.

The moment Cheryl saw Jack, she felt the muscles on her face stiffen slightly.

Caroline started, "I'm sorry, Chery, I-" Cheryl interrupted, "Caroline, your husband must have asked Jack to pick you up. I told you I would just be a third wheel if I go home with you." Jack had already gotten out of the car. "Hello, Ms. Evans, Cheryl..

Cheryl greeted Jack calmly, "Hello, Jack." Jack's expression became even more unnatural as he said, "I... Mr. Kirk asked me to come and pick Ms. Evans up." Cheryl said with a smile, "See, Caroline? I knew I was right. I won't keep you here any longer. I'll be heading home." Caroline wanted to ask Cheryl to join her, but she was worried that Jack and Cheryl couldn't handle being in the same place.

In the end, Jack stopped Cheryl. "Let me take your home as well, Cheryl." Caroline looked at Cheryl.

Cheryl obviously hesitated. She stood there without moving, and after a moment, she said, "All right. Thank you, Jack." Then, the three of them got into the car together. In the car, Caroline tried to mediate their relationship.

Unfortunately, both Jack and Cheryl were enigmas, and neither of them spoke.

Having no other choice, Caroline shifted the topic to Cheryl's interests.

“Cheryl, has there been any news in the entertainment industry recently?” Cheryl finally opened up since the conversation was about something she was familiar with.” Nothing much. But I do have some big news for you, Caroline.” “What is it?” Caroline looked surprised.

Cheryl said, “I knew you wouldn’t have heard about this. People are saying online that Mr. Eddy is interested in acquiring Collins Group.” “He is?” +15 BONUS “Yeah.” “But what does this have to do with me?” Caroline was still confused.

“Just hear me out. The netizens now think Mr. Eddy is acquiring Collins Group to please Layla. Don’t you think it’s funny?” Eddy didn’t grow his money on trees. So there was no reason he would buy Collins Group just to please Layla.

Cheryl thought that only TV dramas had CEOs pampering their lovers. She felt this was impossible in real life, especially after taking charge of the company.

It could be possible if the buyer was a hundred times richer than Collins Group.

However, Collins Group was part of one of the big four families’ properties. No matter how powerful Morrison Corp was, their wealth couldn’t exceed that of Collins Group.

Caroline remembered Eddy saying that Layla was his savior. She couldn’t help but say, “I think it’s possible.” Otherwise, Eddy wouldn’t have been so hesitant when he had come to see her today. Had he found out about his second uncle’s endorsement and come to test her?

At the thought of this, Caroline couldn’t help but scoff internally. She knew that Eddy wouldn’t have just apologized to her for no reason.

Cheryl said, “No way. Mr. Eddy doesn’t seem to be the type to be blinded by love.” Caroline was about to answer when she heard Jack’s voice, “We’re here, Ms.

Evans.” Then, Caroline glanced outside and saw that she had arrived home. She looked at Cheryl uneasily.

Cheryl could tell what she was thinking. “It’s okay, Caroline,” she whispered.

She had already prepared herself to be alone with Jack. As it happened, she had something to tell Jack as well.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 681-Silence filled the air again after Caroline left.

“Chery-” Jack started.

“Stop. You listen to me first.” Cheryl straightened her back. “I was wrong last time. I shouldn’t have gotten mad at you.” “You were being kind by introducing me to someone else.” She continued, “I’m so sorry.” Jack suddenly found himself at a loss for words. The two of them sat quietly in the car after that.

Sometime later, Cheryl broke the silence and asked, “What were you going to tell me just now?” Jack was about to say something but thought better of it. He shook his head and told her, “It’s nothing. I have nothing to say.” The words that were on the tip of his tongue just now disappeared.

“Can we still be friends?” Cheryl asked.

Staring into her smiling eyes, Jack found himself sympathizing with her. “Yes, of course.” “That’s great,” Cheryl said. “So, we’ll just pretend like nothing happened then?” “Okay...” “Well then,” said Cheryl, her tone sounding much more cheerful than before.

“Let’s go ” Jack turned to look back at the road ahead. His grip on the steering wheel tightened with the mixed feelings he had.

Cheryl relaxed in the backseat, her fists no longer clenched. She looked out the window and felt proud of herself for having done it.

Although Jack and her couldn’t be together, they could still be friends at least.

This was the best outcome she could have hoped for.

They made their way through the traffic, the light illuminating their faces in the night. Their minds were occupied.

Even when she arrived home, Caroline couldn’t stop worrying about Cheryl. So she sent Cheryl a message.



Caroline entered the house after sending the message. The sight of the house shocked her to her core. She had doubts if she had stepped foot into the wrong house.

The interior of the house was transformed. The previously minimalistic look was replaced by one of warmth and coziness. There was even a mini garden on the balcony.

The house didn't seem like a mere place to stay anymore, but a place for one to rest and relax.

"Did you do this?" Caroline asked, surprised.

Kirk took her hand in his and led into the center of the space. "What do you think? Do you like it?" Looking around, Caroline felt her heart become at ease. "Yes. Were you at home all day just to do all this?" Kirk nodded. The weight on his heart lifted when he saw her smile. "I'm glad that you like it." He led her to the balcony, where the pocket garden was. "Take a look and see if you like any of the flowers here. If you don't like them, I can have someone come over and change them for you." Caroline simply stared at him in silence until he pinched her nose teasingly.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" "You sound like someone who's used to ordering people around," she said. "You were born to be a leader. If we're able to take down the Collins Group this time, I'm sure you'll manage the company well." Kirk laughed at her words, his eyes still locked in hers. "That's something I'm not completely sure of. One thing's certain, though." "What is it?" Caroline asked curiously.

"I was born for you, and I exist for you." Caroline's heart fluttered at his words, and her face flushed. Lowering her head in embarrassment, she mumbled, "Stop it. All you do is sweet talk all the time." Kirk placed her hand on his chest, next to his heart. "Why don't you listen to what my heart is telling you then?" She could feel his heartbeat in her palm. It made her blush even more, and she started to pull her hand away from him. But he stopped her by pressing her hand firmly against his chest, leaving her speechless.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 682-"Darling," said Kirk as he leaned closer and whispered into her ear as if to seduce her. "I can't live without you. So don't ever leave me, okay?" Caroline was rather speechless.

“When have I said that I’m leaving you?” Kirk chuckled at her response. “I know you won’t leave me. I just wanted to tell you that I couldn’t live without you,” he said as he pinched her earlobe, Caroline glanced up at him. “What’s wrong?” She wondered why he was speaking as if she was leaving him soon.

“Nothing.” Kirk lowered his head and rested his forehead against hers. “Are you hungry, darling?” “No.” “Well, I am,” he said and proceeded to bite her earlobe playfully. “I’ll make you dinner once I’ve eaten.” His words left Caroline speechless once again.

At the Hacketts’ residence, Marietta couldn’t wait any longer. With the help of her assistant, she contacted Aiden Hackett and explained her call. His expression changed immediately when he heard what she said.

“Ms. Weiss, you’re a globally renowned scriptwriter, no doubt. My family loves the stories you write too, but I can’t just let you fabricate about what goes on in my family.

“Yvonne is my daughter,” said Marietta. “Take a look at this report if you don’t believe me.” She handed the report that she just received two days ago over to him.

Aiden didn’t even spare it a single glance. “Yvonne is my biological daughter. I’m her father, so do you really think I’d be oblivious to this?” Marietta had to admit that she also found it strange when the hired private detective told her about Yvonne.

Yvonne’s identity was pretty straightforward. She was known publicly as Aiden’s daughter with his wife, and wasn’t an illegitimate child.

Aiden had children, so there was no reason for him to adopt one from an orphanage. Strangely, though, this happened.

Marietta snapped back from her thoughts. She took out the copy of the adoption certificate that the private detective had given her.

Take a look at this,” she said. “Your wife signed this back then.” Aiden picked up the certificate to see that his wife’s signature was indeed on it.

His expression changed instantly. He hesitated for awhile before asking a housemaid to send for his wife.

Aiden's wife was a picture of grace and sophistication. After being briefed by Aiden, she picked up the certificate off the table to inspect it. "Indeed, this handwriting looks very similar to mine," she told them, her voice doubtful. "But I've never signed this.

Perhaps there was a mistake." Aiden said, "Ms. Weiss, did you hear her? You must've been mistaken." Still, Marietta wasn't going to give in just like this. She and Yvonne had taken a maternity test, which confirmed their biological relationship. There was no mistaking it.

"How about we let the truth speak for itself?" Marietta suggested. "So that we can finally put this to rest." "What do you mean?" Aiden asked.

Have Yvonne and I take a maternity test," she said. "Your men will be responsible for it. What do you think?"

Aiden and his wife exchanged glances. His wife smiled and said, "We'll agree to it if you insist. It'll save us from trouble in the future, anyway." Aiden didn't object to the idea as his wife had agreed to it. He told his butler to send for Yvonne.

The group headed to the Hackett's private hospital together. The Hackett family didn't own as many hospitals across the nation as the Morrisons. Still, it had quite its share of medical resources. Hence, it wasn't a chore for them to order a maternity test. Soon after getting a call from the butler, Yvonne arrived at the hospital.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 683-Marietta felt a rush of emotions when she first saw Yvonne, but the feelings vanished rather quickly. She thought it was strange. She had anticipated more excitement when meeting her long-lost daughter. But as Yvonne walked toward her... Instead of sensing a familiar feeling with Yvonne, Marietta was growing increasingly resistant to the idea that she was her daughter.

With a hand on her chest, Marietta told herself that she was feeling that way simply because she wasn't completely certain if Yvonne was her daughter yet.

"Dad, Mom, why did you call me here?" Yvonne wasn't aware of Marietta. She was focused on reading the label "Laboratory" on the door behind her parents.

“Are you feeling sick?” Yvonne asked worriedly.

“No” Aiden patted her on the shoulder. He explained, “Ms. Weiss here claims that you are her daughter. She wouldn’t be convinced otherwise.” “We wanted you to take a test.” He continued, “Are you okay with this?” Only after hearing his words did Yvonne realize that Marietta was with them.

She smiled brightly. After all, Marietta was a famous scriptwriter.

“Ms. Weiss, I’m really not your daughter,” she responded. “But if you insist on taking the test, I’m fine with it.” Marietta smiled at Yvonne, who seemed like a dutiful daughter to Aiden and his wife. “Thank you for your understanding. Let’s begin, shall we?” Aiden stepped aside from the door of the laboratory. “Please,” he said.

“Hold on,” Marietta said abruptly. “Yvonne and I have taken a test before, so it isn’t necessary. How about you and your wife take the test, Mr. Hackett? We’ll know for certain then.

Aiden pondered it for a moment. What she said was reasonable, so he agreed, “Alright. We’ll head in first then. Please wait for us here.” “Okay.

Marietta took a step backward and felt her heart race at the uncertainty of it all.

When she saw- how confident and determined the Hackett couple looked, a seed of doubt grew in her heart. She second-guessed herself, The present technology for DNA testing was highly developed. There should be no reason for anything to go wrong Once in the laboratory, Yvonne finally got the chance to ask her parents about the incident. “Dad, Mom, when did Marietta and I take a DNA test? Why am I not aware of it?” Aiden and his wife glanced at each other. Aiden said, “She must’ve gotten her hands on a hair sample of yours. Something like this is easy to accomplish. All she had to do was hire a private detective.” “Oh my! This is terrifying!” exclaimed Yvonne. “Thank goodness I’m not her daughter. It’d be horrifying to have a mother like her.” Yvonne stuck her tongue out exaggeratingly. An amused Mrs. Hackett ruffled her hair in response. “You’re a naughty one, aren’t you? Ms. Weiss’ daughter went missing when she was very young.” “Perhaps Ms. Weiss was desperate in her search that she came to us.” She added, “We’re your parents, so how could we not know that you’re our biological daughter?” “Yep,” Yvonne chirped in agreement as she leaned against Mrs. Hackett’s shoulder.

Time passed as they chatted. Soon, the doctor was done taking their samples.

“Sir, you’ll have to wait a while for the results,” the doctor informed them.

“Okay.” Aiden stood up and said, “Let’s wait outside.” The three of them left the laboratory.

Marietta saw them and approached with hasty footsteps.

“It’ll take some time to get the results,” said Mrs. Hackett as she held Marietta’s hand in hers. “I understand how anxious you are in searching for your daughter, but Yvonne is ours. You might be disappointed.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 684-Marietta’s daughter went missing when she was about five years old. The Hackett couple would know if their daughter was secretly replaced with another.

It would be impossible otherwise.

The thought made Marietta panic. Aiden and his wife were certain that Yvonne was their biological daughter. If they weren’t her biological parents, they wouldn’t have gone through with the test Marietta questioned if her search efforts were in vain. Just then, the doctor exited the laboratory, with a grim expression.

“Sir..” he said “How is it?” Aiden smiled. “Let Ms. Weiss have a look at the results.” The doctor wavered.

Aiden noticed his hesitance and immediately sensed something amiss. “What’s wrong?” Eventually, the doctor told him, “Sir, the results showed that Ms. Hackett isn’t related to you by blood” Everyone’s expression changed when he finished speaking.

“N–no way! I’m daddy’s daughter!” Yvonne sounded frantic. “There must be something wrong with the report!” Aiden snatched the report from the doctor angrily. His face fell after he scanned through it. He turned to stare at his wife in disbelief.

Mis. Hackett's clenched her hands. "What's wrong, dear? Don't look at me like that." "Yvonne's not our daughter," Aiden said. Shocked, she staggered to the point of almost falling completely.

"T—that's impossible." Marietta took the report from Aiden. She confirmed that Yvonne was not related to the Hackett couple.

Looking at the three devastated people before her, Marietta found herself at a loss for words. All she could do was stare in silence.

"No!" Yvonne screamed, her voice full of despair and frustration. "You must've colluded with the doctor to give us a false report. Dad, Mom, this can't fool you!" Marietta furrowed her brows +15 BONUS "Get lost, you lunatic! Don't try to steal another's child if you can't find yours!" Yvonne hollered.

You're no different than a human trafficker, Scram!" These words made Marietta's frown deepen. She understood that Yvonne was emotionally distraught from the sudden revelation. But, this didn't mean that Yvonne could insult or accuse others.

"I'm sorry." Marietta's heart dropped. After so many years of searching for her daughter, she had lost hope once again.

She had imagined that her daughter might not want to admit their relationship.

The time she spent with Caroline made her forget that the human mind and heart were complex things.

"I'll take my leave. We'll talk about this after everyone has calmed down." She left the hospital immediately.

Yvonne couldn't hold back her tears anymore. She threw herself into her mother's arms and cried her lungs out.

H "Dad, Mom, I'm your daughter! I'm your daughter forever and ever! Don't leave me! I don't want to become an orphan..." She sobbed." Aiden and his wife locked gazes, their hearts long since shattered into pieces.

They didn't expect this to happen.

Just a moment ago, the three of them were a happy family. They couldn't understand how they suddenly found themselves to be strangers.

They thought it was strange. Marietta's daughter went missing when she was around five years old. The time it happened wasn't matching up.

Aiden and his wife felt that they couldn't have mistaken their daughter for someone else at that time.

They all fell silent, each lost in their own thoughts.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 685-Caroline and Kirk were eating when they heard knocking on the door. She looked at the time and wondered aloud, "Who could be visiting us at this hour?" "I'll get the door," said Kirk. He got up and headed toward the door. After peeking through the doorhole, his expression changed.

"Who is it?" asked Caroline.

She had just asked her question when Kirk opened the door to admit a haggard-looking Marietta. Caroline rushed to her and led into the house. "Mom, what happened to you?" Marietta looked lifeless. "It's confirmed that Yvonne is my daughter," she mumbled.

"Isn't this great news? Why do you look so-" Marietta started mumbling again, leaving Caroline's sentence unfinished. Her voice was low, so Caroline couldn't tell if she was talking to her, or simply mumbling to herself.

"But she doesn't accept me as her mother," Marietta muttered.

Caroline paled at her words and gripped Marietta's hands to comfort her.

Kirk headed into the kitchen to pour Marietta a glass of water.

"Did you see Yvonne?" Caroline's voice was laced with concern. "Can you tell me what happened?" Marietta went in and out of her daze as she explained what transpired. Although her sentences were sometimes unclear, Caroline still managed to get a gist of what had happened. She pulled Marietta into her arms and said, "It's fine, Mom. She might not accept it now, but she'll surely do so in the future." "Do you really think so?" Marietta curled up in Caroline's embrace, like a fragile little Carrie, do you think I've failed as a mother?" canary.

Caroline looked down at the frail-looking woman and felt her heart ache. Still, she didn't know how to comfort Marietta.

After all, Caroline wasn't Marietta's biological daughter. She felt like it wasn't her place to say anything. Only Marietta's biological daughter could put in a word or two at a time like this.

"Have some water," Kirk said as he brought Marietta the glass.

After taking a few gulps of water, she didn't feel as cold as before. It suddenly dawned on her that Caroline and Kirk were having dinner when she arrived.

"I must've interrupted you," she said. "Please finish your meals. Don't mind me." +15 BONUS "It's no big deal," Caroline told her. "Have you eaten?" "Yes," Marietta replied with a gentle smile. She abruptly recalled how Yvonne had yelled at her to leave, and her heart broke at the thought. Still, she put on a smile as if to comfort herself. "Please continue. I'll take a seat here in the living room. Pay me no mind." Hesitating, Caroline turned to look at Kirk. He reached his hand out toward her and said, "Let's go then." Caroline's eyes widened at his response. She stared at him, puzzled. But he simply nodded and pulled her to the dining room.

Caroline lowered her voice and asked, "Are you sure we should be leaving her alone like this?" When they got to the dining table, Kirk glanced at Marietta. He advised, "Leave her alone for a bit. You can't help much even if you were to keep her company." "Hurry and eat." He added, "Otherwise, you'll get hungry." Caroline nodded in understanding, but she still glanced worriedly at Marietta.

"Eat." Kirk flicked her on the forehead. She eventually relented and continued gobbling up her meal.

Caroline was affected by what had happened to Marietta, making the meal unpleasant. After she finished, she discovered that Marietta was already asleep on the couch.

Caroline shushed Kirk and whispered, "I'm getting her a blanket. Keep your voice low. Don't wake her up." She went into the bedroom to get a blanket for Marietta. Kirk couldn't hide his smile after having seen Caroline tiptoeing to the bedroom.

He was amused and thought her to be silly.



He glanced over at Marietta, who looked very much lethargic on the couch. He shook his head helplessly at her.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 686-Many issues could have been solved if Marietta's biological daughter had been Caroline.

Caroline brought a blanket out from the bedroom and draped it over Marietta.

She took Kirk's hand and whispered, "Let's turn in." They should let Marietta rest.

Upon entering the bedroom, Kirk immediately wrapped an arm around Caroline's waist. Sensing his intention, she quickly pressed her hands against his chest to stop him.

"Don't. Mom's still outside," she warned.

A smirk played on his lips as he gripped her hands and said, "I wasn't planning on doing anything, though. What were you thinking, darling?" A blush crept up Caroline's cheeks. A moment later, she spoke, "I wonder if Yvonne will accept Marietta as her mother." "Marietta spent half of her life searching for her daughter. Now that she's finally found her daughter, she won't be able to take it if her daughter can't return with her." Kirk tugged at Caroline, urging her to sit on the bed. "Don't worry about it too much. Marietta's no ordinary woman. She must've expected this, so she'll be able to snap out of it real soon." "Kirk," said Caroline as she rested her head on his shoulder. "Why do you think there are so many bad endings in this world?" Kirk felt his heart ache at her words, and he pulled her into a tight embrace.

They didn't talk for the rest of the night.

When Marietta woke up the next morning, she seemed as lively as she had always been. Caroline still sensed that Marietta hadn't fully recovered from last night's incident. She thought that Marietta was merely putting on this act because she didn't want them to worry.

"What do you plan to do today, Mom?" Caroline asked. She told Cheryl she wouldn't be going to work today and would stay home to keep Marietta company.

“Nothing, I guess,” Marietta said. “There’s no work for me to do these few days.” “How about we go shopping?” Caroline suggested. “You’ve been here awhile and I still haven’t shown you around” “Sure,” Marietta happily obliged.

After breakfast, Caroline asked Kirk to join them, and the three began their journey. Naturally, the task of driving fell to Kirk.

“I never thought I’d see the day when I would be riding in your car,” said Marietta in the backseat.

Kirk glanced at her through the rearview mirror and said, “I’ll drive you around any day.” Hearing his reply, Marietta pursed her lips to stifle a smile.

Caroline noticed this and laughed. “Kirk’s serious, you know? He resigned, so he has plenty of time to spare nowadays. Just call him if you want to head outside.” “You resigned?” Shock washed over Marietta’s face. She wondered why she knew nothing of the change of ownership in the SY Group.

“That’s right.” Kirk didn’t feel like explaining himself, so he said, “Darling, help me turn on the navigation.” “Okay,” said Caroline. She leaned in closer to him to help set the application up.

Their intimate actions put a smile on Marietta’s face. She felt comforted at the sight of them. It was as though Caroline and Kirk had the ability to soothe her when she was feeling down.

Warmth and tranquility filled the air in the car. Unbeknownst to them, a huge commotion had started on various social media platforms.

Just a couple of days ago, everyone was talking about how Eddy had helped Layla take over the Collins Group. She had helped restore the Evans family back to their glorious days.

Since then, the tables have turned. Some people claimed that they saw Eddy heading to Evans Group. Others said that Layla was arrested by the cops..

As there wasn’t a single picture to prove these claims, it was all chalked up to hearsay.

Eventually, Caroline and Layla’s supporters argued with one another. It created such a stir. As a result, even the entertainment gossip columns in the papers weren’t selling as well.

After all, the discourse revolved around the Collins Group takeover. Many people were keen to see who would emerge victorious.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 687-“Say no more, Layla will definitely win! Eddy will surely help Layla. He even helped her with Evanson Corp. He didn’t say a word when she failed to manage it and gained some backlash. Instead, he helped her out of the mess!” “I am aware of this as well. It’s precisely why I think Eddy will help her take over the Collins Group.” “That’s bullshit! That was in the past. Eddy doesn’t even want to talk to Layla anymore. Otherwise, she would’ve been long out of prison.” “If you don’t have pictures of it, you can’t prove it. If Layla reads this, she could sue you for defamation.” “Hilarious! Do you think she can view these posts now? If you know nothing about this, just keep your mouth shut. At Jude Morrison’s funeral, it was obvious who was supporting who.” “Caroline was in charge of all the preparations for his funeral. Isn’t the problem clear enough?” “What did I just read? Caroline took it upon herself to make the preparations for the funeral. Wow! Doesn’t this mean that the Morrisons have acknowledged her as family already?” “I feel the same way. Even though Eddy and Layla kept appearing publicly together it’s in the past now.” “That’s enough. It was just a funeral. Maybe it was Jude’s dying wish, and Eddy was forced to oblige. You sure enjoy overthinking, don’t you? Don’t forget that Caroline’s married now.” “Caroline doesn’t stand a chance to be a Morrison. Do you really think the Morrisons would accept a once married woman as their daughter-in-law?” Things were chaotic online. Yet, Caroline and Marietta were having a ball on their trip together.

As their trip came to an end, Marietta hesitated to let go of Caroline’s hands.

Thanks for keeping me company today, Carrie. I feel much better now.” “Haven’t I said before that you don’t need to thank me?” said Caroline. “Come and look for me if you ever feel upset. I have lots of time on my hands, anyways.” “Is that so?” Marietta smiled. “What about the homework I assigned you last time?” She was talking about the unfinished script that she had asked Caroline to carry on writing.

“That goes without saying. I even wrote more than you asked me to,” said Caroline. “I’ll show it to you when we’re back.” “Okay.” +15 BONUS Suddenly Kirk chose to speak. “Can we leave now?” His tone made it obvious that he was very much displeased Marietta laughed. “Kirk, you’re doing it wrong. I was simply speaking to Caroline, yet you’re already upset. Should I be mad at

you for keeping her by your side all day long then?" "Mom!" Caroline exclaimed.

"I was only joking with him, but you're already coming to his defense." Marietta just wouldn't stop teasing them both. "It seems to me that nobody will ever love me." They continued chatting on their way back home. When they arrived, Caroline still couldn't stop worrying about leaving Marietta alone. She asked Marietta to spend the night at her and Kirk's place.

"I can show you my script." Caroline pulled at Marietta's hand to stop her from leaving. "Will you go upstairs?" Marietta grinned from ear to ear. "I'm afraid someone wouldn't want me to stay." Her gaze fell on Kirk.

Kirk undoubtedly didn't want Marietta to spend the night at their place. However, he knew all too well just how worried Caroline was for her.

"Let's go," he said as he held the elevator doors open for Marietta, who tried to hide a smile.

If she didn't see it for herself, she would never have believed that Kirk would ever give in to somebody. Caroline had truly changed him.

When they reached the house, Caroline led Marietta into the study. Kirk sat on the couch to look over some documents.

He had to be discreet and inconspicuous whenever he wanted to work, as he had told Caroline that he'd already resigned. When she was nearby, he would switch tabs on his laptop. It appeared as though he was playing games.

Having lived like this awhile, Kirk somehow found it quite enjoyable. Sean teased him when he learned of his working condition at home. He commented that Kirk was now the exact opposite of a workaholic.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 688-While the entire office staff worked with reluctance, Kirk was the exact opposite.

Although he seemed to be relaxing at home, his mind was actually on work all of the time.

The corner of his lips tilted upward in a smile. It was his life's greatest joy to be able to see Caroline constantly.

It was all worth it. Even if it meant he had to go out of his way to pretend that he didn't have a job. He didn't want to lose Caroline again.

He "resigned" after he considered cutting ties with the Morrison family. He also wanted to watch out for Caroline.

Jude's death had indeed affected her, even though she seemed unfazed. As long as her trauma was left undealt with, she was a ticking bomb that could go off at any moment.

Kirk's smile vanished at this thought. The joy in his eyes now replaced by a sheet of coldness.

In the study, Marietta had just finished reading the script Caroline had written.

Stunned, she looked up at Caroline.

"Carrie, did you really write this?" asked Marietta.

"What's wrong? Is it that horrible?" "That's not it," Marietta assured her. "You've improved so much in such a short period of time. Is someone in your family involved with literature?" Caroline tried to recall if there was anyone in the Evans family who wrote for a living. "Nope," she said.

It didn't matter if it was Dan or Sarah; both of them were parasites regardless.

Neither of them worked hard themselves to achieve what they had today, much less work as a writer, "Well then, you're very talented at scriptwriting. You're just like me." Marietta wasn't abashed in the slightest when complimenting herself.

"Keep up the good work," Marietta encouraged. "I'll introduce you to some publishers once you've completed it. We'll see how that goes." "Huh? Are you sure about that? I wrote it just for fun," Caroline said, slightly taken aback.

"Are you telling me that you wrote this without giving it much thought?" Marietta exclaimed. "You'll definitely earn a Nobel prize if you start taking it seriously." "You must be kidding" Caroline was close to believing Marietta's words.

"I'm not." Marietta wore a serious expression. "You're truly talented at this. If you put some effort into it, I'm sure you'll be able to create something astounding." "All you need to do is take note of what goes on later on in the story," said Marietta. "What you've written is good enough for the moment." It never crossed Caroline's mind that her first draft would receive such high praise. "Alright. I'll carry on writing." "Remember to see me when you're done with it. I'll refine it for you," Marietta reminded.

"Okay," Caroline happily agreed to it. After chatting for some time, the two walked out of the room Kirk heard them coming and quickly pretended to be occupied with a game.

"I'm heading back," said Marietta as she stole a sideways glance at Kirk.

"Someone's mad at me for taking up so much of your time today." Caroline laughed. It occurred to her that Marietta loved teasing Kirk for no apparent reason.

Caroline wanted to see Marietta off, but Marietta was against the idea. She insisted on riding the elevator alone.

Once Marietta got into the elevator, the smile on her face vanished completely. It took a lot out of her to stop thinking about the incident with her daughter. But without Caroline by her side, she immediately remembered it in the quietness.

As a means to divert her attention elsewhere, Marietta took out her phone. She was about to start scrolling on social media when she saw a message from her assistant.

Her eyes lit up when she read its contents.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 689-In the assistant's message, someone claiming to be Yvonne's sister shared that she had an idea to help Yvonne accept her relationship with Marietta.

Without giving it a second thought, Marietta immediately called her assistant.

“Where is she?” “She’s at a cafe in Orchid Avenue right now,” the assistant answered. “You can directly meet her there.” Marietta hung up. She rushed to hail a cab and headed straight for the cafe.

It didn’t take long for her to reach her destination. It was pretty close to where Marietta was before. She suspected that the woman knew of her whereabouts and deliberately chose this place.

As soon as she stepped into the cafe, Marietta saw Aurora sitting at a table. She instantly knew that her suspicions proved to be right.

“You were the one who messaged my assistant, right?” Marietta took a seat before Aurora, who was wearing a small smile.

Aurora spoke respectfully to Marietta. “Yes, Ms. Weiss. I heard about the problem you’re facing. It never occurred to me that my sister-in-law is your biological daughter. Fate truly works in mysterious ways.” Marietta wasn’t in the mood to listen to her nonsense. “Let’s get straight to the point. Do you really have a way to get my daughter to accept our relationship?”

Don’t tell me it’s going to be by force.” She knitted her brows, looking all grim and serious. “I won’t agree to it.” “Don’t worry, I won’t hurt her,” Aurora said. “I’ll ensure that she willingly returns to your side.” Marietta didn’t buy it. She refused to believe such a miracle would actually happen. She had seen for herself how Yvonne reacted on that very day.

“Are you sure you can do it? What do you want as a reward if you succeed?” Aurora was stunned by Marietta’s straightforwardness. A moment later, she said, “T—that’s not what I meant. I want to help simply because I want to be your friend. I have no other intentions.” Marietta let out a bark of laughter. “Stop trying to pull my strings and just tell me what you want. An opportunity like this will never return.” Hearing this, Aurora dropped the act. Beating around the bush could piss Marietta off, losing her chance once and for all.

“I. I want a place in your scripts. It would be best if you could give me the role of the leading-‘ Aurora swallowed her words mid sentence when she noticed the change in expression on +15 BONUS Marietta silently pondered the idea for some time before telling her, “I do have a script that I intend to use for the collaboration with SY Group. However, things aren’t set in stone yet.” “It’ll take about two days for me to get the contract signed.” She continued, “If you trust me, I can give you the role of the second female lead once that’s done.” “But there’s something you should keep in mind,” she added as she stared into

Aurora's eyes. 'I might be able to hand you the role, but it's none of my business if your acting sucks and the director dislikes you.' The script that she was referring to was one that she had put a lot of effort into.

It was different from the half-baked script last time.

So if Aurora wasn't good enough for the role and the director wanted a change, Marietta wouldn't step in to defend Aurora. This served as a warning to her.

Naturally, Aurora accepted the offer. "Worry not, Ms. Weiss. I'll do my job perfectly.

"Okay, so tell me this idea of yours." Aurora smiled. "I can't tell you about it now. You'll have to wait a couple of days first Yvonne will gladly meet you." "What if that doesn't happen?" Marietta asked.

"If it doesn't, you can rescind the role you offered me Marietta gave it some thought and made up her mind. "It's a deal, but you have to give me a time frame" Aurora lowered her head and thought deeply A moment later, she raised her eyes to meet Marietta's and said, "It'll take no more than five days. If Yvonne doesn't see you within five days, you can cancel your offer " "Okay, I'm leaving." Marietta stood up to leave After seeing Marietta off, Aurora's face scrunched up in contempt Yvonne was so lucky to have Marietta as her mother

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 690-Aurora pitied herself for being unlucky.

In the next instance, she smirked as she realized that getting on Yvonne's good side was a lot easier than dealing with Caroline.

Back at the villa, Caroline was in bed, about to hit the sack when she turned to Kirk. She asked, Do you know what I can do to help Mom?" Her heart broke whenever she saw how Marietta forced a smile.

Kirk wrapped an arm around Caroline's waist. He thought about the question for some time before shaking his head and telling her, "I have no idea." "Think of one! I'm sure you'll come up with something," said Caroline as she stared at him expectantly.



Kirk smiled wryly at her. "You have that much faith in me, huh?" "Naturally." Caroline leaned against his chest. "I have a hunch you'll think of something" "What if I don't?" "Then, it's a most complex problem. But I'm sure you'll be the first to think of a way to solve it even if you can't right now." Kirk smiled gently at her. "You flatter me, darling So, what do you want?" Caroline giggled now that her ploy was exposed Sitting up from the bed, she told him. "It's nothing much, really. I just need you to help me with something " In truth, she had thought this over a few days, but couldn't gather the courage to inform him about it "Tell me," Kirk ruffled her hair.

"I'm wondering. If you could make arrangements for me to meet Eddy's second uncle?" Although she knew the man's name, she was used to referring to him as Eddy's second uncle She stared at Kirk, worried that he might get upset like last time.

Frowning, Kirk lowered his voice and asked, "Why do you want to see him?" Something felt unsettled in him. He thought that he'd never get jealous again after knowing how much Caroline loved him Despite that Caroline glanced up at him "Although he's a jerk, he's helped me many times "Eddy's second uncle was particularly kind toward her.

There was another reason why she wanted to meet him, but she wasn't brave enough to share it with Kirk.

She wanted to know what Eddy's second uncle was thinking. Gwen told her that he might be interested in her, so she had planned to ask him about this at Jude's funeral Nobody expected him to be absent. He even asked her to memorize a book randomly. The more she thought about it, the more she found it strange.

She didn't have to be as worried if he truly had eyes for her. It meant that he wouldn't harm her. However, if he had other intentions....

A wave of panic gripped Caroline's heart when she remembered that Eddy had come to see her just a few days ago. Somehow, she felt that she couldn't sleep well if she didn't meet Eddy's second uncle in person.

"Can I? Please?" Caroline blinked at him endearingly with puppy dog eyes.

Kirk felt his throat burn. Cursing inwardly, he couldn't reply.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 691-A few hours later, Caroline was drenched in sweat while lying on top of Kirk.

Stubbornly, she asked, "So does this mean that you agree?" Kirk was silent for a second before he nodded.

Gleefully, Caroline planted a kiss on his cheek. "Kirk, you're the best." Holding Caroline close, Kirk couldn't help but feel exasperated. It seemed that he had landed himself in some trouble. In a few days, he had to get someone to pretend to be him. He hoped that when Caroline learns of his true identity, she wouldn't remember this little incident.

After Jude's passing, Eddy moved into the Morrison residence. In the residence, Eddy felt as though Jude was still lingering.

"I'm sorry." Eddy brushed his hands across the surface of the table Jude frequently used. "Grandpa, I'm really useless. I'm not able to fulfill your final wish. But don't worry, I'll make sure Caroline becomes your granddaughter-in-law. That way, your regrets won't last forever." He added, "I'll also investigate Caroline's husband and verify if it is indeed Uncle Kirk." After the funeral, Eddy had gotten Simon to ask the airline to check. True enough, Kirk had gone to Newonia. Someone had even snapped a photograph of Kirk's silhouette. The photo wasn't very clear, but he could recognise Kirk at a glance. After all, Kirk was someone Eddy had always idolized.

"Mr. Eddy." Simon knocked on the door before opening it. Finding Eddy back in Jude's study, he sighed soundlessly. "Ms. Evans is here." "Caroline's here?" Eddy turned and headed for the door. But before he got there, he found Layla standing by it. With that, the smile on his face froze instantly.

Simon clarified sheepishly, "Not Ms, Caroline, it's Ms. Layla, "Alright, you may go now," Eddy walked toward Layla.

Spotting Eddy, Layla immediately put on a pitiful look, "Eddy, I-I'm so glad I can finally see you.

Eddy frowned. "Why are you here to see me?" "Eddy, shouldn't you ask me about what I suffered in there?" Layla put on a tearful expression. "I-" Eddy cut her off brutally. "You brought that on yourself. Did you even know what you were doing?"

"You nearly killed someone!" Stunned, Layla stared at Eddy. "Eddy, you've really changed. You didn't use to be like this..." "That's because I spoiled you in the past and allowed you to be so reckless. You even faked a disease and was nearly the cause of Caroline's death. Layla, you saved my life, so I usually let you do whatever you want. But from today onward, I won't let you hurt Caroline again." Layla felt like she'd been hit hard. She said in disbelief, "Eddy, you've really changed. Alright. Since you no longer care about me, I won't persistently pester you anymore. But can you do me one last favor on account of the fact that I once saved you?" "What favor?" Eddy finally felt some relief as Layla wasn't making a huge fuss.

"Have you heard about the acquisition of the Collins Group?" "Of course I have." Layla looked right into Eddy's eyes. "Well, I want it."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 692-Eddy's expression shifted upon hearing Layla's request. "What did you say?" He was happy to help Caroline and endorse her. Indeed, Caroline had proved that she was capable of managing. But he had severe doubts about Layla.

Eddy recalled the last deal that had resulted in a loss and his eyebrows scrunched up tightly. "NO way! I can agree to anything else, but never this. Do you know how much effort it takes to manage such a big company? Have you already forgotten what happened with the Evanson Corporation?" "Eddy." Layla's hands clenched into fists. She would always feel hurt when it came to that matter. "Of course I know. That's why I'll hand the Collins Group over to someone else to manage once I get it." She clarified, "Eddy, I don't want this because of the Collins Group's position among the top four. I want it because I need insurance. Without you, I don't know how I'm supposed to survive." Eddy frowned even harder, but he could not back down on this..

If he helped Layla acquire the Collins Group, the Morrison Corporation would have to deal with the potential fallout if the group wasn't managed well. There was too much risk involved.

"Eddy, are you really going to leave me to fend for myself?" Layla cried devastatingly. "I just don't want Caroline to bully me after I lose you. I merely want some assurances for myself... Now, only having the Collins Group will give me a sense of security." Hearing Layla cry, Eddy felt very frustrated. Suddenly, he looked at Layla. "Do you really want the Collins Group because you're worried Caroline will take revenge on you?" Stunned, Layla quickly

nodded after coming back to herself. "Yes." "Alright. Then I'll give you a hand and endorse you. I'll help you acquire the Collins Group." Eddy's sudden change of mind left Layla uncertain. "Eddy, are you lying to me?" "No." Eddy repeated himself again. "But let me make something clear. I'm only going to be your guarantor, Acquiring the Collins Group will have to depend on your own abilities "That's not a problem. In truth, Layla hadn't expected things to go so smoothly.

Furthermore, Eddy was going to be her guarantor himself. There was no chance that she would fail to get her hands on the Collins Group now.

On securing the Collins Group this time, Dan would announce Caroline's identity. Layla was confident that she would end up marrying Eddy after all that.

Kirk soon arranged a meeting with Eddy's second uncle as Caroline requested.

However, the meeting was to be held next week. The reason being, Eddy's second uncle was still overseas at the moment.

"Aw, we have to wait another week?" Gwen propped her chin up on her hand. "I really want to know what this big shot looks like." Sonia and Cheryl were very curious too. "Caroline, can you do a livestream when you meet him? We really want to know what this president looks like as well." Caroline chuckled. "A livestream, too? You're making it seem like I'm visiting a zoo. I'll try to sneak a photo when the time comes." "Alright! Let's see what kind of hottie this guy is!" Gwen was overjoyed.

Caroline was actually really excited as well.

In the blink of an eye, a week passed. After getting off work, Caroline drove the car to the restaurant.

To stop Kirk from worrying, she had planned to have him with her. Unfortunately, Kirk was called away by Sean, so she could only attend the meeting by herself.

Caroline gave Kirk's name at the restaurant. The waiter quickly brought her to a private room Inside, there was a man already sitting there with his back toward her.

Caroline's heart skipped a beat. She would finally meet the renowned president of the SY Group.

As she regarded the man's slightly portly figure, Caroline's expression changed slightly.

She seemed to recall that Eddy's second uncle didn't have this kind of physique.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 693-Right then, Sean was holed up in the surveillance room. Looking at Kirk, he said, "Kirk, there's something strange about Caroline's expression." Kirk followed Caroline's gaze on the screen.

Sean clicked his tongue. "Indeed, you know Caroline best." Sean saw how focused Kirk was on the footage. He didn't seem inclined to respond to Sean at all, so Sean kept his mouth shut and continued watching.

By now, Caroline had already walked up to the man hesitantly. Full of suspicion, she said, "You're the president of the SY Group?" The man thumbed his nose and said with a laugh, "Ms. Evans, you're mistaken.

I'm not Mr. Morrison. I'm his assistant." Hearing that, Caroline's expression cleared up. "Then where's the president?" The man smiled. "Ms. Evans, please wait a moment. Mr. Morrison will be here soon." "Alright." "Ms. Evans, Mr. Morrison says that you should order first." Caroline nodded slightly but didn't make a move. She insisted on waiting for Eddy's second uncle to arrive. She was worried that this meeting would fall through again. She had been left hanging too many times before already.

Seeing that Caroline had no intentions to order, the man went outside. He marched straight into the surveillance room nearby.

"Sir, the mission's complete," the man respectfully reported to Kirk.

Kirk nodded. He called Charles and asked him, "Is he here?" "He's downstairs." Kirk hung up and said to the other man "Go on, then Yes, sir.

+15 BONUS Sean couldn't help but ask, "Kirk, you're already aware that Caroline has met you before. She remembers everything about you. Yet, why

are you making it obvious that something's amiss?" Kirk leaned back into the seat, sinking into the couch. He rubbed his nose and said, "We've had countless opportunities to meet in the past. Still, it never happened. Carrie is a smart woman. She might have already thought that we're the same person." He went on, saying, "However, love blinded her temporarily. It made her trust me more. Besides, she really doesn't like the Morrison family. That's why she doesn't want me to be one of them." Kirk was getting to the point. He explained, "She might sense that it's fake if the first person she meets fits the bill perfectly. She would doubt herself and start wondering if she was looking at the real Kirk Morrison." Sean sucked his teeth. "Kirk, you really do understand Caroline exceptionally well..." As he spoke, Sean looked at Kirk with sympathy.

It was exactly because he knew Caroline's mind so well that Kirk probably knew how much Caroline was suffering now. And, he was the only one who could do so. Thinking of this, Sean couldn't help but "admire" Jude Morrison.

Though he had passed on, he was still able to place such huge stumbling blocks between Kirk and Caroline. Sean only hoped that these blocks didn't end up becoming bombs.

Even if they did, he hoped they would never explode.

Thinking to himself, Sean's gaze once again fell on Caroline on the screen.

Right then, the door to the private room opened after a knock. It was the man who had just left.

Caroline stood up. "Has Mr. Morrison arrived?"