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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 701-Caroline wanted to shield Kirk behind her, but she wasn't tall enough to do any good. She could only clutch Kirk's hand tighter to broadcast her ownership.

"That's right." Aurora said sarcastically, "He's quite the looker. Too bad being handsome can't pay the rent.

Her words dragged Yvonne back to earth. She immediately looked away and said, "I heard your husband relies on you financially. Is that right?" She cast her taunting gaze on Caroline.

It was only by saying this that Yvonne felt like she could make herself feel better.

Otherwise, she would be too enraged whenever she saw Caroline's face.

Yvonne?

Displeased, Caroline put on a sullen expression. Although Marietta had organized this dinner, and she was happy to behave because of that, no one was allowed to talk about Kirk negatively.

"How do you know so much about my affairs? Do you hide under my bed or something?" With that, Yvonne's face turned scarlet.

Marietta also thought Yvonne had gone overboard. "Yvonne, that is a matter of Caroline's family.

You're an outsider and don't know anything about them, so don't talk about it." Yvonne was just about to retort when Aurora stopped her with a look.

"Today is a happy day, so let's all cool it." Aurora stood up and filled everyone's glasses. If she wasn't trying to butter Marietta up, she wouldn't be doing a waitress' job.

"Here, have a drink." Only then did Caroline and Kirk take their seats.

After the two sat down, Marietta lifted her glass and said, "I'd like first to thank Carrie that I can be reunited with my daughter here today. If it weren't for the

way Caroline worked so hard to find her, I don't know if I would have found Yvonne. So, this toast is to thank you, Carrie." Caroline raised her glass, too. "Mom, that's what I should be doing. I've learned a lot in the time I've been by your side. Thank you." 25 BONUS Seeing how intimate Manetta and Caroline were. Yvonne felt very uncomfortable. She especially disliked the way Caroline kept calling Marietta "Mom", as if Manetta really was her mother steal Manetta away as well.

"Mom," Yvonne suddenly said, "why does Caroline also call you Mom? Could she be your biological daughter, too?" "Oh, she's not. I get along especially well with Carrie, so I took her as my goddaughter." "But since I'm back, shouldn't you..." Yvonne tugged Marietta's arm and whined, "Mom, I don't want to share you with someone else, okay?" Finally, Yvonne was calling her Mom. This made countless emotions surge to the forefront within Marietta. However... Marietta looked at Caroline. She really did like this person. Besides, doing this would be simply too cruel.

Meanwhile, Yvonne looked at Caroline victoriously. She would first get Marietta back. Then, she Caroline saw through Yvonne's intentions. To prevent Marietta from getting torn between them, she said, "Mom, no, Aunt Mary. Since you've already found your daughter, I think I should go back to calling you Aunt Mary." "Caroline..." "Let's eat, Aunt Mary." Caroline smiled.

Seeing Caroline's painstaking show of fortitude, Marietta felt her heart skip a beat. She wanted to say something, but Caroline secretly held her hand.

"Carrie..." Marietta's lips moved, but no sound came out.

Caroline shook her head lightly.

It had taken a lot for Yvonne to finally acknowledge Marietta as her mother.

Caroline didn't want to be the barrier that came between them.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 702-At this, Yvonne said sweetly, "Thank you for agreeing, Caroline" Caroline didn't react. "No need to thank me. I hope you'll take good care of Aunt Mary after this." "Of course I will." Yvonne hugged Marietta's arm.

Caroline didn't say anything more.

When the dinner came to an end, Caroline felt even more dejected. Although Marietta purposely ran after her to apologize, Caroline's mood didn't get better.

Her low spirits weren't caused by Yvonne forcing her to change the way she addressed Marietta. It was how Yvonne treated Marietta.

Caroline was saddened by the way Yvonne seemed to do whatever she wanted just because she was Marietta's daughter. Today, she had asked Marietta to renounce Caroline as her goddaughter.

But what would happen in the future?

"Darling, are you still thinking about what happened during dinner?" Kirk raised his hands and started gently massaging Caroline's temples.

Caroline lay her head on Kirk's shoulder. "Yeah." She continued, "I just feel like Yvonne shouldn't use the love Aunt Mary has for her to do whatever she wants. Kirk, do you think I'm being nosy here?" He caressed her hair. Once she slowly calmed down, he said, "Darling, everyone sees things.

differently. When something happens, you can't only look at it from your point of view." "But," Caroline raised her head, "I could feel that Aunt Mary was very unhappy." In truth, Caroline didn't know why her heart stung so much. She felt Marietta shouldn't be treated this way.

But now, the most she was was Marietta's friend. What right did she have to say anything?

Kirk's heart ached for Caroline. He hugged her waist. Caroline was a great person, but sometimes, she was simply too kind.

When they arrived back home, Caroline was so exhausted that she immediately collapsed into bed. When Kirk walked in, he saw Caroline bundled up in the sheets, wrapping herself up tight.

+15 BONUS He approached and noticed there was something wrong with Caroline's complexion. Her face was very red and dotted with sweat.

"Darling..." Kirk bent down and gently put his hand to her forehead. It was hot to the touch. It seemed Caroline had a fever.

Kirk immediately got his phone and called Sean. "Come over immediately." Sean had been comfortably enjoying his time in the land of dreams. When he heard this, he crawled out of bed. "Alright, I'll be right there." Kirk hung up.

Beside Sean, Gwen got up, rubbing her sleep-crusted eyes. "What's going on?" Sean replied, "Something must have happened to Caroline. I've got to make a trip there. Be good and rest. Wait for me to get back." But Gwen had already gotten out of bed. "I'm going with you." Sean wanted to say something further against it, but Gwen was quickly getting dressed. Left with no other choice, Sean brought Gwen along to Caroline's apartment.

When they arrived, Sean immediately asked Kirk, who had come to open the door, "What happened to Caroline?" Kirk's expression was very solemn. "She got a fever after we got home." "A fever?" Sean passed Kirk a thermometer from the first-aid kit. Then, he checked Caroline's eyes, finding them strangely red.

His heart skipped a beat, and a bad feeling grew in his stomach.

Caroline suddenly opened her eyes. Her reddened eyes stared right at Sean, making him jump.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 703-"Caroline," Sean tried calling her name. However, her gaze was dead set, not shifting at all.

After a long while, Caroline seemed to be stimulated by something. Crazed, she shouted, "Caroline, how could you be so heartless? I died because of you!" Seeing Caroline like this, even Gwen, with her bravery and what she'd gone through, shivered in fear. She clutched Sean's hand and asked, "What's happened to Carol?" "Hysteria." Sean looked up at Kirk and said, "Kirk. I'm going to call Micheal Caldwell over." Kirk's lips pressed into a thin line.

Sean didn't delay. He called Michael immediately and asked him to rush over.

After the call, Sean addressed Kirk again, "Kirk, you must prepare yourself. With Caroline's condition worsening so suddenly, she might need to go through some drug or physical therapy. This process will be a long and painful one Kirk's face turned pale. His fingers were icy as he clutched Caroline's hand tightly.

Caroline, who had been quiet for a moment, suddenly started spasming. White froth gathered at her mouth.

“Sean!” Gwen yelled anxiously.

Sean ran to the kitchen to get a towel. When he got back, he saw Caroline biting Kirk’s arm. Blood was already seeping from the wound.

“Kirk.” Sean passed the kitchen towel to Kirk, but he shook his head. The expression on his face remained firm, and he didn’t let out a single groan of pain.

After a while, Caroline finally stopped spasming and slowly returned to normal.

Only then did Kirk slowly withdraw his arm.

Gwen immediately saw the distinct teeth marks on Kirk’s arm. Before she could ask Kirk if that needed to be dealt with, Michael arrived.

I didn’t think it would come to this,” Michael sighed. “Mr. Morrison +15 BONUS Before Michael could finish speaking, Sean dragged him away. “Let’s talk outside.

Gwen was completely confused as she watched the three men stride out.

However, she focused her back on Caroline. Noticing the sweat on Caroline’s forehead, Gwen went to the bathroom to get a bucket of water. Meanwhile, out on the balcony, Sean made sure Gwen couldn’t hear before he said to Michael, “Alright, tell us. How is Caroline’s condition now?” Michael looked at Kirk in fear. Right then, the man’s expression was terrifyingly dark. He looked like a demon who had crawled out of hell.

Bracing himself, Michael said, “The madam’s condition has worsened. It will soon become...” Before he could finish, Kirk grabbed him by the collar. Instantly, he felt suffocated.

“Mr. Morrison ... Mr. Morrison...” Michael was so scared that his legs were shaking.

In the past, no matter how important the person he was treating was, he was always treated with respect. Now, with Kirk's wife as his patient, he felt like he'd be executed at any time.

Sean could understand how Kirk felt. However, threatening him did nothing to help.

"Kirk, calm down. Don't forget. Michael is the greatest expert in psychiatry now.

If you throttle him to death, there's no one who can better treat Caroline's condition." Kirk took a deep breath and slowly put Michael down.

Finally getting to breathe fresh air again, Michael started heaving.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 704-"You'd better come up with a good treatment plan. Otherwise, know that my patience is limited." Kirk held onto the balcony railing as he spoke. His tone was so cold it could freeze someone on the spot Michael looked at Sean in fear.

Sean patted his shoulder and said, "Just tell us. How did Caroline's condition suddenly get so bad?" Michael shook his head. "I don't know either. According to what Mr. Morrison has recounted in the past few days, the madam seems to have shifted her attention to the acquisition of the Collins Group. That's a very good development when it comes to my treatment plan. So... how could it get this bad?" Sean looked at Kirk and said, "Kirk, did something unusual happen today?" Kirk's eyebrows furrowed. "Marietta Weiss found her daughter." Both Sean and Michael were very familiar with Caroline's current situation.

Hearing this, the two showed expressions of understanding.

"This must have agitated the madam," Michael said. "Mr. Morrison, do you remember what I said to you before? Unless things have gotten to the point of no return, I do not recommend any external form of treatment. However... we're at that point now." Kirk's eyes narrowed. His tone was deep and difficult to decipher as he asked, "How the process?" painful is Michael replied, "I can't be sure about that. Everyone has their own threshold.

However, Mr.

Morrison, you must discuss this seriously with the madam first. If the patient rejects the treatment, the process will only be more painful.” Kirk’s fists clenched.

Michael looked at Sean silently. This prompted Sean to wave his hand, telling Michael to leave. With that, Michael immediately raced off.

When he was gone, Sean walked to Kirk’s side. He asked, “When do you plan on telling Caroline that she needs treatment?” Kirk put his forehead on the ICU railings +15 BONUS “I will make the Morrison family suffer the pain Caroline has gone through today by a hundred- no, a thousandfold!” At this, Sean pressed down on Kirk’s shoulders helplessly.

“How’s Carol?” Gwen asked in confusion, pushing open the balcony’s sliding door. She had given Caroline a sponge bath.

Seeing the dark expressions of the two men, Gwen felt her heart sink.

“Kirk, you should go inside and take care of Caroline. Gwen, come here...” Kirk headed inside.

After watching Kirk leave, Gwen turned to look at Sean.

In the time Sean took to explain things to Gwen, Kirk was back in the bedroom.

There, he saw Caroline lying weakly on the bed and felt his heart wrench. He knelt by the bed and held Caroline’s hand, placing a soft kiss on her skin.

In her dreams, Caroline had no clue what had happened.

On the balcony, Gwen had learned about everything. She was so angry that her whole body shook.

She turned and walked through the sliding doors before heading for the exit.

Seeing this, Sean stopped her. “What are you doing?” Gwen was so enraged that her eyes were bloodshot.

“I’m going to see Eddy. Isn’t he bullying her by doing this? It was so hard for Carol to finally live happily.

“How could his grandfather place these huge shackles on her like this? Carol has never owed the Morrison family anything. Isn't Mr. Morrison Senior guilt-tripping her?” Sean hugged Gwen and said, “Gwen, you need to calm down. Going to see Eddy now won't help things. The harm is done. Now, what we should be doing is help Caroline through this.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 705-Now, Gwen was shaking even more violently. She huddled in Sean's embrace and said, “How is this fair? How could Carol become embroiled in this when it was so difficult for her to escape the Morrison family?” Sean patted Gwen's back gently and sighed soundlessly.

The rest of the night passed in silence, and none of them slept. Sean and Gwen didn't leave, keeping vigil in Caroline's apartment.

The next day, when Caroline woke up and found her place filled with people, she was taken aback with shock. “Why are you guys here?” Caroline didn't have an inkling of what had happened last night at all.

Seeing Caroline awake, Gwen lost it. Tears streamed from her eyes. “Carol, you're awake. How do you feel now?” Sitting upright in bed, Caroline shifted her suspicious gaze from Kirk to Gwen “What happened to me?” She thought that she must have sweated a lot, considering how sticky she felt all over.

Gwen's eyes turned red again as she quickly turned to look at Sean.

Sean shot Caroline a smile. Then, he said to Kirk, “We're going outside. We'll leave things here to you.” He dragged Gwen out of the room. With that, only Caroline and Kirk were left in the bedroom.

Confused, Caroline looked at Kirk. She was wearing a faint smile as she asked, “What's up with everyone, Kirk? Why do you all look so grim?” Kirk sat by Caroline's side. After a night with no sleep, there were bruises under his eyes. Seeing him like this, Caroline started getting worried.

“I found out what Mr. Morrison Senior said before he died.” Caroline's expression changed drastically.

“I also know why you've been having nightmares lately.” Caroline hurriedly said, “Kirk, don't worry. I won't leave you.”

+15 BONUS Kirk started to laugh lightly. Even so, his eyes were filled with pain. “Darling, listen to me.” Caroline could only shut her mouth.

“I’ve hired a psychiatrist to see you.” Caroline sat quietly, looking at Kirk, waiting for him to finish speaking.

After a long silence, Caroline nearly began to wonder if there was anything more to it. Kirk spoke up again, “The process will be very painful. If you can’t take it...” Caroline clutched Kirk’s collar and interrupted him. “If I go for treatment, does that mean I won’t be haunted by nightmares anymore? Does it mean I won’t be haunted by guilt anymore..

Caroline’s voice grew softer, but the strength with which she held Kirk’s collar became greater.

“It’s not that I don’t want to do anything to make up for the fact that Grandpa died because of me. It’s that ... I really don’t want to leave you ... Kirk, am I very selfish?” As Caroline spoke, she started to cry. All the pain and resentment she had pushed down started to overflow.

“I’ve been having nightmares nearly every night. I dream of Grandpa saying that I’m heartless. That, if you weren’t here, I would have been with Eddy long ago.

“But I have you, and I don’t want to leave you.” Outside the door, Gwen felt her heart breaking as she heard Caroline’s heart wrenching sobs. She wanted to go inside, but Sean stopped her. She could do nothing but stay by the door, feeling her anxiety burning within her.

In the room, Kirk was holding Caroline by the waist, letting her cry to her heart’s content. Her tears soaked into his shirt.

Caroline was suffering so much pain, but she wasn’t the only one. Right then, Kirk had to give Caroline the support she needed.

“How can that be?” Kirk held Caroline and spoke like he was coaxing a child.

“No, you’re not selfish, Carrie. A selfish person would never call themselves selfish.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 706-Kirk continued, "Carrie, you're the kindest person in the world. All you want is a home of your own, but God has put up so many barriers between you and that tiny wish. Do you think you're the one being selfish, or is it God who's being cruel?" Caroline's tears kept falling out of her control.

"Kirk, stop talking..." If he kept going, Caroline would feel she didn't deserve him even more, someone who understood her so well.

Kirk gave a light laugh and tweaked Caroline's nose. He waited until she stabilized her emotions before speaking, "Darling, next time, you should tell me if you have any problems. You should think about yourself more. You have to put yourself first, not me. Understand?" Caroline nodded.

"Then would you ... worry that I might leave you?" Caroline had never said this because she was worried Kirk might overthink it.

"No." Kirk kissed Caroline's fingers. "We will never part.

Finally, a smile appeared on Caroline's face.

"You talked about a psychiatrist..." Caroline wiped the tears from her face.

"What's that about?" "You need to undergo drug or physical treatment. Either of those would involve some measure of pain." Each word Kirk said felt like a hammer swinging at his heart. "Darling This was the last thing he wanted for Caroline. That was why he'd always asked Michael to do his best to treat Caroline's issues painlessly. Now, it seemed that his reluctance to hurt Caroline had caused her more suffering. It had made her condition worse.

Even though there was a rational voice telling him that letting Caroline go through the treatment was the best way forward, he still couldn't set his heart on that path. He couldn't bear to her Caroline hurt.

Caroline guessed what Kirk was worried about. Smiling, she said, "It's alright.

I'm willing to go through the treatment. As long as I don't have to leave you, I can handle whatever painful treatment it is." For all she knew, it might even lessen her feelings of having sinned.

+15 BONUS Kirk held onto Caroline's hand tightly. The two of them looked at each other in silence. Neither of them spoke, but nothing needed to be said with words anymore.

After a whole half-hour, Caroline remembered that there were people outside the bedroom door. She wiped the tears on her face. "Kirk, Gwen and Sean are still outside. Let's let them in. We don't want them to worry." Kirk nodded. He got up to open the door.

Seeing the door finally open, Gwen was the first to stride inside. She clutched Caroline's hand and said, "Carrie..." Caroline smiled at her. "I've decided to seek treatment." Hearing Caroline say this so calmly, Gwen felt her heart twist. Tears began to fall. "Carol..." "Don't be like that. I'll make it through this." Caroline gave Gwen a big hug, making Gwen feel even worse inside.

Sometimes, she felt Caroline was just too kind, like what had happened with Jude's death.

No one wanted such a tragedy to happen, and Howard was the one at fault. Yet, the person who had suffered the consequences was Caroline. What kind of divine justice was this?

Gwen got angry the more she thought about it. She held Caroline even harder.

In the end, Caroline had to comfort Gwen instead.

Seeing the two women hugging each other so tightly, Sean looked at Kirk, whose gaze was very grim. He patted Kirk's shoulder and said, "Kirk, I have something to say to you." As he said this, he headed out of the bedroom.

Kirk shot another glance at Caroline before following him.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 707-When they got to the balcony, Sean didn't say anything.

Unable to stand it, Kirk asked, "What did you ask me out here to talk about?" Looking at Kirk, Sean burst into laughter, which only caused Kirk to look even grimmer.

“Kirk, you should really look at yourself in the mirror right now.” Still laughing, he continued, “The way you look now, not even Charles would be able to recognize you, even if he’s by your side all the time.” Kirk pressed his lips together and didn’t say anything. After a moment, he said, “I’m not in the mood to joke with you right now.” Leaning against the railing, Sean looked into the distance.

“I know that. And I’m not joking with you. Ever since you found out the kind of landmine your uncle left you before his death, you’ve been worried to bits. I can see all that. You might not admit it, but you can’t say it’s not true.” “What in the world are you trying to say?” Sean turned to look at Kirk. “Kirk, you’re exceptional at management. Plus, you’re so smart too.

“Are you sure you don’t know what I’m talking about?” By now, Kirk’s mouth was a thin line. After a long while, he spoke again, his tone much more somber, “I know. Right now, I need to be calm more than ever. You don’t know how worried I get.

“Whenever I hear something strange when I’m lying beside Caroline.” He continued, “That’s how I know she’s having another nightmare. That feeling of helplessness... I used to think I could control everything until I met Carrie.

“That was when I learned I couldn’t control anything at all.” This fear of losing Caroline ... It was something Kirk had never shared with anyone before. He could only talk about such things with Sean.

Sean sighed. “Love is such a powerful and dangerous thing. Kirk, as your friend and someone who has troubles because of love, I can’t give you any suggestions. As a doctor, I have some advice.” He clarified, “Michael Caldwell is the best psychiatrist. If he can’t cure Caroline’s condition, no one can. During treatment, the worst that could happen would be for any external influences to Kirk’s gaze darkened. After a while, his tightly clenched fists loosened.

Seeing this, Sean patted his shoulder.

+15 BONUS Once Caroline accepted that she needed treatment, Kirk helped her set up her first session.

This first session was a simple one, involving some psychiatric assessments.

There was no pain involved in any part of it. However, when she came out of the room, Caroline noticed Kirk's back straining as he sat up straight, his hands covered in sweat.

"You seem even more nervous than I am," Caroline teased with a smile.

However, she knew better than anyone that the pain would start when the treatment plan was set. "Don't worry. Look, aren't I perfectly fine right now?" Kirk caressed Caroline's hair. "Yes. Do you want to go to the company or go home?" "The company." After staying at home for so long, Caroline thought she'd better head to the company for a change of scenery. Maybe then, she would have a change in mood, too.

Although she was already being honest with Kirk, she still hadn't gotten into the right emotional headspace.

Now, she only had two choices. Either she would quietly accept treatment and take away the pain that remained in her heart, or she would marry Eddy and no longer feel guilty about letting Jude down.

However, Caroline would rather die than choose the second option. She didn't want to give up her happiness because she felt bad about Jude.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 708-"Darling Kirk's magnetic voice pulled Caroline out of her thoughts. "What are you thinking about?" Caroline shook her head "Oh, it's nothing. Do you want to go to the company with me?" He was probably bored from staying home all day.

Kirk declined, "No, it's fine." Recently, he had been trying to expedite the transfer of his business from Macldo to Easton. If he wanted to remove Morrison Corporation from the running, he couldn't rely on the Collins Group's assets. He could only rival their assets by moving part of SY Group's industry to Easton.

Caroline nodded. "Okay, if you get bored staying here, call me any time." "Okay." Kirk pulled Caroline into the car. Soon, the car arrived at the Evans Group's building.

Caroline got out of the car. Then, Jack watched her disappear into the building before he turned around and asked Kirk, "Sir, will you be going home or to the

company?" A sneer appeared on Kirk's lips. He asked, "How long has it been since you boxed?" Jack was startled by his question. He didn't know what was going on. "Sir..." "Let's go for a little exercise, shall we?" Jack's eyes lit up at his words, but there was still confusion in his gaze. But his doubts soon vanished when he and Kirk arrived at the Morrison Corporation.

When Caroline entered the Evans Group's office, Cheryl followed her in.

"Hi, Caroline. Why haven't you come to work for two days?" Cheryl had asked her in the group chat. Caroline had said things were fine. However, Gwen hesitated before answering, as if they weren't okay.

Caroline smiled. "A small thing happened at home." Cheryl looked at Caroline suspiciously. Then, she remembered something very important.

"By the way, Caroline, someone from the bank called. They asked you to submit some documents.

Caroline picked up a document from her table and said, "It should be this one." Cheryl picked it up and read it with curiosity, "Application for the acquisition of the Collins Group The Cilins Group!" Cheryl opened her mouth in shock. She read the document carefully to ensure she wasn't seeing things, and then, she looked at Caroline in disbelief.

"Caroline, are you planning to buy the Collins Group too?" Caroline wasn't just kidding around, was she?

Caroline took the document from Cheryl with a smile. "What's wrong? Is it that strange for me to do that? Everyone can apply to buy it, but even if they do, they may not be able to get it." Cheryl held her chest and asked, "So, Caroline, you're just doing this for fun, right?" Caroline said, "No. Since I've applied to acquire the Collins Group, I'll strive to take over the company. Otherwise, I wouldn't waste my time." "But!" Cheryl almost choked on her saliva from anxiousness. "Mr. Eddy has made it clear that he'll help Layla. Now, no one intends to fight Layla for the Collins Group." They knew they couldn't beat Layla.

Caroline smiled. "That's Layla's issue. It has nothing to do with us. Besides, I don't believe that I have to win the auction. Even so, I can just treat this as an experience, right?" Cheryl thought Caroline's words were reasonable, but she felt very uncomfortable at the thought of the Collins Group falling into Layla's hands.

“Caroline, I really hope you can take over the Collins Group instead of Layla.” Although it was very unlikely, Layla would definitely be pissed if Caroline got the Collins Group

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 709-Caroline said with a smile, “I’ll do my best.” Cheryl knew she was trying to comfort her, so she didn’t take her words to heart. “Caroline, are you going to submit this document in the afternoon? Do you want me to do it for you?” “No, it’s fine. I’ll submit it myself,” Caroline said. It would be helpful to go out for a walk.

“All right. Call me anytime if you need help.” Caroline nodded at her words. After watching Cheryl leave, her expression turned solemn.

When the test results were ready, the psychiatrist had told her that she felt so guilty because she was a good person.

“Don’t be so hard on yourself.” Caroline laid on her chair, exhausted. She wanted to forgive herself. However, she really couldn’t put the blame for Jude’s death on Howard alone because Jude had taken a bullet for her.

Why did people always have to go through difficult problems in life? Caroline didn’t know the answer to that question. She was just so tired.

She was terrified that one day, she wouldn’t be able to hold on anymore.

Gradually, her internal anguish and physical exhaustion put her to sleep.

When Caroline woke up, it was already the afternoon. She glanced at the time.

The bank was still open. She had to submit the document to them as soon as possible.

She picked up the documents and went downstairs, but didn’t see Jack’s car.

She called him, but no one answered.

This had never happened before, but Caroline didn’t have time to think about it.

She hailed a cab and went straight to the bank.

Fortunately, Caroline submitted all the documents before the bank closed.

“All right. Thank you.” Caroline stood up and was about to leave when she heard a flattering voice from the corridor.

“Don’t worry, Ms. Layla. Mr. Eddy is endorsing you this time, so the bank will definitely give you 1/2 +15 BONUS Mr. Eddy.” Then, Caroline heard a familiar voice, “Well, good. I’m relieved to hear that, Mr.

Donovan. I have a question Before Layla could finish her sentence, she spotted Caroline in the VIP room and smiled. Nevermind. I know the answer.” After speaking, she looked at Caroline and mocked, “I just knew you would participate in something I was involved in, no matter what it was. Caroline, you’re simply a thorn in my eyes.” Only then did Mr. Donovan recognize Caroline. But after seeing the tense situation between them, he deterred from greeting her.

Caroline didn’t bother entangling herself with Layla and walked straight to the door. However, after taking a few steps, Layla stopped her.

“Why aren’t you saying anything? Don’t know what to say? There’s no point trying to change the situation by saying something to Ed. He took my side in the end.” “Layla.” Caroline looked at her, amused. “You may see Eddy as a treasure, but he’s a piece of trash in my eyes. I don’t know about everyone else, but I wouldn’t fight you over a piece of trash!” “How dare you call Ed a piece of trash!” Layla was so furious that she raised her hand to hit Caroline.

Caroline looked at her calmly. “Go ahead and hit me. You can go back to jail when you’re done.

Layla, you’ve been there so many times. If you get locked up again, you’ll probably never be free again.” Layla’s expression twisted with anger. She took several deep breaths to calm herself down before sneering, “Go ahead and brag all you want, Caroline. When I acquire the Collins Group, the first thing I’ll do is take back the Evans Group.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 710-Caroline retorted, “Even if you get the Collins Group, you don’t have what it takes to take the Evans Group back because it’s under my control. ” Layla looked at her maliciously. “Really? Caroline, when I get the Collins Group, you’ll discover something

that'll turn your life upside down. When that happens, even the Evans family will forsake you. Not to mention the Morrisons." Caroline replied calmly, "Then, I'd better get the Collins Group so my life won't be turned upside down." Layla laughed at her words. "I can't believe you're still dreaming, Caroline. Ed has already made it clear that he will endorse me. Do you really think you have a chance? Besides, who'll endorse you?

That poor husband of yours?" Caroline glared at Layla.

"What? Are you going to hit me? Remember, there are surveillance cameras here!" Layla challenged, swallowing.

Caroline's glare was terrifying. It was like a hungry wolf staring at a piece of flesh.

"Why would I hit you?" Caroline pinched Layla's cheek. "Oh, my dear cousin. I'm just showing you some familial affection." "Ah!" Layla screamed in pain.

Everyone was stunned. They didn't know if they should help. It wasn't until Layla scratched Caroline's arm that everyone realized they were fighting and quickly separated them.

When they broke apart, Layla's cheeks were already red, and Caroline's arms had several scratches.

Layla hissed in pain.

However, Caroline's expression remained cold.

"This is my first time meeting someone so fond of sticking their hand into a hornet's nest. Layla, you'd better heed my warning. I don't care what you say about me because you're just a pest. No one cares about pests. But if you insult my husband again, I'll kill you like one." 1/2 +15 BONUS "You're crazy! You're a madman! You treat Ed like trash, but—Layla remembered Caroline's warning moments ago and didn't dare to finish her words.

Caroline turned away and left.

As Layla watched Caroline leave, she finished the sentence she had started, "What a lunatic. I don't know what's so good about her husband. He's clearly a poor sob, but she treats him like a treasure." When Mr. Donovan heard her, he came over and said to Layla, "There's no need to let someone like her

rattle your cage, Ms. Layla. Some people think their possessions are the most superior.” Layla glanced at Mr. Donovan, and he immediately stopped talking.

She cast her gaze on the staff behind the counter. She asked, “Did Caroline come here to submit the application?” The staff nodded timidly. They didn’t dare to offend the woman Eddy had given his support to “Throw her application away.” “But...” Mr. Donovan shook his head at the staff, then said, “Don’t worry, Ms. Layla.

We’ll throw away Ms.

Caroline’s documents. After all, only you’re eligible to acquire the Collins Group.” After hearing his words, Layla’s mood finally improved. “It’s good that you have some common sense. Don’t worry. When I take over the Collins Group, I’ll definitely keep working with you guys.” Mr. Donovan smiled and saw Layla off. When he returned, the employee stopped him. “Mr.

Donovan, are we really going to throw away Ms. Caroline’s documents?” “What do you think? Can you find another company that has more assets than Morrison Corp?” His words instantly made the employee speechless, and he had no choice but to throw Caroline’s application documents into the trash.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 711-Caroline went home after submitting the documents. She was surprised to see that Kirk wasn’t home. However, she wasn’t concerned in the slightest.

Although Kirk had resigned from his job, he still had his own social life. It was normal for him to be away from home occasionally.

Since Kirk wasn’t home, she could take this chance to buy groceries and cook him a big meal. Due to Jude’s death, Caroline hadn’t cooked for Kirk for a long time.

Hence, she went to the farmer’s market to buy groceries. When she returned home, Kirk still wasn’t home. So she went to the kitchen to cook dinner.

When Caroline was almost done cooking, she heard noises outside the door.

She stood at the door, smiling, waiting for Kirk to enter. However, when she saw a rather disgruntled Kirk, her expression froze.

Kirk hadn't expected to see Caroline at home, and he quickly hid his anger.

"What are you doing home?" Caroline replied, "I came home after getting off work. What happened to you?"

Did you get into a fight?" "No, I just practiced boxing with Jack." Caroline was skeptical, but she didn't ask any more questions. Instead, she turned toward the dining room and said, "You must be hungry. Let's have dinner." Kirk followed Caroline to the dining room. When he saw the sumptuous meal on the table, he kissed her forehead tenderly. "Thank you, darling." Caroline was about to reply when she frowned and sniffed Kirk's body.

Kirk asked loudly, "What's wrong? Are you worried about me cheating on you?" Caroline raised her head and looked at Kirk sternly. "I smell blood." Kirk's brows furrowed almost imperceptibly at her words. "Maybe it's because I fought a few rounds against Jack." "A few rounds?" Caroline's eyes lit up.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 712-Caroline took a look at her phone and saw that Marietta was calling her.

She quickly answered the call. "Hi, Aunt Mary." "Hey, Carrie. I'm calling to apologize," Marietta said on the phone. She had lost her usual high spirits and sounded very tired.

"What happened that day was Yvonne's fault. She shouldn't have treated you like that." Caroline replied, "Aunt Mary, you don't have to apologize." "No, Carrie. I won't feel at ease if I don't apologize." Marietta forced a smile. "Caroline, you're a good person. I'm sorry for what you went through that day." Caroline didn't say anything else, and Marietta remained silent as well.

Caroline could feel that they could no longer return to the time when they had been as close as mother and daughter. She thought that it was a pity.

However, she never regretted calling Marietta her mother because she finally understood what maternal love felt like after spending time with her.

"I'm going to bring Yvonne home the day after tomorrow." Marietta took a breath and continued, "But we'll head over to Macldo first."

Carrie, do you have anything you want? I'll buy it for you." "No, it's okay," Caroline declined.

"Getting your wish fulfilled is the best gift for me." Her words struck a chord in Marietta's heart. Caroline was really too sweet. But people who were kind would always suffer.

Marietta thought about something seriously and then said, "Carrie, I'm going to a casting call tomorrow. There's a screenwriter who I'm close with, and her literary skills are as good as mine. If you ever find any problems, you can always meet her." "Okay." Caroline slowly sat on the bed. She hugged her knees sadly, feeling as if a knife had cut 1/2 Although Marietta hadn't said it explicitly, Caroline knew that it wouldn't be easy to see hersen in the future "Of course, you can ask me too if you want I'm just worried about the time difference/ Marisa hurriedly explained, worried that Caroline would overthink things Caroline hummed in assent. Then, the two fell into silence once more After a while, Caroline pulled herself together and said, "Aunt Mary, I'm going to hang up now tat me know when you're free tomorrow morning, and we'll go see that screenwriter together" The next day might be Caroline's last time seeing Marietta "Okay." Caroline feared she would start crying, so she quickly hung up the phone Meanwhile, after Marietta hung up the phone, she felt her heart throb in pain.

It felt as if someone was squeezing the breath out of her, making it impossible for her to breathe Moreover, this wasn't the first time she had felt like this She had felt the same way when her ex husband had told her that her daughter was missing It seemed that she really saw Caroline as her daughter. Unfortunately, Yvonne didn't seem to like Caroline that much.

Marietta didn't want Caroline to be wronged like that again. Moreover, she was about to leave Easton. She would feel more at ease if someone looked after Caroline on her behalf "Mom!" The door was pushed open, and Yvonne walked in excitedly.

"The yacht you gave me is so cool! Many friends called me just now, saying they wanted to see it.

Is that okay?" "Of course. If you like it, I can always buy another one for you.

"You're the best, Mom!" Yvonne kissed Marietta on the cheek.

Suddenly, she thought of something and looked at Marietta sternly. “Mom, you didn’t contact Caroline in secret while I was away, did you?” Marietta’s expression shifted slightly at her question

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 713-Yvonne.” Marietta felt it was necessary to make things clear to her.

“I may not know why you dislike Carrie, but it’s all thanks to her that we were able to reunite again “You must have a heart. I respect your preferences, but you mustn’t be mean toward someone who has helped us.” Seeing that Marietta was very angry, Yvonne quickly grabbed her arm and whined, “Mom, I know my mistake now. I won’t do it again.” “Are you telling the truth?” Marietta looked at Yvonne skeptically.

“Yes, really!” Yvonne had a sweet smile, and she looked well-behaved and sensible. She didn’t look like she was lying at all.

Marietta smiled and said, “Now, that’s my good daughter.” Yvonne hugged Marietta, hiding the cold glint in her eyes.

“Why are you sitting on the ground?” When Kirk entered the door, he saw Caroline sitting on the ground.

Caroline raised her head and looked at him in confusion. Kirk felt his heart almost leap out of his throat at the sight.

“Darling,” he said cautiously, as if he were afraid of startling her.

Caroline’s gaze gradually became lucid, and her eyes landed on the white shirt on the ground. But her mind was in a mess.

“Why is there blood on your clothes?” she asked hoarsely.

Kirk followed Caroline’s gaze. He noticed the blood on his shirt, and his eyes darkened. Those blood stains probably belonged to Eddy.

At that time, he had dragged Eddy into the house and taught him a lesson.

However, he hadn’t noticed that Eddy’s blood had splattered on his shirt.

“Maybe Jack got injured and got his blood on my shirt.” After Kirk finished explaining, he watched Caroline closely.

She answered in a daze, “Yeah.” Kirk said hesitantly, “Darling?” Caroline looked up at him.

“Did something happen?” Kirk asked. Caroline wasn’t acting right. Kirk was worried that her mental illness had acted up again.

“It’s nothing. Aunt Mary called me just now. She told me she is leaving in a few days.” Kirk calmed down at her words. “Darling…” He hugged Caroline gently.

She hugged him back, trying hard to feel his warmth. However, she couldn’t stop her tears from flowing.

After crying for a while, she finally looked up at Kirk. “I didn’t spend much time with Aunt Mary, but she means a lot to me. I want to buy her a gift.” “Okay, I’ll go with you.” Kirk held Caroline’s cold hand. He used his body to block his shirt from.

her line of sight.

Caroline sat on the bed briefly before changing her clothes to leave the house. It seemed that she had completely forgotten about the white shirt.

Kirk, who had dodged a bullet, picked up his white shirt and put it in a trash can.

Then, he sent Jack a message.

After sending the message and getting a definitive answer, Kirk put his phone away and went to buy a gift with Caroline.

Meanwhile, Eddy found himself in a strange place when he woke up. There was no trace of light at all. He raised his hand and instantly felt as if his body had been run over by a car.

The pain made him hiss, and he slowly remembered what had happened that morning.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 714-When Eddy had arrived at the underground parking lot of Morrison Corporation this morning, he had been railed into another car by two people. After a bumpy ride, he had arrived at this place. At first, he had thought they were trying to rob him. But unexpectedly, they hadn't mentioned anything about that. After throwing him out of the car, they had begun beating him up.

They had hit Eddy so many times that he had felt his head give out. Halfway through, he hadn't been able to take it anymore and passed out. That was how he had ended up like this when he woke up.

Eddy turned his head and finally saw a glimmer of light in the darkness. It looked like a phone.

He moved his hands with difficulty, and it took him more than three minutes before he finally grabbed the phone. Using all his strength, he dialed Thomas' number.

Thomas quickly answered the phone. He seemed to be in a room full of people.

"Hello? What's the matter, Eddy?" "Dad... Help me" Thomas was silent for a moment, and then Eddy heard his voice again. "Eddy, where are you?" But he had already exhausted all his strength.

When Thomas didn't get an answer from Eddy, he panicked. He quickly walked out of the private room to look for him.

Fortunately, Eddy's phone still had a signal. Morrison Corp's employees quickly found Eddy using his phone signal.

When Thomas saw his son barely alive, he nearly passed out from anger. He quickly had people take Eddy to the hospital and sent someone to investigate his assault.

The next day, Caroline learned about Eddy's hospitalization from Gwen "He seems to be in a serious condition." Gwen couldn't bring herself to laugh this time. Although Eddy was despicable, she still had some sympathy for him.

"I heard from the doctor that they had spent all day trying to save him. He was transferred to the general ward this morning. I wonder who was brave enough to attack Eddy." +15 BONUS Caroline put her tablet in her bag and said, "I

guess things are pretty bad for him. I remember he got beaten up not too long ago too.” “Yeah, he’s not having a good time.” Gwen shrugged and changed the subject. “Carol, are you going to see Aunt Mary today?” “Yeah, I’m guessing we’ll never meet again after this.” “Don’t be so negative,” Gwen advised.

“If you want to see her, you can always visit the country she lives in.” Caroline smiled at her words. Marietta didn’t want her to suffer, but she also didn’t wish for Marietta to suffer from being caught in the middle.

This was the best possible scenario for them. Marietta should leave at the best possible time.

“Do you need me to come with you?” Gwen asked worriedly after not hearing a response from Caroline.

“Of course you can, provided that you’re free.” They were going to an audition. There should be many handsome guys, so Gwen should enjoy it very much.

Sure enough, Gwen said merrily, “Okay, sure! I want to see some hot guys.” Caroline smiled. She went out to meet Gwen, and they went to the audition together.

This casting call was open to the public. When Caroline and Gwen arrived, they saw a long queue waiting at the door.

“There are so many people.” Gwen nearly passed out with joy when she saw the street filled with beautiful women and handsome men.

“Let’s go in.” Caroline was worried that Marietta was already waiting inside. So, she dragged Gwen through the crowd and walked into the venue.

On the third floor, Caroline saw the office of the screenwriter that Marietta had introduced to her.

The screenwriter had a very poetic name. Rosalind Winslow.

Caroline was about to knock on the door when she heard the sound of high heels clacking sharply

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 715-The newcomer was none other than Aurora “Ugh, fast my luck to see someone I least wanted to see.” Aurora walked past Caroline. After taking a few steps, she stepped back and looked at Caroline.

“Goodness, Caroline. Don’t tell me you’re trying to ride on Rosalind’s coattails after failing to ride on Marietta’s.” Although Rosalind wasn’t as well known as Marietta, she was still the top screenwriter in Easton.

This time, SY Group had specified that Rosalind should write the adaptation of Marietta’s work, which proved how high her status was Caroline glanced at Aurora lightly, not wanting to talk to her.

Aurora was undoubtedly a top actress. When she had first learned of Caroline’s relationship with Marietta, Aurora had groveled before her. She made all kinds of advances just to suck up to Marietta.

Later on, she had made up with Yvonne after discovering that the latter was Marietta’s daughter.

Aurora sure had flimsy allegiances.

“Gwen, let’s wait for Ms. Winslow over there.” As Caroline spoke, she pulled Gwen aside.

When Aurora saw this, she gave her agent a look. The agent had been working with Aurora for years, so she could tell what Aurora was thinking with just a glance. She immediately blocked Caroline’s and Gwen’s way.

Caroline raised an eyebrow at the agent’s actions.

Aurora slowly approached Caroline and said, “Caroline, I heard from Yvonne that you’ve been writing something lately. Haha! Do you think you’re Marietta? Do you think you’re someone who can enjoy literature and the arts?” Caroline raised her head slightly. She retorted, “Aurora, my business has nothing to do with you.” Aurora scoffed. “I’m telling you this out of kindness. Remember, you no longer have Marietta supporting you. So, it’s a rather foolish wish to try and gain a foothold in the entertainment industry. Honestly, I utterly despise people like you who rely on connections.” Caroline smirked, amused by her words. Although she didn’t know much of what Aurora had gone 1/2 site sty +15 BONUS present, not the past.

“Aurora, don’t you also rely on your connections to get roles? Since you hate doing that, why don’t you give up the role to the other capable actresses? I’m sure that there are more famous people who can play those roles even better than you, even if they are the second female lead.” Aurora’s expression twisted at her words. She was about to retort when she saw Rosalind standing behind Caroline. She immediately changed her tune and said, “Ms. Winslow, you’re here!” Caroline followed Aurora’s gaze and looked over.

Rosalind stood there. Half of her hair was strikingly white. She looked ordinary, but when Caroline looked closely at her eyes, she could see the wisdom in her gaze. It was as if she could easily see through things.

“Hello, Ms. Winslow.” Caroline took the initiative to introduce herself. “I’m Caroline. Aunt Mary asked me to come here.” Rosalind glanced at Caroline. “I know. She has sung your praises to me many times. But I want to see if you’re as intuitive as she said.” Rosalind didn’t even look at Aurora. In this regard, she was exactly the same as Marietta. Caroline finally understood why Marietta and Rosalind were friends.

Aurora felt uncomfortable being ignored, especially after knowing that Marietta had introduced Rosalind to Caroline. She felt extremely bitter.

She had assumed that Marietta wouldn’t care about Caroline anymore after Yvonne had told her she couldn’t have Caroline as her goddaughter.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 716-Instead, Marietta had introduced her good friend to Caroline. Having a good friend was the equivalent of getting a good resource.

Aurora’s teeth almost broke from how hard she gritted them.

“Ms. Winslow, as far as I know, Caroline has never had any writing experience.

Besides, she helped Ms. Weiss find her daughter. So, I think Marietta has such a high opinion of her for personal reasons.” Rosalind turned her gaze on Aurora, displeased.

However, Aurora didn’t notice it at all. All her attention was on Caroline. “Am I wrong, Caroline?” Caroline remained silent.

Rosalind coughed loudly. "Writing isn't a technical profession. It isn't a profession where practice makes perfect. It comes more from inspiration and talent.

"Those with talent can have the entire world as their oyster. But those without talent can't even call themselves writers, even if they have been in the industry for a long time." She continued, "Ms. Jenner, I can't believe you don't even understand this principle, even after playing so many roles and working on many masterpieces. How do you usually study your characters?" Aurora's expression shifted at her words.

"Also, I don't know why you're saying this." Rosalind's expression became stern.

"But since you claimed that Marietta praised Caroline for personal reasons, are you implying that she lacks professionalism?" Aurora's face immediately fell. She explained, "No. Of course not, Ms. Winslow." "All right, enough of this. I'm not obligated to lecture you. You may leave," Rosalind said impatiently.

"But I'm here to sign a contract with the director." Rosalind thought for a while and finally remembered. "Oh, Marietta said she would give you the role because of personal reasons.

Aurora froze Rosalind stated, "I find your comprehensive abilities concerning. It would be better if someone else played the second female lead." Aurora panicked. "But Ms. Weiss has already given me the role." "That means you really got this role because of personal reasons." Rosalind clicked her tongue. "I wondered what had happened when she came to me and insisted on giving you this role. It seems that you helped her persuade her daughter." Aurora held her breath, unable to say a word.

Rosalind waved her hand. "I already told her that I don't support this decision.

But now that I've gotten the full picture, I'll say it again. I don't approve of you playing the second female lead." She continued, "Although Marietta and I are good friends, I am this movie's screenwriter. I have the authority to oversee castings. Your image isn't suited for the role of the second female lead. I'll give the director and the rest of the team my feedback." Aurora freaked out. "Ms. Winslow, you can't do that!" "Marietta had told Aurora that she could give her the role, but if the director disagreed, she wouldn't intervene.

If Rosalind shared her opinion with the director and his team, they would definitely take her comments into consideration. This role would immediately slip through Aurora's fingers.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 717-"Why can't 17" Rosalind questioned.

Rosalind looked at Aurora as if the latter were a fool. "Oh, thank goodness I found out about your problematic comprehension skills. If I hadn't found out before the filming commenced, it would have been too late.

"Well, Marietta has never been imprecise, but her daughter is her only weakness. Even so, she shouldn't have given anyone the roles they wanted just to get her daughter back." Aurora tried to say something to salvage the situation, but Rosalind no longer had the patience to keep arguing with her. "You should hurry up and leave. If you don't, I'll have to call security." Aurora was, after all, a public figure and didn't want to cause too much trouble.

When Rosalind said she would call security, Aurora quickly left.

After the third floor became quiet again, Caroline nodded slightly to Rosalind.

"Thank you, Ms.

Winslow." Rosalind frowned. "Surely you don't think I refused to give Aurora the role because of you?" "Of course not." Caroline smiled. "I can see that you want to make this movie right." Rosalind nodded at her words.

"But..." Caroline straight into Rosalind's eyes. "Ms. Winslow, you're wrong about one thing." When Gwen heard Caroline's words, she tugged on her sleeve. Caroline was crazy. She couldn't believe Caroline would find fault with Rosalind.

Rosalind raised an eyebrow. "Oh? What was I wrong with?" Caroline explained, "Of course, Aunt Mary wants to give the role to the more suitable actress. After all, it's a character she worked so hard to create. To her, every one of her works is like her baby, and she has invested her emotions in every one of her characters." Then, she continued, "So, when she gave out the role, she must have been very sad. She had to make some choices, and they must have been difficult to make. So, I don't think she simply handed over the role

to Aurora.” Rosalind looked at Caroline silently, then sighed. “I finally understand why Marietta praises you. Seeing that Rosalind had no intention of blaming Caroline, Gwen excitedly tugged on her friend’s sleeve.

After they entered the office, Caroline handed Rosalind her latest written work.

Rosalind put her glasses on and began reading it seriously.

Although Caroline had gotten Marietta’s approval, she would be lying if she said she wasn’t nervous. After all, everyone had their own opinion about literature. Not everyone would like a particular work.

The room gradually became quiet. At this moment, the sound of high heels clacking on the ground could be heard again.

However, unlike Aurora’s blatant way of walking, this individual wasn’t making too much noise.

So, the newcomer waited until they came to the door. Gwen was the first to notice who it was.

“Aunt Ma-” As soon as Gwen opened her mouth, Marietta shushed and stopped her.

However, Caroline still heard her. She turned to look at Marietta with surprise.

Marietta walked up to the two of them and said, “Are you looking at Carrie’s writing?” Caroline nodded, then glanced at Rosalind, who was focused on reading her work. She mouthed to Marietta, “Shall we talk outside, Aunt Mary?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 718-fMarietta nodded slightly. She and Caroline were about to walk toward the door when they heard a slap on the table.

“This is good! It’s very well-written!” Caroline and Marietta looked back at Rosalind at the same time.

Only then did Rosalind notice Marietta. Before Marietta could greet her, she stepped forward and held Marietta’s hand.

“Marietta! You really gave me a good one this time! Caroline’s writing style and mindset are quite similar to your younger self.” Marietta smiled brightly at her words. “Right? I told you. She has the same spirit my younger self had.”
21 were both outspoken individuals. “Why do I have the feeling that Caroline Rosalind and Marietta seems more like your daughter? I mean, look at her writing style and habits...’ Suddenly, everyone became quiet, and Rosalind realized she had said something wrong. However, she and Marietta had been friends for ye she and Marietta had been friends for years. With a few laughs, the awkward moment quickly passed.

Then, the two of them picked up Caroline’s manuscript and began to discuss it.

They completely forgot about Caroline and Gwen.

As Gwen watched their banter, she couldn’t resist leaning over to Caroline and whispering, “Does looking at them remind you of someone?” Caroline smiled. “Is it us?” “Yeah, I can tell at a glance that Aunt Mary and Ms. Winslow are very close. I really envy them.” After Marietta and Rosalind finished reading Caroline’s writing, they finally remembered that Caroline and Gwen were there.

“Oh, look at us. We always forget about business whenever we get excited.” Marietta pulled Caroline and said to Rosalind, “See? I told you—Carrie is very skilled at writing.

How about it? You won’t lose out by taking her in as your student, right?” +15 BONUS “Of course not. In fact, I think I’ve hit the jackpot.” Rosalind grinned from ear to ear.

“Caroline, make sure to finish your story well. If you have any problems, see me immediately” “Okay.” “All right, then it’s settled.” Marietta looked at Rosalind sternly. “Rosalind, I’m leaving Carrie to you. If you don’t take good care of her, I’ll come for you.” “Don’t worry. She’s such a talented woman. You don’t have to tell me anything.

I’ll take good care of her regardless.” “All right. Carrie, I’ll be leaving in a few days, so I’ll treat you to a meal.” Caroline started, “Aunt Mary-” “You can’t refuse!” Marietta had a long face. “You’ll be humiliating me if you refuse.” Seeing this, Caroline had no choice but to agree. “Okay, Aunt Mary.” “That’s the spirit.” Then, Marietta said goodbye to Rosalind before taking Caroline and Gwen out for a meal.

As Rosalind watched them leave, she couldn't resist murmuring, "Is she sure she didn't make a mistake? Why do I feel that Caroline inherited Marietta's writing style?" Caroline didn't seem to be imitating her. Instead, she appeared to be acting naturally.

After Aurora left the casting call, she started to think about her current situation.

However, the more she thought about it, the more she hated Caroline.

She had been in the entertainment industry for years. She had to use everything she had just to make some connections.

On the other hand, Caroline could have what she wanted at any time. She was able to win Marietta's favor at such a young age, and she had also gained connections that people could only dream of.

Why? Why her, of all people?

When Aurora's agent saw her losing control of her emotions, she said in a low voice, "Aurora, I think it will support Layla if the Hacketts also give her their support

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 719-Aurora's eyes widened. "Go on." After getting encouragement, the agent spoke more confidently. "If the Hacketts publicly announce that they would invest in Collins Group, provided that Layla gets it, the bank would definitely take it into consideration. Then, they would definitely give it to Layla." Aurora frowned. "But why should I help her? We don't have anything to do with each other." "Remember." The agent approached Aurora.

"Several companies that belonged to Collins Group are related to the entertainment industry. They managed to expand their reach so much in a short period of time because of SY Group's help, and SY Group belongs to Eddy's second uncle." The agent continued, "If you use SY Group to get connections, you don't have to worry about what happened today. Forget Rosalind; even if the director comes forward, you can ignore their comments." Aurora looked away silently, her eyes slowly lighting up with an idea.

After Caroline and Marietta finished their meal, they stood at the restaurant door to say goodbye.

Although neither of them said it, they knew it would be hard to see each other again after today.

“I heard you wanted to acquire Collins Group.” “Yeah.” Caroline looked into the distance.

“That’s great. Did Kirk suggest you do it?” “Yeah.” Caroline turned to look at Marietta.

” “Aunt Mary, do you think I can get Collins Group?” Even though she had the support of Eddy’s second uncle, Caroline couldn’t guarantee that she could get Collins Group. She felt uncertain at times. She didn’t know if she would succeed or fail in taking such a big step.

“I’m sure you can do it,” Marietta said firmly, looking into Caroline’s eyes. Her gaze seemed to be a “Why? I’m only Evans Group’s CEO. Forget Easton, Evans Group isn’t even one of the top companies in Osbury. The only advantage I have is SY Group’s endorsement.” Marietta said with a small smile, “That is your biggest advantage, but you have another advantage that Layla doesn’t have.” “What is it?” “You have the mind of a businesswoman.” Marietta continued, “I had already seen that you had it when you competed for control of Evans Group. When the bank see both of your applications and sees that SY Group is endorsing you, I’m sure they will give you the rights to Collins Group.” For some reason, Caroline felt her nerves calm down after hearing Marietta’s words. “Thank you,

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 720-The last time Caroline had felt this sad was when she had thought that Kirk had another wife. She was sad when she returned home.

“Darling...” Kirk handed Caroline a large bouquet of roses.

“Is today a special day?” Caroline was a bit surprised as she took the bouquet and smelled it.

“Today isn’t a special day. I just want to make you happy, darling.” When Kirk finished speaking, Caroline was surprised to find a necklace in the bouquet.

“Well, this necklace gave me a surprise!” “Of course.” Kirk kissed Caroline’s forehead. “Do you like it?” “Of course. I like anything you give me.” Caroline hugged Kirk’s waist, nuzzling against him.

“Did you find out Marietta and I were having our final meal together? Is that why you bought me some flowers and a necklace?” Kirk pinched Caroline’s nose. He didn’t answer her question. Instead, he picked up the necklace and said, “I’ll help you put it on.” “Okay.” Caroline turned around happily, but a hint of loss appeared in her eyes.

Marietta’s departure made her very sad. Although the psychiatrist had developed a series of treatment plans for her, she didn’t know how much longer she could go on. She and Kirk... “Isn’t it beautiful?” Kirk’s hot breath hit Caroline’s neck.

Caroline returned to her senses and hid her fear. She turned around and looked at Kirk with a sweet smile. “It is, but...” She held the necklace tightly. “Isn’t it expensive?” Kirk was stuck at home because he wasn’t working. He didn’t get paid, but he never asked her for money. He could even buy her gifts. Caroline was very curious about Kirk’s mini treasury.

“It’s not,” Kirk said without blinking. A three–million–dollar necklace wasn’t expensive for him.

“That’s good.” 1/2 +15 BONUS As Kirk watched Caroline’s smile, he felt a twinge of guilt. She was supposed to be in Macido, enjoying a wonderful life as the daughter–in–law of the Morrisons.

However, she could only live in this tiny apartment because of his relationship with the Morrisons.

At the thought of this, Kirk’s eyes darkened slightly, and his desire to destroy the Morrisons became even stronger.

The next day, the news that the Hacketts would be the first to invest in Collins Group after Layla acquired it became the biggest news in Osbury.

Every citizen, old and young, knew about it. There were even rumors that Eddy was the one who had encouraged them to invest in the company.

There was another group of people online who wept tears of joy for Eddy and Layla’s passionate love, regardless of whether it was true or not.

“Oh! I’m going to be dead! This reminds me of some arrogant boss’ love story.

There’s no excuse for them not to get married!” “I’m going to take City Hall’s people with me. I’m going to make them marry each other on the spot!” “Oh, well, I’m crying happily at their passionate love once again. Mr. Eddy treats Layla so well. But why aren’t they married yet?” “It’s probably because of Mr. Morrison Senior’s passing. Otherwise, they would’ve gotten married as soon as possible.” “I think so too. Although what I’m going to say doesn’t sound pleasant, Mr. Eddy and Layla weren’t able to be together because of his opposition. I hope they can finally get to where they want to be since Mr. Morrison Senior is gone.” “I’m sure they can.” The online comments all consisted of fervent wishes for Eddy and Layla to be together. However, Eddy, who was lying on the bed and reading the comments, frowned in disapproval.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 721-“The people I’ve sent have returned. They said they couldn’t find any surveillance footage in the parking lot.

“Apparently, the culprit is clever. He removed the surveillance cameras in advance. It’s amazing how he could do this undetected. Eddy, do you have a suspect in mind?” Thomas asked, handing over the peeled apples to Eddy.

Only then did Eddy return to his senses. A person immediately crossed his mind. However, he still didn’t want to believe it was him.

“No.” Thomas stood up and continued his analysis. “Seeing how capable the culprit was, he should be someone prominent.

“At the very least, the culprit had to be part of the big four families. Now that the Collins family has fallen, the other suspects are-” “Dad,” Eddy interrupted Thomas impatiently.

“I really don’t know anything. Just ask your subordinates to investigate.” Seeing this, Thomas looked at Eddy suspiciously. “Eddy—” “I’m tired, Dad.” Eddy slowly laid down with his back to his father.

Thomas frowned. He looked at Eddy intently before leaving without saying a word.

When the room became quiet, Eddy slowly opened his eyes. There was no way the culprit could be the person he was thinking about.

But even if Eddy told himself this, he still couldn't resist overthinking.

He sat up on his bed irritably. His movements made the wounds on his back graze against the bed, and he hissed in pain. It made his mind clear up.

In fact, there was a very simple way to verify if the culprit was the person he was thinking about.

He just needed to help Layla get Collins Group.

If the culprit wasn't who he thought it was, Layla would definitely get Collins Group. However, if 1/2 +15 BONUS At the thought of this, Eddy picked up his phone. After a moment's hesitation, he gritted his teeth and posted a tweet "May you get what you want, Layla." As soon as Eddy posted the tweet, it spread online again, causing another uproar among the netizens.

Eddy's phone kept ringing with messages, but none of them were from Caroline.

He frowned in disappointment and looked up at the sky. "Oh, Grandpa. You'll protect me, right?" Caroline had turned a dead ear to what was happening and focused on writing her story.

Even so, news about the Hacketts' and Eddy's support for Layla had spread through the city. It was hard for Caroline not to hear about it.

In the group chat on WhatsApp, Cheryl was freaking out. "Oh no, it's over. Mr.

Eddy is giving his support to Layla for the second time. He really wants Layla to get Collins Group!" Ever since Caroline had talked to Marietta, she had been very calm. "Let's not panic just yet. The outcome hasn't been decided." Cheryl replied, "But things have already gotten to this point. The bank will definitely choose Layla, right?" Gwen also saw the news. She teased, "Cheryl, you've been with Carol for so long. Haven't you noticed it? Carol has what it takes to make a comeback against the odds.

"Although everyone is supporting Layla, I guarantee that Caroline will come up on top." Sonia also texted, "She's right, Cheryl. You have to believe in Caroline. Do you remember what happened last time?"

“Everyone said my career wouldn’t take off, and only Caroline believed in me.

Now, as you can see, I’ve become popular

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 722-Sonia was clearly being humble. At that time, she wasn’t just popular—she was famous. Everyone remembered this previously unknown actress.

Cheryl thought about this and gradually calmed down. And just like that, this topic was over.

Caroline asked, “Have you been filming abroad, Sonia?” Sonia replied. “Yeah, I really want to go home and reunite with you guys soon.” Caroline texted, “Haha, are you filming ‘Daughter of the Sea’?” “Yeah.” “Do your best. Once you finish filming, it will be your first step in making your mark overseas.” Sonia hadn’t expected Caroline to remember her promise. “Caroline, are you really planning to help me become an international star?” “Since I’ve promised you, I won’t go back on my word,” Caroline said.

“Besides, after I take over Collins Group, I can take over their subsidiaries in the entertainment industry. When the time comes, it will be even easier to take your career to the international level.” Sonia’s eyes were slightly red from her encouragement. “Thank you, Caroline.” Caroline replied, “You’re welcome.” Then, she opened the message Rosalind had sent her.

“Caroline, how much have you written?” When Caroline saw her message, she didn’t know what to feel. Since Rosalind had read her story, she had become Caroline’s first loyal fan, urging her for story updates every day.

“I wrote a little bit yesterday. I’ll send it to you.” Caroline sent the manuscript to her.

Soon, Rosalind finished reading it. “Why did you write so little? It’s not enough.

Oh my! It’s been a long time since I passionately followed a story. The last time I did that was 20 years ago.” “Are you talking about Aunt Mary’s story?” “Yeah. At that time, she had just lost her daughter. It’s no exaggeration to say she was engulfed in 1/2 +15 BONUS “Well, I’m not saying that her writing is bad now, but it’s a little inferior compared to the past.” Caroline understood

what she meant. Everyone couldn't always be at their peak. In fact, it could be seen from "Daughter of the Sea" that Marietta had been more emotional in the past. But she was more rational now, possibly because she had gotten older.

There were no pros or cons between her two writing styles. But as Marietta's good friend, Rosalind might prefer to see her friend's emotional side because that was the real her.

"When did Aunt Mary start to move on from the loss of her daughter?"
Rosalind was silent for a long time before sending a voice message.

"I should say that she has never moved on from it. But she's very good at pretending she's okay, using laughter and curses to cover up her pain.

"Otherwise, she wouldn't have given in to her daughter's demands again after finding her." After hearing the last sentence, Caroline's eyes turned slightly red. She sniffed and asked, "I remember Aunt Mary saying that she lost her daughter when she was around five or six years old.

"In other words, she has been living in sorrow for almost two decades." "Yeah. But speaking of this, there's one thing I've never understood. Marietta told me the Hacketts didn't know Yvonne wasn't their real daughter.

"Logically speaking, Marietta's daughter was abducted when she was six.

There's no way the Hacketts wouldn't know what their own child looked like." Caroline frowned. "The Hacketts didn't know that Yvonne wasn't their daughter?" That was ridiculous.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 723-Yeah I thought something was off when Marietta told me about it. But since she had just found her daughter, I thought she might have been too excited and remembered the details wrongly. I remembered this while reading your manuscript the other day, so I asked someone to help me investigate. As it turns out, the Hacketts are now looking for their daughter." How can this be? Caroline still thought the situation was ridiculous. It was fine if they couldn't recognize a baby that was a few months old. But how could they not notice that a different person had become their child?

Rosalind sighed. I'm also racking my brain over this. Marietta has just found her daughter. If I tell her about this, she will definitely overthink things.

"Caroline, can you help her investigate and find out what's going on?" "Of course," Caroline had long regarded Marietta's issues as her own.

"Then, I can rest assured, I can see that you really care about Marietta and aren't hankering after her fame. It's a pity that her daughter wasn't..."
Rosalind sighed. Then, she didn't say anything else.

Caroline looked at the messages, lost in thought. It wasn't until Kirk sat beside her that she snapped back to reality.

"What are you looking at?" Kirk noticed Marietta's name on her phone and immediately guessed that Caroline's absentmindedness was related to her. He took Caroline's phone.

"Darling..." Caroline looked up at him.

"I'm really worried to see you like this. The psychiatrist said that you're already under a lot of pressure" Caroline hugged Kirk's waist and nuzzled against him "I'll keep my mental state in check about Aunt Mary I won't let it affect the treatment." Kirk stroked Caroline's hair. "Okay, but if you can't take the pressure anymore, you must tell me." +15 BONUS Caroline nodded. "Okay" After returning from the psychiatric clinic, Caroline hadn't had nightmares again.

She was very confident about moving on from the trauma Jude's death had caused her, just like she was confident about getting Collins Group.

*After we acquire Collins Group, why don't you take care of it?" Caroline asked Kirk.

Kirk asked, "Do you want to be an absentee boss?" "I'm just worried that you'll be bored at home." Even so, Caroline did want to be a hands-off boss and focus on her creative avenues.

Kirk pondered for a moment. "Darling, of course I'll be the CEO, but you have to show me some sincerity." "How?" Caroline asked, ready to run away. However, Kirk was one step ahead and grabbed her waist.

Caroline whimpered, her voice becoming flirty.

The bright sun shone on them from its spot in the sky, silently watching the scene unfold.

The second treatment Michael had planned involved using hypnosis to make Caroline's memories fade away. As expected of a professional psychiatrist, he only needed two minutes to put Caroline to sleep with hypnosis.

Kirk and Sean watched Caroline through the glass. Noticing Kirk's nervousness, Sean patted him on the shoulder. "Don't worry. This is only the first real treatment. Caroline would get past it without any problems." Kirk pursed his lips, remaining silent.

When Sean saw this, he didn't say anything else. He knew that Kirk was holding his emotions in.

He had been doing it since he had left the house.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 724-Although Kirk had a cold expression on his face, he tried to restrain his emotions and look calm. when he looked at Michael.

At that moment, Sean knew Kirk had listened to his advice so that he wouldn't put Michael under any pressure.

Right now, Kirk was acting like he had acted a long time ago. He was calm and wise and wasn't swayed by anything.

However, he was also acting differently than a long time ago. In the past, Kirk was more proactive, but now he was more passive. He had suppressed his more aggressive traits for Caroline.

Sean sighed. As he was lost in thought, he heard Caroline's painful sobs from the consultation room.

Beside him, Kirk also sprung into action. Sean quickly grabbed him. "Kirk, this is the only way. If you don't want to see Caroline suffer, you have to wait outside." Kirk's struggles gradually weakened at his words, and he looked at the consultation room gloomily.

In the room, Caroline was frowning in pain. She was muttering unconsciously, seemingly resisting something.

Kirk felt as if his heart was being crushed at the sight. He kept feeling a pain in his chest. Every part of him was screaming at him to run into the room, but his rationality kept him rooted on the spot.

If he and Caroline wanted to be together forever, they had to get rid of the trauma Jude had left behind. Otherwise, it would only become an obstacle for them.

Kirk clenched his fists tightly and stared intently at Caroline, as if he wanted to bear all of her pain in her stead.

However, Caroline, who was sleeping, sat up and knocked over the tray Michael had placed nearby.

“N–No. I don’t want this! I want my mom and dad ... I want my mom and dad!” After yelling, Caroline opened her eyes. Her entire body was trembling, and her chest was heaving.

When Kirk saw this, he couldn’t stay outside any longer. He rushed into the room and held 1/2 +15 BONUS Caroline’s sweat soaked Kirk’s expensive clothes, but all he could pay attention to was her.

“Darling, it’s okay. Everything is fine...” He patiently coaxed her like a child.

Seeing Kirk being gentle, Michael, who was shocked by Caroline’s actions, was frightened again. He looked at them in bewilderment, suspecting that something was wrong with his sight. He couldn’t believe Kirk had such a gentle side.

Caroline gradually felt safe in Kirk’s arms, and she wasn’t trembling as much as before.

However, the feeling that her mind was about to fall apart didn’t disappear. It was as if someone was chopping her head into pieces with an axe. It hurt a lot.

She even heard something buzzing in her head.

It took all of her strength to properly hear a female's voice, telling her repeatedly, "You're Caroline Evans. You're Caroline Evans." However, there was another unfamiliar voice in her head, screaming, "I'm not Caroline! I'm not Caroline!" As both voices clashed in her head, Caroline held her aching head and weakly grabbed the hem of Kirk's clothes.

After more than five minutes, she tearfully looked up at Kirk and said, "I'm fine now." Her voice was extremely weak.

Kirk's heart was crushed by what he heard. "Let's go home, darling." He slowly knelt down and helped Caroline put on her shoes.

But Caroline grabbed Kirk's hand and looked up at Michael. "Dr. Caldwell, what on earth is wrong with me?" Michael hesitated to answer. He dared not say anything without Kirk's permission.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 725-Kirk frowned. "Just tell her." Only then did Michael ask, "Ms. Caroline, have you undergone hypnosis before?" "No." Caroline remembered that she had never undergone hypnosis.

Michael said, "Now, that's strange. Your resistance to the hypnosis suggests that you've been hypnotized before and have lost your memories of it happening. Otherwise, you wouldn't act this way." He paused. "When it comes to hypnosis, if one's psyche gets damaged from their first hypnosis, they'll develop this knee-jerk reaction.

"They'll react violently every subsequent time they get hypnotized. Therefore, in your case, you must have been hypnotized before, and your psyche was harmed by it." Caroline frowned and spent a long time recalling things. "But I really don't remember undergoing hypnosis." At the mention of this, she remembered something. "But I don't have any memories of the time before I was around five or six years old." "Did you get hypnotized at that age?" When Michael said this, Caroline remembered something else. Sarah had once taken her to see a psychiatrist. Moreover, Sarah seemed to avoid talking about it.

Caroline said, "I don't know." Michael said, "In that case, you'd better figure it out, Ms. Caroline. If you have undergone hypnosis before, we have no choice but to rule out this treatment method. We'll move on to another form of treatment." The next form of treatment was shock therapy. It was a treatment

method that Kirk was adamant against. He frowned deeply at Michael's words.

Caroline held Kirk's hand. She gave him a smile and calmed him down.

After Kirk seemed calmer, Caroline turned to Michael. "Okay, I'll figure things out. If I can't, we'll proceed with the next plan." "Darling!" Kirk gripped Caroline's hand.

Caroline smiled and stood up from the bed. "We'll be heading home, Dr.

Caldwell." "Okay." As Michael watched the three of them leave, he couldn't help but sigh. "I didn't expect to see the fearless Mr. Kirk submitting to a woman like her." When the three of them reached the door, Caroline told Sean, "Sean, Kirk and I have to go somewhere." "Got it." Sean said, "Then, I'll leave you guys be." After saying that, he quickly ran away.

After Sean left, Caroline turned to Kirk and said, "Let's go for a walk, Kirk." "Okay." And so the two of them walked along the street. Kirk didn't ask Caroline where they were going, and he didn't need to ask. He would always follow her, no matter where she went.

"Do you still remember what I told you?" Caroline finally asked.

"About how I didn't have any memories of the time before I was five or six years old?" Kirk turned to Caroline, a hint of sadness hidden in his gaze. "So, do you have suspicions that you've undergone hypnosis before?" Caroline said, "That should be the case... If I'm not wrong, the hypnosis must have happened when Sarah had taken me to the hospital.

"The only thing I remember is that I could read the word 'psychology'. She had seemed very happy about that... Then, I don't know why, but As Caroline talked, she frowned, feeling that piercing feeling in her chest again.

Kirk squeezed Caroline's hand He felt a sense of powerlessness envelop his entire being once more.