

## **Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera ( Caroline Evans )**

### **Chapter 281**

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Even though Kirk had seen through him in a second, Sean didn't get embarrassed. He only

laughed and said. There's no need to be so calculative between us.

As **he** spoke, he turned the steering wheel. Then, his tone turned serious "I mean it. It doesn't feel

good to see Caroline pinching pennies because of you."

Kirk's finger was on his temple as he said, "I got it."

**This** meant that he would deal with it, so Sean didn't pursue the topic anymore.

After hanging up, Kirk went back into the conference room. He saw Howard, who was looking at

him in anticipation, and said blandly, "You can leave now."

The smile on Howard's face froze. "But Mr. Morrison, I'm here today to report about

Kirk shot Howard a look, making him shut up. He had no choice but to leave obediently.

Once Howard left, Kirk called Charles in "Give Daphne a few more roles."

Pained, Charles said, "Yes, sir."

"Come back here."

Kirk's gaze was dark as he said, "I don't mean a secondary or tertiary character. Give her a

background role. It would be best if it's the kind of character who has to get in the water or fight.

Make sure it's as difficult of a role as possible."

Charles was perplexed. "Sir?" he asked

But Kirk didn't respond, even after long seconds. Charles knew that he wasn't going to get an

answer, so he quickly went back to doing his job.

Meanwhile, Howard went straight home after leaving Kirk's office. Once he got back, he took a

cup of coffee from a maid and splashed it across the floor.

uch! He's simply too much! If we weren't making money from his projects, I'd mess him up!

entered the home right after. She was about to complain to her husband that the Morrison

ly was going to far when she heard Howard's voice.

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went up and asked in concert. Who angered you?"

Who eta Howard was shaking all over as he spoke.

Arse its Edy's second uncle He's ordering me around just because he can make money.

proposal for the project was already settled and just needed to be signed. But then he made.

We leave Tell me, is that night?"

ane became infuriated again when she heard that it was about the Morrison family once more.

“it you ask me, the Morisons are unreasonable. Do they really think they call all the shots just

because they’re the top family in Easton?

I went to the Morison family’s shop today

Jane couldn’t help but recount what had happened to her that day. When she finished, she huffed

in displeasure

“They’re really too much. They would even chase off their own family. Who wouldn’t they chase.

When Howard heard Jane’s story, he slowly calmed down. “What did you just say?”

“They would even chase off their own family

“Not that part. You mean you went with Daphne?”

“Yes I wanted to see Daphne’s wedding photos the other day, but Daphne told me they never took

any because of how rushed it was when they got married.

“Thinking of what you said, I thought I would try to butter her up. That’s why I suggested going to buy a wedding gown at Merry Color. Who would have thought we’d bump into Caroline.

Howard couldn’t bear to listen to anything more. He frowned and interrupted Jane. “I was wondering why Eddy’s uncle wouldn’t sign with me when things were going fine. So you’re the

one who ruined my plans.”

Jane **was** stunned by this. “Me? What did I do? I was bullied by the Morrisons today, but you’re

Their side?”

“t you get it even now?” Howard was going to be driven mad by his wife.

wwwonder Eddy's second uncle took it out on me after you took Daphne to the bridal boutique

Jane froze for a moment before saying, "That can't be, can it?"

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"How else can you explain why he suddenly didn't sign the contract?"

Howard walked over to sit on the couch. There was a strange smile on his face "But when it

comes down to it, I can tell from this incident that he really cares about Daphne If we use this

opportunity well, we will definitely make a fortune "

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Besides, if Eddy's second uncle keeps getting into new industries in the country, who knows if

the Morrison Corporation will end up in Eddy's hands or his second uncle's?"

Jane was taken aback when she heard that "If Eddy's uncle ends up on top, he would be

unstoppable He'll have control of both the markets in Sarcozia and Easton That's unheard of"

"That's right." Howard chuckled.

"That's why you have to develop a good relationship with Daphne. As for what happened today

Howard frowned. "Don't let it happen again."

Jane felt displeased at this. "But Caroline caused Brie's condition. Are we just going to let her off?"

"Didn't you just say that Sean Yates is her man?" Howard's gaze turned dark at **this**

"He's good friends with Eddy's second uncle, and their relationship seems strong. We can't offend

her. Once Eddy's second uncle takes over both markets, we can bring up this matter again and

exaggerate it. If he still likes Daphne, then we'll be lucky. We might be able to use her to get revenge. But if..."

At that point, Howard paused for a long moment.

Then, he closed his wizened eyes and said, "If he doesn't like her anymore, we'll have to think of

another way."

Jane didn't understand much about business, but she was skilled when it came to flattering

people. "Alright, I got it. I'll definitely get close to Daphne."

When Daphne got home, she received a call from her manager.

Her manager sounded very anxious on the phone. "Daphne, did you make Mr. Morrison unhappy?"

After her bout of rage before, Daphne got immediately mad at her manager, speaking rudely. "Do

you think I'm crazy? Why would I cause trouble with him for no reason?"

The manager touched his nose. "Don't get mad just yet. Something weird is going on. I just

notice from the company to schedule a few dozen roles for you. I thought they would be

Yoes, but when I checked, they're all background characters.”

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He paused before continuing, “And you know what’s the worst part? Many of those roles require

you to get in the water. The company even said that you’ll be penalized according to the contract

violation rates if you decline the roles.”

The manager didn’t know who could have given the order if it wasn’t Mr. Morrison.

Daphne’s expression changed when she heard her manager’s words. After a second, she gritted

her teeth and said, “I know who did it!”

It had to be Sean Yates!

Her company was under the Morrison Corporation. Sean must have felt that blacklisting her from

the bridal boutique wasn’t enough to sate his anger. That must be why he had made the company

force her to take on so many projects.

After hanging up the call with her manager, Daphne called Charles.

Charles soon answered the phone. “Ms. Dawson.”

Daphne started crying on cue. “Mr. Lane, is Mr. Morrison there? I’ve gotten into a situation, and I

hope he can help me.”

Charles frowned as he looked in the rearview mirror. Kirk was resting in the backseat. It was

obvious that he wouldn't want to talk to Daphne.

"You can tell me instead, Ms. Dawson."

Daphne chewed her lip. She would still rather talk to Kirk, but she was only the fake Mrs.

Morrison, so she had no choice.

Sounding aggrieved, she said, "Alright, it's like this. I accidentally offended a friend of Mr. Morrison's. He suddenly had many background roles shoved at me ..."

Once Daphne finished speaking, Charles said neutrally, "I think you must be mistaken about Mr.

Yates. These roles were arranged for you by Mr. Morrison."

Daphne was violently taken aback. She nearly bit straight through her lower lip. "W-why?" she

asked

"Mr Morrison says that you have to practice your acting skills. He doesn't want people to say that

only getting roles because of him. That would be bad for the Morrison family's reputation

touched her stinging lip. She could only say sweetly, "Alright Please tell Mr. Morrison

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"Okay," Charles replied. He then cut off the call. After hanging up, he couldn't help but feel the

urge to laugh.

From the backseat, Kirk said indifferently, 'Laugh if you want to. If you get hurt from holding it in,

you won't be able to claim it as a work injury."

Just like that, Charles burst out laughing.

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Since he had gotten together with Caroline, Kirk seemed to have become much funnier.

On the other end of the line. Daphne wasn't in as good a mood as Charles. Looking at the roles that her manager had sent over, she knew that she was in trouble.

Her manager comforted her. "Look on the bright side. At least this is to help you improve your acting skills. No one's plotting against you behind your back."

Yet Daphne didn't think the same way. Would she have to suffer this injustice if she were really Mrs. Morrison?

At this thought, Kirk's image appeared in Daphne's mind. Although it had been a month since she had seen him, Daphne could still clearly recall his features

He was handsome and cold. When she saw him, she wanted to conquer him.

Daphne knew men the best. She could definitely land Kirk!

When Kirk's car arrived at the villa, he knew that Caroline had already reached home. The lights shining through from the living room were proof of it.

Kirk smiled. But when he thought about what had happened to her at the bridal boutique, he frowned.

He opened the door and got out of the car. He tugged at his tie, dispelling the dark look in his eyes, before going inside.

The fragrant scent of food drifted over, and a faint look of amusement rose in Kirk's eyes. "Darling. I'm home."



Caroline was bringing the food out to the dining table. When she heard Kirk, she turned her head. "You're back?"

"Yes. Have you bought a wedding gown?" Kirk asked as if he didn't have a clue.

Caroline pulled a chair out for him. "Not yet."

Kirk sat down, spreading his arms.

Caroline was still wearing her apron. Confused, she asked, "What's up?"

"Want a hug." Though he sounded like a kid demanding candy, the fatigue in his eyes was obvious.

Caroline's heart twisted. She reached out to embrace Kirk.

Kirk snuggled his head into Caroline's embrace, rubbing against her tummy. Sounding displeased, he said, "Darling. I should quit!"

Caroline was stunned. She looked down at him but only saw his thick hair.

"Why do you suddenly want to quit?"

"I want to start my own company."

Caroline understood in an instant. Kirk must have found out about what happened today. She bent out so that she could meet Kirk's gaze. "Is this because of Jane Dawson?"

"No."

Kirk thinned his lips and pulled Caroline into his embrace. "You suffer too much."

Caroline laughed. "How am I suffering?" She didn't feel like she was suffering.

"Look..." Kirk looked around at the dishes spread on the table.

"We've been married for so long, but you still have to cook. A good husband would hire a housekeeper to take care of you."

Caroline looked at him, astounded. "I think it's just fine to cook for myself. Besides, I like cooking. It's a joy of life."

"But I feel like you're doing too much." Kirk caressed Caroline's fingers.

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Caroline regarded Kirk seriously. After a long while, she hugged his arm and looked into his eyes. "Kirk, tell me. Are you quitting because of me or because of yourself?"

Kirk smiled slightly. "Why do you ask that?"

"Because if it's for my sake, I hope you won't make such a rash decision. But if it's for your own sake, I will support you unconditionally, no matter what you choose."

Kirk paused. At that moment, he realized that what he saw as a simple matter was a huge gamble for Caroline.

He gently put his head on her shoulder. Warmth spread over him, and emotions overwhelmed his heart.

"Even if the company suffers losses?"

"That's okay." Caroline smiled toward Kirk.

"I trust you. If you can handle so many big shots so easily, you can definitely do this!"

When he saw how much Carolien trusted him, he suddenly found himself at a loss for words. He could only kiss her forehead gently and say, "I won't let you down."

Caroline laughed as she got up. "Let's eat."

Kirk passed Carolione some cutlery. After settling the roiling emotions within him, he asked, "How's it going with Evans Group?"

Caroline replied, "I've decided to head there tomorrow."

"What about Thorne Corp?"

"I've already handed in my resignation, but Mr. Hawkins hasn't approved it. I've been so busy with Evans Group's affairs lately, I don't think I'll have much time to go back to Thorne Corp."

Caroline felt really bad. "Thorne Corp has been very good to me. By leaving so suddenly, I feel like I'm letting Mr. Hawkins down."

"People have to strive for better things. There's nothing to feel bad about when it comes to your career."

Caroline hummed in acknowledgement.

"What plans do you have after taking over Evans Group?"

Caroline was stunned for a moment. Then, she chuckled.

"How do you know I'll definitely be able to take over the company?" She really wasn't completely sure she could do it.

Of the three shareholders, one was famous for sitting on the fence. His name was Sloan Mackey. It wasn't going to be easy to convince him to support her.

Kirk didn't hesitate for a moment before saying. "I trust you, of course."

Caroline laughed. "Are you comforting me by saying that?"

Kirk smiled as he looked over at Caroline seriously. "No, I'm simply stating a fact."

Looking into Kirk's eyes, Caroline found that they held some sort of power. The more she looked, the more she believed she could take control of Evans Group.

After dinner, Kirk stayed downstairs to do the dishes while Caroline went upstairs to do more research on Sloan.

Besides being a shareholder of Evans Group, he also had several companies under his name. He was like a player when it came to investing in businesses. He invested in them according to his whims and didn't even care if they made money.

This behavior was mainly thanks to his father, who used to be very wealthy. However, after his youngest son started investing in businesses, the old man's net worth dropped from the top 100 to below the top 500.

Luckily, they still had a lot of money, so they could still survive for a few more years.

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That meant that it would be nearly impossible to convince him to take her side using the accounts, based on the current situation.

Caroline rubbed her forehead. She really didn't know how to make a move when dealing with someone who didn't care about making

Right then, her phone rang. Quentin was calling her.

Ms. Evans, I've found something. The person called Winsome is your company's assistant design director, Vivian Patterson. As for how her design won first place...

After saying all this, Quentin paused before continuing, "I also found out that she bought this prize."

"She bought it? Isn't the Rosebow Contest a revered prize in the design industry?"

"Indeed it is. But money makes the world go round." Quentin smiled.

"Guess who put in the money to make the design get first place?"

For some reason, Caroline thought of Layla.

Is it Layla Evans?

Quentin got a shock. "How did you know that? Or is it possible that you knew it from the start?"

“I guessed.” Caroline chuckled. She should have guessed it from the start.

Last time, when Sarah and Dan had accused her, Vivian was the one who had brought Layla to the company. They had probably been working together for a long time.

“By the way, how’s the investigation into Mr. Jack going?”

Quentin’s tone changed immediately. “Er I haven’t found anything. For some reason, I can’t find his information, either within the country or beyond. But don’t worry, Ms. Evans, give me some more time.”

“How about you stop investigating him further?”

Once Caroline said this, she quickly added, “But I’ll still pay you!”

Quentin replied, “It’s not a matter of money anymore, Ms. Evans. I made a bold promise to Mr. Sorkin that day. I said I would help you look into it. Now that I’ve failed, it’s very embarrassing. Could you give me another chance?”

Caroline was at a loss when she heard Quentin’s feigned pitiful voice.

“Alright then. You can keep investigating if you want to.”

Caroline didn’t want to keep investigating it because she would leave Thorne Corp soon. It didn’t matter if the investigation went on. Thinking of this, she couldn’t help but chuckle.

When had she become as confident **in** herself as **Kirk**?

“What are you laughing about? Kirk said as he hugged Caroline from behind.

Caroline jumped from the fright. “When did you come upstairs?”

“I just did.”

Kirk caressed Caroline’s waist and took a look at the computer screen. “Sloan Mackey? One of the shareholders of Evans Group?”

“You know him too? Caroline put her phone to one side.

The phone screen was still lit, so Kirk couldn’t avoid seeing Quentin’s phone number and what the contact was saved as—Private Investigator.

Kirk's expression didn't change.

"Yes," he answered. He had memorized all the information about the Evans Group.

Caroline put her chin on her palm in frustration. "Among the three of them, he's the one who cares the least about money. But if I don't

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"Do you want to know how to convince him?" Kirk closed Caroline's laptop as he smiled deviously.

"Of course." Caroline didn't know what Kirk meant by his.

She held onto Kirk's collar, her eyes shining brightly. "Do you have a plan?"

Kirk leaned closer and pressed his lips against Caroline's. Lowly and seductively, he said, "Take care of me first."

Caroline was speechless. How could Kirk say such a thing without being affected by it at all?

As Kirk embraced her, Caroline forgot all about Sloan.

She pressed a hand against Kirk's abs, the other supporting herself on a soft pillow. Looking at Kirk, she asked, "Now can you tell me?"

Kirk lowered his gaze and smiled. "I think I'm still not done?"

"Wh-

Before Caroline could finish speaking, she was embroiled in more hot passion

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“It’s nothing. I just think you have a great eye for analyzing problems. You understand the point in a flash. Even if you quit your job. I won’t be worried about you.”

Kirk’s straightened back relaxed a little. He caressed Caroline’s hair. “Darling, I’ll get shy from the way you praise me.”

Caroline didn’t believe it.

The night passed in peaceful silence. The next day, Kirk took out his phone and called Charles after Caroline left. “Has Caroline gotten into contact with a private investigator?”

Charles was currently on his way to the company right then. When he heard Kirk, he thought about it before answering with a yawn, “She did. But then she stopped working with him.”

\*Stopped?” Kirk’s eyes narrowed. His voice was low and indecipherable.

“Then why did he contact her last night?”

Charles jolted awake. “Is that so?”

“Am I asking you, or are you asking me?” Chapter 285

After satiating his desire, Kirk was in a good mood and pulled Caroline into his arms. He was playing with her fingers as he broke the situation down and analyzed it for her.

“There’s nothing Sloan Mackey really cares about. He doesn’t care about money, but his father is different. After all, he had built his empire with his own hands back in the day. He knows very well what that was like.”

“What you mean is that I should talk to his father.” Caroline replied.

“Smart girl.” Kirk kissed Caroline’s lips.

Caroline smiled as she looked at Kirk.

The way she was looking at him made Kirk feel a little panicked. “What is it?” he asked.

Had he accidentally exposed h

Charles started to sweat. He quickly answered. "I'll investigate it immediately."

Caroline requested a day off and got Jack to drive her to Evans Group.

Although Evans Group was a corporation, they had only rented a floor in a commercial building. Compared to the Evans Group of the past this was a complete letdown.

Caroline followed the directory and headed to the 23rd floor. This was the first time she had come here.

In the past, Sarah and Dan had wanted her to put all her effort into taking care of Eddy. Naturally, they had never brought her to the company. After their falling out, they were even more unlikely to bring her here.

When Caroline saw the sign for Evans Group, she felt like it was a little unfamiliar.

She walked inside.

The receptionist lazily shot her a look. She pointed at a piece of paper and said, "Sign here."

Caroline recognized the woman as a distant relative. Her name was Emery Evans.

Seeing Caroline pause for so long, Emery looked up in a bit of a huff. "Don't you know how to sign your own name?"

But when she saw that it was Caroline, she was stunned. "You Why are you here?"

Caroline gave a cold laugh. "Is this how you usually welcome visitors?"

Emery yawned and stretched without a care. "Can you do anything about it?"

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Caroline looked at the staff behind the divider. At just one glance, she could see that they were basically all members of the Evans family.

Furthermore, each of them was lazing around. It was obvious they weren't here to work. They were here to relax.



Looking displeased, she retorted, "Who says I can't do anything about it?"

Tex, haven't you cut off your relationship with Uncle Dan and Aunt **Sarah**?" Emery asked disdainfully.

this company has nothing to do with you anymore.

"Indeed, I've cut off my relationship with them, but

Caroline stared down at Emery in her high heels. "I've invested 50 million dollars in

this company before. I'm a shareholder too. Don't you think I have the power to do something about you?"

Emery's expression changed.

Just then, the sound of high heels moving closer came from the outside.

Emery **saw** who was coming and loudly called, "Layla, come help me, quick!" The smile froze on Caroline's face.

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Vivian had accidentally seen cardine's resignation feller in Jules' office yesterday. After some questioning, she finally found out that

She duessed that fules must have made her wille that reskunallon. She even thought that Caroline must have made a huge mistake, which was why Jules was making her resin

That was why Vivian had gone to work early in the morning. She had planned to use this information to be snide toward Caroline. But it turned out that Caroline had taken the day off. Thus, Vivian could only go see Layla and tell her the good news.

Layla and Vivian had

me to an agreement. If Vivian helped Layla **figure** out what Caroline had done wrong, Layla would help Vivian become Thome Corporation's design director once she became Evans Group's CEO.

After all, Theme Corporation belonged to Eddy's second uncle. Thus, Eddy still had **a** say in who would become the design director. That was why Layla and Vivian were so pleased when they saw Caroline here.

Caroline smiled. When she saw Vivian and Layla standing together, she said enigmatically, "As I thought."

These words made Vivian's and Layla's expressions change,

Vivian looked toward Layla, but the latter looked confused too. Then, Vivian turned back to question Caroline, "What do you mean by that?"

Caroline lacked a smile and ignored Vivian's question. To Layla, she said, "I want to compete with you for the position of CEO."

After she said this, the room became dead silent. However, mocking laughs started up soon after.

Layla, Vivian, and Emery all threw their heads back and laughed. Emery had the most exaggerated reaction. Tears flowed as she laughed.

"You you want to compete for CEO? What makes you think you can win **against** Layla? I'm telling you now that even Mr. Eddy is supporting Layla. This position will be hers. As for you, you can go home and play dress-up!"

Vivian wiped away imaginary tears. "Ms. Evans, I really have to thank you for telling such a funny joke. I'll be grateful to you all my life."

Caroline let them laugh. She said, "Layla Evans, do you dare compete with me?"

Layla covered her tummy as she laughed. "Stop joking, Caroline. Why wouldn't I dare? If you join, you can add some fun to this competition since the outcome is already set. Why not?"

Caroline said, "Good then."

After saying that, Caroline turned to leave. But before she did, she intentionally eyed the employees who were lazily at their posts. She

frowned.

Once Caroline left, the three women burst into laughter again.

After leaving Evans Group, Caroline met up with the two other shareholders. She placed the account book that Desmond had given her in

front of them.

“Evans Group has only been making losses all these years because Sarah White and Dan Evans have been embezzling money. As long as you pick me, I can guarantee that I can get the recent transfers back.”

The two shareholders exchanged a glance. Then, one of them asked, “Why should we trust you?”

Caroline **looked** at them both and smiled. “Between me and Layla, who do you think is more likely to go through the old accounts?”

With these words, the two immediately went quiet.

It was obvious that Layla was on Dan’s side. Otherwise, there was no reason why

Dan kept putting in a word for Layla, openly or otherwise. To them, choosing Layla would mean they had no other choice.

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really trust you?

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Caroline took out another account book. This is a copy of the original. You can keep it. If I don’t do what I promised to, you can use this and make a report about Evans Group yourself.”

The two exchanged glances again. “Alright, then we’ll trust you for the time being.”

After convincing them both, Caroline looked at the next name on her list.

Sloan Mackey.

She rubbed her temples. She hoped all would go smoothly.

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rangement for Caroline to meet Sloan went quite smoothly. It was just that when she saw him, she couldn't help but frown.

They were meeting on a yacht. It was a place of questionable behavior, where men and women were entwined together, ignoring others as they kissed. Since it was still daytime, it was especially hard to stomach.

Caroline looked straight ahead as a staff member led her through. Finally, she saw Sloan in the midst of some female models. He had obviously been drinking too much and was in a party mood.

The staff member went forward and said, "Mr. Mackey, Ms. Evans is here."

It took a few repetitions for Sloan to finally turn and look at Caroline, his eyes squinting. Now, he didn't look like he'd been drinking a lot. but rather

Caroline looked toward the table. On it, there were several bags that were still stained with powder.

Her chest tightened, but her expression didn't change. She said, "Mr. Mackey. I'm here to talk to you about Evans Group's affairs."

Sloan approached her, the strong smell of alcohol following him. He raised a finger and said, "You you're very pretty."

Eyebrows furrowed. Caroline stepped back. "It seems you're not in the right condition for a business discussion at the moment, Mr. Mackey."

She turned to the staff member and asked, "Can you please get me a glass of water?"

Without much thought, the staff member nodded and went to get the water.

Caroline stealthily took out her phone. With her back to Sloan, she recorded everything that was going on on the yacht.

Sloan only stood next to her, his wide eyes staring at her. He even seemed quite alert. Yet the redness in his eyes made Caroline sure that he was only excited.

Caroline smiled and said. "Mr. Mackey. Can you hear what I'm saying?"

Sloan giggled as he reached out to touch Caroline's face. "What a pretty face."

In disgust, Caroline once again took a step back. Once she recorded what was on the table too, she quietly put her phone away. Expressionlessly, she said. "I'll go now, Mr. Mackey. Once you're sober, give me a call"

As she spoke, she moved toward the door. Coincidentally, she bumped into the staff member she had sent out for water.

When Caroline saw the person, she said with feigned anger, "When Mr. Mackey sobers up, remind him that I've been by."

The staff member only had to look inside the room to understand what had happened. He quickly smiled in apology. "Alright, Ms. Evans."

He watched as Caroline walked away. After she left, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten to check her phone.

But he assumed that she was a woman and probably didn't have the guts to do anything. So he didn't think about it any further. He placed the glass of water on the table.

After leaving the yacht, Caroline suddenly felt the pressure in her chest ease. She took in huge breaths of fresh air,

She had already found out that rich people played very hard when she had been with Eddy.

However, it was a different matter to see it with her own eyes. That was why she had chosen Kirk back then.

It was better to be with an ordinary man. Such a person wouldn't even know how to spend the money on such entertainment.

After leaving the harbor, Caroline finally felt the disgust dissipate. She found Sloan's father's phone number and made the call. Although Liam Mackey was already 63 years old, he was still managing the company because his son was

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At this moment, Liam was in a meeting at the company. When he heard that Caroline wanted to come over, he immediately agreed to it.

When Caroline arrived at Mackey Group, Liam had just finished his meeting.

"A rare visitor you are, Ms. Evans." Liam led Caroline into his office.

"What brings you here today?"

Caroline sat on the couch by the coffee table. "Nothing much. It's just that Evans Group will be choosing a new CEO soon, and I hope I can get your support."

She spoke blandly, as if she were discussing the weather.

Liam was stunned for a moment before he started laughing.

"Ms. Evans, you're going to compete for the position of Evans Group's CEO? I didn't expect that. You were always just the little girl running after Mr. Eddy. Now it seems you're going to be an independent woman."

Caroline couldn't tell if Liam was teasing or mocking her. She looked at him unblinkingly as she smiled.

Liam coughed awkwardly. "Evans Group getting a new CEO is an internal matter. I have nothing to do with that company. It's no use for you to come and see me about it."

“But your son is one of Evans Group’s shareholders.”

“Then you should go and see him.”

Caroline smiled. “I’ve already gone to see him.”

She then paused before continuing. “But I think there’s really no need to see him. You should know best what your son is like. He’s always done what he wanted. To put it in a nice way, he’s strong-willed. To put it in an unpleasant way, he’s a ticking time bomb.”

She then added, “When it comes to ticking time bombs, I’m not very confident.”

Liam wasn’t pleased that Caroline was being so straightforward. “I can’t decide on his matters.”

Caroline got straight to the point. “I’ve done my research. The projects Sloan has invested in in the past few years are **all** facing losses. You haven’t retired yet, but you worry that the company will be taken over by the board once you do. Because you know best that your son doesn’t have the power to take over.” (1

Liam’s expression turned darker.

“As long as you support me in becoming the CEO of Evans Group, I will acquire your company at a price that’s higher than the market price in half a year’s time. That way, you can get some retirement money and leave some for your son, too. What do you think?”

Hearing this, Liam chuckled. “Ms. Evans, you’re promising a lot. Do you know how much my company can be sold for at market price

“Around 600 million dollars,” Caroline stated.

It was obvious that Caroline had come prepared.

Liam was taken aback for a moment. Then, he smiled. “If I’m not mistaken, you’re already married. Ms. Evans. You didn’t marry Eddy Morrison, but an ordinary person. I’m quite curious what gives you the confidence to make such a promise so lightly.”

Caroline smiled back. “Evans Group is mine. As long as you help me become its CEO, I will acquire your company at a price higher than 600 million dollars within half a year.”

Liam leaned back into his seat and took out a cigarette. “Do you mind, Ms. Evans

Caroline frowned but said, “I don’t mind.”

Liam lit up and closed his eyes. He only reopened them when he finished the cigarette. “Alright, I’ll help you.”

Caroline looked at Liam. After a moment, she finally smiled and said. “Thank you.”

She stood up. Then I’ll be leaving now.

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Seeing how easily he had tricked Caroline, Liam couldn’t help but smirk. “Alright. I hope we have a good partnership.”

Caroline nodded and went back downstairs.

Once Caroline left, Liam’s assistant couldn’t help but ask, “Mr. Mackey, are you really going to help Caroline Evans?”

Liam

scoffed. “Do you think I’m nuts? Considering the current circumstances. I should be cozying up to Layla Evans. Help Caroline? Are you crazy?”

The assistant smiled. “That’s what I thought.”

As

the two of them chatted, Liam’s phone suddenly buzzed. When he picked it up, he found a text from Caroline.

It read. “I met your son at the yacht today. He seemed to have partied quite hard. Shouldn’t you discipline your son to prevent future problems before you regret it?”

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The assistant was nervous as he asked, "Sir, what does Caroline Evans mean by this?"

Liam's eyebrows furrowed. He didn't know either. He had never interacted much with Caroline before.

He only knew that she was a brainless sort of woman. Jude Morrison had always been supportive of her becoming Eddy's wife, but she had given up on that opportunity.

After some thought, Liam made a call to Layla and waved his assistant off.

The assistant quickly went outside.

Layla answered just as the door closed. "Your guess was right, Ms. Evans, Caroline Evans indeed came to see me."

Layla was currently playing cards. When she heard this, she smiled in satisfaction. "I see. What did she say?"

"She said she would acquire my company within half a year and pay more than the market price."

Layla burst into laughter, causing her friends to look up and ask, "What, are you going to win?"

Layla snickered. "No, I just heard a very funny joke."

As she said this, she got someone to take her place in the game and walked to the living room.

"Were you swayed?" Layla asked Liam.

Sycophantically, Liam said, "Indeed, but it's just a shame..."

"What's a shame?"

"It's a shame that she doesn't have that kind of ability. She talks a big game, but she doesn't have any skills and doesn't know what she can do."

Layla's smile only got wider. "It's good that you're aware of this. As long as you get Sloan to choose me. I'll have Eddy give you guys more business. You'll each get much more than those few hundred million dollars."

"Yes, of course," Liam replied.

"But there's something else I need your help clarifying, Ms. Evans."

Layla asked, "What is it?"

"Before she left, Caroline sent me a text telling me I should discipline my son. What does she mean by that?" As he spoke, he forwarded the text to Layla.

Layla only glanced at it before scoffing. She said, "Scare tactics. She's always been like this, so you don't have to worry about it."

"Alright."

Layla hung up the phone and returned to the table. When she did, her friends teased her, saying, "Was that Mr. Eddy calling?"

"No."

"Liar. It has to be Mr. Eddy." One of the women looked at Layla in admiration.

She said, "Layla, once you become Evans Group's CEO, you'll marry into the Morrison family soon after. I admire you so much! Your career and love life are both great."

"Yeah, and you're marrying Mr. Eddy too. Oh, I'm so envious!"

"And the most frustrating thing is that Mr. Eddy is so dedicated to Layla alone."

The woman sitting next to Layla played a card.

"For Layla, he even went against Mr. Morrison Senior's orders. That's powerful. I love it right there. I'm so jealous!"

They all laughed.

**Bogus Billionaire ( Shining Riviera )**

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Jules was stunned. "You want to recommend Vivian?"

"No." Caroline shook her head.

"When it comes to work, Vivian is flawless. But she's just too envious of others. If you can't find anyone in a pinch, you can have her take the position for the time being. But my suggestion is that you should find the right candidate as soon as possible to fill such an important post."

Jules smiled a little. "Honestly, I was still worried that you wouldn't be able to handle the position of Evans Group's CEO. But after hearing you say that I think Evans Group will only grow bigger and better in your hands."

Caroline looked at problems with an unbiased eye. She didn't consider her own likes or dislikes.

She could even be so fair toward Vivian, who had caused her problem after problem. It was a rare thing.

Caroline answered, "Thank you for your praise, Mr. Hawkins. I'll go back to my office now."

"Alright."

When she got back to her office, Caroline saw Cheryl's eyes red from crying.

"What is it?" she asked in concern.

"Did someone pick on you?"

Cheryl looked at Caroline with wide eyes but didn't speak.

Caroline frowned. "What happened?"

"Caroline, are you—are you really leaving?" Cheryl sobbed.

Rumors about Caroline leaving had been going around this morning. Cheryl refused to believe it until this afternoon, when HR put out a job vacancy notice. At that point, she couldn't deny it anymore.

Caroline smiled. "Yes."

Cheryl felt even worse after that. She was truly a failure as an assistant. She was only now finding out that her boss was leaving!

\*Caroline, are you leaving because I'm too stupid and you can't stand me any more?"

Caroline was at a loss for words. Cheryl was really thinking too much.

"It's not that. I have something going on," Caroline said vaguely.

She didn't want to be too open about the situation before it was settled.

However, Cheryl thought that it was because of Vivian. She hugged Caroline and said, "Caroline, once you find your next company, I want to be your assistant there too."

Caroline was amused by Cheryl's words. She patted Cheryl on the shoulders. "How can you have so little ambition? You should try becoming a department head!"

Cheryl only took it as a joke on Caroline's part. She sniffed and said, "I just want to work for you."

Caroline comforted her some more. Once Cheryl had her emotions under control, she opened the door and walked out in embarrassment.

But once she got out, she saw Vivian, who was walking around with a pep in her step. Cheryl frowned in disdain.

But Vivian barely took notice of Cheryl. She pushed her aside as she took a seat opposite Caroline, looking pleased. She said, "Do you know where I've just been?"

Caroline ignored her. Yet Vivian didn't mind it. She said loudly, "I was in Mr. Hawkins' office."

Everyone outside Caroline's office had long begun to pay attention to this conversation.

Vivian intentionally paused for a long moment. Then, she said, "Mr. Hawkins said you're leaving next month and asked me to take your

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Jules had said that it would be a temporary position, but Vivian had intentionally left that out.

When the others heard this, they all exchanged looks with each other.

The only constant in life was change. Though Caroline seemed to be doing well in the company, she had been fired in the blink of an eye.

Yet Caroline didn't even bother to look up. "Are you done? If so, please close the door when you leave."

Vivian was speechless. She really wanted to hit something at the moment. But then, she started laughing soon after.

Once she found out what Caroline did wrong, she would spread the word far and wide so that Caroline wouldn't get another job in this industry.

At the thought of that, she smiled even wider. "Alright. Then I won't disturb you enjoying your last moments here, Ms. Evans."

Caroline waited until the door was closed before she allowed herself to smile.

She took out the proof she had gotten from Quentin about Vivian buying the Rosebow Contest prize and grinned.

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