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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 503-By the time Caroline turned for a look, the woman was already gone. She couldn't help but ask a nearby staff member, "Who was that just now?" The staff member scratched their head awkwardly. "She's one of the selection committee members. Sorry, I'm bad with faces, so I don't know which judge she is." Caroline smiled and said, "Thank you." She didn't ask the staff member any more questions. Once they got to the seats, she went to the area reserved for managers under the staff's member's guidance.

There were only a few people there. They were probably the managers of the minor celebrities.

When they saw Caroline's unfamiliar face, they didn't come forward to greet her.

Caroline didn't feel like exchanging pleasantries, either. She checked her phone instead. Other than a message from Cheryl, no one had tried to contact her.

Caroline hadn't even told Gwen about the divorce. After all, Gwen was in a bad place in her love life now, too.

Besides, because of her parents, she had always been more sensitive when it came to romantic relationships. She changed her mind very easily when there were small incidents.

She hoped that Gwen wouldn't be prejudiced against Sean because Kirk had tricked her.

From an outsider's point of view, Caroline really hoped that Gwen and Sean could get together.

After all, Sean seemed like a reliable sort.

But who could be sure about these things? Caroline had been sure that Kirk was a good man, too.

But in the end... Caroline shook her head. Why was she thinking about him again? Hadn't she said that she wouldn't do it anymore?

Right then, someone sat next to her. Caroline instinctively looked up. When she did, her gaze froze.

The person sitting next to her was the man she had been thinking about just a second ago. Kirk was wearing a mask and a black coat. His legs reached out casually to lay atop hers.

+15 BONUS Caroline got goosebumps all over.

Ever since she had found out that Kirk was Eddy's second uncle, she had been trying her best to avoid seeing him face-to-face.

Now that he was sitting right beside her, all her resentment and anger rushed to the surface.

Caroline wanted to hit him, pinch him, scold him ... But all of these feelings sank into the abyss when she saw the dark shadows under his eyes.

Caroline slowly closed her eyes and used the coldest weapon in her arsenal—ignorance.

She didn't want to get into a fight with him here. There was no point in it.

Besides, she didn't want to argue with him anymore. After all, they would get divorced soon.

This was better. They could part ways peacefully.

Caroline had been tricked once and wasted her youth. However, she had also learned a lesson.

Luckily, she had only wasted a year when she had been tricked this time.

Compared to the eight years before, that was a great improvement, wasn't it?

Thinking about this, the self-deprecation in Caroline's eyes became deeper.

Kirk could feel Caroline struggle less under the weight of his legs.

The joy he had felt upon seeing her melted away. After so much time knowing her, Kirk had a full understanding of Caroline.

If Caroline fought back hard, that meant that he still had a chance. But she didn't even struggle now. That meant that she had lost all hope.

Kirk clenched a fist at his side.

More people gradually streamed into the theater. They were all people who were involved in choosing the cast.

Those who sat in Kirk and Caroline's area were unimportant audience members, so no one paid them any mind.

Thus, no one noticed anything strange about Caroline and Kirk

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 504-Soon, the curtains onstage lifted. The selection committee members all took their seats. Only Marietta's seat remained empty.

Caroline really liked this renowned playwright, especially her cutting language style. It always drew her interest. That was why she was so excited to see Marietta.

She tried her best to focus on Marietta's seat, but her gaze still automatically drifted to the person next to her.

The man beside her still had his legs on her thighs.

With the lights dimmed in the theater, others might think that their legs were only pressed together, but Caroline knew how much contact Kirk had with her.

A memory played like a movie in her head. Caroline used up all her energy not to look over at Kirk in her peripheral vision.

Why was it so hard?

She remembered that it hadn't been so hard when she had had to forget Eddy before.

As Caroline's thoughts were in a mess, a flurry of footsteps came from behind them. She took a breath and turned her head toward the source of the noise.

At a glance, she saw Marietta in the middle of a throng of people.

Caroline was stunned for a moment. She had always thought that Marietta was a foreigner, but she looked Eastonian.

Plus, the instant she saw Marietta, Caroline had a familiar feeling, like she had seen her somewhere before.

That feeling only grew stronger as Marietta walked closer.

It was only after Marietta took her seat that Caroline finally looked away.

Right then, Marietta looked back slightly and looked in Caroline's direction.

However, her gaze wasn't focused, so Caroline couldn't be sure if Marietta had been looking at her.

The producer next to Marietta noticed this movement and asked in concern, "What is it, Ms. Weiss?"

+15 BONUS "It's nothing." Marietta looked away, disappointed.

For some reason, as she had walked past the audience seats, she had gotten a strange feeling. But when she had looked back again, that feeling had disappeared.

"Ms. Weiss." The producer handed Daphne's information to Marietta. "This is the leading lady we chose for you. What do you think?" Before this, a higher-up had told her that the actress for the lead role had already been decided internally.

Although she didn't approve of such a selection method, "Daughter of the Sea" was one of her early works and was very undeveloped. She had never expected that it could sell for such a good price.

She was grateful enough that Collins Group had chosen to invest in it. Thus, she didn't have much of an opinion about the selection.

Marietta said, "She's not my ideal lead since she looks somewhat cruel. But if Mr. Collins chose her, I'll agree, even if I have an objection." "The producer smiled. He didn't think Marietta needed to be so straightforward.

"Shall we start?" Marietta looked up at the stage.

The producer quickly said, "Yes, yes. I'll have them get ready." As he spoke, he looked at a staff member, who turned to head backstage.

Seeing this movement, Caroline knew that they would be starting soon. She straightened and concentrated on the stage.

Although the pressure on her legs was still very strong, she became a whole other person as she focused on her work.

Kirk had been watching Caroline the entire time. Even so, she had never turned to look at him.

This feeling of being ignored made him very uncomfortable.

Kirk frowned hard, doing his best to keep from dragging Caroline out for a chat.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 505-ta was the same.

Backstage, Daphne was also watching the performances. Seeing how badly the others were doing, she finally relaxed.

She looked at Sonia, who was still memorizing her lines, and said mockingly, "No matter how well you do or how well you know the lines, I'll still be the star of the show. That's why Daphne got up and walked behind Sonia. Purposefully bending down, she said in Sonia's ear, Having skills is useless. The best is to get a backer." Sonia looked up and frowned. "Ms. Dawson, you're disturbing me." "Daphne immediately slapped the script out of Sonia's grip. "What's the act for?"

I'm telling you now. If you hadn't been popular right now, I would have had you blacklisted. Do you believe that?" Sonia swallowed. She didn't answer Daphne but bent to pick up the script instead.

Seeing this, Daphne reacted by stepping on it. She forcefully tilted Sonia's head up. Narrowing her eyes, she settled her sharp gaze on Sonia.

"You really think you can be so haughty because you have Caroline backing you?" "That's not it." Although Sonia wanted to beat Daphne up, she could only back down given who Daphne was.

There was nothing she could do when Daphne was Eddy's second aunt. If she offended Daphne, she wouldn't be able to survive in the entertainment industry anymore..

"How dare you lie about it?" Daphne gritted her teeth.

"Weren't you cursing me in your heart when I hit you last time?" "No, I really wasn't." Although Sonia was pleading, there was no hint of defeat in her eyes.

+15 BONUS This made Daphne even more enraged. She lifted her hand to slap Sonia.

Right then, her manager's voice came from behind her. "Daph, it's your turn.

Why haven't you gone onstage?" Daphne let Sonia go with a shove. "You lucked out." After saying this, she walked toward her manager on her high heels with her script in hand.

"Have you drafted the Twitter post?" Before coming, Daphne had gotten her manager to prepare a Twitter post. It was an announcement that she had gotten the lead role in "Daughter of the Sea".

The manager smiled deviously. "It's been ready for a long time. Once the audition is over, it will post automatically." Daphne raised an eyebrow as she looked at Sonia, who was still bent over to pick up her script.

She had said this intentionally for Sonia to hear. She wanted Sonia to know that Caroline was nothing!

Once she got the lead role in "Daughter of the Sea" and her popularity overshot Sonia's, she would sit back and watch as Morrison Corp and Collins Group worked together to blacklist Sonia.

When the time came, not even God, much less Caroline, would be able to save Sonia.

That was the price to pay for offending her.

Daphne walked onstage in her high heels. At once, she spotted Caroline below the stage. Due to her higher vantage point, she also saw Kirk sitting next to Caroline.

Though Kirk was wearing a mask, Daphne could recognize him instantly as her fake husband.

However, she quickly considered the possibility that he could be Caroline's husband instead.

Seeing that the man was wearing a mask, she thought that he had to be very ugly. Otherwise, why else would he be wearing a mask?

After that, Daphne turned to look at Marietta. When she did, the look in her eyes changed. It became full of warmth and admiration, along with anticipation.

After all, all the actors who starred in Marietta's plays could go from being nameless nobodies to the world's top stars.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 506-maybe she could become Kirk's real wife.

"Are we ready to start?" Seeing the specially chosen actress standing on the stage without starting even after a long while, Marietta couldn't help but frown.

Daphne quickly gathered her drifting thoughts. With a smile, she answered, "Yes." As she said this, she walked to the center of the stage and bowed before starting her performance.

Since Marietta's script had to be kept extremely confidential, all the celebrities had only been given a sample portion.

One of the scenes involved the main character, Grace Fawkes, overseas and accidentally discovering she wasn't an orphan.

Instead, her mother was still alive and actually living in the same country. With the help of her boyfriend, Grace finally found her mother.

Faced with the mother who had been absent for more than 20 years, Grace couldn't find it in her to forgive her. After an argument, they parted, upset.

This was a scene that involved conflict, so any actress with experience would choose to act out Grace's argument with her mother.

Daphne was no exception.

She knew very well how her acting skills measured up. However, she had no worries about her performance since it had already been decided that she would be chosen for the role. Hence, she wasn't worried about acting out this scene.

Besides, it was a scene with a startling conflict. If she performed well, she would leave a deep impression on Marietta.

It was the best move to make, yet also an easy one.

Onstage, Daphne began to act.

+15 BONUS Below the stage, Caroline wasn't paying attention to Daphne at all. She had told herself to get over things since she would be getting divorced tomorrow. But once Daphne went onstage, the heartache and fury rose uncontrollably within Caroline, She was outraged.

Why? Why did she keep getting tricked by the Morrisons? First, she had been tricked by the Eddy and now Kirk.

How dare Kirk marry Daphne after marrying her? What did he think she was?

Her simmering energy quickly traveled through her legs to Kirk.

The way Caroline trembled was minute, like tiny bee stings that shot into Kirk's heart. He wanted to pull her into his embrace and soothe her wounds. There was a lot that he wanted to do.

However, he realized at that moment just how useless he was.

He had once read that a lie needed a thousand more to be maintained. He hadn't understood it then, but now he felt it deeply.

Kirk raised his hand to hold Caroline's.

The touch was like a jolt of electricity, and Caroline flung his hand away, her eyes flaring with rage.

Although she didn't say anything, her gaze was like daggers in his heart.

“Darling... ” Caroline lowered her voice and said, “I don’t want to argue with you. You can say whatever you want once we leave here.” This was a theater. Caroline didn’t want to make such a fuss that everyone would find out about their business.

“If you touch me again,” Caroline began icily, “then we won’t have anything to talk about.” Kirk hesitated for a moment before obediently moving his legs away. The aggrievement in his eyes made Caroline feel like a great weight had been placed on her heart.

It hurt.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 507-Right then, Daphne completed her performance onstage.

Marietta nodded shallowly, obviously not quite pleased with Daphne’s performance.

Indeed, that was what she thought.

Since Daphne had been internally decided to get the role, this made Marietta sure that Daphne couldn’t act at all.

She didn’t expect that Daphne could actually act. Although she wasn’t that good, she was still better than some others.

But when Marietta looked at Daphne’s face... Marietta held back her myriad dissatisfactions. In any case, there were many flaws in this script. She was determined to write something new later on. She would consider this work not to be her own.

With that thought, Marietta could accept Daphne.

Seeing Marietta nodding, a look of joy lit up in Daphne’s eyes. She bowed before leaving the stage.

Sonia was next to perform.

Caroline looked up and focused all her attention on the stage. She ignored Kirk.

Kirk had no choice but to follow her line of sight and look toward the stage as well.

Sonia slowly walked onstage.

The instant the lights shone on Sonia's face, Marietta's eyebrows rose. Sonia carried herself with strength yet fragility. It was the exact way she had imagined Grace to be.

Sonia had chosen to act out the scene of Grace's first meeting with her mother.

Then, they got into an argument.

However, Marietta noticed something amiss as Sonia carried out her performance.

Sonia was handling this scene in a completely different way from Daphne.

The way Daphne played Grace, she had been full of rage when she met her birth mother. Their +15 BONUS However, Sonia's portrayal of Grace wasn't so simple and roughshod when handling this scene.

There were many layers to it.

At the beginning, she was filled with righteous resentment. Her emotions became complicated after finding out that her mother hadn't intentionally dumped her at the orphanage.

Instead, it was her father's neglect that had caused her to be kidnapped.

No longer was she simply hateful. She was torn between the love and hate she felt.

It was only when her mother brought out Grace's old toys and clothes that the emotions she had been suppressing burst forth. She cried.

According to the original script, Grace was still supposed to be filled with fury at this point.

She blamed her mother for playing the caring card. Since she had lost Grace in the past, she shouldn't have shown up again when Grace was beginning anew.

Daphne had followed the script when acting.

But Sonia hadn't. She had followed Caroline's edited script.

When she saw her mother bring out her old toys and clothes, Sonia said the same lines as she trembled, but her voice wasn't filled with rage but complicated emotions.

She wanted to get close to her mother, but she was afraid of being hurt.

That was why she had put on a facade of being angry. It was as if that was the only way she could build up the walls with which to protect herself.

Sonia's emotions were at their peak. Right then, one of the judges slammed her hand on the table in displeasure. She said, "No, that's not right. You're not following the script." The speaker was the person in charge of the dramatic arts center. She was also an experienced and renowned play-actress.

Once the woman spoke, Sonia's focus was disrupted. She froze in place and didn't know what to do for a moment.

Marietta had been immersed in the performance. Now, she frowned in displeasure.

This reaction was interpreted as something else by the producer.

He had long ago heard that Marietta didn't like others simply changing her script out of nowhere. It seemed that Sonia had angered Marietta by doing this.

The producer didn't dare to offend this renowned playwright. He quickly said, "What company is this actress from? From now on, she's not allowed to participate in anything organized by Collins Group."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 508-As soon as the producer gave his statement, several celebrities present took a harsh breath and looked over at the unfortunate Sonia. A few people even whispered among themselves.

“Isn’t this equivalent to partially banning her from the industry?” Collins Group was now working with Eddy’s second uncle, so their reach in the industry was more than doubled. Right now, Collins Group was involved in just about any TV show or movie, and their authority in the entertainment industry was nearly similar to that of the Morrisons.

“How sad.” Someone knowledgeable whispered, “I heard Sonia’s manager didn’t support her decision to join this audition.” “Why is she still here if her manager doesn’t approve?” “I heard her financial benefactor insisted on her coming.” “Do you mean Caroline?” “Yeah.” “So Sonia is here because Caroline said so? She’s really compliant. Can Caroline even be trusted?”

“Even her choice to endorse Sonia was a shot in the dark, and she happened to be lucky that Sonia became popular. Does she really think she could hit a jackpot every single time?” “Exactly! That’s why Sonia is a fool. She put off her work to focus on this role she couldn’t dream of getting. I’m guessing that Caroline was the one who changed the script.” “I think so too. Anyone in this industry knows how much Marietta values her script. Only a fool would try and change her script.” “Yeah, haha! Who does she think she is, changing Marietta Weiss’ script?” The debates in the room became louder and louder. It was difficult for Caroline not to hear them.

However, she didn’t care about what they thought.

She hadn’t changed Marietta’s script because she thought she was better than her. Instead, when 1/2 work, no matter how much she tried to understand it.

+15 BONUS Grace was a loving and righteous woman. After learning that her mother had never given up on looking for her, she had to be moved by her actions.

There was no way she would remain resentful of her. That was why Caroline had changed the contents of the script.

On the stage, Sonía finally returned to her senses after the initial shock. She bit her lip, looking at Marietta helplessly.

Marietta’s expression remained neutral as she asked, “Did you change the script yourself?” Sonia wasn’t sure what Marietta was thinking. But she didn’t want Caroline to be blamed because of her, so she figured she might as well shoulder the burden.

“Y–yes. I insisted on changing it. No one else is involved.” “Are you sure that’s the case?” Marietta asked again.

“No.” Caroline stood up before Sonia could answer.

“I changed it.” Everyone looked over at Caroline. Some looked at her in contempt and ridicule, while others gloated at her misfortune.

Only Marietta was shocked when her gaze landed on Caroline. She felt a sense of familiarity wash over her. It was as if she had met the woman in front of her before!

“What is your name?” Marietta asked, slowly standing up.

The producer recognized Caroline and said disdainfully, “Ms. Weiss, she isn’t even a screenwriter.

She’s just the owner of an apparel company.

“She doesn’t know anything. Asking for her name is just a waste of time.” Daphne was peeking at the situation from behind the stage. She was overjoyed to see Caroline take the initiative to admit she was the one who changed the script.

Marietta wasn’t a pushover. Caroline should prepare to face her wrath for daring to change her script!

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 509-Ignoring everyone’s gazes, Caroline looked at Marietta.

Earlier, Marietta had constantly been on the move, so Caroline hadn’t had the chance to look at her properly. But now she finally had the opportunity to do so.

That sense of familiarity between them became stronger when Marietta met Caroline’s gaze. She felt a sense of tenderness as she looked at Caroline.

She unknowingly softened her tone. “What’s your name, miss?” Caroline returned to her senses. “Caroline Evans.” For some reason, Marietta felt a tinge of disappointment when she heard her name. But soon, she asked

kindly, “Why did you change my script?” Caroline explained, “Because I think Grace wouldn’t have been unphased when she found out that her mother had been relentlessly looking for her all these years.” A tinge of emotion appeared in Marietta’s eyes when she heard her words. She spoke tremblingly, “Y—you think Grace wouldn’t hate her mother?” “I’m not too sure about that.” Caroline said, “But as her daughter, Grace wouldn’t be filled with hatred unless you established her as a ruthless and unrighteous person.

“But according to your profile of her character, Grace is a caring and righteous person. Since that’s the case, there’s no way she wouldn’t be moved.” Marietta slowly stood up, her eyes filled with tears. “You did a perfect job revising the script! I finally know what’s wrong with it!” This script was one of her earlier works. Back then, her daughter had been abducted. In her grief, she had turned to writing to relieve her sorrow.

Since she had written this script in her early, inexperienced days, she knew there was a problem with the script, but she hadn’t been able to change it.

Since her skills in writing had vastly improved over the years, she initially thought she could revise the script with her current expertise.

1/2 +15 BONUS However, she still hadn’t been able to figure out how to change the script, even after Collins Group took her notebook and requested to make an adaptation.

Now, Caroline’s words were like a wake-up call. Although this story was about Grace, she inevitably thought of her daughter when she wrote about Grace and her mother reuniting.

At that moment, she wasn’t writing about Grace anymore. Instead, she was projecting her own emotions into her writing.

Therefore, she had felt that Grace would be resentful when she saw her mother because she had written this story from a mother’s perspective.

She had forgotten that she had to write the story from the perspective of a daughter like Grace.

“Thank you.” Marietta slowly walked towards Caroline and stretched out her hand.

“I’m truly grateful to you for pointing out the flaws in my writing!” The sight shocked everyone present. A big shot in the drama industry actually expressed her gratitude to a nobody! What an inconceivable occurrence!

Behind the stage, Daphne almost bit her tongue in shock!

Caroline was such a lucky brat. She won a playwright’s favor by changing her script!

Daphne clenched her fists in anger.

Amid everyone’s surprise, Dolly, who was sitting on the judge’s bench, looked at Caroline in panic.

She recognized Caroline when Marietta had asked for her name.

She had initially thought she could watch Marietta teach an ignorant fool a lesson, but she had never expected... Dolly hurriedly lowered her head, pretending not to recognize Caroline.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 510-The producer took advantage of the situation and said hurriedly, “This is Ms.

Caroline Evans. In addition to being the CEO of Evans Group, she also has a good relationship with Mr. Eddy.” He was telling the truth. She was Eddy’s former fiancée.

However, Marietta didn’t care much about this. What she really admired was Caroline’s courage to stand up to authority.

She took out a business card and handed it to Caroline. “This is my business card. I’m currently writing a new book. I’m not sure if you would give me the honor of becoming my first reader?” Caroline’s eyes lit up, and she said, “It would be my pleasure, Ms. Weiss.” “So then we agree. Remember to contact me when the time comes, and I’ll give you a sample.” “Okay.” Caroline nodded.

Marietta glanced at Sonia on the stage again. “I still think Ms. Sonia’s performance is more in line with my vision of Grace.” As soon as she said these words, gasps sounded through the venue.

The producer hurriedly looked at Sonia on the stage. “But ...” Marietta interjected with a raised brow. “What? Am I not qualified to pick the female lead?” Marietta was different from the playwrights back home. As a big shot, she had more authority than an ordinary playwright. She could even kill off the protagonist if she was upset.

The producer couldn’t afford to upset a big shot like her.

Without thinking, he said, “You’re right. Sonia’s portrayal of Grace is very consistent with the writing. And her acting is natural and smooth. She deserves to have this role.” Since the producer had spoken, the rest of the judges had no other opinions.

The change in the situation shocked all the celebrities and managers present.

They had never imagined that Caroline could help Sonia snag such a good role from Daphne.

On top of that, she hadn’t even used her position and status to do this. She had simply helped 1/2 +15 BONUS welled up within them.

Daphne, who was standing behind the stage, was so angry that her expression had shifted. She was about to throw caution into the wind and rush off the stage to question Marietta.

But her sharp-eyed manager quickly stopped her. Her manager pulled Daphne all the way backstage before asking, “What are you doing, Daph?” “I’m going to question Marietta! Didn’t she agree to cast me? Why did she break her promise and pick Sonia?” The manager held her head and grabbed Daphne. “Calm down, Daph! If you cause a scene, everyone will know you pulled some strings. That would be very detrimental to your image.” “So what if I did?” Daphne said confidently, “I’m Eddy’s second uncle’s wife! What’s wrong with pulling some strings?”

The manager hurriedly covered Daphne’s mouth. “My goodness, can you keep it down?”

Remember, you’re not actually married to him!

If she offended her fake husband, he may end up announcing the marriage as fake. Then, everything Daphne had would disappear.

Daphne groaned in protest. After a long while, she glared at her manager, picked up a compact on the table, and tossed it away in anger. "It's all Caroline's fault!" At this time, the judges left one by one. As there were fewer and fewer people in the theater, Caroline stood up and walked to the stage. Although she didn't look back, she could feel Kirk behind her.

At the thought of Kirk, Caroline couldn't help but hasten her steps in annoyance.

As she walked past the judge's table, Caroline glanced at Dolly. But she didn't recognize her and walked quickly to the stage.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 511-"We did it, Caroline!" Sonia hugged Caroline, overjoyed. She had never dreamed that they would be able to beat Daphne and get the lead role in "Daughter of the Sea"!

Caroline patted Sonia's shoulder with a warm smile.

Sonia raised her gaze and saw Kirk standing behind Caroline, wearing a mask.

His gaze was frosty. She could tell why he was unhappy and deliberately hugged Caroline tighter.

Kirk remained silent at her actions.

All of a sudden, Sonia let out a yelp.

Caroline let go of Sonia out of curiosity. "What's wrong?" Sonia looked at a figure standing up from the judge's panel and asked, "Excuse me! Are you Ms. Dolly Efora?" Dolly, who had already stood up, turned around on instinct. When she saw Caroline with Sonia, she quickly turned around and left.

Caroline was stunned for a moment, then, as if she remembered something, her expression changed. She turned around and jumped off the stage.

When Dolly saw Caroline chasing after her, she hastened her steps. She couldn't let Caroline catch up to her.

Neither Kirk nor Sonia knew what had happened. They simply watched as Dolly ran toward the theater entrance in panic, with Caroline hot on her trail.

Sonia said, "Um, what is Caroline ..." Kirk's eyes narrowed slightly. He questioned, "What did you say that woman's name was?" "D-Dolly. Dolly Efo-" Kirk had already dashed out of the theater before Sonia could finish.

Sonia was stunned. She wasn't sure what was happening.

As Kirk followed Caroline, he took out his phone to call Charles. "Dolly is at the theater. Stop her at the entrance!" Charles was in the parking lot at the moment. Hearing Kirk's words, he was shocked. "Yes, sir!" Then, he got out of the car.

Meanwhile, in the theater, Kirk grabbed Caroline. "Darling. Stop chasing her." "Let go of me." Caroline forcefully shook off Kirk's hand.

However, Kirk maintained a tight grip on her hand, refusing to let go.

Caroline was anxious. "Let go of me. The lady who ran out was Dolly ..." Although she was going to divorce Kirk tomorrow, before she did, she still wanted to know why Dolly had lied to her in the first place.

I already asked Charles to intercept her." Kirk tightly gripped Caroline's hand.

"Darling..." Caroline, who had calmed down, felt goosebumps all over her body again when she heard him call her "darling".

She frowned and said defiantly, "Kirk, we're about to get a divorce, so never call me that again." Her words stung Kirk's heart, but he maintained his composure and said, "Darling, just listen to me.*

Caroline looked up at him, ridicule swirling in her gaze. "What are you going to tell me? You're Eddy's second uncle? Or did you join forces with him to screw with me?"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 512-"Darling!" Kirk grabbed Caroline's shoulders.

“Listen to me. I’m not Eddy’s second uncle.” His words amused Caroline. She said, “Is that so? Kirk, I can’t believe you’re still trying to fool me now. Let me ask you. Is Daphne your other wife?” Kirk didn’t want to admit it, but she had undeniable evidence, so he could only nod.

“Since Daphne is Eddy’s second uncle’s wife, and she’s your wife, doesn’t that make you Eddy’s second uncle? I can still draw simple conclusions like this, you know.” “No, things aren’t as simple as you imagine.” Kirk pinched the bridge of his nose.

“I’m really not Eddy’s second uncle.” Caroline laughed again when she heard his words. She looked at him. “Okay, since you said you’re not his second uncle, explain why Daphne is your wife.” Kirk let out a harsh breath. As he faced Caroline’s hostile gaze, he clenched his fists.

As if he had made a big decision, he said, “Since things have reached this point, I have no reason to hide this from you any longer.” Caroline stared at Kirk, unphased. She wanted to find out what other lies he could come up with.

“Remember that I told you I was abroad to handle my company’s affairs some time ago?” Caroline raised an eyebrow. She somewhat remembered him telling her that. “I do. What about it?” “Actually, Eddy’s second uncle, SY Group’s president, gave me this company!” Caroline scoffed, unconvinced.

Kirk wasn’t phased by her response at all. He continued, “Don’t you feel strange about why I returned to Easton despite being born and raised abroad?” Caroline straightened up. She couldn’t resist asking, “Why?” “Because I’m from SY Group.” Kirk slowly let go of Caroline’s shoulders.

“Back then, SY Group wanted to build up a new market in Easton, but they couldn’t just drop Kirk was telling the truth. SY Group sent some people to get a lay of the land before they could develop a new market in Easton.

“What does this have to do with the company you mentioned?” “This concerns Mr. Morrison Senior, Eddy’s grandfather.” Kirk explained, “Some time ago, Mr. Morrison Senior had been nagging Eddy’s second uncle about marriage.

“So he got annoyed and asked Daphne to pose as his wife to shut Mr. Morrison Senior up. To prevent the man from becoming suspicious, he had to use a marriage certificate from Maclodo as proof.” Caroline’s gaze was cold as she questioned, “Doesn’t that just prove you’re SY Group’s president?” She had read that document. Kirk’s photo had been on it.

Kirk said, “No. Although my picture was on that document, I’m really not SY Group’s president.

Well, forget it. I’ll just show you the contract.” Caroline took the contract Kirk handed over, feeling confused.

There were two documents. One was a contract of Eddy’s second uncle handing over King Corporations, one of SY Group’s branch companies, to Kirk’s father.

They had done it on the condition that Kirk and Daphne register themselves as spouses.

The other document was a non–disclosure agreement. Kirk and Ivan couldn’t tell anyone this secret. Otherwise, they would have to pay a penalty of 200 million dollars.

Caroline was utterly confused. “What the hell is the meaning of this?” Kirk swallowed nervously. He looked into Caroline’s eyes, a trace of stress swirling in his gaze.

“He needed a fake marriage certificate as proof, but he couldn’t actually register a marriage with Daphne. If he did, Daphne had the legal right to take away a part of his property after the divorce.

“So he decided to get a subordinate to register the marriage on his behalf.” He continued, “Then, using the real marriage certificate, he forged a believable, false certificate to fool Mr. Morrison Senior.” “Why did he choose you among the many subordinates he has?” “Because both of us are Eastonian, and we have the same last name. It’s easier for him to modify the certificate like that.” Caroline didn’t say anything else.

Kirk was tense and anxious. He kept staring at Caroline.

This was the best explanation he had been able to come up with after an entire day. If Caroline didn’t believe him, he was doomed.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 513-Caroline looked at Kirk, not saying a word.

Kirk clenched his fists and held his breath. He felt as if his heart was falling apart from the stress.

After a moment, Caroline finally said, “You weaved a wonderful story, and your logic is sound, but ... She looked at Kirk with dull eyes. “Do you really think I would fall for that?” Kirk stopped Caroline before she could turn around. “I know you don’t believe me.” He took out his phone and handed it to Caroline. “You once attended his press conference, so you should still remember his voice. Even if you don’t believe me, you should believe him, right?” Caroline looked at Kirk’s phone hesitantly. She still remembered Eddy’s second uncle’s voice like it was yesterday because it was distinctive.

But wait. Why was she indulging Kirk again?

“Darling...” Kirk saw Caroline not taking his phone, and sweat appeared on the tip of his nose.

He looked at Caroline hopefully. “It’s just a phone call, right? You have nothing to lose.” His logic convinced her. She took the phone, and she dialed Eddy’s second uncle’s number after a moment’s hesitation.

The call was quickly connected, and she could hear his voice. It was calm and assertive, like the voice she had heard at the press conference.

“You must be Caroline.” Caroline looked at Kirk in confusion. Kirk returned her gaze with a smile.

Holding the phone, Caroline said with her back to Kirk, “Are you Eddy’s second uncle?” “Yes, I am. I heard about what happened between you and Kirk. I’m really sorry.

My personal affairs almost ruined your marriage. I feel extremely guilty.” Caroline frowned. The voice on the phone really belonged to Eddy’s second uncle! How could that be?

She turned around and looked at Kirk. Had Kirk been telling the truth the entire time?

“Haha, I came up with this evil plan because I didn’t want my uncle to nag me about marriage. I didn’t expect my plan to end up troubling other people.

“How about this? When I have the time, I’ll visit you in person one day, okay?” Caroline opened her mouth hesitantly. She still couldn’t believe Kirk’s words.

“S—sir, I still find this entire situation ridiculous. Why did you let Kirk register the marriage on your behalf? Was it really because you both have the same surname?” “Yes.” Eddy’s second uncle chuckled on the phone.

“The best way to make a believable fake wedding certificate is to use the real thing.

“I asked Kirk to register the marriage on my behalf because I didn’t want Daphne to take away half of my property. I hope you can understand.” Caroline was silent. After a while, she asked again, “Then why didn’t he tell me this?” “He must have shown you the non—disclosure agreement. In fact, I was being unkind by coming up with this plan.

“I knew Kirk wouldn’t agree to my request to legally register himself and Daphne as spouses. So I talked about this with his father.

“He only found out about this after returning to Easton. We had already signed a non—disclosure agreement then, so he couldn’t tell you the truth.” Caroline looked back at Kirk with a complicated expression.

Eddy’s second uncle continued apologizing, “I’m really sorry, Caroline. I didn’t expect both of you to get divorced because of me.

“All of this is my fault. Kirk really loves you. He’s even willing to pay the 200 million dollars as penalty for your sake.” “Really?” Caroline asked nervously.

“Yes. Since he broke the contract to tell you the truth, he has to pay me a penalty of 200 million dollars.” Caroline protested, “200 million dollars? He’s just a regular employee! He’ll need thousands of lifetimes just to pay you back!”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 514-“Haha, do you feel bad for him?” Eddy’s second uncle said in good spirits, “Since you do, don’t get divorced.” “Sir!” +15 BONUS Another wave of pleasant laughter rang out on the phone. “All right, I won’t tease you anymore. Kirk is incredibly devoted to you.

“Since my problems caused a rift between you two, I won’t ask him to pay the penalty. I’m the one who should apologize. I’ll properly handle things with Daphne, and I won’t cause you any more trouble.” Caroline pursed her lips, remaining silent. At first, she wondered if he had used a voice–changer to disguise himself. But she never noticed anything strange, even after talking for so long.

She finally put her nervousness in check.

It seemed things were exactly as Kirk said. Eddy’s second uncle and Daphne had a fake marriage.

To make a fake marriage certificate, he had asked Kirk and Daphne to get a real one.

So was Daphne the mysterious woman?

After learning that her relationship with Kirk was doing fine, Daphne had deliberately sent her a message to make her misunderstand Kirk, leading to their relationship falling apart.

Caroline vaguely remembered she had met Daphne before going abroad, and they had caused a big scene because of the wedding dress.

When she thought about it this way, things started to make sense.

H “Darling After seeing Caroline put down her phone, Kirk walked over cautiously.

“Do you believe me now?” When Caroline looked at his sad, cautious expression, she somehow felt both distressed and amused.

“No, I don’t...” Kirk’s expression shifted in fear. “Darling ...’ 1/3 +15 BONUS Seeing his reactions, Caroline curled her lips into an imperceptible smile. “But I guess I trust you to a certain degree.” Noticing the smile on Caroline’s face, Kirk also smiled.

“You’ll have to convince me with your actions for me to trust you fully,” Caroline declared. Then, she walked toward the theater. Sonia was still in there, after all.

Kirk felt the burden in his chest fade away at the sight. His steps were brisk even as he walked up to her.

“Darling ...” Caroline barked, “What?” Kirk took her hand and cooed, “I haven’t kissed you for so long. Can I kiss you?” Caroline immediately blushed. “You’re insane!” “Exactly! I’m lovesick!” Caroline stopped and turned to look at Kirk. “I’m sure you’re actually crazy!” As soon as she said that, she heard a slap not far behind her.

Caroline followed the sound and sprinted backstage.

When she arrived, she saw Sonia covering her cheek and looking at Daphne bitterly. After realizing what happened, she pulled Sonia behind her and slapped Daphne with the back of her hand.

Daphne’s face immediately swelled from the blow. She covered her cheek and glared at Caroline. ” How dare you hit me?” “You’re the one who attacked her first. Why wouldn’t I hit you?” Caroline looked at Daphne coldly.

Daphne and Eddy’s second uncle had a fake marriage. But she had taken advantage of it and hurt others, flaunting the power she never had!

Daphne was trembling in anger. Her anger over losing the leading role in “Daughter of the Sea” had clouded her rationality.

Now that Caroline was yelling at her, she had nothing else to lose. She raised her hand and swung her palm at Caroline. “Mind your own business, you bitch!” However, the next second, her wrist was held in a firm grip, halting her slap.

Daphne stared at the man before her in shock.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 515-His eyes were hauntingly dark. The pressure of his gaze made it impossible for her to breathe.

Daphne only knew one person who was this intimidating. It was none other than Kirk, her fake husband.

Thinking of her fake husband, Daphne instantly felt emboldened, and she wasn’t afraid of the man before her anymore.

“Who do you think you are? How dare you stop me?” Kirk shook off Daphne’s hand with a sullen look. It was as if he could tear Daphne apart with his glare.

Daphne looked Kirk up and down, completely unaware of his hostility. “Oh... If I’m not mistaken, you must be Caroline’s husband.” The situation would still have been manageable if Daphne hadn’t said anything.

When she did, Kirk and Caroline both looked at her with chilling glares.

However, Daphne didn’t notice anything and continued to mock, “I know you!

You’re Caroline’s unsightly husband. You’ve been married for so long, but you must be very ugly if you don’t dare to show your face in public!” Her words made Caroline speechless. Anyone could call Kirk whatever they wanted, but she absolutely couldn’t condone anyone calling him ugly. If Kirk was ugly, everyone else was a monster.

“Don’t change the subject, Daphne!” Caroline walked up to Daphne, dragging Sonia with her. “Why did you hit Sonia?” “She deserves to get hit! She didn’t have the right to take my role away!” Her excuses amused Caroline. /“Ms. Marietta wrote ‘Daughter of the Sea’, and Collins Group and Morrison Corp invested in the play. What makes you think the role is yours?” “The fact that I’m the wife of Eddy’s second uncle!” Daphne spoke confidently, putting her hands on her hips.

Caroline really wanted to expose the truth that Daphne wasn’t the wife of Eddy’s second uncle.

1/2 *15 BONUS But when she thought about how much trouble Eddy’s second uncle had gone through to keep it secret, she gave up on the idea. After all, he had helped her before. She couldn’t bite the hand that fed her “You’re his wife, you say?” Someone spoke, their voice filled with contempt.

Everyone’s eyes landed on Kirk.

Daphne’s face flushed in anger when she realized that Caroline’s husband had talked back at her.

Am I not?” “I’m sure you know the answer to that question.” Kirk looked at Daphne sullenly.

Daphne’s heart skipped a beat at that.

Then, she remembered that Caroline's husband was just an ordinary person. He didn't have the power or the chance to be on the same level as Eddy's second uncle, so she became confident and bold. Daphne yelled, "Of course I do! You, on the other hand, have been aggressive and pushy. Anyone else would think you're my husband instead." She sneered, "I want to see who you actually are! How dare you talk to me like that?" As she spoke, she lunged forward and pulled Kirk's mask from his face.

Kirk wanted to stop her, but it was already too late. His true face was exposed to everyone present.

When Daphne saw Kirk's face, her expression shifted. She stammered, "M—Mr.

...' Kirk grabbed her neck and growled, "That's right. I'm Kirk, Caroline's husband." Fear appeared on Daphne's flushed face. Her mouth was open, but she couldn't utter a single word.

"You must be the mysterious person." Kirk glared at Daphne.

"You've really gone to great lengths to destroy our relationship."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 516-Daphne waved her hands, her face filled with fear. When Caroline saw Daphne's reaction, she thought she was acting this scared because they had exposed her plan.

Little did she know that Daphne was afraid because Kirk was Caroline's husband!

What was she supposed to do? A fraud like her had shown off her nonexistent power everywhere she went. Things wouldn't end well for her.

Just as Daphne was about to collapse from fear, Charles ran backstage, panting. "Sir." He noticed the complicated situation and said cautiously, "I've caught Dolly." Kirk glanced at Charles and dragged Daphne to him. "Take her away. Eddy's second uncle said he would deal with her!" When Charles heard that, he immediately understood that Kirk had gotten out of his predicament.

His true identity hadn't been revealed.

Charles couldn't afford to waste any time. He hurriedly dragged Daphne away.

Daphne didn't return to her senses until she was thrown into the car.

Just like that, the fiasco backstage ended.

Caroline helped Sonia to the back door. Helena was already waiting there. She had rushed over immediately after finding out that Sonia had gotten the lead role in "Daughter of the Sea".

When she saw Sonia's swollen swollen, she asked in distress, "Oh no! What happened to you?" Sonia didn't answer.

Caroline answered on her behalf, "Daphne hit her." When Helena heard that Daphne was behind this, she frowned.

"Her again? She's simply doing what she wants because she's Eddy's second uncle's wife. I really hope she and Eddy's second uncle get divorced soon." Sonia whispered, "That's enough, Helena. I'm fine." "Look at you." Helena looked at Sonia with distress.

1/3 She knew Sonia didn't dare upset Daphne for fear that she wouldn't be able to work in the entertainment industry anymore.

"But don't be upset. Someone has already helped us take revenge." +15 BONUS "What do you mean?" Sonia asked in confusion.

"Well." Helena finally had a smile on her face at the mention of this.

"Daphne always thought she would be the female lead in 'Daughter of the Sea'.

"So she had written a post congratulating herself on getting the role and set it to be released at a certain time. As a result, her post ended up getting released at the same time as the official announcement." Then, she continued, "One post announced her as the female lead, while the other announced you as the play's female lead.

"Her plans just blew up in her face. Now, many netizens have taken screenshots of both of these posts, sharing them all over the Internet. The comedic timing was amazing!" Sonia finally smiled at her words.

“You’re absolutely right. But to be fair, everyone thought Daphne would get the role before I joined the audition. So it’s normal for her to write a congratulatory post in advance.” “You’re right.” Helena looked at Caroline gratefully. “To be honest, I’m really ashamed. It’s a good thing you insisted on coming here, Ms. Evans. Otherwise, we would have missed such a good opportunity.” Caroline waved her hand. “Sonia deserves this. She has been working hard to get this role.

Without her dedication, she wouldn’t have gotten it.” Helena added, “You have a point. But if you hadn’t insisted, Sonia would have joined the TV show instead of getting this amazing role.

“I’ll be honest, Ms. Evans. I didn’t believe you when you said you wanted to make Sonia a world-renowned A-lister. But now, you have my trust!” Caroline’s first successful prediction about Sonia was likely good luck on her end, but getting it right the second time proved that Caroline was just that capable.

With Caroline’s guidance, Helena had complete confidence in Sonia’s future.

Sonia tugged at Helena’s clothes. “Let’s go, Helena.” She noticed Kirk, who was standing behind Caroline, looking impatient. They had better not be a third wheel here.

Only then did Helena notice Kirk, and she immediately straightened up

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 517-Kirk immediately frowned. Daphne had ripped off his mask just now, so nothing was covering his face at the moment.

Helena’s fiery gaze sent alarm bells ringing in his head, and a trace of hostility appeared in his eyes.

The next second, Helena walked past Caroline and trotted over to Kirk. She asked excitedly, “E- excuse me, sir. Are you interested in joining the entertainment industry?” Her question dumbfounded Kirk.

It had been a long time since Helena had seen distinctive facial features like his.

He had a masculine and rugged bearing.

A person like him would stand out, even in a crowd of people. That was what she wanted from a star.

With an impressionable man like Kirk, Helena could guarantee he would become a national celebrity as soon as he debuted.

With the emergence of the Internet, people in Easton hadn't seen a national idol for decades. If she could sign Kirk, she would be loaded for the rest of her life.

However, Kirk's gaze remained cold and indifferent as he met Helena's excited and enthusiastic ones. "Can we leave now, darling?" Helena's eyes widened when she heard what Kirk said to Caroline.

He... He was Caroline's husband! Wasn't he supposed to be an ordinary person? Why was he so handsome?

Although Caroline knew Helena was enthusiastic about Kirk due to her instincts as a manager, she still felt uncomfortable.

Caroline suppressed her discomfort and pretended to say casually, "Sonia, make sure to go through the script after you go back.

"This is an excellent opportunity. It'll be helpful for your venture overseas, so don't let this opportunity slip away." +15 BONUS "I will." Sonia looked at Caroline carefully and said to Helena, "Let's go, Helena." Helena had no choice but to get into the car reluctantly.

After closing the door, she still couldn't resist telling Caroline, "Ms. Evans, your husband is really born to be a celebrity. If he ever changes his mind, you have to call me." Caroline smiled, remaining silent. She watched until the car drove away before turning around and walking toward the theater.

Kirk followed Caroline and asked lightheartedly, "Darling, were you jealous just now?" Caroline looked at him questioningly.

"I noticed it." Kirk was in a good mood.

Caroline ignored him and continued walking to the car.

In the car, Jack felt a wave of joy when he saw Caroline and Kirk walking together. He became even more excited when Caroline didn't object to Kirk getting into the car.

After Kirk sat in the back seat, Jack finally couldn't resist smiling. He asked, "Did you both make up?" "No." Caroline looked ahead, remaining emotionless.

Her words didn't disappoint Jack. Instead, they made him smile even brighter.

In the past, Caroline wouldn't even talk. The fact that she had spoken of her own initiative today and allowed Kirk to ride in the same car was proof enough that they had reconciled.

When the car started, Kirk grabbed Caroline's hand, catching her off guard.

Caroline glared at him. However, Kirk looked ahead, pretending not to notice.

Caroline had no words for this man. He was really pushing his luck!

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 518-Caroline struggled a few times, but she failed to escape his grip.

She was about to give up when there was a sharp turn ahead. She lost her balance, falling straight into Kirk's arms.

Kirk looked down at her with a warm smile. "Are you throwing yourself into my arms, darling?" Fuming, Caroline pressed on his chest and got up. "Watch your driving, Mr.

Jack." In the front seat, Jack quickly replied, "All right. I'm sorry." However, his eyes were on Kirk.

While Caroline was distracted, Kirk gave Jack a slight nod. He would give Jack a raise when he got back.

After what had happened just now, the atmosphere in the car had changed.

Caroline tightly held onto the armrest, but she sat close to the car door. She even took out her phone and browsed through the web to hide her embarrassment.

As soon as Caroline opened Twitter, she saw Daphne's post.

"I never thought I would get the leading role of 'Daughter of the Sea'. I've always liked Ms. Weiss' works, but I never imagined I would have the chance to play a character of her creation. I feel so blessed!" When Caroline opened the comments, she saw many mocking comments directed at Daphne.

"Hahaha! This cracks me up! As soon as she 'gets' this role, the official account for the 'Daughter of the Sea' production team announces that Sonia got the lead role. This timing is incredible!" "Hahaha! This casting has really become the joke of the year! It's absolutely hilarious! Did someone trick Daphne? Was she so sure that she would be the lead in 'Daughter of the Sea'? Is that why her post had been scheduled?" "That's most likely the case. Before the auditions, I saw many press releases saying that Daphne was the actress most suited for the role. They even praised her so-called stellar Sarcozian skills!

Haha! I suggest all of you watch her audition and listen to her broken speech!" 1/2 Caroline scrolled down and saw someone posting a video of Daphne's audition.

+15 BONUS All her attention had been on Kirk at the time, so she hadn't noticed Daphne stumbling over her lines.

Someone also posted a video of Sonia's audition below the video. In contrast to the mocking comments directed at Daphne, everyone praised Sonia for her performance.

"Wow! Sonia is really fluent in Sarcozian! I feel at ease just listening to her." "Now this is what I call stellar Sarcozian skills!" Unexpectedly, Sonia replied to their comments, "No, no. It's all thanks to Ms.

Evans that I can speak this fluently." Fans immediately flocked to the woman of the hour as soon as she showed up.

"Omg! She replied to my comment! She replied!" "Wow! I heard that Ms. Evans insisted you join the audition. Is that true?" "Ms. Evans has quite a discerning eye." "That's right! Before the audition, I thought Ms. Evans was awful when I heard Sonia had turned down all her other jobs for this role. But I didn't expect her to be thinking on another level!" "I really admire Caroline's vision. If it had been me, I wouldn't have asked Sonia to risk everything for a role in 'Daughter of the Sea' after knowing that SY Group was investing in it."

“Yeah! Caroline is really sharp. Last time, she said Sonia would become popular, and she was right! Wow! She’s really competent! I should get lottery tickets while she’s around.” Caroline looked at the comments with a slight smile on her face. So this was what it felt like to help other people achieve their goals in life.

She was about to put away her phone when she received a message from Quentin.

Caroline tapped on the file, and her expression shifted when she saw its contents.

Kirk noticed the change in her expression, immediately tensing up.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 519-“Darling...” Kirk said softly.

In the front, Jack happened to see Kirk’s docile expression in the rearview mirror. The sight shocked him so much that he thought he was seeing things.

Caroline frowned and didn’t answer Kirk.

Instead, she was reading Quentin’s investigation report. The report showed that the group of thugs who attacked them were actually Jane’s people. Jane was also Brie’s mother.

Caroline slowly connected the dots in her memories.

Back then, she had bumped into Jane and Daphne at the bridal boutique.

Although she wasn’t directly involved with Brie going insane, there was no doubt the Collins family held a grudge against her.

This was where things got strange.

After Caroline had returned from visiting Ivan, she had been waiting for the Collins family to come after her. However, they had never given her any trouble, so she had gradually forgotten about it.

She hadn’t expected Jane to be the mastermind of a seemingly simple robbery.

Caroline slowly connected the threads to form a single narrative. Daphne was at odds with her because of the incident at the bridal boutique, and Jane had long wanted to take revenge on her for what happened to Brie.

It seemed that the two women had immediately devised a plan for a mysterious person to send her a message.

That would make her investigate the fact that Kirk had another wife and cause a rift in her marriage with Kirk.

Then, they had probably been upset that she and Kirk weren't divorced yet. So they had sent thugs to rob them.

Perhaps Jane and Daphne were behind the robbery at her apartment, as well as the incident with the three men at that bar.

Caroline put her phone away, taking a deep breath. She just needed to ask Dolly to verify her Kirk's heart pounded like a drum at her actions. He asked, "What's wrong, darling?" Caroline asked, "Where's Dolly right now?" His heart pounded faster at her words. Although Kirk maintained a smile on his face, he had a trace of panic in his eyes. "I'll have to ask Charles about that." "Ask him then. I have something to ask Dolly." "Now?" "Yeah." Caroline nodded.

Kirk took a breath with a smile, but a trace of panic appeared in his eyes again.

"Okay, I'll give Charles a call." Under Caroline's watchful eye, Kirk called Charles. He didn't know much about Dolly. He wasn't sure if she knew who he was or if she would reveal his identity in front of Caroline. "Where are you?" He asked.

Charles was driving. He answered, "I'm on the way, sir..." Before he could finish, he heard Kirk's voice on the phone. "Oh, you're at the warehouse in the western suburbs. Okay, I got it. I'll take my wife there right now." Charles' expression shifted slightly at his words. He glanced back at the two women he had thrown in the back seat.

Then, he looked up the address of the warehouse. He said, "Sir, I'll need more than an hour to get there." "Okay, that's fine." Kirk hung up the phone after he was done.

Caroline looked at him. She questioned, "So?" "They're at the warehouse in the western suburbs." "Mr. Jack, take us there right now," Caroline ordered. They only needed half an hour to get to the warehouse from here.

Before Jack could answer, Kirk took Caroline's hand and asked, "Are you hungry, darling?" Caroline frowned at his question. "No." "But I am!" Kirk looked at Caroline expectantly.

"I barely ate in the past few days because of our fight. Now that things are fine, I finally feel hungry.

"Just touch my belly if you don't believe me. I'm becoming thin..." After that, Kirk grabbed Caroline's hand and placed it on his abdomen. His strong muscles and familiar touch gave Caroline goosebumps.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 520-Caroline wanted to break away from his grip, but Kirk pinned her hand down.

She couldn't move an inch. However, Kirk looked at her innocently. "Right, darling?" Caroline blushed so much that she was about to sweat. "Kirk!" "Darling..." "Mr. Jack, stop the car!" Caroline ordered.

Jack did as he was told.

Caroline pointed outside the door. "Hurry up and eat, and get back here when you're done." She really wanted to ask Dolly who had given her the order to deceive her.

Kirk objected, "Come with me, darling." Caroline frowned. "Why are you so annoying today?" He was being so clingy! She didn't remember him being this clingy.

"I'm afraid you'll leave me behind." Caroline was dumbstruck. Under Kirk's pleading gaze, she relented and got out of the car.

They walked into a food store. It wasn't time for a meal, so there wasn't anyone in the store.

The female owner was delighted to see a handsome man and a beautiful woman in her store. She asked enthusiastically, "What would you like to

have?" Caroline usually made the decisions when ordering food. However, today, Kirk was acting differently. He immediately answered, "I want some spicy chicken stew." Both the female owner and Caroline were speechless at his actions.

As Kirk picked the ingredients for the stew, Caroline noticed him frowning, looking as if he were having a hard time.

She remembered the time when she and Kirk had a barbecue together. Sean had teased Kirk because he had a fancier taste in food. He couldn't eat regular food like this.

Caroline glanced across the road and noticed a shopping mall with several restaurants. She put down the plate and said, "Let's go to one of the restaurants across the street." Kirk followed Caroline's gaze, and he relaxed his frown. "Sure." The two of them walked side by side to the restaurant. The normally decisive Kirk spent a full ten minutes deciding on a restaurant. It made Caroline suspect that he was stalling for time.

By the time Kirk was done with his meal, more than an hour had passed. "I'm going to the washroom," he informed. Then, he stood up and left.

Caroline remained seated and played with her phone while waiting for Kirk.

Five minutes later, Kirk walked out of the washroom in high spirits.

Caroline couldn't resist asking, "Did you win a lottery or something?" Kirk smiled. "Yeah." "What did you win?" "Something priceless." Caroline didn't understand what he meant, so she didn't ask any more questions and got up to pay the bill. However, the staff told her that someone had already paid the bill.

She glanced at Kirk, knowing he was the one who paid. So she went downstairs and got in the car without saying anything.

After Kirk got into the car, Caroline said, "Let's go, Mr. Jack." Jack nodded and drove to the warehouse district in the western suburbs.

On the way, when Caroline looked at the time on the phone, she suddenly remembered a phrase she had seen on the Internet. "No one can stay happy after seeing what's on their partner's phone." After pondering for a moment, she asked, "Can I look at your phone?" Kirk's breath hitched at her words.

When Caroline didn't get an answer, she looked at Kirk and questioned, "What's wrong? Are you still hiding something from me?" Kirk pursed his lips and remained silent.

He had sent Charles a message on his phone, telling him to prepare for Caroline's arrival and ensure his identity as Eddy's second uncle wasn't revealed.

Since he had been in a hurry just now, he had forgotten to delete that message.

Once Caroline saw that message, his identity would be-

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 521-A shiver ran down Kirk's back as he took out his phone with a smile. "Of course not. You can look through my phone if you want." Caroline observed Kirk's demeanor. After ensuring he wasn't lying, she reached out for his phone. When she looked down, she didn't notice that Kirk's hands were trembling.

Caroline was about to ask Kirk for his password when she noticed that Kirk had used a photo of her as his wallpaper.

She was surprised. She didn't remember taking this photo.

"When did you take this photo?" She asked, showing the photo to Kirk.

Kirk smiled. "The first time when we-" "Stop," Caroline interrupted, glaring at him. She was afraid of what he was going to say. There were other people in this car.

Kirk smiled slightly at her response.

Caroline shoved the phone at Kirk, blushing. "Forget it. I changed my mind." Kirk took his phone back. "Are you sure?" Knowing how calm and composed Kirk was, Caroline guessed he had more photos of her on his phone. She didn't want him to explain when he had taken each and every one of them.

"Yes." "I'll keep my phone then." Caroline nodded and turned to look out the window, her cheeks slowly turning red.

She wasn't a heartless person. She could tell that Kirk loved her, and she knew how passionate Kirk was about her. However, she couldn't just forgive him for hiding things from her for so long.

Forget it. She would handle this after she questioned Dolly. As she pondered, her gaze unknowingly landed on Kirk's reflection in the car window.

Kirk's cheeks were thinner, and his jawline and nose were also sharper, probably due to the weight loss. He looked handsome. No wonder Helena wanted to rope him into the entertainment +15 BONUS If he joined the entertainment industry, he would likely dominate a large demographic with his good looks.

But Caroline didn't want him to join the entertainment industry.

The two of them were lost in their own thoughts, and before they knew it, they arrived at a warehouse in the western suburbs.

Charles was already waiting at the entrance. When he saw them coming, he immediately greeted them, "Hello, sir, madam." "Is Dolly in there?" Kirk asked, his gaze meeting Charles'.

"Yes, sir." "Can I see her?" Caroline asked.

"Of course." Charles made way for Caroline.

"I've already tied her up, so she won't hurt you." When Caroline entered the warehouse, she saw Dolly tied to a pillar. Right now, she was in a mess, just like when they had met for the first time. However, she had been hit while acting as a mistress back then. This time, she was captured for deceiving her.

"We meet again, Ms. Dolly." Caroline heartlessly looked at Dolly, the instigator of her unease.

Kirk's gaze landed on Dolly as well. Although he had asked Charles to make arrangements in advance, he feared unexpected changes.

He had no idea where he had seen the woman before him, but he couldn't guarantee she didn't know him.

Dolly wearily raised her head. When she caught a glimpse of Kirk standing behind Caroline, she quickly looked away in terror. “M—Ms. Evans...” “I’m glad you still remember me.” Caroline walked up to her.

“Did you fake your act for me on purpose?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 522-Caroline raised Dolly’s chin. “Tell me, why did you put on that act? And who ordered you to do that?”

“I—I don’t know. I don’t know anything.” Dolly shook her head, trying to break free from Caroline’s grasp.

However, she immediately felt immense pain in her jaw. Caroline’s strength was utterly unlike that of a woman.

“How about now?” Caroline glared at Dolly. The look in her eyes was terrifying.

Somehow, Dolly noticed that she had the same intimidating air as Kirk. She couldn’t resist looking up at Kirk.

Kirk’s eyes were cold as they followed Caroline’s movements from his spot a distance away. He wasn’t looking at her at all. It was as if he didn’t know her.

But she was Avery’s friend!

Moreover, she was an actress whose appearance was top-notch. She couldn’t believe Kirk didn’t remember her at all.

Before Dolly could continue her internal rants, she felt another wave of pain in her jaw. She took a breath. ““I—I’ll talk! I—It was...” Everyone looked over at Dolly, including the nonchalant Kirk. His eyes were heavy and emotionless, but a hint of killing intent was hidden in that gaze.

Dolly shivered at the sight and braced herself. “I—I don’t know what her name is.

“She transferred a sum of money to me and ordered me to do what she asked, including... acting out a scene and telling you those words. She

ordered me to do all of that.” “She transferred money to you?” Caroline let go of Dolly’s jaw.

“Do you know what her account number is?” “I never checked, so I don’t know.” Charles then volunteered himself. “I’ll go ahead and investigate it, madam.” Caroline turned back to look at Charles, her gaze filled with distrust.

Charles rubbed his nose awkwardly.

+15 BONUS “The bank provides the transfer records “He was implying he couldn’t make a fake even if he wanted to.

Caroline thought for a moment and felt it made sense, so she said, “How long do you need?” “Just a few minutes if they’re quick.” “We’ll wait for you here.” “Okay,” Charles said, and then he left the warehouse.

Caroline and the rest remained in the warehouse. Dolly secretly glanced at Kirk, finally getting a chance to breathe after Charles left. But she was met with Kirk’s cold glare, and she lowered her head in fright.

Soon, Charles returned. He handed the phone to Caroline and explained, “Here’s what I found. The account that transferred the money to this woman belongs to Daphne.” Dolly was stunned when she heard the name. Everything she had just said was what Avery had told her to say before she came here.

Avery had said that she just needed to follow her instructions if she ever met Kirk, and everything would be fine.

Therefore, she was still confused when she heard that the money was transferred from Daphne’s account. Could this Daphne be the actress who had participated in the audition today?

Contrary to Dolly’s uncertainty, Caroline was relieved.

It seemed that Daphne was behind all this. She was the one who instigated Dolly behind the scenes, which led her to investigate Kirk’s polygamy abroad.

Since Kirk couldn’t tell her the truth because of the non–disclosure agreement, this incident had torn them apart.

In addition to the unpleasant situation at the bridal boutique that day, there was likely another reason Daphne had done this.

She probably thought that if Kirk annulled the marriage with her, she could register her marriage with the actual president of SY Group, Eddy's second uncle.

In this way, it didn't matter if she ended up divorcing Eddy's second uncle. She would end up owning half of the property that belonged to him. After thinking about it this way, everything made sense to Caroline now.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 523-Charles saw them walk out of the warehouse hand in hand, he finally breathed a sigh of relief. It seemed that they had successfully resolved this crisis.

Charles looked back at Dolly. Then, as if he thought of something, he hurriedly ran out. "Sir, I have something to tell you." Kirk looked at Caroline.

Caroline said, "Go ahead. I'll wait for you in the car." After getting Caroline's permission, Kirk walked toward Charles.

Charles waited for Caroline to get in the car before saying, "Sir, what should we do about Ms.

Daphne?" "Let her go back for now. Keep an eye on her, and don't let Uncle Jude get suspicious." Kirk stared at the ground. He continued, "Also, have you discovered anything about the car accident when I came to Easton?" Charles shook his head. "Sir, it seems that the enemy isn't to be trifled with. I think the big four families are the likely suspects." "Including the Morrisons?" Charles froze momentarily, then considered it and said, "It's hard to tell for now.

After all, Mr.

+15 BONUS The public only knew that Jude and Ivan had fallen out, but they didn't know why. As Kirk's subordinate, Charles didn't dare to inquire about his boss' father.

Kirk frowned. It wasn't that he didn't have suspicions about his family, but he didn't have any proof. He didn't like wasting time on things for which there was no evidence.

Of course, he hoped that the Morrisons weren't behind it. But if they were, he would still make them pay the price.

*Just keep investigating this,” Kirk ordered “Yes, sir.” “Also...” Kirk warned again. “Be sure to keep an eye on Daphne. If she causes any more trouble, Charles- “Yes, sir!” Charles hurriedly replied.

“It won’t happen a second time.” After getting Charles’ assurance, Kirk turned around and got in the car.

Charles waited for the car to leave before calling someone over to watch Dolly while he sent Daphne back.

It was possible that Jude’s people were still watching Daphne at this moment.

Things would be bad if they found out the truth behind everything.

Charles took Daphne back to the villa and finally removed the cloth from her mouth.

When Daphne was freed, she shrieked, “Caroline’s husband is Mr. Kirk?” Charles glared at Daphne. He warned, “Ms. Daphne, keep this in mind if you want to live: don’t ask or say anything you shouldn’t.” Then, he walked toward the door.

Daphne grabbed Charles’ thigh. “Tell me! Tell me this isn’t true!” How could Caroline be the wife of Eddy’s second uncle? Daphne couldn’t believe it. She should be Kirk’s wife!

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 524-Charles had seen many women like Daphne. He bent down and ripped Daphne’s arms away from his thigh, both sympathetically and coldly.

“You’ll be living here for now, Ms. Dawson. I’ll ask your manager to tell the outside world that you’re injured and need to rest. Take care of yourself.” With that, he walked out of the room and slammed the door shut.

Daphne stared at the door, still unwilling to accept the truth.

“N–no! This isn’t true! Caroline can’t be Mr. Kirk’s wife! I–I am...” But no matter how much she cried, no one came in to console her. After an unknown amount of time, her cell phone rang.

Daphne wiped away her tears. She picked up her phone and saw it was an unknown number. She wasn't in the mood to answer the phone, but the caller was persistent.

Daphne was so angry that she answered the call and yelled, "Why the hell are you calling me, you crazy mutt? I'll fucking kill you!" "Oh gosh, a public figure like you is losing your mind. It seems that Caroline has caused you quite a lot of harm." When Daphne realized that the woman's voice belonged to someone who knew Caroline was responsible for all this, she immediately calmed down. "Who are you?" "You don't need to know that. I'm just someone who'll help you become Kirk's wife." Daphne scoffed, "Are you kidding? Kirk is the richest man in Sarcozia. He won't listen to someone like you." "Hmph. Even so, do you think he'll listen to you? Daphne, I can't believe you still don't understand what's happening." "What are you talking about?" "A few months ago, while Caroline and Kirk were in Macovo taking wedding photos, you anonymously texted Caroline.

"You told her that Kirk had another wife abroad, which made their relationship fall apart." Daphne was utterly confused. "What are you talking about?" But the woman ignored her and continued, "You even hired an actress named Dolly to instigate Caroline to investigate Kirk's marital status." "I didn't do any of that!" Daphne denied. She had only found out today that Kirk was married to Caroline "That's right, you didn't do any of this. I did." Daphne's hair stood on end when she heard the woman.

"But now, all evidence points to you. Caroline and Kirk are still in the dark. They think you're behind all this!" "Who the hell are you? Why are you framing me?" Daphne shrieked.

"I told you, you don't need to know who I am. You just need to listen to what I say." The woman's voice dropped as she spoke temptingly, "I know everything about Kirk, as well as Caroline. As long as you listen to what I say, I can make you Kirk's wife for real.

"Moreover, you broke Kirk and Caroline apart. Do you think Kirk will spare your puny life after he handles his other affairs?" Daphne cried, "But I really didn't do anything." "There's no point saying that. All evidence points to you as the mastermind. You have no choice but to work with me." "Why would I work with you? You framed me!" "I dumped all the responsibility on you to force you to work with me." "But what will you get for helping me?" The woman hissed, "I'm helping you because I don't want to see Kirk and Caroline together!" Daphne immediately understood her words. "You're Caroline's enemy too?"

What did she ever do to you?" "She made me lose my beloved career! Would you have let that slide?" Daphne immediately trusted the woman. "Of course not!" Then-" "As long as you help me become Kirk's wife, I'll do anything you want!" "Good. This is what you have to do..." □

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 525-In a restaurant, Gwen's mouth was open in shock from hearing Caroline explain the whole story A- Are you for real?" Caroline nodded "T-That's just absurd. Do you believe it, Carol?" Caroline looked down at the tableware in front of her. "It is absurd. I didn't believe it at first, but various signs are pointing to it being true." Gwen said, "I still find it weird that Eddy's second uncle asked someone to make a fake certificate.

"However, the minds of rich people aren't something we ordinary people can understand Maybe he did ask Kirk and Daphne to register their marriage to make a fake certificate." She paused, then continued, "After all, if he registered the marriage himself, he would lose half of his property if they divorced.

"So what's your next move? Are you going to forgive Kirk and pretend this incident never happened, or 81 Caroline picked up her fork and poked at the food on her plate. "I don't know either. That's why I invited you here." Gwen laughed. "Carol, you're grasping at straws here. I can't believe you're asking me this question." Caroline laughed along with her. "Perhaps you can see things from a different perspective." "All right. Since you trust me so much, I'll tell you what I think." Gwen sat up straight. "First of all, I think Kirk really loves you. Do you agree with that?" Caroline nodded. This fact was irrefutable.

"Okay, since he loves you and you love him, you should forgive him. After all, he's just a regular employee listening to his superior's orders.

"He wasn't even aware that his marriage had been registered. It's understandable that he didn't tell you.

+15 BONUS "All of this happened because his father agreed to it. You just need to get Kirk to keep a close eye on his father." Caroline looked down, remaining silent Gwen asked, "What's wrong? Am I wrong?" "No" Caroline shook her head "It seems all of this has nothing to do with Kirk. He's innocent." "So... Are you going to forgive him?" Gwen asked with a small smile.

Caroline put down her fork and was silent for a moment. Then, she looked at Gwen with some confusion “Gwen, do you think I’m being too lenient if I just forgive him like this?” Gwen thought for a while and smiled. “No way. Look, you said it yourself. He’s blameless in all of this. Why shouldn’t you forgive him if he’s innocent?”

Caroline stared at Gwen silently.

Gwen asked, “What’s wrong? Did I say something wrong again?” “No. You made an excellent point. Since he’s innocent, there’s no reason for me not to forgive him. Sean is also innocent, so why do you-” “Come on, Carol! Whose side are you on? Why do you seize every opportunity to speak up for Sean?” “Gwen smiled as she spoke.

Caroline also smiled. “Seriously, you and Sean-” “Stop! We’re in different situations. You’re a brave woman, while I’m just a coward. This is the power of a broken family’s influence. Maybe I’ll never fall in love again in my life.” Caroline watched Gwen talk and stopped trying to persuade her. One had to experience the relationship personally to know what it was like.

After their meal, Caroline planned to go to the marketplace.

Gwen laughed and joked, “Are you making food for Kirk so soon? I thought you would give him the cold shoulder for a while longer.” Caroline glanced at her and questioned, “How are you so sure I’m cooking for Kirk? It’s possible “But you just ate Gwen’s words made Caroline speechless.

The two women smiled at each other. Then, Gwen drove away in her car.

As Caroline watched Gwen’s car disappear into the distance, she sighed softly.

After a moment, she lowered her head and took out her phone. She hesitated for a moment before sending Kirk a message.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 526-Caroline’s text read, “Have you eaten? I made a little too much food for dinner.” Right now, Kirk was sitting in his office, listening to his subordinates reports about their work progress.

He had a gloomy expression as he listened. He looked so terrifying that the subordinate trembled in fear, almost biting his tongue several times.

Everyone else was also nervous, and they didn't dare to breathe. This tense situation had lasted for over a month. Everyone was exhausted.

Just at this moment, everyone heard a sharp ring in the office. Apparently, someone hadn't muted their phone.

No one could believe someone still made such a stupid mistake at a crucial time like this. They secretly cursed the person who hadn't silenced their phone.

The next second, Kirk picked up his phone and looked at it.

Everyone was silent. Before they could recover from their fear, they saw a smile appear on Kirk's face for the first time in a month. The sight shocked everyone so much that their jaws dropped.

The only calm person was Charles, who immediately guessed the text message was from Caroline.

Sure enough, Kirk stood up the next second and said calmly, "Since all of you have worked hard today, you can get off work." Everyone looked at Kirk as if they had seen a ghost. Had the world turned upside down or something? Their boss finally knew how hard they had worked!

Everyone was so emotional that they almost burst into tears.

Kirk had already put his phone away and walked to the door. As soon as Kirk left, everyone else surrounded Charles.

"Charles, what happened to our boss?" Charles looked at everyone with a smile. "Your better days are here. Go and celebrate tonight." Everyone was puzzled by his words.

+15 BONUS However, Charles didn't explain any further and quickly caught up with Kirk. He also smiled when he saw Kirk's relaxed expression. He had really changed a lot ever since he had gotten married to Caroline.

Previously, nothing could affect his emotions. But now, Caroline could easily affect him, even with just a movement or a glance.

Kirk finally seemed like a normal person who felt joy, anger, and sorrow.

Charles didn't know what everyone else thought of this change, but he preferred Kirk as he was now.

Meanwhile, in Morrison Manor, Jude slowly opened his eyes after listening to Simon's report.

He praised, "Carrie is really amazing. She brought Evans Group back to prosperity without our help.

"I already told Eddy that Caroline was a good match for him, but he didn't believe me. He insisted on getting together with Layla. By the way, did you find any news about Carrie's husband?" Simon said, "Not yet. He seems to know we're investigating him." Jude waved his hand. "What about Kirk? What has he been busy with? He hasn't visited me for a while." Simon looked at Jude awkwardly.

"What's wrong? Just tell me what's on your mind." "Sir, I—I suspect Mr. Kirk is Ms. Evans' husband!"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 527
Jude's eyes widened at Simon's words. "Simon, what proof do you have for that theory of yours?" Simon hurriedly stepped forward and rubbed Jude's back. "Sir, please calm down. I'm just making a guess. I don't have any proof." Jude calmed down slightly at his words. "Then tell me, what made you think this way?" Simon explained, "Sir, don't you think it's weird? Ms. Evans had zero help behind the scenes. There's no way she could have beaten Evanson Corp, a company that Morrison Corp funded, at a complete disadvantage." He continued, "Also, Mr. Kirk and Ms. Dawson said they lived together, but Mr.

Kirk rarely goes to her house.

"So where does he live when he is in Easton? Why can't we find any information about him? The most suspicious thing was that Marietta Weiss came to Easton to cast auditions for Mr. Kirk's sake.

"Logically speaking, since Ms. Dawson is Mr. Kirk's wife, she would have definitely gotten the lead role.

“However, Sonia, someone Ms. Evans values, ended up getting it instead. Since we can’t find anything about Ms. Evans’ husband and Mr. Kirk, he could be ...” Simon explained as he looked at Jude’s expression.

Jude frowned, remaining silent. After five minutes, he ordered, “If that’s the case, go and investigate Evans Group’s current funds. See if any outside finances are coming in.

“Also, find out the casting situation from the casting team. If Kirk is really Carrie’s husband, he’ll definitely leave behind some clues.” “Yes, sir!” “By the way, we can’t let our guard down around Daphne. If we take a two– pronged approach, we may find something unexpected.” “Yes, sir.” Simon left the room.

When Kirk arrived at Caroline’s apartment building, he saw Sean’s car parked downstairs. He got +15 BONUS “Why not? I’m the reason you both reconciled, after all.” Kirk took a few steps forward. “Are you here to see Gwen?” Sean chuckled. “There’s no need to point out the obvious. Besides, I was the one who skillfully manipulated Caroline when she called you on the phone back then.” Kirk looked back at him.

Sean hurriedly said with a smile, “All right, sure. You recorded your lines in advance so I could play them on the call.

“Even so, I should be rewarded for my efforts, so don’t be so petty. You already got your girl back while I’m all alone.” Kirk had recorded his voice in advance for the phone call back then. Sean really admired Kirk’s skills.

He really knew Caroline well, to the point where he could guess what she would say. Otherwise, everything wouldn’t have gone so smoothly.

Kirk walked to the elevator. “How are you sure that Caroline invited Gwen?” Sean froze. “I’m sure she’ll invite her. You two have made up. There’s no way Gwen wouldn’t show up for such a big thing.” Kirk looked at him silently.

Sean panicked immediately. He asked anxiously, “Don’t tell me she isn’t coming.” “Don’t you feel stupid for asking that right now?” Sean grabbed Kirk’s arm. “Kirk, you have to help me out. I can’t see Gwen at all right now.” The elevator had already arrived at Caroline’s floor while they talked.

Kirk knocked on Caroline’s door. “There’s nothing I can do.” “I’m sure there is!” As soon as Sean finished speaking, the door opened.

When Caroline saw Sean standing outside the door, she said in surprise, "You're here, Sean."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 528-"Yeah." Sean looked inside, and sure enough, he didn't see Gwen.

He asked reluctantly, "Isn't Gwen here?" Caroline asked in response, "Why would she be here?" Sean was silent.

+15 BONUS "Don't tell me you're here to see her?" Caroline asked, holding back a smile.

Sean stammered, "N-No..." "Oh, so you don't want to see her. It's a good thing I didn't call her." "You're going to call her?" "Yeah, but since you don't want to see her, I'd better not call her." "Don't!" Sean panicked, but when he saw Caroline smiling, he realized he had been tricked.

He laughed. "Not bad, Caroline. It's true that birds of the same feather flock together. You've become as evil as Kirk after getting so close to him." Caroline's face turned red at his words. She lowered her head and said bashfully, "As if I'm close to him! All right, I'm going to check on the pork stew." Then, she turned around and entered the kitchen.

Kirk wanted to follow her, but Sean grabbed him.

"Kirk-" Kirk massaged his forehead before tossing Sean his phone.

Sean caught it, and by the time he returned to his senses, Kirk had already strode into the kitchen. He wanted to follow him, but Kirk heartlessly closed the kitchen door on him.

"What an inhumane jerk." He complained in his heart.

Then, he stared at Kirk's phone, finally understanding his intentions. He turned on Kirk's phone and texted Gwen to come over for dinner as Kirk.

When Gwen saw the message from Kirk, she agreed immediately. Sean took a long breath when +15 BONUS Meanwhile, Caroline was stirring the stew in the kitchen when she felt a pair of arms hugging her tightly from behind. The strength in those arms startled her. "Kirk." "Yes?" "Let go of me. I'm cooking."

“No I won’t let you go, ever.” Kirk hugged Caroline tightly, resting his chin on her shoulder, As he inhaled her sweet scent, he said again, “Darling, I will never let you go, not for the rest of my life.” Caroline slightly pursed her lips. “Not for the rest of your life, you say? Are you planning to tie us together or something?” “Sure.” Kirk kissed Caroline’s ear. “I’ll buy a large chain and bind the two of us together. That way, we won’t be separated, no matter what happens.” “You’re really insane, Kirk,” Caroline scolded with a smile.

“Come on, get out of here. Sean is still waiting outside.” “No, I won’t leave. Unless-” Kirk turned Caroline over and looked deeply into her eyes with a wide smile. He slowly leaned down and bit Caroline’s earlobe.

He whispered, “Unless you give me a kiss.” His voice was alluring and soft as his breath brushed her ear. Caroline’s legs became weak from the feeling. She said softly, “Kirk ...” “I’m here, darling.” Kirk bit Caroline’s lips.

When they finally felt each other’s touch after a long time, their longing for each other made them tremble.

Then, as if a switch were turned on, Kirk’s actions gradually became more powerful and demanding. The atmosphere in the kitchen became intimate.

As the stew cooked, they kissed each other passionately, not letting up one bit

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 529-Caroline didn’t know how long had passed before Kirk finally let her go. But the lingering effects of his kiss still didn’t fade.

Her face became increasingly warm, and her heart pounded like it was about to burst out of her chest. She felt an all-too-familiar flutter in her chest.

As she listened to the rapid pounding of her heart, she knew she had fallen into Kirk’s hands.

Just then, there was a knock on the door. Caroline was about to open the door when she heard Sean’s voice outside. “I’ll get it!” He sounded excited as if a distinguished had arrived.

After punching Kirk in embarrassment, Caroline mused, “Who’s here?” Who could make Sean this excited?

Kirk looked at Caroline with a bright smile.

Caroline's legs turned to jelly from what she saw. His gaze was too direct. He was being so blunt that she could tell what he wanted.

"We still have guests here." Caroline reminded Kirk not to mess around and pushed him. However, Kirk still planted kisses on her lips.

Then, they heard Gwen's surprised voice outside. "What are you doing here?" Only then did Caroline realize that Gwen was here. She pushed Kirk away and walked out of the kitchen. "You're here, Gwen!" Gwen was still standing outside the door, looking at Sean warily. "Yeah, Kirk texted me. He asked me to come over." Caroline looked behind at Kirk, who was walking out of the kitchen.

Kirk looked calm as he answered smoothly, "Yeah, I invited her over. The more, the merrier. Right, darling?" Caroline agreed, "Of course. Come in, Gwen. I've bought a lot of food." "Of course I know that," Gwen muttered.

After a moment's hesitation, she walked into Caroline's home. "Let me help you." "Sure Caroline dragged Gwen into the kitchen.

As soon as they entered the kitchen, Gwen quickly asked Caroline, "What the hell, Carol? You didn't tell me Sean was going to be here. I wouldn't have come if I knew he was here" Caroline smiled merrily at her words, throwing the vegetables into the sink. "I didn't know Kirk invited you." "Oh, you're smiling so brightly! Did you make up already?" "You're so annoying." Caroline shyly said while washing the vegetables, "We're talking about you right now. Why did you change the subject?" "There's nothing left to talk about. I support your decision to make up with Kirk, but that doesn't mean I should make up with Sean, too." Caroline put the washed vegetables on the table and turned around.

Noticing Caroline's actions, Gwen said hurriedly, "Hey, don't try to convince me otherwise. I won't give the relationship another try, not even if a king orders me." "I'm not going to do that." Caroline passed the vegetables to her.

"I just want to tell you that since you have no intentions of being in a relationship with him, just treat him as a friend." "Fine. I won't make things difficult for you." Caroline nodded at her words and continued to work.

"Do you still need my help?" Gwen asked, walking behind Caroline.

Caroline looked around and said, "It's fine. You should go out there. I can handle this myself." "No," Gwen refused.

"Just let me stay in the kitchen. I still don't know how to face Sean." "Sure." Meanwhile, Sean kept looking over at the kitchen. After making sure Gwen wouldn't come out, he asked Kirk while keeping an eye on the kitchen, "What should I do, Kirk?" Kirk looked at Sean calmly. "Why don't you give up?" Sean immediately stood up, agitated "Come on, Kirk. Now that you've made up with Caroline, can't you support me in patching things up with Gwen?"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 530-"I told you." Kirk calmly analyzed the situation. "My situation is different from yours. Caroline and I both have the courage to face the uncertain future, but Gwen doesn't.

"The trauma of her family life has caused her so much harm that she doesn't believe in love. How could someone who doesn't believe in love embrace her feelings?" "Didn't you not believe in love too?" Kirk answered, "Caroline was the one who made me believe in that feeling." "How did she convince you?" For a moment, Kirk couldn't find an answer to Sean's question.

He and Caroline had been through many ordeals. These ordeals were like chains that bound them together and made their relationship stronger.

However, he had no idea when he had started to believe in love.

"There's no point trying to duplicate our situation. There's only one way to convince Gwen: let her undergo therapy to get rid of the fear she feels.

"But I'm not sure when or if she'll get over her fear. So, as a friend, I advise you to give up." The hope in Sean's eyes slowly faded away. "Do I really have to give up?" Kirk remained silent. He could only give a suggestion. The rest was up to him.

Sean sat on the couch and said dejectedly, "I really don't want to." This was the first time he had liked someone so much, even more than medicine.

Kirk looked at Sean silently and didn't say a word.

Meanwhile, Daphne heard the doorbell in her apartment and froze. She thought she was hearing, things.

Ever since Charles had brought her home a few days ago, she had been stuck at home and wasn't +15 BONUS Her manager only came to see her once and then hurriedly left. She had no idea what was going on outside.

As the doorbell rang, Daphne realized that the visitor was probably Jane. After talking to the mysterious woman on the phone, she had called Jane.

However, Jane had been abroad at the time, so Daphne could only stay put and wait.

Thinking it might be Jane, Daphne's desolate eyes lit up with hope. She didn't even wear her shoes as she dashed to the door and opened it.

When she saw Jane at the door, she couldn't hold back her emotions anymore and hugged her.

Jane patted Daphne's head and comforted her. "I already know that Caroline's actress stole your role. There, there. Don't cry. Let's talk inside." With Jane's help, Daphne returned to the living room. Her body was still shaking when she sat on the couch, not because her role had been stolen, but because... She really wanted to tell Jane that Kirk was Caroline's husband, but she couldn't.

She knew all too well how snobbish people could be. If Jane found out that Caroline was Kirk's real wife, she would abandon her and curry favor with Caroline instead.

It didn't matter if Caroline had made her daughter go insane.

"You have to help me, Mrs. Collins!" Daphne begged with tears in her eyes, trying to sell her misery.

"Caroline didn't just take away my role to challenge me. She's also trying to mess with the Collins family. Mrs. Collins, we can't just leave her be!" Jane asked, "What do you want to do?" "I want to kill her!" Daphne raised her head, looking at Jane with a stern look.

"Mrs. Collins, all our troubles will be gone if she's dead."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 531-Jane narrowed her eyes. "I wish she were dead, but she managed to escape even after I sent my men after her twice." She seethed with rage whenever she was reminded of this.

"There's something you should know," Daphne told her.

"What is it?" "She didn't escape last time. It's because the men you sent were-" "You-" "Calm down," Daphne said.

"If the men you sent worked for the Collins family, they wouldn't have made such a blunder.

Besides, they always do a good job at tidying up the mess afterward." Jane swayed when she heard this. "Are you suggesting that I get help from the Collinses?" "Yes. I'm sure you want to take revenge for your daughter." "Naturally," said Jane as she sat on the couch.

Her face was full of anguish when she spoke. "But Howard made a deal with your husband. No one can harm Caroline once the Collinses and the Morrisons start working together." Daphne felt as though Jane had just dropped a bomb on her.

So this was why Kirk had agreed to cooperate with the Collinses.

Her hands clenched into fists beside her as jealousy seeped into her heart. Kirk truly loved Caroline, after all!

Daphne forced a smile and said, "We won't leave any traces behind as long as we give her a quick and clean death. Also, you still have me. I can back you up if anything goes wrong." "Really?" Jane beamed.

She had thought of doing this long ago but had put the thought aside because she hadn't been sure if Daphne would agree with it.

Now that Daphne said she would have their backs, Jane couldn't wait to get rid of Caroline "Certainly Seeing that Jane was on the verge of agreeing, Daphne immediately reassured her. "Besides, my plan is much more detailed this time. I'm sure we can succeed." "Alright then! Tell me about it!" Jane urged.

Back at Caroline's home, she saw Sean and Gwen off before turning to head back in. Suddenly, she found herself enveloped in Kirk's arms.

“Let go of me.” Caroline hit his chest with her fists, embarrassed.

“I miss you so much, darling,” said Kirk as he started kissing the nape of her neck.

His kisses were like raindrops falling on the dry land that was her heart. She relished them as she relaxed and allowed herself to sink deeper into his embrace.

She resisted at first, but the room somehow felt warmer, and her legs became increasingly weak as though she were floating. Her mind was in a trance.

It was only when Kirk placed her on the bed that she became aware of the weight that was pressing on top of her body.

She pushed her hands against his sturdy chest, murmuring, “Be gentler ...” Her cheeks were already red from the heat, and her eyes were glazed.

“Okay,” said Kirk, and he swallowed, trying his best to restrain himself.

However, when his eyes fell on Caroline’s collarbone, her flawless skin, and her perfect figure, he forgot all about what he had promised her.

It was as though he were a beast that hadn’t had any meat in a long time. He couldn’t hold back at all as he ground his hips against Caroline’s without mercy, leaving her no strength to resist him.

It was 5:00 am. A sliver of light shone through the windows.

In a daze, Caroline turned to look at Kirk, who still wasn’t done with it.

Lazily, she mumbled, “Aren’t you tired?” Her voice was rough when she spoke.

Kirk sat up and wrapped his arms around her. “Are you tired?” he asked, to which she glared at “Do you know what time it is already?” Kirk laughed and pecked her on the lips. “I’ve been holding back for far too long.” Caroline turned to lie down on top of him. “You could solve this by finding someone else to do it with you.” Kirk immediately flipped them over so that she was beneath him. “So you’ve thought of doing this with someone else?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 532-Caroline laughed at how nervous Kirk looked. "It's human nature, after all," she said jokingly.

"We're adults. It's only natural that we satisfy our needs." A shadow fled across Kirk's face. He lowered his head to bite her lips and said, "Don't ever think of doing that again. Understand?" Caroline hissed in pain. "Are you a dog?" she said, mad at him for biting her lips.

However, his gaze was as piercing as ever as he said, "Promise me, Caroline." The serious look on his face startled her. A split second later, she hooked her arms around his neck.

"Kirk, don't you know me well enough? You know fairly well whether I would ever have that kind of thought." Despite what she said, Kirk continued staring at her. He seemed so formidable that she thought she would suffocate.

"Darling!" Kirk exclaimed.

Only then did Caroline relent. "I never thought of doing that," she said helplessly.

"I was only pulling your leg." A hint of a smile finally appeared on Kirk's stern face. He pecked her cheeks and let go of her cheerily, as if he were a beast that was content now that it had finally filled its stomach.

"Goodnight," he told her.

"Good morning' would be the right term," Caroline snapped.

Despite her tone, she finally found herself at peace. It had been quite a few months since she experienced such blissful serenity.

She turned to look at Kirk, her lips turning up into a smile as she did so.

She didn't know why, but she found herself moving closer to him and leaning against him. The warmth of his body soothed her, and she fell asleep gradually.

It was 2:00 pm when she woke up.

"Oh no! I'm late!" Caroline exclaimed after taking a look at the clock.

She sprang up from the bed and hurried to grab her clothes when, suddenly, someone grabbed her wrist.

Kirk stared at her from under the blankets and said, "Just take a leave." "No can do. I've asked my staff to make preparations for the Mackey Group case ..." Her voice faltered halfway through her sentence.

She looked up to see Kirk beaming at her. She knew exactly what he was thinking, even though he said nothing.

Just before she could put a word in, he said, "Darling, it seems to me that I still had a place in your heart even when we were in a fight back then." Caroline wanted to retort, but no words left her mouth. In the end, she flicked her wrist free from Kirk's grasp. "Let go of me! I'm going to work!" Kirk pulled her into a hug and landed kiss after kiss on her neck. Things were about to get spicier when Caroline realized what he was trying to do and raised her hands to stop him.

"Stop! I really have to go to work." Kirk then inched closer to her until the tips of their noses touched. In his raspy and mesmerizing voice, he told her, "Don't go." "No..." "I don't want Mackey Group. I just want you with me." "Nope!" Caroline turned and pushed him against the bed so that he couldn't move.

After combing her fingers through her hair, she put on a stern expression and ordered, "Your boss is so unreliable. You should just resign when I take down Mackey Group." Kirk stared up at Caroline. "You're saying that Eddy's second uncle is an unreliable person, but why do I recall that you once admired him a lot?" He couldn't help but make fun of her after hearing her accuse him of being unreliable.

Embarrassed, Caroline tried to explain herself. "That was way in the past. After going through so much, I realized that I had been hugely mistaken.

"To put it simply, he's one of the Morrisons, so he's no different from any of them." With that said, she got off the bed, leaving Kirk stunned.

He stared at her hourglass figure as she left, his mind a jumbled mess.

On one hand, he was dejected at the fact that Caroline no longer admired him.

On the other hand, her distaste toward members of the Morrison family seemed to have increased.

If she discovered that he was one of the Morrisons in the future, things would be even harder to handle.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 533-Kirk got a call from Charles not long after Caroline left. Howard had come to the company to see Kirk.

Kirk's gaze darkened when he remembered the information he had received from the investigation yesterday.

It turned out that Jane had ordered those scumbags to rob Caroline. What was more, Jane and Daphne had been working together to cause Caroline a lot of trouble recently.

Those two women had violated the agreement he made with Howard.

"I'm heading over now," said Kirk.

"Okay." Charles hung up and went to the reception area after getting confirmation from Kirk.

"Mr. Collins, he'll be here shortly." Howard couldn't hide the smile on his face. "Alright. I'll be waiting right here." Charles nodded and left the room.

About half an hour later, Kirk arrived at the company and strode into the reception area.

He narrowed his eyes at the sight of Howard. He was about to speak when Howard, oblivious to the danger that was to come, handed him a letter of invitation.

"Mr. Kirk, my wife's celebrating her birthday the day after tomorrow. I'm here today to invite you. I hope that you'll spare some time to attend her birthday party." "Birthday?" Kirk glanced at the invitation letter before him and fell silent.

A moment later, he took the letter and scanned through its contents.

Abruptly, he smiled and said, "So your wife's birthday is on the day after tomorrow?" "Yes." Howard looked eager. He was still very much unaware of the change in Kirk's attitude.

"You'll make time for it, right?" "Certainly." Kirk tossed the letter onto his desk and added, "I'll prepare a huge gift for her, too." Howard couldn't stop himself from beaming when he heard that.

"That's not necessary. It's our honor to have you attend the birthday banquet." Kirk smirked. "I have one condition, though. There can't be any reporters or journalists at the banquet." "Don't worry. I know that you're very low-key and that you don't want others to see your face. I'll get rid of every single reporter within a ten-mile radius on the day of the banquet." Howard continued, "I'll ask all the other clans that will be present to watch their words too." Kirk put his legs on the table. "Okay. You may leave now." "Okay," Howard replied, satisfied that he had achieved his goal.

After watching him leave, Charles stopped behind Kirk and asked, "Sir, about the car accident ... Aren't you afraid that the person behind it will take action again if you expose yourself now? We haven't found out who that person is." "We've looked into this for so long yet failed to get any bit of information. It could only mean that the person behind this has backup. They won't take action again if I don't reveal my identity." "Are you making yourself the bait, then?" Kirk hummed in response.

"But what about the madam?" "If she finds out, we'll just tell her that I'm Eddy's second uncle's representative," said Kirk.

"After all, the only ones in Easton who know what I truly look like are those in the Morrison family.

Charles smiled. "Pretending to be someone else when that person is yourself... It's an excellent idea!" Suddenly, Kirk's expression darkened. "It wouldn't take up much time, anyway." "Why?" Charles asked, confused.

"Because I'll leave the Morrises behind very soon." Charles was still puzzled, but Kirk didn't care to explain further. He simply picked up the invitation letter on his desk and stared at it, his gaze dark and intimidating.

When Caroline arrived at the office, Cheryl looked like she was about to explode if she couldn't get a piece of gossip out of her, "Caroline, why are you

so late?" Caroline usually arrived way earlier than all of her employees. She lowered her head at Cheryl's question as a blush crept up her cheeks.

"Huh? Why are you blushing?" Cheryl looked as though she had just discovered a prehistoric fossil.

"Tell me, have you and your husband reconciled?" "Don't be a busybody," Caroline retorted.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 534-"I'm not a busybody!" Cheryl pouted as she grabbed Caroline's hands.

"Tell me, will you? I just want to know what it's like to be in a relationship." Caroline laughed. "How are things between you and Jack?" "Let's not talk about it." Cheryl sighed. She would sink deep into her thoughts whenever Jack was mentioned.

"He still thinks of me as a little sister." "Maybe the only way for you to handle this is by being straightforward." "I don't think that's a good idea." Cheryl was worried.

"What if he doesn't like me? If I confess to him, but he doesn't like me, wouldn't it be super awkward then? We meet all the time here in the company, after all." "That's true." Caroline nodded.

"I'll prod him when I'm free." "Is that really a good idea?" Cheryl sounded uncertain, which made Caroline smile.

"I won't ask him then," said Caroline.

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1/3 +15 BONUS “Okay Cheryl turned and left.

A few minutes later, Caroline’s phone rang. She picked up her phone and frowned when she realized that Liam was calling her.

She hadn’t even met up with him to discuss the matter of taking over Mackey Group, yet he was calling her already.

After a moment of hesitation, she answered the call. “Hello?” “Caroline?” Liam sounded especially polite today.

“Is there anything you would like to tell me?” asked Caroline.

“You’re still intent on purchasing Mackey Group, right?” Caroline’s fingers tapped the surface of the desk lightly. “Of course.” “Well then, let’s meet up tomorrow to discuss it. What say you?” Caroline stared at the clock on her desk. “Are you willing to sell Mackey Group off?” Was he willing to do it? Even after she had sent his son to jail?

Liam sounded devastated when he spoke again. “After going through so much recently, I’ve come to realize that you’re a genius at doing business.” “I wouldn’t regret it if I handed my whole life’s hard work over to you.” He continued, “I spent all my time and effort on it, so I hope that I can sell it for a good price.” Caroline glanced at her schedule and said, “I’m free tomorrow. I’ll ask someone to inform you of the time and place for us to meet then.” “Don’t worry about it,” Liam told her hastily.

“I’ll have my employees arrange it for you.” Caroline didn’t give it much thought and agreed to it instantly. “Sure. Send me the time and location when you’ve arranged it.” “Okay.” After hanging up, Liam glanced sideways at Jane.

“The deed is done.” She sneered. “Well done. You’ll be rewarded handsomely when it’s all settled.” Liam smiled and bowed in exaggeration. “Thank you so much!”