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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 726-“I used to wonder why I had no memories before I was around that age. Eddy told me we had been kidnapped, but I don’t remember anything at all.

“So, it’s very possible that Sarah took me to see a psychiatrist to hypnotize me, making me forget what had happened back then.” Caroline continued, “But why would she do that? Was it to make me forget that brutal kidnapping?” But if that were the case, why hadn’t Layla and Eddy undergone hypnosis too?

Caroline felt her head hurt the more she thought about it.

Seeing Caroline in such pain, Kirk hugged her in distress.

“Darling, don’t think about it. Hypnosis is the most I can allow. I absolutely won’t let you undergo the next plan.

“If you can’t move on from your trauma, I’ll take you away from here. Perhaps you’ll get better after we go abroad and leave this environment.” Caroline pressed her cheek against Kirk’s chest. As she listened to his strong heartbeat, her heart ached.

She wouldn’t get better if they did that. She wouldn’t get better, even if she escaped to the ends of the earth.

Undergoing treatment was the only way for her not to live in suffering. If she kept living in suffering, Kirk would also be suffering with her. She didn’t want that. However... “Okay, if I can’t recover, we’ll go overseas. Perhaps I’ll get better after we leave,” Caroline said, looking at Kirk with a smile.

The more she behaved like this, the more Kirk’s heart ached. “Let’s go home.” He held her hand, unwilling to let go.

“Okay.” Caroline followed Kirk into the car.

The journey home was silent. When they got home, Caroline took the chance to go to the bathroom to call Quentin.

“Quentin, I recall asking you to keep an eye on Sarah and Dan. Did you find anything?” Quentin answered, “They’ve been staying put in the villa. They barely go out, and they haven’t contacted anyone either. But Layla visits them sometimes.

Why are you asking? Did something happen?” “No, it’s nothing.” Caroline shook her head.

After a moment’s hesitation, she said, “I may have to trouble you again with something.” Quentin laughed. “You’re too kind, Caroline. We’ve already worked together many times, and you always paid me handsomely for it. It’s my job to run some errands for you.” Caroline smiled in return. “But you’ll have to investigate a lot of things this time, and it will take a long time. You may need a lot of manpower and resources.” Quentin became interested. “Really? Since this is a difficult task, I better investigate carefully.” When Caroline heard his words, she laughed. Then, she told him about Yvonne.

After hearing Caroline’s explanation, Quentin clicked his tongue. “That is very strange. Only a blind person would have trouble recognizing their five or six-year-old child. Okay, I’ll make sure to investigate this thoroughly. Is there anything else?” “I also want to know everything that happened when I went abroad when I was about five years old. I want you to find out the reason why Sarah and Dan sent me abroad and whether they had me undergo hypnosis after that.” Quentin drew a breath at her words. “This is a pretty difficult job. But don’t worry; I like a challenge. Just stay put. I’ll help you investigate this.” Caroline hummed in assent. After she hung up the phone, she slumped down the wall weakly.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 727-Eddy’s tweet went viral online, and Layla saw many speculations about their relationship. There was no way she would let an opportunity like this go by.

She immediately posted a tweet. “Thank you for your wishes, Ed. After I win the rights to Collins Group, I’ll definitely do my best to run the business well. I’ll make sure to live up to you and everyone’s expectations.” Her tweet immediately made every single one of her supporters lose their minds.

“See? I knew that Layla would get Collins Group. Since she has Eddy’s unwavering support, no one else but her can win the rights to the company. I really don’t understand what people who support Caroline are thinking.”

“Exactly! It doesn’t take a lot of math to realize Caroline can’t win this. Caroline doesn’t have anything. Her company, Evans Group, had been supported by Morrison Corp. Therefore, Morrison Corp has the power here. Her livelihood is in their hands.” “Since Layla has said so, Collins Group has to be hers. Oh, I’m so envious. It would be nice to have a rich boyfriend.” “Hahaha. Caroline is probably crying somewhere right now.” “I think so too. It’s hilarious how she overestimated herself to fight with Layla. If Mr. Morrison Senior had been still alive, their battle would still have some kind of suspense. Unfortunately, he’s passed away. Caroline has zero chance of winning now.” “Speaking of his death, I have some news you guys may not know about.

Caroline reportedly has something to do with Mr. Morrison Senior’s death.” This comment attracted the attention of many netizens.

“Please elaborate. I have a lot of time on my hands.” “Me too. I’m curious. How on earth is Caroline involved in his death?” “Come on, don’t keep us in suspense. Hurry up and tell us what’s going on.” Urged by the netizens, the mysterious commenter finally said, “I don’t know the details, but I know that Mr. Morrison Senior took a bullet for Caroline.” “Fucking hell! So, he didn’t die from old age, but he died to save Caroline.” “I also thought it was strange back then. I wondered why he had passed away all of a sudden.” “Ah, no way: Mr. Morrison Senior actually died for Caroline. Goodness, he really cared about her. I don’t get why Caroline would just marry someone else. She really disappointed him. I guess Mr. Morrisons Senior died with some regrets.” “Ah, I feel so sorry for him. But I don’t understand why he loved Caroline so much.” “Is it because she saved his life before? Otherwise, I can’t figure out why he dotes on her so much and insists on her marrying Mr. Eddy. Because of this, he even delayed Mr. Eddy and Layla’s marriage.” “It’s a good thing Caroline didn’t marry Eddy. If the rumors are true, I suggest Caroline shouldn’t harm Mr. Eddy. She should just let him tie the knot with Layla.” Since the netizens’ discussions about this were popular, it soon caused an uproar online. Many people mentioned Caroline in their tweets, asking her not to ruin Eddy and Layla’s relationship.

Caroline didn’t notice the news at first. However, after it started trending on Twitter, it ended up on other social media platforms. In the end, she saw the comments on those platforms.

When Caroline saw the comments saying that she was responsible for Jude’s death, she felt her heart pounding erratically. She held her chest, and her body slumped down in distress.

“Caroline, the bank has sent-” When Cheryl came in, she saw Caroline falling limply to the ground with a pale face. She hurriedly threw away the things in her hands and nervously helped Caroline up. “Caroline! What happened to you? I’ll call the ambulance right away.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 728-Caroline stretched out her hand and said through her teeth, “Don’t call them...” Cheryl said worriedly, “But Caroline-” Caroline slowly sat up and said weakly, “I’m fine. Go, get me a glass of water.” Cheryl stood up uneasily and poured Caroline a glass of warm water. After drinking the water, Caroline finally recovered from her shock slightly.

However, Cheryl was still worried about her. “Caroline, I’d better take you to the hospital.” Caroline closed her eyes and leaned against her chair. “No, I’m fine. You can’t tell anyone what happened here, especially Kirk.” Cheryl frowned in distress and sat next to Caroline. “Caroline ...” “I’m really fine.” Caroline opened her eyes and looked at Cheryl.

When she had seen the netizens’ accusations, she had remembered the day Jude had died. They were right; Jude had died for her.

But she didn’t want to fulfill his final wish. She wanted to live her life with the one she loved. She was really selfish.

“Caroline ...” Seeing how absent-minded Caroline was, Cheryl nudged her.

Only then did Caroline return to her senses. After taking a deep breath, she asked, “Cheryl, what were you about to say when you came in?” “Oh!” Cheryl remembered her reason for coming here.

“The bank’s official account posted an announcement, saying that they will announce who will acquire Collins Group this Friday.” “This Friday?” Caroline took the tablet Cheryl handed over.

“Weren’t they doing it next month?” “I’m not sure either. Perhaps there’s a lot of attention on this, so the bank wanted to take this chance to restructure Collins Group as soon as possible.” Caroline thought about it. The possibility of that was quite high. After all, Collins Group’s business had been stagnant for a long time. The bank definitely hoped to take action as soon as possible.

“Caroline...” Cheryl looked at Caroline.

“Things don’t look good for us right now.” Although Cheryl hoped that Caroline would win, it seemed unlikely at this point.

Unless Caroline asked SY Group’s president to come forward, no one else could acquire Collins Group.

Meanwhile, in the VIP room of a bank, Kirk glanced at Mr. Donovan, who was standing across from him.

“Did you throw away Caroline’s application?” he asked slowly, but every syllable seemed to make Mr. Donovan’s heart tremble.

Mr. Donovan shivered in fear and secretly glanced at Charles, who stood behind Kirk.

He had just discovered that the man before him was SY Group’s president. And based on the information in Caroline’s application, he was also the man who had endorsed her.

Charles ignored Mr. Donovan’s pleading look. He couldn’t believe what this banker had done. Even if the applicant wasn’t Caroline, he couldn’t just throw away someone’s application.

Seeing no one would help him, Mr. Donovan bit the bullet and answered, “Yes.” Then, a soft chuckle sounded in the room, scaring Mr. Donovan so much that he felt his legs turn to jelly.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 729-“Mr. Kirk. I—I didn’t know that you were the one who had endorsed Ms. Caroline.

I know my mistake now. I’ll apologize to her in person. Please give me another chance.” Kirk tapped the tip of his shoe on the ground and asked coldly, “Do you know who’s the largest shareholder of this bank?” Mr. Donovan gritted his teeth and shuddered. “Morrison Corp.” “Ha!” The smile on Kirk’s face widened, but his icy gaze seemed like it could freeze Mr. Donovan.

“You’re in charge of this bank, but you didn’t know that this bank became my property three days ago. Why should I give you a chance?” Mr. Donovan’s

expression turned even darker. The bank had actually had a change of owners.

He couldn't believe that he, the person in charge, hadn't known about such an important thing. He had even offended the boss himself.

Right now, Mr. Donovan wanted someone to give him the mercy of death. "Mr. Kirk. Well... I really "Enough!" Kirk was no longer in the mood to listen to Mr. Donovan's explanations.

He said, "Go and get your final paycheck. Also, you mustn't tell anyone about what happened today. Otherwise..." Mr. Donovan was good at assessing the situation. He knew he had no chance of salvaging his mistake, and he couldn't afford to offend Kirk even more.

So, he said tacitly, "All right." Even after he walked out of the bank, he still had a surreal feeling. He couldn't believe that Caroline's backer was Kirk himself. How interesting.

At this moment, his phone rang with a call from Layla. When Mr. Donovan realized that he had lost his job because of Layla, an irritated expression appeared on his face.

However, Layla was also someone he couldn't afford to upset because Eddy was supporting her.

He sighed. He had been caught in the clash between two powers. Feeling resigned, Mr. Donovan Layla asked heartily, "Mr. Donovan, I heard that your bank is making the announcement this Friday, right?" Mr. Donovan smiled bitterly at her words. "I don't know." He was no longer the chairman of the bank. His last-minute decision might have already been annulled.

However, his answer sounded like a ruse in Layla's ears. "Haha! You're a pretty interesting guy, Mr. Donovan. I understand. Thank you for your help. I'll definitely show my appreciation when I get Collins Group." After getting what she believed to be assurance, Layla hung up the phone, leaving a confused Mr. Donovan hanging.

Was Layla deaf or something? He sighed. Forget it. He was fired, and he should quickly leave this godforsaken place.

Friday arrived in the blink of an eye.

Since Collins Group's acquisition was the biggest news in Osbury, Mr. Donovan had decided to make the announcement at midnight to increase online traffic.

So, although it was already past 11:00 pm, many people were still checking their phones, waiting for the bank to make the announcement.

In contrast to the nervous citizens, Layla had already gathered her friends and booked a huge private room in Gourmet Manor to celebrate her victory.

The bright lights in the room shone on the smiles on everyone's faces, both real and fake.

Everyone raised their glasses, and they congratulated Layla one after another.

"Oh, Layla, you're going to be the head of one of the big four families. You can have whatever you want. You'll be living life like a queen. I really envy you!"
"That's right. Layla here is the first matriarch. As far as I know, the other big four families didn't have women leading them." "Wow, that's amazing. Layla, you're great!"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 730-"Hmph! That doesn't matter much. The best thing Layla did was bring Evans Group back on top Layla did what so many people couldn't." "Oh yeah. You're right," someone followed suit.

"Nothing even happened when Caroline took over Evans Group. But look at Layla. Even without a company, she managed to return to the big four families' ranks." These people knew very well how Layla obtained Evans Group. However, things were different now.

Since Layla was about to acquire Collins Group, she would become the head of one of the big four families. With that status, everyone was eager to curry favor with her. No one would dare to upset her.

"I have an idea." Someone raised his glass and said, "Everyone, let's give the new matriarch, Ms.

Layla, a toast.” Layla had already lost herself in everyone’s praises, so she toasted everyone and went wild.

“All right! Everything tonight is on me! After I get Collins Group tomorrow, I’ll give each of you a branded bag!” Her words immediately made the crowd go wild.

In contrast to the blaring sounds in the restaurant, Caroline was quiet. Very quiet.

Kirk walked to Caroline’s side silently. “What are you looking at?” His actions startled Caroline. When she turned around and saw Kirk, she said cutely, “I’m reading the manuscript I wrote, of course.” During this time, she had spent most of her time on her writing. She wondered if suffering was a form of inspiration. After she had begun her treatment, she’d had an endless amount of inspiration.

It felt as if she had a lot of things to tell at every single moment. Rosalind had remarked that the gates to her creativity had opened.

“What did you write?” Kirk knew that Caroline had been writing. But she was always so cryptic. When Caroline saw Kirk stretching out his hand, she quickly hid in her arms.

“I still can’t show it to you. You can see it after I’m done writing.” Kirk chuckled, “Do you have to be so mysterious about it?” “Yeah.” Caroline smiled sweetly.

She grabbed Kirk’s arm and changed the subject, “What are you doing here?” Kirk couldn’t resist pinching Caroline’s cheek. “I can’t believe you forgot such an important thing.” “What important thing?” Caroline blinked.

Kirk leaned over and said, “Today is the day when the bank will announce who will take over Collins Group.” Only then did Caroline remember. “I can’t believe I forgot about it. What time is it? Have they already announced it??” Seeing Caroline’s anxious expression, Kirk reached out and hugged her around the waist.

“There’s still half an hour left before the announcement,” he said, rubbing Caroline’s neck.

“Darling, it’s boring to just wait around. Why don’t we find something to do?” Caroline felt a tingling warmth on her neck, which spread throughout her entire body. She bit her lip and looked at Kirk.

Kirk tapped Caroline’s forehead. He picked up his phone and looked at the time.

“There are 15 more minutes.” Caroline was speechless.

Time quickly passed as they made love, and soon, it was already 11:59 pm.

Caroline sat next to Kirk, dripping in sweat. She took her phone and opened the bank’s official Twitter account.

Her heart pounded wildly, She didn’t know if it was because of their lovemaking or because the announcement was about to be revealed.

At this moment, she refreshed the page, revealing that the bank’s official account had posted an 2/3 The person who would acquire Collins Group was

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 731-After clicking on it and scrolling down, Caroline saw her name written in big letters. There was even a bright red flower beside her name.

“It’s me! The bank chose me!” she exclaimed as she looked at Kirk with joyful eyes.

Perhaps she hadn’t had full faith in herself earlier. She was overwhelmed with happiness after learning that she was going to take over Collins Group.

Hugging her with one arm, Kirk took one of her hands and planted a kiss on it.

“Are you really so happy?” he asked.

“It’s just Collins Group.” Caroline nudged him in the chest. “Hey, you’re getting ahead of yourself. Do you know what it means to own Collins Group?” “We can do whatever we please in the entertainment industry from now on,” she continued.

“No one would have the guts to offend us.” Kirk laughed at her explanation. “I can give you SY Group if you like it.” Caroline couldn’t contain her laughter as she glanced at Kirk. “As if.” “I’m not lying,” Kirk told her, his eyes dead serious.

“Darling, if you want SY Group, I can give it to you.

“As if SY Group belongs to you.” Caroline stood up, escaping Kirk’s embrace.

When she unlocked her phone, she saw dozens of messages congratulating her on her victory.

She then clicked on the group chat, only to discover that Gwen had gone insane.

“Fuck! Fuck! Fuck! It’s true! Carol’s taken over Collins Group. Someone give me a good pinch and tell me that it’s not a dream!” Besides Gwen, Sonia and Cheryl were both overcome with excitement too.

Cheryl had even sent a voice message in the group chat and “accused” Caroline of keeping it a secret from them, even though she knew that she would win from the beginning.

“Caroline, you knew you would win Collins Group way back, right? Why didn’t you tell us something so important?” “Yeah!” After calming down, Gwen finally managed to recompose herself and said, “Carol, you’d better be drunk and tell me who helped you kick the Morrisons’ ass!” “And the Hackett family’s too!” After reading through the texts, Caroline pondered for a moment before replying, “It was SY Group’s CEO.” Since everything was set in stone, there was no reason for her to keep it a secret anymore. She didn’t know how much of an impact her words had on the others in the group chat.

“What? SY Group’s CEO? Carol, you should have told us this before!” “So that was why you were able to defeat both the Morrisons and the Hacketts at the same time! My goodness, Caroline, you’re so cool!” After sending the message, Cheryl added a kneeling emoji to show just how much she admired Caroline.

Sonia, on the other hand, took the easier approach and typed, “Boss, please be my sugar mommy.” Once everyone had calmed down and the commotion had settled down, Gwen seized the chance and asked, “Carol, did you two meet last time because of this?” They had found it kind of strange that Eddy’s

second uncle had wanted to meet Caroline all of a sudden. So this was the reason.

After Caroline replied affirmatively, the group chat was filled with emojis and stickers of joy again.

However, Gwen privately texted Caroline. “Does Kirk know this?” “Yep, he does,” Caroline replied.

“He played a part in making SY Group’s CEO help me with this.” Gwen pressed a hand against her forehead when she read Caroline’s reply.

“Does Kirk know what he’s doing?” Gwen thought to herself.

Although Kirk was more good-looking than Eddy’s second uncle, the latter was better than him in terms of wealth and other aspects. Needless to say, Eddy’s second uncle posed a big threat to Kirk.

Alas, Kirk had even introduced Caroline to that man. Was he seriously trying to get himself cuckolded?

Discreetly, Gwen asked, “Doesn’t Kirk have anything to say about this?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 732-A soft smile hung on Caroline’s lips. She knew fairly well what Gwen was trying to say.

“I asked Eddy’s second uncle about it that day,” Caroline said, speaking into the phone with her back against the railing.

She turned to look at Kirk. She wasn’t sure what he was doing, but she could see that his brows were furrowed slightly. Under the soft light, he seemed less stern and more approachable than before.

“He said he supported me only because I have a knack for business,” replied Caroline.

“You’re too naive. There are lots of others who have a knack for business, too.

How come you were the one to catch his eye? You’d better watch out.

Especially since he's helped you this time." Gwen continued, "He's a part of Collins Group now, and you'll have to keep an eye out in case he talks about it." Caroline fell silent as she considered Gwen's words. "Don't worry about me, Gwen. I know what I'm doing." "I don't have to worry about you," Gwen told her.

"I know you like the back of my hand. It's that guy I'm wary of. I'm afraid ..." Caroline smiled and said, "I'm a married woman now. Even if he truly has feelings for me, he can't just do anything as he wishes, right?" Gwen giggled. "Nothing is certain. Just be careful. I don't believe that a man would be kind to a woman for no reason at all. He must have a hidden agenda." "I understand." Caroline nodded in understanding.

"Okay then. I'm hanging up." Caroline heard the splashing of water from the other end of the line and could somewhat guess what was going on on Gwen's side. Smiling, she said, "Alright. Goodnight." After their call ended, Caroline raised her eyes to look at Kirk, who seemed to be especially busy with whatever he was doing. The frown was still stuck on his face.

She tiptoed toward him and whispered, "Honey Her soft voice was like an antidote that made Kirk forget all of his worries. No longer as tense, he reached out to hook an arm around her waist.

"Yes, darling?" said Kirk. Before he could say anything else, she took the initiative to kiss him, stopping him from uttering another word.

Time passed like the ebbing of the tide at night.

Silence filled the air in the private room at Gourmet Manor after the bank made the announcement. Not a single person spoke. None of them had expected Caroline to emerge victorious.

Suddenly, the bottle of red wine in Layla's hands cracked, and she let it fall to the ground. The sound of it shattering snapped everyone out of their daze.

The people around Layla wore different expressions as they stared at her now.

"No way! That's impossible!" She smashed anything and everything around her as if she had gone insane.

She abruptly stood up, grabbed someone by the arm, and snapped, "Tell me that everything I saw just now wasn't real! Tell me that it's all fake!" She shook the person repeatedly with so much force that he almost puked from how nauseous it made him feel. He couldn't utter a single word anymore.

The people surrounding Layla were so horrified that they staggered backward in horror.

"Tell me!" Layla screamed in his face, her voice piercing the air in the room like a sharp and terrifying blade.

A moment later, the person whose arm she was grabbing couldn't take it anymore. He patted her arm and said, "Ms. Layla, snap out of it. It's just Collins Group. The Morrisons would still support you." "Maybe the bank made a mistake," he added.

"You should give them a call and ask them about it." His words snapped Layla back into reality, and she hastily took her phone out to call Mr. Donovan.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 733-Unfortunately, no one answered the call. In haste, Layla remembered that someone must be working at the bank right now, so she quickly called the bank.

Her call was answered almost immediately. "Where's Mr. Donovan? Pass him the phone right now!"

How could something like this happen? The man must have a death wish.

The staff member on the other end of the line sounded confused. "Mr.

Donovan? Nobody here goes by that name." "What?" Layla roared into the phone.

"Does he think he can hide for all eternity? Tell him that I'll fire him if he doesn't answer my call!" The staff member was flabbergasted. Still, he replied, "Miss, there's no 'Mr.

Donovan' here." "Oh right." He seemed to remember something.

“The former chairman’s surname is Donovan, but he’s been sacked. Just call his number if you have any other questions.” With that said, the staff member hung up, leaving Layla staring blankly into space.

A while later, a thought occurred to her, and she picked up her phone to call Eddy.

When the call went through, she seemed to have forgotten where she was and who she was surrounded by.

Weeping, she said, “Eddy, didn’t you say that you would hand Collins Group over to me? How come it’s in Caroline’s hands now?”

“She caused your grandpa’s death, yet nobody punished her for it.” Layla continued.

“And now she’s taken over Collins Group. How is this fair? This isn’t fair! This isn’t fair at all!” “Eddy,” she pleaded.

“You’ve got to help me and take revenge for me!” However, Layla wasn’t aware of the fact that Eddy hadn’t listened to a single word that she had. The only thing on his mind right now was the bank’s announcement. Just a few days ago, a mysterious person had appeared out of nowhere and purchased the entire bank.

Eddy had a hunch that said person was his second uncle.

To test his hypothesis, he had agreed to sell the bank off. Now, the bank had made its announcement, proving that he was right.

All of his guesses were correct! Caroline’s husband was his second uncle. It was true! All of it was true!

Eddy’s hands balled into fists. He couldn’t make himself believe that his second uncle—the person he once admired the most—was married to Caroline.

How had this happened? How could Kirk marry Caroline?

Even if Eddy himself disliked her, Kirk shouldn’t have married her. What was more- “Eddy!” Layla’s piercing voice came from the other end of the line, pulling him out of his thoughts.

“Are you even listening? I don’t care who decided to hand Collins Group over to Caroline. You have to fire the person behind this!” “What if I say that the one you’re talking about is me?” Eddy spat, his expression icy.

Layla froze. She couldn’t believe it.

“No way. You told me that you would help me become the Collins Group’s new owner,” she muttered.

“You wouldn’t do something like that to me, right?” “I said that I would help you, but I never promised to make you that company’s owner,” Eddy replied as he stared right ahead, “Layla, you saved my life once, and I’ve helped you over and over again because of that.

“This is the final time I’m helping you. You have to depend on yourself from now on.” “No!” Layla screeched.

“How could you do this to me? How could you be so cruel?”

“Have you forgotten how I had saved you so selflessly back then? How could you-” Glancing down at his phone, Eddy said, “I can help you find a match if you’re thinking of marrying someone and living a good life afterward.” He continued, “I can also help you if you want to start a small business or need a sum of money for it.

“Just know that I will never see you again.” “No-” “I’ll marry Caroline. It was Grandpa’s dying wish,” he said.

“I’ll take good care of her, love her with all my heart, and start a family with her.” His words stabbed Layla’s heart. Hearing those words from him made her feel worse than it would if she were to take her own life.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 734-“Eddy, you can’t treat me like this! You can’t... Even if you have no feelings for me, I’m still your savior. You wouldn’t have lived to this day without me. You can’t treat me like this.” Eddy hung up, his face expressionless. Indeed, Layla had saved him once back then, but he had repaid her kindness a lot of times too.

He didn't want this to carry on anymore. It was fine if she wanted him to give her money or help her search for a suitor. He couldn't care less about her anymore.

Right now, all he wanted to do was be together with Caroline. He had finally realized just how much he loved her. He loved her so, so, so much.

He couldn't lose her. He had to take her out of Kirk's grasp.

Meanwhile, Layla collapsed onto the ground after suffering multiple blows from the truth bombs Eddy had said.

Seeing her reaction, everyone around her knew that the matter regarding Collins Group was now set in stone. There was nothing she could do to change it, so they left her alone in the room.

All of a sudden, an eerie smile spread across Layla's face. She sneered, "Caroline, do you think you can defeat me just like this? Don't forget that you were never part of the Evans family to begin with! You're not one of the Evans! You never were!" Layla's desperate cries reverberated in the empty room. Nobody replied to her.

She was all alone now.

After the bank made the announcement, Caroline had to attend a simple ceremony in person. She asked Kirk, "Do you want to come along with me?" The ceremony would be bustling with people, and there would be plenty of media coverage too.

Caroline wanted to introduce Kirk to the world and let everyone know that he wasn't a good-for nothing husband.

Even though he wasn't wealthy, he had a knack for business. He would surely succeed if given the chance to start a business himself.

Besides, she wanted everyone to know that he loved her a lot and that they were happy. It would 1/2 +15 BONUS She couldn't care less about what others said about her, but she just couldn't stand it when they insulted Kirk by saying that he was useless and that she was the one supporting him.

Despite her efforts to reason with those people, they were always adamant and wouldn't change their minds.

Therefore, Caroline thought it best to let everyone know just what a wonderful person Kirk was on the day of the handover ceremony.

Noticing the look of eagerness in Caroline's eyes, Kirk couldn't find it in himself to disappoint her. Still, he had to let her down this time.

If he were to appear in public, his identity would definitely be revealed. If that happened, Caroline would learn about his true identity and that he had kept her in the dark about it all this time.

She wouldn't forgive him then.

Another thing was that Eddy still had his eyes on Caroline and was keenly waiting for Kirk to slip up. So Kirk had to be extra careful this time.

"Sorry, darling, but I'm not used to public events like this," said Kirk apologetically.

"I'm afraid I'll drag you down and embarrass you by making a fool of myself." "I'll panic if I go on the stage alone." Caroline wouldn't give in.

"Can you please accompany me?"

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 735-Kirk couldn't resist it when he saw Caroline pout. Still, he managed to hold himself back with his last ounce of rationality.

"I can't accompany you there, darling," he told her.

"I have something important to attend to on that same day." "What's so important? What's more important than me?" Caroline turned away from him so that her back faced him, her lower lip protruding as she sulked.

She had hoped against hope that she could introduce him to everyone during the handover ceremony. Alas, Kirk just wouldn't give in. She was so mad at him for it.

Then, Kirk put an arm around her waist and nuzzled her neck. In his low and raspy voice, he muttered, "Naturally, everything about you is most important to

me.” “But I hope that the ceremony will go perfectly. I don’t want to ruin it and make you regret anything later on,” he added.

“You not attending it will be my greatest regret!” Caroline was fuming already.

Kirk stared at her and found himself at a loss for words.

Noticing this, Caroline murmured, “Sorry. I was being too harsh on you. I didn’t mean it. I just hope that you can show up on such a significant day for me.” She continued, “Besides, I want the world to know you. I want them to know just how wonderful of a person you are. You aren’t anything like what they say!” Kirk lowered his eyes to look at her. “What did they say?” It was Caroline’s turn to fall silent. Those people’s comments were much too horrible. She didn’t want to tell Kirk about it at all.

“Tell me about it.” Kirk carried her, sat down, and made her sit on his lap.

“Tell me.” “Nope.” Caroline buried her face in his chest and pretended as if she didn’t know a single thing about what she had just said.

Amused, Kirk chuckled His coarse fingers brushed against her waist as he lowered his voice and said, “Why?” “There’s nothing nice about what they said- Her words were briefly cut short as his cool lips abruptly pressed against hers, giving her a shock.

She was about to resist when she felt his hands on her back, pinning her close to him. Eventually, her protests turned into whimpers, and her knees turned into jelly as she felt herself melt in his aims After the deed was done, Caroline trembled slightly. Noticing this, Kirk pulled her into his arms and patted the back of her head as though he were coaxing a child. “Sleep... Time to sleep Moments later, he heard the sound of her even breathing. Looking down, he saw that she had indeed fallen asleep, and he breathed a sigh of relief.

Finally, the matter of attending the handover ceremony had been dealt with. He picked up his phone and scanned his call history.

Three days had passed since the bank had made the announcement. Yet Eddy still hadn’t contacted him. How strange.

Kirk had already suspected that something was off back then. Later, Eddy had even made a show of having Layla's back. Since then, Kirk had suspected that Eddy had guessed that he was Caroline's husband.

Since things had come to this, there was no need for Kirk to continue keeping his identity a secret anymore.

But□Although he didn't want to keep it a secret from Eddy, he would surely make the latter suffer if Caroline found out about it, After considering his options for a moment, he sent Eddy a message.

"Let's meet up." It didn't take long for Eddy to reply. "I've been waiting for your message." "You can decide when and where we're meeting."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 736-Kirk didn't wait for a reply after sending the message. He simply looked down at Caroline in his aims.

Her brows were furrowed tightly, which made him wonder what she was dreaming about. "No, it isn't me. I didn't..." she murmured.

This wasn't the first time Kirk had seen her frown and mutter in her sleep. His heart broke a little every time this happened.

Despite what he felt, he could only hug her tight to give her some warmth. It was a good thing that Michael had prescribed her some medicine. Otherwise, she would have nightmares every other day. Now, she didn't wake up from fright like before.

Soon, she fell into a deep slumber once again. Now that Caroline was sleeping just fine, Kirk could finally close his eyes and fall asleep himself.

Early the next morning, he saw Eddy's reply. "The Gruidae. See you at 9:00 pm." Eddy had sent the message last night. Kirk narrowed his eyes at the screen and was about to put his phone down when he noticed Caroline getting up from the bed.

"You're awake," he said.

She nodded and got up from the bed with a hand on her forehead. "How did I fall asleep?" She could vaguely remember that they were discussing

something important last night. Soon after that, she had fallen asleep in a daze.

What had they been talking about? She patted herself on the head but couldn't find an answer.

"What are you doing?" Kirk stopped her from hitting herself on the head.

"Are you trying to make yourself dumb?" "No. I was going to tell you something important last night," she said.

"But I can't remember what it was. Do you think there's something wrong with my brain?" Kirk chuckled. "If there's something wrong with your brain, other people wouldn't have brains in their skulls." Caroline nodded, agreeing with him to some extent. Realization dawned on her, and she exclaimed, "I get it now! The kings in the past always indulged themselves with beautiful things. I thought they were exaggerating it.

It seems to me now that it's very much true." She said, "It's your fault for making me stupid." Kirk couldn't contain his laughter. He ruffled her hair and said, "Yeah, yeah. It's all my fault!" As he spoke, he glanced at his phone on the table. "I'm having dinner outside tonight, so you don't have to wait for me to come back home." "Okay," said Caroline as she got up from the bed and headed for the bathroom.

"Are you going to have dinner with Sean?" Kirk stared silently at the back of her figure for a while before answering, "Yes." Caroline didn't doubt him and simply closed the door to the bathroom.

After she shut the door, Kirk stared back down at his phone, his face darkening considerably.

Eddy had arrived at The Gruidae earlier and had been waiting for quite some time already.

The restaurant wasn't called "The Gruidae" because there were cranes inside.

Instead, it was named so because of the bronze statue of a crane in the center of the restaurant.

The statue had been passed down for generations by a clan of craftsmen since the era of King Altair. Eddy stared at the statue downstairs as he fidgeted with the glass of wine in one hand.

“Is he not here yet?” he asked.

This restaurant was one of the Morrisons’ many properties. Eddy had purposely asked the staff to close the restaurant so he could meet Kirk here today.

Time passed, and soon, it was 9:15 pm. Eddy narrowed his eyes at the clock on the wall. He had just gotten up from his seat when he heard footsteps coming from outside.

His gaze landed on the entrance of the restaurant. The doors opened, and in walked the person he was all too familiar with. It was Kirk, his second uncle.

Yet now, Eddy found Kirk intimidating. It was as if Kirk were a stranger to him.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 737-“Uncle Kirk.” Standing up. Eddy took the initiative to greet Kirk.

The latter sat opposite Eddy with a face devoid of emotion. “Have a seat.” After taking a seat, Eddy suddenly thought of something and wanted to stand up once more. However, the thought struck him as childish, so he swallowed his frustration and sat in his seat.

He only spoke after he had calmed down. “Why didn’t you tell me? Why did you keep it a secret? Did Grandpa know this long ago ...” The longer Eddy spoke, the less inclined he was to carry on talking. In the end, he simply glowered at Kirk and said, “You’re my uncle! How could you do this to me?” To Eddy, Kirk was like the sun in the sky that had guided him all along. He never thought that the rays from the sun would one day scald him and burn him alive.

Kirk simply stared back into Eddy’s eyes. Slowly and elegantly, he took out a cigar and lit it up.

“Getting married is personal. Why should I inform you about it?” “But you married Caroline! She was my fiancée! How could you?” Eddy could say nothing more. He felt as though Kirk had betrayed him.

“As far as I know, my wife and I were single when we got married.” Eddy shot up from his seat. “Uncle Kirk, I know that I’ve wronged her. I ignored her feelings and suggested such a ridiculous idea.

“But it was only because I didn’t realize that I had been in love with her since the beginning.” He continued, “Layla had saved my life once, and it had weighed on my heart. I couldn’t just leave her alone that time.” “Did you think that gave you the right to hurt Caroline?” Kirk exhaled, and the smoke swirled in the air, forming a misty veil that amplified the scorn in his eyes.

Eddy looked as if someone had just punched him in the gut. He collapsed onto the chair. “It’s all my fault,” he muttered.

“If only I had drawn a clear line between love and gratitude, things wouldn’t have ended up like He raised his eyes to look at Kirk. “But Uncle Kirk, you’re no different than me.

You lied to her. You didn’t tell her your true identity.” Hearing this, Kirk pressed the cigar forcefully into the ashtray. Despite the fact that he looked calm and composed, his actions gave Eddy quite a fright.

The wounds Kirk had suffered in his heart back then still stung. He wasn’t sure what would happen in the future, but there were certain things he had to make clear.

When it came to Caroline, both Kirk and Eddy had been equally deceitful in the tricks they had used.

A while later, Kirk broke the silence. “Do you know why I can’t reveal my identity to her?” “Why?” asked Eddy, his heart leaping into his throat.

“You Morrisons had better reflect on yourselves,” said Kirk.

“Your grandfather insisted on letting her marry you under the guise of doing it for her own good.

While you ... What did you do when she gave you unconditional love back then?" Eddy could tell that Kirk was forcing those words out through gritted teeth.

Kirk continued, "How did you treat her? It didn't matter whether you Morrisons treated her kindly or not. Everything you people do is for your own good." He snapped, "Have you ever asked her what kind of life she wants to lead?" Those words made Eddy freeze.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 738-This time, Kirk's words stunned Eddy to the very core.

"We-" "There's no 'we' here," Kirk scoffed, his voice harsh. He spoke as if he were a higher being who looked down on the foolishness of mankind.

"You reaped what you sowed and made Caroline hate the Morrison family. And now I'm the one who has to bear the consequences of your actions!" Kirk's hands balled into fists, and the corners of his lips turned up slightly in a sneer. "Do you really think you have the right to question my decision about hiding the truth from her?" His dark eyes stared right into Eddy's, making the latter feel as though he were enveloped by darkness. The feeling of dread made him feel suffocated, and he subconsciously trembled at Kirk's gaze.

A while later, Kirk said, "I know that I'm at fault here. That's why I'm trying to make amends now." "Uncle Kirk, please divorce Caroline," Eddy pleaded.

"Give me a chance, will you?" Shooting up from his seat, Kirk kicked Eddy in the chest. Eddy was caught by surprise as the hit sent him sprawling onto the ground along with his chair.

His wound, which hadn't fully healed yet, tore open, and blood seeped out of it.

The crimson blood bloomed like a flower on his white shirt.

Despite that, Kirk didn't seem to mind. He simply said, "I've cut all ties with your family since you people tried to force Caroline to marry you after Jude's death.

“You aren’t family to me now, Eddy. You’re just a man who wants to take my woman away from me. And I won’t go easy on people like you.” Kirk added, “I advise you to stop thinking about getting your hands on Caroline if you want to spare your family the pain of going bankrupt.

“Otherwise, I’ll do everything in my power to make you fall so deep into the abyss that you’ll never see the sun rise again. I’ll do it even if it means losing SY Group!” With that, Kirk turned and headed for the exit.

Eddy pushed himself up from the ground to go after Kirk with much difficulty, but Charles stopped him from doing so.

In the end, Eddy could only raise his voice and say, “Since you’re being so ruthless toward me, don’t blame me for telling Caroline your real identity.” Kirk had just reached the elevator when he heard that and turned to face Eddy.

“Try me,” he sneered.

The look on Kirk’s face sent a shiver down Eddy’s spine. When Eddy snapped out of it, he realized that Kirk was long gone.

Kirk’s foul mood changed for the better once he entered the elevator.

Charles couldn’t help but wonder aloud, “Sir, will Eddy really tell the madam your true identity? If he does, she won’t be able to handle the news.” Kirk massaged his temple upon hearing the question. A vein pulsed on his forehead, a signal of how annoyed he was right now.

“Can’t you find a way to stop him if he truly intends to do that?” “Oh, okay,” said Charles. He understood the job immediately.

“How has she been lately?” “Jack said that she’s okay when she’s at the company, but ...” Charles’ voice trailed off as he hesitated.

“Her assistant said that she would sometimes look upset as if she were in immense pain.” Kirk’s gaze darkened ever so slightly. He regretted not giving Eddy another good kick.

“Let’s go to Michael’s,” said Kirk curtly.

“Okay.” When they reached the ground floor, Charles opened the car’s backseat door for Kirk and got into the driver’s seat.

He started the engine, and they headed straight for the hotel where Michael was staying. Once “I want you to get my wife out of her misery in half a month.”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 739-Michael had long gotten used to Kirk's behavior. As an expert psychologist, and based on his observations lately, he found that Caroline was the only person who could affect Kirk's mood.

After listening to Kirk explain Caroline's condition, Michael pulled out a chair and gestured for him to sit “I conducted a meeting with several other psychologists after hypnotizing her last time,” said Michael.

“We agreed that the best solution for her for now is to undergo hypnotherapy.

He continued, “If we hypnotize her for the second time, some things may go out of hand. It's because the person who hypnotized her back then employed a rather peculiar method during the process.

“That's why she can't remember anything about her past at all. But we don't know the method that they used.” Frustrated, Kirk asked, “What do you plan to do?” “We have two ways to solve this. The first one is to use electroshock therapy.

The strong stimulation can make her forget Mr. Morrison Senior's death,” Michael suggested.

on't know what method was used to “Another option would be hypnotization. But since we hypnotize her back then, we can't guarantee what will happen after she gets hypnotized a second time.” “What's the worst-case scenario?” “The worst thing that could happen Michael pondered the question briefly before answering, “Well, it could wipe out all of her memories.” Kirk's face darkened considerably. “And that includes me?” Michael could somehow hear a bit of a tremble in Kirk's voice, but the facts couldn't be changed. With great difficulty, he nodded and said, “Yes.

Everything.” Kirk blinked and fell silent for a long time before asking, “Is there any other way to settle this?” 1/3 +15 BONUS Michael sighed heavily at the question The madam saw how the old man died for her with her own eyes. Her consciousness is chained down by guilt. She'll never be at peace with

herself if we can't break those chains www Michael continued. "Unless you don't care about how she fares in the future My suggestion is to let things be and stop interfering.

"Perhaps one day she will think things through and let go of the guilt and remorse she feels. This sort of thing isn't unheard of in psychology. Human psychology is highly complex, after all.

"I can't guarantee what would happen, although people say that I'm at the pinnacle of this profession-" "I only have one question now," Kirk interrupted him.

"How likely is your idea of waiting for her to think things through?" "Based on the thousands of cases I've taken, only a few succeeded in doing so.

I would say one out of one thousand patients had done it before," Michael replied with a wry smile.

Kirk waited no more. He simply turned and left the room.

"Kirk," a worried Michael called out, but Kirk was already at the entrance with the door ajar.

The look on Kirk's face when he turned back to look at Michael was so foreboding that the latter's footsteps faltered.

"I'll consider the three options you proposed." That said, Kirk closed the door with a bang.

The corners of Michael's mouth twitched at that. He was sure that Kirk would have strangled him to death after he had proposed the two methods if it hadn't been for the fact that he was Caroline's final hope.

Caroline was so occupied with preparing to integrate Collins Group and Evans Group that she had no spare time to continue her scriptwriting.

She only realized that she hadn't contacted Rosalind in a long time when Quentin called her.

"Do you have news regarding the two tasks I gave you?" asked Caroline as she stretched and headed for the balcony to relax.

"Yep, but there isn't much progress," Quentin replied.

"I might disappoint you." "It's been 25 years or so since then. I would be surprised if you could find out anything about it," said Caroline.

"Tell me what you discovered."

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 740-Quentin broke into a smile and said, "I'll tell you about Yvonne first, then." He continued. "I found out that she had indeed been adopted from an orphanage.

"But she was taken away from the orphanage in just a couple of months. It doesn't match up with what you told me about Ms. Weiss' daughter." "Is it possible that she joined the Hacketts only when she turned five or six years old?" Caroline asked, even though she felt that the possibility wasn't that high.

"That's possible," Quentin said.

"I've looked into it. After she was taken away from the orphanage, the Hacketts' nanny took her to the countryside.

"The Hackett couple only visited her occasionally, and she went to live with them when she was around five or six years old." Caroline had never expected her assumption to hit the bull's eye. "But I still think that this all sounds ridiculous. Even if they had seldom met, they shouldn't have mistaken their daughter for another five-year-old." "We're on the same page," Quentin agreed.

"That was why I had someone look into this. But since it happened long ago, we need a lot of time to get any clues on this."

Caroline lowered her eyes. "It's fine as long as we get to the end of it." She wanted to clear things up because this was related to Marietta.

"No problem," came Quentin's voice from the other end of the line.

"Also, about your case I've looked into it too." He said, "You've been to a mental health clinic overseas when you were five or six years old. The psychologists there specialize in wiping out people's memories." "Wiping out memories?" "Yep. They hypnotize people to erase their memories. I'm not sure how it's done, though, but the Caroline muttered, "So that's why I can't

remember anything that happened before I was five years old ” “Huh? What were you saying?” Quentin hadn’t heard her clearly.

“It’s nothing,” said Caroline, dismissing his question.

“Did you find out why Sarah had taken me there?” “Yep. I went through the case files. Based on the psychologist’s report, you had PTSD after getting kidnapped when you were young, so she took you there to get rid of those memories.” “Did you discover anything else?” “Nope. That’s the only evidence that I’ve managed to recover.” Caroline nodded in understanding. “Okay. Got it.” “I’m hanging up then.” “Okay.” Caroline nodded. The call ended, but she continued to grip her phone.

So Sarah had taken her to see a doctor just to wipe out the memories of her getting kidnapped?

She furrowed her brows in deep thought. Just then, she heard the sound of someone turning the doorknob. It must be Kirk.

She rushed to the door, only to see Kirk in a gloomy mood. Although he smiled adoringly at her when he saw her, she could sense that he was in a bad mood.

“What’s wrong?” She approached him and put her arms around his neck.

He lowered his eyes to look into her mesmerizing ones and found himself thinking of the three options that Michael had told him of.

He swallowed and pulled her into a tight hug. With their hearts beating next to each other, it was as if they were one.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 741-It wasn’t until Caroline felt Kirk’s body temperature slowly rising that she raised her head. “What happened to you? Did you just return from Dr. Caldwell’s place?” The only thing that could make Kirk react like this was something concerning her.

Kirk gently shook his head. “No.” Caroline frowned, but she didn’t expose his lie. “Have you eaten?” “Nope.” “Then, let’s go out for dinner.” Caroline took Kirk’s hand.

“Kirk, it seems we haven’t had a candlelight dinner before.” Kirk thought for a moment and nodded. “You’re right.” “Let’s go have some Faromish food. We’ll go to the same restaurant where you proposed to me.” “You still remember that?” “Of course!” At the mention of that incident, Caroline felt quite regretful.

“Don’t tell me you’ve forgotten about that.” “Of course not. How could I forget?” Kirk caressed Caroline’s head lovingly.

“Go change your clothes: I’ll call the restaurant owner and ask him to reserve a table for us.” “All right,” Caroline responded before she headed upstairs.

As Kirk watched her leave, he felt his heartache again. The three treatment options pushed him and Caroline into a desperate situation.

Kirk closed his eyes for a moment. He waited until his emotions had subsided before calling the restaurant owner.

By the time he was done, Caroline had changed into her dress and come downstairs. She was wearing a Faromish–style dress.

The hem of her dress was wide and fluffy, only revealing her beautiful ankles.

Furthermore, the waistband style showed off her slim waist.

Kirk took off his suit jacket and put it on Caroline. “Let’s go.

Caroline looked at Kirk in confusion. “Why are you putting this jacket on me? It looks so ugly combined with my dress.” “I think you look pretty good like this. That way, the men on the streets won’t even dare to gawk at you.” Caroline laughed at his words. “Kirk, are you that insecure about yourself? I mean, I’m not even worried about you attracting other women’s attention.” “You don’t?” Kirk raised Caroline’s chin.

Caroline smiled confidently. “Of course not. Why don’t you try it out?” “No.” Kirk held Caroline’s hand.

“I’m not interested in those women at all.” “Then, who are you interested in?” Caroline chuckled.

Kirk tapped Caroline’s nose. “You clearly know the answer to the question. All right. We should go.

“Okay.” Caroline held Kirk’s hand and headed to the Faromish restaurant.

When they arrived, Caroline realized that they were the only ones there.

“Why isn’t there anyone else here?” Caroline asked curiously.

Kirk led her through the dimly lit restaurant and sat at the dining table. “It’s perfect, isn’t it? Just imagine that I booked this entire restaurant for you.”

“Sure.” Caroline smiled sweetly.

“But soon, I won’t have to imagine anymore.” As she spoke, she folded her hands and placed her chin on them.

“You’ll be the person in charge of the newly established Evans Group soon.

When the time comes, booking an entire restaurant would be an easy chore for you.” Kirk chuckled. “Darling, you’ve already planned to leave Evans Group to me after you take over Collins Group, have you?” “I’m no longer interested in managing a company. I want to spend my time writing manuscripts. I want to become a famous playwright like Aunt Mary,” Kirk smiled slightly at her words. “When did you start having this wish?” Caroline thought for a moment before replying, “In the beginning, I continued writing simply because of Aunt Mary’s approval.

“Later on, I gradually experienced the joy of creating something. I never knew that the feeling of being able to communicate with the characters one wrote could be so wonderful.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 742-Now, I genuinely want to write this story. Do you understand how I feel?” Caroline became increasingly enthusiastic as she spoke, looking at Kirk expectantly.

Kirk smiled slightly at her words. “Yeah.” Although he didn’t know how to write, he could still empathize with her dedication to what she loved.

Caroline happily smiled when she saw Kirk nod. She was worried about him being half-hearted about what she loved because it had happened with Eddy countless times.

She was delighted that Kirk hadn’t reacted like Eddy. He simply looked at her intently with a smile. It made her truly feel respected. “So, you’ll support me,

right?" "Of course." Kirk held Caroline's hand on the table. "But darling, you have to promise me something." "What is it?" Caroline blinked in confusion.

"You can't hide anything about your treatment from me." Caroline looked at Kirk in confusion. "I—I wouldn't hide anything from you. Don't worry. No matter what kind of treatment I undergo, I'll talk things through with you first." Kirk stared intently at Caroline. After a long time, he let go of her hand and held out his pinky.

Caroline couldn't help but laugh at his actions. "What are you doing? Are you doing a pinky swear?"

"Signing an agreement is too troublesome, so let's just do a pinky swear." Caroline thought that Kirk was childish sometimes, but it was an adorable kind of childish. "All right." She readily held out his pinky and hooked it with Kirk's. "I pinky promise to tell you everything. I won't hide anything from you." After saying that, she pressed her thumb on Kirk's thumb. "Here. Happy now?" Kirk's frown relaxed slightly. "Yeah." 1/3 +16 BONUS After finishing their dinner, the two went home.

Since the handover ceremony was held at the bank, the newly appointed chairman of the bank called Caroline when she returned home to inquire about the handover "Ms. Evans, if there are no problems, we'll carry out the handover in this sequence." The new chairman sent the handover ceremony's itinerary to Caroline via email.

"If there are any problems, let us know, and we'll change them immediately." Caroline looked at it carefully and didn't notice any problems. "I think this is pretty good. Haven't you done many handover ceremonies like this? There's no need to be so nervous." Why did she feel like this new chairman was taking this too seriously? He was acting as if she had ascended the throne or something.

The new chairman wiped the sweat from his forehead and said with a smile, "It's my job. After all, Collins Group is part of the property of the big four families." He continued, "Ms. Evans, now that you've acquired this company, you have returned to their ranks.

"This is a very major event for the Evans family. The press will definitely be at the venue, so this ceremony must go smoothly." Caroline smiled slightly. "You're too kind. Let me thank you in advance." The new chairman talked a

little more. After repeatedly confirming with Caroline that there were no problems, he hung up.

The chairman's wife had been listening to the conversation. When she saw her husband finally hang up the phone, she couldn't resist complaining.

"Isn't she just taking over Collins Group? Do you have to try so hard to curry favor with her? If anything, you should be currying favor with someone like Eddy." "You don't know anything." The new chairman scolded his wife mercilessly.

"Do you know who's Caroline's endorser? If we upset her, her backer would wipe out a hundred Morrison Corps." His wife's expression shifted at his words. "Who is her endorser?" After Caroline acquired Collins Group, many people had been speculating on her endorser's identity. However, there were many different opinions among the netizens. They couldn't arrive at a conclusion.

The chairman became impatient. "Why are you asking about this? I'm warning you. You shouldn't poke your nose where it doesn't belong, or you'll get into trouble!" Hearing how grave her husband sounded, the woman frowned unhappily. But she didn't dare to keep asking.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 743-The day of the handover ceremony arrived in the blink of an eye.

Caroline had emancipated herself from Sarah and Dan, but she was still a member of the Evans family. They were also her predecessors at Evans Group, the company she currently owned.

Although many people in the Evans family knew they had nothing to do with Caroline's acquisition of Collins Group, they still took advantage of the ceremony to make themselves known. If possible, it would be great if they got an official position in the new company.

Hence, apart from the reporters, most of the people gathered at the bank entrance early in the morning were members of the Evans family.

Furthermore, they were as bold as brass. When they saw the reporters, they started to brag.

“Caroline is my niece. I told you—only she could bring Evans Group back on its feet. Look, since she became the CEO, not only have monthly sales increased, but more and more people are investing in the company. She’s a business genius.

“I’m also Caroline’s aunt. She has always been clever. Otherwise, Mr. Morrison Senior wouldn’t have insisted on getting her married to Mr. Eddy. He had taken a fancy to our niece’s intelligence!” “I think so too. I said we should’ve handed over the company to Caroline long ago. Look at how amazing she is. She acquired Collins Group in such a short time. Caroline, you must be watching the live broadcast, right?”

“If you see me, remember that I’m the uncle of your second uncle’s wife. You have to get me a job at the new company. You don’t have to make me a manager or anything. Making me deputy manager will be fine, too.” Caroline was silent. She was watching the live broadcast at the moment, and she heard what that person had said in real-time.

In the driver’s seat, Jack couldn’t help but laugh when he heard the man’s words. “Ms. Evans, do you really have a relative like him?” Caroline smiled. “I don’t even know these people.” When she had returned from abroad, a lot of people had come to see her, claiming that they were her aunts and uncles. But later on, as Eddy had started to treat her coldly, people like them had disappeared from her life when she had married Kirk, probably because she was no longer the future Mrs. Morrison. She hadn’t expected them to show up again when she acquired Collins Group. However, this time, Caroline wasn’t the only one who was unimpressed. Even the netizens who watched the broadcast felt the same way.

“Oh goodness, are these people from the Evans family? They’re so shameless!” “Sometimes I really doubt whether Caroline is part of the Evans family.

Otherwise, how could she be the only sane one among these wackos?”

“Hahaha, speaking of wackos, I thought of Layla. Who still has that screenshot of Layla’s tweet that she’ll run the Collins Group well after taking over? It’s freaking hilarious.” “I remember that tweet, too! After Layla posted it, many people said she would definitely get Collins Group. It’s so refreshing to see her proven wrong.

“I laughed so hard when the bank made the announcement that night. Layla is such an idiot. The announcement hadn’t even been made by then, but she still

had the gall to book a restaurant and pop some champagne. Couldn't she be patient?" The next stream of comments was full of complaints about Layla, so Caroline stopped reading them.

Since she was nearly at the bank, she put her tablet down and started checking her makeup. After making sure her makeup was fine, she looked up to see that the car had reached the bank's entrance.

As soon as she got out of the car, everyone immediately pointed their cameras and microphones at her. However, her vibe had changed drastically.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 744-Caroline was completely different from when she had been working at Thorne Corporation. She was now more calm, elegant, and generous than before. She had the bearing of a queen.

The bank's new chairman approached Caroline as soon as he saw her. "Ms.

Evans, the venue for the handover ceremony is ready. Please come with us." "All right." Seeing Caroline about to enter the bank, many reporters asked anxiously, "Ms.

Evans, can you tell us who is endorsing you?" "How did this endorser beat Layla, who had the support of both Morrison Corp and the Hackett family?" "Ms. Evans, is there a deal here that we're not aware of?" Caroline remained silent.

In the face of the reporters' questioning, the new chairman quickly signaled to the security personnel to block them.

Then, he said to the reporters, "Everyone, we understand your desire to get to the bottom of things, so we arranged an interview after the ceremony. Please calm down for now. Let us handle the handover ceremony first." The reporters then stopped their questioning.

Meanwhile, in a black car, Layla looked coldly at Dan, who was driving. "What are you doing? Didn't you already agree to our terms yesterday? Why are you going back on your word?" Sarah feared that Layla would grab the steering wheel, so she quickly held Layla's hand down. Layla, let us explain. After promising you that we would reveal Caroline's identity today, we spent a lot of

time thinking about things. We don't think this is the best move to make." She continued, "Right now, Caroline's career is at its peak. If we expose her identity, Collins Group will never be in Dan's hands. Don't you think so?" Layla's expression twisted into a scowl. "So you want to acknowledge Caroline as your daughter again just for Collins Group?" The fact that Caroline wasn't their daughter was Layla's final bargaining chip. If Dan and Sarah didn't want to admit this truth, she wouldn't have any other way to beat Caroline.

"Well ... You can't blame us for this. We agreed that we would reveal that Caroline isn't our daughter, if you got Collins Group. But you failed to do so. So how can you blame us?" Sarah said, clearly displeased.

"Besides, we really hoped you could take over Collins Group. You've let us down, but you started to accuse us before we even said anything about it." Layla clenched her fists tightly. "Then, why are you taking me to the handover ceremony?" Sarah glanced at Dan, who was driving. After a moment, she said, "We're not taking you there." As she finished talking, the car came to a stop.

Layla rolled down the window and looked at the unfamiliar view outside in disbelief. Then, she glared at Sarah and Dan. "Are you going to leave me here?" "That's right." Sarah looked at Layla sternly.

"Layla, I can't let you ruin my daughter's handover ceremony." "Your daughter?" Layla was incredulous at their actions.

"You bastards are absolutely shameless! You were the ones who rejected Caroline first, but now you're calling her your daughter again! Haha... Haha..." Sarah and Dan looked at each other. "Layla, we don't want things to get ugly.

You'd better get out of the car yourself." "No way in hell!" Layla yelled. She was about to grab the steering wheel, but Dan hit her on the back of her head with a baseball bat.

Layla was overcome with dizziness and struggled to speak. She could only slump down in her seat and let her consciousness fade away.

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"It won't be long before we can stay in our old villa again, right?" Although the villa Jude had bought for them was large, it still wasn't comparable to their previous villa. Dozens of household staff had been employed at their last villa.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 747-As soon as Caroline gave her statement, everyone naturally gave her a puzzled look She explained, “If my husband hadn’t acted as our go-between, SY Group’s president wouldn’t have endorsed me.

“Besides, I’m extremely self-aware. Right now, I simply cannot manage such a large company well. But my husband gave me the confidence.” “Is it because he thinks you can manage Collins Group?” “No.” Caroline looked at the woman and smiled lightly.

“It’s because he can help me manage Collins Group.” Everyone in the audience gasped, thinking that Caroline was crazy.

Caroline had been married for such a long time, but no one knew who her husband was. They only knew that her husband was very poor and was a white-collar worker.

But now, Caroline was saying that she wanted her husband to manage Collins Group. That was ridiculous.

Although Collins Group suffered heavy losses some time ago, all its assets were still part of the big four families' properties.

If Caroline relied on Collins Group's capital, she could even bring the Evans family back into the ranks of the big four families.

Yet she wanted her husband to help manage it. Wasn't she digging her own grave?

"Are there any more questions?" Caroline asked softly, ignoring everyone's expressions.

She didn't need everyone to put their trust in Kirk immediately. Time would prove that her foresight was correct. Kirk would be a capable manager.

The reporters' thoughts were interrupted, and they didn't know what to ask for a moment.

Seeing this, Caroline said, "Since there are no more questions, we shall-" Before she could finish her words, the security guard's urgent voice came from the door. "Miss, you can't go in there! An important event is being held!"
1/2 "Let go of me! Caroline, you're not qualified to acquire Collins Group!" Caroline looked at Layla, who was struggling in the security guard's grip. She looked dirty, as if she had been attacked.

Sarah's and Dan's expressions shifted when they saw Layla there. They wanted to stop her, but it was too late.

Using all her strength, Layla yelled, "Caroline, you're not Dan's daughter. You're not an Evans. You don't have any right to inherit Evans Group!" Layla's breaking news made the audience stand up, looking at her in surprise.

The security guard was still struggling to hold Layla back.

At this time, Caroline said tremblingly, "Let her finish." The microphone amplified the trembling in her tone by a hundred times.

Everyone's eyes landed on Caroline.

Layla finally broke away from the security guard's grip. As she walked toward Caroline, she said, ' Listen here, Caroline. You're not-" Out of nowhere, Dan dashed out and slapped Layla in the face. Then, he said to the security guard,

“Get this psycho bitch out of here!” The security guard didn’t know whose orders to listen to. He simply looked at the new chairman for instructions. But the chairman was also at a loss.

“Dan, you fucking liar!” After getting slapped, Layla charged forward and slapped Dan as well.

When Sarah saw her husband being attacked, she rushed to his defense. The other Evans family members saw the reporters taking pictures of the spectacle, so they took action and tried to pull the three of them apart. However, their fight was too intense.

And just like that, the venue fell into chaos.

” At this time, the chairman’s phone vibrated in his pocket. He quickly took it out and looked at the screen. He had received a message.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 748-“Bring Ms. Evans out.” Upon seeing this text message, the new chairman wiped the sweat from his forehead. He approached Caroline and said, “Let’s get out of here for now, Ms.

Evans.” Caroline glanced at Layla, who was still fighting in the audience. After some thought, she nodded. And so, they left the venue through the back door.

Jack was already waiting there in his car. The chairman opened the door for Caroline. “Ms. Evans, here’s my business card. Feel free to call me if you need anything.” Caroline had no intention of dealing with the chairman. She simply nodded half-heartedly in response, took the business card, and got in the car.

As the new chairman watched the departed car, he took his phone out again.

That text message was still there.

He looked at the phone number, lost in thought. Could this number belong to SY Group’s president?

Caroline had managed to win the rights to Collins Group because her backer was SY Group's president. After thinking about it, the new chairman decided to save the number.

In the car, Jack glanced worriedly at Caroline in the back seat. Just now, Kirk had asked him to wait for Caroline at the bank's back entrance.

He had probably known that she would leave through the back door. Caroline had always been a sharp person. If she found out about something... Jack was imagining things, but then he noticed Caroline's attention wasn't on him. Instead, she looked pale and solemn, as if something had happened to her.

"Madam?" Caroline only returned to her senses after Jack had called her twice.

"What's wrong, Mr. Jack?" Jack smiled at her words. "I should be the one asking you that. What happened? Why do you look so distracted?" 1/3 Caroline opened her mouth, but she couldn't find the words to answer Jack's question.

S Layla's words just now had shocked her. She had said that Caroline wasn't Dan's child, nor was she an Evans.

Although she'd had suspicions that she wasn't Dan's child, she had never thought that it was actually true.

So who were her birth parents? How did she end up as Dan's daughter?

Caroline thought of her lost memories. "Mr. Jack, do you know where Dr.

Caldwell is?" Jack nodded. "Yeah." "Take me to him." Jack hesitated for a moment. Then, he turned the car around and drove to the hotel where Michael was staying.

At the hotel, Caroline knocked on Michael's door. Once the door opened, she got straight to the point.

"Dr. Caldwell, if I had undergone hypnosis before and shut away my memories, can you help me get my lost memories back?" Michael was a little stunned. He looked at Jack behind her and said, "Didn't your husband tell you? There are three ways to deal with your situation. The first way is to hypnotize you again.

“But since you’ve been hypnotized before and we have no way of knowing what methods they used, doing this may seal all your memories. The second way is shock therapy-” “Hang on.” Caroline pressed her temples.

“You already prepared my treatment plan and told my husband about it?” Michael noticed something amiss. He looked at Caroline and asked awkwardly, “You don’t know about this yet?” Caroline smiled. “It seems like there are quite a lot of things I’m not aware of.” With that said, she pushed Michael away, walked into the room, and sat on the couch. “Come here and tell me about those three options.” As Michael looked at Caroline, he somehow remembered the first time he had met Kirk The Kitk back then was just like Caroline right now. He had been bossy and assertive. People couldn’t help but bow down to him. Michael had to admit that this might be a mirror effect between, spouses.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 749-Faced with Caroline’s powerful presence, Michael unknowingly revealed the three methods of treatment to her.

After he was done speaking, he looked at her nervously.

Caroline remained silent, seemingly lost in thought.

After a while, she asked, “D–Did Kirk tell you which method to go for?” “Your husband... didn’t say anything. He only said that he would think about it.” Caroline said, “Tell me about those three methods again.” Her words puzzled Michael, but he still explained, “The first way is to keep doing hypnosis, but you may forget everything. The second way is shock therapy. It can make you forget about Mr.

Morrison Senior’s death, but it’s the most painful of the three methods. The third method is-” “For me to move on from my trauma alone.” Caroline finished Michael’s sentence for him.

Michael nodded. “That’s right.” Caroline became silent once again. After a long while, she looked up at Michael again.

“I’ll do the second method, shock therapy.” Michael was stunned. “Shouldn’t you discuss this with your husband first?” “No, he definitely won’t approve of my decision.” Michael was silent.

Then, he said, “Ms. Evans, since you already know that your husband won’t agree to you undergoing shock therapy, why would you ... “Besides, I have to discuss this with your husband. What if ...’ He understood how dire this situation was. If anything happened to Caroline, he wouldn’t be able to survive.

“Then, it’s decided.” Caroline stood up.

“Don’t tell him anything. If he asks you about this later, just come to me.” “But-” “I’ll let you handle the time and location of the treatment. I hope you’ll finish getting ready soon.” After Caroline was done talking, she left Michael’s room.

Michael was speechless. Her arrogance was exactly like Kirk’s.

Caroline went downstairs and got into the car. When Jack started the car, Caroline said, “Mr. Jack, you mustn’t tell Kirk that I came to see Michael.” Jack was about to say something when she pleaded, “Please, Mr. Jack. Help me keep this secret.” As Jack saw Caroline’s pleading gaze in the rearview mirror, he had no choice but to nod.

“Don’t worry, Ms. Evans. I’ll keep your secret.” 11 “Thank you. Thank you Caroline thanked him profusely, then turned to look out the window.

Jack turned his attention away from the rearview mirror, pretending not to notice the tears in Caroline’s eyes.

A few minutes later, Caroline sniffed and asked, “Mr. Jack, how are you and Cheryl doing?” “We’re doing all right. We’ve talked about it, and we’ll just be friends from now on.” Caroline felt a little regretful and said, “Is that all you guys can be?” Jack smiled at her words. His smile had a hint of loneliness. “That seems to be the case for the time being.” Caroline returned his smile. “It seems that love is about both fate and destiny.

“People can only be together if they’re destined to do so. If they don’t, they’ll always miss their mark in love.” She and Kirk were clearly destined to be together, but there were always obstacles impeding their relationship.

As Caroline looked at the heavy traffic outside the window, she silently prayed that she could forget Jude’s death through shock therapy.

In truth, she didn’t want to forget about that incident, but if she didn’t, she wouldn’t be able to live happily with Kirk.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 750-In this life, Caroline just wanted to live happily with Kirk. She pulled away from her thoughts.

“Today is a big day. I would like to invite you, Cheryl, Gwen, and the others to celebrate. Is that okay?” Jack replied, “I’m all right with that. For Cheryl-” “I’ll ask her right away.” Caroline picked up her phone and sent a message in the group chat. She asked Gwen to inform Sean about it as well.

Gwen replied, “Okay.” Caroline asked Cheryl, “Mr. Jack is coming too. Will you be there?” Cheryl quickly replied, “Of course, this is a joyous occasion. Why wouldn’t I be there?” After that, Cheryl sent Caroline a private message. “Caroline, Jack and I are simply close, like brother and sister. So you don’t have to worry about us.” Caroline replied with an “Okay.” Sonia also joined the conversation. “I really envy you guys. I want to go home and celebrate with you guys.

“There’s no need to worry. Your moment will be here soon,” Gwen quipped.

“Carol is now the boss of a large company. It won’t be long before she’ll make you a world renowned A–lister.

“By then, you’ll definitely have the chance to celebrate with us.” Sonia said, “Gwen, you’re such a tease. If I really become a world–renowned A– lister, I’ll celebrate it with you guys every day.” Gwen laughed and said, “You said so yourself. I’m taking a screenshot of this.” Sonia replied, “Go ahead. I won’t go back on my word. Oh, by the way, do you know who I met a few days ago?” Gwen said, “Who?” Caroline and Cheryl also asked, “Who did you meet?” Sonia didn’t keep them in suspense and answered, “Ms. Weiss! She showed up on the set a few days ago.

“I was shocked. Wasn’t she in Easton? Why is she here in Macldo now?” The crew had been filming “Daughter of the Sea” in Macldo. Since Sonia had been there for a while, she didn’t know what had happened between Caroline and Marietta.

Gwen and Cheryl didn't know what to say. The group chat was quiet for a while.

After a moment, Caroline said, "She probably took her daughter there for a trip." "Are you saying that Yvonne is Ms. Weiss' daughter?" Sonia was a little shocked.

Gwen quickly filled Sonia in on what had happened via private message. After Sonia finished reading Gwen's message, she was at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, Caroline stared intently at Sonia's last message. Layla's words resurfaced in her mind.

"You're not Dan's daughter at all. You're not an Evans!" After returning to her senses, Caroline realized she had already typed something in the chat box.

"I might not be an Evans." As she looked at the words, she was calm, without any hint of emotions swirling in her chest.

The only thing she wanted to know was whether Layla had been telling the truth.

If she wasn't an Evans, she wouldn't be an irresponsible parent like Sarah and Dan, right?

If that was the case, she and Kirk could have a child. They could raise their child together and watch them grow up, get married, and have children.

Caroline was already imagining the heartwarming scenario of them as a family of three.

However, at this moment, the chiming of the notifications pulled her away from her fantasy.

She looked down at the phone and realized that she had accidentally sent the message she had typed.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 751-"Carol, what the hell are you saying?" Gwen went ballistic in the group chat Sonia and Cheryl also texted their queries about this revelation.

Hence, Caroline recounted what Layla had said at the handover ceremony that day.

Gwen remarked, "Somehow, I find it hard to believe what Layla says." Cheryl and Sonia also believed it was ridiculous.

However, Caroline had a different opinion than Gwen, "Gwen, do you remember what I told you?"

"I have no memories of the time before I was around five or six years old. I always thought it was because I was too young.

"But when I underwent hypnosis with Dr. Caldwell, he told me I might have shut away my memories before.

"So it's very possible that I'm really not an Evans." Gwen said, "But isn't that ridiculous? According to you, you have no memories of anything before you were five or six years old.

"So you must have been taken into the Evans family at that age. If that's the case, there's no way the other Evans family members wouldn't have noticed that you had switched places with someone." "Remember." Caroline became calmer as she spoke.

"When I was around that age, I went abroad with Sarah and Dan. I was already 16 years old when I returned to Easton.

"People's appearances can change a lot in a decade. So it's understandable that they didn't realize the real Caroline had switched places with someone else." After seeing Caroline's message, the other three women felt chills running down their spines. They were at a loss for words.

After a while, Sonia said, "Gwen, haven't you and Caroline been friends since you were kids? Didn't "Well ... we didn't exactly grow up together. We only met after the decline of the Evans family. We were both children back then, so we don't remember much.

"Besides, Carol went abroad all of a sudden. We only met during the second year after she had returned, Gwen explained.

Then, she said, "Hang on. I remember something. When we first met, Carol had a strange look on her face, as if it were the first time she had heard my

name.” “That doesn’t prove that Caroline has switched places with someone,” Sonia commented.

The group chat was silent for a moment. At this time, Jack reminded Caroline, “Ms. Evans, are you going to make a reservation at the restaurant?” Caroline returned to her senses and said, “Oh, yes. I had forgotten about it.” With that said, she sent a private message to Cheryl, asking her to book a table at the restaurant.

Then, she told the group, “Let’s stop making wild guesses. It doesn’t matter if I’m the real Caroline or not. You guys will always be my good friends.” Gwen echoed her words, saying, “That’s right. In my eyes, your name doesn’t matter. I don’t care which family you’re from.

“At any rate, you’ll always be my best friend, Carol.” Caroline smiled at her text. “I’ll thoroughly investigate this issue and let you guys know if I find anything. You don’t have to worry about me.

“All right,” the three women responded in the group chat. However, they were still worried about Caroline.

Although Caroline didn’t have a good relationship with the Evans family, she must be shocked to find out something was wrong with her parentage. Anyone would be affected by this ordeal, no matter who it was.

Soon, the six of them met. When Sean saw Caroline, he joked, “Oh, Caroline. I can’t call you that anymore. Now, I have to call you Ms. Evans, the CEO.” Caroline said with a smile, “You should probably call Kirk the CEO instead.” Sean looked at Kirk in surprise. “What? Do you really plan to let him manage Evans Group?” With the addition of Evans Group to Kirk’s roster, Caroline was going to work him to death.

“Yeah.” Caroline looked at Kirk. “Kirk has agreed to do so.” Sean couldn’t believe her. However, Kirk looked at Caroline lovingly and nodded.

Seeing this, Sean couldn’t help but whisper in Kirk’s ear. “You’re pampering her a lot. You’re currently handling SY Group and planning to expand the market.

“Not only that, but you’re taking over Evans Group now, too. Do you think you can be at two places at once?” Kirk glanced at Sean, but he didn’t say anything in response

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 752-Caroline was looking at the menu when she heard the two of them whispering.

She asked curiously, "What are you talking about?" Sean immediately put on a smile. "Oh, nothing." "How mysterious," Gwen said disdainfully, holding Caroline's arm.

"Just ignore them, Carol. Let's order our food." "Okay." Caroline, Gwen, and Cheryl ordered the food while Kirk and the other two men sat aside and watched them silently.

There was a slight smile on their faces, but different emotions were hidden underneath each one.

After dinner, Gwen and Sean went home together. Cheryl didn't want to be a third wheel, so she had no choice but to ride Caroline's car.

Jack, who was driving, gestured to the passenger seat. "Sit here, Cheryl." Cheryl glanced at Caroline and Kirk, who were holding hands, and wisely decided to sit in the passenger seat.

When Caroline saw this, she couldn't hold back her smile.

They said it was no big deal and that they were like siblings. But in fact, it was a big deal, and they cared about each other.

In the car, Kirk was the first one to speak. "I watched the handover ceremony today." Caroline asked, "Any comments?" "You looked beautiful, darling," Kirk said affectionately, gently touching Caroline's fingers.

Caroline didn't know what to feel. "Is that all you noticed?" Jack and Cheryl desperately pretended not to hear anything.

"Yeah." 1/3 Caroline smiled. "So was my touching speech in vain?" Kirk chuckled and patted Caroline's head. "Of course not. I can feel your love even if you don't say it." As he spoke, the smile on his face faded slightly. "What did that woman mean when she said that?"

"Who are you talking about?" Caroline was confused.

“The woman who barged into the venue and said that you weren’t an Evans.” Caroline blinked, and then she laughed. “Did you not recognize her? That’s Layla.” “I generally don’t remember how other women look, aside from you.” Caroline’s face turned crimson at his words. “You’re just saying that to charm me.” Kirk denied, “I’m not. I meant what I said.” Caroline’s cheeks were burning. She glanced at Jack and Cheryl, who were trying to suppress their laughter, and hurriedly changed the topic.

“I don’t know the situation for now. I went over this with Gwen and the others before dinner. However, I don’t have any conclusive evidence for now.” Kirk quickly squeezed Caroline’s hands. “So you think it’s possible that you’re not an Evans?” Caroline nodded and looked at Kirk in confusion. He seemed... a bit excited.

Was it that important whether she was an Evans?

Caroline said, “Kirk ...” “Why don’t you do a DNA test in the next few days?” “I’m okay with that, but I don’t know if Dan and Sarah will cooperate.” Kirk stared at Caroline with a cunning glint in his eyes. “Leave that to me.” If Caroline wasn’t an Evans, all their problems would be solved.

The granddaughter-in-law Jude wanted was a descendant who had blood ties with Giselle.

If Caroline wasn’t an Evans, she would have nothing to do with this marriage.

There was no way

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 753-Caroline didn’t understand Kirk’s excitement, but she also wanted to know what was going on.

*All right. Let me know as soon as the test results are out ” Kirk looked at the smile on Caroline’s face, feeling a smile spread on his face as well.

If Caroline really wasn’t an Evans, everything was going to work out. He and Caroline could finally live their lives in peace.

When Caroline reached home, she got a call from Gwen.

“Carol, it’s been a while since we’ve hung out.” Caroline chuckled. “What do you want?” “I’m inviting you to hang out with me,” Gwen said cutely.

“Since you got married, we haven’t been hanging out as often.” Caroline thought about it and realized her friend had a point.

She felt guilty. “I’m sorry, Gwen.” “Come on, I’m not trying to ridicule you.” Gwen stopped Caroline.

“I just want to invite you out. A client gave me two coupons for a hotel and spa.

Let’s go there together.” Caroline agreed, “Sure.” She planned to let Kirk handle restructuring the company. He could also get used to his role as CEO in advance.

Moreover, she could go and relax. She had been having a rough time because of everything that had happened lately. Perhaps things would turn around if she got some fresh air.

Caroline told Kirk about her plans, and sure enough, he shared the same sentiments.

“Okay, just leave the company to me. Go out there and relax.

” “Yeah, all right.” Caroline kissed Kirk’s cheek before leaving for the shower.

+15 BONUS Kirk watched Caroline leave with a slight smile on his face. When she disappeared from his sight, the warmth in his gaze faded away.

He picked up his phone and walked to the balcony ‘Where were we?

On the other end of the line, Charles was already used to Kirk disappearing mid-sentence.

He answered, “Sir, you asked me to handle a DNA test with the madam, Sarah, and Dan.” Kirk hummed, then said, “I want to see the test results tomorrow.” Charles was speechless. He knew that his boss was impatient, but he couldn’t be this impatient. There was no way he could get this done by tomorrow. Kirk truly overestimated his capabilities.

“Uh, sir, that might still be a bit difficult. Besides, there shouldn’t be an issue with Sarah and Dan. But the madam...” “I’ll give you my wife’s hair. You just

need to handle Sarah and Dan.” “Yes, sir.” “Remember, I want the test results as soon as possible.” “Yes, sir.” Kirk hung up the phone and stared at the moon in the distance, lost in thought.

The next day, Caroline and Gwen set out for the hotel together. Since this was a hangout between best friends, Gwen didn’t take Sean along.

Before Caroline left, she sent Michael a text. She told him she wanted to do the treatment after she returned from her travels.

It took a long time for Michael to reply in affirmation.

“Remember, you can’t tell Kirk about this.” Caroline knew Kirk very well. If he got to decide, he would definitely choose the first method.

He would let her continue with the hypnotherapy, even if there was a risk that she could forget about him.

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 754-Caroline didn’t want that. She wanted to remember Kirk, even if she had to suffer.

Miche looked at her text and fell silent. He seemed to understand why Caroline didn’t want him to tell Kirk about this.

From a doctor’s perspective, he would advise his patient to choose the first method. He would ask them to keep undergoing hypnosis and forget everything.

Then, they could start over with a clean slate. Without the memories of the past holding them down, they could gain happiness again.

Furthermore, shock therapy was the treatment method he wouldn’t recommend.

If he had a choice, he wouldn’t even bring it up because this treatment method was too painful.

He sent a message to Caroline. “Ms. Evans, I have the details for shock therapy right here.

“I’ll first give you a patient’s confession about this treatment. If you think it’s acceptable, we’ll proceed with using shock therapy.” “No,” Caroline quickly replied.

“I know what shock therapy entails, Dr. Caldwell. Thank you, but I’ve made my decision. I won’t regret it.

“I just beg you not to tell Kirk about this, no matter what.” Seeing this, Michael couldn’t continue to persuade Caroline.

“Who are you texting?” Gwen turned to look at Caroline while driving.

Caroline put her phone away. “No one.” She didn’t want anyone else to know about this. She could just suffer the pain in silence.

“It must be Kirk,” Gwen said impatiently.

“But since he agreed to lend me his wife for this trip, I won’t complain about him.” Caroline smiled and didn’t refute. “Where is the hotel?” They had been on the road for more than an hour, but Gwen didn’t seem to have any intention of 1/3 So Caroline couldn’t help but be a little curious “We’re almost there. It’s a hotel and spa. My client says it’s famous locally, but it’s not well-known beyond that.” When Caroline heard Gwen, she couldn’t resist asking, “Is it in a very remote place? Is your client a man of a woman?” Gwen’s heart tightened at her words. “A man. But he’s usually quite honest.

He’s married, and he never leaves his wife. I think it should be fine.” Caroline suggested, “We’ll go look at the entrance.” If there was anything suspicious, they would leave immediately.

“All right.” After Gwen agreed, she continued driving to the hotel.

Soon, they saw the building. It was in a remote location, but there were quite a lot of people there.

When Gwen drove over, the parking lots were full, and she had to park outside the hotel.

“There are so many people!” When they got out of the car, they saw an endless crowd of people coming in and out of the hotel entrance.

“This should be fine, right?” Gwen said with a smile as she approached Caroline. But the next second, the smile on her face froze.

Caroline followed her line of sight suspiciously. When she saw the newcomer, the smile on her face quickly disappeared.

“Caroline.” Eddy felt very uncomfortable seeing Caroline’s smile disappear, but he still approached her.

“What a coincidence.” Caroline replied with a long face, “Did you ask Gwen’s client to give her coupons?” Now that Caroline had seen through his plans, Eddy became even more embarrassed. He didn’t have a choice.

During this time, Kirk had kept a close watch on Caroline Eddy had tried many things, but he still hadn’t been able to get in touch with Caroline The people around him helped him come up with this idea “I didn’t mean to deceive you,” Eddy said quickly, fearing Caroline would leave.

“I’ve been looking for you because I have something to tell you.” Gwen was even angrier than Caroline. She stood in front of her and said, “Are you insane?”

“Can’t you just give her a call or text if you want to talk? Do you really have to trick her into coming here?” She was so angry that she wanted to hit him. He had ruined their good mood.

When Eddy couldn’t see Caroline, he became anxious. “Caroline, I really have something to tell you. This is very important. It concerns your husband...” Caroline, who had been about to pull Gwen away, stood still at his words.

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Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 755-Gwen said, “Just ignore him, Carol We can’t trust anything this bastard says.

Let’s go Caroli hesitated for a moment. Then, she held Gwen still.

“Go ahead She had finally looked at Eddy. It made Eddy’s skip a beat.

” Just as he was about to speak, he glanced at Gwen and said, “Can I talk to you in private?” “I can’t believe you-“ Caroline patted the impatient Gwen. “All right, but I’ll only talk to you in public.” Eddy was overjoyed, but he quickly held back his emotions. He looked at the hotel and then pointed at the fountain. “Let’s talk over there.” Caroline didn’t object to his suggestion. After asking Gwen to wait for her, she followed Eddy to the fountain.

When they arrived, Caroline quickly asked, “What do you want to say about my husband?” Eddy secretly smiled wryly. Sure enough, only Kirk could tug at Caroline’s heartstrings. “I know who your husband is.” When Caroline heard his words, alarm bells rang in her head.

She asked, “What are you going to do to him?” Her protectiveness dumbfounded Eddy. He didn’t want to do anything to Kirk.

Instead, Kirk was the one who wanted to take his fiancée away from him.

“Do you still not know about it?” “Know about what?” There was still a wary look in Caroline’s eyes.

“Your husband is my second uncle,” Eddy said word for word, his eyes fixed on Caroline.

As expected, shock overtook Caroline’s expression.

Eddy finally felt some hope.

“You don’t seem to know about this he said cautiously, like a hunter trying to catch a tiny animal Caroline’s face turned ashen. She slowly looked up at Eddy.

When she spoke, her voice was hoarse. “You’re lying.” Eddy panicked. “Your husband is really my second uncle!” “I don’t believe you!” Caroline didn’t believe him. Kirk had told her that he wouldn’t lie to her.

If he was really Eddy’s second uncle, then who was that man back then?

There was no way. Caroline denied it over and over again in her heart. That absolutely wasn’t the truth.

“I got it!” Caroline looked at Eddy.

“You’re saying this on purpose, right? You know that—” “Caroline, let me ask you something. Why did you manage to acquire Collins Group?” Caroline bit her lip. “Because your second uncle, SY Group’s president, endorsed me.” “Then, why did he support you? Is it really because of your business talent?”

Fine, even if it is, do you still remember my second uncle helping you at Grandpa’s birthday party?” Caroline retreated step by step.

However, Eddy pressed forward in the same way.

“Caroline, you and I know good things don’t happen without reason. If you don’t believe me, I can show you a photo of him.” Eddy hadn’t had any photos of Kirk, but he had the photo Simon had worked so hard to obtain.

Caroline instinctively shook her head in defiance.

“Eddy!” Gwen showed up, interrupting Eddy, who was pressing forward.

As soon as she came over, she held Caroline in her arms.

Gwen was furious to find Caroline trembling in her arms. “What the hell did you say to Carol?”

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 756-“I’m fine.” When Caroline felt the warmth on her hand, her gaze returned to normal.

She murmured again, “I’m fine.” However, she looked anything but fine.

Gwen said, “Carol, I’ll take you home immediately.” “No!” Caroline said fearfully. She felt as if her head was splitting.

“Don’t take me home.” She didn’t want to see Kirk right now. She wouldn’t know what to say when she saw him.

Gwen was startled by her response. “Carol ...” Carol looked at Gwen and said in pain, “Don’t take me home. Please don’t take me home.” 1/3 +15 BONUS “All night, since we’re not going home, we’ll check into the hotel, okay? Don’t worry. I won’t let that bastard approach you again.” Caroline leaned on Gwen’s shoulder, finally feeling her racing heart slow down.

Then, Gwen took Caroline to check into the hotel. Caroline looked like a zombie the entire time. Gwen felt both distressed and helpless at the sight.

After checking in, she took Caroline to the room. Seeing that Caroline still looked listless, she thought for a moment and suggested, “Carol, why don’t we go to the spa?” “Huh?” Caroline looked at Gwen blankly, Feeling distressed, Gwen sat next to Caroline. “Carol, can you tell me what exactly Eddy said to you?” Caroline looked at Gwen. Kirk’s face and Eddy’s declaration that Kirk was his second uncle crossed her mind. She shuddered.

Gwen quickly hugged her. “Carol, what’s wrong?” Caroline nestled in Gwen’s arms, tears slowly filling her eyes.

Gwen simply held Caroline, feeling at a loss. She didn’t know what had happened, nor did she know how to comfort her friend.

Fortunately, Caroline’s phone rang. Kirk was calling.

Gwen was delighted. A savior had finally appeared.

She picked up the phone and handed it to Caroline. “Carol, Kirk is calling. You should answer the call. I promise not to complain about him for taking up our bonding time.” Soon, Gwen saw something unusual.

Caroline simply looked at her phone and let the screen flicker, refusing to answer the call.

Moreover, her eyes no longer held the joy and happiness they normally had at the mention of Kirk. Instead, there was fear.

“Carol ...” Gwen gradually realized something was wrong.

“Why aren’t you answering Kirk’s call?” Caroline took a step back and shook her head. She said painfully, “He’s the real Kirk Morrison.” Gwen was puzzled by her words, but she quickly realized what she meant. Her eyes widened in disbelief.

“Are you saying that ...’ Was Caroline’s husband the actual president of SY Group?

Bogus Billionaire By Shining Riviera Chapter 757-When Caroline didn't answer the phone, the bad feeling in Kirk's heart became more intense.

Seeing this, Sean patted Kirk's shoulder. "She's just hanging out with Gwen.

Why are you so nervous?" Kirk frowned, remaining silent. The call still hadn't been accepted.

Sean asked, "Why don't I call Gwen?" When Sean saw that Kirk had no intention of stopping him, he called Gwen.

Gwen saw Sean's name appear on her phone and quickly looked at Caroline.

"Carol ... Caroline returned to her senses and also saw Sean's name on Gwen's phone.

"Gwen, you should answer the phone. I really don't want to talk to Kirk right now." "Okay." Gwen walked to the balcony and answered the phone.

"When the call connected, she heard Sean's gentle voice, "Why did you take so long to answer the phone?" Gwen glanced at Caroline, who was lying lifelessly on the bed, and felt annoyed. "Is something the matter?" Realizing that Gwen's tone sounded unfriendly, Sean was stunned.

He quickly glanced at Kirk and lowered his voice, "Isn't Caroline with you?" Gwen blinked. "She's in the bathroom. What's wrong?" Sean sighed, "Then, it's fine. When she comes out, ask her to call Kirk back. He misses her after not seeing her for a while." Gwen felt uncomfortable and quickly hung up the phone.

Sean didn't know what had happened. He thought Gwen was angry with him, so he felt aggrieved.

"What did she say?" Kirk asked.

"Oh, she said that Caroline went to the bathroom. I told you everything is fine." 1/3 +15 BONUS Sean patted Kirk on the shoulder. "You've been so nervous recently. You're becoming paranoid." Kirk frowned, not saying a word. Meanwhile, Gwen ended the call and opened the balcony door to walk back into the room.

She felt distressed to see Caroline, who was still sitting on the bed. She stepped forward and hugged Caroline. "Oh, Carol..." Caroline buried her head in Gwen's arms. She braced herself to ask, "Did he ask me to call Kirk back?" "Yeah." Caroline buried her head in Gwen's arms again. Finally getting a little warmth, she said despondently, "Gwen, do you think he's really SY Group's president?" Gwen's heart fell apart when she heard Caroline's question. She understood what Caroline was thinking.

Her relationship with Kirk was so sincere. Her feelings for him were so intense that she didn't want to believe that he would lie to her.

She couldn't accept the fact that he had deceived her.

Besides, Kirk was still a Morrison. Therefore, she held on to the little hope she had, hoping to get a negative answer from an outsider.

"To be honest, Carol, I don't know, but ..." Gwen lowered her head. "I-If he is, what will you do?" Caroline pressed her temples and shook her head in confusion. She didn't know what to do.

Since they had been through so much, she still felt that Kirk wouldn't deceive her.

Even during that ridiculous ordeal with Daphne, she had still believed him. That was because she felt he wouldn't lie to her. But... If he really was Eddy's second uncle, that meant he had been deceiving her from the moment they had gotten married.

There was no point in being in a marriage filled with lies.