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“Miss Annie, Miss Corinne is someone else’s wife right now, so it’s not appropriate for Mister Jeremy to make any moves on her or have any relations with her anymore. Don’t mention her after you go inside later, got it?”

“What?” Annie was so shocked, she stood up, forgetting that she was in a car. She instantly bumped her head against the roof of the car and she let out a small cry in pain.

Tommy was speechless when he saw that. “Miss Annie, are you alright?”

Feeling irritated, Annie rubbed her head which was in pain. She could not be bothered about the pain anymore as she asked anxiously, “How could Corinne be someone else’s wife? She hasn’t gotten a divorce from Uncle Jeremy, has she? How could she marry someone else?”

Tommy sighed helplessly. “It’s like this. Miss Corinne and Mister Jeremy were never officially married back then. Mister Jeremy only wanted to get married back then to brush off his grandfather. Therefore, there’s no such thing as a divorce.”

Annie looked resentful because her uncle failed to meet her expectations. “Uncle Jeremy’s hopeless! Never mind that he did not get officially married to her at first, but after he and Corinne got together, he still did not quickly take his wife to get a marriage certificate! Corinne is so adorable. There must be a bunch of people pursuing her. Look at the situation now! She’s taken by someone else!”

Tommy put on a forced smile. “Miss Annie, seeing that Mister Jeremy is your uncle, just don’t mock him at this juncture, and especially don’t bring this up in front of him.”

Annie frowned. She was very happy about this. She was very fond of Corinne! Even if her uncle gave up on his wife, Annie would not want to give up on her idol, Corinne!

After giving it a thought, Annie asked again, “Tommy, tell me, who did Corinne marry this time?”

Tommy said, "The vice president of Newmoon Group-Aaron Rhode."

Annie looked like she was plotting something. "Newmoon Group. Aaron. Alright! I've committed that to my memory!"

Tommy had a faint feeling that something bad was going to happen. Feeling worried, he asked, "Miss Annie, what are you preparing to do?"

Anne put on a wicked grin. "I'm not going to tell you! Anyway, don't worry. I have a way to help Uncle Jeremy get Corrine back!"

Upon saying that, Annie got out of the car, looking cool, and entered the mansion.

Tommy was confused. Annie said she has a way to help Jeremy get Corinne back, but how? Corinne was already a married woman at that moment. If Jeremy were to still go after her,

then he would be the home-wrecker.

As far as Tommy could tell, both Jeremy and Corinne were both people with high principles. None of them would take that first step! Therefore, what exactly was Annie going to do? She

better not create some trouble.

In the afternoon the following day, Annie brought her resume to Newmoon Group to apply for a job. She wanted to see how the vice president named Aaron looked and if he was more handsome than her uncle. How dare he stole Corinne away from her uncle!

Other than that, she mainly wanted to investigate if Aaron and Corinne were truly married. She had a feeling that Corinne was not the type that liked to get married, so how could she get married so quickly after she just left Jeremy?

She emailed her resume to the Human Resources Department of Newmoon Group last night. Someone from the department called her that morning, notifying her to come for an

interview.

The Newmoon Group was quite efficient, but Annie just had no clue if she would be able to be that vice president!

Annie entered the elevator and selected the floor stated on the address the Human Resources Department sent to her.

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When it got to Annie's turn, she entered the room for the interview at the Human Resources Department and greeted the three interviewers. She introduced herself, then sat down, waiting for their questions.

The three interviewers looked at her beautiful resume, then looked at each other as if they found it a little surprising.

After that, the interviewer sitting in the middle looked up at Anne's outstanding image, asking with slight confusion, "The previous company you've worked for is the Holden Group?"

Annie nodded. "Yes!"

"You were able to work at such a good company like the Holden Group, so why did you resign?"

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Annie smiled and said, "Nothing in particular. I just felt I didn't have a future there. I wanted to try a new job and challenge myself."

Her words made the three interviewers even more confused. Holden Group was known for being a company that was hard to join and had great benefits, yet there was someone who felt that she did not have a future working in the company.

After Annie graduated college, she was given the easiest position at the Holden Group by her uncle. The pay was high and the workload was light. It was usual for her to come in late and leave early.

Everybody in the company knew she was the president's niece, so nobody dared to have an opinion about her work ethic, much less dock her pay.

Truth be told, she truly felt she did not have much of a future in the Holden Group.

Because of her uncle, everybody in the company was courteous to her, and her direct superior also did not dare to give her too much work. She was usually just arranging, stapling, and looking for documents. Other than that, she just spent her remaining time loafing around. She felt that she was going to wither away soon!

The interviewer sitting in the middle asked her again, "Miss Annie, may I know what position you would like to apply for at our company?"

"Any position would do. It'll be fine as long as I can join your esteemed company!" Anne was distracted. She kept staring at the people coming and going outside the glass door, noticing and observing any man that might be the vice president, Aaron.

"Any position would do?"

The interviewers started to look at her with hostility. They felt she came to the Newmoon Group to pull a joke and a prank!

After they looked at each other, all three of them unanimously agreed that Annie was not serious about joining the company. Also, she had a frivolous attitude and did not have enough respect for the Newmoon Group.

Therefore, one of the interviewers said to her rudely, "What if it's the position as a cleaner, would that be fine by you too?"

"Cleaner?" Annie frowned as she was a little surprised.

The interviewer sneered. "Yes, we urgently need a cleaner, so you can start immediately."

Annie gave it a thought, then her eyes lit up. "Alright. Cleaner it is. I'll take it!"

A cleaner was responsible for cleaning the premises, so she would be able to go anywhere with ease, which was exactly what she wanted!

The interviewers looked at the young woman and found her incredibly absurd. They even question if she was serious about it.

"Miss Annie, are you sure you want to join the Newmoon Group as a cleaner responsible for cleaning the company?"

Annie said with great enthusiasm. “Yes, I’m sure! I’m here to challenge things I’ve never done before, so please give me a chance!”

Her unusual demand for the job stunned the three interviewers.

“Alright, you may start tomorrow!”

Annie rolled up her sleeves. “Let’s not do it tomorrow. I’ll just start today!”

The interviewers looked at her with great confusion. “Are you in such a hurry?”

“Yes, may I know where I should go to get the paperwork done to come on board? I already can’t wait to get to work, so I’ll start cleaning immediately!”

One of the interviewers looked baffled. “Uhm, you may turn left after heading out the door to get the paperwork done.”

“Alright, thank you!” Annie got up. After she shook their hands to thank them, she left in excitement to get the onboarding paperwork done.

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All three of the interviewers remaining in the room just looked at each other.

“I feel this girl is a little suspicious!”

“She’s most probably another girl who’s here for the vice president.”

“Maybe. Mister Aaron has always been a chick magnet!”

“There’s a lot of girls who came to get a job here for the sake of getting close to Mister Aaron, but she’s the only one who’s even willing to be cleaner!”

At the same time, Corinne came to the Rivera Group to work on time as well that day, and she spent the whole morning preparing the sales plan for the quarter. After she was done, she brought the sales proposal into Lucas’s office.

There was already a new secretary at the entrance of the office. She was a young and fine girl, and she was slacking off and scrolling on her phone.

Corinne went over and asked naturally, "Is Mister Lucas in?"

Regaining her senses, the new secretary quickly put her phone down and stood up. However, once she saw that it was Corinne, she immediately looked sullen and sat down again before looking down at her exquisite nails. "Oh, it's you. Why are you looking for Mister Lucas?"

Corinne looked at the secretary indifferently. Corinne did not know her, but it was clear that she knew Corinne, and she was hostile toward her for some reason.

Corinne said, "I have a document for Mister Lucas to go through."

The secretary tapped on her desk. "What document? Just leave it here. I'll bring it in and hand it to Mister Lucas later."

Corinne did not cooperate. "I need to explain the data and content of the document to Mister Lucas in person, so please help me notify him!"

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The secretary rolled her eyes at her before reluctantly calling the extension.

After the call was answered, the annoyance the secretary had toward Corinne disappeared. She immediately changed into a respectful and gentle tone, saying, "Mister Lucas, Miss Corinne from the Sales Department is here to see you. She said she has a document for you to look through!"

Lucas's voice could be heard from the other end of the call, saying three indifferent words, "Let her in."

After hanging up the call, the secretary raised her chin unhappily and said in annoyance, "Go

on in!"

Corinne smiled. She did not care about the secretary's attitude at all. That was because she knew the secretary would not last long in this position.

Lucas was an incredibly strict person, so how would he allow a secretary with such a work ethic to work under his nose? She must be a secretary that was temporarily transferred to fill the position. She would soon be gone from the Rivera Group.

Corinne opened the door and entered Lucas's office.

Lucas was not the only one in the office that day. The youngest son of the Riveras, Sunny, was

also there.

Sunny was sitting not far away from his brother at the side of the desk and was working hard on the specimens papers. It seemed that he encountered a question he did not know how to answer as he was looking troubled and scratching his head.

Corinne glanced at Sunny calmly, then she looked toward her boss very seriously and politely and walked up to hand the documents to him.

"Mister Lucas, I've done a sales proposal for the quarter according to the market search I conducted with Mister Jason yesterday. Please look through it and see if it's alright."

Sunny was thinking about the question when he heard Corinne's voice, he immediately stopped writing and was shocked when he looked up. "Corinne, why are you here at my brother's company?"

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While accepting the document from Corinne, Lucas shot a cold glance at his brother. "Do your

work."

Having been scolded by his brother, Sunny lowered his head sullenly to continue working on the specimen paper, not daring to make another sound.

Lucas skimmed through the sales proposal Corinne prepared, looking slightly dazed. After that, he squinted as if he seemed to be impressed by her business acumen.

After a moment, he raised his eyebrow, looking at her slightly suspiciously. "You did this yourself?"

Corinne nodded. "Yes, Mister Lucas. I had some ideas after doing market research with Mister Jason yesterday, so I did this sales proposal for you to have a look at. If there's no problem with it, I'll implement this plan."

Lucas sneered while surveying her. "It's not bad, but it's unnecessary!"

Corinne frowned. "Why?"

Lucas closed the file and tossed it aside. "Food products are just an extremely small business to the company. We're not expecting to make a name for ourselves with food products, and we don't need to market or promote them too much to improve sales."

Glancing at the document that was tossed aside on the table, Corinne smiled without feeling like she suffered a setback and still voiced out her view, "You've given me the position as the sales manager, but you didn't give me too much authority. The bigger businesses of the company are out of my reach. However, since I'm holding this position, I still have to do my job and carry out my duty as best as I can. I didn't want to be a sales manager that loafs around, so I did this sales proposal. Whether to implement it or not, that still depends on your

view.

"Also, I heard food production is just something of sentimental value to you because your precious sister loves the snacks our company produces. That's why Rivera Group has always been maintaining a small batch production all these years. Since it's something an important loved one of yours likes, it will be loved by even more people if we can expand and make it better. I believe your sister would feel acknowledged and would resonate with them when she sees that many people like the same snacks as her. She would probably be happy because of

that!

"Of course, that's just my personal view and is for reference only."

Hearing what Corinne had to say, Lucas squinted, looking at her with an indescribable

strange gaze.

Corinne interpreted that gaze as a sense of dissatisfaction toward her as a person and also the fact that she was still alive and well.

The people Lucas sent yesterday failed to get rid of her. She escaped from death by the skin of her teeth, and she came to work unscathed the following day. Lucas must have been fuming at that moment when he saw her!

Lucas fell silent for a long time before he said, "Alright. I'll think about your sales proposal. You may leave now!"

"Alright." Corinne turned and left, not saying anything else anymore.

Sunny looked up and glanced at Corinne's back. He frowned as he felt it was very strange. What exactly was going on? Why was she working at her brother's company?

When Corinne came out of Lucas's office, she happened to bump into Anya, who came to look

for her brother.

Anya was carrying some things, and they should be food from the looks of it. She was standing at the door, chatting with the new secretary with a smile.

Unlike the way she treated Corinne, the secretary was ingratiating herself with Anya. She kept complimenting Anya's beautiful appearance and good-looking clothes. She was polite.

The door made a little sound as Corinne came out, so naturally, both of them looked toward her. Both of their faces instantly got unfriendly when they saw Corinne. One of them was filled with disgust while the other was filled with hostility.

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Corinne wanted to ignore them, so she automatically walked past them.

"Corinne!" Anya called out to her in a gentle voice.

Corinne stopped in her tracks, turning her face. "Is something up again, Miss Anya?"

She was mocking her by adding the word “again,” insinuating that she did plenty in the past.

It also had a tinge of warning implied, telling her she better not create trouble again!

Anya came to Corinne with a smile as pure as the driven snow, then deliberately asked, Corinne, why did you ignore me when you saw me?”

What was there for them to talk about after Anya framed Corinne yesterday?

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Corinne pursed her lips. “No, it’s just that I saw you and Mister Lucas’ secretary were having an enjoyable conversation, so I didn’t want to interject.”

“Oh, I see!” Anya’s pure smile got broader. She took a step closer and tip-toed to reach Corinne’s ear as Corinne was taller than her. Then, she spoke in a voice so soft that only Corinne could hear, “Corinne, you won yesterday! However, don’t be smug yet. The best part is yet to come! Didn’t you like to drive a wedge between my brother and me? Let me tell you. something then, that’s what you’re incredibly wrong about! My brother loves me the most. Ever since childhood, no matter what mistakes I’ve made, he would forgive unconditionally, loving me just the same and tolerating me! An illegitimate daughter like you who was never loved by anybody and liked by your family since childhood would never understand the happiness I have!”

She was smiling as she said that, but the words that came out of her mouth were unkind. The juxtaposition of the two created an extremely creepy feeling.

However, Corinne sneered instead of getting angry and said with a faint smile, “Mm-hmm. I can tell that Mister Lucas truly loves you very much.”

Anya put her feet firmly on the ground, raising an eyebrow at Corinne in an arrogant yet sweet manner while beaming. “It’s good that you can tell! So don’t waste your effort trying to come at me through my brother! It’s useless!”

Corinne was still smiling. “Aren’t you tired, Miss Anya? You’re acting a fake character and

image every day. You use your family and friends to create trouble, and you plot against all the women who might threaten you, treating everybody as your enemy. Honestly speaking, are you truly happy and secure?

“In my opinion, a secure and fulfilled person probably wouldn’t be like you, who would go to any lengths to guard everything you already have. I’m guessing that you’re feeling very anxious and insecure deep down. Because you know everything you have now can be shattered at just a slight touch. The love and tolerance you were surrounded with what you’ve traded by

putting on an act and ingratiating yourself. You don’t have the confidence that you can still have this status and protection when you let your true colors show and be yourself. Therefore, you are more afraid than anybody to lose it all, am I right?”

Anya’s smile stiffened, unable to say anything for a long time.

Corinne raised his hand and patted her shoulder with a frivolous yet heavy touch. “Miss Anya, if you have time to target me, you might as well do some good deeds to give your child some blessings!”

Upon saying that, she walked past Anya and returned to her office.

Anya almost lost her composure. Every single word Corinne said earlier got to her and exposed the deep fear she had deep down!

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Anya glared at Corinne’s back coldly before hiding her vicious expression. When she turned around, her usual gentle and sweet smile was on her face again.

She said to the new secretary in front of Lucas’s office, “Sienna, please help me keep an eye on things at Lucas’s end in the future! You know how many women want to approach my brother using work as an excuse. I don’t wish for him to be harassed by those women with ill intentions who would bring unnecessary trouble to him.”

Sienna nodded in full support. “I understand, Miss Anya! Don’t worry. I would do just that. I’ll secretly notify you if anything were to happen here, especially

the actions of a certain sales manager. I definitely won't let her have a chance to harass Mister Lucas!"

"Mm-hmm. I feel reassured that you're here! Sienna, I feel you're very special. You're unlike those tacky women. Wishing you all the best!" Anya gave her a friendly smile before turning

around to enter Lucas's office.

The secretary named Sienna blushed. She was feeling happy deep down and letting her imagination run wild.

Anya told her she was different from other women and wished her all the best. Did that mean Anya did not mind her approaching Lucas? Did she have a chance to become Lucas's wife? Would Anya agree to let her be her sister-in-law?

If that was the case, then Anya was as nice as she was rumored to be. She was not haughty at

all!

When Anya entered Lucas's office, carrying the thermos flask, Lucas was frowning and looking at the specimen papers Sunny just finished. The more he looked at it, the more he looked at it the harder he frowned.

"What have you been learning in school all these years? How could you not know how to solve the most basic calculation?"

Sunny was looking fearful, hanging his head and not daring to say a single word.

He did not know how to solve any of the questions at all, but he did not dare to not answer them in front of Lucas, so he was just blindly taking a guess.

Lucas pinched the bridge of his nose. He was not willing to admit that this incompetent, unintelligent brat was a member of the Riveras and his brother!

At first, Lucas wanted to check his mistakes and teach him what he did wrong. In the end, he did not see a single question that he got right after going through the entire paper!

taught him for so many years, yet he only had the standard of an elementary school student. He was hopeless.

Lucas threw the paper back to Sunny with a darkened expression. “Redo the whole thing!”

“Alright,” Sunny was so frightened, he was holding his breath. Then, he redid the paper quietly with his head hung.

Seeing that, Anya sighed helplessly as well before waking over.

“Lucas, are you tutoring Sunny on his homework? Don’t get so angry. I brought both of your some mushroom soup. Take a break from work and first have some soup. Take a breather.”

Lucas looked up when he heard her voice, still looking upset. “Why did you come to the office again? Your child is injured and still at the hospital. Who’s looking after the child if you’re not staying at the hospital?”

Anya was stunned. Lucas’s attitude made her feel very uneasy.

He never spoke to her in such a cold and upset tone before. Ever since Corinne revealed that it was Anya who bribed the waiter from the restaurant, Lucas looked at Anya with an icy gaze and did not talk to her much anymore.

Anya explained softly. “I’ve asked Rosie and the nanny to look after Joey for me. I was thinking that you were working very hard, so I wanted to bring some soup for you. I purposely asked the nanny to make more of the soup when she was making it for Joey! Lucas, you must be tired from work. Have some soup to replenish your energy, alright?”

Lucas glanced at the thermos flask in her hands. He looked down indifferently and said, “Joey has scalding injuries on his body. Don’t let him have too much greasy food.”

Anya looked a little sheepish. “I know, Lucas. I-”

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“Alright. Leave the soup. You should go back to the hospital and be with the child,” Lucas cut her off, then he picked up the document on the table and looked through it. His cold attitude clearly showed that he did not wish to talk to her anymore.

The document in his hand happened to be the sales proposal Corinne just submitted. Looking at the well-organized words and data, Lucas could not help but think about what Corinne said before she left, regarding whether or not they should expand the sales of the food products.

He was thinking that if his sister, Lama, was still alive, would she have never had these food products before because they were not promoted well enough? If she managed to have her favorite childhood snacks, would she start reminiscing about their past and think of returning home to visit her brother?

Perhaps the sales proposal Corinne drew up could be implemented.

Seeing that her brother did not wish to listen to her or even take another look at her anymore, Anya felt very awkward standing in the office. She had no clue what to do as she was stuck in a very difficult position.

Sunny—who was working on the papers at the side—also felt that something was very wrong with the atmosphere in the room. He looked up and glanced at his sister, then he looked at his indifferent brother. He felt that something was very strange.

He sensed something was very weird when he was at home last night.

Ever since their childhood, his brother always doted on his sister the most. His brother would almost always go along with whatever his sister said!

However, for some reason, his brother did not respond to his sister much last night. At that moment, his brother was so cold to his sister.

This never happened in the past. What exactly was going on at that moment?

Anya gave it a thought, then she walked forward to put the thermos flask on Lucas’s desk. After that, she said to his younger brother gently, “Sunny, stop working on your specimen paper for a moment. Go outside and take a break. I have something I want to say to Lucas now. Come back later to have the soup with Lucas later.”

“Oh, alright!”

That was exactly what Sunny wanted. He truly had no idea how to answer the question on the specimen paper. He would only get scolded by his brother if he stayed in the office. Suddenly, his sister gave him a chance to leave, so without hesitating at all, he put down his pen and

rushed out of there!

After Anya saw that Sunny left, she turned around to look at Lucas, who was perusing the document seriously. Anya hesitated for a moment, then said with a catch in her throat. “Lucas, do you hate me now?”

Hearing his sister choking back a sob, Lucas looked up at her with a sense of exhaustion in his complicated gaze. “Enough. Don’t cry so easily. You’re twenty now. You’re no longer a child. You should know that crying would not resolve any problems”

Anya truly sensed an impending doom. Her brother would always immediately cheer her when he saw her cry in the past. However, he did not do that that day. He was even a little annoyed that she cried.

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“Lucas, I know what I did yesterday was wrong. I’ve been bad! But you have never given me a chance to explain myself! I was forced to do it. I truly couldn’t think of any other way anymore.

Lucas picked up something questionable. He frowned and said, “You were forced to do it? Who forced you?”

Anya wiped her tears, feeling aggrieved. Then, she told him the story she made up in advance, “I didn’t want to use this method to drive Corinne away, but she bragged to me in the restroom that she was pregnant, and she said it was Jeremy’s baby! I panicked. How could I compete with her? Lucas, my body can never bear a child anymore, so how can I compete with Corinne who has a healthy and fertile body? If Jeremy finds out she’s pregnant, he’ll push Joey and me aside. I was so scared. I was so afraid that Corinne would use her pregnancy to steal Jeremy away from me. That’s why I became a fool for a moment and used such an extreme method. I’m sorry, Lucas! I know I was wrong. I know I’ve made a mistake.”

Lucas was dazed. Corine was pregnant?

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After Sunny ran out of the office, he asked the secret at the door, “Hey, where’s the office for the lady who went in to deliver a document to my brother?”

Sienna stood up. “Mister Sunny, are you asking about Corinne?”

Sunny nodded. “Yes, she’s the one!”

Feeling a little confused, Sienna asked, “Mister Sunny, why are you looking for Corinne? Do you know her very well?”

Sunny frowned in annoyance. “Do I have to tell you why I’m looking for her?”

Sienna quickly waved in a panic, smiling apologetically, and said, “Oh, no. No, no. I was just asking. Well, go straight ahead, turn right then turn left, and you’ll arrive at the sales manager’s office. Corinne’s there. Do you need me to take you there?”

“No need!” Sunny said coldly, then he immediately went straight ahead and turned left to look for her office as he could not wait anymore.

After Sunny found the sales manager’s office, he leaned against the door to look inside. It was after he confirmed Corinne was in there that he immediately walked in!

“Hey! Corinne!”

Hearing something entering, Corinne who was playing solitaire on her computer-glanced at Sunny, totally unfazed. “What’s the matter? May I help you with something?”

Sunny walked over with arrogant strides, then he craned his neck to glance at her computer monitor. “You’re something. How dare you play games at work?”

Corinne looked at her cards with focus as she could not care less. "I've finished my tasks in advance, so what's wrong with having a bit of entertainment?"

Sunny sneered, but he said nothing. He did not care if Corinne was working hard or slacking.

off.

He sat on the chair across from Corinne's desk and asked while looking right at her, "Corinne, where have you been for the past month?"

Corinne still looked like she could not be bothered. Her eyes were fixed on her monitor. "I didn't go anywhere. I just wandered around everywhere."

Sunny could not wrap his head around it. "Wander around everywhere? Since you've left, why did you come back again to work at my brother's company?"

"Because your family's company has good benefits, high salary, and good prospects, so I came

to apply for a job."

Sunny's eyebrows were tightly furrowed. He squinted and stared at her, feeling extremely doubtful. "Would you need that bit of salary?"

While clicking on the card with her mouse, Corinne curled her lips and replied, "You are a rich kid who's out of touch with reality, Mister Sunny. Of course, office workers like us need a salary. Otherwise, how are we supposed to feed ourselves?"

Sunny was not convinced by her at all. Looking like he was interrogating a criminal, he crossed his arms arrogantly and said, "Hmph! How are you just an office worker? You were previously a Missus Holden. You have all the money in the world! Even if you truly wanted to work, you could have asked Jeremy to let you have a random position at the Holden Group. Why would you need to run away from the Holdens and then come work at my family's company?"

Corinne did not wish to explain too much to a kid like him, so she yawned because of boredom.

“Are you done with your homework, Mister Sunny? Why are you so free that you’re here trying to get to the bottom of my business?”

Sunny sneered. “My sister is here and she’s talking to my brother in his office! I came out and had nothing to do, so I came to have a chat with you. Is that now allowed?”

Corinne chuckled, nodding a little. “It’s certainly allowed. This is your family’s company. Of course, you can do whatever you want!”

Sunny felt that her attitude was terrible as she was just brushing him off. He got angry for some reason and gritted his teeth. “Corinne!”

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Corinne was still distracted and playing her game. “Yes, Mister Sunny. Go ahead. I’m listening!

Sunny got up and put his arms on her desk, leaning closer to her, and questioned her, “Tell me the truth. Why did you leave the Holdens?”

Hearing this question, Corinne stopped moving her mouse for a moment so brief it was barely noticeable. Then, she pursed her lips a little, still not batting an eye. “I’ve completed my mission, so of course, I should leave.”

Sunny’s handsome and youthful eyes were filled with confusion. “Mission? What mission?”

It was only then glanced at him indifferently. “Didn’t you already know this for a long time? Mister Jeremy was never serious about marrying me from the beginning. He was just asking me to help him deal with the elders in his family! I’ve completed my mission after that, so if I don’t leave, I’ll truly become your sister’s love rival, won’t I?”

Sunny was taken aback, staring at the way she looked as she said it so casually. He pursed his lips, wanting to say something, but he held his tongue.

At that moment, someone knocked on Corrine’s office door.

Lucas's secretary, Sienna, poked her head into the room and said, "Mister Sunny, Miss Anya has left. Mister Lucas sent me to ask you to go back to the office and continue doing your homework!"

Sunny had a slight headache and felt troubled as soon as he heard he had to return to do his

homework.

"Alright, I got it. You may first return. I'll have a few words with Miss Corinne, then I'll return on my own!"

"Alright, Mister Sunny!" Sienna replied to Sunny respectfully. At the same time, she glanced at Corinne in annoyance, then surreptitiously rolled her eyes at her!

Corrine was truly a piece of work. It was no wonder why Anya wanted to prevent her from getting close to Lucas. She wanted to marry above her station so much that she wanted to seduce a kid like Sunny! How disgusting!

Figuring that Sienna was almost gone, Sunny immediately grabbed Corinne's hand which controlled her mouse. "Corinne, come on! Come with me!"

"Huh? Why should I go with you? Mister Lucas didn't ask for me!" Corinne wanted to reject him, but unfortunately, Sunny was stubborn. He already dragged her out of her office without giving her a chance to resist.

Sunny did not have time to tell Corinne too much. It was after he ran and dragged her into the

elevator that was about to close that he let out a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, they made it to the elevator, and there was nobody in there.

Corinn shook his hand off. "Sunny, what's the matter with you? Why did you drag me out?"

Sunny said, "I don't want to go back and do the homework. I don't know how to solve any of the questions at all. I'll be getting an earful if I go back"

Corinne looked at him as if she was looking at someone crazy, and she did not know what to say, "You could have just left yourself. Why did you pull me out of there with you?"

Feeling completely justified, Sunny said, "Because I don't have money on me. If I ran out on my own, I won't have money to hail a cab home!"

Corinne was quite speechless.

"Mister Sunny, you shouldn't have been so shellfish! I'm now absent without leave because of you, which means I'm going to be scolded by your brother along with you, isn't it?"

Sunny

sneered. "Enough with the act, Corinne! I know you didn't join the Rivera Group to work at all, so why do you care if you're absent!"

Corinne was slightly dazed as she looked at Sunny in slight surprise. She never expected this dumb boy would have moments when he was smart. He could tell, could he not? How could he

tell?

Sunny turned his face and stared at Corinne seriously. His expression was saying that nothing could be kept from him because he was smart and wise. "Tell me! Are you in love with my brother?"

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Corinne was speechless. As expected, she overestimated his intelligence.

With a sound of a ding, the elevator arrived and the door slowly opened.

Corinne reached out her hand to select a floor again, preparing to go back upstairs on her own. At the same time, she said to Sunny indifferently, "Mister Sunny, if you don't want to go back. to face Mister Lucas, you can leave."

Sunny wanted to leave but not on his own. Instead, he dragged Corinne out of the elevator

with him.

After she was dragged out by him again, Corinne frowned helplessly. "Mister Sunny, can you not bother others when they're working?"

Sunny did not agree with her. “Didn’t you say you’ve finished everything you’ve supposed to do? Why are you in such a hurry to go back?”

Corinne rolled her eyes at him. “Are we the same? You’re a son of a wealthy man and I’m just a person working for a paycheck. If I leave my position without permission, my salary will be docked, do you understand?”

Sunny acted like a spoiled, willful child and said, “However much they dock from your pay, just pay you double in the future! In any case, you can go back now. Hang out with me for a while!”

As he said that, Sunny grabbed Corinne’s arm and dragged her out of the building, not allowing her to resist.

“Hey,” Corinne felt nothing other than speechless.

After they left the Rivera Group, Sunny pulled Corinne into a car and went straight to a famous antique store downtown.

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When they arrived at the destination, Corinne looked at the endless array of antiques inside the store, then she glanced at Sunny with a slight surprise. “I didn’t expect you to like these aged things when you’re still a young student.”

Sunny was carefully picking out the antiques from the shelf. “I’m not the one who likes it. I’m just picking out a birthday gift for my grandpa!”

Corinne raised her eyebrow, feeling bored. “You could come on your own if you want to pick out a gift for your grandpa. Why did you make me come with you?”

Sunny picked up a pair of small walnut sculptures to take a look at, then he said shamelessly, “I don’t have money, so I brought you here to first help me pay for it!”

Corinne was at a loss for words.

Corinne’s gaze instantly turned to disgust as she looked at him. “Mister Sunny, where is your conscience? I’m working for a paycheck at your family’s company, yet you asked me to first help you pay for the things you want to buy?”

Sunny said, "I don't have a choice. All my cards have been frozen by my brother, and he forbade my sister from giving me money! But my grandpa's going to be celebrating his sixty- sixth birthday tomorrow, and my family's going to celebrate with him. My grandparents have been very nice to me, so I won't want to go empty-handed! Corinne, just help me pay first. I'll pay you back in the future!"

Corinne picked up a small wooden horse carved out of mahogany to have a look. As if she was lost in thoughts, she asked, "Are the grandparents you mentioned, your mother's parents?"

Sunny's expression was slightly complicated as he shook his head. "To be precise, they are not my grandparents. They are my brother's grandparents. Both of them have no blood relations with my sister and me. Because, you know, my sister and I are my brother's half-siblings who share the same father. My biological mother's parents passed away many years ago.

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Corinne frowned when she heard that. Lucas's maternal grandparents were her mother's parents.

Inferring from some rumors back then that Corinne learned, her mother was wrongfully accused by the Riveras back then and was kicked out of the Riveras.

Logically speaking, if that was the case, her mother's family and the Riveras should be holding a deep grudge against each other. How could they still get along so well, and the Riveras could even go celebrate her grandfather's birthday together? Could it be that her mother's family. did not care about her mother as well?

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