

Arabella 231

Chapter 231

Lucky for them, the new girl, **Ms.** Bennett, found the weak **spot** of Oscar. Who knew how much more money they would have lost otherwise!

Is the gift ordered?" asked Hans Collins.

Julian respectfully responded, "The owner wasn't willing to sell. We've tried negotiating several times without success."

"Who's their guy?"

"**They** say it's someone from the McMillan family," replied Julian.

The McMillans were good buddies with the Collins. There's no way Hans Collins would risk falling out with them over a necklace worth thirty million.

have to pick

Collins' eyes scan through the options, finally settling on a four-leaf clover necklace.

not expensive enough. "That one," Hans Collins said, handing the iPad back to him. "I'm going home for boss, word's out that you're back in town. A bunch of folks want to have dinner with you

needs to make

Meanwhile.

insisted the recording was done under Arabella's threat and that all the evidence was fabricated

Kenneth in person, claiming he's a long-time employee that Kenneth promoted. There's no way he would do anything to harm the Collins

never seen such a crybaby of an old man.

to be passing by, and upon hearing this, they stormed into the

Collins, you're finally here! I was about to bash my head against this wall, but then I thought, wouldn't that be just what the villain

at Kenneth's feet, sobbing uncontrollably. "You have no idea; this new girl at the company is framing me. I'm so bitter inside. I still remember the favor you did for me back in the day. How could I ever do anything to hurt the Collins family? To hurt you? She's way out of line!" Oscar clung to Kenneth's feet, crying his eyes out.

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Oscar was totally stunned, unable **to** utter a single word.

"This company, under **your** leadership, hasn't made any progress. I was originally planning to shut it down. But since my daughter is on holiday with nothing to do, I thought I'd let her run **it.**"

So casually handing **over** such a big company to his daughter.

Hearing Kenneth Collins' words, Oscar's mouth hung open wide enough to fit two eggs.

"I never expected her to be so responsible, finding all these problems within the company! I've seen the evidence of your betrayal myself! Arabella Bennett didn't falsely accuse you! You're here ranting and raving, slandering her, and wanting to put her behind bars. Do you really think the Collins family wouldn't protect her?"

"No, no, Mr. Collins, you're mistaken." Oscar was instantly scared out of his wits. "I, I didn't know that girl; no, I didn't know Ms. Bella is your daughter." If he had known, he would never have dared to act rashly!

At that moment, he looked at Louisa's icy face and suddenly realized that she and Arabella did bear some resemblance!

aura and was

let down the company,

Kenneth kicked him away, saying, "You're a repeat offender; since the company opened, you've been messing up for a year!" "Mr. Collins, I was wrong! I was so stupid; you can hit me and scold me, but please don't let me go to jail." Oscar crawled over again, desperately begging

"When you

now? Too late!!

ground, then turned to the police officer beside her and said, "Please handle

officer nodded, his gaze on Oscar

please take back your words; I know I was wrong." Oscar tried to grab Louisa's skirt.

just in time: "You dare touch my wife's

no, I

I don't teach you a lesson, you won't realize your mistakes!" Kenneth rolled up his sleeves and gave

old; if you get hurt, I won't be able to explain. If your sons come to settle accounts with me, I can't bear it!

panting, but he had no intention of letting

I, I was

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Oscar knew that begging wouldn't do any good, so he just leaned against the corner, muttering, "Okay."

After Kenneth and Louisa left, two interrogators walked in. Seeing Oscar all battered and bloody, they couldn't help but ask the people around, "What the heck happened here?"

Did Kenneth and Louisa do this?

“I tripped and fell by myself Oscar hurriedly explained, “It has nothing to do with anybody else.”

Even

though his face looked like it had been pounded, everyone knew that with the status of the Collins family, if they wanted someone to disappear, it could be done in the blink of an eye.

“Who asked you to be so blind?”

One of them didn’t know if he was scolding Oscar for offending the Collins family with his lack of foresight or for tripping over his own feet.

Oscar

didn’t dare to clarify, only knowing that he had offended Arabella and the Collins family; his life was basically over!

be

such

That afternoon.

said, “Everyone, stop what you’re doing and listen

five production lines immediately

her authority

couldn’t help but sigh. Their own children were still in high school, memorizing English words at eighteen, while Arabella was

sure was unfair.

because Oscar sold the designs to SY Fashion, we can’t sell the stock in our warehouse.

out her plan, everyone agreed, thinking

admired her. This girl was like the backbone of the company, and as long as she was there, people

the production workshop,

her computer, looking

Arabella came over and

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Even though it’s an individual competition, they had to list their current employer when they signed up.

If they can bag a high rank, that would be the bee’s knees. But **if they** end up at the bottom of the pile, they were just dragging the company’s name through the mud!

And if they got canned because of it, that would be a real kick in the teeth.

As the clock ticked on, Molly felt a pang of regret. With a heavy sigh, she was about to close the webpage.

But just as her cursor hovered over the close button, Arabella chimed in, "I'll go with you."

Her words had everyone in the design department, including Molly, bug-eyed. "Ms. Bennett, are you?"

The company's big kahuna was going to be her assistant?

Was she dreaming?

for Molly? Isn't that

their heads off if they

of the company; Molly doesn't deserve."

bat an eye.

"Ms. Bennett."

think I can't cut the mustard? Not up to snuff? Or are you worried I'll drag

didn't think any of those things; she just felt bad about having Ms.

win, that's the best thank-you

of her unique perspective on design and her genuine love for the industry. Despite having seen its darker side, she never gave up on her

lacked confidence and was not daring enough in her design thinking, Arabella believed

eyes welled up with tears of gratitude. After

deadline, Molly successfully submitted her application, with the whole department cheering her

"You got this!"

with Ms. Bennett by your

your back! If she can't

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Then Louisa got a call: "Mom, I can't make it for dinner tonight; I might be coming home late for the next few days." "No biggie, you and Romeo go have a blast; I got this." Louisa thought they were going to have some alone time.

"It's work-related."

Hearing this, Louisa thought, work-

related? Not done yet? Seeing her daughter so dedicated to her work, she laughed, "Don't overwork yourself; remember to eat; if you can't get it done, ask someone for help."

“Sure.” Arabella replied gently, “I’ll be quite busy for the next few days; there’s a competition I need to attend.”

After hearing that, Louisa chit–chatted for a bit and then hung up.

Not long after, her phone rang again. Seeing it was her son, she picked up immediately and said, “It’s been a while since you last called me? When are you coming back? I’ve asked you to come home and check on your sister; how many days has it been? Are you trying to piss me off?”

She was about to give him a piece of her mind when she heard him say, “I’m coming back tonight.”

Louisa was taken aback. “Tonight?”

That’s pretty sudden!

way home, telling Julian, who was

Collins was

she had more dishes prepared.

Serena Collins was overjoyed. She waited at the front door

car door

tall and stern figure stepping out,

bit. After all, they grew up together, and before Arabella came, the whole

bond was

Serena’s face was full of joy. “You’re always abroad; it’s not easy for you to come home. Can you stay longer this

face

Although Serena was somewhat in awe of her brother, she boldly walked over and took Hans Collins’ hand. “We’ve got a new sister at

gently removing it. “You’re grown up now; you

didn’t mind Serena’s touch;

take his hand,

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The dinner table was **loaded** with all **kinds** of scrumptious dishes.

“**Hans**, you haven’t been home in a while; share a few drinks with your old man tonight.” Kenneth poured him a glass of wine, then turned to the girl beside him and said, “Serena, you’re still young; **stick to your juice**.”

Seizing the opportunity to act cute, Serena chimed in, “I wanna drink with big bro too.”

“Good girl, wait till you’re grown.” Kenneth poured himself another glass, then cheerfully asked his son, “Heard you’ve been doing well overseas?” “Mmm, pretty stable **now**.” Hans Collins had been busy abroad for several months, solving a handful of issues, and finally, things were settling down. He glanced around, noticing there were only four sets of cutlery.

Apart from his parents’, there were only his and Serena’s.

Where was his sister?

Louisa chimed in while bustling around, “Bella just **called**; she’s not finished with some work.”

a bit taken

sister only

our fashion company. You must’ve heard about her achievements from overseas?” Kenneth happily clinked glasses with him, and after gulping down his drink, he sighed, “Who would’ve thought your sister had

Kenneth felt a pang of

recent activities, Hans instinctively uttered a name: “Arabella?”

Arabella Collins,

brother

usually rather aloof, but his gaze

dimwit, instead of bonding with her brother,

What a scatterbrain!

serving wine to her brother and parents, warming up the atmosphere like a cozy quilt.

person who recently stirred up the company

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While keeping the company running like a well-oiled machine, she still finds time to indulge in her hobbies and participate in contests.

“Bella’s going to a design competition.” Kenneth was taken aback.

“I heard her mention it. I didn’t realize she could manage a company and do design too.” Louisa was proud and happy for her daughter, but she was also worried about her. She was so young, yet carrying such heavy responsibilities.

She needed to show Bella more support.

She should find time to ask Bella if she was happy with her current job. If not, she should let go and enjoy life. That’s what mattered most.

Design competition?

invited to be a judge

busy

with you recently?" Louisa took a sip of her wine and continued, "Have they mentioned when they're coming back? It's been several days, and no one has

They occasionally sent messages, especially the youngest one, who was

years, trying to expand the group and break into foreign markets. Some places were unfriendly to foreigners, causing him lots of difficulties. Some other places had powerful influences, making them hard

group had grown more than twice its size since Kenneth handed it over

it strange

a new breakthrough, and many foreign powers are interested. Be careful."

abilities, but some powers were not just

many obstacles they will put in your way or how many unethical things they will do."

know you're capable. You've been the most worry-free since you were a kid, but

it's not easy for our son to come back this time, let's not talk about work anymore." Louisa served Hans Collins some

Villa Cascada.

Leaf in liquid form at a low temperature of minus eighteen degrees

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After dinner, Hans Collins sat **on the** sofa, occasionally glancing towards the door.

Serena came over with a plate and a sweet smile on her face.

"Bro, I made you apple crabs. Cute, huh?"

She was all smiles and innocence. "I also made pear birds and strawberry Santas. Do they look like what they're supposed to be?"

She pointed to the fruits on the plate with her injured finger.

Hans Collins noticed at once. "You hurt yourself?"

He took the plate from her and immediately ordered a servant, "Get the first aid kit."

The servant rushed off.

I was cutting the fruits. It's nothing; it's not hurting at all. I didn't even notice until you pointed nicked your finger, and it doesn't hurt? You're

her knee in the garden, she held back her tears to keep everyone else from

hardly home, and I wanted to make a special fruit plate for you. But I saw other people doing it so easily that I got all flustered and messed it up. It took me forever to make these few shapes.

Hans Collins' voice was unusually

you've got to come home more often; give me more chances to practice. You can't just come home twice a

Collins' voice was indulgent. "You don't have to do these

want to make yummy food for you! As long as you come home more often, I'll do anything." Serena cooed, "You're not going to stop eating it just because my fruits

Collins skewered a strawberry Santa with a fruit pick and handed it to her

"Thanks, bro. Try one too. It might look ugly, but

over with the first aid kit and squatted down next to Serena. "You have no return!"

looked at his sister,

the way, she won first place in

mention a word about Arabella

you like as a reward?" Hans Collins asked softly.

Chapter 239

"Why else would the boss hand over the conglomerate to him? Out of five **sons, he's** the only one with the most self-discipline, the coolest head, and the most meticulous mind."

"Don't you guys find this rigid lifestyle suffocating?"

"What are you talking about? That's discipline! A man with such perseverance, he's just so irresistible!"

"I think he's essentially a very clear-headed person!"

"I agree!"

Once Hans Collins finished his bath, he busied himself in his study until bedtime, then he headed to his bedroom.

the corner table in the bedroom, there lay a

hadn't come back yet.

eleven at night. After bathing and attending to some private matters on her phone, she hurried

go as planned; many problems arose during the research process; several experts studied till dawn; and Arabella, so as not to worry her parents, came home late last night and left for the

up, he was a bit surprised to hear that his sister

in during the holidays, but in his sister's eyes, work

to wait

breakfast, Serena was constantly trying to butter up Hans Collins, now pouring him milk, then getting him a sandwich, then passing him a napkin. "Bro, are you coming home for dinner tonight?"

Hans Collins calmly replied,

Then I won't go out for dinner with Brooklyn Reed and the others tonight." Serena was thrilled: "We were supposed to go for afternoon tea, then a

"Serena has you in her heart; if you're not busy, come home more

a gentle look, and after breakfast, Julian drove him to the company

some documents, Hans Collins suddenly remembered something Julian had mentioned

was a design competition that wanted to invite me as a judge? I'm available." Hans Collins's voice was very calm, and then he went on reading the document

Chapter 240

Arabella kicked **off** a live broadcast for the company's new product launch and invited Molly to be the h
ost.

"Hey everyone, I'm Molly, a designer from Collins Fashion." This was Molly's first time in front of the camera. She was a bit shy at first, but quickly greeted everyone with great enthusiasm.

"Hey everyone, I'm designer Samuel." Samuel also greeted the audience, saying, "I'm thrilled to bring you our new products in this way. See this floral dress in my hand? Does it look familiar? Yes! This is the new design released by SY Fashion yesterday!"

"Actually, this design is a bit conservative. Let's see how I designed it, shall we?"

Molly picked up the scissors, **cut** it open from the waist, trimmed the top, removed the excess sleeves, cut open the shoulders, then slightly shortened the skirt of the lower half, connected them together, and a trendy off-shoulder floral dress was presented to everyone.

the first new

it's more attractive and flattering than the floral dress from SY Fashion. "Now, check out this dress. It seems a bit bulky. Let's see how I turn it into a sexy slim top and

viewers gradually increased. By the time Molly had modified seven or eight

Dean said it excitedly. He never expected this method to be effective. After Arabella sent Oscar to

changing the long skirt to a short skirt,

only needed slight adjustments. The workers quickly produced quite a few new styles. “The number of viewers has exceeded 580,000!” Dean said excitedly, “Ms. Bennett, look, a lot of comments say our new styles are better looking and more creative. They

heard the news, immediately

executives were pounding the

is outrageous! Collins Fashion Group is live streaming our new styles being modified; isn’t

700,000. At this rate, it’ll soon