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She started to worry. Would the boss think she had some screws loose and fire her?

“Mr. Collins, your employee attacked me! You can’t just stand by and do nothing! Look at my injuries. Such a person should be fired; she’s only going to cause embarrassment for your company!”

As Myra said this, she glared venomously at Molly and said, “I’ll tell the press about this—how **this** year’s design competition winner is fighting in the break room! I’ll make you front-page news!”

Before Molly could even get a word in to explain herself to the boss, Hans nonchalantly said, “Good job.”

Molly: ?

Myra: ??

Everyone else: ???

“Your salary will be multiplied by ten next month; keep up the good work.”

It took Molly a solid two seconds to process this. Excitedly, she said, “Thank you, Mr. Collins!”

Hans’ gaze landed on Arabella, his voice softening. “Come here, sis.”

taken aback:

eyes went wide, Was he

was

Oh, now you’re scared, huh? Too late!

Arabella obediently walked over, looking polite and

she cause those

be bankrupt by tomorrow.”

Arabella immediately understood his meaning: “They stole

Cooper family’s company originally belonged to

understanding the situation, Hans took out his phone and gave the order, “Tell Ken Frost. If they

eyes widened

her family because of

all

Why?

leave Summerfield. If they
looking at Arabella gently and saying, "Let's
"Mr. Collins, the one who did wrong should pay.
think you alone can compensate for

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As soon as Hans got in the car, he handed over a gift and said, "This one's for you."

He knew
Arabella had a competition today, so he brought along a surprise for her before he left the house this morning.

"Before I bought this gift, I had no clue that QY was your company, let alone that you designed these products."

Arabella was a bit taken aback by his words. Her real identity was rarely made public, how did her brother find out?

"I got wind of it from some folks that you're Queen Abby"

Just then, Arabella's phone pinged with a WhatsApp message.

[Have you taken off with your bro yet? You've really kept your real identity under wraps. You're the Collins family's missy, running your own business with such gusto, how's anyone else supposed to keep up?]

By the way, why would you bother with such a small-scale design competition? Did someone drop some big bucks to get you there?]

After reading the messages, Arabella got the picture.

"Open it up See if you like it."

a four-leaf

couldn't believe her brother gifted her something so precious the first time they met; he really went
you're not into it or if there's anything else you fancy, just let me know.

bro. I love it." Arabella put the gift away without showing any signs
when you were 15."

it for himself, he wouldn't believe

it skyrocketed to become a

effort she put in were easy to imagine.

achieved so much at such a young age. It'd be a waste of your talents to have you

started studying design, I just wanted

“Make dough?”

“Yep.”

she also hoped she could become better; maybe then the parents of the Murphy family would like she didn't expect that, in the end, she wasn't

How ironic.

pang of sympathy. “Didn't

“Nope.”

Hans felt

age, girls should be

sipping coffee,

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“Oh Arabella picked it up for her to see, saying, “This is a gift from my brother”

“Hans **got** you a gift? Did you guys just come back together?”

“Mhm”

Edith quickly added, “Ms Bella rode back in Hans' car

Martha, not far away, gave her a look, as if to say, What's there to brag about? Serena had ridden in Hans' car so many times!

Edith deliberately added. “And she rode shotgun”

Martha was taken aback.

Even Serena couldn't believe it, because even the other brothers usually rode in the back of Hans' car!

What made Arabella qualify to ride shotgun?

said satisfactorily, looking at the gift in Arabella's hand, “What did

what kind of gift Hans gave, and if it wasn't expensive enough, she would definitely give him was surprised; it was

much at the time, but it was too expensive, costing two and a half million, that she surprise, a while later, it showed:

was that this necklace

was a

received a
attention of her

Why?

was founded by Bella, I wouldn't have chosen something she
these words came out, everyone was stunned.

for a moment.

Oh no, the QY clothes

the pills she sent later were not

his own ears. "Did you just say that? Did I hear you

he said; QY was founded by Bella, and all the stuff was designed by her?" Louisa incredulously looked at
Hans

didn't know?" Hans' gaze fell

had inadvertently revealed his sister's

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But why was her favorite brand, QY, also designed by Arabella?

Was Arabella actually Queen Abby?

No way!

She was hit hard, all the praise for Arabella around her seemed like mockery in her ears.

She even dreamed of surpassing Arabella in piano or design!

No, how could she be Queen Abby?

Could her brother have gotten it wrong?

The champion of today's competition was Molly, not Arabella!

She went as an assistant!

Thinking of this, Serena gave a faint smile, trying hard to maintain her image.

designer today? I

question, an odd look flashed in Hans' eyes. Was she questioning

go today as an assistant?" Louisa was a bit surprised. Everyone else thought she went there as

the servants at home thought

just wanted to give the young ones a

Arabella's casual remark, Serena was stunned. To mentor the young ones,

Was she nuts?

is so grand!" Louisa revised her understanding

dinner, everyone was rushing to serve Arabella's

"Eat more."

Arabella's bowl was filled. "Thanks, dad; thanke, mom; you

and

the side seemed to be

it all and was anxious.

smiling

great about it? Arabella was a hard person to please.

up her utensils and served

more too."

once, her

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Hearing the number, Arabella was even less willing to accept it. "I have my own money."

"Just **take** it." Hans shoved the card into her hand. "Use it as you please. Don't sweat it."

"I won't spend that much."

"Then save it. When you get married, I'll give you more." Hans' eyes softened. "Consider it living expenses from me."

The comment left Serena nearby fuming!

Living expenses!

Two billion in living expenses!

don't want to work anymore, let me know. I'll take care of you." Hans' voice softened. "If there are any companies under our group that you're interested in, say the

Serena was furious.

Arabella wasn't interested in any companies. She was too busy with her own personal affairs,

anywhere you want to go or anything you want to do, you can find me. I'll accompany you." Serena's face twisted in anger. Just yesterday, she had asked him—to-go—shopping with her after the game, and he said

he had time for
favoritism was too
pulled out his
off a series of
number, Hans dialed it. "This is my number. If you need anything, call me anytime. Don't worry about
"Alright."
over the phone or you're too embarrassed, you
let out a rare smile, genuine from the heart. "Thank you."
eyes softened again. "You should rest early. If
figure leave before finally shutting the door.

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After hanging up, Romeo was watching the game video handed over by Carl. The scar on Arabella's right wrist was very apparent. His eyes turned icy cold Who the

hell dared to harm Arabella?

The Cooper family

Ken slapped Myra furiously, saying angrily, "You dared to mess with the Collins family? Are you out of your mind?"

"Dad" Myra sobbed, "I didn't know Arabella was from the Collins family I thought only Serena was from the Collins family; I had no idea where Arabella came from." "You're still making excuses? Ken slapped her twice more and said, "The Cooper family is going to fall because of you!"

"Alright, alright, the most important thing now is to find Arabella and apologize!" Mrs. Frost hurriedly shielded her daughter, saying, "Even if you beat her to death, it won't help

"Apologize?" Ken laughed out of anger, saying, "Do you think they'll care about your insincere apology? Hans said that even the lives of the twenty-something members of our Cooper family are less important than his sister's hand! Your apology is worthless to them!"

just do nothing." Mrs. Frost said anxiously, "Arabella gets along well with Molly, right? We can find Molly."

I haven't thought of that?" Ken was about to hit his daughter again

want, but don't hit her anymore!"

at her daughter as if to say, How could you

her! Now the Cooper family is finished. Are

eyes in frustration. If it were any other family, there might be ways to mend things, but the Collins they're Kenneth and Louisa's treasures. Hurting them was like asking for

and said, "Sir, madam, the McMillan family's car is

Romeo?

toasting Romeo and saying a few flattering words. Although Romeo didn't pay any attention to him at the time, not even looking

that, Romeo remembered his flattery, found out about

thought, he was overjoyed and hurriedly

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sent a message saying he wanted to see you,

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Ken figured he'd better go, maybe they really were interested in his daughter

Looking at her again, his daughter was actually really pretty, if only he hadn't hit her so hard earlier and her face wasn't all swollen.

Half an hour later

The McMillan family's car pulled up in front of an abandoned warehouse on the outskirts.

Mrs. Frost was kind of freaked out and clutched her husband's clothes tightly "This place looks deserted Is this where we're meeting? I've got a bad feeling about

this"

"What do you know?" Ken snapped at her, shrugging off her hand. "Stop wrinkling my clothes; I need to look sharp when we meet Mr. McMillan!" "Let's just go back."

"You women are just too emotional!" Ken looked ahead and said, "Sometimes men need a little thrill! You wouldn't understand!"

Myra couldn't wait to get out of the car.

had purposely put on

attract Mr. McMillan. Just before entering the warehouse, she even purposely showed off a

his wife a look, as if to say, Even their daughter

place empty except for Romeo

window made the place feel

heart out: "I've done some terrible things, and it's affected my family. I'll do anything you ask

of Romeo's mouth curled
was really interested in her, Myra quickly nodded,
done a good job raising
be perfect. Once it's done, not only could he keep
Win-win!
took out a knife, tossing it in
three members of the Cooper family froze, not understanding what was happening.
for some
hand harmed her, use that hand to pay." Romeo's eyes were icy.
that the "her" he

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"You dumbass!" Ken furiously slapped her twice.

Only then did Myra understand why so many bodyguards wanted to quit that day. It was all because of Romeo.

Oh God, what now?

Crossing Romeo was much worse than crossing Hans!

"Ken, Romeo's voice was icy, his eyes even colder, "You've hurt my fiancée twice. It's not too much to ask for your daughter's hand in return, is it?" Ken was helpless. "Not too much, not too much. What are you waiting for, you bastard? Get on with it, or do you want me to do it for you?"

"Ken?" Mrs. Frost was heartbroken. "Mr. McMillan, I beg you, Myra is still a child; we can leave Summer field, never to return."

"You think you can just walk away after hurting Ms. Bella? You're dreaming!" Carl coldly stated, "You have 30 seconds."

Myra's tears flowed. She shook her head, staring at the knife on the ground, unable to make herself do it.

The countdown began.

his heart, picked up the knife, and started walking toward his daughter. "You should never have messed

"Dad, don't."

right hand was instantly covered

echoed throughout the

Frost quickly rushed over, cradling her injured daughter, tears flowing

blood from the knife onto his clothes, nervously holding the blade out to Mr. McMillan and saying, "I've cleaned it; is that okay? Can we let

it was Mr. McMillan who

no. My daughter cut herself by accident. This has nothing to do with Mr.

Romeo's voice was

barely hanging on covered in bruises

own hired hands in such a state, Myra trembled in fear, the pain from her wound almost causing her to there?" Romeo asked Carl quietly.

McMillan,"

it out of here alive is up

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Romeo's car pulled up at the villa by the lake.

He looked up and saw that the lights in Arabella's room were still on, so he got out of his car, pulled out his phone, and dialed her number. "Arabella, are you still **up**?"

"Yep." Arabella had just finished showering and was drying her hair with a towel. "Are you all done with your stuff?"

"Yeah, I was planning to come see you straight off the plane."

But on the way, he heard about her injury and its connection with the Cooper family. He had to **deal** with some stuff, causing a delay. "Can you come to the window and see me?"

At this hour, he couldn't just barge in, and it was sweltering outside. He didn't want her to leave the AC to come out to the steamy balcony.

So he could only catch a glimpse of her from afar.

Arabella went to the window and saw Romeo standing by his car, looking up in her direction.

she couldn't make out his facial expression, she could feel the tenderness and

eating on time while I

continuing to dry her

hand

startled. "How did you

watched your competition video." Romeo replied. "I didn't know your hand could not only save

think the alterations she made at the competition

she agreed, saying, "Then when my
wait till you're healed, and
could tell that Arabella's design talent definitely
competition, she kept a low profile, Jetting
you, make sure you tell
"Okay."

some late-night snacks. Have them and get some rest." Romeo looked at Arabella through the window,
saying gently, "Find someone who's
wouldn't disturb anyone's
added, "Your hand is

After Arabella agreed, she instructed Edith.

Edith hadn't expected Romeo to bring so many late-
night snacks. She had her hands full and, with a smile, asked him, "Romeo, aren't you coming in for a bit
?"

Edith guessed his concerns: "It's late, you don't want to disturb Mr. and Mrs. Collins, do you?"

Romeo's gaze softened. "Edith, there are some medicines in this bag. Arabella's hand is injured; she might
need your help to apply it later."

"Arabella's hand is injured?" Edith suddenly remembered-
no wonder Arabella was using her left hand to eat dinner tonight!

Everyone in the household knew that Ms. Bella
was ambidextrous. So, when she used her left hand to hold cutlery, nobody thought anything of it.

But how did Mr. McMillan find out?

"Rest assured, I will definitely apply the medicine to Ms. Bella later."

"Sorry for the trouble."

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"No trouble at all. Mr. McMillan is so thoughtful! Have a safe trip; remember to drive safely."

When Edith brought the stuff into the living room, Kenneth happened to see it and found out that Romeo
had prepared such a rich late-night snack for them.

The dining **table** was filled with fancy boxes.

Arabella was surprised. Didn't he say he only prepared "a little"?

Serena, who was sitting next to Arabella, was quite jealous. She heard that Romeo had gone abroad yest
erday and had just returned today, yet he had prepared so many snacks for Arabella.

Looking at the logo on the boxes, these snacks were at least worth a five-figure sum!

This poor girl, who can only play the piano and make clothes—what’s there to fuss about?

Why was Romeo so interested in her?

“Miss Bella, let me see your hand.”

Arabella pulled back her hand and asked, “Is there

prepared for you; he asked me to apply it

note in the bag, written by Romeo, detailing what medicine to apply first, what to apply next, and how to treat it

written down the whole

and Louisa found out that Arabella’s hand was injured. They marveled at Romeo’s thoughtfulness while also feeling sorry for their daughter’s

what happened? When did you get

swollen? Did you fall or were you

“It’s fine; I just bumped

of the competition wasn’t released, Kenneth and Louisa didn’t know she was

since Arabella didn’t like to share

brother

doctor

to make a call, Arabella said, “There’s no need; Romeo has already prepared the medicine.”

all looked very precious—something they couldn’t buy at a

for these medicines to always be stocked up

from his own house on the way here and then

then sat down and picked

Serena, who was sitting **next to** her, was very jealous. She sat down voluntarily

and said with a sweet smile, “Your

husband prepared so many snacks; let’s help you share some? Sister, he’s really good to you! You’re so lucky!”

“Since you know he’s my husband, please change your address **in** front of friends.” Arabella said this casually while enjoying the food in front of her.

Hearing this, everyone was taken aback.

Serena bit her lower lip, looking pitiful. “Sister, what do you mean? I don’t understand.”

“Didn’t you publicly claim that Romeo is your fiancée?” Arabella looked up and said lightly, “Your friends all believed it and came to help you today.”

Serena was as if she had been struck by lightning. “Which friend? She must have misunderstood! What’s her name? I’ll call and clarify right away.”

“Sure.” Arabella didn’t stop her and smiled slightly, saying, “Go ahead, it’s someone from the Reed family.”

Brooklyn Reed?

Just

as Kenneth and Louisa were about to say something, Serena hurriedly said, “How dare she bother you like this? My thing with Romeo is already in the past. Maybe in her eyes, I should be with him. Has she gone crazy? Interfering in my business! I’ll call her right now!”

Martha hurriedly said, “Serena, it’s late; don’t disturb Brooklyn’s rest.”