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Another netizen chimed in, "That was my first thought when I saw the picture t oo. President Hartley's pose in the photo is definitely protective of the woman i n front of him. From a psychological perspective, this pose could be interprete d in two ways. One, he wants to protect her from harm. Two, he has a strong sense of possession and doesn't want other men getting close to his woman."

Someone excitedly exclaimed, "Oh my God, President Hartley is so in love wit h his wife."

*"I can't believe I'm getting drawn in by President Hartley's affectionate behavio r towards his wife. They are such a perfect couple."* 

"Ice Cold" sighed, "If I had met Marcus before she did, maybe I'd be the one e njoying his tenderness now. Unfortunately, there are no ifs in this world, all I c an do is watch him gaze lovingly at another woman."

"Hottie4me" soothed, "Don't be sad, maybe it's a blessing in disguise that you didn't end up with him. Being single gives you the chance to meet a better ma n, and to appreciate every hot guy without any reservations."

In general, the buzz around the Hartley couple kept getting hotter. Not only ha d netizens learned about President Hartley's deep love for his wife, but busine sses working with the Hartley Group were also trying to dig up information abo ut Mrs. Hartley.

If a woman could

earn his affection to this extent, she could likely influence his business decisio ns. Winning her over might be a smart move, as she could put in a good word for them at a crucial moment.

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Abigail glanced at Cornelia and Marcus sitting on her right..

There were no seats between them, but they were sitting quite far apart, clearl y trying to avoid any

suspicion. Nonetheless, Abigail felt, that Marcus's gaze on Cornelia was full of affection, as if she were his wife, not just an ordinary assistant

Abigail thought she must have been reading too many romance novels, to be constantly fantasizing about Marcus and his assistant.

"Abby, why aren't you eating?" Cornelia pushed a seafood platter towards her, "These are your favorite shrimps, made with live ones. They're really fresh, try some."

Just as Abigail was about to eat a shrimp, she felt a chill on her neck. Looking up, she met Marcus's icy stare, who seemed quite displeased with Comelia's i ntimacy towards her.

Abigail had never seen such a frightening look on Marcus. She was scared and quickly declined, "Nelly, I can eat on my own, yo u don't

need to fuss over me."

Before the party ended. Steven Dixon, who had seen the news, called, "Marc, congrats, you're finally with the one you love."

Marcus replied, "Not quite yet."

Steven said, "You've already posted a picture of you two, haven't you told her your true ide ntity yet?"

Marcus responded, "No."

Steven said, "So, you're creating a buzz online and steering public opinion, all to pave the way for Cornelia? You want not just your family to accept her, but the whole world to know she's Mrs. Marcus?"

It must be said, Steven and Marcus were indeed of the same mind. Where oth ers couldn't guess Marcus's intentions, Steven hit the nail on the head, "I didn' t know you were so cunning."

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Marcus responded, "Nah, I didn't."

Steven asked, "Cool. You been busy lately? If not, we can organize a little get –together, chill out a bit."

Marcus nodded, "Sounds good."

After dinner, Comelia and Abigail planned to hitch a ride with Zack. Marcus st opped Cornelia again, "Cornelia, let me take you home. I've got something to chat with you about."

Comelia found Marcus a bit odd tonight, like he was constantly hovering aroun d her, "President Hartley, just spill the beans. No need to go out of your way to take me home."

*Marcus's* home was on the east side and Cornelia lived on the west, she didn't want him to detour.

"Get in the car. Marcus pulled open the door, insisting.

Comelia figured

Marcus was adamant to take her home, probably hoping to get some pictures taken to better protect his wife. So, she decided to play along.

In the car, Marcus didn't talk, and Cornelia didn't know what to say. When the y arrived at her place, Cornelia said, "President Hartley, thanks for the ride. I' m gonna head in now."

"Cornelia," Marcus called her name, his gaze lingering on her, "I never intende d to use you. I didn't think this through tonight."

Comelia replied, "President Hartley, you don't need to explain. It's all part of m y job. I'll do

my best to cooperate with you in the future, and together we will protect your wife from media harassment."

As long as Cornelia was his assistant, even if she was unwilling, she would do her best.

Marcus pushed his glasses up, wanting to say something but didn't know what to say.

Cornelia smiled, "President Hartley, if there's nothing else, I'll be on my way."

Marcus wanted to keep her, but he just nodded and let her go.

After Cornelia left, Marcus lit a cigarette, taking several puffs in a row.

Even after finishing his smoke, he still felt annoyed. He lit one after another, hi s mood getting worse and worse. He didn't understand what was going on.

He flicked away the ashes, looked up and saw the lights in Cornelia's 15th floor apartment were on. He saw her closing the window.

Seeing her, his mood improved a bit. He pulled out his personal phone, opened WhatsApp. He found Cornelia's chat and sent a mes sage: [Cornelia.]

After thinking for a while, Cornelia typed a lot of words: [Jeremy, did you see t hose photos online? You guessed right, the woman in the photos isn't the pre sident's wife, it's me. If I told you it was just part of my job, that there's nothing going on between President Hartley and me, would you believe me?]

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Every word Cornelia sent was screaming her current distress to Marcus, maki ng him realize that tonight's plan was a colossal screw–

up. His original intention was to use the photo to announce his marriage to mo re people, prepare for disclosing Cornelia's identity in the future. Hopefully he could fish out some potential threats to Cornelia.

His motive was pure, but he overlooked Cornelia's feelings. Regardless of ho w

competent Cornelia was at work, she was still just a young girl in her twenties. When Cornelia thought her boss had thrown her to the front lines of public opi nion to take the heat for others, her fear was something he couldn't possibly c omprehend.

He immediately texted her as Jeremy: [Cornelia, you're my wife, and I believe every word you say. I've never doubted you about today's incident, and you m

ust believe in me. Marcus called me about this and apologized for not conside ring your feelings. He also said he never intended to use you. Please forgive h im. But whether he meant to or not, he hurt you. He's a jerk."

Comelia replied almost instantly: [I don't care about Marcus's intentions, as long as you believe in me. Jeremy, thank you! Thank y ou for believing in me!]

Jeremy rarely initiated conversations with her, so her first thought when receiv ing his message at this hour was that he was here to confront her or propose a divorce.

Cornelia wasn't afraid of divorce. She could live well alone. But she feared bei ng misunderstood, that no one would believe her and people gossiping behind her back.

With trembling hands, she typed out a long message trying to explain herself.

Before the message was even sent, she had prepared herself for the worst. If Jeremy didn't believe her and proposed a divorce, she was ready to end the marriage. But as soon as she sent her message, she received Jeremy's respo nse. His reply was like a strong arm pulling her from the cold winter into the w arm and bright spring, allowing her to see the sunshine again.

He told her she was his wife, and he would believe every word she said.

At that moment, Cornelia truly felt that her husband Jeremy was completely dif ferent from the man who always said he would love her forever.

That man was always glued to her, constantly sweet-

talking and swearing to treat her well for a lifetime. But when she was falsely a ccused, unable to defend herself and almost expelled from school. He said his family had a good reputation in Rosenberg and his girlfriend could never be a dirty girl.

Jeremy never sweet–talked her, but his actions constantly told her that he cherished their marriage. No matter how others viewed her and commented on her, he would stick with her.

As long as he kept his promise, Cornelia felt it was enough.

Cornelia lifted her head, fighting back the tears about to fall. Just as she was t hinking about how to reply to Jeremy, she saw another message from him: [C ornelia, I failed to protect you. I'm really sorry.]

When Marcus had no hesitation in pushing her out of his protection, someone still cared about her and was willing to protect her.

Cornelia's fear and anxiety throughout the night magically vanished at that mo ment.

She quickly typed: [You didn't do anything wrong, there's no need to apologiz e to me!]

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Cornella wasn't sure what to bring up, so she asked. Is there anything in partic ular you fancy chatting about?]

Jeremy answered [Well, the main reason I texted you tonight was to ask if you 're happy with the house renovations? When are you planning to move in? Ju st give me a heads up on the date, and I'll sort out the moving company for you]

He'd just asked about her house, no sweet nothings, but it still managed to tug at Cornelia's heartstrings, It caused her tears to uncontrollably trickle down h er cheeks.

Choking back her sobs, Cornelia voiced her deepest feelings, "Jeremy, can yo u come back to Riverton sooner? I really miss you, I can't wait to see your

Such a shame Jeremy couldn't hear her.

After crying her heart out and drying her tears, Cornelia replied to his messag e: [The guy you recommended. Trent, is top–notch and super responsible. I'm really satisfied with how he did up my house. It's gonna take a while before I can move in. I'm planning to move some of the non– essentials over in the meantime.] Jeremy replied. [Alright, get your stuff sorted and I'll get someone over to help with the move ]

Cornelia said [I don't have much to move. Zack, Abby and I should be able to handle it. And about that time you heard someone call me 'baby', that was Za ck. Zack's a guy, Abby's a girl. We've known each other since we were kids, w ent to college in Riverton together, and decided to stay and build our lives her e after graduation. They're important to me, people I cherish deeply]

Jeremy replied [if they're important to you, I'll treat them right too]

Cornelia knew Jeremy's feelings for her were more out of a sense of duty as h er husband, rather than love. But she never expected him to extend that to her friends. His words moved her to tears again. She quickly ch anged the subject: [You're getting sweeter by the minute]

Jeremy asked [Am I really that sweet?]

Cornelia answered [We'll see when we meet, I'll have a taste and see how sw eet you really are]

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After sending the message. Cornelia realized she'd been a bit too forward and felt guilty. She quickly retracted her message, pretending nothing had happened

She had no idea if Jeremy had seen her message, either way, he didn't respond.

Lying in bed, her cheeks flushed Cornelia said to Jeremy: [I'm turning in for th e night, goodnight!]

Marcus replied: [Goodnight.] He thought about the message Cornelia had retr acted, he'd have to make sure she got a taste. He couldn't let her down.

Photos of President Hartley and his wife were making the rounds online, it wa sn't just netizens busy discussing their photos. Behind the scenes, someone was busy too.

After reading the news online, Cameron Reese hesitated before dialing a long –uncontacted number.

He said to the person on the other end of the line, "You must've seen the new s by now. Marc and his wife were spotted tonight, their photo was posted onlin e. I've sent someone to find the person who took the photo. Once we find him, we'll know the identity of Marc's wife."

## "Hal" A cold, middle-

aged male voice laughed over the phone, "No wonder the gap between our tw o companies has grown ever since your generation took over. You and Marcu s have known each other since you were kids. Yet after all these years, you sti II don't get him?"

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Cameron's face darkened. He was super pissed at the middle– aged man's condescending tone but kept his cool, saying, President Hartley, are you implying something?"

The guy on the other end continued, "For years, no one has been able to snap a shot of him. But now someone has the balls to post his picture online. His P R team even openly confirmed that the couple in the photo was them Don't yo u think that's a bit weird?"

"You mean, he purposely had someone take the picture and then post it?" Cameron realized he had been played, immediat ely grabbed another phone and sent a message: [Stop looking for the photogr apher ASAP]

The man on the other end continued, "Before you ring me up next lime, use yo ur brain. No matter what the situation is."

Cameron responded, "Roger that."

Then, the guy on the other end didn't say anything more, just hung up.

Cameron angrily threw his phone at the floor and yelled, "Get in here!"

Natalia, trembling pushed the office door open and walked up to Cameron, "C ameron"

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Cameron grabbed her by the hair and demanded in a low voice, "Natalia, tell me What right does a man who can't even control his own marriage and almo st bankrupted the Hartley Group, have to lecture me?"

Natalia, shrinking back, fearfully replied, "He's a total loser, ousted by his own son years ago. He can't even get into the Hartley family mansion these days, he has no right to lecture you"

But the truth was, he could only kowtow to him. So who was him to mock that guy?

Of course, Natalia kept these thoughts to herself, not daring to voice them out.

Cameron slapped Natalia hard across the face, "He's a loser, are you one too ? You've been back home for so long. I've given you countless chances, but y ou still can't get

close to Marcus"

He yanked her hair. "Natalia, I'm giving you ten more days. If there's no progr ess, I don't need to keep a useless person like you around,"

Natalia, her

face stinging from the slap, mumbled, "Don't worry, I'll come up with somethin g new."

Cameron yelled, "Get out!"

Natalia left immediately

She returned to her room, closing the door behind her. She walked into the ba throom and looked at the pitiful girl in the mirror.

The girl in the mirror had a swollen face with clear fingerprints; her lip was split and bleeding; her hair was a mess, some of it pulled out.

The girl looked like a homeless stray dog. How could she be Ms. Reese?

"Natalia?" She said to the girl in the mirror, and the girl in the mirror said back to her

She started laughing, tears rolling down her cheeks, "You're not me and I'm n ot me either. Can we both stop playing this part?"

She had long wanted to shed this identity, but she couldn't shake off her moth er who had high expectations of her. She was living a life akin to hell.

## Marcus!

He was the only one who could possibly help her out of this mess, but he woul dn't even give her the time of day How could she possibly pin her hopes on hi m?

She held her head, and slumped to the floor. She was staring blankly at the ce iling, not knowing what to do next.

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was ten at night in Riverton, but it was still afternoon in Switzerland. Today the sun was shining, and Courtney was chilling in her rocking chair, soaking up th e spring

sunshine.

Billy rushed over, shoving a tablet into Courtney's face, "Ma'am, look"

Courtney didn't even open her eyes. "I got it."

Billy hesitated for a moment, then asked, "Is Marcus planning to go public with his thing with Cornelia?"

Courtney snorted. "He knows how many eyes are on him, and he knows the d angers lurking around him better than any of us. He won't reveal that woman's

identity

before he's eliminated all threats, unless he wants to put her in danger."

Billy didn't buy that Marcus would protect Comelia, "The guy's icecold, how could he possibly care about a woman he met on a blind date?"

Courtney countered, "You think he doesn't care about her?"

Billy speculated, "I think he won't let you touch her because she's taken his wif e's place. You know, you haven't been able to touch anything of his for years"

Courtney was skeptical, "So he really doesn't care about her? I beg to differ."

Billy asked, "What did you find out when you went to Paris last time?"

Courtney admitted,

"I went to Paris to see how much Marcus actually cares about her. The more h e does, the better for us. But I wasn't there long enough to figure out his feelin gs for her."

Billy queried. "So, you're saying we can't make a move yet?"

Courtney chuckled, "The Hartleys are a patient lot, I'm in no rush."

Billy asserted, "I know what to do"

"Go ahead." Courtney watched Billy take off, slowly opened her eyes, and gaz ed at the blue sky.

Pictures of the Hartley couple were circulating online and among those with hi dden agendas. The Hartley Group's employees were just as curious.

The next day, Cornelia pulled herself together and arrived at the company earl y.

When she got there. The staff of the President's Secretarial Office started trickling in, all discussing President Hartley and his wife.

Seeing Cornelia in the break room, everyone wanted to pull her into the gossi p.

Since Yolanda, one of the secretaries, was close to Cornelia. They nudged he r to talk to Cornelia, "Cornelia, last night President Hartley and his wife were spotted. Did you know?"

The reactions of her colleagues today made Cornelia realize her worries yeste rday were unnecessary. Marcus didn't make her a target of public opinion.

She laughed it off, "How could I not know about something this big?"

Yolanda continued, "I think the president's wife looks a lot like you from the ba ck. If you didn't always wear your hair in a bun and I've never seen you let you r hair down. Id really think the girl in the photo was you"

Cornelia, feeling guilty, immediately looked around, "Only say this in front of m e, never to others. If President Hartley hears, it won't be good for either of us.

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"1 get it." Yolanda glanced back as well and then grabbed Cornelia, saying. "E veryone's dying to know who President Hartley's wife is, who can make him care so much. Comelia, you've been working alongside President Hartley for quite a while, have you met her?"

This was a tough question for Cornelia She glanced at her watch, President H artley should be here soon, I need to prep his coffee"

"Sure, you go ahead." Yolanda returned to the secretary office. Melissa, the c olleague who sat closest to her, immediately asked, "So? Did you get any sco op on the president's wife?

Yolanda replied, "President Hartley doesn't want his wife in the public eye, so we certainly won't see her. Let's not poke our noses into this and just focus on our own work."

Melissa was not ready to drop it, "Doesn't Cornelia know either?"

Yolanda subtly moved her chair away from Melissa, "Working with President Hartley mean's keeping secrets. Even if she knew, she wouldn't spill the bean s."

#### Melissa

hummed in response, raising her voice on purpose, "I'm so jealous of Cornelia , being able to work with President

Hartley daily Yolanda, you were supposed to be in that position, don't you feel regretful?"

Yolanda's face turned serious, she replied unhappily, "What are you trying to s ay?"

Melissa was transferred from a branch office after Cornelia was promoted to t he president's assistant. She was young, beautiful, eloquent, and hardworking , winning the affection of her department head and colleagues

However, as time went on. Yolanda saw Melissa's true colors. She loved pryin g into other people's business and exaggerating facts.

All in all, Yolanda didn't really like Melissa. But they were colleagues, so she k ept up appearances.

Melissa said sarcastically, "I just think Cornelia has been looking more and mo re beautiful, becoming more feminine. I wonder why?"

*"Cornelia has always been beautiful." In Yolanda's mind, Cornelia was always stunning* 

When Cornelia first came to the headquarters, she caught everyone's attentio *n*. Many male colleagues fought to help her with her

work, but Cornelia turned them down flat. "I heard that Cornelia got married. M aybe her husband has been taking such good care of her, making her even m ore beautiful. But we've never seen her husband. Who knows if he even exists ?" Melissa loved to speak in a sharp tone. She raised her voice on purpose, at tracting the attention of the

surrounding colleagues, "Yolanda, you and Cornelia are the closest in this dep artment. Have you met her husband?"

Yolanda had a deep aversion to those who talked behind people's backs, "Sp eak your mind."

Noticing her words were drawing attention, Melissa continued, "It's not out of t he question that Cornelia got that position not because of her capabilities, but because of her looks"

Mentioning Cornelia's beauty got the male colleagues excited, but they only d ared to fantasize and never joked about Cornelial

When Cornelia first came to the president's office, two male colleagues talked behind her back, saying they wanted to sleep with her but would never make her their girlfriend. They thought she was too pretty and feared she would che at on them.

When Cornelia found out, she was disgusted but just quietly collected evidenc e.

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During the evidence collection process, Cornelia found that these two male e mployees not only loved to gossip about their female colleagues behind their backs, but also frequently sexually harassed them

After she gathered all the evidence, Cornelia handed it over to the department head, demanding that these two men be fired and had to apologize to the vict ims in person. The company's rules and regulations clearly state that anyone who maliciously

slandered or sexually harassed colleagues would be immediately fired and ne ver rehired After Cornelia pointed out the company's rules, the department he ad had no choice but to fire the two men and send out a notice to the entire co mpany

From then on, no male colleague dared to make such crude jokes about Corn elia.

Melissa's words made Yolanda angry,

*"Melissa, have you forgotten what happened to the last person who slandered Cornelia?"* 

Melissa, posing and speaking sweetly, said, "That just proves that there's som ething wrong with Cornelia!"

Yolanda didn't want to deal with such a petty person.

Yolanda stayed silent, but Melissa wasn't going to let it go. She not only kept talking, but also tried to persuade other colleagues to att ack Cornelia, "Cornelia even managed to get Eden Petersen out of the compa ny. If it wasn't for President Hartley backing her up. do you think she could ha ve done this on her own? You're all afraid of her, afraid of losing your high– paying jobs. I'm scared too. But if we all don't stand up, I'm afraid the compan y will be controlled by Cornelia."

Melissa pulled up a picture from the internet from last night and showed it to th e people around her, "Even if Cornelia lets her hair down and changes her clot hes in this picture from last night I can still tell it's her Knowing full well Preside nt Hartley is married, she still seduced him. She had the photo posted online, and even had the PR department verify that it was President Hartley and his w ife. Is she trying to force the real Mrs. Hartley out with this kind of tactic?"

Many colleagues were quite familiar with Cornelia, and they could indeed tell t hat the woman in the photo was Cornelia. But no one dared to say it aloud.

Once Melissa pointed this out, others started to gossip.

Yolanda was so angry she didn't know what to say.

But some colleagues questioned. "The president took over the company when he was under eighteen and conducted a personnel reshuffle in the shortest ti me, bringing the company back to the top of the world. Do you think he's that easy to deceive?"

Melissa squeezed her way over to the man who questioned and lightly poked his forehead,

'Of course I believe in the president's abilities, but he's a man after all."

Her hand gently slid down to the man's chest, teasingly tapping it, "You're a m an too. Ask yourself, if you were President Hartley, wouldn't you have feelings for Cornelia? Who can be sure all of Cornelia's success is due to her own abil ities, or her appearance?" "Why are you commenting about her out of nowhere when I am here defendin g Comelia?" Marcus' deep voice exploded like a bomb at the president's office door.

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*"President Hanley" Everyone chimed in unison, no one daring to say another word* 

"President Hartley Melissa's tears were flowing like a busted faucet, "I know y ou hate people talking behind others' backs. But if we're all too scared to spea k up, then honest advice can't reach you. This isn't doing The Hartley Group a ny good"

"Oh, is this your way of getting my attention?" Marcus sauntered towards Meli ssa. With each step he took, his aura seemed to press down on everyone's he arts, silencing

the room

Standing at a towering 6'2" and combined with his domineering presence, whi ch made Melissa, who was less than 5'3" even in her 4 inch heels, look like a dwarf in his

presence

How insignificant and laughablel

Marcus looked down on Melissa. "Do you even know who Cornelia is? Is she someone you can just trashtalk?"

Melissa sobbed, thinking her pitiful state would make any man feel sympathy f or her.

She assumed that since Marcus admired Cornelia, he would surely admire he r too. So without hesitation, she lunged at Marcus, "President Hartley, I didn't mean to "

Marcus smoothly sidestepped, avoiding this woman he found so repulsive. His eyes glinted with a cold, lethal intent. "If you dare to touch me, you'll pay the p rice."

Melissa was terrified by the intensity of Marcus's gaze, and started to feel scar ed, "1"

"Shut your disgusting mouth Marcus scanned the room and then his gaze land ed back on Melissa, "Cornelia has earned her place through hard work and de termination. She worked her ass off for every penny she has and for every pro perty she owns. Everything she owns, she sweated for it. Just a few days ago. Cornelia was working on a project with our team until 3 or

4 in the morning. Even when many of the guys couldn't take

it anymore, she stayed in top form and kept working. A woman as excellent an d hardworking as her, doesn't she deserve my respect? Doesn't she deserve my support? Only a worthless woman like you would stupidly assume a woma n's success has to be dependent on a man. Maybe you wish someone would help you that way, but with your looks and manners, who would appreciate yo u?"

*Marcus's* deep, powerful voice echoed around the room, telling every employe e how exceptional Cornelia was and how much she deserved their admiration and respect.

Many of the executive office staff had been working at The Hartley Group for y ears. They knew Marcus wasn't one to talk much. Even at work, they had nev er heard him speak so much in one go.

Melissa was deeply hurt by his words and began to doubt herself. Everyone h ad always told her she was cute and endearing, especially when she smiled. No man could

resist her.

The woman from the Hartley family had seen this in her and got her a job at T he Hartley Group so she could get close to Marcus and replace Cornelia

But Marcus said she was repulsive!

Was she really that ugly?

*"Devon, if you can't manage your employees properly, I'll find someone who c an. With that, Marcus turned and walked away* 

Devon was the head of the executive office. He had run into Marcus downstair s today and had invited him up to see how the executive office staff were getti ng on.

His plan was to show Marcus how dedicated everyone was, earn some praise and then a promotion and raise would be just around the corner. But then this had happened

He glared at Melissa, what a nuisance she had turned out to be.

Why had he been so smitten with her in the first place, to the point of getting i nvolved with her?

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He was trying to shake off this mess now, but he bet it was not gonna be a pie ce of cake.

The more Devon thought about it, the more he freaked out. He was breaking o ut in a cold sweat.

Marcus turned around, totally unaware that Cornelia was standing right behind him. She was watching everything in the office like a bystander

Marcus was taken aback, but his intimidating aura instantly faded. He even ha d his voice softened, "Cornelia, how long have you been here?"

Comelia didn't answer his question. She just smiled and said, "President Hartl ey, Robert from Skyline Co. has to leave the country for some business. He w as originally planning to sign the contract with you at ten today, but now he wa nts to move it up by an hour. Seeing as you

don't have anything else going on before ten, I went ahead and said yes

Cornelia looked relaxed, with a professional smile on her face. Marcus couldn' t tell what she was thinking, which made him even more worried, "Cornelia"

Comelia smiled and

said, "President Hartley, Robert's team is already waiting in the conference ro om downstairs. We should hurry over. Any later might be seen as rude."

"Alright. Come to my office first. Marcus headed towards his office, with Corne lia following closely behind.

Once they were in the office, he suddenly turned to her and said, "Cornelia, tr ust me. I've never taken advantage of you or thought about hurting you. Thos e who slander you in the office, I won't let any of them off."

\*President Hartley. I've let go of the whole photo incident." Cornelia had never heard Marcus talk so much at once, and all for her protection.

She remembered when she first started working for him, he had defended her when partners insulted her. It was then that he told her that she had the entire Hartley Group backing her up.

It was because of what he said that she had been working by his side for a ye ar, never slacking off, "Thank you so much! Thank you for protecting my reput ation!"

Marcus asked, "So, do you trust me?"

Cornelia nodded, "Of course I trust you."

Marcus wanted to say more, but his phone suddenly rang in his pocket, interru pting their conversation,

He glanced at the caller ID, then said to Cornelia, "You go ahead and get read y, I'll be down after I take this call"

"Okay" Cornelia respectfully left.

Once Cornelia had left, Marcus went over to a floor-toceiling window that overlooked half of Riverton and answered the call, "Talk."

The person on the other end said, "President Hartley, only Cameron sent a te am to look for the photographer last night. But they didn't find him, so they wer e called back" Marcus chuckled, but his eyes were icy and resolute, "Hmm, I s et out the bait last night, but not many took it Seems everyone's gotten more cautious. Or maybe the bait I set wasn't big enough to attract the big fish."

#### The person on

the other end added, "President Hartley, do you want to take action against C ameron?

Marcus replied, "Wait until the big fish behind him shows up. Let's not spook t he snake in the grass yet."

#### With that, Marcus put away

his phone, thinking about the derogatory comments those people had made a bout Cornelia behind her back. He recalled Cornelia's indifferent expression w hen she heard them

How many times had she been through this to stay so cool in the face of such situations?

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