

Bogus Billionaire by Shining Riviera (Caroline Evans)

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Gwen asked, “Is he afraid Mr. Morrison Senior will notice something?”

“What is he supposed to notice?” Caroline asked. She thought that Gwen was overthinking things. She said, “Even if he’s the son of a wealthy family, the Evans family would have noticed.”

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"That's a simple problem. Since Mr. Morrison Senior likes you so much, just te ll him not to tell Eddy about your visit. Besides Gwen pushed, "Don't you want to get that old man's approval?"

Gwen knew Caroline well. She managed to convince her best friend with just a few words. Seeing that Caroline was silent, Gwen dragged

her out of the bathroom. She called out to Kirk, who was standing by the bed, "Kirk!"

Kirk frowned, looking at Caroline, who was looking down with a flushed face.

Gwen pushed her best friend in front of Kirk and patted her on the shoulder. S he said, "Go ahead and talk. I'll be waiting outside." After

that, she left Caroline and Kirk alone in the hospital room.

"What do you want to talk about?" Kirk asked. He saw Caroline's exposed coll arbone and coughed unnaturally, looking away.

"The same thing as last time. I'd like you to meet Grandpa," Caroline babbled, finishing her sentence in one breath. Her beautiful eyes

stared at Kirk nervously.

Kirk's eyes narrowed slightly. "Didn't I agree already?"

"You did? When?"

"When I asked you if you wanted me to go."

Caroline blinked her eyes, and her lips parted slightly. She couldn't believe what he said. She asked, "So, you'll agree to the visit because I asked you to?" It was the same as when he'd bought her that house because she liked it.

Kirk nodded.

Caroline's eyes turned red. She said, "But Eddy is looking everywhere for you. If we visit Grandpa, we may be walking into a trap..."

Kirk patted Caroline's head with a smile. "It's okay. Even if he finds me, he can't do anything to me." However, Caroline still had mixed feelings.

"It's getting late," Kirk said, looking at the clock on the wall. "You should rest soon. I'm going home."

"Kirk- Caroline chased him to the balcony, but he'd already slid down the pipe on the wall nimbly and disappeared into the darkness.

When Gwen returned to the room, she noticed it was empty and asked in confusion, "Where's Kirk?"

Caroline looked at the ground below her.

Gwen asked in fright, "Did he jump? He's overreacting. You're just taking him to see Mr. Morrison Senior. It's not like that old man will eat him alive."

Caroline looked at her friend impatiently and said, "What on earth are you talking about? He just slid down along the pipes on the wall."

Gwen patted her chest in relief. "Oh, that scared me. But he's really intense. Did he come up here by climbing along the pipes too?" Caroline nodded.

Gwen's eyes widened in surprise. She gave her a thumbs up. "He's really strong!"

Kirk trouble, but she was also worried that Jude would be unhappy with Kirk.

For the past few days, she didn't even have the energy to work on the designs for the competition.

That day, the doctor did Caroline's final checkup. There weren't any problems, so she could be discharged from the hospital. "Ms. Evans." The doctor held Caroline's medical records. He asked, "Will your husband be here to pick you up from the hospital?"

Caroline looked at the doctor, puzzled. "No. Why are you asking?" She hadn't notified anyone that she would be discharged today.

The doctor smiled disappointedly. "Nothing."

After watching the doctor leave dejectedly, she continued to pack her things.

Suddenly, the door was pushed open with a bang. Caroline turned around and saw Brie charging into the room. Her lackeys followed in behind her. "What a lively bunch," Caroline thought.

"I finally found you, Caroline! You really know how to hide from someone!"

Caroline looked at them coldly.

Sensing that something was about to happen, the patient, nurses, and doctors crowded the door of Caroline's room, watching the drama.

Brie had been waiting for this moment. Seeing that everyone was there, she walked up to Caroline triumphantly.

She yelled, "You're really shameless to steal other people's things and hide here afterward. Even if you and Eddy broke off the engagement, you're still a member of the Evans family. You should be ashamed for doing such a thing!"

The hospital was abuzz with discussion.

There wasn't a single change in Caroline's expression. She asked, "Are you pulling a trick out of boredom again, Ms. Collins?"

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Jude frowned, trying to recall their conversation. Finally, he said. “I was referring to visiting your home to appreciate your paintings. What else would I be referring to?”

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Brie’s face turned even paler from shock, but she quickly said. “But at your birthday banquet you let me into the main hall —

* That was an unprecedented privilege. She’d thought that it was an acknowledgment in disguise.

Jude explained reasonably. "Eddy's second uncle is married, so your engagement with him is null and void. To make up for it, I asked the butler to let you into the main banquet hall."

Brie was stunned. She thought, "How could it be? How could Eddy's second uncle be married?"

The people who'd come here to watch the drama enjoyed Brie's misfortune. The tables had turned, and Brie had become a laughingstock.

Looking at the distraught Brie. Jude sighed and said, 'Carrie, let me take

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While waiting for the elevator, Caroline couldn't help asking, "Is Eddy's second uncle really married?"

Jude nodded. "That's right. Now, it seems that his decision for a fast marriage is the right one."

"A fast marriage? Eddy's second uncle had one of those as well? Caroline thought.

"By the way, did your husband agree to meet me?" Jude asked.

The topic shifted to Kirk, pulling Caroline from her thoughts. She nodded before she could think about it.

"If that's the case, let's book a table at Starlust Hotel."

"Let me arrange a meeting place instead, Grandpa. Eddy has been looking for him everywhere, so can you please not tell him about so

meeting?"

"Huh?" Jude raised an eyebrow. He asked, "Why is Eddy looking for him?"

Caroline frowned. "I-I don't know. Just promise me, Grandpa."

Jude smiled merrily. "Okay, okay. I won't tell him. But Carrie, even if you don't go back to what you walked out on sometimes the mines

you've walked out on may be the best things you've had."

Caroline rubbed her head. She couldn't really understand what he meant. Still, she agreed obediently. "Okay"

Jude looked at Caroline meaningfully. No matter what, he hoped that she could be a part of his family.

In an apartment in Urban Haven, Sean was leaning against the bar, looking at the injury on Kirk's forehead with great interest. After pondering for a moment, he took advantage of Kirk's closed eyes, picked up a bottle, and chucked it at his friend.

Kirk raised his hand, grabbing the bottle.

Sean raised his eyebrows. "I knew it. You've always had fast reflexes. Did Ms. Evans cause the wound on your forehead?"

Kirk unscrewed the bottle cap, ignoring Sean's question.

Sean was used to his temper, and he continued asking, "Are you really going to meet Mr. Morrison Senior as Caroline's NUSIZNI?"

Kirk hummed in agreement.

Sean said, "I'm afraid that he won't agree to your marriage. I've heard he dotes on Caroline very much and treats her as his granddaughter-in-law. If he finds out that you're her husband, he'll be pissed."

Kirk massaged his temples with his slender fingers. He said, "Since he's proposed to meet, I have to do so."

"I'm just afraid that ..." Sean hesitated.

Although *Ivan* and Jude were brothers, it was rumored that Ivan had left the country because there was bad blood between them. Moreover, the two families had only been in frequent contact in recent years, and their relationship wasn't as close as June's relationship

with an outsider like Caroline.

If Kirk upset Jude, Sean was worried that he would face more opposition for his business in Easton.

Of course, Kirk knew that, but since Caroline wanted him to go, he would do so.

At this moment, the phone rang. Kirk glanced at his phone and answered the call.

“Where are you, Uncle Kirk?”

Kirk didn't answer but asked in return, “What's the matter?”

“Grandpa wants us to see him. He said that he has something important to discuss.”

“Okay.” After hanging up the phone, Kirk got up and said, “I'll be leaving now.”

Sean looked at his retreating figure and shrugged helplessly. He hoped that Jude would accept Kirk's identity when the time arrived.

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Caroline to head over to the meeting place first.

Caroline wanted to say something, but Kirk had already hung up the phone in a hurry. She had no choice but to set off.

If Kirk was late, she could still cover for him. After all this was his first time meeting Jude, and being late could leave a bad impression.

Two hours later, Caroline arrived at the place they had agreed on. There was a row of luxury cars caked in front of the note.

Simon was waiting at the door. When he saw Caroline, he waved her over. “Hello. Ms. Evans.”

Caroline hurriedly approached him. “Mr. Zellen has Grandpa arrived?”

“Yes, he’s waiting in the private room. Simon looked behind Caroline, asking. Where’s your husband?”

Caroline said awkwardly, “Something came up at work but he should be coming soon. I’ll go and meet Grandpa first.”

“Okay.” Simon led Caroline to the private room.

Although this was only a five-star hotel it was very elegantly designed and decorated. It suited Jude’s taste. When Caroline entered the private room, Jude praised her, saying, “You know me so well Carrie. You picked such a quiet place for me.”

Jude looked away from the painting or the kid Zett told her.

Caroline repeated what she’d told Simon. When she was done, she said, “Grandpa, I’ve been a Mae Wale. We had

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Simon immediately asked the hotel to bring a coffee brewing kit and mugs, Caroline took the opportunity to text Kirk. "My Grandpa is here. How long do you need to get here?"

Kirk didn't reply.

The staff had brought the tools, so Caroline had no choice but to concentrate on brewing coffee for Jude. Skill and knowledge were

required to make coffee. She couldn't be careless,

The staff brought them Robusta Coffee beans. Caroline ground the coffee beans with the grinder and boiled some water. Then, she poured the ground coffee beans into a filter. Finally, she slowly poured the hot water through the filter into a mug, filling the room with the fragrant

scent of coffee.

A cup of dark coffee was ready, emitting an aromatic, smoky scent.

"Here you go. Grandpa."

Jude picked up the coffee. He took a sip and smiled with satisfaction. "Your coffee is as delicious as always, Carrie."

Caroline said modestly, "I'm sure you're just being nice, Grandpa."

Jude waved his hand. "I'm not. I know you, Carrie. You strive to do your best at everything. Take this cup of coffee, for example. A professional may not make coffee as good as yours."

"Grandpa

Jude sighed. "It's a pity Eddy won't get to try it."

Caroline lowered her head and remained silent.

Jude smiled and didn't say anything more. He turned his attention to the emerald bracelet on Caroline's wrist. He asked, "Did your

husband give you this bracelet?"

Jude had noticed it when Caroline had been making coffee.

Caroline smiled slightly. She said with a hint of pride, "Yes." She'd worn the emerald bracelet on purpose. She hoped to prove to Jude how

good Kirk was to her and help Jude make a good impression.

Jude looked at the bracelet. He didn't say anything but took a sip of his coffee.

Everything was silent for a while. Caroline couldn't guess what Jude was thinking. She thought he was annoyed at Kirk for being late. She made an excuse to leave the private room and called Kirk.

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Kirk looked down at Caroline's slender fingers and couldn't resist fiddling with them. He answered. In the ca

"Okay." Caroline's hands were ticklish, but she didn't resist. She continued to ask with a smile. What does your enhardinals took like?

"He has a face,"

Caroline chuckled and said, "I'm serious. What if I give them to the wrong person?"

"You won't. He'll definitely recognize you." Kirk handed the keys to Caroline and said, "I'll head un there first. You can join us after you

hand him the documents."

"Okay." Caroline nodded obediently. She watched Kirk leave before getting into the car and wailing pallently

The elevator stopped on the third floor, and Kirk walked towards the private **room**. He'd never been this nervous before. He laughed at

himself.

Discussing billion-dollar deals with other people was easler than this. He wondered what was wrong with h im. He walked to the private room and knocked on the door.

Simon opened the door. When he saw Kirk standing outside, he was stunned. It wasn't until Jude asked him who was at the door that he snapped out of his stupor and made way for Kirk.

"Uncle Jude," Kirk said, walking into the private room.

Just like Simon, Jude was surprised to see him here. "What are you doing here? Didn't you say that you were busy?"

Kirk said, with a complicated expression. "You're right. I was busy."

"So, why are you here?"

Kirk straightened his clothes, revealing his wrist. He said, "Because I have something to tell you,"

"Did you find information about Caroline's husband?" Jude sald excitedly,

Kirk was about to say something when there was a commotion outside the door.

"Jude and I are old friends. Hurry up and let me In! Let go of me! I want to see Jude!"

Jude frowned, asking sternly. "What happened?"

Simon had already arrived at the door. "Sir, it's Howard and his daughter, Brie."

Jude walked to the door with his walking cane. When he saw the father and daughter being stopped by security guards, he frowned instantly. "Let them go."

When the guards heard his order, they immediately released Howard and Brie. The two trotted to Jude immediately. Before they could compose themselves, they were frightened by Kirk, who was standing behind Jude. Their faces turned pale.

"Mr. Kirk..." Brie frantically straightened her hair. She asked, "What are you doing here?"

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Howard was dumbstruck now, but there was nothing he could do to vent his anger

"You should at least compensate us." he said as he looked at Kirk. "Mr. Kirk may be married already but his career focuses only on domestic businesses now. Besides, men get lonely pretty quickly, so why don't you let him marry another woman?" Kirk's direction.

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She lowered her head, looking shy and embarrassed. She leaned forward, making it look like she was going to fall into his arms any time

soon.

Unfortunately for her, Kirk dodged her easily. She almost fell to the ground because there was nothing to Subdotted

After recomposing herself, she heard him say, "I won't marry another if my wife doesn't agree to it. There was something in the way she called Caroline his wife that was so endearing.

Instantly, Brie felt a certain animosity and jealousy toward this wife of Kirk's, whom she had just met. She tried to put on a smile, but to others, her smile looked worse than when she cried.

*Kirk, it'd be my honor to serve you. I'm not asking for a name or anything else. I promise I listen to whatever you say

The frown on Jude's face deepened. However, Kirk found Brie's words amusing. The corner of his lips tilted upward in a smile. "Really?"

Brie's eyes lit up almost instantly. She didn't hesitate to say, "Yes. I'll do anything you want me to."

Then get down on the floor and bark like a dog twice," Kirk told her calmly. There was a glint in his eyes.

Howard and Brie were at a loss for words. "Mr. Kirk" Howard said through gritted teeth. "Don't you think you're going overboard now?"

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Jude furrowed his brows in displeasure. I only ever mentioned a blind date, and never mentioned a fiancée. Kink's fiancée was just a blind date, so there's nothing certain about it. What made you think that the two of them would set matter

Howard was dumbstruck now, but there was nothing he could do to vent his anger

"You should at least compensate us." he said as he looked at Kirk. "Well, Kirk may be married already but his career focuses only on domestic businesses now. Besides, men get lonely pretty quickly, so why don't you let him marry another woman?" Kirk's direction.

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She lowered her head, looking shy and embarrassed. She leaned forward, making it look like she was going to fall into his arms any time

soon.

Unfortunately for her, Kirk dodged her easily. She almost fell to the ground because there was nothing to Subdotted

After recomposing herself, she heard him say, "I won't marry another if my wife doesn't agree to it. There was something in the way she called Caroline his wife that was so endearing.

Instantly, Brie felt a certain animosity and jealousy toward this wife of Kirk's, whom she had just met. Still, she tried not to put on a smile, but to others, her smile looked worse than when she cried.

*Kirk, it'd be my honor to serve you. I'm not asking for a name or anything else. I promise I listen to whatever you say

The frown on Jude's face deepened. However, Kirk found Brie's words amusing. The corner of his lips tilted upward in a smile. "Really?"

Brie's eyes lit up almost instantly. She didn't hesitate to say, "Yes. I'll do anything you want me to."

"Then get down on the floor and bark like a dog twice," Kirk told her calmly. There was a glint in his eyes.

Howard and Brie were at a loss for words. "Mr. Kirk" Howard said through gritted teeth. "Don't you think you're going overboard now?"

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Brie had just suffered a lot at Kirk’s hands. Seeing Caroline here, she could finally have someone as **her** punching bag.

She wasted no time grabbing Caroline’s arm and lashing out at her, “You’re **here** to seduce **Eddy’s** second uncle, right?”

Caroline glanced sideways to look at her arm, which was stinging from Brie’s grasp. “Let go!” **she**

spat.

Brie didn’t listen. It was as though she’d gone mad with rage. If she couldn’t get what she wanted,

why could Caroline?

Seeing that Brie wasn’t going to let go anytime soon, Caroline grabbed her by the wrist, her fingernails sinking deeply into her flesh.

Brie yelped in pain and let go of Caroline to look at the marks on her wrist. She rushed at Caroline,

ready to tear her apart.

Caroline dodged her easily and looked up at the surveillance camera not far away from them. “Ms.

Collins, please behave,” she warned.

Howard realized that this wasn’t their territory, and if Brie continued on with that crazed look of hers, she would humiliate their family even more. Hastily, he rushed forth to stop Brie.

“Brie,” Howard called out to her. “It’s not worth it to lower your status just to deal with someone like her. Let’s go.”

Brie was unwilling to leave. “But dad, why does she get to have a meal together with Eddy’s second uncle?”

Caroline was already in the elevator when she heard this. Her brows knitted together at Brie’s

words. Eddy’s second uncle was here too?

The door of the elevator closed slowly, blocking her sight of those two members of the Collins family. At least her mood improved now that they were out of her sight. She also felt a little excited to know that Eddy’s second uncle was here too.

It wasn’t long before Caroline reached the third floor. Her footsteps were light when she strode into the private room.

Grandpa **She** pushed the door open and entered the room, only to find that no one was in there. Stunned, she hastily took out her phone and called Kirk. Just as she turned back to the door, she

saw **him** walking out of the elevator.

Ending the call, she rushed over to him and tugged at his shirt. “Did something happen?” She

asked, concerned.

“What could happen? Kirk raised an eyebrow.

“Did Grandpa do anything to you?”

“No.”

“Where’s Grandpa then?”

“The Morrisons called just now. They said something was up back at their place, so he had to

leave I followed him downstairs to see him off”

Caroline let out a sigh of relief. Out of the blue, she realized that she was standing especially close

to him. It was as though she were a concerned wife who was bombarding her husband with

questions

Embarrassed, she quickly let go of him. “What did Grandpa say now that he’s seen you?”

“Nothing” Kirk told her. “He barely got the chance to say anything before they called him, and he left”

“Did you meet Eddy’s second uncle then?”

Kirk furrowed his brows, sensing something was off. “How did you know he was here?”

“I saw Brie

The realization dawned on him right away. He changed the topic by asking. “Did you make the

coffee on the table?”

“Yep”

“Make another one for me, will you?” He’d never tried Caroline’s coffee before

“Sure!” Caroline answered, and they both entered the room together. “Do you like coffee

“Yes,” Kirk murmured, almost unintelligibly

Then, Caroline started making tea. She kept her feet anterior the entire time, he passed

her hands Her movements were swift, just like those of a true cottes expert He
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Kirk frowned at being interrupted so abruptly it took a minute for him to come up with a supe

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Netting the gloom that had washed over Caroline's face, Kirk felt his heart racing out of anxiety

Despite that, he still appeared to be as calm as ever 'We're adults. It's only natural that we have

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Cadline turned to look at him. "What?"

"Didn't you promise Grandpa that you'd take care of me?" Eddy stared at her with anxious eyes

Don't tell me you're breaking your promise

Caroline didn't feel like entertaining him. She simply walked out of the room to ask the

bodyguards **where** the kitchen was

One of them led her straight to the kitchen, which was full of a variety of vegetables, poultry, and

meat Everything had been rinsed and cleaned beforehand. All Caroline had to do was cook.

Before this, she'd been in charge of all three of Eddy's meals every day. Naturally, she knew his

preferences. Now, though, she didn't want to cook based on that anymore. She'd be cooking

whatever she wanted!

After half an hour, the bodyguard brought two dishes into Eddy's room. Both of them were

steamed asparagus Eddy's face contorted in disgust at the sight of them. "What else did you cook?"

"Nothing Picking up her plate of asparagus, Caroline sat at the table and started eating the food

slowly

She hadn't had lunch and had lost her appetite, so she'd resorted to cooking t
his plain and simple

dish

Eddy was so pissed that he wanted to throw the cutlery onto the ground. "You'
re asking me to eat this even though I'm sick?" In the past, Caroline would nev
er do something like this to **him!**

"Don't eat it if you don't want to," she replied, not even raising her head
to look at him.

Eddy was totally dumbstruck.

At Kirk's
apartment, Sean was perched on the edge of his seat. He tried his best to kee
p a serious look on his face, but his efforts
were all in vain. It didn't even last for a second before he started laughing out l
oud.

"You actually told her that you two are partners in bed-
" He continued laughing his head off, which made Kirk's already gloomy face
darken dangerously.

He didn't understand what was so funny about it. Based on their deal, he **and**
Caroline shouldn't fall for each other So, what was wrong **with** calling themsel
ves "partners in bed"? Wasn't **it** just

The perfect term to describe their relationship?

After all, physical touch was way better than a piece of contract paper.

As Kuk's best friend, Sean clearly understood what was on his mind. After so
me time, he finally

managed to suppress his laughter. He cleared his throat and said, "It seems t
o me that I have to

teach you some tricks to pursue your girl."

"I'm hot pursuing her "

"Okay!" Sean rose from his seat. "Sorry for bothering you. Goodbye."

He reached the door and was about to leave when Kirk closed his eyes and said in exasperation,

Come back here”

It wasn't every day that Sean got to see this side of Kirk. Gleeful, he turned to look at Kirk and said, “Coaxing her is actually pretty simple.” He took a few steps in Kirk's direction. “When did you get married? You didn't give her a ring, right?”

“That's not even worth anything-”

Kirk started but was curtly interrupted by Sean, who yelled, “Stop!”

Sean gestured and told him, “Keep this in mind. To a woman, it doesn't matter if it's priceless or not as long as you're romantic. Gold is worth something, but she'll find it vulgar if you give her a pound of it

“A diamond ring is a different matter altogether. A single diamond ring is sufficient to melt the heart of any woman. She'll forget all about getting mad at you by then.”

Kirk's fingers tapped lightly on the surface of the table. In the next instant, he pulled out his phone and called Charles. “Send me the latest diamond ring designs from all the major jewelry

stores

Sean smiled in satisfaction as he patted Kirk on the shoulder. Confidently, he said, “As long as you follow my advice, I promise you that she'll come back to you in less than a month.”

Kirk then turned sideways to glance at Sean's hand that rested on his shoulder. The latter instantly felt a sense of foreboding and pulled his hand away immediately.

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