

LUCAS
(angrily, standing
up)
What?! Plagiarism?!

GFA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (V.O.)
As a result, the committee has made a
decision to disqualify Reynolds Group
from the GFA!

The phone is hung up. Lucas, furious, grabs the file from his desk and throws it to the floor. Alex, terrified, steps forward to pick it up.

LUCAS
(angry)
Fuck! What the hell is going on here?

Alex is horrified as Lucas' phone rings again. Lucas picks up the phone.

LUCAS (cont'd)
(agitated)
Was it a mistake? Kate didn't
plagiarize, right?

GFA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (V.O.)
Actually, no. We just wanted to
inform you that, due to Chloe's
exceptional work, the committee has
decided not to move forward with the
plagiarism issue.

LUCAS
(shocked)
What?! Got it... thanks.

Lucas turns to Alex.

LUCAS (cont'd)
Alex, get HR to contact Kate—now!

14 INT. KATE'S HOUSE - KATE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Kate lies in bed, still wearing yesterday's clothes, deep in
sleep, turning over as the bed creaks. The camera follows
her, landing on her phone on the pillow next to her. The
screen lights up, showing 30 missed calls.

EPISODE 4

15 INT. REYNOLDS GROUP - LUCAS' OFFICE - DAY

START → Alex stands in front of Lucas' desk.

ALEX
(nervously)
Boss, still can't get ahold of
Kate...

LUCAS
(slamming his fist on
the desk, furious)
Shit!

END → Just then, Chloe knocks and enters.

LUCAS (cont'd)
(urgently)
Chloe, do you know where Kate is?
The GFA committee just told me she
plagiarized a top designer!

CHLOE
(faking shock)
Oh my god! How is that even possible?
But I haven't been able to reach her
either.

LUCAS
(angrily)
Shit!

Chloe approaches Lucas, pretending to be mysterious.

CHLOE
Boss, honestly... Kate and I go way
back to college. From what I can
tell, she's a total fraud—has no real
talent and just steals other people's
work.

LUCAS
(shocked)
What?! A fraud?! What the hell is HR
doing?!

Lucas slumps into his chair, rubbing his temples in
frustration. Then, his face shifts as he suddenly remembers
something, and he looks at Chloe.

LUCAS (cont'd)
Oh, right, your design made the
shortlist... Sorry. I was so pissed I
forgot to congratulate you.

Chloe's face lights up with excitement.

CHLOE
(excited)
That's awesome! Don't worry about it,
boss. It's Kate, she's the one who's
gone too far.

CHLOE

(smirking)

I've got tons of designs that Reynolds hasn't even patented yet. If you bring me on, they could be yours!

The interviewer raises an eyebrow and extends his hand. They shake.

INTERVIEWER

(grinning evilly)

Well then, welcome aboard, Miss Carter!

97 INT. REYNOLDS GROUP - LUCAS' OFFICE - DAY

Scene 2

START → Lucas is slumped at his desk, clearly down. Suddenly, Alex bursts in.

ALEX

Boss! Chloe actually made it to Aurelia Fashion Group and already filed patents for our designs! Reynolds' stock just tanked! Down 10 percent!

EPISODE 44

98 INT. REYNOLDS GROUP - LUCAS' OFFICE - DAY

Lucas raises an eyebrow, clearly finding the situation getting more interesting.

ALEX

(panicked)

Boss, should we move forward with the plan...?

LUCAS

(a light chuckle)

Nah, there's no plan, Alex. Poor CEO Lucas is about to step down in disgrace.

ALEX

(confused)

Wait, didn't you already see this coming...?

LUCAS

(shaking his head)

I've changed my mind. Forget saving those useless board members. I'd rather help the pool guy who's about to lose his future wife!

Alex's eyes widen in realization. He stares at Lucas like he's lost it.

ALEX
(trying to stop him
from dialing the
phone)

No!

The phone picks up, and Lucas slouches back in his executive chair, his voice filled with defeat pitiful.

LUCAS
(lost and in pain)
Kate, Reynolds Group paid the price.
So did I. Can I at least get a chance
to see you?

END →

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INT. CAFÉ - DAY

Lucas is seated at a table, glancing at his watch every now and then. Kate walks in.

KATE
(sitting down, cold)
What's going on with Reynolds Group?

LUCAS
(casually)
Eh, nothing big. Chloe jumped to our competitor, Aurelia, and swiped a bunch of our designs.

KATE
(shocked)
What?!
(angrily)
Why didn't you tell me earlier? This is huge!

Seeing Kate's reaction, Lucas can't help but smile to himself, pleased by her concern.

LUCAS
Kate, are you worried about me?

Kate freezes, realizing what she just said. She's caught off guard, unsure how to answer, completely flustered.

Just then, Jonathan walks up and stands next to Kate.

JONATHAN
Sorry, but she's already accepted my offer.