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“I’m really sorry for being late, aunties!”

“Don’t be! It’s okay, child!” Harriet smiled at Elena and glared at Gerald while judging him from top to toe.

“Nice to meet all of you!” Gerald greeted them politely.

“You must be Gerald!” Harriet said as she folded her arms. She already had a first impression of him.

He was dressed very casually. Even though he looked decent she could tell that he was from a small village with no fashion sense! Harriet shook her head. She would never allow someone like him to be his son-in-law! She would not just insult him but also give him a few slaps!

“Hi!” Harriet greeted him back.

“Hah! Haven’t seen you in a while and you still look the same!” Ruby said rudely.

The other cousins turned to their own boyfriends and shook their heads at them.

How could their cousin find someone like that?

That fashion sense was so bad!

Gerald just smiled lightly.

It seemed like Amber had not mentioned anything ever since she went back! Though he really wished that she had mentioned something to her family!

“The car is ready, aunties. Let’s get in the car and go look around first!” Gerald was still smiling.

“The car is ready? Why, you’re already talking like the car is yours!” Ruby could not stand it when she saw Elena was holding onto Gerald’s arm tightly. She immediately pulled her away unhappily.

There were two luxurious cars to bring them around Mayberry. After they got onto the car, they were ready to leave for the attractions.

“What do you plan to do after you graduate, Gerald?” Harriet asked with a fake smile on her face.

As they were on their way, they started chatting and the conversation landed on Gerald.

“Maybe some of my resolutions!” Gerald answered in a very blunt way.

“What?” Elena cousins laughed and their boyfriends shook their heads.

Since Elena’s cousins had brought along their boyfriends, they must compete with one another.

Before this, they all heard that the prettiest among them, Elena had found herself a boyfriend. They all brought their own boyfriends to make some comparisons.

The three sisters were nervous at first. But now, they were not pressured at all! They did not even see Gerald as an opponent.

“You? Your own resolutions? You’re so naive!” Harriet shook her head speechlessly. This child was way too arrogant.

“Aunt, it’s good that he has such a mindset. But again, after graduating you should gain some experience first before you could venture into the business world!” The boyfriend of the youngest cousin said.

Since he was the youngest, he should have called Gerald a big brother but he did not and it showed how much he disrespected him.

“Pierre is right. This is what someone with a big business empire would say. Will you be working at your father’s company?”

“I’ve thought about it!”

“I wouldn’t work with my father. I’m ready to venture!” Elena’s second cousin’s boyfriend spoke.

“Felix is right too!” Ruby laughed as she said, “It seems like both my nieces have found themselves good husbands! Now I’m just worried about Amber and Elena. When will they find someone like Felix?”

“Um, auntie, Gerald is still here.” Elena’s second cousin was trying to cover her own laughter.

“Haha! Him?”

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They could not stop talking and Gerald almost threw the drinks at them.

He saw that their drinks were finishing and he decided to get up to get more drinks for them. “I’ll go get some more milk tea so you guys could continue talking!”

Gerald immediately stood up and left.

After Gerald had left, the two sisters and Elena's other cousin went to surround her. They saw each other a lot and they were very close. "Elena, what's going on? Why would you choose him!"

"That's right, sis! This person is so cheap and it's unbelievable!"

"Yes! This kind of person in our school doesn't get any friends!"

"You all really shouldn't judge a book by its cover you know. Gerald is a great person. He's loyal and honest but most importantly he has great ideas! Isn't these the qualities to look for when dating someone?" Elena was feeling helpless.

"Elena, you're too naive! You'll soon realize that money is the most important thing in the future! But this isn't a money issue, Elena. Even if he has a bit of money people would still look down on him! Just breakup with him already, okay? I'll introduce you to someone better!"

The three sisters were trying to persuade her but Elena lowered her head and she decided to not say a single word while everyone was worried for her.

Meanwhile, Gerald came back with hands full of drinks. He brought back some milk tea.

“Have some drinks, everyone! The weather is too hot these days!” Gerald felt better after leaving for a while. In fact, these are just Elena’s relatives. He did not really have a reason to be mad at them.

“No, thanks. You can have it all!” The three sisters shook their heads speechlessly.

“We don’t want it either!” Harriet and Ruby said as they shook their heads.

“I think we are well rested here. We should move on to the next location!” Ruby continued.

“Alright! Let’s visit the Mountain road and then we could have lunch at Wayfair Mountain Entertainment!” Elena nodded her head.

Gerald did not dare to mention anything about his identity!

Everyone walked toward the car and was ready to go on to the next location.

Suddenly, Elena’s third cousin turned to her own boyfriend and said, “I’m so thirsty! Could you please get me a drink and buy a few more.”

“Yes please, and less ice. I don’t like cold drinks!” Harriet said.

“Alright! I’ll go get it!” Pierre said as he ran off.

Gerald shook his head speechlessly as he held those milk tea. He thought he was just poor but he did not know even the drinks he bought could ‘quench’ their thirst so nicely.

They finally set off to the Mountain Road and Gerald did not say a single word. He was playing his phone in the co-pilot seat the whole time.

Meanwhile, the three sisters and Harriet put their heads outside the window discussing the scenery.

“Wow! This is so beautiful, mom! Look at the mountain view!” They were amazed by it.

“It has been a while since I’ve visited Mayberry and this mountain view is just so iconic!” Ruby said happily.

“Stop the car now! Mom, aunt, look what I just saw! I think it’s a mirage!” Elena’s third cousin shouted excitedly.

“What? Mirage? Let me have a good look!”

Everyone got out of the car to catch a better view.

There was a luxurious and fancy house on top of the mountain with clouds covering it slightly.

The house seemed like it was floating on the clouds.

“It’s so beautiful! But I don’t think it’s a mirage!” Harriet was very excited. She immediately took out her camera and started taking pictures of it. Harriet was just a general manager, she was also a photography enthusiast.

“You’re right, aunt! It’s not a mirage. It’s a bungalow on top of Mayberry City called the Mountain Top Villa!”

“That is the Mountain Top Villa?”

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“I know I know! It was very well known among the rich people a while ago because Crawford’s son bought it with eight million dollars!”

“So it’s here! It looks amazing!”

“Anyways, Elena, since your family has something to do with Mayberry Commercial Street. Do you think you could bring us to the villa just to have a look at the surroundings?”

The aunts were very envious about it.

Elena turned and looked at Gerald. He did not reject them and she nodded back at them.

They immediately reached the place.

Whenever Gerald was not around there would be security guards outside to stop people from going in.

They were only halfway through and the guards were already there to stop them from going up.

“What are you guys doing here? This isn’t an attraction, please leave right now!” the two middle-aged security guards were really strict.

“We aren’t tourists, okay? This pretty lady over here is the daughter of Mr. Larson from Mayberry Commercial Street! Can’t we go in and have a look since Mr. Crawford hasn’t moved in yet?” Ruby said proudly.

“Oh! It’s Elena Larson. Our apologies!”

The Commercial Street and the Mountain Villa were all under the same company and these securities were Michael Zeke's people hence they would know about the important people of the Mayberry Commercial Street.

When they saw Gerald standing beside Elena, they smiled happily.

"Ms. Elena, we are just here to look after Mr. Crawford's villa. It would not be possible to let you all into the villa and if Mr. Zeke finds out, we would be in big trouble. So, please, Ms. Elena if you all aren't planning to go into the villa, you all can stroll around!"

The people that wanted to visit the villa were all people that were very well known. For example, Yoel Holden claimed that Gerald was his godbrother and kept bringing people here.

Even though they could not verify if he was the real deal but just his name alone was terrifying.

However, the villa was really not opened to the public.

The securities did not dare to stop Elena Larson either.

"Okay, We'll just stroll outside the villa!" After noticing that Gerald did not say anything she turned to securities and said.

“Another thing, Ms. Elena. Don’t you think the people that you’re bringing in are slightly too many? We would be fired if the management sees it!” The securities were troubled.

“You’re so troublesome! We’ll just leave one behind, that’s all! Nine of us are going up” Harriet said.

Everyone knew that one person that was going to be left behind was Gerald.

Gerald was utterly speechless. After all, it was his own house and now he was not allowed to look at his own house.

Gerald was not planning to pamper them anymore when they reached the mountain top later.

He actually wanted to be low profile but they were way too much. Because they do not even care about him!

“That would be our arrangement! Let’s go, Elena!”

“There’s no point for him to go up there. People like him are good enough even with a house. He can’t afford a bungalow!” Ruby sneered.

Everyone else went up excitedly leaving Gerald behind.

Gerald smiled bitterly as he shook his head. He would not just stay there. Since he was already here, he would go and have a look and see if Michael has finished his work.

“What the hell are you trying to do?”

One of the securities stopped him from going up.

Gerald was stunned. “What? You guys don't know who I am?”

How could the security from Wayfair Mountain Entertainment not know himself?

He thought they only acted as if they did not know who he was because they were told to. He did not realize that they were not aware of his identity!

“You? Who do you think you are? Aren't you just a lowly peasant that is going to marry a rich family? You don't seem very welcomed by them either!”

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“Look at you! Your job is to be insulted!” The securities laughed as they humiliated him.

“Mr. Crawford!”

Someone shouted.

The securities were nervous now. They stopped laughing.

What did she call him just now?

Gerald?

Gerald turned his head. "Rita! It has been a while!"

Rita was the designer for the villa and soon she would also be the butler at this villa.

Beside Rita was Nyla and a few others. They all met the last time when they were dealing with the villa.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Crawford!"

They used to look down on him before knowing his identity. After knowing that he controlled the entire Mayberry Commercial Street and he was really low profile, they all thought they should try their best and hope that they could marry him.

"My sister was asking about you yesterday but don't worry. I've not said a single thing!"
Rita said.

Gerald understood because after that day, Cara went back to dine in again and they did not get a discount for the second time.

He must have gotten the attention of Cara and she was investigating him!

“Don’t mention it. Your sister is worse than you!”

Gerald smiled bitterly. “Did you bring them here to visit?”

Rita nodded her head, blushing. She could not reject them after they had been asking her for so long.

But seeing Gerald there was a surprise!

“Alright, follow me then! I’ll bring you all into the villa!” Gerald smiled.

Rita took out a spare key from her bag and passed it to Gerald.

Gerald walked through the guard house leaving those securities dumbfounded.

“Quick, Elena! Help us take a picture!”

“I need to stand close to the entrance. I want to post it on my social media to let my friends see it!”

“Elena, help us too!”

Ruby and the others were standing at the front of the door excitedly.

The view up here and the villa was amazing.

Elena’s cousins were all very happy.

Meanwhile, they saw Gerald walking up the mountain.

“What the hell is he doing here?”

“Did he sneak up here? It’s going to be so embarrassing if people find out!” The sisters complained.

“Why are you up here, Gerald? Did you sneak up here by yourself? You could have just asked Elena to video call you!” Ruby was frowning.

“Um, excuse me, everyone. But if I’m not here, all of you won’t be able to see the interior of this villa. So please allow me to show you around as a host and then buy all of you a drink!”

Gerald was still holding onto the milk tea that nobody was willing to drink and his other hand was holding the remote key.

He pressed the button and the door automatically opened up.

“What?”

“What the fuck?”

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Everyone was dumbfounded.

“Who are they, Mr. Crawford?” Rita asked. She was envious when she saw the pretty Elena Larson.

Rita did not feel comfortable there but she did not want to trouble Gerald.

Gerald can’t actually say that Elena was his girlfriend because it would be another trouble if Mila found out.

“It’s a story for next time. They are all my guests so please make some arrangements!” Gerald smiled.

“Yes, Mr. Crawford!” Rita nodded her head.

Ruby was stunned when she heard what Rita called him. “What? You’re a Crawford? Mayberry’s heir, Gerald Crawford?” Ruby shouted.

“Yes, auntie! That’s me!” Gerald laughed interestingly.

“Elena, is it true?”

Even Harriet was shocked and she felt as if her face was swollen from being ‘slapped’ by Gerald. The poor peasant that had been humiliated by them along their way was Gerald Crawford!

Elena nodded her head.

Elena’s cousins were all taking deep breaths. Clearly, they had heard about him many times and could not believe the person standing right in front of them was the very well-known Gerald Crawford.

They all felt regrets rushing through their heads. They must have looked like a circus show in front of Gerald!

Everything has become way more interesting for the following hours. Their conversations were still about Gerald but whatever he said, they would just agree with him. Gerald knew this time he would make them look like a fool and they just became really quiet.

“The house has completed, Mr. Crawford. When will you be moving in?” Rita asked Gerald softly before they left.

“Within these few days. Michael is quite efficient. He only took six days to complete the job!” Gerald answered and brought them downhill.

“Gerald, where are you? I would like to see you for dinner tonight. There’s something we need to talk about.” It was Mila. She texted Gerald.

Gerald was shocked by the text message after all he had done today.

“I’m at campus. I’ll see you at the canteen tonight then!” Gerald replied.

“Elena, I still have things to do in school and I have to leave now. You could bring them to Wayfair Mountain Entertainment tonight!” Gerald said.

“It’s okay, Gerald. We had been troubling you for the entire day! Don’t worry about us!” Ruby said.

“That’s right, Gerald! Don’t worry about us! You three! Bid your brother-in-law goodbye now!” Harriet said while she embarrassed the three sisters.

“Goodbye, brother-in-law!” The three sisters said as they smiled at him seductively. These women were having thoughts in their heads!

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She could not help but feel that Gerald did not only look very refined but the more she looked at him, the more she felt that he was very handsome even though he was dressed so casually. He definitely looked much better compared to her boyfriend in every way!

“Um...”

Gerald could not take this enthusiasm anymore and left immediately.

As for whether he hated them or not, he did not feel anything whatsoever. After all, both he and Elena were just pretending anyway.

“Oh my God! Elena, you did not tell me that Gerald was Mr. Crawford! Your aunt nearly offended Mr. Crawford just like how your eldest aunt did!”

Ruby clapped her hands excitedly.

Harriet was obviously unhappy when she heard this. “I say, Ruby, you were the one who was speaking viciously in the first place, and you are clearly the one who had offended Mr. Crawford. So, how could you say that it is me? If you don’t believe me, you can ask my daughter. Was my tone impolite at all when I was speaking to Mr. Crawford earlier? Wasn’t it your second aunt who was sneering at him all along?” Harriet hurriedly asked her daughters.

Her daughters did not know what to say.

Fortunately, her son-in-law, Pierre, said, “I don’t think so! Hehehe! Besides, Mr. Crawford’s attitude was pretty good when he left just now. He certainly did not look like he was holding anything against us at all!”

Harriet looked at Pierre in disgust as she said, “Don’t you know your own place? I was asking my daughter so why are you trying to speak up now? Do you think that you can show off just because you have some money? You are so vile! Why can’t you learn something from Gerald who is so mature and stable?”

Pierre’s face turned green immediately.

At this time, her second cousin’s boyfriend, Felix, suddenly laughed.

“You’re laughing? What are you laughing at? Do you think that you are that great? You are always pretending to be so mature and oppressive all the time. Do you have enough money to be so pretentious? A bunch of good-for-nothings who are not

promising at all! I want both of you to stay away from my daughters in the future!” Harriet yelled.

After meeting Gerald, who was none other than Mr. Crawford today, Harriet finally realized that both of her future sons-in-law were so lowly. No, they were not only lowly, but they were not even fit to be human at all!

Ruby simply ignored her sister.

She simply turned around and held Elena’s hand as she said, “Elena, we really have to go around more in the future. Your aunt has never been to Wayfair Mountain Entertainment before. Since Gerald has already talked about it, why don’t you bring us there to look around?”

“Yes, Elena! Bring us there!”

“I am not in the mood. If you want to, you can go and have a look on your own!” Elena simply replied lightly.

Her voice was very cold.

She was not intentionally directing her anger at her aunts, however, Elena was in a state of confusion right now.

This was because Elena had been sitting with Gerald just now. Therefore, Elena had happened to see the contents of a text message that Gerald received on WeChat.

It was a text message sent by a girl named Mila, and she was asking Gerald to accompany her to have dinner.

After that, Gerald had lied to her and told her that he was actually at the university before he had left in a hurry.

Gerald did not even dare to tell the other girl that he was with another girl at this time.

Elena could tell that Gerald obviously cared a lot about this girl!

This made Elena feel as though she had received a direct blow to her heart.

To put it bluntly, what was the reason she had been asking for Gerald's help the last three to four times?

Was it because she truly needed Gerald's help?

Besides, couldn't Elena get anyone else to pretend to be her boyfriend?

Why did she have to look for Gerald?

Wasn't it just because she wanted to create more opportunities to spend more time with Gerald?

However, all that Gerald could think about was that girl named Mila! She could tell just by looking at the nervous expression on his face!

Thus, Elena's mind was completely blank at this time, and she was not in the mood to do anything at all!

She simply wanted to be alone.

At this time, Gerald was already back at campus.

He headed straight toward the entrance of the cafeteria.

Upon arriving there, he hurriedly sent Mila a text message: [Why aren't you at the cafeteria yet? I am still waiting for you at the entrance of the cafeteria!]

Gerald thought of the tricks that Naomi and Harper had taught him—to interweave the truth with some falsehood at the same time.

Mila replied apologetically: [Hehe! I will be right there! I am just done with the meeting for our broadcasting department!! Sorry for making you wait!]

'This trick really worked!' Gerald thought to himself.

"Hey! Did you hear that a girl almost committed suicide today?"

At this time, Gerald happened to hear the discussion that was going on between some of the girls who were walking past him at this time...

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"Huh? Suicide? Why?!"

"Hmph! Isn't it just because she confessed her love to Silas but he did not accept her feelings? After that, the girl could not think right anymore!"

"Ah, so that's what it is. Sigh. It seems as though more and more people are beginning to confess their love to Silas recently. However, I seem to have heard something over the past two days. It seems as though there is a girl who is actually getting pretty close to Silas!"

"D*mn it! I am so jealous. Which girl could possibly be so fortunate to be favored by Silas?"

“No matter who the other girls are all interested in, I only have one goal in mind, and that is none other than Mr. Crawford! Hmph!”

At this time, a very cold and beautiful girl who looked like a goddess spoke up.

“Wow! No one can see or touch Mr. Crawford at all! How could he possibly be as glamorous as Silas?”

“Oh! Is there something wrong with you? Why are you standing in front of the entrance of the cafeteria and blocking everyone’s way? Don’t you realize your own stupidity?”

The few girls continued their loud discussion as they glared coldly at Gerald.

Pfft!

Gerald snorted as he ignored them directly!

“Hello, Gerald!” By this time, Mila had already walked over to him.

As soon as she walked up to him, Mila took Gerald’s hand in hers.

They were just like any other boyfriend and girlfriend.

In fact, the encounter between both of them was a little strange.

After their last misunderstanding, Mila knew what Gerald's true feelings were, and Gerald also knew what Mila wanted.

That night, Gerald had asked her "Will you become my girlfriend?", to which Mila had replied, "Hasn't it always been that way?".

There was no glamorous or big love confession, and there was nothing dramatic at all, but both of them had eventually ended up as a couple.

Gerald did not even bother to ask whether Mila was implicitly implying that she had always been his fake or real girlfriend. No matter what it was, the situation right now was perfect to him anyway.

"Let's go and eat now. What should we eat tonight?" Mila asked.

"I feel like eating braised pork!"

Both of them continued chatting and laughing as they entered the cafeteria together. Many boys who were witnessing this scene could not help but feel a little jealous and envious.

Mila was such a beautiful girl. Why had she ended up with someone like that?

This was unbelievable!

After that, a plate of braised pork and a few plates of vegetables were served.

Gerald and Mila were having dinner face to face.

At this time, many boys and girls were sitting around them.

All of them were talking about Silas and the number of girls who had failed to pursue him.

Gerald was also bewildered.

“Why is this Silas so high-profile? Is he really here to attend school?” Gerald asked as he smiled bitterly.

“Haha! Do you think that everyone is just like you? Your family trained you by making you live in poverty for so many years, but on the other hand, he has been spoiled ever since he was born. By the way, Gerald, why don't you tell me how powerful your family really is? Why haven't you told me anything at all?” Mila asked softly.

She was not a materialistic person who worshiped money, but she had always been very curious to find out about Gerald's family's strength. After all, what kind of power would Gerald's family actually possess that they could actually mobilize so many helicopters and allow Gerald to spend money so endlessly.

"I do not know much about my family, but I only know that my family is very rich and we have so much money that we will never be able to finish spending it!"

Gerald replied honestly.

"Pfft! I don't believe you! How could you have so much money that you can never finish spending it?" Mila felt that Gerald was just bragging.

However, Gerald was really telling the truth.

Both of them continued arguing amongst themselves and it was rather noisy and lively.

Suddenly, at this time, the entire cafeteria exploded with various people shouting and screaming.

Gerald was taken aback.

When he looked up, he saw a group of people walking toward the cafeteria.

And this person was not just anyone. It was none other than Silas.

The atmosphere in the cafeteria was similar to a scene where a big celebrity had just appeared.

“Silas, I love you! Can you accept me?” Some of the girls yelled shamelessly.

“Silas! What must I do before I can finally become your girlfriend? Can you please tell me?”

“Wow! I have to take a picture right now!”

These kinds of girls who were yelling out so boldly would often be those girls who always liked to dress and doll themselves up.

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However, it seemed as though Silas was already used to it.

“I am just here to accompany one of my friends to have a meal, okay? There is no need for you to make such a big fuss!” Silas replied with a wry smile on his face.

After that, he looked at the doorway behind him.

At this time, two girls stepped forward under everyone's watchful eyes and stood beside Silas.

"Puff!"

Gerald had just taken a sip of the soup in front of him, but he nearly spat the food out at Mila's face when he saw the two girls who came in after Silas.

"D*mn it!" Gerald was shocked.

The two girls were naturally very stunning and beautiful, and they were none other than Alice and Jacelyn.

"Oh my God. Is that Silas's girlfriend? Why? Is it just because she is beautiful?"

"You are so disgusting! Why are you trying to seduce Silas?"

Some of the girls began to scold them indignantly.

"She is not his girlfriend. Didn't you hear what Silas said just now? She is a friend! She is just his friend! That simply means we still stand a chance!"

“Alice, Jacelyn, why don’t you sit down? To be honest, if both of you did not say that you liked the food in the cafeteria, I would not have come here at all. This is the first time I have ever stepped into the school’s cafeteria after growing so big! Hahaha!” Silas said as he smiled.

After that, he sat down at the table in the center of the cafeteria.

As for Alice, she simply straightened out her hair and smiled slightly before she sat down.

She obviously did not want to say too much.

In fact, Alice was already scared after getting hurt by Quinton, followed by Gerald.

Therefore, although Alice was excited and flattered that Silas, who was now well-known to everyone in Mayberry University, was endlessly pursuing her, she was still very conservative.

She would not be the kind of girl who would take the first step anymore.

Moreover, to be honest, it would be impossible for Silas to date her just because he was rich and had some money.

What Alice was interested in was love, not sex.

Either way, Alice wanted to protect and defend her own innocence and virginity before she got married.

Besides, she had been in a very bad mood for the past few days after she had gotten dumped by Gerald.

At the same time, she had only proved to herself that she had been thinking too much.

Perhaps Gerald was not truly as powerful as she imagined him to be?

No!

After getting to know Silas over the past two days, Alice had discovered that Gerald might not be as good as she thought he was. All he had was just some money.

She had really thought too highly of Gerald!

Compared to Silas, Gerald's various behaviors were at an elementary school level!
Simply a joke!

This was especially so because of all the attention Alice was currently enjoying—as though everyone was in awe of her. Gerald could not possibly give her any of this.

Jacelyn was also enjoying this refreshing feeling at this time, and she had a look of arrogance on her face.

“Hey! Hey! Hey! Are you looking at beautiful girls?” Mila stretched out her hand before she waved it in front of Gerald’s eyes. After that, she put down her chopsticks as she felt a little angry at this time.

“Ahh! No!” Gerald hurriedly explained himself. “I was just curious as to how Alice met and got acquainted with Silas.”

“Hmph! What do you mean no? I think you must be a little upset and uncomfortable now, aren’t you? Alice still liked you two days ago, but it is obvious that she likes someone else now. You must be feeling very uncomfortable, right?” Mila asked as she frowned.

“I am not feeling uncomfortable. Even if I am feeling uncomfortable, it is just because I pity Alice. She is actually a pretty good girl, but she is simply too materialistic. I am afraid that she will lose her confidence and wallow in self-despair after getting stimulated and hurt by another guy again!” Gerald replied truthfully.

“Who else has stimulated and hurt her before aside from you?” Mila continued questioning him to get to the bottom of this matter.

“There was also this boy that we knew before. She was truly hurt very deeply at that time. Hahaha. Forget it. Let’s stop talking about this, okay? Let’s continue eating!” Gerald replied as he shook his head helplessly.

However, after taking two bites of his food, a small peanut suddenly hit his table.

Who was it? This person was simply too idle, right?

Gerald could not help but curse inside.

After that, another peanut hit Gerald’s table again.

Gerald was finally certain that someone was trying to provoke him.

When he looked up, he saw Jacelyn, who was wearing branded clothes from head to toe, staring at him with an arrogant look on her face as she sneered at him. She was holding a peanut with her chopsticks...

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It seemed as though Jacelyn was trying to say ‘Gerald, you never would have expected this would you? I, Jacelyn, could actually end up in this favorable situation today. A local tycoon like Silas actually favored me and took me in as his godsister! He even bought me clothes, bags, and many other things!’.

Jacelyn wanted to return Gerald all the humiliation he had made her suffer in the past.

Of course, Gerald simply ignored her as he continued eating his food.

Alice naturally noticed what Jacelyn had been doing.

In fact, Alice had already noticed that Gerald was here when she entered the cafeteria just now.

However, she simply glanced at Gerald before she looked away in a huff.

Speaking of how Alice had gotten acquainted with Silas, this also had something to do with Gerald.

Hadn't Gerald dumped Alice in the small park the other day before he went to pursue Mila instead?

She had felt very ashamed and angry at that time, and she had happened to meet Silas by coincidence.

After Silas had added her as friends on WeChat, both of them had become good friends.

It was also precisely because she had met Silas that the damage to her self-esteem because of Gerald had completely disappeared.

Therefore, Alice did not feel the need for her to talk to Gerald anymore!

She could also find other boys who were a hundred times better than Gerald! Hmph!

“By the way, Mila, didn’t you say that you had something to tell me? What’s the matter?” Gerald withdrew his thoughts and asked Mila the question as he continued eating.

“Oh, yes. It is about me going to the Hong Kong Television Station for a three-month study plan. I will be leaving the day after tomorrow. I’ve already registered and would like to go there so that I can learn and study more. After that, I will come back to Mayberry City to look for a job internship!” Mila replied.

“Oh my! Why is it so sudden?” Gerald was taken aback.

“I received the notice this morning, and then, I began to proceed with the registration. After signing up, I’ve been attending the meeting for the whole day. The study period is for three months! I also want to stay in Mayberry City, but I do not want to constantly be living under my family and your shadow! I want to be able to prove myself!” Mila replied firmly.

Gerald was slightly dejected as he nodded. "It's okay. We should be learning more since we are still young. It is not only you, but I will also have my own study plans."

This was not a breakup, however, Gerald could not help but feel a little reluctant because they would be separated for three whole months.

Mila held Gerald's hand as she smiled and said, "You can come and visit me anytime you want to! I am not going missing anyway!"

"Okay. Alright then, I will come and see you whenever I have time!"

Anyway, he heard his sister saying that the core location of his family was in Northbay, so, they would probably have many estates and industries in Hong Kong.

When the time came, he could just give them a heads up, and he would be able to feel relieved even when Mila was there.

Gerald could not help but feel that this was so dramatic.

When he was poor in the past, he felt as though the whole world had abandoned him.

Now that he had money, he felt as though he owned the whole world.

As for Alice, Gerald did not want to think about it anymore.

Fortunately, he did not have much interaction with her anyway. Gerald really did not want anything to do with a girl who had this kind of personality, not to mention, Jacelyn.

On the third day, Gerald sent Mila off on a plane.

After sending Mila off, Gerald calmed himself down completely. If he had nothing to do, he would learn about the relevant knowledge of economics and management or he would take a look at the development issues of Yorknorth Mountain.

Time flew by quickly, and soon, it had already been three days since Mila had left.

It was a Friday afternoon and Gerald was lying on his bed as he was playing with his cell phone as he was being idle. Harper suddenly came in and asked nervously, “Gerald, Gerald, have you seen Benjamin?”

“No. Didn’t you guys go to the internet café together?” Gerald thought that they would certainly be at the internet café at this time.

Over the past two days, something had not been right with Benjamin. He had been extremely depressed every day, however, he would not say anything at all when Gerald or the others asked him about it!

In short, a person who had always been very lively had suddenly become very weird.

When they were having lunch together at noon, Harper had asked Benjamin to go to an internet café with him to relieve some boredom.

However, he could not be found anywhere at all in the evening!

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Harper was a little worried.

Gerald was also starting to break out in cold sweat. Could something bad have happened to Benjamin?

Gerald took his cell phone and tried to call Benjamin.

However, his cell phone had already been turned off.

“D*mn it. What’s going on?” Harper asked as he scratched his head anxiously.

Gerald no longer had the mood to lie down anymore, so he jumped off his bed as he whispered, “Speaking of this, Benjamin has indeed been acting strangely recently. Since last week, I have realized Benjamin would be smiling at his cell phone sometimes. When I wanted to peek at his cell phone, he refused to let me see it. However, he seemed really depressed over the past two days. He had to be hiding something from us!”

Gerald spoke up as he thought about Benjamin’s performance and behavior over the past two days.

However, since Benjamin had always been a very cheerful and happy-go-lucky person, no one in the dormitory took it to heart when he was depressed once in a while. They simply thought of bringing him out to relax and have some fun.

“Yes. I also noticed that. The most important thing right now is for us to find him as soon as possible. I hope that nothing bad has happened to him!”

After Harper was done speaking, the brothers immediately got ready to go out and look for Benjamin.

Gerald felt so anxious that he was even thinking of calling the police.

As soon as they opened the dormitory door, everyone was stunned.

Benjamin was back!

He was soaked in sweat from head to toe, and he looked unusually haggard.

“F*ck! Benjamin! Where did you go?” Harper scolded him anxiously.

“Oh, oh, I went out for a while. I had something going on in the last two days!”

Benjamin seemed a little preoccupied as he replied to them. After that, he yawned before he entered the dormitory.

“Why was your cell phone turned off?”

When Gerald saw Benjamin’s appearance and reaction, he felt that something was a little off.

“Benjamin, are you hiding something from us?”

“Huh? I... I’m fine!”

“Then, didn’t you say that something happened in the past two days?”

Gerald and Harper exchanged glances with one another. It would be strange if Benjamin was truly fine. At this time, everyone in the dormitory had already surrounded Benjamin.

Benjamin lowered his head and stopped talking, but he had a very gloomy expression on his face.

“Benjamin, are you trying to make us die from worry?” Gerald asked as he patted Benjamin on his shoulder.

Benjamin’s mouth twitched slightly as he was faced with everyone’s questioning and concern. He could not help but grabbed his hair frantically at this time as he said:

“Don’t ask me if everything is okay. Don’t worry about me. I, Benjamin, am worthless. I am a scumbag! Please, I beg you. Stop asking me about it!”

“I... I have been lying to all of you all this while. I am truly a scumbag. All of you don’t have to treat me as your buddy anymore in the future. If I tell you about it, all of you will definitely look down on me!”

“?!”

Both Gerald and Harper were a little confused.

After that, Gerald said, “How could that be possible, Benjamin? We will only look down on you if you are running away from your own problems. Unless you mean that you have never regarded us as your brothers?”

“No, no, no! Of course I have always regarded all of you as my brothers! My feelings for all of you are absolutely true!” Benjamin replied as he scratched his head earnestly.

“Okay, I will tell you everything. Perhaps, I will feel a little better after telling all of you about it!”

“In truth, Gerald, Harper, my family is actually quite poor. Haven’t all of you always thought that I come from a pretty good family background? I have always been faking it! To be honest, my family’s situation is not any better compared to how Gerald used to be in the past. My parents are both ill, and I also have a sister who is seriously ill!”

“Everyone looked down on my family ever since I was young. Do you know something? When I was seven years old, my mother brought me to my aunt’s house to borrow some money from her. As a result, they threw my mother and me out of their house! They even threw out all of my family’s agricultural products!”

“Therefore, I have always been particularly afraid that people would look down on me. I have always had this fear ever since I was a child. I am especially afraid that people will look down on me if I do not have money. So, ever since I was in high school, I have been deliberately faking it and pretending that I have money!”

“Last week, the high school class monitor that I had been pursuing for several years finally agreed to get together with me. However, she is completely different compared

to any other girl. She is not a greedy and materialistic person, but I lied to her. I lied and told her that I was doing very well in school. I even told her that I opened a few shops, but now...”

Benjamin lowered his head in desperation.

Gerald understood what he was saying. “She said that she wants to come here to see you now?”

“Yes. I told her that I would go and find her instead, but she insisted on coming here. What can I do? If she finds out that I have been lying to her, she will definitely break up with me. I really cherish her a lot! That is why I have been working hard and taking on part-time jobs over the past two days to make some money!”

Gerald did not know how to persuade Benjamin when he saw the state his friend was in.

After all, he himself had also deceived Mila a few times.

Therefore, he understood what Benjamin was feeling. He wanted to obtain love, but he was also afraid that he would lose love because of poverty. That was why he had done that.

“Well, Benjamin, you don’t have to worry anymore. I have a solution for this matter!”

Chapter 261

At eleven o'clock that day.

At the gates of Mayberry University.

Three girls were standing outside the gate of the university and were looking around their surroundings from time to time.

They were starting to get a little impatient.

“Fanny, what’s going on? Didn’t he already agree to meet you at the school gate? Why isn’t Benjamin here yet?”

“Yes, Fanny! I initially thought that Benjamin would send a car to come and pick us up, but he is making us wait for so long!”

The two girls asked the girl named Fanny impatiently. All three girls were extremely beautiful.

This was especially so for the girl named Fanny who was standing in the middle. She was especially refined and had a very elegant aura surrounding her.

“Okay, Yolanda! Benjamin has already started his own business and he might be busy because he opened so many shops of his own. I already called him just now and he said that he is already dealing with some things at hand. After all, he will be spending the whole day with us today!” Fanny replied as she smiled.

Their school was in Harbour City, and they had already heard about the prosperity of Mayberry City for the longest time. Therefore, they wanted to come and take a look at this place.

The girl named Yolanda was Fanny’s roommate.

They had heard that Fanny’s boyfriend, Benjamin, was doing very well in Mayberry City. Since Fanny was coming to see Benjamin today, of course the both of them would also have to follow her here as well.

On one hand, they wanted to come and enjoy some benefits because of Fanny.

On the other hand, they wanted to come and see if Fanny’s boyfriend, Benjamin, was just bragging.

If he was really that awesome and treated Fanny so well, they would truly feel very envious of her.

“Hello, you three beauties! Are you waiting for someone?”

At this time, a black Passat suddenly stopped in front of the trio.

The car window was rolled down, revealing two rowdy boys in the car.

Fanny and her friends simply lowered their heads without saying anything. After all, this was not the first time they had met guys who wanted to hit on them like this.

The two boys saw that the girls were really beautiful, and they did not plan to leave anymore.

“It seems as though you girls are not students at Mayberry University. Are you here to look for someone? Why don’t you tell me who it is? Perhaps I can help you then!” The two boys said as they got out of the car directly.

Yolanda replied immediately, “Sorry, but Benjamin will be here to pick us up soon!”

“Benjamin? D*mn it. I have never heard of him.” The two boys exchanged glances with one another. They could only assume that Benjamin was not very well-known in the university.

If he was slightly famous, the two boys would have just turned around and left immediately. After all, it would be best if they could have one less enemy.

However, since it was a very unfamiliar name, the two boys were not afraid at all.

Fanny and Yolanda were truly very beautiful.

At the very least, the two boys would have to ask for their WeChat information.

“Oh, oh, we do not know any Benjamin at all. However, the weather is so hot today. Your beautiful skin is going to get tanned if you continue waiting out here. There is a nice café not too far from here. Why don't we go and get some coffee while you wait? Get in the car!”

To be honest, Yolanda really did have an urge to get into the car at this time.

After all, the two boys looked like they were very rich. However, when she thought about it, she felt that Benjamin was probably richer than them. Besides, she had come here with Fanny today.

When she saw Fanny shaking her head, Yolanda also shook her head in response.

“Why are you being so modest? Get in the car! We can just be friends!” One of the boys boldly tried to hold Fanny's hand as he spoke.

Fanny pushed his hand away. “What do you think you're doing? You must be sick!” She yelled angrily.

The two boys could not help but feel a little embarrassed as there was a crowd of people around. They had already hit on countless girls before, but when had they ever been embarrassed and rejected by a girl in public?

At this time, the boys exchanged glances with one another before they sneered and said, “Beauty, you are really not giving us any face, are you? You should not lash out at a person who has good intentions and only wants to befriend you, right?”

As he spoke, he was still trying to grope and get fresh with them.

“What the f*ck!”

However, he could not even touch her.

After a loud bang, the boy was suddenly kicked to the ground.

Benjamin, Harper, and Gerald had already rushed over here at this time.

When the three of them had left the school gate, they already noticed the two boys trying to grope and get fresh with Fanny and her friends, and they had rushed over in anger.

Harper cursed, "D*mn it! You actually dare to touch Benjamin's woman? Are you seeking your own death?"

After that, Harper and Gerald also beat the other guy up.

"D*mn it. Are the three of you really tired of living? You actually dared to hit me?" The boy who had taken the lead yelled as he placed his hand on his waist. He was already breaking out in cold sweat from the pain.

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"Hit you? Who asked you to harass my girlfriend?! I am going to beat you to death!" Benjamin was truly angry.

It was obvious that he sincerely cared about Fanny.

He pounced on the guy as he continued hitting him again.

Gerald and Harper also bit the bullet and continued beating both of the guys up.

"Boys, you'd better keep this in mind in the future. You'd better be more vigilant and scramble and run as far as you can when you see Mr. Langdon's woman in the future! Do you understand?" Gerald shouted coldly.

“Mr. Langdon? Well, I hear you clearly, and I will definitely remember you!” The two boys knew that they would not be able to outfight them. Thus, they could only admit defeat before slipping away.

First of all, even though they had never heard of Benjamin’s name, he had two loyal brothers who were fighting for him. Hence, he had to be extraordinary.

They had to ask around and make some inquiries about this person before they could take revenge, right?

In fact, Gerald and Harper had already discussed this matter amongst themselves. Gerald’s solution to help Benjamin pull this off today was simply for the both of them to pretend to be Benjamin’s younger brothers for the day.

It stood to reason that Gerald and Harper should not help Benjamin since he had only picked his girl up because of his bragging.

However, they could not help but feel moved because of Benjamin’s feelings for Fanny.

Besides, the three of them already had a very strong friendship and brotherhood over the past three or four years. Therefore, they could not stand by and just watch Benjamin drown in such a sad and desolate state.

Thus, both of them were more than willing to help him.

They wanted to help Benjamin get through this first.

Unexpectedly, they had run into Benjamin's girlfriend getting bullied! This was pretty good!

"D*mn it! Fanny, your boyfriend is truly very cool!" Yolanda gushed as she looked at Benjamin excitedly.

He had simply hit them when he said he would, and the two other rowdy boys did not even dare to fight back at all.

He was truly heroic! So suave!

Fanny scolded Benjamin slightly, however. "Benjamin, all you had to do was just scare him away. Why did you have to hit him? Wouldn't you have to compensate the other party if they got injured?"

"It's okay! That's just a trivial matter." Benjamin said as he patted his chest lightly. "By the way, Gerald, have you already booked a place for lunch?"

Gerald smiled at Benjamin obediently as he said, "Don't worry, Mr. Langdon! I have already made all the necessary arrangements. I made a booking at Homeland Kitchen. Should we go there now?"

Gerald had deliberately arranged this for Benjamin.

Since he wanted to leave a good impression, he would have to buy them a meal at Mayberry Commercial Street. The Wayfair Mountain Entertainment was a little too impressive, and it would seem as though Benjamin was being a show-off. However, it seemed as though the Homeland Kitchen was the perfect place.

Benjamin scratched his head in shock as he looked at Gerald.

He was trying to give him a hint that Homeland Kitchen was simply too expensive. How would he be able to afford it?!

Gerald simply gave him a look that said to rest assured.

After that, all of them hailed a cab before they headed to Homeland Kitchen together.

“Wow, is this Mayberry Commercial Street? Homeland Kitchen must have very high standards! I heard some of my friends in Mayberry City saying so!” Yolanda looked around the place in excitement on the way there. She also took out her cell phone to take pictures from time to time.

“Mr. Langdon, you will buy a car after you graduate, right? Does that mean that we will not need to take a cab anymore when I come here with Fanny to play again?” Yolanda asked expectantly.

“Of course!” Benjamin replied as he wiped the sweat off his forehead.

Fanny was holding Benjamin’s hand at this time, and she could feel a slight joy when she heard that.

She was not the kind of girl who placed a lot of importance on money. However, she also felt very proud because her boyfriend was doing so well.

“Hey! We’re here! We can get out of the car now!”

Gerald and Harper were sitting in the cab at the front. After getting out, Gerald hurried over to open the door for Benjamin.

“Come! Let’s go and enjoy a meal together!” Benjamin said as he smiled.

After that, everyone went into the lobby as they prepared to head toward the room that Gerald had already booked for them.

“D*mn it! Benjamin, Harper, and the one with the last name Crawford! Why are you here?”

At this time, there was also a group of men and women in the lobby who were preparing to head to their room.

As soon as one of the girls who was dressed very glamorously turned around, she could not help but exclaim in astonishment.

This was obviously unexpected.

“Jacelyn?” Gerald was also dumbfounded. He never expected to meet this crazy girl here...

At this time, the people on both sides were all staring at one another in consternation.

Chapter 263

“Hello? I’m talking to the three of you. Why did the three of you come here today? Did you come here to eat? Wow! You’ve even brought three girls here with you today?”

Jacelyn had truly changed a lot compared to how she was before.

Other than dressing in branded clothes now, her status and identity had also risen greatly after Silas recognized her as his godsister.

According to Hayley, the only person Jacelyn cared about right now was Alice.

She looked down on everyone else.

She felt as though she lived in a completely different world compared to everyone else.

In short, she was extremely arrogant and had no respect for anyone else at all.

How could it not be this way? She had a good brother who bought her clothes and bags.

Benjamin heard Jacelyn's question, and he could only grab the corner of his shirt nervously. He had been in close contact with Jacelyn in the past, and she knew about his background very well.

D*mn it! This was just too embarrassing!

“We are just here to enjoy a meal. We will not talk anymore. We're going to go upstairs first!”

Gerald did not want to keep the conversation going anymore. This was especially so because he saw that the person Jacelyn was here with to have a meal today was none other than one of Silas's lackeys. This was Jayden, the one who had pinned him to the ground with his car when they had first come to the university.

According to his observations, Jayden was one of Silas's lackeys who was very provocative.

He could tell that Jacelyn seemed to have a very close relationship with him. Could it be that both of them were lovers?

Gerald was obviously not afraid of Jayden. However, since the protagonist today was Benjamin and not himself, he did not want to cause any trouble for his brother.

However, Jacelyn was simply staring at Gerald in disgust. "Haha! The one with the last name Crawford, stop right there!"

She no longer called Gerald by his name anymore. This was because she felt that Gerald did not deserve it at all.

Hmph! Weren't you really great, Gerald? Weren't you very awesome?

Those who did not know any better would have thought that you were actually Mr. Crawford! You were as awesome as you could possibly be.

I, Jacelyn, used to like you. I was even thinking of going to bed with you.

But what about you, with the last name Crawford?

You were so bullish, and you never took me, Jacelyn, into your considerations at all.

Do you remember how you personally came to pursue Alice in the broadcasting department just some time ago? You obviously knew about my feelings for you, but you ignored and disregarded me anyway!

Jacelyn was filled with hatred, and she could only grind her teeth in anger.

At this time, she had already become Silas's godsister. Moreover, Silas's good friend, Jayden, was already interested in her, and both of them were in an ambiguous relationship now.

Weren't they better than Gerald?

Therefore, Jacelyn did not target anyone else but Gerald alone!

"The one with the last name Crawford! Weren't you very bullish in the past? Why aren't you bullish anymore now that Silas is here?" Jacelyn asked as she crossed her arms in front of her chest.

"Also, weren't you just eating with Mila in the cafeteria a few days ago? What are you doing with these girls now?"

“Hey! Hey! Hey! Who are you and what are you talking about? Who said that we are here with him? We are just good friends of Mr. Langdon’s girlfriend!”

At this time, Yolanda could not help but retort at Jacelyn’s words coldly.

To be honest, Yolanda had already looked down on Gerald who had no class or fashion sense at all.

If it was not for the fact that he was Benjamin’s brother, Yolanda would not even look at him.

Therefore, when she heard Jacelyn say that she was together with this young man called Gerald, she could not help but refute her words immediately.

The main reason was because she felt that Jacelyn was not pleasing to the eyes.

“Huh? Mr. Langdon? Which Mr. Langdon are you referring to?” Jacelyn asked as she frowned.

“I am talking about Mr. Benjamin Langdon! What of it?” Yolanda and Jacelyn continued arguing at this time.

As soon as they heard these words, both Gerald and Benjamin could only rub their foreheads in despair.

Why had Gerald been desperately trying to persuade them to go into their room as soon as possible? Wasn't it precisely because he wanted to prevent the conversation from getting to this point?

What he had been afraid would happen had truly happened in the end.

Jacelyn laughed out loud. "Hahaha!"

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"What are you talking about? Are you referring to Benjamin as Mr. Langdon? He is Mr. Langdon?" Jacelyn laughed as though she had just heard the funniest joke in the world.

"Which Mr. Langdon are you talking about? I have already been to this university for quite some time now, and there have also been many rich heirs who have come to greet me. Why haven't I heard of this Mr. Benjamin Langdon before?" Jayden crossed his arms in front of his chest and asked, as he was extremely amused.

Yolanda immediately retorted. "Hmph! Benjamin is not a rich heir. He started from scratch and has already opened several shops in Mayberry City! Am I right, Fanny?"

Fanny simply nodded slightly.

“Oh my God!” Jacelyn covered her mouth with a surprised look on her face. “Benjamin, you opened several shops in Mayberry City? Oh my God! When did you open these shops? What kind of shops did you open?”

Jacelyn deliberately asked as she pretended to be surprised.

Everyone fixed their gaze on Benjamin at this time. Benjamin was completely at a loss.
“I... I...”

Gerald glared at Jacelyn angrily.

He felt that this crazy girl seemed to have figured something out. No matter what, she had to get to the bottom of this matter, and she really did not want to give the three of them any face at all.

Her purpose was obviously to humiliate and embarrass the three of them.

“Jacelyn, Benjamin has already opened many different shops. Do we have to let you know of all the shops one by one? Sister-in-law, Fanny, come, let’s go to our room upstairs now!” Gerald made an inviting gesture as he deliberately blocked Jacelyn to prevent her from talking nonsense any longer.

However, Jacelyn simply raised her leg and kicked Gerald’s ass. “D*mn it! Get out of my way!”

“Why don’t I have the right to know about it? Hayley and I are really close friends, and Harper is Hayley’s boyfriend. Benjamin is Harper’s buddy, so why doesn’t Hayley know anything about Benjamin opening any shop at all? I really want to find out what is happening here!” Jacelyn continued speaking in a very domineering manner as she smirked. “Anyway, I will not let you guys leave today until I get to the bottom of this matter!”

“Forget it, Benjamin. Just tell her the names of the shops that you opened so that we can hurry up and eat already!” Fanny said softly as she looked at Jacelyn in disgust.

“Yes! Mr. Langdon, tell her which are the shops that you opened, lest this snobbish person continues looking down on you!” Yolanda also chimed in at this time.

“You actually dare to call me a snob?!”

Both of them were about to get into another heated argument when suddenly, Jayden’s cell phone rang. Everyone became relatively quiet at this time.

“Cousin! Why aren’t you here yet? What are you waiting for? What?! You went to the hospital? You were beaten up? By whom?!”

Jayden’s tone suddenly became very cold and serious.

“Okay, after getting some treatment, you can come to Homeland Kitchen and eat first. After that, we will go and settle the score with those guys who beat both of you up later in the afternoon!”

Jayden hung up the phone after cursing in anger.

Jacelyn then ignored Gerald and the others. “Jayden, what’s wrong? Was it a phone call from Kingston?” She turned around to look at Jayden with a worried look on her face.

Jayden twisted his neck slightly and made a crackling noise as he did so. “Yes, my cousin brother called to tell me that he was beaten up by three people just now. He went to the hospital to get his injuries treated, and he will be here anytime soon!”

“Who did it? Who would be so bold to actually dare to beat Kingston up? Who wouldn’t know that Kingston is your cousin?” Jacelyn also replied in a harsh tone.

“Who cares about the identity of the other party? You, I want you to make a few calls. Ask Asher, Josiah, and the rest of them to gather more people. I want to deal with things later in the afternoon!”

“Yes, Mr. Scott!” Jayden’s lackeys replied right away.

At this time, Gerald and Harper exchanged glances with one another. What they were thinking of at this time was self-evident. Could it really be such a coincidence?

This was awkward!

During this stalemate situation, a black Passat roared and suddenly braked outside the entrance of the restaurant.

Two boys with swollen and bruised faces jumped out of the car.

Yolanda was also shocked when she saw the two boys.

She exclaimed, "F*ck! It really was both of them!"

Chapter 265

"Cousin, were you really beaten up? They even beat you up so badly? What was the reason?" Jayden asked in concern when he saw both of them walking toward him.

As for these two cousins, when Jayden was not here in the past, both of them were just slightly unrestrained at Mayberry University.

D*mn it. Now that he had already transferred over to Mayberry University with Silas and after he had already made it clear that they were going to establish authority here, his cousin brothers had been beaten up so badly.

This was simply humiliating!

When Benjamin and Harper saw both of them, they could not help but lower their heads in embarrassment.

These two guys were the two boys that had been beaten up by the three of them in front of the school gate earlier.

To be honest, they had not felt anything at all when they were beating them up, and they had felt very courageous at that time.

However, after calming down a little, both of them could not help but feel a little terrified. After all, Jayden was Silas's lackey. In fact, even without Silas, they could not afford to offend Jayden alone.

This was so unfortunate!

"Cough, cough. Don't mention it anymore, cousin. We originally saw three rather beautiful girls today and we wanted to strike up a conversation and hit on them. As a result, we were... f*ck!" The boy named Kingston yelled indignantly at this time.

As he turned around, he happened to see Benjamin and Harper, and he could not help but exclaim out loud.

"Cousin brother, do you know them?" Kingston asked as he stared at Benjamin.

“No! But your sister-in-law, Jacelyn, knows them.”

Jayden had a wry smile on his face as he asked, “What’s wrong, Kingston?”

“D*mn it, cousin! Both of us were beaten up by the three of them!”

Jayden was also a little surprised. He immediately looked at Gerald as he stared at the three of them coldly. “What?! You were beaten up by both of them? Kingston, are you sure about this?”

“Of course I’m certain! These two were the ones who beat him up and this is the guy who beat me up! By the way, this guy was the one who punched me in my eye!” Kingston replied as he pointed viciously at Benjamin.

Benjamin and Harper could only swallow their saliva. The more they were worried about something, the more it would happen.

Jacelyn questioned them as she gloated, “D*mn it. Benjamin, Harper, and the one with the last name Crawford! When did the three of you become so bold? You even dared to beat up Jayden’s cousin brothers?”

At this time, the lobby of Homeland Kitchen was crowded by the many guests who were here to watch the entertainment.

Kingston said as he sneered at this time, “Jacelyn, do you really know this person? I was just about to ask you if you know who this Mr. Benjamin Langdon is. After all, you know even more people compared to me. I really did not expect you to know who this Mr. Langdon is!”

“Haha! What? Mr. Benjamin Langdon? Are you talking about him? Pfft! Let me tell you something. Out of the three of them, aside from Harper, all of them are just good-for-nothings! This one called Benjamin has no money at all and is just a poor student. As for the one with the last name Crawford who is standing next to him, he is nothing more than a pathetic pauper. So, Kingston, do you know that you’ve just gotten beaten up by three pathetic people today?”

At this time, Fanny and the others were also blushing in embarrassment as they stared at Benjamin, who simply lowered his head without saying anything at all. Fanny and the others finally seemed to understand what was going on.

It was no wonder why Benjamin had not responded at all even though Jacelyn had been questioning him so aggressively earlier. Could it be that Benjamin had been lying to her all along?

“It turns out that they were just being pretentious! I’ve already said that I’ve never heard of any Mr. Langdon before! This is perfect. Why don’t we just settle the score here today then?” Kingston sneered before he cracked his neck. After that, he grabbed a bottle of beer from the side bar.

He shook it in his hand before he smiled and turned around to look at Jayden and said, "Cousin brother, is it okay for me to be a little presumptuous here?"

Jayden nodded as he said, "It's okay. The manager here is Jane, and she is Silas's godsister as well as mine. Hahaha! You can do whatever you want to!"

"Got it!"

"D*mn it! You actually dared to be so pretentious in front of me? Alright then, Mr. Langdon, I am going to treat you to some beer!"

Splash!

Kingston opened the beer and sprayed a large amount of beer directly at Benjamin's face.

This was really similar to a scene in a movie.

"F*ck you!"

After that, Kingston raised the bottle in his hand as he prepared to slam the bottle down on Benjamin's head.

As for Benjamin, he could only clench his fists tightly as he accepted everything that was about to happen.

After all, he knew that he could not afford to provoke Jayden. That was for certain.

He was about to graduate soon, and he believed that Jayden would have ten thousand different ways to deal with him.

Therefore, he had no choice but to willingly accept what was coming next.

He had no money and no power, so he was as helpless as he could be. He could not even afford to protect his own girlfriend.

He closed his eyes tightly as he waited for the bottle to hit his head.

At this time, he suddenly heard a loud bang.

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Beer spilled all over the floor.

Immediately after, Benjamin saw Kingston fell to the ground as he held onto his head that was already bleeding profusely at this time.

It was Gerald who had grabbed a bottle of beer before smashing it directly on Kingston's head.

"You dare to hit Mr. Langdon? I think that you really do not want to continue living anymore!" Gerald could not stand it any longer when he saw Kingston humiliating Benjamin like that.

Since they were already putting on an act, he might as well continue it to the end then.

Benjamin, Harper, Fanny, and the others were dumbfounded.

Jayden and Jacelyn were also dumbfounded at this time.

Jayden cursed directly, "The one with the last name Crawford! You actually dare to hit my brother?! You must be tired of living! Do you know whose territory this is? Do you believe that I can make sure you do not leave this place if you are still standing today?"

After that, he instructed one of his lackeys, "Go and ask my godsister to come here. My brother was attacked in her shop today! I want Jane to come and settle this matter on my behalf!"

After he was done speaking, Jayden sneered as he glared at Gerald.

“Oh! This young man is truly impulsive. Does he know what place this is? This is Homeland Kitchen which is on Mayberry Commercial Street! This is Jane’s territory! This kid actually dared to attack Jane’s godbrother’s own brother on her territory? He must be really tired of living!”

“D*mn! I heard that Jane is really very domineering on Mayberry Commercial Street. I heard that even the newcomer, Mr. Zeke, does not dare to treat Jane inappropriately. Just imagine what kind of background Jane has!”

“F*ck! Haven’t you heard that Jane has a very close relationship with the mysterious Mr. Crawford? Some people even said that Jane is Mr. Crawford’s woman. So, it is only natural that even Mr. Zeke has to give her face too!”

“Oh my! Oh my! This is really awesome. I think that this young man will not be able to leave this place standing today!”

The spectators who were watching the scene at this time could not help but discuss this matter worriedly.

Of course, many people were here just to watch the exciting scene.

Harper quickly urged, “Benjamin, Gerald, both of you should try and run away now! I will just stay here. They can deal with me however they want to, but you guys can’t afford to offend them, so you should hurry up and leave now!”

At this moment, Fanny was already crying as she heard the people who were whispering and talking around her.

“No! Gerald, Harper, both of you should take Fanny and the girls away from this place now! I will stay back and take care of this matter on my own!” Benjamin was also burning with enthusiasm at this time. He already had the mentality that he would just perish with the other party today!

“No one can leave this place today!” A loud and high female voice suddenly rang out at this moment.

Right then, a woman was seen walking down the stairs.

It was Jane, the manager of Homeland Kitchen.

Jayden greeted her immediately as he started to complain, “Jane! Someone beat my brother up!”

Jane turned around to look at the person who had beat his brother up.

At this time, she saw Gerald who had an indifferent expression on his face as he placed his hands in his pockets. Jane could not help but feel her body trembling a little.

Since Gerald had already booked a room at Homeland Kitchen today, he had naturally made all the necessary arrangements with Jane in advance on how she should be receiving her guests. He had asked her to put on an act so that Benjamin could pretend to be a big shot.

This was also the reason why Jane had been upstairs all this while—she had been personally cleaning the room upstairs in preparation for their arrival.

She had only come downstairs after she heard that someone was fighting. She truly did not expect it to be Mr. Crawford.

“Mr. Craw...”

Gerald gave Jane a warning look before she could even finish her sentence.

“Ahh! Oh! You must be Mr. Langdon, right? It turns out that Mr. Langdon is already here!” Jane looked at Benjamin as she smiled professionally.

Benjamin was at a loss at this time. What was going on? Shouldn't he be receiving punishment from the strong and powerful, Jane?

Gerald leaned in closer to Benjamin as he reminded him to be firm and insist that he was Mr. Langdon!

Benjamin trusted that Gerald would not allow him to make a fool out of himself. Therefore, he simply nodded slightly as he said, “Yes, I am!”

“Oh! Mr. Langdon, you should have told me in advance that you were here. I would have come down to meet you personally, then. Mr. Langdon, did anyone offend you?”

As Jane spoke, her gaze swept across Jayden and Jacelyn coldly, and Jayden’s eyes widened in surprise.

As for Jacelyn, of course she was certain that Benjamin was nothing more than a pathetic jerk. What Mr. Langdon?

Even if he was Mr. Langdon now, it was simply because Jane was helping him. This was because Jacelyn already knew Jane from a long time ago. She also knew that Gerald was a gigolo, and he used to be Jane’s lover.

It was also precisely because she had had some conflicts with Jane in the past that she was initially planning to use her relationship with Jayden to clear up their previous misunderstandings. However, it was obvious that Jane was helping Gerald.

But didn’t Gerald already have a girlfriend? How could he possibly still be Jane’s lover?!

No! Could it be that Jane did not know that Gerald already had a girlfriend?

When she saw the situation going in the opposite direction than she had intended it to, Jacelyn's eyes shone brilliantly at this time...

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"Jane! They smashed my brother's head!" Jayden complained bitterly at this time.

Slap!

Contrary to his expectations, Jane simply replied by giving Jayden a tight slap across his face.

"Jayden, I think you are really too bold and courageous now. You actually dared to cause trouble here? You even caused trouble with Mr. Craw... Mr. Langdon!"

Jayden was shocked when he received a slap across his face.

Although he felt seriously wronged, he still shut his mouth obediently.

He was not an idiot. Today, he was certain that this person called Mr. Langdon was obviously someone with a strong background. He was not just a poor and pathetic jerk as Jacelyn made him out to be.

Otherwise, why else would Jane, who was usually so arrogant, actually give Benjamin so much face?

At this moment, all he could do was simply lower his head and remain silent.

“D*mn! This is really a very cruel scene!”

Yolanda, who came with Fanny, was also completely shocked.

Yolanda especially felt even more envious of Jane’s attitude as a strong career woman.

She could not help but wonder if she could also get acquainted with someone as powerful and influential as Mr. Crawford. If that was the case, she could also give a slap to any rich heir that was not pleasing to her eyes! Hahaha!

“If you know what’s best for you, you will leave as soon as possible. Otherwise, Jayden, you will not be able to step out of this place anymore!” Jane said coldly as she crossed her arms in front of her chest.

Jayden could not help but shudder in fear.

Right now, he simply wanted to apologize to Benjamin and leave this place immediately.

Just then, Jacelyn yelled out loud, “Wait a minute!”

“Miss Jane, please wait a moment! Even though we’ve had our conflicts and misunderstandings in the past, please listen to me before you chase us out. After I finish speaking, you will definitely regret helping a certain person today!” Jacelyn stared coldly at Gerald as she spoke.

It seemed as though she could already visualize Gerald getting hacked into a thousand pieces by Jane later.

“Hehe. It’s you, you little b*tch. What do you have to say? What you say better be useful to me. Otherwise, I will settle both the old and new scores with you all at once!”

When Jane saw Jacelyn, she also recalled the scene where she had been accused of raising a gigolo when she sent Gerald back to school back then. This had caused a lot of embarrassment and humiliation for Mr. Crawford.

“Okay, Miss Jane. I will just tell you everything directly then. That person with the last name Crawford has betrayed your trust. He actually has a girlfriend at our university, and his girlfriend is from my department!”

This was Jacelyn’s biggest trump card.

After she was done speaking, she pointed at Gerald as she said, “If you are a man, you will tell Miss Jane the truth, right?”

Gerald nodded slightly as he said, “Yes. My girlfriend’s name is Mila, and she is from the same department as Jacelyn. Hahaha! The both of us just became a couple a few days ago!”

“Hahaha! Miss Jane, did you hear that? He admitted it himself. He said...” Jacelyn had been laughing, but at this time, she gradually stopped laughing.

She had originally wanted to see anger, rage, and even a murderous expression on Jane’s face.

After all, she had been played and betrayed by a man. They were all women, so who would not understand the feeling of anger and the murderous intent that one would have if they found out that they had been betrayed?

However, all Jacelyn could see was a look of frustration and impatience on Jane’s angry face.

“Is this what you wanted to tell me? Haha. So, one of Mr. Langdon’s lackeys has just gotten a girlfriend for himself. Why are you telling me this? Did you honestly think that this young man with the last name Crawford is really a gigolo that I am raising?” Jane replied as she sneered.

“Ahh? Isn’t that so?” Jacelyn was startled.

Slap!

Jane gave her a tight slap across her face. “You b*tch! You have already been slandering me since the last time, and you actually dare to continue coming up with arrogant claptrap?”

Jacelyn was dumbfounded.

It turned out that her assumption was wrong!

“Hurry up and get out of this place now!” Jane yelled, her eyes burning with anger.

“Oh! Oh! I will leave right now!” Jacelyn was already in tears, and she covered her face as she prepared to leave immediately.

“Wait a minute!”

At this time, a girl suddenly spoke up timidly.

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It was Yolanda who stood up at this time.

“What do you want?” Jacelyn asked.

Slap!

Yolanda plucked up the courage to give Jacelyn a tight slap across her face.

Who asked this Jacelyn to be so rude and arrogant as she insulted them earlier?

Now, even Jane was being so polite and respectful toward Mr. Langdon. So, what else could she possibly be afraid of? She was Fanny's best friend!

This was the first time Yolanda had ever hit anyone in the face. Jacelyn could only stare at her without saying anything at all. This felt really great!

Gerald simply laughed as he looked at Jacelyn.

Jacelyn had truly embarrassed herself today! Haha!

After Jayden, Jacelyn, and the others had left, Jane finally revealed the look of disappointment on her face. She even nearly turned the dishes over a couple of times when she was serving Gerald and the others.

Ugh!

When Jane heard Gerald personally saying that he already had a girlfriend, Jane could only pretend to be fine.

In truth, Jane felt a severe pain as though someone had stabbed her in the heart.

However, her professionalism and her long career experience naturally helped her to hide her emotions very well.

The entire meal proceeded very smoothly. After the meal, Gerald had already made all the other arrangements for Benjamin in advance. He had already planned the next place that they would be having fun at and their accommodations for the night.

He also chose places with a high and reasonable standard that was not too outrageous.

“Mr. Langdon, my girlfriend keeps calling me!” Harper said as he spoke to Benjamin at this time.

Just then, they were preparing to make a trip to the Little Bamboo House to check-in their luggage and settle all the accommodation matters.

Benjamin hurriedly replied, “Alright then, Harper! You can go back first!”

Harper hailed a cab before he left immediately.

At this time, Yolanda glanced at Gerald in disgust. “Mr. Langdon, Mr. Langdon, ask this person to leave too! It is so embarrassing to bring him along with us!”

After the meal just now, Yolanda had even asked her idol, Jane, for her WeChat account. She was thinking that she knew a very reputable sister in Mayberry City now, and she would have to pay close attention to her own image in the future.

Gerald was taken aback.

What?

When Yolanda said ‘this person’, she was actually referring to him?

Unexpectedly, he had worked like a slave today as he served the three young ladies, but as a result, he was being despised once again?

Benjamin panicked when he heard this. “Ah? He cannot leave!”

Although Benjamin did not exactly know what Gerald’s precise background was, Gerald was now his biggest support.

“Why? Mr. Langdon, why do you have to allow him to keep following us?” Yolanda kept pleading with him.

“Um, it’s okay, Mr. Langdon. You don’t have to put yourself in a tough spot. I have already followed your instructions and arranged everything accordingly for the next activity. You can just go ahead. I will leave first!”

As he spoke, Gerald winked at Benjamin as he motioned for him to continue keeping up the act.

Benjamin could only nod helplessly at this time.

Gerald left immediately as he was also tired after playing and being out the whole day. Harper had already gone to look for Hayley, and Gerald could already guess that it was probably because Jacelyn had said something to the girls in her dormitory. That was probably the reason why Hayley had called Harper in a hurry to ask him about the situation.

As for him, Mila was not around because of her training. Therefore, he did not have anything else to do. Thus, he could only head back to the dormitory to sleep.

At this time, Gerald’s cell phone suddenly rang.

It was a phone call from Michael.

“Mr. Crawford, the renovation for your house has already been completed. I have also specially built a garage for you at the foot of the mountain according to your instructions. Moreover, all the cableway to go up the mountain has also been completed! When are you planning to move in?”

“Mr. Zeke, thank you for the trouble. I really did not expect the garage to be completed in just seven days! As for when I will be moving, I have already chosen the date. I will be moving in three days’ time! As for the house key, you can hold on to it for me first. When I am prepared to move in three days, you can arrange for someone to go over there and make all the preparations for me in advance.”

When Gerald accompanied Elena up the mountain and saw that the renovation was almost completed, he had already told Rita that he would be moving in three days later.

“Okay, Mr. Crawford! You can rest assured, I will make sure that you are satisfied!”

After hanging up the phone, Gerald thought to himself. Since the garage was already completed, there was no need for him to continue keeping his Lamborghini at the small park. He would just park his car in the garage below the mountain!

After keeping his cell phone, Gerald hailed for a cab and left Mayberry Commercial Street.

At this time, a girl got into another cab as she fixed her eyes on Gerald. "Sir, please follow the car in front of us!"

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"Hehe. Miss, is the kid in the cab up front your boyfriend? Are you trying to find out if he is cheating on you?" The cab driver laughed, and he was very talkative.

"To tell you the truth, most of the men who would often come to Mayberry Commercial Street are fickle. Do you know why? This is because the people who often come here must be really rich!"

"Stop talking so much nonsense! Just make sure you follow him closely!" The girl yelled coldly.

The driver did not continue speaking anymore and simply focused on following the cab in front of him.

This girl was none other than Jacelyn.

Why was Jacelyn tailing Gerald?

Let's talk briefly about everything that had happened between Jacelyn and Jayden after leaving Homeland Kitchen.

After they had left, Jayden was extremely angry and embarrassed! He had been slapped in public, and he was even chased out of Homeland Kitchen. He had even offended Jane, who was his backup and support.

His younger brother had also gotten his head smashed.

This was simply equivalent to suffering a double loss. He did not gain anything at all, but on the contrary, he had suffered even more losses.

In short, he felt extremely unsatisfied!

Who could he blame?

Jayden blamed Jacelyn for everything!

D*mn it! This was all because Jacelyn kept fanning the flames! She kept insisting that Benjamin was just a poor and pathetic person who could not possibly be Mr. Langdon.

How could he, Jayden, actually be so reckless?!

He had even allowed his younger brother, Kingston, to go ahead and smash another person's head.

Jayden also only found out today that Jacelyn had offended Jane in the past.

Therefore, Jayden attributed and blamed everything that had happened today on Jacelyn, and he regarded her as the culprit.

An argument naturally broke out between both of them, and Jayden had dumped Jacelyn after the argument.

Jacelyn was furious.

She could not help but wonder what was happening?

Benjamin was definitely not Mr. Langdon. She knew this very well. This was because Jacelyn had already investigated and looked into the background of everyone in Gerald's dormitory after their first meeting.

She was initially planning to find out if there were any potential rich heirs that she could target, but in the end, she found out that there was none. Jacelyn had also found out that Benjamin's family was actually quite poor.

After that, she told Hayley about this matter, but no one talked about it.

Regardless, she had not investigated or looked into Gerald's background. Why would she investigate him? What was the point? He was nothing more than a pathetic pauper.

However, she truly did not expect Gerald to be so full of surprises.

She knew that Gerald had to be the mastermind behind the incident today.

The only person who could possibly make Jane act that way would be none other than Gerald. Even if he was not Jane's secret lover, he must have some sort of inexplicable relationship with Jane.

Moreover, Gerald had always given people a very mysterious feeling.

He was not a rich heir, but sometimes, it felt as though he was even better than any other rich heir.

Today was another testimony of this!

Therefore, Jacelyn intended to follow Gerald to find out what was going on with him!

It had been a while since she had tailed Gerald, Harper, and the others!

However, Gerald did not know anything at all.

He got off the cab directly in front of the school gate. It was already late at night.

There would not be many people at the small park now.

Hence, Gerald came to the small park where he parked his car.

He was planning to drive it to the Mountain Top Villa.

Beep! Beep!

Two crisp car lights flashed immediately.

After that, the car door opened automatically.

Gerald was about to get into his car to drive away.

Bang!

He suddenly heard the sound of a cell phone falling and crashing to the ground behind him.

“Sure enough... I guessed it right! It really is you!”

A terrified and appalled female voice sounded.

Gerald was taken aback as he looked behind him.

“D*mn it! Jacelyn, why are you acting like a ghost? I did not hear you coming at all.”

Jacelyn, who was standing about ten steps behind him, was staring at him with a blank expression on her face.

She was covering her mouth in astonishment, and her phone was already shattered beneath her feet.

Her body was shaking uncontrollably at this time.

Jacelyn regained her sense and she stared at Gerald in shock. “Gerald, is this car yours? Is it yours?!”

Oh my God! The luxury Lamborghini sports car that had attracted countless girls in Mayberry City actually belonged to Gerald.

It was a luxury car worth two million and six hundred thousand dollars!

What was this?!

Jacelyn was utterly shocked.

If she did not witness this with her own two eyes, Jacelyn would not have believed this at all even if she were to die.

The owner of this luxury sports car was actually someone whom she was extremely familiar with.

“Well, since you’ve already seen it, I will admit it then. Yes, this car is mine!”

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Gerald sighed helplessly.

“What?” Jacelyn’s eyes were filled with tears.

Gerald replied lightly, “Alright, then. I will leave first if there is nothing else. As for the car, help me keep this a secret. Otherwise, in the end, everyone will only be unhappy! Haha!”

After that, he got ready to enter his car.

“Gerald, don’t leave!”

Unexpectedly, Jacelyn rushed over to him and hugged Gerald tightly from the back.

“D*mn it! Jacelyn, are you crazy?! Is there something wrong with you? What are you doing?” Gerald was shocked and kept struggling to set himself free!

“No! I will not let go! Gerald, I will not let you run away from me anymore! I love you! I truly love you! Please just give me a chance!”

Jacelyn hugged Gerald tightly again as she stuck her body close to Gerald’s body.

D*mn it!

Gerald had already witnessed Xavia’s love for money, so he thought that he would be immune to all girls who loved money in the future.

Unexpectedly, Jacelyn was even worse than Xavia.

Yes, Jacelyn was already willing to risk everything now.

Gerald’s past and the fact that he was driving this car now... Jacelyn believed it as soon as Gerald said that this car belonged to him.

Why?

This was because her mind worked very fast. As long as she connected the dots between Gerald's current car and everything that had happened in the past, it would all make sense now.

Why would she be skeptical?

In addition, Jacelyn knew that Gerald was the kind of person who had a very soft heart, especially when it came to women. He was easily entangled, and he would give in easily when it came to women.

She had already caught onto Gerald's weakness.

This was the reason why Jacelyn was willing to try her luck.

"D*mn it. Don't do this, I beg you. I am already getting goosebumps!"

Gerald was already breaking out in cold sweat because he was feeling extremely anxious.

"No, I won't! I will keep following you unless you give me a chance!" Jacelyn continued clinging tightly to him.

Crazy! Crazy! She was completely insane!

Gerald was a little ruthless as he used a little force to push Jacelyn away vigorously before he got into his car and slammed the car door behind him before locking the door.

He was planning to start the car engine and drive away immediately.

Boom!

After hearing the slight noise, Gerald realized that Jacelyn was actually lying on top of his car hood!

Gerald yelled anxiously. "Sister! Jacelyn! What are you trying to do?"

"Gerald, let me ask you a question. Besides being really rich, do you have another identity? Tell me! Can you just tell me the truth?"

Yes. Jacelyn only had one suspicion in her mind right now.

That was, the rumored super secretive Mr. Crawford from Mayberry Commercial Street was none other than Gerald!

Otherwise, why else would Aiden in the past, the current Jane, and even Zack from Wayfair Mountain Entertainment be so polite and respectful toward Gerald?!

Ahh!

Taking into account everything that had happened today as well as the sports car now!

The smart and intelligent Jacelyn could already guess the truth no matter how stupid she was!

The awesome and powerful Mr. Crawford was none other than Gerald!

She was trembling all over in excitement, and she really wanted to find out the truth.

“I am telling you, I do not know anything about Mr. Crawford, but if you refuse to leave, I will really step on the accelerator! Don’t doubt my car’s horsepower!”

“I am not leaving! I’m not leaving until you admit it!”

D*mn it!

Gerald became a little angry, and he really stepped on the accelerator.

He had simply stepped on it lightly since he was afraid of hurting Jacelyn, so he hurriedly stepped on the brakes afterward.

However, he never expected the inertia force and the fact that his wheel would be pressed against a rock.

“Ahh!”

Jacelyn flew off the car and fell to the ground directly.

“D*mn it!” Gerald had just been planning to scare her, but unexpectedly, an accident had happened.

Gerald opened his car door and rushed over to Jacelyn.

Jacelyn had hit the back of her head on the ground and she was unconscious at this time.

Gerald patted her face a couple of times.

“Jacelyn, don’t scare me. Are you okay? I really did not mean to throw you off like that.”

Gerald could not help but blame himself.

This was because even though he truly hated Jacelyn and felt like slapping her big mouth sometimes, he was definitely not as cruel or heartless to want to hurt Jacelyn or cause her to lose her life.

Gerald could see the pained expression on Jacelyn’s face at this time.

He quickly carried her up before throwing her into his car and heading to the hospital immediately...

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The incident involving Jacelyn really made Gerald break out in cold sweat.

Fortunately, after sending her to the hospital for a diagnosis, he realized that Jacelyn had only suffered a concussion and had passed out from the impact.

She would be fine after recuperating for a while.

“Gerald, don’t leave! I love you!”

“Mr. Crawford, don’t leave! I love you to death!”

Jacelyn was still muttering nonsense to herself while she was in a coma.

Gerald was also a little frustrated. Do you really love me? You only love the identity of Mr. Crawford!

Finally, Gerald paid for Jacelyn’s high medical expenses.

After that, he drove to Mountain Top so that he could park his car there.

After leaving the garage, Gerald was just about to take a cab and leave.

At this time, Gerald suddenly noticed that something was wrong with Mountain Top.

That was to say, the Mountain Top Villa was very brightly lit at this moment.

The architectural style of this villa itself had an ancient charm to it. At this time, as the night was getting deeper, it looked extremely magnificent and radiant with the brightly lit lights.

It was simply amazing.

However, he was not there, and Rita would not dare to live in the villa so blatantly.

Who could it be?

Gerald was very surprised.

Thus, he decided to go up and take a look for himself.

When he arrived at the entrance of the villa, he realized that there were indeed people inside. There was more than just one person inside. There were many men and women, and it was very lively inside.

This was strange. Who were they? Why were they holding a party at his house? They even had his house key too!

Gerald walked over a little angrily and pushed the door open.

“Ahhh?”

The people inside were obviously taken aback when they saw Gerald appearing, and they all stared at him in amazement.

As for Gerald, he also looked at these men and women in astonishment.

Hmph!

There were about a dozen men and women inside the villa.

They had already turned the center of the living room into a makeshift bar, and it was filled with various food and drinks.

A dozen people were drinking and enjoying themselves at this time!

However, Gerald did not feel that these people looked familiar to him at all. They were definitely not from Aiden's group of friends, and they were certainly not his godbrother, Yoel's friends.

This was weird.

The two security guards halfway up the mountain were still there. So, how did these people get into his villa?

"D*mn it. Who are you?! D*mn! Is this a place where an ordinary person like you can just come?" A scowling boy scolded him as he frowned.

“Oh my God. He must be a pathetic jerk who heard of the atmosphere on Mountain Top! That’s why he wanted to come here to visit!”

“Could it be possible that he came from the back of the mountain? Oh my! There are really all kinds of people in this world.”

Several girls looked at Gerald with a satirical look on their faces.

Yes. Gerald had never paid any attention to his own dressing. He only felt that it was important to wear clean and fresh clothes. Therefore, he would naturally always be rejected wherever he went.

These girls who were already used to seeing tall, rich, and handsome guys would naturally despise him.

Gerald frowned as he asked lightly, “I also want to ask you. Who let all of you in here?”

It would be a lie to say that he was not angry.

His original intention in buying this villa was not because he wanted to show off. He simply wanted to have a place for himself in the future.

But what had it become now? Was this their playground?

A girl who was obviously drunk walked up to Gerald before she poked his chest unceremoniously. “This person’s tone is not polite at all. Do you think you have the right to ask us how we came in?”

“Forget it, Lucille. We have already seen many people like this. If Silas did not warn us repeatedly not to shed any blood on Mountain Top Villa, I would have already beaten him up. Let’s just call the security guards and send him to the police station directly!”

“Yes! We should send him to the police station!”

As everyone agreed, they started making phone calls immediately.

“Why are you guys so noisy?”

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Suddenly, at this moment, an extremely impatient boy’s voice sounded from the balcony on the second floor.

Right after, a boy brought a girl down with him as they walked down the stairs slowly.

“I am enjoying the scenery here. Can’t you just be quiet for a moment? Do you really think that this is your house?”

This boy was obviously the leader of this crowd of people. Moreover, he was scolding them unceremoniously at this time.

The boy who was scolding Gerald immediately replied with a smile on his face. “Yes, yes, yes, Silas! It’s just because someone is trying to cause trouble here!”

The boy who had been enjoying the scenery on the balcony was none other than Michael’s son, Silas.

Gerald suddenly realized what was happening.

It seemed as though Michael had given his house key to Silas!

“Someone is causing trouble here? Who is so bold? Is he tired of living?” Silas asked as he frowned.

“Silas, Silas, it’s him! It’s him!”

Immediately afterward, five or six girls came up one after the other before they grabbed hold of Gerald.

This was a scene that seemed as though a group of lackeys had caught hold of an intruder. After that, they were trying desperately to claim credit for their action from their boss.

They dragged Gerald directly in front of Silas.

As for the girl who had been standing behind Silas all this while, the expression on her face tightened after she saw Gerald's face clearly. "Gerald, it's you?"

She was obviously very surprised.

Gerald had been very focused on looking at Silas and had not noticed her at all. Therefore, he also had a baffled look on his face when he saw her.

Alice!

After the surprise, sarcasm immediately followed. "Hehe. Gerald, how did you come up here? Did you come up here because you wanted to see and experience the elegance of Mountain Top Villa?"

This event had already been planned for today.

To be honest, some time ago, the news that a rich heir had purchased the Mountain Top Villa for one hundred and twenty million dollars had already been circulating the internet.

Alice and the others must have already heard about the Mountain Top Villa.

However, they could not even dream about it even if they really wanted to take a look at this place.

This was a truly grand location.

However, Alice discovered that even the impossible seemed to be possible after she had met Silas.

When Silas told everyone that he had the keys to the Mountain Top Villa today, no one had believed him at all.

Everyone was only taken aback when he had held the key out in his own hand.

It was also agreed upon that Jayden and Jacelyn would come here tonight.

However, there had been no news from Jayden at all ever since the afternoon. Moreover, Jacelyn's cell phone had already been turned off!

This made Alice feel a little awkward because she was all alone. Fortunately, Silas had been accompanying her throughout the whole night.

As she looked at the scenery in the distance from the balcony just now, Alice finally realized what it meant to be above everyone else.

Thus, at this time, Alice's voice had a mocking tone to it. She no longer had the kind of vengeance that she felt against Gerald before this.

What was there to retaliate against someone like this?

"Alice, do you know this person? How would you like to deal with him?" Silas clearly looked down on Gerald even more, and he was smiling faintly at this time.

"Ask him to leave! I don't want to see this kind of person in such a good environment!"

After she was done speaking, Alice glanced at Gerald before she walked back upstairs again.

"Didn't you hear what sister-in-law just said? She asked you to leave!"

"Get lost!"

Before Gerald could say anything, he had already been pushed out of the villa by a group of girls before they slammed the door close behind him.

This made Gerald feel extremely furious.

First, he had been humiliated and ridiculed by this group of girls. After that, he had been insulted by Alice.

And finally, they had asked him to get lost?!

Were they really treating him like a joke just because he was not showing his power?

Gerald could no longer hold in or bear the previous rage he was feeling including the anger that he was feeling right now.

Therefore, he took out his cell phone and called Rita and Michael, one after the other...

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Gerald called Michael and Rita, but he did not say anything much. He simply asked them to come up and take a look at the Mountain Top Villa. After that, he hung up the phone immediately.

As for just now, Gerald really had the urge to have a showdown with them.

However, after thinking about it, the reason why Alice had suffered time and time again and turned out like this was also because of him.

To put it bluntly, it had always had something to do with him.

He was the one who had released the video of Quinton and his stepmother. This had really stimulated Alice and caused her to be further aggravated.

After that, he had made a fool out of her.

Although he did not know how Silas treated her now, Gerald could tell that she seemed to be quite satisfied. Therefore, Gerald also felt a little relieved.

If this was the case, couldn't Gerald simply let this matter slide instead of calling Michael?

No!

Gerald was still a little selfish.

Alice was so beautiful, and it seemed like she was going to spend the night with another man tonight.

Gerald could not help but feel a little uncomfortable.

Although he did not like Alice, he did not feel good about it.

Besides, this was his own house. He could not just let it go like that when a group of outsiders had thrown him out of his own house!

Gerald went down the mountain and prepared to leave.

“Mr. Crawford!”

It just so happened that Rita had already arrived in a hurry.

She already knew what was going on when she saw the bright lights shining from the villa even from a distance.

How could Rita possibly not be nervous?!

“Mr. Crawford! Mr. Crawford!”

However, Gerald completely ignored her.

Instead, he simply walked to the side of the road before stopping a cab and leaving directly.

“Ahh! It’s over!” Rita exclaimed nervously.

In fact, Rita already knew that this group of students would be coming up to the villa to play because Michael had already told her about it in advance.

Rita originally disagreed with this matter. However, Michael had been praised by Mr. Crawford for his work this time. Moreover, his unworthy son had kept pestering him relentlessly.

It would not be a problem for him to allow his son to go up to the Mountain Top Villa just to have a look, right?

After all, even his subordinate’s son, Aiden, had gone to play at the Mountain Top Villa before.

That was the reason why Michael had finally agreed to give the villa house key to Silas.

He simply intended to let him go up to Mountain Top Villa to have a look before coming down immediately.

Therefore, Rita did not take it to heart at all. However, Rita could not help but feel a little anxious because Gerald had ignored her completely just now.

At this time, she quickly rushed up the mountain.

“Oh! Miss Rita is here! Everyone, quiet down. Alice, I will introduce Miss Rita to you. She is the personal housekeeper of the Mountain Top Villa. She is also one of Mr. Crawford’s favorite personnel, just like my father!”

Silas had a glass of wine in his hand, and he held Alice’s hand as he brought her over to Rita.

These were all people who worked for Mr. Crawford.

Therefore, Silas also knew many of them, such as Aiden, Yoel, and the big bosses of many establishments on Mayberry Commercial Street.

He had even become Jane’s godbrother.

Therefore, he was also naturally familiar with Rita.

“Hello, Miss Rita!”

Rita was completely speechless. “Why are you so happy?! Silas, do you know that you have caused a terrible disaster this time?”

As soon as her words came out, the villa became very quiet. The music was also turned off immediately.

Silas was stunned and he asked, “A terrible disaster? What disaster did I cause?”

Rita placed her hand on her forehead as she said, “Let me ask you, who gave you permission to host a party at the Mountain Top Villa? Weren’t you supposed to just take a look at the place and leave immediately afterward?”

Silas replied confidently, “Hehe. It’s okay! My dad told me that Mr. Crawford is in Northbay, and he will not be back here tonight. Besides, I will definitely restore the villa to its original state tomorrow!”

Rita responded coldly, “Northbay my ass! Let me tell you something, Silas. Mr. Crawford was here just now. I believe Mr. Crawford has already called your dad too. You should be prepared to explain things to your dad later!”

“What?! Mr. Crawford was here?” Silas was even more confused. His father had told him that Mr. Crawford was not here and that he was away in Northbay.

Alice was also taken aback.

How could she possibly not know if Mr. Crawford had been here? When did any Mr. Crawford make an appearance?

“Miss Rita, aren’t you making too big of a fuss? We did not see Mr. Crawford, only a pathetic jerk who was just here! Hahaha!”

“We have already chased that pathetic jerk down the mountain just now!”

“Yes, Miss Rita, we also want to give you a suggestion. You should not wait for three days before sending the full security team over here. The security team should be working at full force now!”

The girls all chattered, one after the other.

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Rita did not continue answering any of their questions. Regarding Mr. Crawford’s matter, it was obvious that Silas knew too little about him. Therefore, she knew that it would be inconvenient for her to disclose too much information.

She simply shook her head as she went down the mountain immediately.

Silas spoke as he smiled bitterly, “What is the matter with Miss Rita today? Why did she say that Mr. Crawford was here earlier? If Mr. Crawford was really going to come here, my dad would have already...”

But at this time, his cell phone suddenly rang.

Silas answered the phone with a smile on his face. “Dad!”

“Don’t yell at me, dad. You are my father!”

Michael continued yelling wildly on the other side of the line, he was also panting.

After that, both of them continued speaking. By this time, the smile on Silas’s face had already gradually disappeared, and his face had turned pale.

In the end, Michael simply hung up the phone.

“Silas, Silas, what happened?” Alice asked as she was also in a perturbed state of mind.

“It’s over. It’s all over! My dad told me that Mr. Crawford might have actually been here! Moreover, Mr. Crawford specifically called my father and Miss Rita to ask him about this situation. I am going to get my legs broken now! I’m done for!”

Silas dropped his cell phone to the ground in fright.

He was obviously very afraid of his father. He knew that things had already gone awry based on the current tone of his father’s voice.

“What? Mr. Crawford was truly here?” Alice could not help but tremble uncontrollably.

As the girls had just mentioned, throughout the entire event, no one else had been here aside from that pathetic jerk, Gerald!

That's right! Alice came to a sudden realization.

Gerald... wasn't Gerald's last name Crawford too?!

He was indeed much richer compared to the past. Moreover, if you just added the honorific, 'mister', in front of his last name, it would be... Mr. Crawford!

What?!

How could it possibly be him?

Alice felt that her mind was a complete blank.

To be honest, this was not the first time that Alice had had some suspicions about Gerald's identity. However, everything had always been hazy and there was no solid evidence in the past.

However, she had never gotten closer to the truth than this!

Yes! Gerald came up to the mountain, and he had left the mountain after she had taunted him.

After that, Rita and Michael had gotten entangled in the situation almost immediately.

Moreover, they even said that Mr. Crawford had been here!

At this time, Alice was filled with doubts as she thought about everything that had happened between her and Gerald in the past.

If she imagined that Gerald was Mr. Crawford...

Then, everything would make sense!

“Impossible! It’s absolutely impossible! How could he possibly be Mr. Crawford? How could Mr. Crawford be him?”

Alice felt as though she was about to collapse.

If Gerald was truly Mr. Crawford, Alice would just want to jump off the top of the mountain and fall to her death now!

Had she truly missed out on this great opportunity from the very beginning?

She could never accept this!

Silas scratched his head before saying, “Okay, everyone. We should stop speculating now. How could that guy possibly be Mr. Crawford? Besides, how could Mr. Crawford be so low-key? At most, this guy is a stalker who came here to supervise things, and he reported what he saw here today! Just listen to my instructions first! We will clean up the scene, and then, we will leave the mountain as soon as possible! Otherwise, my dad will really kill me when he gets here!” Silas hurriedly instructed them.

Everyone agreed with him. This included Alice, who agreed that Gerald was probably just a stalker.

This was because she knew that Silas would not lie to her. The mysterious Mr. Crawford had always been in Northbay!

After they were done cleaning up, everyone rushed to the garage, all prepared to get into their cars and drive away.

“F*ck!”

“F*ck!”

“F*ck!”

However, after going down the mountain, they saw the cool Lamborghini Reventon sports car parked in the garage, and they were all dazzled.

Everyone asked in surprise, “Whose car is this? Silas, is it yours?”

“How could it possibly be mine? My car is a Ferrari!”

“Whose car is this? Very few people in Mayberry City drive this kind of sports car!”

Everyone was puzzled.

As for Alice, although her heart had already settled down initially, her emotions were all over the place again when she saw the car at this time...

Alice whispered incredulously, “I know the origins of this car...”

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“You know?” Silas and the others asked in surprise.

“Yes!” Alice replied in certainty. She continued, “This is a luxury sports car that has been parked at the small park near Mayberry University. There have also been rumors that this car was bought by Mr. Crawford. After that, there were rumors stating that this car had been bought by a mysterious local tycoon, Ordinary Man, who is also a

student in the Department of Language and Literature in our university. Some people also said that Ordinary Man is actually Mr. Crawford's online nickname!"

"In that case, this car should be parked at our school! Why would the local tycoon, Ordinary Man, park his car here?"

"This is the villa bought by Mr. Crawford!" Alice frowned as she said in disbelief.

Yes. Anyone else could believe that Gerald was Mr. Crawford and it would mean nothing to them at all.

However, Alice could not believe it.

She was scared. She was especially frightened.

When she was still in the villa just now, she had been wracking her brains to figure out how she could remove Gerald entirely from this equation.

She only needed one reason to avoid this fact, and Silas had finally come up with a reason for that.

However, how could things be explained now?

Ordinary Man's car was parked here, and it was rumored that he was Mr. Crawford. Now, it was almost certainly sure that Ordinary Man was truly Mr. Crawford!

Rita had already mentioned that Mr. Crawford was here.

The only other person who had been here throughout the entire night was none other than Gerald!

The local tycoon, Ordinary Man, was from the Department of Language and Literature, and Gerald was also from the Department of Language and Literature!

Alice could feel her breathing increase rapidly.

Why? Why did it seem as though everything was pointing to the fact that Gerald was actually the mysterious Mr. Crawford?!

Silas took a deep breath before he gave his instructions. "Oh, it seems as though that kid from earlier also has some background of his own. Anyway, everyone should just listen to me. Just hide when you see him in the future, and if you cannot hide, just be courteous to him!"

He was very courageous, but he had only accepted one concept ever since he was a child. He would have to be very cautious and careful when handling matters related to the Crawford family.

This was the case now.

Although he did not know who Gerald was, he would just treat him with common courtesy and respect from now onward. Wouldn't everything be fine then?

After he was done speaking, Silas looked at Alice before he said, "Alice, you should also stop thinking about this matter. Anyway, listen to me. Just be polite and respectful toward Gerald when you see him in the future. What's the big deal? You can also apologize to him for everything that happened today!"

"Be polite? Apologize to him? Why should I apologize or be polite to him? Silas, you are the son of the boss of Mayberry Commercial Street! Why are you afraid of Gerald? Didn't you say that you will get rid of and teach a lesson to anyone who is not pleasing to my eyes? I think Gerald is not pleasing to my eyes! I want you to teach him a lesson and get rid of him on my behalf! As long as you do that, I will be yours from now on!" Alice replied as she jumped up.

This was because she could not accept the fact that the Silas that she felt was omnipotent was actually conceding to Gerald?

Wouldn't this mean that Gerald was better than Silas then?

Since Gerald was someone she despised, he had to always be a scumbag! Alice would certainly not be able to accept it if Gerald gained a good reputation!

Thus, she was yelling like a crazy person at this time.

“D*mn it! Alice, are you crazy?” Silas replied in a somewhat displeased manner.

Although the condition offered by Alice was really very attractive and even if he had always been a romantic who was very willful, he was not stupid!

This Gerald could very likely be Mr. Crawford and she still wanted him to teach Gerald a lesson? He might not even be able to keep his own tongue if he cursed at him!

Alice was about to cry as she yelled, “I don’t care! Gerald can’t possibly be Mr. Crawford. Didn’t you say that he is probably just a stalker? How could he possibly be Mr. Crawford? How could that be possible? Moreover, he has always been famous as the pathetic pauper in our school!”

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Silas was also a little confused.

At this time, Silas’s cell phone suddenly rang. As soon as he saw the name on the caller ID, he answered the call with an angry look on his face. He also turned on the speaker on his cell phone without any hesitation!

“F*ck! Jayden, where were you? Didn’t you already agree to come to Mountain Top Villa with Jacelyn tonight? Why? Did the two of you go to open a room?” Silas asked as he cursed at him.

“Don’t talk about it, Silas. I caused a huge catastrophe today and was beaten half to death by my dad. My mom just finished applying some medication for me!”

“What? Uncle Scott has always spoiled and doted on you, yet he actually beat you up today? Did you do something terrible or did you do something to offend the Crawford family?”

“I don’t know who I provoked today. However, how could I possibly have offended the Crawford family? I am not stupid. To tell you the truth, I simply had a conflict with some of the guys from the Department of Language and Literature today. Do you know that Jane also hit me just because I offended someone called Mr. Benjamin Langdon from the Department of Language and Literature? Jacelyn also knows who he is!”

“F*ck! Mr. Benjamin Langdon? Why haven’t I heard of him before? Jane beat you up because of him?” Silas could not help but feel a little confused. What was going on today?

“Wait a minute. Who are you talking about? Benjamin? Are you sure that Jacelyn knows them too?”

These words made Alice’s body tremble a little.

She leaned over as she spoke over the phone.

“By the way, Alice, you should know them too. That woman, Jacelyn, told me that you often associate with people from their dormitory! What is that Benjamin’s background? D*mn it! He is simply too powerful!”

“Well, if it’s the same Benjamin I know of, then I know for certain that he is just a pathetic jerk who has no money or power at all. How could he possibly cause such a huge sensation?”

“Who said no? I also checked it out again. Benjamin has no background at all and his family is actually suffering to make ends meet. The only good thing about their family is that there was someone who actually did very well in the civil examinations in the past. That’s all! I really do not understand why my father is beating me up like this!”

Jayden had even investigated and turned over Benjamin’s full family background and history as he felt that things were simply too unclear.

Alice paused at this time. She seemed to have thought of something. She did not want to ask about that person, but she couldn't help it.

Alice asked solemnly, “Jayden, let me ask you something. Was there a guy named Gerald by Benjamin’s side today?”

“D*mn it! How did you know? Yes! Yes, there was a man following him named Gerald, and he seemed to be one of Benjamin’s lackeys. I think that the booking for the hotel and restaurant were all made by that guy named Gerald. He even picked up a beer bottle and smashed it directly on my cousin’s head! However, he seems to know Jane really well.” Jayden replied, filled with doubts.

“Sure enough, it’s him again!”

Alice was shocked once again.

What was Jayden saying? What Mr. Langdon? How could Gerald possibly be his lackey? Gerald was very likely the legendary Mr. Crawford of Mayberry City!

The Mr. Crawford who had countless assets!

“D*mn it. It seems as though we really should not be messing around with that guy named Gerald. We should even apologize to him the next time we see him! Otherwise, we will really be done for if he turns out to be Mr. Crawford!”

“Yes! Yes! Fortunately, I did not say anything harsh to Gerald just now. I was also very gentle when I poked him in the chest!”

Several girls had already turned pale in fright.

Silas simply nodded in response.

Alice was very dissatisfied when she saw that everyone was shocked because of Gerald.

She started laughing out loud as she said, “Hahaha. You’re all cowards! All of you are truly cowards! A pathetic jerk like Gerald could actually scare you like this? Well, all of you are terrified of him, right? I’m not afraid of him at all! What’s so great about Gerald? I don’t believe that Gerald is really Mr. Crawford! Gerald is just a scumbag and an idiot!”

Alice clenched her fists tightly until her nails were digging deep into her palms.

She was not convinced at all, and she really felt very uncomfortable. Why were all these high ranking people so afraid of Gerald?

Let’s talk about Gerald.

He had already gone back to his dormitory to sleep. So, he could not even be bothered to ask what Michael would do to deal with this matter, and he slept all the way till dawn.

Gerald was feeling just fine when he woke up the next day.

It was only then that he thought of Jacelyn. After all, he was the one who had caused the accident. So, shouldn't he find out if she was already awake?

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Gerald did not drive. Instead, he simply took a cab to the hospital.

Jacelyn was placed in a special VIP ward.

When Gerald came to the ward, the environment in the area was very quiet.

“Get out! I want all of you to get out! I will not accept your examination unless I see the person who saved me! Get out!”

Unexpectedly, when Gerald arrived at the door of the ward, he heard Jacelyn yelling and losing her temper.

A group of senior doctors and nurses were chased out of the ward by her.

“Oh! This Miss Leigh really has a very bad temper. She will not even allow us to examine her at all. What if her condition worsens because of the delay?”

“Yes! How are we going to explain this then?”

Several nurses spoke anxiously.

When they turned around, they saw Gerald walking toward them with some fruits and gifts in his hand.

“Hello, Mr. Crawford. You are finally here. The patient has been clamoring to see you as soon as she woke up!”

Several beautiful nurses approached Gerald immediately.

This was because Gerald had been so lavish when he arrived at the hospital in his Lamborghini the other day. Therefore, these beautiful nurses naturally paid a lot of attention to Gerald, and they all referred to him as Mr. Crawford in a respectful manner.

Gerald nodded faintly at the group of nurses before he asked a middle-aged attending doctor, named Dr. Zech about Jacelyn’s condition. “Oh, Dr. Zech, when did Jacelyn wake up? How is she?”

Dr. Zech’s eyes lit up immediately as soon as he saw Gerald.

After that, he waved his hand slightly as he motioned for the nurses to leave first.

“Hello, Mr. Crawford. The patient only suffered a slight concussion which is not a major problem. We have also given her some medication, and she has already lost about half a month’s worth of her memory now!” Dr. Zech replied as he smiled faintly.

He seemed to have already known about Gerald’s identity.

This made Gerald feel a little puzzled. After sending Jacelyn here yesterday, he had called Zack and asked him to arrange for the ward and special care for Jacelyn in the hospital.

However, he had never asked Zack to give Jacelyn amnesia!

Gerald did not even need to think about it to know that Zack had already called the hospital to make all the necessary arrangements after ending the call with him. He not only arranged the VIP ward and special medical staff to watch over Jacelyn, but he also instructed the doctor to make sure that Jacelyn would not remember everything that had happened.

Zack was really very thoughtful and meticulous!

Gerald could only smile wryly to himself.

However, this was perfect too. It would be less burdensome for him in the future.

“Okay. I will have to trouble you with this matter. I will reward you greatly in the future. I will go in and see her first!”

“Okay, Mr. Crawford!”

Gerald pushed the door of the ward open.

“Get lost! I told you... f*ck! Gerald, why are you here?”

Jacelyn had already picked up a water glass and was about to throw it, but she was stunned when she saw Gerald entering the ward at this time.

To be honest, ever since she had woken up in a daze last night, she had been filled with doubts. She had begun to put on airs and display a very bad temper when she noticed the cautious and respectful attitude that the medical staff had toward her.

At first, Jacelyn had asked them how she had ended up in the hospital.

The doctor told her that a rich man had brought her here, and he had even arranged for her to stay in the VIP ward.

When Jacelyn eagerly asked about the identity of the rich man, the doctors refused to say anything at all.

Moreover, everyone was very courteous and respectful toward Jacelyn.

That was the reason why Jacelyn dared to act so unscrupulously just now.

However, she really did not expect to see Gerald.

“You seem to be feeling a lot better based on your voice.”

Gerald put down the bag of fruits in his hand before he sat down.

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“Oh my God. Gerald, why are you here? Wait. Don’t tell me that you were the one who saved me? But what happened to me? Why can’t I remember anything at all?” Jacelyn asked in surprise.

Gerald replied without feeling ashamed at all, “Yes, I saved you. As for what happened... you were walking too fast on campus and you tripped over a stone, subsequently hitting your head on another stone. I was the one who rescued you and brought you to the hospital!”

“Ahh! So, that’s what it was. Cough! Cough!” Jacelyn replied in disappointment.

Gerald felt like laughing when he asked, “Why does it seem as though you are very disappointed to find out that I was the one who saved you?”

Hmph! Of course that was the case!

I originally thought that I got hit lightly by a car, and it was a luxury car. The owner of the luxury car was also a very handsome man.

Finally, it would be better if it was raining last night. The handsome man squatted down in the rain before he hugged me and patted me lightly on my cheek as he asked me anxiously, “Miss, are you okay?”

When he saw that she was in a coma, the rich and handsome young man carried her in his arms as he rushed her to the hospital in the car.

After that, he would visit her with a bunch of delicious fruits, and he would peel some apples for her too.

Then, he would take her for a walk in the park.

After getting along for more than half a month, the both of them would suddenly fall in love.

He would fall in love with her, and he would kneel down and propose to her on a starry night.

As for the marriage proposal, he would light up the sky with fireworks and spell out the words 'I love you'.

“Jacelyn, I love you! Will you marry me? I am willing to use everything that I have in exchange for your lifetime happiness!”

“Yes! Yes!”

Then, both of them would start kissing on this romantic night. Halfway through the kiss, Jacelyn opened her eyes.

D*mn it! Gerald!

So, everyone could imagine Jacelyn's mood and what she was feeling at this time.

“Hey! Hey! Why are you holding my hand? I'm asking you a question! Are you disappointed that I was the one who saved you?”

Gerald could not help but smile bitterly when he saw the idiotic look on Jacelyn's face.

“Ahh! I... I’m not! Well, Gerald, you are actually pretty tall, and you do not look that bad. In fact, as long as you wear some nice clothes and dress properly, you will also look very handsome. Now, after winning the lottery, you are also rich and have some connections. So, you can be considered a tall, rich, and handsome man!”

“However, you are still far off from those who are really rich, powerful, and handsome. I do not know why it is like this. Perhaps it is just your temperament!” Jacelyn started complaining, “Hmph! I thought that it was a tall, rich, and handsome man who saved me, but I guess you’re not too bad either!”

Jacelyn knew that Gerald was also quite rich. Although it was highly possible that he was a gigolo who was someone else’s lover, it was fine as long as he had money. She could try her best to get her hands on his money!

Gerald could tell that Jacelyn’s current memory was at the moment when Alice had misunderstood his intentions at her department the last time.

“Gerald, can you peel an apple for me?” Jacelyn held her cheeks in her hands and asked as she tilted her head to look at Gerald, smiling delicately.

“But I didn’t buy any apples. Can you eat a banana instead?”

Gerald also felt a little guilty toward Jacelyn. After all, he was the one who had bumped into her, and he was also the reason behind her amnesia. Anyone would feel uncomfortable in this situation.

Gerald started to peel a banana for her.

“Oh, I don’t want to! Pfft! I am not eating it. Put it away!”

“Gerald, can you go out and buy some apples for me? I want to eat some apples that have already been cut!” Jacelyn asked as she held Gerald’s hand.

Gerald quickly retracted his hand before he said, “Okay. Okay, then. I will go and buy some apples for you. Wait for a moment.”

After that, Gerald slipped away in a hurry.

Gerald had just gotten into the elevator when the elevator door beside his elevator opened.

About four to five girls stepped out of the elevator with a fruit basket in their hands.

“Alice, did Jacelyn explain everything clearly to you? This is the VIP ward!”

“Yes, don’t worry, Hayley. I’ve already clarified everything. Come! Let’s go and see her.”

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”1902! This is it!”

When Hayley saw it, she pushed the door open.

“Jacelyn, we’re here to see you!”

“Alice! Hayley! You’re here!” Jacelyn was eating a banana at this time. She was delighted when she saw that Alice and Hayley were here.

The next step was very simple. They started asking Jacelyn about her condition.

Finally, they were talking about the cause and effect!

“What? It was Gerald who saved you? Where is he, then?” Alice stood up suddenly as she exclaimed in surprise.

Everyone was shocked. If anyone was particularly sensitive to the word ‘Gerald’, it was none other than Alice.

After Alice had returned to her dormitory yesterday, she did not think about Silas or anything else. All she could think about was Gerald alone.

Her heart hurt terribly, and she could not help but feel a little afraid.

What would she do if Gerald was indeed Mr. Crawford?!

To be honest, Alice had had the urge to leave her dormitory and rush to Gerald's dormitory before she held Gerald in her arms and told him she was sorry. She would try to make things up with him, and she would treat him well in the future.

She really wanted to put everything in.

However, after thinking about it, she could not help but wonder what if Gerald was not Mr. Crawford? This was because Gerald was really a very confusing person now!

Oh! She did not want to say anything anymore!

In short, Alice felt even more entangled and uncomfortable than ever.

So, as soon as she heard about Gerald, she wanted to see him immediately so that she could ask him about things and make things clear once and for all. After all, both of them had already lost contact with one another after the last time.

"Alice, are you okay? Why do you have such a strong reaction?"

Everyone could not help but feel a little surprised.

“Oh! Oh! I’m fine. I have not seen that scumbag in such a long time, I was just feeling a little angry when I heard his name!”

Alice had an ignorant look on her face. She was also a very shrewd person, and she did not disclose anything about what had happened yesterday.

“Hmph! That’s right! Me too! I am so angry that Gerald actually treated you like that!” Hayley also replied.

Jacelyn hurriedly asked, “Hey! Hey! What are you guys talking about? Why can’t I understand what you are saying at all? Why is Gerald a scumbag?”

“Jacelyn, are you pretending, or did you truly lose your memory?” Hayley and the others asked worriedly.

After that, they told Jacelyn about everything that had happened before.

“Ahh? I don’t believe it. I can’t believe that Gerald would get together with someone else!” Jacelyn said as she shook her head sharply.

As for Alice asking Jacelyn if she could remember who Jayden was, Jacelyn simply shook her head.

Moreover, Jacelyn did not know why, but she actually felt a little disgusted when she heard the name Jayden.

What was even stranger was the fact that she actually felt as though she was convincing herself that Gerald was the person she was pursuing right now.

It was truly strange.

When everyone realized that Jacelyn did not want to talk about things that had happened just before this, everyone stopped talking about it.

As for Alice, she was also a very smart person. She could tell that Jacelyn seemed to be feeling very affectionate toward Gerald at this time.

This was because she could not stop herself from mentioning Gerald in every other sentence that she spoke. She even asked everyone if they realized that Gerald was actually quite handsome.

Alice was even feeling a little jealous at this time.

It felt as though someone was boasting about how handsome her boyfriend was and how she wanted to get together with your boyfriend in front of everyone else.

However, the worrying fact was that Gerald was not even Alice's boyfriend at this time!

“Sigh. Why isn’t Gerald back yet? He said that he was going to buy me some apples. Shouldn’t he have already returned a long time ago?”

Jacelyn already felt as though she was missing Gerald at this time. Thus, she tried to call him.

Alas, Gerald’s cell phone was already turned off.

What was happening?

Something must have happened!

In fact, this was because Gerald’s cell phone had already been smashed into pieces after falling to the ground.

Back to three seconds ago on Gerald’s end.

After going downstairs, Gerald went to the fruit stall.

After buying the apples, he was preparing to pay using his QR code.

At this time, a woman standing next to him accidentally hit his arm.

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He was not holding his cell phone firmly, and it fell to the ground with a bang, and his cell phone shattered immediately!

Gerald had already had this cell phone for more than two to three years, but he had always been very unwilling to change it.

At this moment, Gerald felt a little dumbfounded as he picked up the cell phone from the ground.

The woman hurriedly said, "I am sorry! I am really sorry, handsome! I did not mean it. I will compensate you for your cell phone!"

Gerald smiled slightly before he said, "It's okay, it's okay. I will just bring it to the shop to try and repair it. Eh?!"

However, Gerald was stunned as soon as he saw the woman standing before him.

The woman was also taken aback.

"It's you?"

“Oh, it’s you!”

Both parties exclaimed in surprise at the same time.

The woman in front of Gerald looked to be about thirty years old. She was dressed very elegantly and she had long hair, fair skin, a very good figure, and an exquisite face. She was definitely the kind of person who would make people turn their heads around to take a second look at her when she walked on the street.

Moreover, there was also a young girl who was about four or five years old with her hair tied up in a bun standing next to her.

Both of them were the mother and little girl that Gerald had rescued by the river near the milk tea shop the other day.

Last time, when he went to buy milk tea with Mila, he had heard a cry for help and had hurried over to rescue the other party immediately. Upon his return, Nigel had already had the opportunity to kidnap Mila!

Gerald had a very deep impression of this event.

“Look! It’s Uncle Hero! Mom, haven’t you been looking for Uncle Hero all this while?”

The young girl with her hair tied up in a bun said as she smiled.

She also ran over to Gerald and held his hand immediately.

Gerald had a very familiar and affectionate feeling when he saw the little girl, and he pinched the little girl's face gently.

The woman smiled cordially and looked at Gerald as she said, "Young man, we are truly fated! I have been trying to look for you after you saved Minnie. I wanted to find the opportunity to thank you specifically. However, I never expected to see you here today!"

To be honest, this was the case with most women. They would always remember the person who offered them a helping hand during their most critical moment.

This was exactly what this woman was feeling toward Gerald at this time. Moreover, she also felt very safe when she saw Gerald's kind appearance.

"Anyone in that situation would have done the same thing too! Madam, you don't have to worry too much. Is your daughter called Minnie? I am just glad that Minnie is fine!" Gerald replied as he smiled.

"Nevertheless, we have to thank you! My name is Wynn Thornton, and my daughter's name is Minnie Tessa Thornton!" Wynn straightened out her hair as she smiled and spoke to Gerald.

“My name is Gerald!”

“Gerald, you will not be able to leave today! Are you free now? If you are free, it is almost noon. Can I treat you to a meal, then?”

Wynn looked like the kind of woman who had already been in society for a long time. Moreover, she was very mature, and each of her gestures and actions was all very charming.

“Uncle Gerald, please agree to my mom’s request! We can go to my house and eat together. My mom’s cooking is really very delicious!” Minnie shook Gerald’s arm and pleaded profusely.

To be honest, he was actually free. However, Gerald really did not feel like going. After all, he felt that it was only right for him to save a person who was in need. Why should he be treated to a meal?

However, Minnie was begging him to go now.

Gerald could not bear to disappoint Minnie. Thus, he nodded immediately.

“By the way, Miss Wynn, I just have to buy some fruits for a classmate of mine first!” At this time, Gerald suddenly remembered Jacelyn.

“Boss! My phone is already broken so I cannot pay using the QR code now. I can only pay with cash.”

After he spoke, Gerald placed his hand into his pocket. However, he suddenly recalled that he had forgotten to take his wallet and ID with him as he had left it behind in the Lamborghini because he had left in a hurry out of anger.

“Boss, how much is it in total? I will pay for it! Also, can you send someone to help me to deliver these fruits up to the ward later? Just tell the patient that her classmate has gone out for a meal with his friend!” Wynn smiled and continued, “By the way, Gerald, I will also have to buy a new cell phone for you!”

The reason why she said this was because she noticed that Gerald did not seem too anxious about the patient he was visiting. This obviously meant that they did not share any special relationship at all.

Therefore, she decided to decide on his behalf.

In truth, Wynn’s decision made Gerald feel very comfortable and relieved.

Indeed, he did not feel like going back to the ward to see Jacelyn acting coquettishly toward him like a baby!

Minnie cheered happily as she held Gerald’s hand, “Yay! Uncle is coming to eat at my house!”

Minnie was very close and affectionate toward Gerald who had saved her life.

After getting into Wynn's BMW 7 Series, Gerald saw Wynn's business card in the car. He was really taken aback after seeing it.

Wynn was so young, but she was already the boss of a company!

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“Are you the general manager here, Miss Thornton?”

Gerald couldn't hide his shocked expression as he posed Wynn the question. With just a glance at her demeanor, he felt her overbearing female presence, and never before had he felt an aura as potent as this.

“Why? Do I not seem like one to you?”

Wynn drove along, smirking as she looked at Gerald through the rear-view mirror.

“Oh, by the way, you should stop referring to me as ‘miss.’ It makes me sound old. Since I'm only ten years older than you, just call me by my name!”

Wynn frowned, looking grumpy.

“Alright then, I won’t call you Miss Thornton anymore!” Gerald nodded.

“Pfft!”

Wynn somehow seemed amused by Gerald’s reply, and she let out a hearty laugh.

Gerald initially wanted to have a conversation about Wynn and her family, thanks to a lingering doubt that had been floating at the back of his mind for a while—Minnie’s last name was Thornton.

It made Gerald wonder if Wynn had brought up the child all by herself.

But since a topic as such would be too personal, Gerald abandoned the thought.

Wynn stopped by a supermarket along the way home, and later on emerged with a few big bags of groceries.

It was just as Gerald had guessed—Wynn’s home was clean and tidy. After a simple tour around the house, there were no signs of any men.

That little fact somehow made Gerald feel a bit more comfortable.

Wynn then got to show off her cooking skills to him. In just a couple of minutes, she had whipped up a table of delectable dishes, way better than anything they served at Wayfair Mountain Entertainment.

Anyone who married Wynn in the future would be more than blessed to have a wife as such.

Not to mention how she was really good at conversations too.

After the dishes were served, Gerald felt that Wynn had grown a little warmer, as if the two had known each other for a long time.

Wynn had her eyes fixated on Gerald.

She was even more attracted by Gerald's down-to-earth personality.

With much in common, their conversation quickly picked up as they naturally opened up.

Wynn stared adoringly at Gerald as she rested her rosy cheeks on her palms.

“Gerald, you must be curious about Minnie's father, right?”

“Well... not really...” Gerald replied, with slight awkwardness.

Wynn smiled as her gaze pierced into Gerald. “Really? While I was cooking earlier, I noticed you were kind of scanning through my room. Were you looking for something?”

Her deadshot gaze made his heart skip a little.

Wynn wasn't someone to be messed around with, having observed Gerald's every single move the moment he stepped into her house.

And every single word she said was exactly what he had in mind.

The situation made Gerald feel like an elementary school student, where all his thoughts were exposed.

“Hmph! Don't even think about hiding anything from me. The truth is, I had nothing to hide from you anyways. Minnie's father left us long ago, and it has always been just the two of us. Minnie usually spends her time in kindergarten while I work at my company. I'll bring her along to work during the weekends. Here's the problem. Last week, a capital invasion by some wicked bastard forced many of Mayberry's small and medium establishments out of business. God, I was so stressed out!

“There was this one time, where I was so bogged down about this that I slipped and Minnie accidentally fell into a river! You have no idea how much it scared me, and god knows how much I wished I had a man by my side to help me get things sorted!”

As Wynn downed a few glasses of red wine, her pretty face had started to blush, causing her to look increasingly sultry and charming.

Frankly, Gerald had always been attracted to women who were around his age or younger than himself.

He’d never actually hook up with mature women who were in their thirties.

Especially not with a such beautiful yet temperamental woman like Wynn.

Gerald could not help but stare at the gorgeous sight before him, his heart thumping in his chest like crazy.

Putting that thought aside, Wynn had only invited him over for dinner as a kind gesture, and Gerald felt a little awkward when she brought up the topic of looking for a man. He was unsure if he misunderstood her words.

“Miss Wynn, earlier on you mentioned that some young man invaded the capital of Mayberry. Now, what did you mean by that?”

“Oh, about that. Nah, it’s nothing much, but you must’ve heard of Mayberry’s most wicked man, Gerald Crawford, right? He’s the dude that owns Mayberry Commercial Street!”

Wynn’s tone was filled with anger.

“Hmph?”

Gerald almost died choking on a mouthful of potatoes.

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Since when did he become the most wicked youngster in Mayberry?

“Well...of course I’ve heard of him! But I’ve only heard of the good things!” Gerald’s face flushed beet red in embarrassment.

“What do you mean by good things? Don’t you know how businesses work? Some time ago, Gerald invested a large amount of capital into Mayberry’s major enterprises. It might have seemed like a power move, but many other businesses in the Mayberry community were screwed as well, no thanks to him. The businesses that received a sudden injection of funds underwent some over-rapid development, disrupting the business community’s balance. Of course, it also posed an enormous challenge to second and third-tier enterprises like us! Many people from the business community hate him to the bone!”

Wynn was done talking. Gerald lowered his cutlery and rubbed his nose.

Of course, he knew all about those massive investments Wynn was talking about. He represented his sister while investing in those projects, including the funding of Scothow Elementary School and other similar projects.

Gerald never gave it much thought and simply did everything per what his sister told him to do.

After doing so, however, he did not delve in any deeper.

Unbeknownst to him, the influx of large funds had disrupted the economic balance of Mayberry.

To put it in one way, he was the reason why Wynn was so worried about her investment. It resulted in her neglecting Minnie, where she eventually lost sight of her and let her fall into the water.

Gerald could not help but smile bitterly.

“Hmph, enough talking from me. Right, so Gerald, you’re about to start your internship soon, aren’t you? Any good places in mind?”

It now seemed to be Wynn's turn to ask the questions.

Gerald was honest and kind, but from the way he dressed and the cell phone he used, Wynn could tell that he came from a poor family.

There was kindness within Wynn's heart, and she was all but concerned over Gerald's future.

"I haven't decided where I'd go yet!" replied Gerald.

"That's fine. If you don't have any place to go, you're welcome to intern at my company. I'll double your salary, and as long as you follow me, I guarantee you'll be able to buy your own house in Mayberry within five years!"

Somehow, Wynn was tempted to keep Gerald by her side.

Their conversation was interrupted by Minnie. "Mommy, what do you need Uncle Gerald to buy a house for? Just let him live here with us! Once I grow up, I'll have my own house, so you can live with Uncle Gerald!"

"Minnie, what are you babbling about! How can mommy live with Uncle Gerald? Only married couples are allowed to live together, do you understand?"

Wynn couldn't help but smile bitterly.

“Ooh, I understand now!”

Wynn turned her attention to Gerald, only to see him smiling silently.

“You should consider the offer, Gerald. My company may be small, but it has a great future!”

Gerald nodded in reply.

He wondered what she would think of him once she discovered that he was indeed the Gerald who had messed up her company!

From the conversation, though, he knew that he was somewhat responsible for the doldrums that Wynn’s company was facing. Gerald would not just ignore it.

Minnie wiped her mouth with a napkin.

“Mommy, I’m full! Can I get my toys from downstairs? I want Uncle Gerald to come with me!”

“What toys! If you want new toys, you’ll have to wait until tomorrow. That’s when mommy will bring you to the toy store.”

“No, I want Uncle Gerald to go with me!”

At this point, Minnie seemed to have taken a liking toward Gerald.

Her hands gripped Gerald’s arms tightly, refusing to let go.

“It’s okay, I’ll accompany Minnie to the toy store. I’ll keep an eye on her, so don’t worry!”

After that was done, Gerald brought Minnie downstairs with him.

As they were on their way, Minnie glued herself close by Gerald’s side. Although he was delighted, he pitied her a little. There was no doubt that Wynn was a strong woman, but no matter how strong she was supposed to be, she was still a woman, and Minnie, a fatherless child.

“You like being with me a lot, Minnie?” asked Gerald.

“Yes!” Minnie Thornton nodded hard.

“Hmm, why?”

“That’s because you’re a good man, unlike the bad guy who keeps coming to my house. He hits mommy, and sometimes he hits me too!”

“Huh?”

Gerald was startled by the little girl’s words.

Initially, he only wanted to learn more about their family, hoping he could render Minnie and Wynn with more assistance. He definitely did not expect to hear something like that from Minnie.

Those bad guys... did that mean Wynn’s social relations were quite complicated as well? And who in their right mind would beat up a child like Minnie?

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Now, which socially successful woman didn’t have a man behind her back?

After hearing about Wynn’s significant other, Gerald, for no apparent reason, felt a fleeting sense of disappointment.

He wished to help Wynn, not just because she was pretty, but also for her child, Minnie, the little girl he had started to find favor in.

Perhaps it was because he saved Minnie’s life. It gave him a sense of fatherhood, where he automatically felt the sense of paternal affection each time they met.

Things, however, seemed to be more complicated than initially thought.

Wynn probably didn't require his help at all.

As for his disappointment, it was because Gerald really thought Wynn was that type of woman. Why then would Minnie say that a man had been coming to look for her!

It was someone else's private life anyway, and it was none of his business.

So after buying Minnie her new toy, Gerald brought her back to the neighborhood.

Without explanation, Minnie abruptly grabbed Gerald's arm. He did not know what she saw—her happy expression had disappeared, and her face had turned pale.

He saw that her eyes were staring right at a large black Mercedes-Benz parked along the driveway. The car wasn't there before.

"What's the matter, Minnie?" Gerald asked in shock.

"Uncle Gerald, the bad guy is here again, and that's his car! He was the one who hit mommy and me!"

Minnie's body trembled in fear, and she immediately hid behind Gerald.

"Huh?" Gerald was slightly startled when he saw that the car was empty. It could only mean that the driver must have entered the house.

After dining at someone's house, there was no way he would just walk away and pretend that nothing happened.

"Come on, Minnie. Let's get inside!"

Gerald immediately picked Minnie and rushed upstairs.

Upon his arrival, he found that the door was left ajar.

Inside, a big commotion had taken place.

"B*tch, did you bring another man home? Why are there three sets of cutlery on the table?"

His voice was raspy, and he sounded like a middle-aged man.

"You're insane, Damien Rye! What happens in my family is none of your business!" Wynn retorted angrily.

“Hmph! So it seems that there really is another man here. Wynn, have you forgotten what we agreed on half a month ago? I’d help you maintain your business to provide you with funds so you could pull through this difficult time. I did everything for your sake, and in return, you promised to be with me. How else did you think your tiny little establishment withstood the blow from Gerald’s commercial street? You would have gone bust by now!”

“Now that I’ve helped you out, you still have the nerve to hook up with another man?! Hehe, alright, I’ll collect the interest today. I’ve been wanting to f*ck you for a long time now, and I can’t hold back a minute more!”

What followed next were plates flying off the table and the sickening shatter of clayware.

“Get off me, you son of a b*tch! *sshole!”

Wynn cried out with every last breath.

Coincidentally, Gerald pushed the door open and was welcomed by the sickening scene.

“Stop it!” Gerald shouted as he grabbed a vase beside him and lunged at the man sitting above Wynn. He was going to bust his bald head wide open.

With a mighty swing, he brought down the vase to his head.

Upon impact, Damien Rye's skull cracked open.

"F*ck! Who the hell are you?" he cursed loudly, clutching his bleeding head with one hand and struggling to pull up his pants with the other.

"Mommy, are you okay?"

Minnie quickly helped Wynn get up.

Her blouse had been ripped apart by Damien, leaving her breasts exposed.

With a cold and murderous stare, Gerald picked up a stool from the floor and eyeballed Damien. His eyes were filled with rage.

He now pretty much knew everything that was going on in the family.

It was because of that investment plan, something that had almost destroyed Wynn's company.

Then, things got worse when this b*stard, Damien, came into the picture.

This was his condition, in exchange for the help of Damien Rye.

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To be frank, everything happened due to the things that he did without much consideration, which led to a countless chain reaction of bad repercussions.

When Gerald witnessed Wynn being assaulted, he also felt some self-loathing inside, and all of a sudden, his blood boiled.

“F*ck, I understand now. Wynn, he’s the sugar baby you’ve been feeding, right? How dare you have the balls to hit me! I’m Damien-f*cking-Rye! Just wait and see, kid, I’m going to skin you alive!”

Damien was still cursing at Gerald as blood gushed down his face.

Gerald was not afraid of him. He ran up to him, ready to swing his stool.

Growing up in his hometown, Gerald has suffered all kinds of hardships. He used to be poor and timid, but he was quite strong.

As things started to escalate, Damien dared not stall any longer.

He was then continuously smacked with a stool as he wailed in pain. In the end, he managed to get to the door and fled.

“Miss Thornton! Are you okay?”

Gerald threw down his stool and approached Wynn with concern.

Wynn wiped her tears and shook her head. “I’m fine, that son of a b*tch, he came up shortly after you guys left. Fortunately, you came back in time, otherwise I would’ve been...”

“...It’s better to not talk about it, now you’ve saved both of our lives, I can’t drag you into this mess, so you’d better get out of here now. Damien Rye is a vengeful b*stard, he’s from one of the most powerful families in Mayberry. You’d better leave now before he gets a good look on your face!”

Panic flashed in her eyes.

No one knew Damien Rye better than she did. He once heard someone mentioned that Damien had a crush on a service girl at the bar. He wanted her to accompany him, but that service girl’s boyfriend also worked at the same bar, and he was reluctant to let her go.

Her boyfriend stepped forward to stop him.

As a result, Damien Rye sent his goons to beat him up, severing his hamstrings.

Then, he raped the service girl and let his goons have their turns.

In short, Damien Rye was an inhumane beast.

And he had the entire Rye family behind his back.

“I’m not afraid of him, besides, who knows what will happen to the both of you if I leave? He will definitely not let go of you and your daughter!”

Gerald was indeed not afraid of him.

If he were to run off from the scene like a pussy, he would rather jump off the building! He knew he could not be that kind of person.

“How about, you take Minnie and go? I’ll stay, I believe I can calm his anger!”

Wynn said as she bit her lips.

Everyone understood what she truly meant.

“If that’s the case, I think we should hide for the meantime. I know a safe place, you and Minnie can follow me, so both of you don’t have to worry about Damien. I know for a fact that there are other ways to resolve this matter!”

Gerald was not planning to expose his identity, but he still gave Wynn a firm look.

The main reason was that his phone was now broken, and he could not contact Zack and the others.

The only thing he could do first was to hide, and then replace his broken phone. He believed that his plan would not bring him too much trouble.

In the end, Wynn was still a woman, and she had completely no idea what to do when it came to such situations. Staring into Gerald’s convincing eyes, she could only nod her head.

After they had finished packing their items, the three of them went downstairs.

Just as they got in the car...

A luxurious car suddenly crashed into the streets of Mayberry, followed by three or four commercial vehicles.

All of them looked very intimidating.

The vehicles loomed into the small neighbourhood, blocking all entrances.

Then, Damien, who had his wound now slightly bandaged, was escorted down from his car. Not knowing what order to command, his goons rushed up the stairs.

Seeing what was happening outside of her house, Wynn's face turned pale, and even Gerald was feeling a little scared.

If Gerald were to leave a minute later, he would probably be smashed to death.

It took him a lot of effort to get to where he was today, and if he was to be smashed to death like this without Zack and the others' knowledge, he would be dead meat!

"Go on sir, drive! Bring us to the slums near the newly-built Scothow Elementary School!" Gerald said hurriedly.

The driver stepped hard on the pedal and they fled the scene.

It seemed that the driver picked up the tension that was going on and wanted to leave the place as soon as possible. He started speeding.

Looking out of the car window, Damien's eyes caught the sight of the car.

He was standing downstairs and was turning his head, as he looked towards the direction of the taxi with suspicion.

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“Geez! I wonder who messed with Damien Rye, I guess it won't end well for that person today!”

The taxi driver was clearly in shock while he was driving.

It was apparent that he knew Damien Rye and had heard of his name before.

Gerald was a little confused. “Who is Damien Rye and where did he come from? Is he more powerful even than Flynn Lexington from Mayberry Commercial Street?”

Gerald asked the driver.

After taking a peek at the back of the car, it seemed like Damien did not follow them. Gerald let out a sigh of relief.

“Ahem, how do I put it... Flynn Lexington is indeed a powerful figure in Mayberry, he has the entire Mayberry International Inc. behind his back. As for Damien Rye, he's from the Rye family, one the wealthiest families in Mayberry. He's the cousin of Henry Rye, the former head of Rye Group. Although Mayberry International Inc. is the first, it's

still a foreign company that has been established in Mayberry for just over ten years. On the other hand, Rye Group is different. It has been here for forty years, and the Ryes, a local mafia family, has deep roots here in Mayberry.”

“No matter how powerful Mayberry International Inc. is, they’re still strangers to this land. However, both the Rye Group and Mayberry International seem to get along pretty well!”

The driver was like a chatterbox who would not stop talking once he opened his mouth.

As the driver introduced the Ryes to him, Gerald started to recall his past memories, especially about Henry Rye.

He remembered he once had a brief encounter with the Ryes before.

But when was that?

Why did both Chad and Danny Xanders disappear from Mayberry? What made Alice cry so much that she would not dare to come out of her dormitory? In the end, not even her parents could do anything, and they had to seek help from Zack Lyle to resolve the issue.

He remembered while they were dining in Royal Dragon Villa, Henry Rye’s second-generation rich son, William Rye, flirted with Alice and Jacelyn while being drunk.

Then, Danny ordered his people to teach William a lesson.

Which led to the Rye family's retaliation.

He did not ask Luke for any help. Instead, Zack was the one who stepped in to mediate the matter which involved Alice and Jacelyn.

The Ryes let them go.

However, Gerald also remembered clearly that Zack used to warn him on keeping an eye out for his own safety and to conceal his identity and so on.

There was no doubt that Mayberry International Inc. was indeed the largest company in Mayberry, but that did not mean that every other company would be intimidated by them.

After all, they only knew that the company was run by her sister, Jessica. They were unaware of Jessica's terrifying past, so the local underground mafias were not afraid of her.

They did not even miss the chance to use tactics to sabotage the company.

For instance, Gerald and Mila Smith were once kidnapped, and Zack had no choice but to make a phone call directly to Henry Rye, begging him to let them go.

He knew Henry Rye was up to no good.

It was pretty obvious how dangerous the Ryes were in the eyes of Zack Lyle.

It turned out that Damien Rye was the cousin of Henry Rye, which proved how powerful the Ryes were!

As he sat in the car, Gerald could not help but ponder over the matter.

He was not afraid of finding trouble. Worse-case scenario, he will seek Jessica's help and lean on the power the family holds to resolve the issue. After all, no matter how powerful the Ryes were, the Crawfords can still easily crush them with just their fingers.

What Gerald can do for now was to get his phone repaired and contact Zack Lyle.

Gerald brought Wynn and Minnie to where Queta Smith and the others lived.

The place was extremely remote.

So remote that Damien would not be able to track them here for a while.

“Big brother Gerald, you’re here!”

“Hey kids, where’s Yasmin?”

Once he set foot inside, Danny and Edmund, who were doing laundry, immediately rushed to his side.

“She’s inside making dinner with Queta!”

In just a short while, Queta and Yasmin came out of the house.

Gerald did not go too deep into the details, he simply explained that Wynn and her daughter were staying for the night. Queta was fine with it, and immediately cleaned up a place for Wynn.

Wynn was also touched when Gerald told her that Queta had adopted the three children.

Maybe it was because she was also a single mother raising a child by herself, Wynn felt an immediate sense of connection with Queta. The two chatted with each other like long-lost best friends.

After Gerald had settled things down, he went to a nearby mobile phone mall by himself and quickly changed a new phone.

Otherwise, things would get delayed.

The standalone mobile phone mall was huge, and there were all sorts of well-known mobile phone brands available.

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The mall was crowded.

Gerald strolled around, not knowing which brand to buy.

He just needed a sturdy phone.

In the end, his eyes were locked on a phone model. It was of extremely good quality with a price tag of 2830 dollars.

It was arguably an expensive phone.

“Miss, may I have a closer look on that new phone? Thanks!”

Gerald politely asked the saleswoman.

The saleswoman had seen Gerald searching around for almost half a day. From the way Gerald was dressed, she knew he would probably pick a cheaper phone.

However, she thought he was just trying to save face.

Since he was walking around in a well-known mall, the saleswoman thought Gerald was here pretending to look around. Then, she expected him to act as if the phone was not what he wanted and he would instead buy some 50-dollar miscellaneous unbranded phone and slip away.

She had seen too many such people.

When the shabby-looking Gerald walked towards her store, she looked down on him.

She was surprised when Gerald said he wanted to have a look at the most expensive phone among the bunch.

“Sorry sir, customers aren’t allowed to try out this phone without buying it!” The saleswoman said impatiently.

What she really meant was show me the money if you have it, f*ck off if you do not.

“Can’t I even have a look at it first?!” Gerald asked.

He did not have his wallet on him at the moment, so the only way for him to pay was to insert his SIM card into the phone and pay via online payment.

“No, sir! It’s our store’s rules!” The saleswoman snickered.

“Margie! Are you busy at the moment? I’ve brought some friends over to have a look at some phones!”

“Ahhh, welcome!”

At that very moment, a dude with his bunch of friends came over to the store.

“Hayward, aren’t you going to change to a new phone? We’ve just received a new model in our stores!”

The beautiful saleswoman, Margie Steward, gleamed at Hayward with sparkly eyes.

“Oh? A new model?”

Hayward and his friends gathered around.

Concurrently, one of the girls glanced at Gerald, who was about to leave. She was surprised.

“Holy sh*t! Gerald, what are you doing here?”

And that girl was not just any other stranger, it was Lilian Cole.

The one standing next to her was Sharon Leslie, who did not change a single bit.

It seemed like they were all hanging along with Hayward now.

As for Gerald, he had already noticed them.

And for that reason, he was about to leave.

After all, they were just female classmates from high school. Their friendship was long over, and there was nothing much for them to talk about.

Besides, they would probably ridicule him for how he looked, and Gerald did not want to bore himself to the point where he could not hold back his fists.

So, he simply walked away.

But no matter how he tried to slip away, he still failed.

“Why are you still here, are you buying a new phone too?”

“Oh my, you’re really here to get a new phone, do you even have the money? Wait, did you have to relocate, and you’re still thinking of buying a cell phone? And you have the balls to come to this well-known brand’s store?”

Lilian said with a surprised expression.

Sharon, who was standing on the side, looked at Gerald and shook her head with a cynical smile.

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“Whew! Hayward, do you guys know each other?”

The saleswoman asked as she smirked at Gerald.

Hayward was quite well-known amongst the people in this area.

It was rumored that there would be a big development in the west side of Yorknorth Mountain. The village where Hayward resided, Yorknorth Village, will be relocated.

In the near future, this area will be developed into a main commercial zone.

After becoming rich with the demolition compensation, Hayward was very active around the area.

He frequently changes his phone here, hence he got more acquainted with the saleswoman.

“Oh, not really. We were just classmates from high school!”

Hayward shook his head.

Then, he ignored Gerald and turned to Margie, smiling.

“Margie, what about that phone you recommended? Can I have a look, I’m going to buy one for each of my friends!” Hayward said.

Obviously, the friends he was referring to were Lilian and Sharon.

Both girls were beautiful, and they suit Hayward’s taste. But the thing was that both girls seemed to be interested in him as well, which made him really anxious. If he were to break either one’s heart, he too, would be a little heartbroken.

Therefore, he simply chose to have both of them by his side.

The two girls would usually fight and fret all the time, but in turn it boosted Hayward's ego, which made him feel wanted, as though they could not live without him.

Knowing that both of them were getting new phones, they were first delighted by the news, but then they gave each other cold stares.

In what way can either of them get Hayward's sole, unconditional love?

For the girls, they were only envious and jealous of each other.

"Here it is, this is the one! Try it out and have a look first!" Margie smiled as she handed over the phone which she refused to show Gerald to Hayward.

As he stood by the side, Gerald's blood started to boil.

It turns out the store's rules only applied to him!

Gerald wanted to lash out on them.

But Sharon and Lilian were both standing there. Gerald felt a little embarrassed and could not stay on any longer.

He then turned and came across another mega brand's store.

“Sir, a newly-released phone just arrived at our stores! It's an international brand, and it's priced at 4800 Dollars, but the first 50 customers will be able to get this phone with just 4300 dollars! Would you like to have a look, sir?”

As soon as he entered, a saleswoman who looked roughly around 18 or 19 years old smiled at him.

He could tell that she was quite reserved.

She looked like a newcomer here, who does her job without judging a person's outfit.

But the price of the phone definitely gave him a great shock.

The phone was priced at almost 5000 dollars, which was way too overpriced!

But yet, with closer inspection on the features and the brand of the phone, he understood why the phone was that expensive.

Rumor has it that many politicians and military captains used this kind of phone.

The functions of this phone were quite powerful, and the quality was reliable. It can also conceal the user's privacy pretty well.

It was much better than that 2830 dollars phone.

“Sir, this is the most expensive model in our store with pro-features. You can have a look at this too, the price starts at just 1030 dollars!”

The saleswoman thought she had frightened Gerald as he looked stunned.

Who would not be shocked by a phone with a 5000 dollars price tag? Most ordinary people could not afford it, hence she hurriedly recommended something else.

For a megastore with a big-branded phone like this, it was pretty normal for them to sell the cheapest phone with a 1000 dollars as the starting price.

“That wouldn't be necessary, just show me the most expensive phone here. By the way, can I borrow a SIM card pin?” Gerald smiled.

“Yes, sir!” The saleswoman handed both the phone and the pin to Gerald.

The mall was a mobile phone specialty mall, so there were security guards patrolling at the entrance. Besides, there was also a special scanner equipment, hence no one here was to be afraid of losing their wallets or getting robbed.

Upon receiving the requested items, the first thing Gerald did was to insert his SIM card in it.

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“Holy moly, what did you just say Margie? This phone costs 2830 dollars? That’s crazy!”

At the same time, Hayward’s surprised yelp could be heard coming from the mobile phone store not too far away.

Sharon and Lilian who were beside him were also a little startled.

They were definitely shocked by the phone’s price.

They have tried out the phone’s functions and features, all of which were really great. The phone’s camera quality was clear and crisp, and for pretty girls like Sharon and Lilian, having a phone with an excellent camera was more important than anything else.

They all looked at Hayward expectantly, waiting for him to buy one for each of them.

Beads of cold sweat trickled down Hayward’s forehead.

“Nah, it’s too expensive. It’s over 1500 dollars for one, close to 6000 dollars for two, this phone is way too overpriced!”

Hayward wiped the cold sweat off his forehead.

It was confirmed that his house was going to be demolished, but the compensation would only be transferred to him after two or three months. As for now, he could only draw out money from his credit card, and only pay back once he receives the compensation.

He could not afford the phone even if he was beaten to death on site.

“Oh, so there are still things that you can’t afford! Since these beauties like the phone very much, you should at least buy one for them!”

Margie was quite good with her role as the salesperson. She used Sharon and Lilian to persuade Hayward to buy one from her.

“Ehem, maybe not now, we’ll see next time! Come on, let’s go somewhere else!”

He took Sharon and Lilian to another place.

Margie was left disappointed. It took her so much effort to lure Hayward to her store, but he still managed to get away.

She immediately followed behind the group.

“Hayward, why don’t you have a look at this store? They’re a well-known brand too, and even if you buy their lowest-end model, the phone will still attract the attention of many people!” Lilian spoke up.

“Well, let’s see then! F*ck, the lowest-end starts at a thousand dollars?”

Hayward approached the store and his jaw dropped when he saw the price of the phone.

Not to mention, there was a promotional event for a 5000 dollars phone!

He could not hide his shock this time round and he said, “Why don’t we go somewhere else...”

Sharon and Lilian were both disappointed again.

1000 dollars for a phone was indeed expensive, but he was about to receive a huge sum of money once his house got torn down for development anyways. Spending a little bit of that money on them would not hurt much right?

It was not like they were asking him to buy them the 5000 dollars phone.

Just as Lilian was about to beg Hayward, she caught something at the corner of her eyes.

She just so happened to see Gerald, who was inserting his SIM card into a phone.

“Holy moly! Gerald, you’re like a ghost that wouldn’t stop following us around, eh? Besides, did you even check the brand of the phone that you’re buying? How can a peasant like you afford it?”

Lilian was not in the mood. When she met Gerald the first time, there was nothing much for her to say.

But now, they were in a store where Hayward could not even afford to buy them any of the phones. And just as they were about to leave...

They saw Gerald here, flipping the phones around and pretending as if he was able to afford any.

This struck Lilian’s nerves.

Gerald replied in a mocking manner.

“I’m getting a new phone, how is this any of your business?”

Gerald loaded his SIM card into the phone. He quickly downloaded Paypal and was ready to complete his payment.

But after hearing Lilian’s words, he was having none of it.

He immediately replied with a harsh tone.

“Good heavens! Stop pretending, have a look on yourself, how can someone like you afford this type of phone?”

Lilian grew even more agitated.

“Lilian, look! He’s holding the 5000 dollars phone! F*ck, and he’s thinking of buying it? Hahaha!”

At that point, Hayward felt a lot more relieved for not being able to afford the phone. Gerald was there, right in his face, to take his place as the punching bag.

Sharon, too, was glaring at Gerald as her brows furrowed.

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“Who would’ve thought that Gerald is such a great actor? Haha, if we didn’t run into him today, he might have stopped by each cell phone store and then act like he’s going to buy it!”

“I know right, and then he will end up not buying it. I’ve seen far too many actors like him!”

The two girls took turns to scoff at Gerald.

“I hope you’ll become more sensible, Gerald. Your family is poorer than everyone else, and in the future, you’ll have a lower starting point in your career than anyone else. Even Hayward, who’s about to receive his compensation from the demolition of his house doesn’t dare to buy any of the phones, and yet you’re thinking of buying one? Stop pretending!” exclaimed Sharon.

Honestly speaking, her attention had always been on Hayward before this.

She never bothered paying attention on Gerald at all.

Now that even Hayward was mocking Gerald, she could not help but follow suit and ridiculed him with a word or two.

Then, she shook her head in contempt.

“Hayward, since you’ve come all the way here, I’ve just asked my boss for his permission, and now I can sell you that phone for 300 dollars less! The condition is that you’ve to buy two phones, and you’ve to promise me that, in the future, you must bring more customers to my store, or else I’ll be scolded by my boss to death!”

Margie came out of nowhere to convince Hayward to buy her phone.

She was really good with promoting her products, and those who did not know would think that she had suffered a great loss.

Lilian and Sharon were both convinced by her marketing skills.

Hayward had made a mistake, but a mistake is yet just another mistake as he could just change the topic.

“Ahem, just hold on for a moment, Margie. I’m not rich, but the real rich guy is this dude over here. He was about to purchase a 5000 dollars phone, so why don’t you persuade him instead of me!”

Hayward hurriedly shifted the topic to Gerald.

“Huh? Him? I’ll smack myself twice in public if he can even afford it, Hahahaha!”

When Margie saw that the person was Gerald, she laughed so hard that she even snorted. “Hey, Hayward, don’t change the subject and get over to my store to check it out!”

“Miss, you can’t just barge in and snatch our customers away, it’s against our store’s rules!”

The young salesgirl said nervously.

“Oh, you must be new here, am I right? Everyone in this mall knows me, why don’t you go around and ask who am I? If you dare to talk to me like that again, I’ll get someone to slice open your pretty little face after work, so you better watch out!”

The salesgirl dared not speak up anymore.

“Miss, could you get me another one wrap it nicely, I’m buying two of them!”

Gerald brushed off their mockery.

He said to the salesgirl.

Why?

Because it just occurred to Gerald that it seemed like it was also time for Queta to replace her old phone. Since he was going to buy one, he might as well buy one more for her.

“Holy sh*t! Did you guys hear that? He’s buying two? Hahahaha!”

Hearing this, the crowd burst into laughter.

Margie looked at Gerald in awe, she was wondering where this idiot came from, and believed he was joking with them.

The salesgirl took his words seriously and brought another one of the same phone for Gerald.

Gerald used his phone and scanned the payment code, which was then followed by a “ding” sound.

“Payment successful! 8740 dollars deducted from Paypal account!”

“Holy sh*t?”

“What?”

The notification prompt was crisp in their ears.

The crowd was stunned.

Especially Hayward, who was laughing so much that his stomach hurt a second ago. He even bent over from laughing so hard, and after hearing the notification prompt, his smile was immediately wiped off. He stared at Gerald, shocked.

Lilian and Sharon's jaws dropped to the ground.

Their breath was a little shaky at that moment.

They looked down on Gerald, but it never crossed their minds that someone like him would be able to purchase two of the most expensive phones without even needing to think twice.

Where did Gerald get that much money?

Margie was also shocked, and she felt her cheeks were already on fire before she even slapped herself.

"Gerald, where did you get that much money from?"

Gerald took the phone and was about to leave.

Lilian grabbed Gerald's arm.

D*mn! As teachers, their salaries were only 750 to 900 dollars per month, and they had just witnessed Gerald spending their one-year worth of salary on two cell phones.

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That was unbelievable!

Could it be that he has won the lottery?

And how much did he win?

It was apparent that the question bugged Lilian and Sharon very much.

They were anxious and wanted to know the answer.

It did not matter to them if the money was stolen or robbed. They were only hoping that he did not just win the lottery.

Otherwise, it would be too much for them to handle!

“I’ve got things to do, gotta go!”

Gerald ignored their questions as he was not obliged to answer them.

He turned and walked away coldly, leaving them staring with widened eyes and mouths.

The moment he walked out of the door, Gerald immediately called Zack Lyle with his new cell phone.

He told him the predicament that he was facing and that it would be great if he could come and pick him up. He would explain the matter further once they met and they would find ways to resolve it as soon as possible.

Zack was shocked when he heard the news.

He had to act immediately.

Gerald hung up and sent him his location. Then, he returned to Queta’s house.

Just as he walked passed the entrance of Scothow Elementary School...

...He suddenly stopped walking.

Before him, there was a large group of people and a few luxurious cars blocking at the entrance.

Next to it, a taxi was broken to pieces, and wails could be heard coming from the middle of the crowd.

It was clear as day that someone was being beaten.

One of the luxurious cars caught Gerald's attention as it looked familiar. His heart stopped beating for a moment. It was Damien Rye.

He did pursue after them!

And Gerald finally recognized the taxi, it was the one he had taken to come all the way here!

The surrounding onlookers were watching.

Gerald was nervous, and as he turned to the direction everyone was staring, to his horror, he realized that the one being beaten was the previous taxi driver.

He was beaten to a bloody pulp. His body sprawled on the ground, and blood smeared on his entire face.

“D*mn it, are you going to tell or not? Where the hell is that b*tch and that b*stard?”

Damien’s roared heartlessly.

“Mr Rye, please forgive me! I really don’t know, and if I knew, I would have told you!”

The driver lied on the ground, begging.

“They got off from this area, and I don’t know where they went!”

“F*ck, he’s still not telling, beat him up boys!”

His goons took turns to swing and smash him with sticks.

The beatings went on for a few more minutes, and the onlookers felt a chill up their spines.

The driver continued to deny as he was beaten until he became unconscious.

Gerald watched from the side. His entire body was shaking with rage.

And the driver really moved him.

What did he do?

It was because the driver dropped him and the others off near the entrance of the slums, so there was no way he could not have known where Gerald was going!

And it was pretty evident that the driver was not going to tell them anything.

“F*ck, find me this driver’s family, immediately. He must have known where they are, damn it, and he dared to lie to me? I’m going to ruin his entire family!”

Damien roared.

“Listen up, to whoever that saw a beautiful woman with a child and a twenty-year-old kid today, come forward and give us the information. The Ryes will reward you greatly. Otherwise, you might just end up like him!” Damien ordered, his voice boomed with dominance.

“Hmph! Someone come help me pluck out his hamstrings!”

“Stop it!”

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A shout broke through the silence of the crowd.

Damien’s goons stopped when they were just about to beat up the taxi driver.

The crowd immediately looked towards the direction of where the shout came from.

It was Gerald.

While standing here alone and seeing the taxi driver refusing to give up his information even though he was beaten up to the brink of death, Gerald felt a sense of gratitude towards him.

Now, not only was he unconscious, but his family was also dragged into this mess, and he was about to have his tendons plucked and severed by Damien’s goons.

Even if Gerald was inhumane, he would still stand up against this violence!

Gerald walked through the crowd.

“I’m the one you’re looking for, so why are you torturing the driver?”

Gerald glared at Damien, stone cold.

“Ha! Brat, I sure as hell found you, it seems that my gut was right!”

Damien smiled cynically the moment he saw Gerald.’

Earlier, Damien ordered his men to barge into Wynn Thornton’s house so they could capture Gerald and Wynn.

He was bound to teach the two a good lesson.

But at that moment, a taxi suddenly accelerated and drove away.

It drew some attention, especially from Damien Rye, who glanced twice towards the taxi and did not think much of it.

He thought to himself, even if Wynn wanted to take the kid on the run, she still had to drive, but her car was still parked downstairs.

What followed next was when his own men rushed down and reported that there was no one home anymore!

Damien Rye immediately put the pieces together!

Since it was kind of a last-minute thing, he temporarily borrowed his friend's goons from the nearest street to go after them. It was only just a short five or six minutes, so where could Wynn and her child run to?

Shoot!

F*ck, they must be in that taxi!

He immediately picked out a shop's surveillance camera and retrieved the taxi's license plate info and other details.

Then, he had his goons tail the taxi.

The driver turned out to be quite insensible and did not cooperate with them at first.

Which they forced him to only lead them to this place.

But then, he still refused to give up their location.

What the driver had in mind was quite simple. He wanted no part of their business.

He did not want to go against his own conscience to betray others.

He figured that he would let Damien and his goons beat him up, then they would leave him alone.

Hence, he clenched his jaws and withstood to the beatings. This way, Damien might even believe him.

As a result, the driver misjudged Damien Rye. There was no way Damien would fall for it that easily.

Which all led to what was happening now.

But for now, it did not matter to Damien anymore, since the brat he was looking for came out on his own.

“Tell me kid, where did Wynn go? Hm... but of course, it doesn't matter whether you say it or not, because I'm going to teach you an unforgettable lesson later!”

Damien sneered.

“Damien Rye, I know you. You’re from the Rye family, but you do have to give some face to Mayberry International Inc, right? Just for your information, Zack Lyle and his men will be here in less than ten minutes!”

Truth to be told, Gerald started to panic too.

It would not be worth it to be beaten half to death by an *sshole like Damien just like that!

If he was to say he was Gerald Crawford, Damien would not believe it.

He could only mention Zack Lyle.

And when Damien heard of his name, his entire body shook with fear.

Back in Mayberry, Zack Lyle was on par with his own cousin, Henry Rye.

Zack was a business tycoon, and as for his own cousin, he had to rely on the power accumulated by his family through generations and generations in Mayberry, but yet he was still barely equal to Zack.

Now, the ruthless Michael Zeke and the people from Mayberry International Inc. were on their way.

Rumor has it that Michael Zeke was very powerful.

Therefore, it would be a lie for an asset like Damien who lived under the shadow of his cousin, to be unafraid when he heard of their names.

“Boss, don’t listen to this kid. Why would Mr Lyle come to a place like this!”

Immediately, one of his men tried to persuade him.

“Crap, of course I know that!” Damien cursed. “B*stard, you tried to scare me with Mr Lyle, I’ve seen this kind of trick too many times! Die! Go and get him!”

Damien waved his hand fiercely.

His group of bodyguards rushed at Gerald. The scene was even more frightening to the surrounding onlookers.

“Oh my, this kid will probably end up even worse than the driver this time!”

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“Agreed. I guess he was scared out of his wits, that’s why he brought up Zack Lyle’s name, but why didn’t he say he’s Gerald Crawford?”

“Young people these days, they love messing around. Don’t they know that there are some people who cannot be messed with at all?”

The surrounding onlookers shook their heads and sighed.

But none of them dared to come out and do justice. They did not even dare to videotape the entire scene when the ruthless Damien Rye was around.

Gerald was being held down by a few bodyguards.

“Hahaha, hold his head down tightly. I’m going to bash his head into a bleeding pulp!”

Damien picked up a stick. He held the stick up high, ready to swing and smash.

Buzz!

Suddenly, more than thirty luxury cars came whizzing by.

A car took a sharp brake and swung its tail directly at the onlookers.

Then, a team of black-suited bodyguards came down from the cars.

The atmosphere was tense.

Two extremely agile bodyguards dashed speedily towards the scene, and with three strikes, they managed to wrestle Damien and forced him on the ground.

“Don’t you dare mess with me, do you guys know who I am? I’m Damien f*cking Rye, cousin of Henry Rye of the Rye Group, so don’t you dare touch me!”

Damien felt that this was something out of the ordinary as he felt the strength of the bodyguards.

Feeling things were getting helpless at his end, he hurriedly begged for mercy.

“Hmph, you’re lucky that I came earlier, otherwise not only will Damien die, but also me!”

Zack Lyle came trotting towards the scene.

He kicked Damien Rye right at his face.

Fresh blood spewed out of his mouth.

As soon as Zack heard that Gerald was in trouble, he immediately dropped all his work aside and brought his men over to resolve the situation.

Naturally, there were people coming over to find out what was going on, only then did they find out that someone was after Gerald again.

So, Zack immediately rushed to the scene, only to find out that he was almost too late!

If that stick smashed against his head.

Things would not go well for Gerald.

Even though Damien was from the Rye family, both Zack Lyle and Damien Rye would not survive the consequences either. Only a number of people in America knew about the strength of the Crawfords, and Zack was one of them.

It would be a lie if he said he was not afraid of them.

“Mr Crawford, are you alright?”

After beating up Damien Rye, Zack helped Gerald up tenderly.

“What? Mr Lyle, he’s Mr Crawford? The Crawford of Mayberry?”

Damien panicked.

He was also confused.

He was surprised that Zack would even come here, and even more shocked when Gerald was actually Gerald Crawford!

“Whew! How can you not recognize Gerald Crawford of the Crawford family...Bang!”

Before he could even finish speaking, Zack picked up the stick on the ground and smashed it towards Damien’s head.

The swing was so forceful to the point Damien’s eyes almost turned white.

“Mr Lyle... please, I’m the cousin of Henry Rye, could you please give him some face and spare me...”

“Spare you? Do you really think things are this simple?”

Then, another luxury car came whizzing. This time, more help came and the entire street was completely blocked.

Michael Zeke had brought more men over.

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“Holy sh*t! Lilian, Sharon! Can the both of you please run quicker, something major is happening over at Scothow Elementary School! F*ck! There are sixty to seventy luxury cars blocking the entire street!”

At that moment, many people on the street ran towards Scothow Elementary School upon hearing the news. They wanted to see what was happening there.

It was an extraordinary scene which they had never seen before. Sixty to seventy Rolls Royce Phantoms blocked the road, which was simply awesome!

Hayward Davies and the others were even more curious.

They immediately ran ahead of the others.

“What the hell happened?”

“I don’t know, I heard that a kid was beaten up, and then Zack Lyle and Michael Zeke from Mayberry came here. I also heard that quite a few commerce leaders and Mayberry’s higher ups are here. Just the bodyguards, they’re almost a hundred of them surrounding the scene!”

Hayward shouted excitedly.

“Holy sh*t!” Sharon Leslie and Lilian Cole were even more excited now. All of them rushed towards the scene...

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The place was getting more and more crowded.

Damien Rye was also getting more dumbfounded.

He was the one who ordered his men to go after Gerald, and as a result, almost half of Mayberry, be it the military, or government officials, or even the business higher-ups came here instead.

Even his very own cousin, Henry Rye was at the scene. He was deeply embarrassed.

On the other hand, Gerald could not stay any longer after being surrounded by so many people.

If he stayed, his identity would definitely be exposed.

Moreover, the driver was still unconscious and no one was taking care of him. He approached the group of bodyguards and then instructed Flynn Lexington, who had just arrived, to do something about it.

They immediately drove the car, bypassing the crowd, and sent the driver to the hospital.

As for the rest of the matter, Gerald believed that Flynn would take care of it.

“Damn, they’re all really here!”

Hayward and the others finally managed to squeeze through the crowd after a lot of effort.

Seeing the spectacle in front of them, they were simply gobsmacked.

Lilian and Sharon’s jaws fell wide open.

“Isn’t that Flynn Lexington?”

Hayward immediately spotted Flynn who was standing majestically in the center.

He asked obnoxiously.

“Huh? How do you know big shots like Flynn Lexington?”

Lilian and Sharon were now even more amazed by Hayward.

“Mhmm, well, do you remember that time we went to Yorknorth Mountain for a picnic. In fact, that afternoon, Gerald Crawford from Mayberry came to our village with MrFlexington and signed a series of contracts!”

“Hehe, my father is the accountant for our village, and he was also appointed as the head accountant of the Yorknorth Mountain Village Development project, so he has to deal with Mr Lexington. Didn’t I mention that I went to Wayfair Mountain Entertainment last week? I know you wouldn’t believe it but my dad really took me there. My dad even asked me to have a toast with Mr Lexington!”

Since this project was Gerald’s first development project, Flynn paid very much attention to it, and he had to entertain everyone involved in it.

“That’s unbelievable! Even if you beat me to death I still wouldn’t believe that you went to Wayfair Mountain Entertainment!”

The two girls were quite jealous and envious of him.

“Oh, still taking me for a bragger, huh?”

Hayward raised his eyebrows.

“Are you done bragging little brat?”

“Damn, this kid really likes to pretend eh? As soon as there’s a big scene, they act next to each other as if they know what’s going on or they know the big shots. Drop the act brat.”

“That’s right, what’s the point of pretending. Go there and say hello if you’ve got the balls.”

Before Lilian and Sharon could question him.

Few onlookers on the side scowled at Hayward.

“Then you’ll just have to wait and see!”

Hayward did not say much. With both of his hands in his pocket, he walked up amidst the surprised gazes of the crowd.

“Hello Mr Lexington, I didn’t expect to run into you here!”

Hayward greeted with a slightly constrained expression.

Flynn was stunned at first, then he scanned Hayward up and down, "You are?"

"My father is Quashawn Davies, nicknamed Davy Baton, an accountant from Yorknorth Mountain Village. We met you last week!"

Hayward was nervous and afraid that Flynn Lexington would forget about him.

"Ah I remember now, you're Little Davy. There's nothing else here now, don't pry. You better leave here early and return home!"

As soon as Flynn heard about Yorknorth village, he paid a considerable amount of attention to him and shook his hands.

He told Hayward to leave the scene quickly.

"Oh my god, oh my god! Sharon look, Flynn Lexington really knows Hayward!"

Lillain was completely excited.

If only she could shout, she would've totally done it.

“Uh-huh!”

And while Sharon was shocked, she also stared at Hayward, impressed.

At that very moment, Sharon felt as though Hayward was so incredibly handsome that she felt all those other dashing men she had seen before were no match for him!

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Hayward had returned to the crowd with glee as the crowd looked at him with awe-filled eyes.

“Alright, Mr Lexington just told me that we shouldn’t be staying here, something big might happen later, so I think we’d better retreat first!”

Hayward smiled.

“Yeah, yeah, anything you say Hayward!”

The crowd nodded and then left in a hurry. The embarrassment that Hayward felt after being proven wrong by Gerald earlier, all vanished at that point.

Compared to Hayward, Gerald could not even be considered humane.

Speaking about Gerald...

He had already sent the good-willed driver to the hospital.

As for the matter which he informed Flynn Lexington about, he told him to look after the driver's family and sent over a sum of money.

To show his gratitude.

As for Queta's family, Gerald was thinking of going back after Flynn had completely settled the matter.

Just as Gerald was struggling to decide about where to head next.

Suddenly, he saw someone in the class group chat tagging all the members.

It was Cassandra McGregor.

"The entire class must gather at the university's Student Entrepreneurship Base, Block B, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Be there or be square!"

Gerald was stunned. What were they going to do at the Entrepreneur Base?

Just as he was wondering to himself, he received a call from Harper Sullivan.

“Gerald, where are you? Have you read the class news?”

“I read it! By the way, what’s this all about?”

Gerald asked.

“F*ck, Felicity is really incredible. Didn’t City Live just get upgraded to Exceptional Live? Now that Felicity is under the support of Exceptional Channel, she can maintain her level as a reputable anchor. She has started her own business and owns her own studio. Since tomorrow is the open celebration, why don’t we head there this afternoon to see what we can help with!”

“Ugh, we still have no idea what to do after our graduation. And look at Felicity, she owns a company now!” Harper sighed.

Gerald remained silent and smiled.

You could say that Felicity worked hard to feed and raise herself to this point. At this moment, she was considered the most influential among the other classmates, and rumor had it that she was earning around 15,000 dollars per month.

That was a lot of money.

As for Harper and the rest, Gerald would never forget them, and there will be plenty of opportunities for them in the future.

But as there were many troubling matters at hand, Gerald was unwilling to attend the meeting.

But since the entire class was going, it would not seem polite if he did not turn up.

“Fine, then let’s meet at the Entrepreneur Base!

Once the call ended, he handed the car to his bodyguard and took a taxi.

By the time he arrived at the place, he was an hour late.

“Gerald, what took you so long? Luckily, you’re not the latest one, haha!”

Harper patted Gerald on the shoulder.

“Something was up, that’s why I’m late. Right, why are all of you still outside? Isn’t it three o’clock, damn, why isn’t the door open yet? Where’s Felicity?”

Gerald looked at the base's entrance, where the door to a separate studio was still locked.

Then he asked.

“Huh, now that she's a famous, reputable news anchor, us classmates are just hanging outside to wait. We're still waiting for Felicity to arrive!”

Harper commented sourly.

They were all from the same class and had the same starting point, but Felicity had become a money-making internet celebrity overnight, which made the other classmates somewhat jealous.

“Felicity is here!”

Suddenly, one of the classmates shouted.

Then, Felicity was seen coming out from a Ferrari sports car. A few boys who were loitering around immediately gathered around her to take pictures of her. They were also hoping to get the chance to greet her.

In the end, Felicity did not even bother. With her shades on and the protection of her bodyguards, she walked straight towards the Entrepreneur Base.

While looking at Felicity, who was not the same as before, his eyes slightly flickered...

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The way Felicity dressed herself up today was not the same as how she used to. She used to dress like a goddess to give off a flirtatious charm, but now her dressing seemed more mature and elegant.

Frankly speaking, as Felicity was already very beautiful to begin with, she looked even more attractive now.

Gerald was awestruck.

As for Felicity, she did not expect her career to be so successful.

Sometimes, it really was just a matter of opportunity.

If it was not for Ordinary Man, she might have still stayed as a small, anonymous, live-streamer.

But now, such a big transformation has taken place in just a matter of a few months.

The feeling of being admired by many was simply amazing.

Moreover, once people had achieved certain heights, their personalities would also somehow change. Felicity was much more aloof and colder than before.

In the past, when she saw fans greeting her, Felicity would greet them with a smile. Now, she ignored them.

She opened the door to let the students in.

Felicity crossed her arms. “Is everyone here yet? If so, Blondie will assign the work to everyone. Today, be sure to help me clean out the studio, I can’t delay tomorrow’s opening. And by the way, I’ll treat everyone tonight for dinner at Emperor Karaoke Bar, you can order anything you want to eat or drink!”

“Yay!”

The crowd shouted with excitement.

Felicity beamed with pride at the moment.

It made some people jealous.

It was normal for people to feel proud. Since Ordinary Man had bought the entire channel just for her, and who else had this much good luck?

Their jealousy towards her was bearable and not to the point of hatred.

Plus, the crowd had always liked to party.

Especially in a place like Mayberry Commercial Street.

When they heard that they would be treated to dinner at Emperor Karaoke Bar, of course the crowd would be excited.

Blondie was as excited as a dog wagging its tail.

The guy was quite fond of taking advantage of the situation. Now that he was sticking by Felicity, his position in the class had been promoted to second in command.

It was also true that Blondie was very attentive when he worked for Felicity, as if he was handling his own family-owned business.

He assigned the work in a well-organized manner.

There were a handful of students who did not want to work for Felicity, but as that would be quite disrespectful and it was not worth offending Felicity like that, hence they cooperated.

“F*ck, why did I forget the toilet! I need to find someone to clean the toilet!”

After all the work was distributed, Blondie scratched his head and frowned.

“Huh? Blondie, there’s no need for us to clean the toilet! Scrubbing the floor is just fine!”

Few boys in the class were afraid of being chosen to clean the toilet.

They hurriedly gave Blondie a cigarette.

Blondie cheerfully took it. He did not want to offend anyone from the class, but there was one person that he did not bother about.

“Gerald, how about you do the job. You no longer have to clean up windows, just handle the toilet. That place is a loner’s heaven. I’ll check in after you finish cleaning it up, haha!”

Blondie pointed at Gerald who was cleaning with a rag.

“Pfft!” The classmates burst into laughter.

“Yeah, Gerald will do the job just fine, he cleans up better than we do, so it’s perfect to leave the toilet to him!”

“Hmm, Gerald is indeed the perfect candidate!”

The students all spoke in unison.

On the other hand, Gerald did not want to clean the windows for Felicity. F*ck, she opened up her business and asked them to work for her, where is the logic?

Harper and the others did not say anything, and Gerald was not the kind of person who would pick a fight after all.

They might as well just do it.

Now, it was obvious that Blondie was deliberately trying to bully him.

He did not want to offend the other students, but the only person he was not afraid to offend was Gerald. That just showed that Blondie was definitely looking down on him.

Gerald wanted to refuse.

“What’re you still waiting for? I told you to clean up the toilet, and you do as I say, or else you won’t get to eat tonight! Hahaha!”

The female classmates who had been following Felicity also mocked Gerald alongside Blondie.

“What the hell is this, you want Gerald to clean the toilet for you guys?”

At that instance, Benjamin Langdon yelled at them as he smacked the rag on the ground.

Ever since the last time Gerald and Harper helped him, Benjamin had regarded the two as brothers who were more important than his own life.

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Benjamin and Harper were not too sure about Gerald’s strength. They could not help but feel that he was actually very powerful.

These people were obviously attempting to stir up trouble.

Naturally, they felt unhappy and reluctant when they saw everyone mocking Gerald.

“Oh, Benjamin, and Harper, what is the matter? It’s the opening day of Felicity’s studio. Are you both going to cause trouble instead of helping out?”

The female classmate sneered as she turned a cold shoulder.

“You!”

“Forget it, Benjamin, Harper. Don’t worry. I will just do it!”

Gerald replied with a wry smile on his face, not wanting Benjamin and Harper to offend them because of this trivial matter.

It wasn’t worth to slap them in the face by revealing his identity now. Gerald felt the method only too vulgar.

What would he be trying to prove?

Hah!

It was why he would rather turn the big problems into small ones and the small ones into no issues at all. It was just a trivial matter after all.

Gerald went to clean the washroom after that.

As for Felicity, she only glanced at them slightly when the conflict almost took place.

However, when Gerald passed her, she didn't even dare lift her eyes to look at him.

And just like that, Gerald ended up cleaning the washroom.

The people outside continued enjoying themselves, whereas Gerald quietly cleaned the washroom by himself.

Suddenly, Zack called Gerald, saying that Damien had already been settled and that all his limbs were broken.. He would probably have to spend the next few months in bed. That said, Damien didn't dare tell Henry about this.

Why?

It was because Zack had evidence that Damien had been stealing money from his cousin's company for years.

Anyway, he would not be able to cause any trouble at all for the time being.

He heaved a big sigh as he told Wynn about it.

Naturally, he didn't tell her that he was the one who had helped, simply saying that Rye Group had a confrontation with Mayberry International Inc. After that, someone took care of Damien, and he told Wynn that she could put her mind at ease.

After that, Zack just ended the call.

All of a sudden, the door to the washroom was pushed open.

Gerald saw Felicity walking into the washroom with a cold expression on her face.

"I asked you. Are you sick? Have you had enough? I already told you that I won't be seeing you! Why would I meet you? Who do you think you are?"

"Hahaha! Thought you were a big shot, huh? All you gave me was 12 or 13,000 dollars right? Did you really think that you could act like a big shot just because of that? Why don't you give me your bank account now? I will transfer the money back to you now. I will transfer 15,000 dollars to you right away, so you disappear and never ever show up again. Who has ever heard 'Jersey' on Exceptional Live anyway? Get lost!"

Felicity hung up the phone angrily.

The female classmate who had been hanging around Felicity came into the washroom. Her name was Yvonne and she was rather disgusting and sickening.

“Felicity, is that Jersey harassing you again?” asked Yvonne.

“Yes! Yes! He even said that he would come to the university to pick me up so I could accompany him for a drink. Who does he think he is?” replied Felicity smugly.

Gerald, who was cleaning the washroom at that time couldn't help but speak up.
“Jersey? Isn't that the rich dude who's always in your broadcast room? Hasn't he been paying a lot of attention to you all this while? Didn't he give you lots of gifts during your last competition? Not to mention the number of red envelopes he's been giving you in private.”

Gerald had some recollection about who Jersey was. Felicity only had two big shots behind her back all this while. The first was him and the second was this dude called Jersey.

Gerald felt that Jersey definitely liked Felicity more than he did. This was because she had told him herself on WeChat that Jersey would often pursue her and send her many red envelopes, although she refused to accept it.

She even took screenshots and sent it to Gerald as proof. Why?

Was it because she wanted to prove to Gerald that she wasn't interested in other men?

Nonetheless, Gerald felt Felicity crossed the line a little when he heard her scolding Jersey like that, so he couldn't stop himself from speaking up.

“So, what? That person can't even reflect on himself! All he keeps trying to do is ask Felicity out. Don't you think he deserves the scolding? By the way, Gerald, how do you know everything that happens in Felicity's live broadcast room? Don't tell me a pathetic jerk like you actually watch her live broadcasts too?” Yvonne asked in surprise.

Even Felicity was looking at Gerald.

Of course, she wasn't surprised that he actually watched her live broadcast. She wasn't even surprised that he was criticizing and rebuking her.

She was only surprised by his last sentence.

“How did you know that Jersey sent me red envelopes in private?” asked Felicity as she stared at Gerald.

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It was only natural that Felicity was surprised.

Fuck! She had never mentioned this matter to her roommates before. So, how did Gerald find out about the red envelope Jersey sent to her in private?

She did not say anything to anyone, aside from Brother Ordinary Man.

“Ahhh?”

Gerald panicked for a moment when faced with Felicity’s question.

He really didn’t understand how Felicity could have been that cruel, and as a result, he couldn’t stop himself from interfering, merely blurting out everything that was on his mind.

Then, he suddenly remembered that Felicity told him all these on his second WeChat account.

“Well... when I was watching your live broadcast one night, I saw Jersey talking to you about some red envelopes that he sent in private. So, at that time, I thought he must have been sending them to you in private!”

Gerald hastily made up some gibberish.

Felicity, nonetheless, felt a little more relieved.

Yvonne, who was standing aside, sneered.

“Hahaha! Gerald, I really did not expect you to be so pathetic. To think that you actually watch Felicity’s live broadcast every night too. To be honest, do you do any bad and inappropriate things when you are watching Felicity on her live broadcast?” she asked with a lascivious smile.

Felicity was very generous when it came to this, but now, she stared at Gerald with the coldest of eyes.

She really didn’t expect Gerald to be a fan of hers too.

“I didn’t do that!” Gerald replied truthfully.

Although he had thought about it more than once, he had never actually done anything like that before.

“Hmph. You better not! Our Felicity is a goddess that you can never get close to anyway!” replied Yvonne as she tried to flatter Felicity.

“Alright, then. Go see if everyone has finished cleaning outside. Gerald, you can continue cleaning up.”

Felicity then turned around and left immediately.

Gerald blew out a breath of relief.

It had been so risky just now, almost impossible to explain himself.

After pondering for a while, Gerald took out his cell phone and logged into his second WeChat account.

He sent a text message to Felicity.

In general, he said that he had been watching her live broadcast lately and felt she'd changed a lot. Feeling she was no longer the same person she used to be, he also mentioned she no longer showed the same enthusiasm toward her fans.

He thought her show was getting boring, and it seemed as though he would have to watch some other beautiful anchors in the future.

It was all in the name of scaring her a little.

After all, he was the one who brought her up and made her famous, and he knew all too well that her current vicious attitude would only cause harm sooner or later. Gerald felt that he had to give her a warning and reminder in advance.

He didn't want her to take the wrong path.

After they were done cleaning, Felicity called for a few cars as everyone prepared to head over to Emperor Karaoke Bar.

The group came out and waited outside.

“Felicity, look! Brother Ordinary Man sent you a message!”

Yvonne ran out with Felicity’s cell phone in her hand.

“Huh? When did he send me that?”

“Four minutes ago! I didn’t hear it!” apologized Yvonne.

“Damn it! I asked you to hold onto my cell phone; you can check if I’m getting any messages on WeChat. It means twenty-four hours a day! Why did you delay four minutes?”

When Felicity heard this, she became very anxious.

“Well, Felicity... when everyone was preparing to leave just now, I saw that a few places hadn’t been cleaned up yet. Gerald was about to leave, but I made him clean it up again. When I finally saw that Brother Ordinary Man sent you a message, four minutes had already passed!” replied Yvonne, a hint of fear spreading over her face.

“It’s okay. I will just reply to Brother Ordinary Man’s message now...”

After taking a look at the content of Brother Ordinary Man’s message, Felicity was stupefied.

She felt like crying.

“Felicity, what’s wrong?” Yvonne asked.

“I think Brother Ordinary Man doesn’t love me anymore. He said I’ve changed. Have I really changed, Yvonne? Have I changed in any way? Am I no longer the Felicity that he used to love?”

Felicity started crying.

She felt hopelessly anxious.

Compared to everyone else, Felicity was more concerned about Brother Ordinary Man’s perception of her.

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“Felicity, don’t be nervous. Explain yourself to Ordinary Man immediately!”

Yvonne advised her.

“Which car should I get into?”

At that moment, Gerald stepped outside once he was done with his work.

He saw that there were many cars parked in front of him. He could not help but ask Yvonne since she was the one who asked him to stay for the clean-up.

‘Does she want me to hail a taxi back just like the last time?’

“You can just get into any car you want. Don’t you notice that Felicity is feeling troubled? You’re just so dim-witted, good-for-nothing!”

Yvonne scolded him impatiently.

“Yvonne, don’t bother him. Help me think of a way to reply Ordinary Man’s message quickly!”

Felicity said anxiously.

As they were discussing, Felicity then thought of a response. She then drafted the reply.

The sound of a bell was heard.

In that instance, a sharp notification tone ringed and Felicity caught it faintly. It seemed to come from a student's phone from the car beside them.

It stunned Felicity.

"Oh gosh! What's going on? Yvonne, did you hear that?"

"What?"

"I don't know whether it's just a coincidence. You know what? When I sent a message just now, I heard a notification ringtone from one of the cars, receiving a message."

Felicity thought, 'It doesn't seem like a coincidence.'

'Does it mean that Ordinary Man is one of my classmates?'

'Who could he be?'

Felicity became anxious.

“I didn’t hear that. Besides, there are so many similar notification ringtones. Felicity, aren’t you overthinking?”

Yvonne asked, puzzled.

Felicity tried to listen, and what Yvonne said was true indeed. There were many students who received messages at the same time.

She then nodded in disappointment.

‘Yes, I’m always so anxious when it comes to Ordinary Man. Even now, I’ve become so sensitive and nervous about him.’

“Maybe I was overthinking. Let’s go!”

Felicity said dispiritedly, as she noticed that Ordinary Man did not reply. She immediately appeared listless.

At the same time, Gerald who was in the car, wiped away the sweat that formed around his forehead anxiously. He quickly logged out of his other account on social media.

‘Oh my god! That was a close call!’

Gerald thought to himself.

At the Emperor Karaoke Bar. Gerald was quite familiar with that place.

Felicity was considerably quite capable and wealthy given that she could book such a huge private room directly. It was more than sufficient to fit around sixty people.

The classmates gathered there just like they were having a party, and it was rather lively and noisy.

At first, most of them were too embarrassed to sing in front of everyone. But shortly after warming up, they started to get into the mood and started singing vehemently.

Although their singing wasn't melodious or in key, they just wanted to enjoy themselves.

Gerald was drinking beer with Harper and the others.

“God d*mn it! What do you mean? Are you crazy?”

Suddenly, Felicity shouted into her phone and it startled everyone.

Everyone soon fell into silence.

At the same time, somebody switched off the music too.

“What’s wrong, Felicity?”

Blondie and the others immediately asked with concern.

“Blondie, I’m threatened by Jake. I don’t know where he got my personal photos, and he even knows that I’m at the Emperor Karaoke Bar now. He said that he’s coming for me. F*ck! He’s mad! Fine, let him come. I just want to see what he’s up to!”

Felicity lashed out nervously.

“Fine, let him come. There are a lot of us here!”

Blondie raised his beer and shouted.

“Felicity, please calm down. Just think about it. Jake is a local here in Mayberry. He was able to get your personal photos and even knows that you’re here. He must have some ways to dig into it. Please calm yourself down and let’s tackle this issue. Otherwise, why don’t you ask for help from your seniors from Exceptional Live and tell them about it?”

As Naomi was drinking beer with Gerald, she then reminded Felicity about the idea.

Felicity sneered. “I don’t care. I’m going to lose my sanity like this! He said that he wants to stop me from leaving, and he claimed that he’s going to hire somebody to rape me. D*mn it! Who the hell does he think he is? I want him to know! I’m not someone to be messed with easily!”

Felicity sputtered.

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“Felicity, if that’s the case, go and call up your seniors from your company immediately. And contact Ordinary Man quickly too!”

One of the girls said nervously.

Since she was a girl, she became rather nervous hearing that somebody else was coming, looking for trouble and to pick a fight.

Felicity sniggered. “What should I be afraid of? I need nobody. If Jake dares to come to Emperor Karaoke Bar for me, I’ll make him pay a heavy price for it. We’ve got a close friend, and even the CEO here is afraid of that friend of ours. This is our territory!”

Felicity planted her arms at her waist firmly and burst into laughter.

Gerald was stunned. ‘Oh gosh! Is my identity exposed?’

They were puzzled. "Who is that?"

When they learned that they had a friend like that, Yvonne and the others became quite curious.

Felicity boldly replied. "Let's not talk about it anymore. I just want you to know that you've got nothing to be afraid of. I'm here to take care of the situation. Let's just enjoy ourselves!"

Blondie and the others then held up their wine glasses and gulped the wine down excitedly.

The scene then grew increasingly vibrant and noisy.

However, Gerald became quite nervous and worried.

Felicity was just too smug and arrogant.

Gerald regretted it slightly. He wondered if he should talk to Exceptional Live and ask them to censure her about it.

As he was deep in thought on the matter, he heard a bang all of a sudden.

The door of the private room was kicked wide open.

Soon after, a lot of people flocked the private room.

There were around thirty of them.

“What the hell are you doing?”

Blondie was stunned at first and then gained his sense as he shouted.

A few youths were then seen pulling Blondie’s hair. They then grabbed a bottle of beer and smashed it hard on his head directly. He immediately fell to the floor.

The girls soon started screaming.

“Don’t move!”

Some youths shouted ferociously.

Those girls had seen people getting into fights before but never have they witnessed such savage and cruel fights, and there were many of them.

They were ruthless and ferocious. They acted without any hesitation. Certainly, the girls were terrified.

“What are you doing? Don’t you know what place this is? Do you know who I am?”

Not only the girls, but even Felicity was terrified too.

No matter how smug and arrogant Felicity appeared, she was still scared deep inside.

She stood up immediately and answered back with a flushed face.

“Of course I know who the hell you are. You’re Felicity, and you’re an arrogant internet celebrity. Didn’t you ask me to come for you? Now that I’ve come, what do you think about it, Felicity? Don’t you want to have a drink with me given how I’ve supported you?”

A thirty-eight-year-old man who was slightly plump stepped forward and smirked coldly.

Amongst the lot, he was the only one who dressed up casually, decked in just a T-shirt.

His arms were also covered with dragon tattoos. He seemed quite a gangster.

“Are you Jake?”

After observing, it wasn't difficult for Felicity to catch on who he was.

“How dare you come to Emperor Karaoke Bar for me! Just wait and see if I'll hire somebody to deal with you!”

Felicity retorted, without showing any fear.

However, Jake was not afraid at all. He just smiled coldly and walked toward Felicity.

After that...

A loud smack was heard, and he slapped Felicity's face directly.

Felicity immediately stumbled on the sofa at the impact of the slap.

“F*ck you, b*tch! Don't you think so highly about yourself! At first, I spent some money to have fun with you just because you seem quite beautiful. But surprisingly, you don't even appreciate it. You looked down on me! There's no rush to get somebody to deal with me today. Let me teach you a hard lesson first!”

Jake sniggered coldly.

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At the same time, all of a sudden, the door swung side open.

“Miss Dunn, who were you referring to? Who dares to pick a fight here?”

They were the bodyguards who worked at Emperor Karaoke Bar. There were five of them, and they entered the private room with Yvonne.

Yvonne was quite a smart girl. When the others barged into the private room just now and got into a fight with Blondie, she sneaked away quietly and carefully as they were beating Blondie up.

As the room was dark and fights were ongoing, hence nobody bothered about Yvonne.

She then quickly hailed the bodyguards.

The bodyguards there seemed quite sturdy.

“Oh! It’s the CEO—Mr. Jotherell! Hello, Mr. Jotherell!”

Unexpectedly, the bodyguards were stunned the moment Jake turned around and looked at them.

“Who the hell is Mr. Jotherell? He’s the one who’s beating people up here!”

The minute Yvonne saw how the bodyguards reacted, she was stunned.

“What nonsense are you talking about? Does Mr. Jotherell have to trouble himself with beating you up? He’s the CEO from a listed company—Rye Group. Why would he trouble himself with such childish young people like you? We’re leaving now. Please don’t talk nonsense next time. If not, we’ll make you pay for it. Mr. Jotherell, we’ll leave you to your business!”

The bodyguards flashed him a polite smile before retreating from the scene.

In fact, the bodyguards were not afraid of Jake. But Flynn had ordered them to show some respect to the people from the Rye Group if they came to the Emperor Karaoke Bar.

They could not help it since Rye Group was infamous for its villainous and treacherous acts in Mayberry.

However, if Mayberry International Inc was going to stand against Rye Group, they were not afraid at all. But they needed to be courteous to each other.

So if some customers offended the people from Rye Group, and they came looking for trouble there, the bodyguards would just ignore them.

As Jake knew about his stand well, he knew where the line was not to cross.

But Felicity became quite nervous after listening to the bodyguards.

'D*mn it! The person who I despise the most is actually the CEO from Rye Group!

'No wonder he could look me up and obtain my personal details.'

Seeing that the bodyguards retreated in fear, Felicity's confidence plummeted.

"Felicity, what do you think? Do you want to have a drink with me now? I know that you want to call your seniors from Exceptional Live. Fine. Why don't you give it a try? By the way, just tell them my name, and see if they are even willing to give you a hand."

Jake smirked.

Felicity touched her flushed face and said, "Don't be smug here. Who told you that I'm calling my seniors? I'm going to call up someone else. I'll definitely make you pay for this until you cannot even leave unscathed!"

It was certainly useless to call her seniors, so she had no choice but to ask for someone else's help.

“Fine. Just make the call. I want to see how capable you are!”

Jake appeared like he was enjoying the show, eager to know what other tricks she could pull at.

Felicity made a call immediately and described the current situation to the person at the other end of the phone.

She then proudly folded her arms and glared at Jake.

Gerald sat at the corner, and brushed it off ignorantly, as if it had nothing to do with him. He was actually rather surprised to see that Felicity had quite good connections. There seemed like there was someone else who was also on her side besides him.

It was true indeed.

Soon enough, Gerald heard multiple footsteps of what seemed to be a large group of people outside the private room.

It was apparent that the large group was rushing toward the private room.

The door of the private room was opened again. A group of bodyguards in black barged in and faced Jake's subordinates ferociously.

Jake was caught by surprise.

He grew even more surprised to see the person who came in last with the group of bodyguards. "Mr. Lexington, you're..."

The person who entered the private room was none other than the manager of Emperor Karaoke Bar—Flynn.

"Mr. Jotherell, you're quite a man of reputation. Why look for trouble with a bunch of university students? Why not, let it go for my sake?" Flynn started walking towards Jake and flashed a faint smile.

'Of course. Since you've brought it up and we're at your place too. You're on their side. How could I say no?"

Jake glanced at the bodyguards and he did not dare to act recklessly.

"You've misunderstood, Mr. Jotherell. I'm not trying to protect Miss Nelson here, but one of my leaders does. She always protects her. Besides, she mentioned that everyone here is somewhat related to her. Hence, you cannot touch any of them!"

Flynn said.

“Oh? May I have the liberty to know who that is, given that you’re willing to act like this on her behalf?” Jake smiled politely and asked.

“It’s me! What seems to be the problem here?”

At that moment, a clear female voice could be heard. She then strutted into the private room, her high heels clicking.