

# Life at the Top Chapter 16

Although Penelope was reluctant to admit so, she knew that comparing Wendy to her would just be like comparing a swan to an ugly duckling.

Overcome with low self-esteem and jealousy, words began spilling out of her mouth uncontrollably.

Wendy was not angered by Penelope's insults. She simply shook her head. "It can't be helped. You take pride in sleeping with other men, but do you think all women are like you? I'm sorry, I'm not a woman like that," she said.

Everyone was immersed in the way Wendy carried herself.

Ever since she appeared, Hugh had been staring at her lustfully.

Even if he were to disregard her angelic beauty, she trumped all his other women with her elegant demeanor.

How could he miss out on a woman like that?

"Well said!"

Hugh, who had already fallen for Wendy's charms, was the first to shout out supportively.

Penelope's face paled. She looked at the man beside her in disbelief.

Why was he supporting Wendy Schuler? Could he not see that she was scolding her?

Nevertheless, Hugh did not have the slightest interest in Penelope at all at this moment. He walked over to Wendy with a smile on his face. "Miss, my name is Hugh Lewis. I'm the chairman of Lantern Capital," he said.

Based on Hugh's experience, every time he told women his identity, they would show him their prettiest smile and fawn all over him.

However, Wendy did not do so. She took a step back, giving off an imminent sense of isolation. Even the way her brows curved into a frown was breathtakingly gorgeous.

"I'm sorry, I don't know you. I don't intend to get to know you either," she said.

Hugh's identity clearly meant nothing in front of the daughter of the wealthiest man in the province.

Although Hugh did not know her background, his interest in her grew!

This was the first time he got rejected by a woman after starting up his business.

This sense of excitement and curiosity reminded him of his impulsive behavior back in his youthful days!

"I think that we can get to know each other better..."

Jasper pulled Wendy to his side while he was speaking.

"Mr. Lewis, she's my date. You're talking too much," Jasper said lightly, putting Wendy behind him.

Talking... too much!

Everyone looked around awkwardly. Although they all found Hugh's behavior unsightly and inappropriate, no one had the nerves to call him out except for Jasper.

Hugh's expression darkened instantly. He stared at Jasper with a brute, lethal glint in his eyes.

Wendy did not expect Jasper to stand up for her. A pool of warmth formed in her heart.

However, she knew about Hugh's position and abilities. She came close to Jasper and softly whispered into his ear, "Jasp, I don't feel well. Why don't we leave first?"

Jasper understood her at once. She wanted to help him escape this difficult situation!

She stood up for him as she could not stand the way Penelope insulted and taunted him. Now, she wanted to help him out of this as well.

A woman like this was so much better than Penelope Hunt!

Right then, a warm sensation washed over Jasper's heart. Not only was Wendy beautiful and well-mannered, but she was also warm-hearted and meticulous!

However... Jasper could not retreat right now!

Jasper looked at Hugh's aggressive stance. "The game is not over yet. How can I leave?" he asked.

Worry filled Wendy's face. Just as she was about to say something, Hugh spoke out.

“Haha, I was worried that you’d run away! My dude, although you’re bold and rash, I can’t deny that you’re really one of a kind. You’re just a little foolish since you don’t know when to give up!” he said.

The both of them were already not on good terms. Instead of giving in, Hugh chose to show off his position and abilities!

“Mr. Lewis, I have an idea!”

Penelope came forward with a murderous glare fixed upon Jasper and Wendy. She smiled cruelly. “Why don’t we raise the excitement? Besides the 35 million dollars, why don’t we add Wendy Schuler to the bet? Whoever wins the bet can take Wendy with him. Isn’t this much more interesting?” she proposed.

Her words sparked an uproar among everyone. They all cast weird glances at Penelope.

No wonder there was a saying that a woman’s heart was the cruelest thing that there could be. The move Penelope made was cruel and shameless.

She was forcing Jasper into a dead end.

The greatest reward in the entire bet was not the 35 million dollars anymore. It was Wendy Schuler!

A bet like this was important to a man’s dignity. If any one of them lost, they would rather kill themselves instead.

Jasper frowned. He despised Penelope Hunt more than anything in the world. A flash of hatred could be seen in his gaze.

Meanwhile, Hugh burst out into laughter. “Penelope, you’re smart. I admire you!” he exclaimed.

He continued to smile proudly. "My dude, kneel down and crawl away if you don't dare to take on this bet!" he told Jasper and Wendy.

There was an icy glint in Wendy's gaze. She was thoroughly angered by Penelope Hunt. How could this woman be so devious and scheming?!

"Wendy, we..."

Although Jasper was not afraid of Hugh at all, he did not want Wendy to get involved in his affairs.

Furthermore, using her as a bet was extremely insulting.

Hugh and Penelope could be shameless all they want, but he treated Wendy as his friend. He would never insult her.

"Jasper," Wendy cut him off, looking at him intently.

"Tell me, are you confident in winning?" she asked.

Jasper laughed softly in response to this question. "I can easily defeat him," he said.

"Alright, carry on with the bet. Put me on the bet!"

As Wendy spoke, everyone could not help but be impressed by her courage.

Not everyone would be willing to become a bet, let alone such a beautiful woman.

Looking at Wendy's determined expression, Jasper nodded. "I won't let you down," he said.

"I believe you!" Wendy said, nodding her head firmly.

Jasper turned over to look at Hugh after registering her words. “Mr. Lewis, since I’ve agreed to your request to add to the bet, you should add something too. I don’t fancy the woman beside you. Raise your money to 50 million dollars!” he said calmly.

His words made Hugh stare at him.

The others did not expect Jasper to be so daring as well. Just when they thought that Hugh would never agree, he sneered out loud. “Alright, I’ll bet with you!”