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Janet shuddered when she heard his words.

She grasped William's hand, her eyes sparkling with rage!

"Oh, so this is what you are up to, William!" she thought.

Janet was wondering why he promised the shareholders he would resign as the director in their bet earlier.

At first, she had thought that he was just plain stupid.

Who knew he would've dug a grave for her instead!

Since he was now the company's biggest shareholder, he would leave all the dirty hard work to her.

What a bloody brilliant genius he was!

He literally killed two birds with one stone!

Janet had assumed that after making his last move, she would be able to leave and bid farewell to all this mess.

How naive of her! He practically traded off all his responsibilities as the director and became a dictator of the company.

Just how evil he was!

William looked at Janet and said with a serious expression, "When are you going to get the doctors to check your mood swings? I should really treat you!"

She shoved William's hand away angrily and murmured viciously, "Just wait and see! I'm going to kill you!"

Flavia looked at Janet with amusement. The rage she saw on Janet's face was all too familiar.

Just a while ago, Melissa was, too, shaking with red fury.

It looked like the Avengers was going to have a new member soon.

"Clean up my office once the meeting is over. I might drop by anytime." William left the meeting room gleefully after saying what he had to say.

Janet was left behind with a bewildered look on her face.

Janet was so irate that she was almost choking on her rage.

He wasn't treating her like a human being, wasn't he? Why was he making her do something as trivial as tidying his office?

She composed herself and then quickly adjourned the meeting. After arranging everything for Flavia, she left the conference room dejectedly to tidy up

William's office.

His entire desk was piled with documents.

While tidying the table, she cursed at him. However, a document caught her eye.

Her heart twitched!

The document wasn't the one that she promised to give William.

It was the medical records from the system.

And the one on top was Frandick's!

She couldn't believe her eyes. She flipped through it and discovered that these medical records were exactly the same as the list of experts she had given to William.

For a moment, she felt dizzy.

She couldn't tamp down her anger any longer. She grabbed everything on the table and went to look for Melissa.

At that moment, Melissa was in her office enjoying her orange juice. Seeing Janet storming into her office, she quickly greeted, "Janet, what brought you here?"

Janet threw the document onto Melissa's desk. She rubbed her head, feeling befuddled. "I think my head is going to explode! I don't want to use my brain to comprehend all this mess anymore! Otherwise, I'm going to start having a nosebleed. You're smarter and you've been trained

by him for a while now. You sort through his sh*t!" Although Janet could tell the intentions behind most of William's actions, there were still certain things where she found suspicious and was still dubious about.

She told Melissa everything including her assumptions.

Both of them sat on the floor and started picking each other's brain with intense focus.

They finally had a lead two hours later.

An earth-shattering lead, if they might add!

They figured out when this brat started putting his plan into action.

It should be since the day he stepped foot into Lunanica Media. He must've had the idea to reshuffle the management team in the company all along!

Flavia should have already promised William that she'd come over to Lunanica Media about the same time.

Everything started on the day when they signed that absurd agreement.

He had played his cards well by buying over the copyrights of the film, just to avoid any subsequent conflicts with Henderson Media. That way he would enjoy the exclusive rights to edit the movie.

The move was to make the shareholders upset during the shareholder meeting.

At the meeting, he had wagered his directorial position in order to sustain the meeting. Besides, he even dragged Janet into this mess.

The granting of sponsorship was to guarantee Baxter's appearance in the meeting earlier in the day. At the same time, he could make the shareholders become even angrier.

On the surface, he didn't allow Laura to play the leading role because he planned to use that to threaten her and to warn her that she would have a huge setback. At the same time, he set up another trap by letting Linda capture the photo of him hugging Laura on purpose.

After firing Linda, he got Darren to be left at the underground carpark on purpose, leading to their encounter. As they had a common enemy, the chances were high that they hit it off right away.

It was through Darren that Martin got involved. That was how he got the three of them together.

As for the filming issue, he deliberately proposed the idea to conduct the shoot themselves during the meeting to irk the shareholders once again.

He then proposed to modify the script, which was his most important move.

He altered it by inserting a medical journal that came from god-knew-where.

If someone was not detailed and observant, there was no way to discover this piece of earth-shattering news.

It was also worth mentioning that William had directly asked Janet to gather a list of medical experts just to set up a trap for Martin.

Martin thought that William was going to bribe these experts, therefore he secretly sent out invitations to the movie premiere based on the list.

There was only one reason why the invitation managed to get Frandick's attention!

William got his hands on Frandick's and other experts' medical records through Vinson. This allowed him to get hold of their respective health histories.

And, he knew very well that there would be one prescription out of ten that could sustain Frandick's life!

Everything was within William's control!

When Martin informed William that they didn't have the funds or actors available, William had long expected it. He used the company's own actors and promised them a high price in exchange if they terminated the contract prematurely. William even sent them off on vacation!

As for Martin, in order to lead William to his

demise, he didn't look for any good actors. He chose some useless ones on purpose. Little did Martin know that he had already fallen right into William's trap!

It was those rubbish actors who helped William earn 1.1 billion yuan!

After the filming was completed, William edited it himself. He had deliberately cut and edited several scenes involving the prescriptions, making the movie look like a horrible mess, all for the sake of getting the experts' attention.

The movie was received badly when it was released. In addition to the past incidents, William naturally took the blame and resigned. Nobody suspected anything when Janet took his place.

William just walked away from all of it happily, leaving behind the four pouches to Janet so she could continue his plan.

During the second shareholders meeting, William had predicted the onslaught from the shareholders as well as Martin's betrayal.

Using his power as a shareholder, coupled with the fact that the embezzled money was in his hands, William snatched away a big portion of the company's shares, thus taking full control of Lunanica Media!

On the other hand, William also learned that the people from the Medical Association weren't as

honest as they seemed. He knew that they would use other means to get the prescriptions. In addition, they didn't have much time, hence they would definitely make their move before Frandick.

There were only two ways for them to get their hands on it, one was through the actors' script, and the other through the original copy of the movie.

By editing the movie, William used this tactic into leading them toward the clues he had left for them to identify.

Yohan and the rest had been played by William's perfect plan. They had even lost so much money to Janet.

William just needed Frandick to appear before he could wrap it all up.

Finally, it was the finishing touch.

He took advantage of Martin's, Linda's and Darren's crimes to send the three of them to jail.

Not forgetting, he also used the clip he had prepared ahead to clear Laura's name.

He took advantage of Flavia's arrival in the company to save Lunanica Media that was hanging by the thread.

After Janet and Melissa completed their analysis, they couldn't help but gasp in amazement.

They had used so much brainpower to wrap their head around it.

How could that little brain of William generate such a marvelous plan?

His main motive for shooting a movie wasn't the movie itself. It was the reason that he wasn't bothered when the movie turned out terrible.

He only had two objectives in mind!

Firstly, it was to sell off the ancient prescriptions to earn money!

Secondly, it was to completely reshuffle Lunanica Media's entire structure and gain control of the company.

Why did he have Janet to work for him? Why did he let Martin and the rest pay for their crimes? Why did he even bother to vanquish the people from the Medical Association? Well, that was just something that naturally fell into place in order to achieve his scheme.

There was still one part that Janet and Melissa still couldn't understand.

What was the conditions that Frandick promised William?

Presumably, this brat was going to cause another bloodbath in the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association that would take place in three days.

It took a long time for the two to come back to their senses. Janet looked dispirited. "Melissa, you've suffered a lot because of him. That little b*stard isn't humane at all!"

Because of Melissa, Janet had been addressing William as a little b*stard too.

Melissa felt uneasy. She took out her phone and said to Janet with a somber face, "Janet, scan this QR code and join this group chat. I'll show you a whole new world!"

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Janet was taken aback.

Melissa had invited her before to join a group chat.

At that time, Janet didn't think too much about it.

Since Melissa brought it up again, this group sounded rather mysterious.

"What group chat?" Janet asked while scanning the QR code.

Melissa's face showed faint resentment. "This is a group chat, especially for that little b*stard. For us to badmouth him. You'll find joy and peace in it."

Melissa then discreetly told her that William's wife, Felicity was also inside the group chat. However, she didn't know that the group was for dissing William.

When Janet heard this, she was immediately intrigued.

Melissa sent a voice recording to the chat group, "Guys, let's welcome a newcomer. Newcomer, remember to put your alias."

Janet scrolled through the chatbox before she had a lightbulb moment. She changed her name to Hammer Holder.

When Melissa saw her name, she gave Janet a

thumbs up!

"Well, I'll be d*mned!" Melissa thought.

She felt like nothing could hold back an angry Janet, not even the strongest man on earth.

Everyone in the group responded immediately, but Melissa found it odd that Felicity remained silent.

Normally, if any one of them started a conversation in the group, Felicity would be the first to respond eagerly.

She didn't live up to her alias that day, The Cheerleader.

Felicity finally responded after ten minutes.

Her message made both of them frown.

Her message read, "Something happened to my sister, I'm not really in the mood to chat, I'm sorry."

When Melissa saw this, she said to Janet with great disappointment, "Looks like you're not in luck today. You can't experience the joy that Felicity usually brings to the group. Maybe some other day then."

Janet felt slightly disappointed.

At the same time, Qena City and all the online portals were bustling with chaos.

The first shocking news was that Flavia had joined Lunanica Media without anyone noticing it.

The other news was that Flavia would collaborate

with Lunanica Media in releasing two videos, clearing Laura's name.

The one that rattled the entire city was the second one.

Everyone turned silent while watching the two videos.

The only decent actress in the movie Lunanica Media produced was probably Laura.

Such a beautiful and hardworking woman had been misunderstood. She even received a lot of disgraceful comments online.

All of a sudden, those who had insulted Laura before felt guilty.

They instantly flocked to the websites to post their apologies to her.

Laura's reputation changed overnight; she was even more well-received than before.

Reading all the apologies online, Laura's eyes became red.

She couldn't help it anymore; she raced to William's place.

It was already nine that night.

William was at home waiting for Felicity to return when he received an unexpected call from Laura.

He stepped out of the house and saw Laura standing beside her car.

Her eyes shifted toward William; there were thousands of thoughts on her mind but she couldn't even get one out.

"What's wrong?" William asked.

Laura shook her head. Out of nowhere, her face started turning red. "Nothing, I just came to see you."

When she said this, she felt shy.

Laura was already thirty years old.

She felt as though she had fallen in love for the very first time.

Seeing how well William handled all the responsibilities that came with his position, Laura had a sense of admiration.

It felt like William was her Prince Charming who travelled across the seven seas to bring her back to his kingdom.

Looking at Laura's blushed face, William understood what was going on at once. He said, "Well, I owed you a favor."

Laura nodded. All of a sudden, she felt this wave of courage sweeping over her. Laura took a step forward and hugged William tightly.

While feeling William's warmth in her embrace, tears rolled down her face.

William instinctively wanted to push away Laura; he didn't want to give her any false hope.

But as soon as he stretched out his hand, he hesitated.

Laura was the one who had suffered the most from all the chaos.

No matter how perfect the ending was, the humiliation she suffered from this debacle would remain etched in her forever.

William was in a daze for a while.

Had he crossed the line just to achieve his own goals?

"Thank you," Laura said through choked tears.

William didn't speak for a while.

She then let go of William. Seeing how awkward and rigid he was, she chuckled.

Her laughter sounded as delightful as the flowers blooming in spring.

Looking at how silly he looked, Laura couldn't help but feel proud.

No matter how great this brat was, she had finally managed to take him by surprise.

He was just like any other boys out there.

Laura smiled and said, "Don't worry. With this hug, we no longer owe each other any favors. However, I did not have any ulterior motive when I hugged you just now. And no, there are no cameras around."

William chortled slightly. "Thank you."

Laura's face turned red again. Then, she ran back into her car. Stepping on the gas pedal, her car disappeared in the dark.

William shook his head at her as he saw her leaving.

He hoped that after experiencing these ups and downs, she would be more kind to the world and others.

William walked into the house. Felicity returned much later that night with a stench of alcohol on her entire body.

William frowned. "Were you drinking?"

Felicity looked tired and dejected as she answered, "Yes, I had a drink with Xena."

"What's wrong with Xena?" William asked.

Felicity shook her head and said bitterly, "She refused to tell me, but I'm sure she is into some trouble. She also mentioned that this had something to do with you and her."

William's eyes dazzled with bewilderment. What could that be?

Could it be...

He was silent for a while before he continued, "You should go wash up first. I'm sure everything will turn out fine. Don't worry. I'll make sure nothing happens to her."

Felicity looked at William with gratitude. "Well, she is my only sister. You have to help her this time no matter what happens. Yes, we'll help her together."

William nodded and didn't say anything more.

Meanwhile, Xena was completely drunk. When she reached home, she buried herself under the blankets and wailed her sorrows.

During the day, Xena received an unexpected call from Steven.

Steven insisted that she met him, otherwise she would have to bear the consequences.

From the way he spoke, she could tell it had something to do with William.

After hesitating for a bit, she headed over to Steven's.

Seeing Xena, Steven was obviously delighted.

"You better tell me now why you called me over," Xena demanded with a cold face.

Steven just sneered at her. He got straight to the point and showed his iPad to Xena.

After taking a good look at it, Xena's whole face turned pale.

She looked at Steven in disbelief. "Where did you get this?"

Steven had reminded Xena of a memory she would never forget!

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It was a video showing William with a machete in his hand. He was heading to the place where Fernando stayed. In the next second, he lifted the knife in his hand and brought it down at the speed of light before a human head was seen falling off from its master!

A murder scene!

What a frightening sight it was!

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When Xena saw the video, her face turned pale with fright.

There was William and her in the video.

She looked at Steven in disbelief. "Where did you get this?!"

Steven chuckled and thought to himself, "Where did I get this? That is a good question!"

When William wielded the knife at Fernando's house, Steven happened to be at the scene.

It was just that William had asked Henry to wipe off his memory.

Henry had therefore used the acupuncture techniques to trigger a series of reactions in Steven's brain and cause a temporary memory loss.

But Henry's acupuncture skills were clearly not effective.

In the previous few days, Steven had suffered from splitting headaches that even the doctors couldn't cure him.

There was a night after he fell asleep, he started to have flashbacks of memory on what happened that day.

All he saw was blood everywhere. It was definitely

a gruesome scene.

It was all so frightening that he awoke from his sleep.

He tried to recall the random bits and pieces of flashbacks. The more he remembered it, the more he shuddered in fear.

Steven managed to track down a few old CCTVs located halfway up the mountain after pulling some strings before he got hold of some footage.

The footage was enough to take down that sc*mbag, William forever!

At that moment, Steven's first thought was to use this video to blackmail William.

But after thinking about it, he brushed aside the idea.

That sc*mbag would never have yielded. If Steven threatened him, Steven might end up losing his own life instead.

Moreover, even if he managed to take down this brat, it would only give him a short-lived pleasure.

Didn't William always listen to Felicity?

Felicity was on the other hand very close to Xena.

He pondered on the possibility of using their relationship to take advantage of Felicity.

He could perhaps use this tactic to defeat William indirectly and made him suffer until he

was at his wits' end.

On top of it, he could also reap some benefits from Felicity along the way!

She held great authority after all!

"Don't worry about where this comes from but I assure you that it is unedited footage. Xena, oh, Xena, I never thought you'd do something so brutal with that sc*mbag. Think about it, if I disclose this footage to the media, then the best-case scenario for you and your brother-in-law is that you both will spend your entire life in prison," Steven stated triumphantly.

Part of his memory was still not intact. In fact, he had no recollection of who else was at the crime scene or what actually took place.

However, this video was enough.

Xena was shaking like a leaf at this moment. Her tone immediately softened, "No, Steven, you can't disclose this video. It will ruin William. I beg you, seeing how we're family, please destroy the footage, and I'll repay you in my own ways in the future."

At that moment, Xena only had William in mind. It didn't cross her mind at all that she would also be punished.

Seeing that Xena was beseeching him, Steven burst into laughter.

Oh, he felt so good!

It felt amazing!

"I will not disclose this video for the time being, but that depends on how you behave. If you listen to me, I may destroy it when I'm in a good mood," Steven said as though he was a king. On the couch, he swirled the glass of wine in his hand.

God knew how conflicted Xena was at this time. She could only ask bitterly, "What do you want me to do?"

"Well, first, it seems like Grandma is planning to have a family meeting tomorrow. I want you to tell Felicity that I will chair tomorrow's meeting and she will do as per my instructions!" Steven demanded bluntly.

Xena's face became stiff. "No, Felicity shouldn't be dragged into this!"

"Then, please leave." Steven was up for a negotiation.

Xena's eyes turned moist and her tone softened again, "No, Steven, I beg you. I can promise you anything except this!"

However, Steven just turned away, not giving her another glance.

In the end, Xena chose to give in. "Okay, you have my word, but you have to live up to the end of your promise."

Xena's heart had already shattered into a thousand pieces at this moment.

"William, what should I do now?" she thought. Steven sneered. "Then let's keep our promises. As long as Felicity listens to me tomorrow, I'll destroy the footage."

After Xena left Steven's house, she felt as though her soul was leaving her body.

After a long hesitation, she asked Felicity out.

She gulped down lots of wine, struggling to think of a way to tell Felicity about her promise with Steven.

It was till late that night, Xena was completely wasted and Felicity was about to send her back home.

Xena suddenly burst into tears and knelt down in front of Felicity. "Felicity, William and I are in trouble, you must help us."

Felicity was shocked, she quickly helped Xena up.

But Xena seemed to be glued to the ground. All she did was to cry non-stop.

Guilt cut through her heart like a knife.

The only reason why William had committed the murder was that Xena was the one who had asked Felicity out to go shopping that day, which led to her being kidnapped.

It all started with her, and she had dragged William into it.

It was her fault again this time. She did not want

to bring Felicity into it.

However, Xena had to think of the big picture. If the video was released, William would be doomed.

"Felicity, can I ask you for a favor? We're going to have a family meeting tomorrow..." Xena told Felicity about Steven's request.

Felicity was stunned. She demanded more details but Xena refused to tell more.

How could Xena tell Felicity that William had murdered someone?!

In the end, Felicity had to agree to Xena's request.

The next day, Felicity was sound asleep when she was suddenly awakened by her phone.

She picked up the phone and saw that it was Steven.

She immediately answered the call, "Steven, what did you do to Xena?"

Steven cackled. "Didn't she tell you? Oh yeah, I'm sure she wouldn't have. You don't need to worry about that. I'm just calling you on Grandma's behalf, come over now."

"Oh, by the way, bring along that sc*mbag of yours. Doesn't he like to follow you around? Hahaha." Steven made that additional remark before hanging up.

Felicity's face turned pale; she could tell

something was going to happen at Yasmine's house that day.

She quickly woke William up and left for Yasmine's house.

As soon as they entered the house, William saw Steven looking at him slyly. There was an unspeakable jest in his eyes.

As for Xena, she was sitting in a corner looking very guilty and apologetic.

William and Felicity walked to the round table and sat down. Felicity just glared at Steven without saying a word.

The house went into a complete silence.

Steven spoke at that moment.

There was arrogance in his words. "Felicity, can I make a request before the meeting begins?"

Felicity knew that he was plotting something, but she had given her words to Xena. She said while frowning, "If you have something to say, just say it. I'll agree to it no matter what."

Xena could feel her heart drumming inside. She didn't know what Steven would want.

Steven suddenly rose from his seat and sat in the seat that belonged to the Head of the Bai family. He declared in a steady and condescending tone, "How about I become the Head of the Bai family from today onwards?"

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Upon hearing this, the Bai family broke into an uproar!

Everyone stared at Steven in disbelief.

It was common knowledge that Steven had always had his eyes on the head of the family.

However, no one thought he would bring it up during that point!

If Yasmine were the one who was the head of the house at this moment, it was still acceptable for Steven to make such a demand. After all, she was getting pretty old, so her retirement would be just around the corner and soon she would give away the position to her children and grandchildren.

But Felicity was the current head of the Bai family.

She was still young and had a lot of potential!

Steven's words clearly showed his intention to dethrone her!

Yasmine immediately shouted, "Steven, what are you talking about?!"

But Steven just sneered and stared at Felicity.

Xena, who was sitting at a corner, took it all in and couldn't help feeling very guilty.

How would she have known that Steven would be

so bold to snatch away Felicity's position?!

Everybody knew how much humiliation and challenges Felicity had overcome in order to become the head of the family.

She deserved it rightfully!

Steven was no match for her!

How could he make such an audacious request?!

Xena was about to rise from her seat, but immediately, Steven glowered at her.

She was so terrified that her body suddenly froze.

A cowardly feeling washed over her. Yet, she was reluctant to give in!

If she didn't relent, then their lives in the Bai family would never be peaceful ever again!

However, Felicity would have to suffer for it.

Felicity was trembling with anger!

She wasn't hankering after for this position and the power that came with it.

What bothered her was the fact that William was the one who had her appointed as the head of the family.

Felicity truly treasured the effort and price William had paid to get her that position.

If she gave in, it would essentially mean that she had let William's hard work go to waste.

But if she didn't yield to Steven...

Thinking of this, Felicity looked at Xena.

She saw the pain in Xena's eyes, as well as the pity and plea on her face.

Felicity's heart jolted. She then looked at William again.

William had already foreseen it happening; he squeezed Felicity's hand under the table and said, "It's okay, give it to him."

Felicity was a little hesitant. "But, that's all your..."

William interrupted Felicity and looked at Steven with his cold eyes. Even the tone in his voice was equally chilling. "You'll pay for snatching my wife's belongings."

Felicity was touched; she gently squeezed William's hand. She had made her decision. "Okay, you want the position as the head of the family? I'll give it to you."

There was an uproar again!

Felicity was a stubborn person; she could pull through multitudes of struggles and challenges which she had encountered time and time again in the past.

Yet, she was actually surrendering to Steven at that moment.

She had given her throne away!

Yasmine immediately revolted, "Felicity, don't be so reckless."

Felicity retorted with a cold face, "I'm not being reckless. I am just weary. Let him give it a try. However, I also have something to say now that everyone is here."

Everyone could see a noble, domineering aura exuding from her at that moment, looking exactly like William.

"Something that belongs to me will never be stolen!"

Steven sneered, thinking that Felicity was just putting on a show. He immediately took out the contract he had prepared ahead and asked Felicity to sign it.

As Felicity was the head of the Bai family, once she signed the contract, it would mean the agreement was a valid one. Even Yasmine wouldn't be able to do anything about it.

Steven looked at the contract with satisfaction and cackled.

The head of the Bai family!

He had worked so hard over the years, and yet he hadn't gotten anything in return.

But he didn't expect that he could use a simple footage to help him get to this position.

It was too easy!

Wasn't Felicity supposed to be more resilient?

Wasn't she the one who took away his company?

Well, look at her now. It seemed that Steven would always have the last laugh!

It was him, Steven who would always rise to the victory!

Tears rolled down Xena's face and she buried her head into Felicity's arms. "Felicity, I'm sorry."

Seeing her crying, Felicity felt her heart ache. She gently stroked Xena's head and said, "It's fine, I gave you my word. I didn't want to be the head of the family anyway. Leave everything else to your brother-in-law. I trust that he'll do right by us."

Xena raised her head and looked at William. Seeing William's comforting eyes, her heart suddenly felt less painful. She said to William in tears, "William, I believe in you too."

William smiled slightly. "Yes, Felicity, I promise I'll give you something better."

Steven looked around triumphantly, cleared his throat, and stated, "Now, as the head of the Bai family, I will host the first family meeting."

"I'm sure everyone knows that in two days, there'll be a major event in Qena City, which is the Pharmaceutical Association Board Election. Since our family is in this field, we should build a good relationship with the Pharmaceutical Association. We should therefore plan things out carefully."

Everyone nodded in agreement. Needless to say, everyone knew about this.

At that moment, Yasmine trailed after Steven, "Five years ago, we had to pull a lot of strings to get us an invitation to their board election. It is the same for this year. I know that some of the other enterprises in Qena City have already received an invitation over the past few days. Even though our family's fame has grown recently, we are still no match for the bigger companies. We need a plan to get ourselves an invitation."

Everyone nodded.

The Qena City Pharmaceutical Association Board Election was a grand ceremony that happened only once every five years.

Usually only the rich and powerful were invited.

Attending the event would be a symbol of power and glory.

Only the upper class in Qena City had the honor of attending the event.

The Bai family had worked hard over the years, however they were still not successful in gaining the status.

So how could the Bai family let an opportunity like this just pass by?

At that point, someone frowned and squealed, "I heard that it's even harder to get an invitation this year than in the past. The number of participants this year has been reduced by half, so you could only imagine how hard it is to get an invitation."

"More importantly, Bernard is coordinating the board election personally this time. It's literally impossible for our family to get an invitation from him."

When Bernard's name was brought up, everyone froze.

They all turned toward William.

It was William who had offended Bernard previously in public.

They had finally received their retribution!

Bernard was a vengeful man after all.

Steven had been waiting for the moment. He tittered and spoke, "We haven't even given it a shot, how would we know it wouldn't work?"

Yasmine also nodded and suggested, "I think we should send Bernard a gift to get him on our side. We might have a chance at getting an invitation."

Inwardly, Yasmine couldn't help agreeing that their chances were slim.

Steven then said sarcastically, "I think William should be the one to visit him. After all, he's the one who offended Bernard, so he has to be the one who sends our apologies."

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Felicity stopped breathing for a moment.

Everyone looked at Steven with confusion.

Yasmine said in a low tone, "Steven, how can you get William to settle this? This kid causes trouble wherever he goes! He's completely hopeless. We need to look at the bigger picture now. We need to get the invitation!"

Others also chipped in with comments, "If someone finds out we sent that moron to pay a visit to Bernard, aren't we just embarrassing ourselves? He's not qualified to represent the Bai family. There's no way we can allow this to happen."

The air was filled with protests, making Felicity distraught.

William just sat there calmly, as if none of it had to do with him.

Steven knocked on the table to get everyone's attention. He emphasized, "Since I'm the head of the family, then we're going to do what I say. Let William go. Since it all started with him, he should be the one to patch things up. It's decided then."

Felicity wanted to rebut but William held her back gently.

She knew deep down inside there was no point reasoning with a scoundrel like Steven.

William nodded lightly and squealed, "Okay, I'll go."

Steven flashed a teasing smile at William. "Alright. It's for the best."

Everyone around them was in a daze.

They had never expected such a ridiculous proposal from Steven. It was clearly that Steven intended to embarrass William.

Who could have thought that William would accept Steven's request so easily?

However, everyone quickly recovered from shock and came to their senses.

Being embarrassed must be something normal to a dingus like William!

For the sake of the Bai family, he would just have to tolerate being embarrassed!

Steven continued coldly, "Since we've decided that William will represent us, then we should discuss what to give Bernard. Does anyone here know Bernard well? Do you guys know what his hobbies are?"

Everyone shook their heads.

How could they be close to someone as famous as Bernard?

The meeting came to a halt.

Breaking the silence, Steven hissed arrogantly, "Hmm, since nobody has any idea what to get him, then leave it to me. Don't worry, I'll make sure it's something nice."

"However, allow me to remind you, William. When paying a visit to Bernard for apologies, I hope you will control your temper. After all, you'll be visiting Bernard on behalf of the Bai family; all of your actions will represent the Bai family's reputation. I hope you settle this well and don't disappoint us," Steven chimed in again.

Felicity squinted her eyes and she couldn't take Steven's nonsense anymore. She slammed her hand on the table and shot back at Steven, "Steven, what do you mean by that?! You should know how difficult it is to get that invitation itself! Let me ask you, even if Grandma pays Bernard a visit, what are the chances of us getting the invitation? You're clearly just making things difficult for William!"

Steven looked at Felicity, feeling very amused by her uproar. "He is the one who agrees to this, isn't he? So why are you fighting for him? Besides, no one else has anything to say, right, Xena?"

As Steven spoke, he looked at Xena.

Xena's eyes turned teary and lowered her head silently.

Felicity felt a pang of pain in her heart. She grabbed William's hand and muttered softly, "William, I'm sorry..."

William shook his head. "It's okay, don't worry."

Steven felt good to see William conceding to everything he said.

He assumed that William had finally realized that he was no match for him.

With every step Steven took, William would have no choice but to give in.

At this moment, Steven decided that he would not stop until William was defeated completely by him!

"Also, we can only give you one day to do this. By this time tomorrow, you need to get the invitation. Otherwise, the Bai family can no longer accept you as part of our family," Steven declared, making things even harder for William.

Felicity's eyes instantly turned bloodshot.

Everyone held their breath as they stared at Steven.

What was going on?

They couldn't help wondering why everyone was behaving so weirdly.

Normally, Steven would never have the balls to make such an imprudent demand!

Additionally, Felicity should have rebutted Steven to put an end to this.

William would never be so obedient. But none of them did!

Could Steven really have the potential to lead the Bai family?

Did he really possess the capabilities of controlling all the Bais?

Out of the blue, Yasmine nodded and said coldly, "Steven is right, we need some time to come up with a backup in case William fails to resolve this. We need to think of another plan."

William kept silent the entire time. His face showed no trace of emotion. After hearing this, there was a hint of amusement twinkling in his eyes.

"Well, then that's all for today. See you here at the same time tomorrow, William. I look forward to your good news," Steven stated ruthlessly.

He then got up and left.

Felicity and Xena immediately followed William.

Both of them had tears welled up in their eyes; there was a look of guilt in their gazes.

"William, I'm sorry for causing all these. I really can't tell you why. I'm sorry," Xena said through choked tears.

William nodded and responded, "It's okay."

He had something else to say but he held it back. Actually, he could more or less guess why Xena was doing this.

After all, Felicity had given him a clue the previous night; she said it had something to do with William and Xena.

There was only one thing that Steven could threaten the two of them.

It must be about him taking out the Lin family.

William snickered at the thought of Steven using it to blackmail them.

This jerk Steven didn't realize yet who William was.

Inside the house, Steven tapped on the table, feeling proud of himself.

The meeting thrilled him.

Not only did he manage to snatch the throne that he had always wanted...

But he also managed to make the three of them submit to him.

He really enjoyed the feeling of being the one in command.

He would have to think carefully about the gift.

It had to reflect well on him!

It must be something to make Bernard yield to him too!

As Steven thought about it, he burst into laughter. At noon, Steven called for another meeting to announce the gift he had prepared.

Steven presented the gift to everyone.

It was a golden box with a red silk ribbon.

The packaging looked extremely expensive and exquisite.

Steven handed it over to William personally, wanting to see the reluctance in William's eyes.

However, William took the gift from him mutely without any expression.

How could Steven just like let William go that easily?

"Why don't you take a look? I took a long time to pick it out." Steven chuckled.

William shook the box slightly and smiled. "There's no need for that."

It truly wasn't necessary.

William didn't give a f*ck what Steven had prepared.

But Steven snatched the box, opened it, and asked triumphantly, "Look, doesn't this precious gemstone look beautiful?"

When everyone saw what was inside the box, a dubious look flashed in their eyes.

There was indeed a gemstone in the box.

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But it wasn't a precious gemstone!

It was clearly just a regular pebble!

Even worse, there was some moss covering the top of the pebble.

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