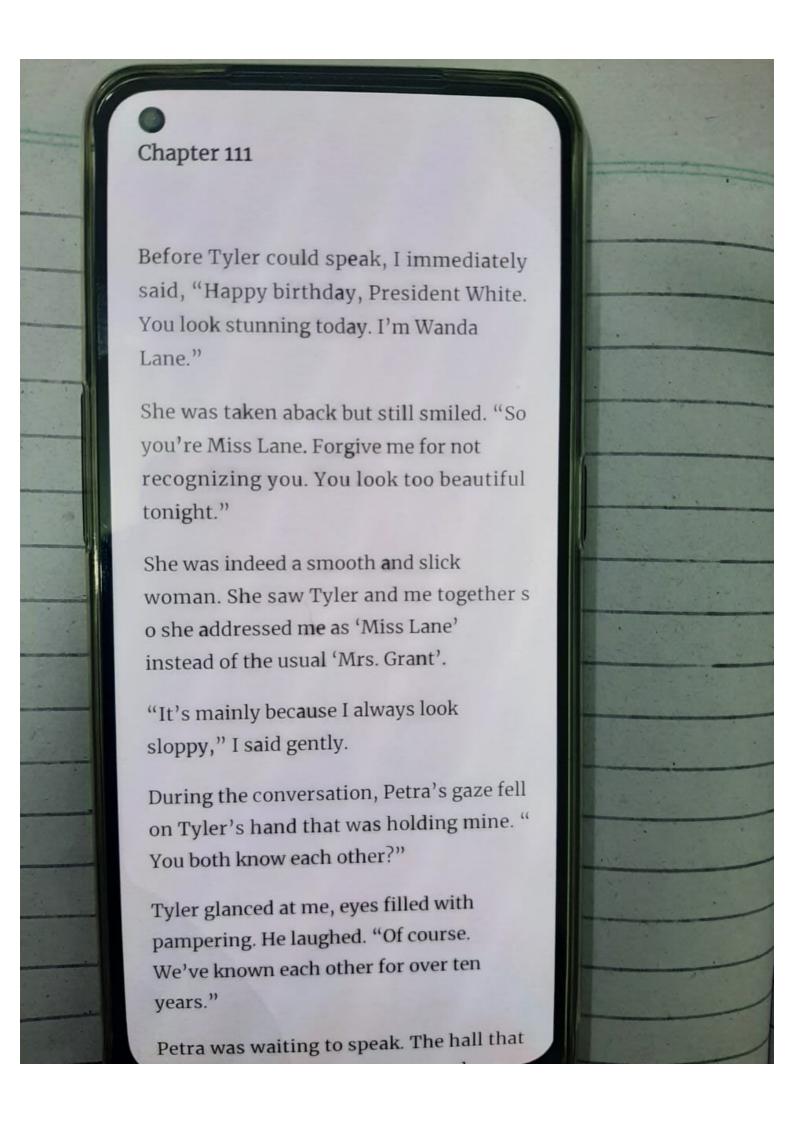


Fore her gaze landed on my face. She said, "President Lane, you should introduce us. Is this your wife?"



was lively earlier quieted down and everyone looked toward the main entrance.

I, too, turned my head around in curiosity and saw a group of people in black walking in. They were led by a middle-aged man with an extraordinary presence. He was wearing sunglasses.

The man carried a huge bouquet of roses in his arms and slowly made his way toward Petra.

"That man is Grayson Louis. Everyone fears him wherever he goes," Tyler whispered softly in my ear.

Petra smiled lovingly as she went up to him and received the roses. The looks that they gave each other certainly made i t seem that they were more than friends.

I could not help but wonder. "What's their relationship?"

"An ill-fated relationship," Tyler said faintly.

I was even more confused. "Didn't Petra only get married twice? The first time she had a daughter. After the divorce, she got



married to Xander's dad. Who is this Grayson Louis?"

"It's all just a show to fool others." Tyler sneered as he spat out some sarcastic words.

At that moment, Theo and Cindy walked over. Petra tugged Grayson along and walked toward them.

He did not even notice what Petra said. Grayson looked at Cindy as his eyes suddenly became hot with tears flickering in them. He looked surprised as if he had regained something he lost.

"Cindy is the daughter Petra has been searching for. She's also Grayson's daughter," Tyler said in a low voice beside me.

I was shocked. Cindy was Petra's daughter? The news was indeed surprising.

There had not been any news about this before.

Since the crowd in the hall was too big, Petra and Grayson did not stay with Cindy for long. They started making their

way toward Tyler. Grayson spotted me standing beside Tyler and his eyes became bright as though he could not believe it. Petra looked like she knew what he was thinking about and whispered a few words into his ear, only then did his gaze return to normal. However, he was still looking at me with disbelief on his face. Tyler let go of my hand and went up to greet Grayson. I found an opportunity and quickly looked for Theo in the hall. I saw him talking with Cindy earlier, but he had disappeared in the blink of an eye. Arriving at the buffet section, I saw a dazzling lineup of all sorts of pastries. I took a plate and grabbed a piece. It seemed that I was quick to get hungry now. I would want to eat after seeing food. Holding the dessert, I walked toward the balcony outside and sat there. Unexpectedly, I saw a familiar figure. Xander was holding a glass of wine while leaning against the railing. He was rarely this lackluster and seemed to have

I suddenly thought about the press conference that Heidi mentioned this morning. I forgot to follow up on the matter because of Tyler's appearance today. Come to think of it, it must have been handled properly since Xander was showing up here.

I put the plate down, walked up to him, and said, "From today onward, you have a younger sister. Why do you still look like you have so many things on your mind?"

"It has nothing to do with me." Xander looked at me and said, "That woman, Cindy, is unlikable. If I had to acknowledge a sister, I'd rather it be you."

I rolled my eyes at him and said, "What do you think this is? If it were that simple, President White wouldn't have searched for her for so many years."

He looked at me as if I were an alien. "
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Do you think my mother is so free that she could organize a special dinner to

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Do you think my mother is so free that she could organize a special dinner to help solve your problems and even personally invited you to her birthday party?"

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