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After slamming the door shut, Elise crouched down, wrapped her arms around her knees, and broke into sobs. She didn't know why she was so upset. Even though she had never experienced love from her parents, she was especially content with Robin and Laura's doting affection for her. Not only that, but she felt blessed to grow up in such a family. *To think that I'd suddenly be told one day that all of this is false, and that I'm only an adopted child who is no different from those kids in the orphanage...* It broke her heart even more to think of this. After a long time, there was a knock on the door.

"What's wrong with you, Elise?" Elise froze when she heard Laura's concerned voice from behind. She hastily wiped the tears off her face, took a deep breath, and replied, "I'm fine, Grandma." However, the sobs in Elise's voice were so noticeable that there was no way Laura didn't notice them. She pushed the door open and quickly switched on the light, asking, "What's wrong, Elise? Why are you crying?" Looking at her amiable grandmother before her, Elise took a big step forward and reached out to hold Laura in her arms.

"Grandma..." Baffled, Laura quickly patted Elise on the back, thinking that the latter had just had a nightmare. "There, now. It's alright. You had a nightmare, huh?" Elise merely held Laura tightly in her arms without saying a word. "It's alright. It's just a dream, so don't be afraid. Your grandpa and I are here." Elise could no longer stop her tears from running down her face. "Grandma, will you and Grandpa always be with me?"

Upon hearing such a childish question from Elise, Laura instantly replied with a laugh, "Oh, of course we will! However old our Elise is, you'll always be a kid to us. We'll always be with you, so don't worry, okay? Just get a good sleep, and everything will be fine tomorrow." Elise let go of Laura and wiped the tears off her face. "Really? Is everything gonna be fine tomorrow?" Laura reassured her, saying, "Yes, of course. Now, Elise, let's go to sleep. I'll have your favorite pancakes prepared tomorrow with a sausage added, okay?" Elise chuckled at Laura's words.

Then, she stuck out two fingers, saying, "I want two sausages, please." "Alright, there'll be two sausages then. Can you go to sleep now?" To Laura's surprise, Elise tugged at her arm and pleaded like a spoiled child, "No, Grandma. Can I sleep with you tonight?" "You still wanna sleep with me? You're no longer a kid, you know?" "Grandma..." "Alright, alright. I'll sleep with you." Elise took Laura's arm and went to bed with her, but she had a lot on her mind and was sleepless all night. Over the next few days, Elise spent time with Robin and

Laura as usual, pretending that the conversation she had overheard that night had never happened.

About a week later, she received a phone call from Alexander. "Have you found your mom and dad? Are they alright?" she asked. Alexander sounded a bit tired on the other end of the line. "Yeah, I've found them. It's just that my dad injured his right leg. He's undergone surgery and will be going back to the country to recuperate." "They're gonna come back?" "Uh-huh," Alexander mumbled a response on the other end of the line.

"They'll be back in a few days after my dad's discharged from the hospital here." "Well, I'm glad to hear that your mom and dad are fine. I'm now at home, and I'll be going back tomorrow..." "Okay." Elise pursed her lips. Then, she asked, "Uh, do you still remember what I said to you before H's fan meeting?" Alexander gave it a moment's thought on the other end before he replied, "Yeah, I do." "You missed it earlier because of what happened to your mom and dad. I'll tell you about it when you come back, okay?" Alexander replied, "Okay." Elise hung up.

The next day, she said goodbye to Robin and Laura and returned to Athesea. As soon as she stepped into the Griffith Residence, she heard the sounds of games in the living room. Stella hurriedly came forward and took Elise's suitcase from her, saying, "Welcome back, Miss Elise." "Thanks," Elise replied with a smile. Then, she asked, "Who's playing games?" "It's Young Master Danny..." Elise strode into the living room. "Why are you playing games here, Danny?" "Welcome back, Boss—" Danny replied. Before his voice could fade, though, he seemed to have had the shock of his life, and he jumped up from the sofa.

"W-Who are you?" Only then did Elise remember that she was no longer disguising herself with ugly makeup at present. Moreover, Danny didn't know that her current appearance was what she really looked like. Therefore, she replied with a chuckle, "Who do you think I am?" Danny gaped at Elise; his mouth was so agape that one could stuff an egg in it. "Oh, my God! Is that you, Boss?! Did you have plastic surgery?"

Elise wished she could punch him. "What do you mean by 'plastic surgery'? This is what I really look like, okay?" The cell phone in Danny's hand dropped to the floor at Elise's words. The game displayed on its screen hadn't ended yet, but he couldn't be bothered about it anymore. Immediately, he strode up to Elise and eyed her up and down. Then, he screwed up his face, saying, "Boss, stop fooling me, okay?" "I'm not fooling you. This is really what I look like," Elise replied patiently. Danny still didn't believe her, though. He fixed his eyes on her as if to see through her, asking, "Then what was the matter with your previous look?"

"Well, I just wanted to see your true response. It was your fault for behaving so badly when we first met. I haven't dealt with you for that, okay?" Danny flung his arms around Elise. "Sniff... I was wrong, Boss! I'll take back what I said to you before. You're not an ugly country bumpkin. You're an angel descended from heaven..." Elise was utterly speechless. For a moment, she was at a loss for a reply. "Alright, I'll forgive you." Only then did Danny let go of her with a cackle. "That's great! By the way, Boss, the results of our college entrance exam will come out tomorrow.

Remember to send me your exam registration number so that I can check your results for you." "What? The results are gonna come out tomorrow? That's quick, isn't it?" "Well, the results usually come out at 10PM on the 22nd, and today's the 21st already. But it's said that the 50 provincial top scorers would learn about their results beforehand." "Oh, is that so? Well then, I'll hand my exam pass to you later." "Alright." The next morning, however, Elise was roused from sleep by the ringing of her cell phone. When she answered the phone in a sleepy haze, she heard a voice asking, "Hi, this is Mayweather University's student admission office.

May I speak to Miss Elise Sinclair?" Elise opened her eyes at once, though her mind was still in a daze. "Yes, I'm Elise Sinclair. What can I do for you?" "Well, we've learned about the results of your college entrance exam and would like to ask if you're interested in applying to our university. If you enroll at our university, we'll waive all of your tuition fees and give you a monthly living allowance over your four years at university.

Also, you'll be awarded the National Encouragement Scholarship right away in your first year at our university. Are you interested in applying to our university?" Elise blurted out subconsciously, "That sounds like a great offer!" "Well, that's only natural. After all, our university is among the top ten universities in the country, so you can't be wrong in choosing us. Besides, our student recruitment officers are already on their way to your home.

We can sign the enrollment agreement today if you want." Elise blinked her eyes. Just as she was about to say something, her phone registered another incoming call that was also from a landline number. She could only reply, "Sorry, but I've got another call to answer right now."

Then, she answered the new incoming call. The voice on the other end said, "Greetings, Miss Sinclair. This is Tissote University's student admission office. May I ask if you're interested in applying to our university?" *Tissote University? That's the second best university in the country!* Elise thought. She replied, "Are you really calling from Tissote University?"

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"Yes, we are, Miss Sinclair. We've learned about your college entrance exam results, and with your results, it wouldn't stress you out to apply to our university. We've got the best majors for you to choose from. As long as you apply to our university, we'll waive your tuition fees, give you a living allowance, and award you scholarships every semester." Upon hearing this, Elise had it roughly figured out. She had heard earlier that before the results of the college entrance exam came out, the officers from the top universities in the country would visit the top scorers in various subjects at home to get them to enroll at their universities.

She had thought it was an exaggeration, and it wasn't until now that she realized this was all true. "Mayweather University also called me just now." "What? Did you accept Mayweather University's offer? No way! Our university is ranked as the top university in the country. Besides, you're a lady and a liberal arts student, while Mayweather University's popular majors are suitable for science students and thus not suitable for you at all. Tissote University is definitely the better choice for you." Elise replied, "Well, let me think about it." "Sure! Please make sure to apply to our university!"

You deserve to be a student of Tissote University." Elise was rendered speechless by the caller's remark. That morning, Elise received phone calls from the top three universities in the country. Mayweather University and Tissote University's student recruitment officers even came to her to persuade her to enroll at their university. For a moment, the Griffith Residence became especially lively. Elise had been wanting to know her actual results after talking to the student recruitment officers. However, they were too tight-lipped and wouldn't tell her her exam results unless they got a definite reply from her. Because of that, she was quite upset. Mayweather University's student recruitment officers looked at Elise hopefully.

"Have you made up your mind, Miss Sinclair? Are you gonna enroll in our university?" A hint of shrewdness flickered across Elise's eyes as she faced the many pairs of eyes before her. "Well, everyone, I think it's still too early to enroll in any university right now. It won't be too late for me to decide which university to enroll in after looking at my results." Upon hearing her reply, the student recruitment officers from Tissote University got impatient at once. "Why do you need to look at your exam results? Your results are terrific—you scored full marks in a number of subjects!"

Elise's heart thumped unstoppably at the officers' words. *What? I scored full marks in a number of subjects?* "Really?" At the sight of Elise's expectant eyes, the student recruitment officers from Tissote University could hardly restrain themselves. "Never mind, I'll tell you your results. You'll learn about it sooner or later, anyway." On the other hand, the student recruitment officers from Mayweather University were displeased. "Hey, that's not playing by the rules! Didn't we agree not to tell her her results in advance?" The student recruitment officers from Tissote University replied, "We at Tissote University sincerely welcome Miss Sinclair to our university."

Still, if she's made a better choice, we'll naturally respect her decision." As they spoke, they took out a result slip and handed it to Elise. "Please prepare yourself first, Miss Sinclair." Elise was startled for a moment before she took the result slip. When she saw her results, her eyes instantly shone with surprise. The result slip read, 'English: 148 marks. Mathematics: 150 marks. Chinese: 150 marks. Comprehensive liberal arts: 265 marks. Total: 713 marks.' "As far as we know, Miss Sinclair, you scored the highest among all the liberal arts students in Athesea."

So, would you like to study at our university?" Elise's hands trembled slightly. She looked up at the student recruitment officers from Tissote University with a smile, saying, "Well, I was planning to study at Tissote University in the first place." Upon hearing her reply, the student recruitment officers from Mayweather University knew that there was no way they could get Elise to enroll in their university anymore. Still, unwilling to give up, they asked, "Miss Sinclair, aren't you gonna consider studying at our university?" Elise replied apologetically, "Well, I'm a liberal arts student, after all. Mayweather University's majors are mainly in the sciences, so they're probably not suitable for me."

"Are you really not gonna reconsider your decision? We've got some pretty nice liberal arts major programs." "I'm sorry about that." "It's okay! We respect your decision," replied the student recruitment officers from Mayweather University. With that, they left the Griffith Residence. After they left, the student recruitment officers from Tissote University immediately said, "Miss Sinclair, this officer here can help recommend majors for you. Please take some time to look at these materials for you to choose your major." "Okay. Thanks a lot!" "By the way, Miss Sinclair, the college entrance exam results are still classified for now and won't be announced to the public until 10PM tonight."

Please keep it secret for the time being that you've learned about your exam results." "Got it. Thank you so much." After showing the student recruitment officers from Tissote University out, Stella hurriedly walked up to Elise. She had heard every word of their conversation, and she never expected that Elise would be so amazing as to become the top scorer in Athesea. "Miss Elise, the late Mr. Griffith will surely be glad if he knows that you did so well in the

exam." Upon hearing her words, Elise subconsciously turned to look at Jonah's photograph that was hung on the wall.

"You'll be happy for me, Grandpa Griffith, won't you?" Jonah's smile was fixed in the photo right there, but Elise felt like she saw Jonah smiling at her then, and her eyes reddened instantly. "Thank you, Grandpa Griffith! I'll definitely keep working hard." When the time came for the college entrance exam results to be announced that night, Danny had been impatiently refreshing the web page on his cell phone while waiting for the results to be made public. As soon as the results were available online at 10PM, he hurriedly keyed in his identification number and exam registration number.

After he waited for a minute, the results of his college entrance exam were displayed on his phone's screen. Upon seeing his exam results, he suddenly jumped up from his seat. "Ah! My results... They're out! They're out..." Jack heard Danny's loud voice from downstairs, but before he could ask Danny about it, the latter had impatiently run downstairs, asking, "Where's my boss?" Jack could only reply, "I've never seen her today. She's in her room, I guess." Danny immediately turned around and ran toward Elise's room, but Jack stopped him, asking, "Do you really have to get that excited about your results? What score did you get in the exam?" Upon hearing Jack's question, Danny couldn't help cackling stupidly.

He had never thought he would do so well in the exam this time. After all, he used to be a typical study slacker, but he had improved so much in his studies after studying with Elise for half a year. He asked Jack, "How much did you score back then?" Jack answered, "I was a fine arts student, so I got a lower score, but I managed to enroll at a second-rate university back then." "Well then, guess what score I got in the exam." Jack gave it some serious thought. *Well, with Danny's usual exam results, it's good enough if he could get into a third-rate university.*

Therefore, he asked, "You scored high enough to get into a third-rate university, huh?" Danny shook his head. Jack then asked, "No way! You scored high enough to get into a second-rate university? It's simply unimaginable that you could get into a second-rate university with your results!" "Nope, I scored better than that. I got a total score of 603 in the exam." "What? You scored 603 in the exam?" *Doesn't that mean he's scored more than enough to get into a first-rate university?* Jack still wanted to ask Danny questions, but Danny ignored him and trotted to Elise's room right away. "Boss, are you inside?"

The results are out! Have you checked yours?" he asked. Right after that, he recalled that he had Elise's exam pass with him, so he quickly checked her results on his cell phone. Just then, Elise opened the door. At the sight of Danny's expression, she figured that he must have scored well in the exam this time. So, she asked, "How did you do in the exam?" Danny

was just about to tell Elise his exam results when his eyes fell on Elise's exam results displayed on his cell phone.

Stupefied, he exclaimed, "Holy cow! This can't be true! Boss! Y-Y-You're... You're incredible!" Elise nodded with a smile and replied, "Well, my score isn't too bad." "It's too modest of you to say that, Boss! How could you say your score is 'not too bad' when you scored 713 in the exam? I'd say you're the top scorer in the exam in our province!"

"Probably. After all, both Mayweather University and Tissote University have come to me earlier." Danny looked at Elise with admiration and adoration in his eyes. "You're the GOAT, Boss!" Elise frowned slightly. "What does that mean?"