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"What could be more important than me?" Monte was pleased with Eliza's reply, but still, he asked sourly.

"I'm not telling you."

Charity responded with a quick retort.

Upon detecting a hint of forced arrogance in her voice, Monte's heart melted.

He found Eliza too mild-mannered back then, so he was delighted that she now showed her arrogant side.

Indeed, a short separation between a couple could refresh a relationship.

"Fine, don't tell me. However, don't get too close with other men behind my back," he warned sternly. "I think the man who sent you home that night may be interested in you."

"That was Ryan's friend." Charity got in her car while putting on an act for him over the phone. "He was the blind date that Ryan introduced to me a while ago."

Monte was taken aback by that unexpected reply, and he immediately felt upset, "Lizzie, are you doing this on purpose? I'll admit that you've made me jealous, terribly jealous."

Charity was speechless.

Coming across that way was not her intention.

"Lizzie, although I'm not sure who that man is, a friend of Ryan's is definitely far from a simple person. People who are involved in politics are stricter with their other half. I have seen several politicians whose careers practically ended after marrying female celebrities. Businessmen like us would have it easier as long as we have the ability to earn and provide. Apart from the pressure from our parents, it wouldn't affect your career at all," he said gently. "I don't want you to get hurt again. Do you understand?"

"You don't have to tell me that. I don't like him." Charity fastened her seat belt. "I think he's too tanned. I like the gentler- looking types."

Monte was over the moon.

He had that gentlemen's look.

"I agree. Gentlemen are more considerate." He giggled softly.

"I have to drive. We'll talk again soon." Charity was not in the mood to deal with him.

Once Monte hung up, he walked happily to the presidential suite to meet Hugo.

After the doorbell rang, Hugo opened the door, yawning.

"Young Master Jeffs, where did you go last night? I wanted to invite you to the pub yesterday."

Monte entered the suite with a huge grin on his face.

"I had dinner with a few of my former classmates." He smiled and cast Monte a knowing glance, asking, "Why does your face look swollen, Young Master Patterson?"

"Don't even get me started. My dad punched me in the face." He rubbed his face lightly and sulked. "I wanted to call off the wedding."

"Does your dad want Lillian as his daughter -in-law so badly?" Hugo could not have disapproved more. "She spends so carelessly, yet the Tanner family does nothing to stop her. They're obviously taking advantage of your wealth."

"My dad doesn't quite like the way she spends money either." Monte sighed. "However, businesses have not been doing as well lately. Young Master Jeffs, regarding the collaboration we discussed earlier..."

"I've mentioned it to my dad. He said the Pattersons' hotels are ranked highly in Australia, so collaborating with your family shouldn't be a huge issue." Then, Hugo added pensively, "But, Young Master Patterson, this isn't Newcastle. What if anything happens?"

"I'm just the middleman trying to earn some commission," Monte forced a smile. "Don't worry. There won't be any problem. I've even set up a company to provide clients with international payment services when the time comes. Besides, we won't have to do this for long. Once I get all the big accounts tied up with our hotels, they'll have to work with us in the future."

"Not bad, Young Master Patterson." Hugo gave him a thumbs up. "With the courage you possess, I'm certain the Patterson Corporation will develop well under your lead." "Thank you for your words. I hope so too."

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Only after Monte left did Hugo only dial Catherine's number. "Miss Jones, the fish has taken the bait."

"That's good. Thank you, Young Master Jeffs."

"No worries. It's my honor to be able to work with you." Hugo did not forget about his father calling him last night, saying that they had successfully achieved a partnership with the Costner family. His father was so ecstatic that he even showered Hugo with praises.

Hugo had not been praised like that by his father for a long time.

"Don't say that. The entertainment activities in Neah Bay and Newcastle are similar, so having a partnership will only make our businesses grow bigger," Catherine said and smiled. "We'll still be counting on you after this."

"It's fine. Once Monte starts his operation, I'll hand you the related information.

When that time comes, you guys will be the ones to report it to the police."

"Thank you."

After the call ended, Hugo lit a cigarette in a good mood.

He did not expect that coming to Canberra would get him such surprising gains.

Although he had known Monte for many years, they were not exactly good friends.

At first, Monte offered many benefits to him, and he was hesitating whether to work with the Patterson family or not. Unexpectedly, he got acquainted with Catherine and the others through Monte.

Hah!

What was more surprising to him was how close Catherine and Eliza were to each other. Then, through Catherine, he found out that Eliza was Jewell Corporation's shareholder and that Eliza was the famous Reborn.

The people of Australia were probably not familiar with the name Reborn. However, that name was well-known to those who had studied abroad in the US.

Thinking back, Hugo found Monte pretty ridiculous to have given up on a girlfriend like Reborn and chose the daughter of the Tanner family, who only knew how to spend money lavishly.

Furthermore, he could not believe that Monte actually thought Eliza had not gotten over him.

Ha! Monte was still oblivious to Eliza wanting to ruin the Patterson family for revenge.

However, that woman was quite ruthless.

All Monte did was dump her, yet Eliza wanted to put him in jail and go bankrupt.

Tsk. Men had better stay loyal to their women.

At the hospital, Chester and the hospital director walked out of the meeting room.

"Young Master Jewell, go back and study this brain surgery thoroughly," the director said resignedly. "I know you're busy lately, but you're probably the only person in the hospital who can complete this surgery now."

"I can take this surgery, but there is only 10 percent certainty of success. Be clear with the patient's family on this."

After that, Chester happened to see Doctor Levin from the psychiatric department walking over.

"Doctor Levin, can we have a word?" Chester asked politely.

Doctor Levin quickly walked to the side with Chester. "What would you like to ask, Young Master Jewell?"

Facing Doctor Levin's wrinkly face, Chester cleared his throat awkwardly. "Is it a psychological issue if a woman resists the touch from the opposite sex and is completely uninterested in "that" after getting hurt by her ex-boyfriend?"

Doctor Levin's gaze became pensive.

What great stamina President Jewell had!

He had just been released from prison, yet he already had a new target.

Young people were indeed full of vigor.

"Does this woman act the same way to everyone, or only just toward... you- No. I mean, does she treat other guys the same way?" Doctor Levin bit the bullet and asked.

Chester was thick-skinned, and he did not care what Doctor Levin was thinking. "She treats all men the same way. She doesn't want to be in a relationship or have a child."

"Maybe she has experienced an adverse stimulus that caused her to have been traumatized by relationships, and as a result, she has completely lost interest in men. The best is to bring her here for a checkup to see if it's severe. If it isn't serious, I suggest she watch more positive romance films to change her mindset and make her think that not all men are sc* mbags."

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Chester frowned. "She isn't willing to get a check-up."

"That's normal. Many women don't think they have any problems, especially those who have been hurt before. They'll even think avoiding contact with the opposite sex will bring them lesser harm. Basically, it's a type of self-defense."

Doctor Levin thought about it and gave Chester a complicated glance. "Ahem. Actually, you should keep a distance from that kind of woman if you meet one."

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Doctor Levin took a deep breath and mustered his courage. As an excellent psychiatrist, he thought he was obliged to rescue that lady. "Those women used to be traumatized by men, and they were harmed by them. If they get hurt in relationships again, their condition might deteriorate. They might even become twisted and extreme. If it's a serious case, they might self-harm or inflict harm on others. Therefore, I think it's better for you to stay away from that kind of woman for her sake and your own safety."

Chester laughed. "Doctor Levin, why don't you be more straightforward? Just say that a scumbag like me shouldn't hurt that woman."

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Doctor Levin shuddered. He felt so awkward that his back was sweating. "President Jewell, that's not what I meant..."

"Alright. Don't say anything more. I understand. The whole of Australia knows that I'm a scumbag. There's nothing wrong with your words."

Chester patted Doctor Levin's shoulder. "You're a good psychiatrist."

Doctor Levin was not like Sarah, who was also a psychiatrist. She did every bad thing possible.

Doctor Levin smiled sheepishly. His heart was all over the place.

Luckily, Chester did not say anything more. He thanked him and left.

At the hospital's parking lot, Chester tugged on his shirt's neckline after getting into his car. He felt annoyed.

He suddenly wanted to find someone to talk to.

Chester searched through his contacts. In the end, he could only call Shaun. "Let's have a drink tonight."

"I have to inform my wife and see if she allows it," Shaun said.

Chester gritted his teeth. "Are you a f* eking henpecked man?"

"Did you just find out about it?" Shaun chuckled. "I can't make my wife unhappy."

Chester sighed.

Their friendship would surely end one day.

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At 8:00 p.m., Shaun only arrived after Chester had sat in the bar for a while.

"If it weren't for me not having a friend to pour my heart to, I would've ended my friendship with you." Chester poured a glass of wine. With a movement of the tip of his finger, the wine glass slid to Shaun.

"So you're going to talk to me about what's weighing on your mind?" Shaun held the wine glass playfully. "Come. Tell me about it."

"I think I might give up," Chester said with complicated feelings. "After coming out of prison, I swore to get revenge on Eliza. No woman dared to fool me as she had. After that, she became Jewell Corporation's shareholder. I found it quite interesting. I've never admired any women after meeting so many of them. She's the first one."

Shaun let out a tsk. "The signs of falling in love is getting interested in a woman and starting to admire her."

"Do you think I'm falling in love?" Chester was astonished.

"Even if you're not, you're already on the way there." Shaun shared his opinion as someone who had the same experience. "I told you earlier on to stay away from Eliza and not get involved too deeply. Do you feel irritated when you think of that woman these few days but still want to meet her? Oh, by the way, I heard you go to her villa's neighborhood every night and disturb the people there."

Chester was taken aback. Then, he felt awkward. "How do you know about it?"

Shaun sighed. "You keep bothering Eliza. That made her ask Catherine today if she could come to the Hill family's manor to stay for some time."

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"Did you guys agree?" Chester tightened his grip on the wine glass.

"I had to." Shaun supported his forehead on a hand. There was a helpless and doting smile on his mouth. "If I dare to disagree, Cathy will definitely take the kids and leave the next moment."

"Is her relationship with Eliza that good?" Chester was confused.

"It's that good." Shaun nodded. "It's weird, she clearly hasn't known Eliza for a long time. However, there are plenty of rooms in the Hill family's manor. Eliza can even stay there for a year or so."

Chester took another sip of wine. Was he that hateful to Eliza?

She would rather move to the Hill family's manor and live under someone else's roof than return to her villa.

"Speaking of which, don't you feel embarrassed making a scene in other people's neighborhood?" After letting out a tsk, Shaun said, "Even I can't do that kind of thing, okay?"

"Embarrassment?" Chester patted his handsome face. "That word isn't in my dictionary."

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Shaun was speechless. He really could not compare to Chester.

"Do as you wish." Shaun raised his wine glass and clinked it with Chester's. "Eliza is no longer staying there anyway. You won't be able to bother her even if you make a fuss there every day."

Chester faked a smile. He rested his arm on Shaun's shoulder. "Pull some strings for me and let me move to the Hill family's manor too."

Shaun widened his dark eyes. "Are you serious?"

"I'm joking. I won't put you in a difficult spot. Otherwise, you'll be kicked out of the bed by Catherine."

Chester smiled. He held his wine glass and finished its contents. His throat and stomach were bitter. "Forget it. I won't bother Eliza anymore."

"Have you figured everything out? You're not gonna seek revenge on her anymore?" Shaun was surprised.

"If I get revenge on her today, she'll do the same to me the next day. Will there ever be an end to this?" Chester sighed and shook his head.

He could not tell Shaun that Eliza had a psychological problem where she rejected men.

The problem was that Eliza was not willing to treat it.

Even if Chester managed to have her, what meaning was there in rolling around with a stone in bed every day?

Did he have to let her consume drugs daily to sleep with him?

Besides, it was just as Doctor Levin said. It might aggravate Eliza's condition. What if she took a knife and stabbed him at night? To be honest, with Eliza's ruthlessness, she could really do it.

There was always Charity standing between Eliza and him.

"You're not such a kind person." Shaun was astonished. "Isn't your principle to destroy something if you can't obtain it?"

"I just suddenly find it... meaningless."

He had never pestered a woman so shamelessly before.

However, Eliza seemed to disdain him greatly.

Chester needed his pride too.

"It's good this way." Shaun let out a breath of relief. "It's just a woman. You're

destined to be a man who'll remain single." "You said different things in the past. You kept telling me how pleasant it was to find a woman I love and have a child," Chester snapped. "You even advised me to settle down earlier."

"The problem lies with you and not me. You don't believe in love." Shaun had hit the nail on the head. "Therefore, there's no need to do that. Everyone has their way of living. The way you were in the past was pretty good. Both parties just took what they needed and were fully willing. There's no need to force those people who are unwilling. As a matter of fact, you've ruined the company's and your reputation after meeting such a difficult opponent like Eliza. Why bother?"

"...You're right."

Chester suddenly chuckled. "Eliza and I are fated to live in different worlds. Come.

Let's have a toast. After this drink, you can tell Catherine to ask Eliza to go back. I won't bother her anymore."

"Keep your promise." "Mm. I'm a man of my word."

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Chapter 2725

Chester drank a lot that night.

He was still dizzy when he went to the company the next day.

He only felt better after drinking a cup of coffee that he asked his secretary to pour.

Ken suddenly knocked on the door outside and entered. "President Jewell, there's progress on the investigation you told me to conduct on Reborn the last time."

Chester was stunned.

Only then did he remember he had asked Ken to investigate Eliza during that period. He kept finding it weird that Eliza was Reborn.

If it were yesterday, he would definitely have been interested.

However, Chester had already decided that he would not have private interactions with her except during work. He was too lazy to probe into her secrets as well.

"You don't have to tell me about her information anymore in the future, stop investigating her too," Chester said indifferently.

Everyone had their own secrets. Chester feared that the more he dug, the more interested he would be in Eliza.

Ken was astonished. "President Jewell, I found out that this identity of Reborn seems to be related to Charity. Don't you want to know about it?"

"Charity?" Chester raised his head in shock. After that, his expression relaxed again. "Reborn is Eliza. Eliza and Charity have known each other since they were young. It's not weird that there's some relation between them."

"No. Eliza might not be the true Reborn."

Ken said, "When I investigated Eliza, I was afraid something might be missed. Therefore, I sent my subordinates to Eliza's hometown on purpose. They even visited the school where Eliza had studied before. All the neighbors, people, teachers, and students thought that her intelligence was average even though she was beautiful. She narrowly managed to keep up with classes by studying very hard. More importantly, when Reborn first appeared on Wall Street, Eliza was in the country. She was not overseas at all."

"Are you sure?" Chester's expression turned solemn.

If Eliza was not Reborn, she was impersonating a shareholder of Jewell Corporation.

As a company's president, he could not overlook that matter.

"I'm very sure."

Ken walked forward. He took out a stack of documents and another photo. "This was when Reborn appeared on Wall street six years ago. At that time, Eliza was in her senior year. She even went to watch a movie with her friends on that day. This is the security camera footage of the cinema."

Chester stared at Eliza in the photo, she wore a pure-looking cotton dress, she looked fresh and clean.

However, he found her unfamiliar.

Actually, Chester had suspected earlier on that Eliza was hiding a huge secret.

Nevertheless, he could not deny the possibility that Eliza might truly be a finance genius.

Many people were exceptionally sharp with data. There had been occurrences of such geniuses overseas.

However, the photo in front of Chester could not be fabricated.

A person could not possibly have dual identities.

"How did Eliza become Reborn?" Chester's expression turned grim. "She even invested in Ferra Film Group. It's also Reborn who shorted Jewell Corporation's stocks. Is Eliza a chess piece used by the real Reborn to fool people?"

Chester thought he was smart, but he realized he was becoming confused.

Ken frowned. "That's not it either. I've investigated Levi's side. The person who interacted with him frequently before is indeed Eliza. Besides, Eliza's ex-manager, Skyler, also went to work in Ferra Film Group. Even Della went to look for Eliza right after arriving in Australia. Moreover, traces of Reborn appeared in Country R

three months ago. I checked that hotel's security camera footage. There were sights of Eliza. Reborn had apparently swept over a billion dollars in Country R."

Chester tapped the table. He quickly analyzed everything. "In that case, the person who invested in Ferra Film Group, became Jewell Corporation's shareholder, and went to Country R three months ago is Eliza. Then who was the Reborn who appeared in the US six years ago?"

"Yes. The first appearance of Reborn six years ago definitely wasn't Eliza."

Ken nodded quickly. As expected of Young Master Jewell, he could grasp the essential points from a pile of mixed and complicated information.