

## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 671 – Venue Of The Exchange

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When Lucas and Cheyenne headed downstairs after getting up the next morning, they discovered that Charlotte had already left in a hurry.

After breakfast, Lucas asked, “Cheyenne, I’m going to San Francisco today to attend the Elite Business Exchange. If you’re free today, do you want to come with me?”

Cheyenne thought about it but eventually declined. “No, I’ll give it a pass. I heard that the Elite Business Exchange will be held until very late. Charlotte is especially busy these days, and Dad is still hospitalized. If I go with you, there won’t be anyone to look after Amelia when she comes home from school. I’ll just stay home and wait for you to come back to tell me about the exchange.”

She smiled warmly.

“Okay, I’ll tell you about it when I come back.” Lucas smiled gently and kissed the adorable and delicate Amelia beside him before walking out of the villa.

Lucas’s Jaguar had been smashed by Nate last night and couldn’t be repaired within a short time.

He originally intended to drive another car in the garage to San Francisco, but he discovered that two of the Hales' cars were already parked outside the gate.

Bruce and his grandson Connor were standing beside a low-profile black Porsche, waiting for Lucas.

Lucas immediately walked straight toward them and got inside the Hales' car.

“Lucas, I'm afraid this Elite Business Exchange will be extremely unfavorable to you. Do you really still want to go?” Bruce Hale asked worriedly.

He had already mentioned this issue about the Elite Business Exchange before. This time, the Elite Business Exchange was suddenly brought forward by a month, and the hosting rights were even given to the Kingstons, who had a feud with Lucas. Regardless of how he looked at it, the exchange seemed unfavorable to Lucas.

Lucas smiled. “Are you afraid?”

Bruce shook his head. “I don't care. I'm already old, and I've seen enough of the world, so I'm brave enough. But I'm worried about you. After all, the Kingstons are joining forces with the Smiths, one of the eight most powerful families in DC. I'm afraid it won't be easy to deal with them!”

Just now, Lucas had already told Bruce about the conjectures he and Edmund had made yesterday. Since Lucas and the Hales were now no longer in an ordinary relationship, he wouldn't hide this important information from the Hales.

Therefore, Bruce became even more worried than before.

But Connor, sitting in the passenger seat, wasn't as worried as his grandfather after he saw how calm and confident Lucas was in the rearview mirror.

“Grandpa, Mr. Gray isn't an ordinary person. Even if the Kingstons and the Smiths join forces, I'm afraid that they won't be a match for Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray will never do anything that he's not sure about, so what's the point of worrying about these unnecessary things, Grandpa?”

After witnessing Lucas's ability numerous times, Connor had already developed incomparable trust in Lucas. He knew that he wasn't the type who would put on a brave front and fight recklessly. If he seemed confident without showing the slightest trace of panic, then he truly had the absolute strength to obtain victory.

Hearing his grandson's words, Bruce was stunned for a moment before shaking his head and laughing. “Look at me. I'm really getting old. Connor is right. With Lucas's strength, there is no need for me to worry at all even if the other party is the powerful Smith family!”

Lucas smiled. “Don't worry. The Smiths can't do anything to me. Not to mention the Smiths, even in the entire country, there's probably no one who can defeat me!”

Lucas's words were full of a domineering aura that carried condescension for the world.

If someone else said this, they would definitely come off as hopelessly arrogant.

But the amazing thing was that there seemed to be nothing wrong with this sentence when Lucas said it. Instead, it made others feel heartfelt admiration.

For example, Bruce and Connor were both full of endless confidence in Lucas and had a strong motivation to fight, their previous worries gone without a trace.

Due to the upcoming Elite Business Exchange, there were a lot of vehicles from various cities gathered in San Francisco, causing huge traffic jams.

When they arrived in San Francisco, the city was much livelier than usual, with countless vehicles and pedestrians everywhere.

When they arrived at the Walton Hotel in San Francisco, the official venue of the Elite Business Exchange, the traffic outside was even more congested.

“Because the Elite Business Exchange is held only once every three years, and the invitees are all the top-tier families and forces in various cities in California, many uninvited second and third-tier families aren’t willing to let go of this opportunity to exchange. So there will also be another business exchange with lower entry requirements, specially open to those second and third-tier families.”

Knowing that it was Lucas’s first time attending the Elite Business Exchange, Bruce took the initiative to explain to him.

“The second business exchange is being held in the stadium opposite Walton Hotel, so there’s a huge flow of human traffic here.”

Lucas nodded.

Bruce added, “When we arrive at the Walton Hotel in a bit, we’ll be able to enter directly as long as we show our invitation cards. There are all sorts of services inside, so we basically don’t have to go out.

“Also, some small gatherings and sales events will be held in the exhibition hall on the top floor of the Walton Hotel. People with fine items they’d like to sell and people who want to purchase antiques, luxurious houses and cars, manor and real estate, and so on may go there to take a look.

“Of course, correspondingly, the ordinary business exchange has this segment too. There are countless vendors with all kinds of things to sell. There’s plenty of good stuff, but it’s also common for people to spend a lot of money on counterfeits.

“But all of this depends on the judgment of each individual. Lucas, do you want to browse the stalls outside or go to the hotel to get some rest? After all, the Elite Business Exchange won’t officially start until seven in the evening. Until then, you have ample time to do what you want.”

Bruce informed Lucas of all the details and other things he knew about the Elite Business Exchange.

Lucas wasn’t very interested in resting in the hotel. Instead, he was somewhat interested in visiting the markets affiliated with these exchanges.

“I’ll just walk outside and show up at the exchange when it’s almost time. You don’t have to worry about me. Go ahead and do your own thing,” Lucas said with a faint smile.

He knew that the Hales, with their current status, definitely had to do all kinds of networking, especially since they were at a grand event like the Elite Business Exchange.

So he sent Bruce and Connor off and got out of the car to stroll leisurely outside the hotel.

Before he could take a few steps, Lucas suddenly heard a voice of surprise coming from behind him.

“Lucas? You’re here too! What a coincidence!” Lena appeared in front of Lucas with a bright smile.

## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 672 – Accompany Me To Shop

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Seeing Lena, Lucas raised his brows in surprise. “Are you also here for the Elite Business Exchange?”

Lena nodded with a smile. “Yes, the Elite Business Exchange is only held once every three years, so it’s a rare opportunity for me to come. During the last exchange, I was still abroad and couldn’t come back. This time, I decided I had to witness its splendor. Otherwise, I’ll have to wait another three years.”

While she spoke, another familiar figure appeared in front of Lucas and greeted him, “Mr. Gray, you’re here to attend the Elite Business Exchange too. That’s wonderful!”

This person was none other than Ethan Sawyer, who hadn’t shown up in front of Lucas for a long time.

Beside him was a young woman of about 23 years old who somewhat resembled Lena.

She was a few years younger than Lena and still had some baby fat on her face. But she was currently frowning petulantly, seemingly in a bad mood.

Lucas reckoned that she was Lena’s younger sister, whom he hadn’t met before.

Lucas glanced at Ethan but didn't respond to his words. Instead, he nodded with an indifferent expression.

When Karen's matter was getting out of hand, and the reputations of Lucas and the Stardust Corporation were thoroughly tarnished, Lucas had gone to the Kingstons in San Francisco to get Karen back. At the time, the Parkers, the Hales, and Joe of Little Atlantis City had all rushed to the Kingston residence unanimously and stood firmly on Lucas's side despite the risk of becoming enemies with the Kingstons.

On the other hand, Ethan never once showed up or even gave Lucas a phone call.

Only after there was a twist in events in the matter between Karen and Lucas and a complete turnaround for Lucas and the Stardust Corporation did Ethan call him to show him concern, as if he had just learned about the matter.

This incident alone was enough to clearly show everyone's true colors.

Lucas was already disappointed in Ethan. So now that they met again, although Lucas didn't face him with a hostile attitude on Lena's account, it was impossible for them to return to the way they used to be.

Noticing Lucas's indifference toward him, Ethan knew what was going on and couldn't help looking a little ashamed.

But as an experienced businessman who managed to become the wealthiest man in Orange County, he was naturally very thick-skinned. He turned around and said to the young lady beside him, "Yvette, this is Mr. Lucas Gray, whom I've mentioned to you many times. Hurry up and greet him."



The young lady glanced at Lucas and said in a withdrawn manner that made it seem as if she was just completing a task, “Hello, Mr. Gray. I am Yvette Sawyer. Nice to meet you.”

Lucas was somewhat amused because she was clearly being forced by her father to introduce herself to a stranger.

“Hello.” He returned the greeting with a faint smile.

Lena laughed. “She’s my sister, and she just returned from abroad recently. She doesn’t know many people yet! By the way, Lucas, are you going to the Walton Hotel now?”

Lucas shook his head and looked across the wide road at the lively stalls in front of the stadium. “No, I’m planning to stroll around and browse the stalls outside for a while before going in later.”

Lena immediately smiled radiantly and said with surprise, “Wow, what a coincidence! I’m also planning to look at the stalls. We can go together!”

Before Lucas could say anything, Ethan said smilingly, “That’s really a coincidence. Lena, how about you stroll around with Mr. Gray. If you see anything you like, go ahead and buy it. I’ll take your sister inside. I happen to have some old friends I’d like to meet.”

After saying goodbye to Lucas, Ethan took Yvette into the Walton Hotel.

Now, only Lucas and Lena were standing here.

Lena looked behind Lucas and asked curiously, “Lucas, are you here alone today? Didn’t Cheyenne come with you?”

“Well, she’s busy and has to pick up Amelia from school in the evening, so she didn’t come,” Lucas answered.

“I see.” Lena wanted to pretend to find it a shame, but she couldn’t help sounding somewhat glad as she beamed with joy.

“Come on. Let’s go over there together. I heard that there’s some good stuff for sale in the markets every year!” Lena said happily while suddenly reaching out to hold Lucas’s arm.

Lucas was surprised and immediately wanted to retract his arm.

Cheyenne was the only woman he had ever had such intimate interactions with.

“Hey, Lucas, I’m not taking advantage of you. It’s just that I’m in heels today, and I can barely keep my balance while walking. Just do me a favor and lend me your arm for a while, okay?” Lena lifted her head and looked at Lucas with a playful expression on her face.

She was indeed walking shakily in a pair of stilettos with thin, ten-centimeter long heels.

Since Lena had already asked him to do her a favor, Lucas couldn’t just push her aside.

“Since your shoes are making walking inconvenient for you, I think you’d better go to the hotel to rest,” Lucas said somewhat helplessly.

“No, what’s the point of staying in the hotel? My dad will surely take me to meet his business partners again. In addition to socializing, I have to maintain a ladylike smile the whole time. My face is going to be stiff. I don’t want to go!” Lena pouted and complained coquettishly, then she suddenly smiled. “Come on. Let’s go over there and see what good things there are!”

She excitedly held onto Lucas’s arm tightly and took the lead to walk toward the stalls across the road.

Lucas naturally had to follow Lena, allowing her to rest a small part of her weight on him as she walked across the street toward the entrance of the stadium.

Just across the road, Lucas bumped into another familiar face.

It was none other than Alexis’s father, Clement Cole.

Yesterday at the Coles’, Lucas got into a conflict with Clement twice.

The first time, Clement had taken the initiative to call Lucas to his study and warned him to stay away from his daughter, Alexis, and his father, Edmund. He had even offered Lucas three million dollars to repay Lucas for his kindness to Edmund. But Lucas had left without paying attention to him.

The second time, Clement ran to Edmund’s garden and complained to Edmund about Lucas in an attempt to get Edmund to drive Lucas away from the Coles completely. But Clement ended up getting reprimanded by Edmund and left in exasperation.

Both times, Clement failed to get rid of Lucas and even suffered losses. So he was full of displeasure when he saw Lucas.

“Hey, I was wondering who you were. Aren’t you Lucas Gray, the man who stole the limelight at my daughter’s party yesterday? You’re really despicable. You seduced my daughter, and now, you’re behaving intimately with another woman.. You’re a scumbag indeed!” Clement lashed out hostilely without hiding his disgust and abhorrence for Lucas at all.

## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 673 – Charlotte Gets The Wrong Idea

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“...” Lucas was speechless.

He had already told Clement that he treated Alexis as a sister and merely acted as her shield at her party yesterday. Yet Clement made him out to be a villain who seduced his daughter with ill intentions.

Now, Clement had gotten the wrong idea about him and Lena too.

“Mr. Cole, you’ve misunderstood,” Lucas said with a frown.

“Hah, whether I’ve misunderstood or not doesn’t change the fact that you’re a scumbag! I’m warning you. You’d better stay away from my daughter in the future. Otherwise, I definitely won’t let you off!” Clement glowered at Lucas and then left arrogantly with his bodyguards.

Lucas felt helpless. There was no way to use common sense to reason with Clement. Moreover, he was way too prejudiced against Lucas, so they couldn’t communicate properly at all.

Holding onto Lucas’s arm, Lena said with an apologetic expression, “I’m sorry, Lucas. It seems I’ve caused you to be misunderstood!”

“Lucas?! You... you guys...”

Suddenly, another extremely familiar figure appeared in front of Lucas and Lena. She was staring at them in shock, especially at the way Lena was holding onto Lucas's arm.

Lucas immediately retracted his arm from Lena's grip almost with a whoosh. He looked a little awkward and felt slightly panicked.

The person standing in front of them was none other than Charlotte.

"Charlotte, why are you here in San Francisco too? How come I didn't hear you mention it before?" Lucas frantically asked, somehow feeling guilty.

Charlotte looked at Lucas with disappointment and a complicated gaze in her eyes. "Lucas, if I hadn't come, I wouldn't have seen what you were doing. How can you do this to Cheyenne?"

She stared closely at Lucas, her eyes full of emotions like disappointment, resentment, anger, and so on.

After finally clearing the misunderstanding she had about Lucas at the beginning, her impression of Lucas had been getting better and better. In her opinion, he was strong, tall, handsome, domineering yet gentle, and extremely nice to her, Cheyenne, and her family.

So Charlotte had always felt that Cheyenne was very lucky to have married Lucas.

But she never thought that she would witness her brother-in-law linking arms with another woman here. To make matters worse, the woman was her sister's best friend!

At this moment, Charlotte strongly felt the anger of being betrayed and extremely unjust for Cheyenne.

“Charlotte, you've misunderstood. There is nothing between me and Lena. We just happened to run into each other here, and she was having a hard time walking in heels, so I was giving her a hand. There's definitely no other meaning!” Lucas explained anxiously.

If it were an irrelevant outsider like Clement, Lucas wouldn't bother to explain anything even after they had misunderstood his relationship with Lena. But since it was Charlotte, he panicked because he didn't want her to misunderstand him at all.

The only woman he had ever loved in his life was Cheyenne.

If Cheyenne heard about the misunderstanding, he would never be able to explain himself clearly.

Seeing how unconvinced Charlotte was, he hurriedly urged Lena, “Lena, quickly explain to Charlotte that we're just ordinary friends and nothing like what she thinks!”

The moment Lena saw Charlotte, she felt a pang of panic. But she began to feel extraordinarily uncomfortable after hearing how desperate Lucas was to prove that there was no other relationship between them.

“Uh, yes, Lucas is right. He and I are just ordinary friends. I wanted to visit the stalls here, but I’m wearing heels, making it inconvenient to walk properly. So I asked Lucas to let me hold onto his arm while I walked! There’s really nothing... between us! Also, you mustn’t tell your sister about this. Just take it that I’m begging you, okay?” Lena hurriedly explained.

Perhaps because she was too nervous, she looked panic-stricken and flustered when she explained, just like someone caught red-handed doing a misdeed. It made Charlotte feel that she was deliberately hiding something.

“Is it really a misunderstanding? Or did you do something immoral, so you have a guilty conscience facing me? If you’re really innocent, why are you afraid that I’ll tell my sister about it? Tell me!” Charlotte hollered at Lena furiously.

Although she hadn’t interacted much with Lena, she knew that Cheyenne cherished her friendship with Lena and would often mention the latter in front of her. During holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, she would specially send some gifts and food to Lena, who was far away from home.

Thus, Charlotte was even more enraged when she saw that the woman holding onto Lucas’s arm was her sister’s best friend.

Hearing Charlotte’s overbearing questions, Lena looked even more helpless and flustered. She seemed to be at a loss for how to explain what happened today and could only plead over and over again, “Charlotte, your sister and I have been best friends for so many years. I... How could I ever betray her? This is really just a misunderstanding. You must believe me!

“I beg you not to tell your sister about this. I don’t want her to overthink. If she misunderstands me and takes me for that kind of woman, how can I still have the cheek to see her?



“I... I really don't want to lose my friendship with Cheyenne, so Charlotte, please promise me not to tell her about this!”

The more Lena explained in such a manner and repeatedly asked Charlotte not to tell Cheyenne, the more it made Charlotte feel that she and Lucas had really done something they shouldn't have done.

Charlotte couldn't stand it anymore and snapped, “Enough! You know best whether you've done anything or not! Trust you to still claim to be best friends with my sister. You don't deserve to be my sister's friend, nor do you deserve the care she's given you over the years!

“You... you really disgust me!

“And you, Lucas, so much for treating you as my good brother-in-law. I even saw you as my brother. You've really disappointed me! I'll definitely tell Cheyenne about this. None of you try to take Cheyenne and my family as fools!”

With that, Charlotte glowered at them before turning around to storm off.

“Charlotte...” Lucas wanted to explain some more, but Charlotte had already left.

He stood rooted to the ground with his mouth wide open, at a complete loss for words.

Although it was obviously just a misunderstanding, and Lucas felt that he only needed to explain it clearly, Charlotte somehow got angrier after hearing the explanation. In the end, she seemed to believe that there was an illicit relationship between him and Lena.

Lucas was helpless and troubled.

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More seriously, if Charlotte really went home to tell Cheyenne about it, causing her to misunderstand too, Lucas simply couldn't imagine what kind of scene would happen then.

“Lucas, I'm sorry, it's all my fault. If I hadn't asked you to help, things wouldn't have turned out this way. I think I'd better go to Charlotte...” Lena looked at Lucas with an apologetic expression.

But before she could finish speaking, Lucas interrupted her, “No need. I'll explain to Charlotte and also tell Cheyenne clearly what happened today.”

“No, you mustn't tell Cheyenne!” Lena immediately said anxiously. “Cheyenne... I'm afraid she'll overthink if she finds out. Besides, even if you clarify that it's a misunderstanding, I think she'll bear a grudge against me from now on. Lucas, please don't tell her!”

She looked at Lucas with a pleading look.

After hearing what Lena said, Lucas felt an uncomfortable feeling in his heart.

He and Lena were completely innocent to begin with, and even if they were misunderstood, there wouldn't be any more problems as long as they explained things clearly.

Lucas understood Cheyenne's character very well, so he knew that she definitely wouldn't hold a grudge or get into a conflict with Lena because of it.

On the contrary, Lena seemed to have no trust in Cheyenne at all, and she also seemed to make Cheyenne sound like a narrow-minded person who liked to overthink, which made Lucas very uncomfortable.

"You don't have to say anymore. Cheyenne is not that kind of person at all," Lucas said coldly and stopped talking to her. He chased after Charlotte.

No matter what, he had to explain the matter clearly to Charlotte, the person who witnessed it, to clear up her misunderstanding.

"Hey, Luc..." Lena tried to call out to Lucas to make him stop, but he was so fast that his figure had already vanished into the bustling crowd in just a few seconds.

As Lena watched Lucas disappear among the sea of people, her face gradually dimmed, and she felt utterly dejected.

After a while, she hung her head low. Lucas, am I really just an ordinary friend to you? You refuse to say even one more word to me, yet you're afraid that she will misunderstand you. Is Cheyenne so important to you... I'm really... so unwilling!

Lena clenched her fingers tightly, and her long fingernails dug into the flesh of her palm. But she seemed unaware of it as her heart was full of bitterness and frustration.

The first time she had met Lucas in the Opulence Club, she had been very unimpressed with him, the man Cheyenne had married, because she felt that apart from his handsome face, he was good for nothing.

But when a roaring motorbike suddenly appeared in front of the Sawyers' villa shortly after their first meeting, Lucas appeared as if he had descended from Heaven and rescued her from her crisis in the nick of time.

From this moment on, Lena discovered that her heart, which had never beaten for anyone, suddenly pounded vigorously.

So afterward, she couldn't help becoming more and more concerned about Lucas, desperately wanting to know everything about him and get closer to him.

Afterward, when she was once again almost assassinated in LA, Lucas once again suddenly appeared and saved her again.

She thought that it had to be God's will and arrangement to let her true love rescue her from danger twice.

Lena always thought so.

Thus, even after she tried to seduce Lucas at the pool on the top floor of LA's Intercontinental Hotel by wearing a bikini and pretending to sprain her ankle but was ultimately rejected by him, Lena still didn't want to give up.

When she ran into Lucas outside the Walton Hotel just now, she was extremely surprised and stopped behaving restrainedly. She even used her high heels as an excuse to get the opportunity to hold onto his arm. God knows how blissful she felt just now.

Lena hoped that time would stop at this moment forever and never flow forward again.

Even when Clement got the wrong idea about her relationship with Lucas, she didn't think about explaining at all and instead felt a burst of joy.

But the wonderful moment was short-lived, lasting only two short minutes before Charlotte's sudden appearance interrupted it.

When she saw Lucas's somewhat panicky explanation and heard him clarify that she and he were just ordinary friends, Lena felt that her heart was about to shatter into pieces.

Now, Lucas left her behind and ran after Cheyenne's sister without looking back for fear that she would misunderstand and eventually upset Cheyenne.

What about me then?

I'm so miserable now. Will anyone care if I'm sad or not?

Bitter tears streamed down Lena's cheeks quietly.

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Meanwhile, the tall and long-legged Lucas quickly caught up with Charlotte and tried to explain to her that it was a misunderstanding.

"Charlotte, what just happened was really just a misunderstanding. I only gave Lena a hand because she's Cheyenne's friend. I really don't mean anything else!

“Don’t you know what kind of a person I am? You should be very clear that Cheyenne is the only woman I love.

“I... Ah, I don’t even know what to say. Anyway, this is definitely a misunderstanding, and I swear that there definitely isn’t anything between me and her!”

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Lucas kept chasing after Charlotte to explain to her. She was extremely furious and annoyed at first and wanted to ignore him, but when she saw how anxiously he was explaining, she slowly began to calm down.

In fact, in hindsight, she recalled that although Lena had indeed been holding onto Lucas’s arm, he had actually stretched his arm out rather far, so he didn’t really have any intimate contact with her.

If he was really cheating on Cheyenne with Lena, their actions should have been more intimate.

Besides, they were right in the middle of the Elite Business Exchange and the ordinary business exchange, where large crowds were coming and going. Many of them were definitely people of the major families of Orange County, as well as people who knew either Lucas or Lena.

Even if they were in an affair, they shouldn’t have openly shown their affection for each other in public because they couldn’t possibly want everyone to find out.

Thus, it was very likely that it was indeed a misunderstanding, as Lucas said.

Actually, Charlotte knew how well Lucas treated Cheyenne, so she reckoned that he wouldn't betray Cheyenne.

After Charlotte figured everything out, her angry face eased up slightly, and she slowed down a little.

But the thought of the expression on Lena's face when she was holding Lucas's arm just now still made Charlotte uncomfortable.

Indeed, it was possible that Lucas was honest and aboveboard and didn't have any other feelings for Lena, but there was definitely something wrong with Lena!

Thinking of this, Charlotte puffed up her cheeks again.

She turned around and stared at Lucas angrily. "Fine, on account that you've explained so much, I'll believe you this time!

"But you must stay away from Lena, that pretentious and scheming b\*tch, in the future.. And even more so, you are not allowed to be alone with her again! Otherwise, I'll tell Cheyenne about it right away!" Charlotte said unyieldingly.



## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 675 – Meeting An Old Friend

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Although the corners of Lucas's mouth twitched involuntarily after he heard Charlotte calling Lena a pretentious and scheming b\*tch, he agreed to her request immediately.

He only got to know Lena because she was Cheyenne's best friend, and there was no strong friendship between them, so it didn't matter to him that they couldn't spend any time alone.

As for Charlotte's threat of telling Cheyenne about it, Lucas didn't take it to heart.

He had a clear conscience, so he wasn't afraid of what Charlotte would say.

“Hmph, your attitude is good.”

Seeing that Lucas agreed without hesitation, Charlotte's face eased up, but she quickly added, “Oh yes, apart from that pretentious b\*tch Lena, you're not allowed to spend any time alone together with other women. No intimate contact either!

“Also, if there are other women, especially those with ulterior motives, who want to approach you in the future, you must be smart enough not to let yourself get taken advantage of, got it?”

“And you have to be wary and careful when attending gatherings, cocktail parties, and social functions in the future, especially when you eat and drink. Don’t let others spike your drinks or food and then end up waking up beside some strange woman. If you bring a pregnant woman home one day, Cheyenne and I won’t allow it. Do you understand?”

“And...”

Charlotte was talking about some ordinary things at first. But toward the end, she got more and more absurd, leaving Lucas being caught between laughter and tears.

He reckoned that Charlotte must have read lots of strange novels, hence her... rich imagination.

“Okay, I promise! I’ll definitely keep an appropriate distance from all other women and respect myself. I will also pay attention to my food and drinks and not let women with ulterior motives have the possibility of getting close to me. Will this do?” Lucas said helplessly with a bitter smile.

“Hmph, you have to keep to your word!” Charlotte playfully crinkled her nose and finally forgave Lucas this time.

“Let’s go to the stalls over there and stroll around again! Just now, I set my sights on something, but I haven’t even had time to buy it yet! Lucas, you have to buy it for me!” Charlotte said coquettishly as he held onto Lucas’s arm.

“...” Lucas pointed to his arm Charlotte was holding and said speechlessly, “Didn’t you just say that I’m not allowed to have physical contact with any other woman?”

“Am I any other woman? I’m your sister!” Feeling a little ashamed and furious, Charlotte pinched Lucas’s arm.

Seeing Charlotte’s appearance, Lucas couldn’t help laughing.

But it was true that he had always treated Charlotte as his sister, and now that she really took herself as his sister, he felt elated.

“By the way, why did you suddenly come to San Francisco today? I haven’t heard you mention anything about coming here before. Do you have something to handle here in San Francisco?” Lucas asked curiously.

When he went out this morning, Charlotte had already left home early. If he had known that she was also coming to San Francisco, they could have traveled together.

“Of course I’m also here to attend the exchange!” Charlotte answered.

“You too...?” Lucas was a bit surprised.

After all, he had learned from the helmsmen Damon and Bruce that there were strict entry requirements for the Elite Business Exchange, and only the top-tier families and forces within California would receive an invitation.

He was surprised to hear that Charlotte had received an invitation to the exchange too.

Seeing how surprised Lucas was, Charlotte said with some displeasure, “Don’t be mistaken. The exchange I’m attending isn’t the Elite Business Exchange you’re attending. It’s just an ordinary one that the second and third-tier families and businesses are attending. It’s going to be held in the stadium.”

Only then did Lucas recall that Bruce had indeed mentioned this to him. The stadium where the ordinary business exchange was held was opposite the Walton Hotel, where the Elite Business Exchange was held, which was the reason for the large human traffic.

Charlotte was now the general manager of the Stardust Corporation’s Orange County branch and rather influential. It made sense for her to attend the ordinary business exchange.

Just as the two were about to reach the stalls at the entrance of the stadium, someone at the side called out in surprise.

“Charlotte?” It was the voice of a young woman.

Lucas and Charlotte turned around and saw a woman wearing brown aviator shades next to them, looking at Cheyenne in surprise.

Her arm was wrapped around a young man who looked like a wealthy scion beside her.

Both of them were wearing expensive clothes, almost all from designer brands.

Charlotte looked at the woman and asked in confusion, “Excuse me, do you know me?”

She felt that the woman's voice sounded familiar, but the large aviator shades were covering almost half of her face, revealing only her wavy hair and bright red lips. Charlotte really couldn't recognize her.

"It's me! I'm Vanessa Jensen. Charlotte, can't you even recognize me?" The woman laughed while taking off her aviator shades, revealing her face covered in exquisite makeup.

"Ah, it's you, Vanessa!" Charlotte immediately recognized the woman, and she exclaimed in surprise, "I didn't expect to run into you here today! What a coincidence!"

She initially wanted to immediately go up and hug Vanessa, her long-lost friend. But she decided not to do so after seeing Vanessa holding onto the arm of the man beside her, who was obviously her boyfriend.

But she was still beaming with joy as she quickly introduced her to Lucas. "Lucas, this is Vanessa, my best friend in high school! We haven't even seen each other for years."

Lucas nodded politely. "Hello."

At this moment, Vanessa finally realized that there was a man standing beside Charlotte, whose arm she was holding.

It seemed that Charlotte's relationship with this man should be similar to her own.

However...

Vanessa's eyes quickly swept over Lucas. He was wearing extraordinarily shabby clothes, which were not of any proper brands, let alone luxury brands like Armani, Versace, Zegna, etc. They seem like clothes from random brands.

Oh, it turns out that Charlotte has a penniless boyfriend. What a waste of her beauty.. A wave of contempt surged in her heart as she arrogantly shifted her gaze away from Lucas.

## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 676 – Best Friends On The Surface

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Vanessa and Charlotte began laughing and reminiscing about the past. But the man beside Vanessa suddenly said, “Vanessa, you haven’t introduced this beautiful lady to me yet.”

Only then did Vanessa remember that she forgot to introduce her and quickly said, “Honey, this is Charlotte Carter, my best friend back in high school. We were like sisters back then!” She covered her mouth and laughed.

“Nice to meet you, Miss Carter. I’m Vanessa’s boyfriend, Brian Klein.” Brian immediately extended his hand to give her a handshake.

Lucas narrowed his eyes slightly.

From the first moment he saw Charlotte, he had been keeping his eyes glued to her. Moreover, the look in his eyes didn’t contain the pure admiration for a beauty, but rather, it was repulsively lewd.

It was the same now. He extended his hand in a seemingly gentlemanly manner, but the way he looked at Charlotte was even more unrestrained and unpleasant.

After being stared at for a long time, Charlotte naturally felt something.

In particular, when she raised her head and saw the lecherous gaze in Brian's eyes, her impression of this man became terrible.

If not for the fact that he was Vanessa's boyfriend, Charlotte would have long cursed at him.

"Hello," Charlotte, suppressing her anger, replied indifferently without any intentions to shake his hand.

Brian's facial expression immediately stiffened.

He had planned to take liberties with Charlotte during the handshake and see just how soft the hands of the woman who was prettier than his girlfriend was.

A trace of disappointment and anger appeared on his face, but he could only awkwardly retract his hand while striking up a conversation on his own. "You two are high school classmates. It should have been a long time since you've met, huh?"

Vanessa said, "Yeah. After graduating, we went to college in different cities. It's been more than five years since we last met! It's a rare opportunity for us to meet here today, so we have to catch up and chat more!"

Although Charlotte was displeased with the way Brian was gawking at her, she was still glad to meet her best friend from high school.

Charlotte had been shopping together with Lucas, and now that Vanessa and her boyfriend were coming along, she should still ask for Lucas's opinion. Seeing him nod slightly, she agreed, "Sure. It happens that we're shopping here too. Let's go together!"



Vanessa saw the subtle action.

She was shocked, and at the same time, she couldn't help feeling some disdain.

Lucas was dressed like an ordinary penniless man. Vanessa was surprised that Charlotte had gotten such a boyfriend. Worse still, she had to seek his opinion before making a decision, an act of stooping too low in Vanessa's opinion. She felt that she was no longer the cold and aloof school belle she used to be.

Back then, although Vanessa was close friends with Charlotte, Charlotte was much prettier than her and thus became the school belle early on. Wherever she went, she would receive love letters and confessions from countless boys.

On the other hand, although Vanessa was easy on the eyes too, she paled in comparison to Charlotte. Compared to girls with average looks, she would definitely be considered pretty, but she was no match for Charlotte. So almost no one noticed her when she was next to the school belle.

At the time, Vanessa was once envious and wanted to sever her friendship with Charlotte and never hang out with her again. But Charlotte came from an affluent family and would bring snacks and little gifts for Vanessa every now and then.

Besides, many boys who wanted to get into Charlotte's good books were also smart enough to bribe Vanessa with all sorts of food and gifts after knowing that she was Charlotte's best friend.

So for the sake of the many benefits Vanessa obtained without any effort, she reluctantly continued to stay by Charlotte's side as her best friend for three years.

But she had to admit that the deep-rooted envy and hatred buried deep within her had always been a thorn in her flesh.

Now that she had met Charlotte again and saw that she had found such a mediocre boyfriend, she was truly thrilled.

Hah, so what if Charlotte was the school belle that everyone pursued back then?

She has a poor loser for a boyfriend now, and she's going to suffer for the rest of her life.

Unlike her, I've found a young and promising boyfriend like Brian. From now on, I can definitely trample on Charlotte Carter and defeat her!

The thought of it made Vanessa feel a proud sense of superiority and confidence.

“By the way, Charlotte, did you also rush here from Orange County to join the fun because you know that the exchange here happens only once in three years and that there's lots of good stuff to pick up at the entrance?”

“Uh, no...”

Before Charlotte could finish speaking, Vanessa interrupted her immediately, “Hey, those are just rumors. The really good stuff has long been bought at high prices by others. There's no way we'd be able to get a good deal. We might even lose out and be deceived!”

“If you really want to buy something good, just ask your boyfriend to get it for you! Oh, sorry, I almost forgot that your boyfriend probably can't afford anything good. Look how shabbily dressed he is.”

“Charlotte, it’s not that I’m trying to criticize you, but you used to be the school belle, and you’re still young and pretty now. You can get any guy you want. Why did you get together with such a... Ah, I don’t even know what to say to you.”

While speaking, Vanessa didn’t bother to keep her volume down or avoid anything. Instead, she looked at Lucas and almost pointed at his nose.

“Vanessa, he’s not...”

Charlotte knew that Vanessa must have misunderstood her relationship with Lucas and wanted to explain that Lucas was just her brother-in-law. But Vanessa interrupted her as soon as she spoke.

“Charlotte, it’s not that I’m deliberately trying to show off in front of you, but do you know about the Solar Corporation in LA?”

When trying to speak, Charlotte was interrupted by Vanessa twice in a row. And the latter didn’t seem to want to listen to her at all because she was focusing only on what she wanted to say. Besides, the remarks she made were a blatant expression of her disdain toward Lucas, which made Charlotte feel extremely uncomfortable.

The enthusiasm she felt upon seeing her old friend after years gradually faded.

But Charlotte definitely knew about the Solar Corporation. She was very familiar with it because it belonged to Lucas.

What does Vanessa mean by mentioning the Solar Corporation out of nowhere?

After noticing the bewilderment in Charlotte's eyes, Vanessa held onto her boyfriend's arm and said smugly, "Brian has become the deputy general manager of the Solar Corporation at such a young age. Impressive, huh?"

"He's here to attend the exchange on behalf of the Solar Corporation today! Let me tell you. If you want to get a boyfriend, you have to get one like mine, right?"

As soon as she said that, Lucas immediately had an extremely strange expression on his face. The man with the lewd gaze turned out to be the deputy general manager of the Solar Corporation?

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In fact, Lucas really wasn’t sure who the current deputy general manager of the Solar Corporation was.

Previously, Lucas had left the entire Solar Corporation in Flynn’s hands. But just a short while ago, he sent Flynn to the Stardust Corporation Headquarters in DC. Thus, Flynn left the Solar Corporation to a subordinate he trusted.

But if the deputy general manager of Solar Corporation was Brian, Lucas felt that he really had to consider thoroughly and carefully review the organizational structure of the current Solar Corporation.

After hearing what Vanessa said, Charlotte had a trace of surprise appear on her face. She turned to look at Lucas with a tinge of doubt in her eyes, but she was smart enough not to voice her question out loud at this moment.

“So... he’s the deputy general manager of the Solar Corporation. That’s very impressive.” Charlotte could only give a perfunctory compliment.

But after hearing the compliment, Brian immediately puffed his chest up and said confidently and smugly, “It’s not too bad. It’s mainly because I’m quite outstanding and driven. Although I can only represent the Solar Corporation to attend the ordinary business exchange, I believe that in a few more years, I can definitely qualify with my own abilities to be invited to the Elite Business Exchange, a top event in the whole of California!”

“Wow, Honey, you’re really impressive! I’m sure you can do it! You’re still so young, and you’re already the deputy general manager of the Solar Corporation. Maybe you’ll be promoted to general manager soon. Afterward, you’ll continue growing step by step and eventually be invited to the Elite Business Exchange!” Vanessa hugged Brian’s arm and praised with admiration and joy written all over her face.

“...” Charlotte looked at their expressions and then at the silent Lucas. She was suddenly full of complicated emotions, and she even felt some sympathy for Vanessa and Brian.

If they found out that Lucas, standing right in front of them, was the chairman and true owner of the Solar Corporation, who could single-handedly decide Brian’s future career path and had already received an invitation to the Elite Business Exchange they longed for, she wondered how they would feel.

But seeing how elated and proud they were, Charlotte decided not to tell them the cruel truth.

“Oh, I guess you two probably still don’t know what the Elite Business Exchange is, right? It’s okay. Let me explain it to you!” Brian suddenly said, perhaps because he noticed the lack of awe in their reactions to his great ambitions.

Before Charlotte could decline, he had already started babbling non-stop.

“Generally speaking, only the top-tier families and forces in each city of California, such as the Coles, the Kingstons, and the Walkers of San Francisco, are invited to the Elite Business Exchange. These three are the top families in

California, and they're bound to participate in the Elite Business Exchange every year.

“Then you have the four major families that you people in Orange County are familiar with. They're all powerful top-tier families, so they're invited too.

“Of course, the Parkers of LA are even more outstanding this year. Initially, the Parkers and the Owens were the two major families of LA. But not long ago, the Owens were destroyed, leaving the Parkers alone to dominate. Now, their power has far surpassed that of most first-tier families and can almost compare to the top three giants of San Francisco.

“The Solar Corporation now belongs to the Parkers, who should be able to go further during this Elite Business Exchange. Hence, the Solar Corporation will definitely get a larger space for development, and we may even be able to expand to the San Francisco market in full swing!”

Brian was behaving like an experienced person as he rattled on and on about the matters of the top families in California.

But at the end, he shifted the topic back to himself because his main intention was to praise himself and brag about how impressive he was.

Unfortunately, the expression on Charlotte's face remained indifferent, and she seemed to be completely uninterested, making Brian, who was determined to impress her, feel dejected and frustrated.

But what made him even angrier was that Lucas, next to Charlotte, didn't show any envy or awe at his achievements either, and he even seemed to be smirking.

It was obviously just a very faint smirk, but Brian found it an eyesore and thought that Lucas was clearly mocking him.

“Why are you laughing? Do you think that what I said is ridiculous?” Brian suddenly snapped at Lucas angrily.

“Did I laugh at you?” Lucas asked innocently.

Although he really felt that Brian’s behavior was ridiculous and amusing, he had, in all fairness, shown Brian due courtesy by holding his laughter back and refraining from making any remarks.

“You’re still denying it, huh? You were clearly mocking me by smirking. What right do you have to mock me?” Brian hollered in exasperation.

He had just spoken to show off in front of Charlotte to make her realize how high his status was. But she was completely unfazed, and Lucas was even smirking, so he started venting all his anger on Lucas.

“I’m in a good mood now. Why can’t I smile?” Lucas raised his eyebrows, surprised by Brian’s reason.

“You weren’t smirking at any other time. But when I talked, you smirked. You clearly did it on purpose! Don’t think I don’t know what you’re really thinking!” Brian looked indignant. Those who didn’t know would probably think that Lucas had done something to him.

Of course, Vanessa stood on her boyfriend’s side, and she shouted at Lucas, “What are you?! How dare you mock my boyfriend? I’m afraid you haven’t even heard of



the things he just said. He was kind enough to explain things in layman terms, but you mocked him. You've really gone overboard!

“Now, you must apologize to my boyfriend immediately!”

Charlotte instantly frowned.

She was initially in a good mood to suddenly meet Vanessa, her best friend from her high school.

But Lucas merely smiled and was rebuked by both Brian and Vanessa as if he had committed a heinous crime.

Why?

“Vanessa, when did Lucas ever mock your boyfriend? You're saying that he mocked your boyfriend just because he smiled. That's absurd! If you're forcing him to apologize just because of such a ridiculous reason, I won't allow it!”  
Charlotte said extremely sternly.

An aura of a superior emerged from her body, instantly making Vanessa feel overwhelmed by a domineering might.

## **Chapter 678: Showing Off**

After all, Charlotte had been the general manager of a large company like the Stardust Corporation for nearly two months, so her aura and austerity had definitely developed after some honing. If this wasn't the case, how could she possibly manage a large company with more than a thousand people in such an orderly manner?

But she would generally only release her aura at work. When in front of her family and friends, she would generally behave like an ordinary young and lively woman in her twenties.

But Vanessa and Brian's behavior had really angered her.

Noticing that Charlotte suddenly seemed to have become a different person and was releasing a domineering aura, Vanessa immediately felt terrified as if she had seen her boss.

She found this Charlotte unfamiliar, so she felt she shouldn't insult her and Lucas as she pleased.

Vanessa was good at reading people from their body language. As soon as she saw that Charlotte was displeased, she took the initiative to walk forward, swing Charlotte's arm, and say affectionately, "We're just joking, Charlotte. I'm not really demanding an apology from him!"

“Look, you actually took it seriously and got mad at me! We’ve been bosom friends for so many years! Okay, calm down. It’s my fault, so I’ll apologize to you, okay?” Vanessa said coquettishly, using the same trick she used to pull on Charlotte back in high school.

Although she was full of disdain, she had just met Charlotte again after years, and there were still many things she had yet to show off to her. How could she fall out with her at this time?

Seeing her best friend acting this way and Lucas shaking his head to indicate to her not to mind, Charlotte decided not to be bothered about Vanessa’s actions.

Brian pursed his lips in displeasure, but he didn’t say anything.

“Charlotte, there’s really nothing good in the small stalls here. Why don’t we go to Union Street to take a look? There’s all sorts of good stuff there. Even if you don’t intend to buy anything, it’s good to go there for an eye-opener. Let’s go!”

Vanessa didn’t care whether Charlotte agreed or not as she simply grabbed her hand and walked toward Union Street nearby. While walking, she said, “Charlotte, do you know that the best store around here is called the Heavenly Pavilion? There are all sorts of treasures, antiques, and precious stones and jewelry. The high-end jewelry is incredibly beautiful! As women, we have to go there and take a look!”

“Look at this diamond bracelet that my boyfriend got for me from the Heavenly Pavilion. It costs more than three hundred grand!

“Look at my earrings too. They’re emeralds! This tiny pair cost over a hundred and fifty grand!

“Also, this diamond ring on my hand is a top-quality twenty-carat South African diamond that my boyfriend bought from the Heavenly Pavilion. It also costs more than a hundred and fifty grand!

“Hehe, I always tell Brian not to spend so much money on gifts for me, but guess what he said? He said that men work hard to make money precisely for the sake of buying nice things for their women. Hehe, he makes me feel so blissful!”

While pulling Charlotte along, Vanessa kept showing off the expensive gifts her boyfriend had bought her and how good her boyfriend was to her.

Charlotte was indeed quite put off by Vanessa’s blatant flaunting of her boyfriend’s wealth. But seeing how happy and proud Vanessa was, she really couldn’t bring herself to be a wet blanket, so she merely chimed in occasionally.

After all, Vanessa was her best friend in high school, and Charlotte didn’t want to quarrel with her over such a trivial matter.

The two of them were holding hands like a pair of extremely close sisters.

As for their male companions, Lucas and Brian, they were trailing a few steps behind.

“Punk, you’re really lucky to have managed to get your hands on a beautiful woman like Charlotte,” Brian suddenly said softly to Lucas, guessing that the two ladies probably couldn’t hear them.

As a man himself, Lucas immediately heard a trace of envy and jealousy in his tone.

This made Lucas's impression of Brian become even worse.

He clearly had a girlfriend, yet he was coveting his girlfriend's best friend on their first meeting. It was really vulgar of him.

Lucas didn't bother to explain his true relationship with Charlotte to Brian and instead went along with it. "Yes, but you're wrong about one thing. I didn't woo her at all. She wooed me. She probably likes me the way I am!"

"Hah, look at you lying through your teeth. You're so shabby. What's so good about you that you can attract her and make her take the initiative to court you?" Brian sneered at Lucas's words.

"Not every woman is materialistic, and I just happened to meet such a good woman. Based on this alone, I'm indeed luckier than you," Lucas said indifferently.

Lucas had a sharp sense of hearing, so he had heard everything Vanessa said to brag to Charlotte.

He reckoned that Brian wasn't that thrilled to have gotten together with such a superficial and materialistic woman.

But Vanessa was indeed a little stupid because she hadn't actually taken advantage of Brian.

Brian's face became even more gloomy. Could that gorgeous woman Charlotte really not be a materialistic woman who only cares about money? Otherwise, she shouldn't be dating a man like Lucas who looks penniless!

At this thought, Brian became even more envious and jealous of Lucas.

Soon, the four of them arrived at the entrance of Union Street.

Union Street has always been a prestigious place in San Francisco. Especially since the two business exchanges were held today, it was even more crowded than usual, and there were people everywhere.

“Wow, there are so many people here!” Charlotte exclaimed.

She had been to Union Street before, but she had never seen such a crowded situation. It was almost like a New Year’s celebration.

“Haha, today is a special day after all! Let’s go directly to the Heavenly Pavilion. The things there are high-end, and most people can’t afford to go there, so there will probably be fewer people. We can go straight to the fourth floor to take a look. All the good stuff is there!”

Vanessa pulled Charlotte and walked straight toward the Heavenly Pavilion, appearing very familiar with it.

## **Chapter 679: I Want A New One**

But after taking a few steps, Vanessa seemed to suddenly remember something and turned around to look at Brian. She said coquettishly, “Honey, I accidentally chipped the more than two-hundred-thousand-dollar emerald pendant you bought for me from here...”

“Ahem, is that so?” Brian coughed twice, and his eyes flickered slightly, but he still said generously, “Isn’t it just a two-hundred-thousand-dollar pendant? I’ll get you a new one later!”

“Wow, Honey, you’re great!” Vanessa immediately let go of Charlotte’s arm, scurried toward Brian, put her arms around his neck, and kissed his cheek.

Muacks!

The public display of affection attracted the attention of quite a few people, making Charlotte feel embarrassed for them.

But the parties involved didn’t seem to care.

Vanessa was still hugging Brian’s neck as she said to Charlotte with a proud look, “See, Charlotte? My boyfriend is so good to me! I’m not trying to put you down,

but you should get a boyfriend like mine who's not only wealthy but also willing to spend on me. Only men like him are good men!

“Otherwise, you’ll have to suffer for the rest of your life!”

Charlotte’s face suddenly stiffened, and for a moment, she was at a loss for words for how to respond to her former best friend.

But Vanessa noticed that Charlotte seemed upset, so she quickly rushed forward again to hold onto her arm, for fear that her ‘best friend’ would be provoked into leaving. “Charlotte, I didn’t mean it! Okay, let’s not talk about this anymore and go inside Heavenly Pavilion to have a look!”

With that, she pulled Charlotte into the wide and luxurious entrance of the Heavenly Pavilion.

Lucas silently followed behind them.

The Heavenly Pavilion was indeed much livelier today than it was when Lucas dropped by yesterday. There were numerous people browsing the ordinary products on the first floor. But even the cheapest items here cost at least \$5,000, and most cost more than \$15,000. So there were very few people actually here to buy something.

“Charlotte, the things on the first floor are mediocre. They’re just some cheap stuff that costs thousands to tens of thousands. We have to go upstairs to look at the good stuff!

“But the items upstairs cost at least a hundred and fifty thousand. Ordinary people can’t afford them at all, and they don’t even have the opportunity to look at them!



“If I hadn’t found a rich boyfriend who loves me, I wouldn’t be able to come here to shop or have so many pieces of jewelry from the Heavenly Pavilion! Seriously, my boyfriend is so good to me!”

Vanessa was really busy at this time. She would extend her arms and fingers to show off to Charlotte the expensive things that her boyfriend had bought for her from the Heavenly Pavilion while rattling on incessantly about her boyfriend. She was just out to make Charlotte green with envy.

Right from the beginning, Charlotte had wanted to tell Vanessa clearly about her exact situation. But Vanessa kept acting as if she had brought her here for an eye-opener to broaden her horizons. She even talked non-stop about her boyfriend and flaunted his wealth. So toward the end, Charlotte lost her urge to speak.

A woman dressed in the sales assistant uniform of the Heavenly Pavilion walked over to greet them. “Hello, dear customers, may I ask which kind of goods you would like to see today?”

“The items on the first floor are all too ordinary. We want to look at the things on the fourth floor. Please show us the way!” Vanessa raised her head and proudly instructed.

“Okay, this way, please.”

Seeing that Vanessa and Brian were well dressed and aware that the goods on the fourth floor were of a higher grade, the sales assistant ushered them to the VIP elevator with a smile on her face.

The moment the doors of the elevator were about to close, the sales assistant suddenly recognized Lucas, and her eyes widened in shock.

But before she could greet Lucas, a distinguished guest of the store, the elevator doors closed with a ding and rose to the fourth floor.

When the few of them got out of the elevator and entered the fourth floor, they immediately found that it was indeed much cleaner than the space downstairs. After all, the items on this floor were all high-end, and not everyone was qualified to come here.

“Dear customers, welcome.” A soft and tender female voice sounded, and a young woman dressed in the Heavenly Pavilion’s standard uniform with a ‘general manager’ nameplate pinned to her chest walked over.

When she saw Lucas among the four of them, she immediately beamed with joy and surprise. “Mr. Gr...”

Before she could greet Lucas, she stopped because she had already noticed him shaking his head slightly at her, indicating for her not to reveal his identity.

This woman was Jane, whom Lucas had met in the Heavenly Pavilion yesterday.

She was initially only a trainee sales assistant. But due to her excellent performance and Lucas’s request yesterday, she was promoted to the general manager of the Heavenly Pavilion. Thus, Lucas naturally became her benefactor.

Jane was a smart person to begin with. As soon as she saw Lucas’s gesture, she knew what his intentions were and immediately pretended not to know him. Instead, she started serving Vanessa and the others.

“Do you have anything you’re interested in? I can introduce and recommend some things to you,” Jane said with a smile.

Vanessa said, “My boyfriend bought me an emerald pendant worth more than two hundred thousand dollars from here. But unfortunately, I accidentally chipped a corner, so we’re planning to get a new one.”

Jane thought about it and kindly made a suggestion. “Did you bring the pendant here? We have a team of professional antique restoration masters in the Heavenly Pavilion, so if the damage is not serious, we can help minimize the loss through various craft techniques and re-carving.”

“Huh? You provide such services here too? But that’s not necessary. I don’t want it anymore since it’s already broken. My boyfriend has already promised to get me a brand new one.” Vanessa condescendingly declined the restoration service and held onto Brian’s arm.

She said with a sweet smile, “Right, Honey? You just said you were going to get me a new pendant. Can I get a better one?”

An unnatural look appeared on Brian’s face, but he still seemed indifferent and nonchalant. “Yes! Since you’ve said so, I will buy you whichever one you fancy!”

“Wow, Honey, you’re so nice!” This time, Vanessa planted a kiss on Brian’s lips.

Charlotte and Jane turned their faces away in unison, feeling rather awkward.

“Ahem... So, Sir, Ma’am, may I ask what your approximate budget is? I can recommend some items for you.”

After all, Jane was an employee of the Heavenly Pavilion. She quickly turned around and pretended that nothing had happened.

“Five hundred thousand... No, make it a million dollars! As long as it’s within a million dollars, it’s fine! Even if it costs a little bit more, it doesn’t matter!”  
Vanessa immediately said with excitement.

“Uh...” Brian opened his mouth, suddenly at a loss for words.

## Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 680 – Nitpicking

### **Chapter 680: Nitpicking**

“Honey, do you think a million is too cheap? It seems to the case. After all, you’re worth hundreds of millions now, and a million really means nothing to you. How about I pick two... or three items today? We’ll set the budget at between 1 to 1.5 million dollars. Apart from a pendant, I’d also like a pair of emerald bracelets and some other good jewelry. May I, Honey?” She blinked at Brian coquettishly.

“Let’s... let’s just take a look. If there’s anything good, we’ll buy it,” Brian said with a stiff smile and a stiff voice.

“Please come with me.”

Jane brought them to a special display cabinet full of emerald products and introduced, “The price of the items in this cabinet happens to be all between 1 to 1.5 million. Please take a look. If there’s anything you take a liking to, I can give you a 20% discount.”

The items of the Heavenly Pavilion would never be on discount. Jane had offered a discount entirely because of Lucas.

After Lucas left yesterday, Kenneth had specially instructed her to give Lucas anything he wanted from the Heavenly Pavilion for free, regardless of its value. She just had to report it to Kenneth.

If Lucas brought his friends over to the store, they would enjoy a flat 20% discount, which was considered a favor from the Heavenly Pavilion to Lucas. They wouldn't make any money off of Lucas's friends.

Coincidentally, Lucas happened to bring a few friends here today.

As soon as she heard what Jane said, Vanessa was a little surprised. "Huh? The Heavenly Pavilion offers discounts too? I've never heard about this before! But it's okay. My boyfriend is rich, so we don't need the discount!"

She declined domineeringly.

At this moment, Brian really felt like vomiting blood.

This silly woman Vanessa actually asked for three items worth between 1 to 1.5 million dollars each, which meant that he would have to spend 3 to 4.5 million dollars. With the 20% discount, he would be able to save about 600,000 to 900,000 dollars!

Yet she turned it down without hesitating at all!

According to the information he had found, the items in the Heavenly Pavilion would never be on discount!

Now, there was such a rare opportunity, but Vanessa turned it down just like that. He was at a complete loss for words.

Does she really think I'm a fool who will never run out of money?

Hah, he couldn't even afford to buy an item that cost \$500,000 from the Heavenly Pavilion, let alone \$5 million!

Seeing Vanessa already choosing items from the display case with great excitement, Brian really wanted to drag her out immediately.

Does she really think I'm so rich that I'd just casually give her jewelry that costs several hundred thousand every now and then?

She should take a look at her face and ask herself if she's worth that much!

Brian cursed his heart out at Vanessa in his head, wondering what kind of reason he should use later to refuse to buy the things she picked. But he happened to hear her exclaiming happily.

“Honey, look at this emerald pendant. The quality of the emerald is so much better than the one you gave me before! It's so beautiful! I want it. It costs only around 1.4 million!”

Vanessa pointed at an extremely lustrous and translucent pendant, which was obviously made of top-quality emerald, in the middle of the display case. Her face was full of excitement.

“Uh... this isn't that nice. It doesn't suit your skin tone at all,” Brian said with a frown.

“Is that so? Honey, do you think it’s unsuitable because my skin is nicer than this piece of emerald? Hehehe. I know you like my fair and tender skin the most! Okay, since this pendant doesn’t suit me, I’ll get another one!”

With a shy smile, Vanessa pointed at a pair of emerald bracelets in the display case. “These bracelets are beautiful! They’re made of the finest quality emerald, and the pattern is gorgeous too! It looks like a fantasy world of snow in the bracelets! I want these bracelets!”

When Brian glanced at the series of zeros on the price tag under the pair of bracelets, which was 2 million dollars, his heart skipped a beat, and he gritted his teeth. “This isn’t great. Don’t buy it.”

“Oh, okay then! What about this pair of bracelets? It’s very translucent.”

“It looks too tacky. It doesn’t suit you either.”

“Well, what about this pair?”

“It’s too old-fashioned. It’s not nice either.”

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Vanessa pointed at seven or eight pendants and bracelets in a row, but Brian rejected all of them for various reasons.

“Oh, it seems that the items below 1.5 million aren’t that good.” Vanessa pouted and suddenly said to Jane, “In that case, take us to see the ones between two to three million. I don’t believe that I can’t pick a decent bracelet today!”

She spoke as if she was accepting a challenge.



In fact, Jane had already realized something from Brian's expression. He didn't seem to be planning to buy anything from the Heavenly Pavilion.

But these two had entered together with Lucas after all, so she kept mum and pretended not to know.

Now that Vanessa was requesting to look at the more expensive items, Jade still agreed with a presentable smile. "Okay, please come with me."

"Wait!" Brian suddenly said and stopped Vanessa, who was about to follow Jane. His facial expression changed twice, and he suddenly said with a smile, "Vanessa, I think we should just forget it. The things here are all so-so. There's nothing too special or outstanding.

"How about this? I heard that there will be a high-end auction after the exchanges today, and there will be all kinds of top-grade goods worth over ten million for sale. I'll get you the best pair of bracelets at the auction! These mediocre items only worth a few million aren't good enough for you at all!"

Vanessa was touched and incredibly excited. Even her breathing became much more rapid. "Honey, are you really going to buy me top-grade jewelry worth over ten million? Wouldn't... wouldn't that be too expensive?"

"Hah, you're my woman. How can it be a waste when I'm spending money on my beloved woman?" Brian said affectionately with a tender look on his face.

"Honey, you're too good to me! I'm so happy I met you!" Vanessa immediately looked at him blissfully and snuggled into his embrace.

Of course, she naturally didn't forget to glance at Charlotte flauntingly. Although she didn't say a single word, it was obvious from her gaze that she was saying, "See? This is my man! He's willing to buy me jewelry worth ten million dollars without batting an eyelid. Do you have a boyfriend like him? I'm afraid your boyfriend can't even afford something that costs a hundred thousand!"

Charlotte didn't even look at the two of them hugging each other, so she naturally failed to see what Vanessa was trying to convey with her gaze.

Jane hesitated for a moment before reminding out of kindness, "Uh, I'm sorry. Although it may not be appropriate for me to say this, I still want to remind you that there won't be an auction after the business exchanges today, be it the Elite Business Exchange or the ordinary business exchange.. The information this gentleman got is probably wrong."