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Inside the factory office, Leon and Ariel met the factory manager Guido Boyd. He was a slightly chubby middle-aged man and dressed himself up in a business suit.

Guido had a hand in the factory's day-to-

day operations, overseeing many processes including production, shipment, and quality inspection. He was part of the company's top management, and might even be considered one of the big shots. However, Leon and Ariel were high-ranking individuals that the head office sent to inspect the factory, and they were also the people in charge of cooperating with the Wick Group. Ariel, in particular, was considered a powerful figure among the head office's top ranks, so Guido had to be extra careful around them.

"Miss Summers, Mister Wolf, let me show you two around the workshop," Guido offered respectfully.

"It's fine, Mister Boyd. Mister Wolf and I are here on an informal visit. We're just going to have a look at the situation here. You can proceed with your usual duties instead of taking us to the workshop yourself. Just have someone take us there," Ariel gave him a curt smile.

"I see... Well, that's fine too." Guido pondered for a moment and then called the person in charge of the workshop's production management.

The person in charge's name was Stanley Wallace. At 37- or 38 years old, his medium build and slightly-tanned skin made him look like someone with a lot of skill and work experience.

"Miss Summers, Mister Wolf, this is Stanley Wallace, the head of our factory's workshop," Guido briefly introduced.

"Stanley, these two right here are Miss Summers and Mister Wolf from the head office. Could you please take them to the workshop for me and let them have a look at the situation there?" Guido ordered.

"We appreciate your help, Mister Wallace," Leon smiled politely.

"You're being too polite, Mister Wolf. This is my duty. Please come with me," Stanley re

plied respectfully. He then brought Leon and Ariel to the workshop.

There were stringent requirements in place for entering the cosmetics production workshop. One would usually need to wear a cleanroom suit, a hat, gloves, and a mask. It was the first time that Leon ever saw such a thing, and it took him some effort to put everything on.

After entering the workshop, Stanley led Leon and Ariel to see each process.

Since they were wearing cleanroom suits and the like, their identities were well-hidden. No attention was drawn to them because no one knew who they were or what they were there for. After observing the entire process, Leon had a general understanding of how the product was produced and refined, thus achieving the purpose of their trip.

The three walked out of the workshop together.

Leon and Ariel took off all the protective gear and prepared to leave. “Wait a moment, Miss Summers...” Stanley called out but then did not continue his sentence. “Is something the matter, Mister Wallace? Do you need anything?” Ariel asked curiously. Stanley hesitated for a moment, but he soon appeared to have made up his mind to tell her and said thoughtfully, “Miss Summers, there’s something I need to let you know about. It’s regarding our raw materials... The raw materials used in our factory are generally of very high quality, but it seems to have been downgraded a little since the company replaced its new raw materials not too long ago. The rate of refinement for raw materials was as high as seventy to eighty percent in the past, but the new batch of raw materials has declined to only about sixty

percent...” He continued, “This doesn’t only increase the company’s production costs and causes a lot of unnecessary waste. It also reduces our employees’ productivity, which then causes a decrease in our salary bonuses...” Stanley explained the situation in detail, noting that the ten percent reduction of their refining rate caused a drop to about 80 to 90 percent of the previous daily production efficiency. Santa’s Here! Open your presents>>

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Part of the Elegante Group’s salary package was a performance bonus, and because the production capacity failed to reach the previous requirements, the performance bonus would be halved. It would mean that the salary of a low-level employee would be reduced by about 150 dollars monthly for no good reason.

on, so it was natural for everyone to complain about it..

Stanley's reasons for letting Ariel know were twofold. On one hand, he felt that the raw materials were not as good as before, and on the other hand, he also had his employees' best interests in mind.

"Problems, you say? Well, all procurement of raw materials and the production thereof are under the sole purview of Mister Mercer. You can report this matter to Mister Boyd or directly to Mister Mercer. I'm sorry I can't be of more help," Ariel frowned.

Stanley smiled wryly. "I'll be frank with you, Miss Summers. I've already reported this to Mister Boyd, but he's never given me a direct answer. Mister Mercer, on the other hand, is a high-level leader of the company who rarely comes down here. It's not easy for a small-time workshop manager like me to meet him."

Stanley paused briefly before pleading with her, "Miss Summers, you're one of the top executives of the company. You have great power, and I'm begging you to find a way to help those lower-level guys. Please. You have to do something..."

"I... I'm afraid my hands are tied..." Ariel felt that there was nothing she could do. As a senior executive of the company's powerful faction, she knew some inside information regarding the raw materials. In the past, the companies that supplied raw materials to the Elegante Group were two medium-sized chemical companies in Springfield City.

Due to the rapid development of the Elegante Group in the past two years, the production capacity of those two medium-sized chemical companies was insufficient to meet the Elegante Group's needs. Ashwin went on a business trip to source partners for new raw materials, which the company was using then.

Although the quality of the new source was not as good as before, the price is relatively lower. Therefore, the trade-offs between those two factors had little effect on the production cost of the company. Simply put, it had nothing to do with Ashwin on a personal level and everything to do with the company's development.

Besides, the matter was under Ashwin's jurisdiction, and Ariel had no right to intervene. Unless she could find a better raw material manufacturer, she would only

bring trouble upon herself if she exceeded her authority and intervenes in Ashwin's affairs!

"Is there no way to solve this?" Stanley was frustrated and desperate. He knew that at 150 or so dollars might be nothing for top executives like Ariel, but it was very important to many of the low-

level employees, the majority of whom might have to tighten their belts to live in order to save more than 150 dollars of living expenses every month!

"Don't worry, Mister Wallace! I'll do my best to help!" Leon could not bear to see everything

and decided to take the initiative to offer his help. Having come from the bottommost rungs of society, he had a hard life and knew how important that little bit of money was to those ordinary employees!

"You? Are you serious, Mister Wolf?" Stanley looked at Leon with equal parts surprise and suspicion. There was even there was a bit of contempt in his words. He knew that Leon was nothing more than the president's secretary and that secretaries had no real power and usually only did odd jobs. They were not even categorized as the company's middle management! If a high-

level figure like Ariel was unwilling to intervene in this matter, Stanley wondered just where a small secretary like Leon would get the guts to do so! "I should advise you not to underestimate Mister Wolf. He's the highest-ranked person in charge when it comes to all matters involving cooperation with the Wick Group. I am only his deputy! The products currently produced by your factory are all supplied to the Wick Group. Whether it is raw materials and production issues, or shipments and quality inspections, Mister Wolf has full authority over them!" Ariel asserted.

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Ariel might have no right to interfere with matters involving Ashwin, but Leon—being the person in charge of cooperating with the Wick Group—

had the right to intervene in any issue relating to the products being supplied. None of his actions could be construed as exceeding his authority.

"What? I..." Stanley was dumbfounded. He never dreamed that a small—

time secretary like Leon would wield such great authority, to the extent that a high-ranked figure like Ariel was working under him!

It was incredible, and it was also the first time he heard of such an amazing secretary! “Don’t worry, Mister Wallace. I’ll relay your message to Miss Young word—

for— word later, and I’ll try my best to help everyone get the benefits they deserve,” Leon pledged sincerely..

“Thank you, Mister Wolf. Thank you so much...” Stanley was overjoyed. He grabbed Leon’s hand excitedly, shook the latter’s hand with a bow, and was grateful.

“You’re too kind. Mister Wallace. This is how it ought to be...” Leon said with a smile. Stanley did what he did for

the sake of the employees under him, proving that he was one of those rare and ethical leaders. It was such an attitude that earned Leon’s respect.

When Ariel saw Leon agree so willingly, she opened her mouth to say something but stopped herself from doing so.

“If I may, Mister Wolf,” Stanley said, “there’s one more thing I’d like to bring up to you. I’ve worked with the company for nearly ten years, and I’ve witnessed the rapid growth and development of the company in the past two years... Although I’m not that capable in many respects, I still have experience in the production and refining of cosmetics...”

Stanley then continued, somewhat hesitantly, “I’ve done some careful study and found out that the amalgamation of raw materials will proceed more smoothly as long as some substances that are conducive to the process are added during the refinement. The refining efficiency can be increased too... In addition, many high

— end cosmetics on the market have popularized cosmeceuticals. I think adding some herbs will not only benefit the extraction efficiency but also enhance the effect of the cosmetics...”

“Cosmeceuticals? That’s a good suggestion! It’s at least worth a shot!” Leon’s eyes lit up. He had a couple of bold ideas after being reminded by Stanley!

“To tell you the truth, Mister Wolf, those are all just ideas, and I haven’t tried them out yet. After all, failure might probably cause the company to suffer huge losses ...” Stanley scratched his head in embarrassment.

He was not part of the company's research and development team, and he was far from the definition of a professional in many aspects. He merely summed up some ideas based on his years of experience without really knowing whether they would be effective or not.

"Not to worry. Leave that practical stuff to me! I have a way!" Leon smiled. Having joined the company not too long ago, he knew little about the production, refining, and processing of cosmetics. However, his medical skills were rather good, and he knew the effects of various herbs like the back of his hand! Stanley, meanwhile, had a wealth of experience with the entire cosmetic production process and knew everything in intimate detail. Should Leon join forces with Stanley and draw on their respective strengths to complement each other, they could help the company increase refining efficiency and develop more effective cosmeceuticals! "Are you crazy, Leon? If the company wants to make an innovation, it needs to go through careful analysis and repeated research by the people in our R-and-D department! The process itself will take at least several months! It's not something to be completed in a short period. You can't just try it out on a whim!" Ariel glared at Leon angrily and felt that he simply had nothing better to do than to make a mess out of the situation! "I'm not crazy!" Leon retorted.

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