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Richard returned home happily in the afternoon, and the first thing he did was to ask Winston urgently, "Was there a parcel for me, Winston?'

"Parcel?" Winston was perplexed.

"It's on your desk. I happened to be here when it arrived, so I put it in your room," Cordy said casually from the couch while watching TV.

"Thanks, Mommy!" Richard said politely before dashing upstairs.

"Be careful, you'll trip if you run too quickly! Even the lump on Ms. Sachs' head has yet to fade!" Winston warned him loudly from downstairs.

Cordy could not help pursing her lips, since she did not go to work because of that huge lump on her head.

She could not help remembering Lucas in turn... along with that paternity test.

She was feeling an emotional roller coaster right then.

Richard excitedly found the parcel on his desk.

He had always been sharp and meticulous, but he was somehow completely oblivious to the fact that the parcel had been opened.

piece of paper inside,

he seemed to turn so still as if petrified and stayed that way

and arrived at the doorway to

there, quietly watching the look of disbelief in his face as he failed to react for a

help saying, "Dicky, there

even as he looked at

[No observable biological relation

daddy! How could he be

felt her chest hurt when she

not disappointed that Lucas was not John since she really

felt like John died again, and it made her remember the sight of his back as he slowly walked

but it was still so fresh

Dicky," she said. "But

really is Daddy!" Richard stubbornly

in the eyes.

biting his lip, doubting science

How could this be?!

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Richard was left biting his tiny lip.

So, Lucas was really not his father?

He should know that he should put his faith in science too.

Nonetheless, the voice on the other end suddenly added, 'The only possible room for error is a mistake in samples. We've actually had that issue before."

"How so?" Richard was at once excited.

"As in, the samples you provided us were not the samples of the intended test subjects," the voice explained. "For example, you wanted a paternity test between yourself and subject A, but it turns out that you provided us with a DNA sample of yourself and subject B. We've had that issue before, but otherwise we had not seen other errors."

"Alright, thank you."

"You're welcome. Thank you for your inquiry."

Once he hung up, Richard started thinking about the hair sample he sent.

wrong strand of

Hold on!

Winston right after he got that strand of hair from Lucas. Then, he found it on Winston, but it might have been Winston's instead of Lucas'

the only

once he understood that, he hurried downstairs

him

heal physically

was actually worried for a moment

asked her, "Mommy? Is Lucas

going to give

no uncertainty. "We only met by chance, and there won't be any opportunities for us to meet ever again. I hoped as much as you do that

won't you trust me, Mommy?" Richard exclaimed,

"Science has proven it."

to be

looking a little stern just

with him, and even as Richard looked

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Cordy's heart was filled with yet another sense of bitterness.

She touched Richard's head slightly and made a promise. "I'll take good care of you."

"Mommy, I'll take good care of you too." Richard smiled sweetly.

After that, they seemed to have reached a tacit understanding, and they never mentioned Lucas.

Half a month passed by, and Sean called and asked her when she was going to the capital.

She had promised his grandfather the other day that she would stay in the capital for a while that month.

As expected, she could not make promises casually.

not feel like going, one should not break their promise. Besides, Richard was on a winter holiday now, a winter camp these few days and he would be back a week later, so she could delay their trip there went to negotiate some business

to confirm the time and location for the advertisement. It was slightly different from what they had agreed

arrived

saw her get out of the car, they quickly went to her and invited her to

the elevator, her eyes moved slightly. She

she quickly pressed a button to open the door of

when she looked over, she found no one

superiors of the TV station immediately asked

a familiar person just now. I might have been mistaken," Cordy answered

superiors did not ask her anything

the elevator was closed

In a public makeup room backstage of the shooting room of Actors on Set, the makeup artists chatted with each other as they worked. "Hey, did you guys see him? Mr. Parker, the great director, is here. I didn't believe it when they announced that he would join this show. After all. I've never seen him join any variety show. So, our TV station is quite awesome."

"Yes, I saw him. I walked past from behind him just now. He's so handsome and tall. He'll be very outstanding among the stars. It's a pity that he became a director."

"It's not a pity at all. We won't see so many good films if he's not a director. Not only are his movies and dramas good, but the female stars in his shows are very beautiful too. The people in the field claim that there won't be any ugly women in his shows. He's indeed a lucky star for female celebrities."

"That's right. I saw an actress before, who is a famous star now. She generally looked ordinary, but the audience soon saw how beautiful she was in Mr. Parker's show. She also nearly competed for the best actress because of his movie...'Another makeup artist suddenly stopped talking.

She knew that if she dwelled on that anymore, she would have mentioned that star's name.

The walls had ears. If word got out about that, she would not be able to survive in that field.

However, everyone knew whom she was referring to at such a point-it was Cora.

had an abundance of resources. Jay made her the heroine in many large films and dramas, and he reasonable that Jay helped her so much, and many people could only

North City. No one company could compare with the Levine family in terms of their property. Someone made a calculation and

resources. Besides, Jay was Cora's

be superior. We cant be jealous of that." Claire Walker, an actress in the

nearly ten

to join that show to give

knew that they were talking about Cora, the famous

joined the industry, many people did not think highly of her. After all, she was quite old, given her debut age as an actress. Besides, her appearance was not particularly striking in the entertainment industry, and her acting skills

or not. She had become so beautiful, and her aura and other aspects had improved too. Her acting skills also improved by leaps and bounds. If they wanted to criticize her now,

years?" Claire suddenly asked the

looked at herself in the

to another city in these

lived with Cora

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"I took a brief rest." Zoe did not say much about that.

She also did not want to talk about her past experiences

People in the entertainment circle were no fools. All her jobs were canceled and her work was removed. She was even banned. So, she must have offended someone powerful in the entertainment circle.

Claire did not ask any more about that before she changed the topic and said, "Alas, this is the first time I've been so nervous in ten years of filming. Zoe, are you nervous?"

Zoe nodded and answered honestly, "I made a few mistakes yesterday, and I couldn't fall asleep last night."

"Me too. I made a lot of mistakes during the rehearsal yesterday. I'm afraid the same thing will happen today.' Claire echoed what Zoe had said. "The rules of this competition stipulate that the judges will be the ones who will pick candidates in the first round. After the primary election, they'll then start the competition. It's where the audience will vote. I'm afraid that I can't even pass through the first round.

"I heard that Mr. Parker came to pick the candidates for his next film. Well, I won't dream about the position of the heroine. He has an exclusive heroine, but there are so many interesting minor roles, and he'll pick them in this show. I want him to pick me so much," Claire added.

"By the way, I remember that you seemed to have acted in Mr. Parker's film before," Claire stated.

"It doesn't count if it's not shown to the public," Zoe replied lightly.

she added, "But you have

that. "There are so many judges today. He's the only one who won't pick

Why do

Zoe made no reply.

grudges against each other?"

Claire felt that

she felt slightly lucky since Zoe claimed that Jay would

had taken the initiative to chat with Zoe because she wanted to inquire about the situation and see the possibility of her advancing to the next round and getting picked by

was Zoe. She was just too famous in

Cora to be the honored guest in the first show to perform a special performance. It was

had put on their makeup, they were waiting to

was prepared well on

the scene, which made the

took

a total of four judges. Other than Jay, there was an actor and director, Cameron Moore. There was Hailey Zimmerman, who enjoyed high prestige and gained

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She felt that she seemed to be worse than others at the moment.

As expected, people would have self-denial when they lacked confidence.

It was Cora's performance before Zoe's turn, and she made the scene quite exciting by singing and dancing.

Cora had indeed improved a lot on stage during these years.

Zoe watched TV too, and she always watched Cora's films on TV. Cora's acting was childish at the beginning but it had become mature now. She could now handle the stage skillfully and easily, and one could not deny her excellence.

Zoe even thought of the possibility that her appearance in the next moment would ruin the excitement Cora had built up at the scene.

The staff then reminded Zoe to get ready, so she got up from her seat in the waiting area, where the surrounding few people even encouraged her.

not stupid. They knew that Zoe had offended someone, so she was banned. Thus, they would not easily be friendly with her now given that they were unaware of her current situation for fear

was always so realistic in the entertainment industry, and Zoe had made

had more to do with the pursuit of her dream. Of course,

she was very poor now,

of the stage and took a

she took another deep breath and got

election, so they were not asked to introduce themselves. They had to perform the moment

people did not have the time to introduce themselves after their shows were

entertainment circle was

stage and started a sitcom performance that lasted

was still restless and

full of smiles since they were

Hailey suddenly asked, "Isn't this

"Hmm," Jay answered.

"What a pity! I thought so highly of her that year," Hailey added.

She was an experienced elder, and she was also considered an artist in performance. For her, her fame and honor in the entertainment industry were no longer important now. She sincerely hoped to see new power rise to support the entertainment industry instead of those famous young stars who had no acting skills at all.

Jay then ignored her.

He glued his gaze on Zoe, and he could not avert his gaze at all until Zoe's performance ended.

She bowed to the audience and judges before she turned around to leave the stage.

"Please stay, Zoe." The host suddenly went up the stage from backstage and stopped her.

That session was not included in the previous rehearsal.

who needed to answer questions were informed beforehand. She was sure that she

and faced the

that you left the entertainment industry temporarily back then?" The host's first

that she would not be willing to accept such

her previous temper when she was in the entertainment industry in the past. Now she was very grateful to be back. Of course, she would not resist the only benefactor who could help

"I was young and vigorous that I did some impulsive things back then. That was

"What impulsive things?"

down for three years and have now turned over a new leaf. If the entertainment circle gives me a chance, I'll

from the most dazzling spotlight, had now suddenly become slightly inferior. All her rough edges could not help but sigh at the

scene and said so before he turned to the judges." Judges, do you need

"Zoe, I'm not very interested in the affair of you leaving the entertainment industry all of a sudden. After all, one has their own private life even though one is a public figure. So,

you, Ms. Zimmerman." Zoe put her palms

looked quite pretentious in some parts of your acting. Didn't you study acting in these three years? You knew that you

She doubted Zoe.

"No." Zoe denied it and tried her best to make a joke. "Well, I'm still a lucky single lady."

"If that's the case, I think there's something worth expecting in your acting skills."

"Thank you, sir." Zoe bent and thanked him.

"I also felt a lot of things when I saw Zoe's performance just now," Harry chimed in. 'Zoe, do you remember we once cooperated?"

"Of course I do." Smiling, Zoe admitted to it.

They debuted at the same time, but she got famous faster than him.

However, times changed.

He was now a judge while she became a candidate.

Ms. Zimmerman and Mr. Moore's comments on your acting skills and I feel that they made the right comment. So, I won't say much. I just hope that you can continue on your journey at this stage. I'm rooting for you." Harry cheered her

you, Mr. Campbell." Zoe made a polite bow

she got up, she looked

all the judges had commented on

looked over and then met

did not meet each other for three years. It seemed like they had become

though Jay's appearance had

had undergone drastic changes. Her current makeup did not resemble her very

there were cameras everywhere, and she did not want others to make a fuss about it if

she had

speak for a

just looked at Zoe like that, and

host could

Jay's gaze moved slightly.

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Smiling faintly, Zoe made no reply.

She knew very well that everyone here was her competitor.

If one performed badly, one would become more popular.

She had now started to plan her upcoming arrangement.

After the performance of the first show, all actresses were invited to the stage to have the first round of the election.

A few people were chosen behind closed doors.

Undeniably, there would be illegal affairs in all shows, though most people were still fair.

Only fifteen people would stay out of the thirty people.

Zoe stood in a relative corner spot at the back. She had no expectations of herself.

The competition rules of the first round of elimination were very simple and direct. Some judges discussed and made choices. The ones whose names were called could stay while the others were asked to leave.

others' names

now

paused for

that time, Zoe had turned to look in

standing at the extreme edge of the stage, so she should leave first if she was eliminated later. If not,

the host announced

and the others

perform well that day. Besides, the judges did not give her very good

of who would advance to the next round, but they did not expect it to be

not

was read, she thought that the host had read it wrongly. She gave the host a look to affirm it. After the host gave her an affirmative answer, she was still filled with lingering fear as

she was overwhelmed with

actresses who performed better than her

was a variety show. It was also very important to have some topics of

back suddenly three years later. She

held some expectations of her. If she did not become a

you to the other fifteen actresses for your amazing

trying to keep

as the audience in front of the

Jay looked at the hand before him.

Was it because of her makeup? Her hand seemed slightly rougher.

Zoe's hand stiffened in the air awkwardly because Jay did not respond for a longtime.

She thought that he would pretend in public.

After all, he shook hands with every actress before her.

Unexpectedly, he still resisted her so much.

Smiling, she retrieved her hand in a seemingly very composed manner. She then walked past him to Harry. She was again inferior and humble.

She did not notice that Jay had stretched his hand out after she left.

He then slowly retrieved his hand.

After the actresses greeted the judges, they returned backstage.

Zoe sat in the public makeup room to remove her makeup, where Claire was doing the same too.

was one of the first few

name list of the actresses who had advanced to the next level

was the

too." Claire seemed to be very happy

"I got lucky."

strength." Claire

it sounded slightly

day could never help

said nothing more about that and echoed Claire's words

the last

sure Zoe used some connections. If not? We think that you should've been the one who advanced. Your acting skills are

and Zoe did not want to get

she had kept away all her sharp edges for the sake of her life and dream, so she instinctively wanted to escape when she heard that

decided to leave from the other side of the TV station. However, she accidentally

soon attracted those actresses, who had not

the trash can on

was greatly
engulfed her. She decided to pretend that
actress who spoke just
she claimed that she did