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Yolanda was caught off guard, as she had no idea how much Kai could afford. Hence, she asked, "Kai, Rhino is asking you how much are you willing to compensate him? I would like to remind you if it wasn't for me, Rhino would've crippled you no matter how rich you are."

Yolanda tried to scare Kai, hoping that he would be willing to fork out more to avoid any physical punishment.

When Rhino heard how Yolanda sang his praises, he couldn't help but break into a smile.

"Is this enough?" Kai raised a finger.

"Do you think ten thousand can satisfy me?" Rhino sneered with a grim expression.

"Kai, what are you thinking? Rhino isn't a beggar. How can you offer only ten thousand?" Yolanda admonished Kai while desperately signaling him with her eyes.

"I didn't say ten thousand." Kai shook his head.

"Even a hundred thousand is too little," Rhino retorted.

At that moment, Yolanda fell into a dilemma because a hundred thousand was a huge sum. Considering Kai had just been released from prison, there was no way he would have that kind of money.

"Rhino, just look at him. Ten thousand is probably his limit. As he has just gotten out of jail, he barely has any money at all," Yolanda pleaded on behalf of Kai.

"Just out from prison?" Rhino was caught by surprise. "No wonder he is so ruthless and has some guts. I don't care whether he has the money or not. A hundred thousand just won't do for hitting me."

At Rhino's refusal, Yolanda turned to Kai again. "You should increase your offer. If you don't have enough, I can lend you everything I have. But, I have to be clear that you must pay me back. After all, I'm only loaning you the money on Hilda's account."

"I wasn't talking about a hundred thousand either." Kai shook his head.

Yolanda was stunned to hear his answer. In contrast, Rhino's face lit up in ecstasy. Nevertheless, he hid his emotions and responded coldly, "Are you talking about a million then? If you really can pay a million, I will let this matter slide. Moreover, I'll even allow you to work for me since you're an ex-convict."

"I was talking about a penny."

Just as he spoke, Kai took out a penny from his pocket and flicked it over.

When he realized what Kai meant, Rhino was outraged, "Dan it, how dare you diss me? I'm going to kill you!" Even Yolanda couldn't hold back her anger. "Kai, what's the meaning of this? Why are you only offering a penny? After all that I have done for you, why aren't you the least bit cooperative? Dan, I have had it with you!" Yolanda exploded. If it wasn't for Hilda, she wouldn't even have cared about Kai.

After she got out of the way, Rhino grabbed a chair and swung it at Kai.

Having brought more than ten men with him, he was no longer afraid. Therefore, he attacked with all the ruthlessness he could muster.

Just before Rhino could land his strike, Kai flicked the coin out from his hand. The coin shot out like a bullet and struck Rhino's wrist.

As an excruciating pain descended upon him, Rhino threw the chair aside. Checking his wrist, he realized that it was bleeding profusely.

"Kill him! Just kill him!" Rhino thundered.

At his cue, his men charged at Kai while brandishing the weapons in their hands.

"Kai!" Hilda exclaimed at the sight.

Just when she wanted to shield Kai, Yolanda forcefully held her back.

If she had joined in the fray, Hilda would have just thrown her life away for nothing.

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Despite facing more than ten men, Kai was calmly seated and barely moved a muscle.

Suddenly, he grabbed some peanuts from the table flung them out in their direction.

When the men saw Kai throwing peanuts at them, they made a face and didn't bother to dodge, assuming that the peanuts were harmless.

But soon, all of them regretted it at once.

Upon impact, they felt as if they were hit by bullets instead. One by one, they trembled momentarily before collapsing onto the ground. Every one of them had a cut on their hands where blood began to flow out.

Rhino was stunned by what happened. As if he was spellbound, he watched as his subordinates were all howling in pain.

"Wh-what happened?" Rhino gulped nervously.

No one answered him, and even Yolanda was stupefied. After all, she had not expected Kai to be so powerful. Turning around, she gave Hilda a look, as she felt that she deserved an explanation about who Kai really was.

At that moment, even Hilda was taken aback. She never knew Kai was capable of taking down more than ten men with just peanuts. It was simply unfathomable.

Staring at Rhino, Kai questioned, "Are you still planning to kill me?"

Just when he attempted to answer, words just wouldn't come out after he saw the look on Kai's face.

In fact, it took him a while before he regained his senses. After taking a few deep breaths to calm down, he replied, “Kid, I got to admit that you know a thing or two, but do you know who I am? I’m a member of the Crimson Dragon Gang, and this street belongs to us. Now that you have hit me, you have made enemies with the entire gang.”

“So what if I did? If you’re so tough, why don’t all of you just come at me?” Kai couldn’t help but sneer.

With his face fuming red, Rhino took out his phone and made a call.

Even though no one knew who he was calling, they were certain it was for reinforcements.

Soon, Rhino broke out into a smug smile after the call had ended. “Kid, now that Mr. Lawson is coming, you’re doomed. Even if you have nine lives, there’s no way you’re going to escape.”

Rhino had called Felix. With Steven away, Felix was left in charge of the Crimson Dragon Gang in his stead. Now that there was an issue, Felix was the man Rhino was supposed to escalate to.

The mention of Felix’s name caused Kai to break into laughter. After all, he had just left Felix’s office and didn’t expect to see him again so soon.

“Perfect. I’ll be right here waiting. Let’s see how this Mr. Lawson that you talk about will do to me,” Kai remarked with contempt.

However, the mere mention of Felix caused Yolanda’s face to turn pale. After giving Hilda a look, she whispered in her ear, “Hilda, you should persuade Kai to leave now instead of maintaining this bravado. Let me tell you, Mr. Lawson is a lieutenant of Steven, head of the Crimson Dragon Gang. He is so ruthless that Kai would definitely lose his life if he comes later.”

Frightened by the prospect, Hilda nodded slightly. Then, she approached Kai and muttered, “Kai, we’d better go. It’s getting late.”

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Hilda didn't reveal to Kai how powerful Felix was, as she was cognizant of his over-inflated ego. If she had been frank, Kai would never want to leave.

After glancing at Yolanda, Kai turned his attention to Hilda and suggested, "Hilda, you and Yolanda should go first. I'll be leaving in a short while."

Kai's refusal to leave simply intensified Hilda's worries. Thus, she had no choice but to speak the truth. "Kai, Yolanda just told me that Mr. Lawson is very strong. Hence, it's better if we don't challenge him."

"Don't worry. I'm not afraid." Kai smiled faintly.

When Yolanda saw how stubborn Kai was, she had no choice but to admonish him aloud, "Don't assume that you are invincible just because you know a thing or two. Mr. Lawson is a key lieutenant of the leader of the Crimson Dragon Gang, and he is an extremely skilled fighter. In fact, even if there were two or three of you, you would still be no match for him. Therefore, do you still want to stay back?"

"What's there to be scared of?" Kai responded with nonchalance.

'You...'" Yolanda almost exploded. Finally, desperately pulled Hilda along with her. "Hilda, let's just leave him and go. Given that he has offended the Crimson Dragon Gang, there's no way he will survive to see tomorrow. It's not worth it for us to be dragged down with him."

With that, Yolanda forcefully towed Hilda away. Even though Rhino didn't want to let them go, he didn't dare to utter a single word of protest, as he was worried about being assaulted by Kai again.

Not long after the ladies were gone, a few cars came speeding in and screeched to a halt in front of the stall they were at.

When the owner saw what was going on, he fled into his cabin in fear. At the same time, the other patrons began to flee. Only those who were brave enough stayed back to watch from afar.

Everyone knew of Felix's terrifying reputation. Therefore, no one dared to offend him for fear of losing their lives.

At the sight of the cars, Rhino hurried forward to open the car door in a sycophantic manner.

Chomping a cigar in his mouth, Felix alighted from the car. The authority he exuded awed the onlooking crowd.

Facing Felix with a remorseful expression, Rhino greeted loudly, "Mr. Lawson!"

"Rhino, look at you. You're nothing but a disgrace!" Looking at Rhino's miserable expression, Felix furrowed his brows. "Where's the troublemaker?"

"Mr. Lawson, he's sitting right there." Rhino pointed at Kai.

As Felix's gaze trailed the trajectory of Rhino's finger, his body shivered at the sight of Kai, causing the cigar he was smoking to drop onto the ground.

When he saw how petrified Felix was, Rhino was stunned. He quickly picked up the cigar and explained, "Mr. Lawson, he's just one man but has some decent skills. In fact, he had even defeated all of my men."

At that moment, Felix was so enraged that he wanted to give Rhino a piece of his mind.

Kai doesn't just have some decent skills. He is actually so strong that Steven was defeated with just a kick. Consequently, there's no one in Horington who could fight him at all.

"Mr. Lawson!" At that moment, Kai looked at Felix in a mischievous manner. "Looks like fate has brought us together again."

In response, Felix broke into a servile smile and walked up to Kai. "Mr. Chance, I'm sure you're just joking. Looks like it's my fault for not disciplining my men again."

At that moment, Rhino was shocked. With a bewildered expression, he looked in Felix's direction.

"Your subordinate claimed that I wouldn't be leaving this place alive even if I had nine lives," Kai related with a smirk.

"That's impossible. With your skills, no one in Horington can stop you." Felix smiled awkwardly before turning to Rhino. "Rhino, get your ass over here."

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Astounded, Rhino had no choice but to trudge forward as instructed.

“Get down on your f*cking knees and apologize to Mr. Chance!” Felix landed a kick on Rhino.

Thud!

With that, Rhino dropped to his knees in front of Kai.

“Enough, you can drop the act. Before Steven comes back with his master, I won’t do anything to your gang. Unless, if you get on my nerves.”

Kai was well aware that Felix was just pretending to be respectful.

After all, he had become the Crimson Dragon Gang’s mortal enemy ever since he defeated Steven. Therefore, there was no way Felix would sincerely respect him.

Just as he finished, Kai got up to leave. A cold glint glistened in Felix’s eye as he watch Kai’s silhouette disappear.

“M-Mr. Lawson, who is he?” Rhino asked curiously as he got back to his feet after Kai left.

Slap!

Suddenly, Felix responded with a forceful slap.

“Let me warn you, the next time you see him, please stay as far as you can away from him. He was the one who defeated Steven. Hence, you should be counting your lucky stars for not losing your life today.”

With that, Felix left with his men, leaving Rhino behind trying to recover from the shock.

Meanwhile, back in their neighborhood, Hilda waited anxiously for Kai. As for Yolanda, she had left after sending Hilda home.

“Hilda, why aren’t you going in? Who are you waiting for?” Chloe asked when she saw Hilda loitering outside.

“Mom, you should go in first. I’m waiting for Kai,” Hilda replied with an anxious expression.

“What happened to Kai? Why didn’t both of you come home together?” Chloe asked when she saw how worried Hilda was.

“He…” Hilda was suddenly tongue-tied, as she didn’t know how to explain to her mother.

“Hilda, where’s Kai? Aren’t you both supposed to come back together?”

At that moment, Hannah and Gary came out of the house.

When she saw Kai’s parents, Hilda didn’t want them to worry. Hence, she quickly made an excuse. “He’s busy with work so he will be a little late.”

“What is he doing? It’s already past office hours. How can there be so much work to do?” Hannah grumbled.

“Mrs. Chance, you should go back in first. I can wait for him here.”

Hilda urged them to go back in, as she didn’t know when Kai would be back or if he could even make it home.

“We were planning to give both of you a surprise, but Kai still isn’t back even though it is so late,” Hannah commented with a sigh.

“Surprise?” Hilda was stunned.

Chloe quickly explained, “Since taking public transport to work is inconvenient for both of you, Mr. Chance has bought a car to make your lives easier. We planned to surprise Kai, but he is still not back.”

“Mrs. Wallace, you paid for the car too. Therefore, it’s considered a gift from both families to the children,” Hannah added right away.

“I only contributed a few thousand which isn’t significant. You guys paid for all the rest,” Chloe commented with a smile.

“This car is for both of them to start off. Once they have settled into their jobs, they can buy their own. Now that we’re old, this is all the help we can give,” Gary explained.

“That’s very true. Going forward, we will have to rely on both of them,” Chloe agreed with a nod.

Having heard their conversation, Hilda blushed in response. It felt as if both parents were treating them as a couple which was something Hilda didn’t object to.

After spending a lot of time with Kai recently, Hilda noticed that she had developed feelings for him.

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Unfortunately, she had no idea where Kai stood in their relationship.

“It’s getting late. What are you chatting about out here?”

At that moment, Kai approached them with a smiling face.

“Kai...”

Upon his return, Hilda rushed up to him and scrutinized him for any injuries.

With Chloe and Gary saw her reaction, both of them broke into a smile.

Only Hannah sighed. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if I can see both of them get married with my own eyes?”

When Kai heard the comment, he felt the urge to explain that he only saw Hilda as a sister. However, underneath everyone’s hopeful gazes, he couldn’t bring himself to say it.

“Mom, don’t worry. I will definitely find a cure for your eyes,” Kai reassured her instead of clarifying their misunderstanding.

“There’s no need to worry about me, as I’m used to it. Both of you should focus on your jobs. Once you have saved up enough, you can buy a matrimonial home and a car. As for me and your dad, there’s nothing more we can do to help,” Hannah commented with a guilty tone.

Given that Kai wasn’t married yet, she felt bad that Gary and she couldn’t financially support Kai any further.

“Hannah, don’t say that. Their happiness is all that matters. After all, I don’t need anything at my end.” Chloe patted Hannah on the shoulder.

Despite being filled with mixed emotions when he heard those words, Kai still didn’t know how to break the news to them.

“Kai, Mr. Chance has bought you a car. We can drive together to work from tomorrow onward,” Hilda informed Kai in order to change the subject.

After all, their parents were getting ahead of themselves by discussing their marriage. Since they weren’t even in an official relationship yet, such talk was simply too early.

“Kai, your dad spent the whole day outside just to get you this car. Although it isn’t much, it’s certainly more comfortable than taking public transport,” Chloe added.

After walking downstairs together, Kai and Hilda saw a white Ford parked there. At first glance, one could tell right away that it wasn’t a new car.

“Kai, this is a second-hand Ford. Nevertheless, the mileage is still low, and there was only one previous owner. Also, it’s in pretty good condition and only costs forty thousand. Hence, I bought it for you. That’s the best I can do...” Gary explained with an apologetic expression.

Gary’s words tugged at Kai’s heartstrings. “Dad, it’s a great car. Now that I can make a living, there’s nothing for you to worry about anymore.”

“Mmm-hmm. We’re glad to see you finally have a good job. As long as you work hard, you will definitely afford everything you want in the future,” Gary encouraged Kai with a nod.

However, Kai was planning to quit his job after a few days, as it was getting in the way of his training. But now, he had to put the idea on the back-burner until he could reassure his parents about it.

The next day, when Kai drove the second-hand Ford to work, he was expectedly ridiculed by his colleagues. Nevertheless, he didn't mind it at all.

As for Hilda, she too didn't care about what others said. At that moment, the thought of being able to travel to and fro from work together with Kai felt blissful to her.

Just when they arrived at the office, Zayne came over and ordered, "Kai, you'll have to collect all the debts today or you'll be fired."

Zayne hated Kai to the core, especially after what happened the night before. Not only did Kai hit him in public, but he humiliated him too. Hence, there was no way he would forgive Kai.

After staring coldly at Zayne, Kai simply ignored him. Instead, Hilda became nervous about it.

"Mr. Carlson, there are so many of them. How is it possible that Kai recover them all? Aren't you just making things difficult for him?"

Although Kai didn't say a word, Hilda felt indignant at Zayne's demand.

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"Why? Do you want to collect the debts together with him? In that case, I'll put both of you on the same team. If you can't complete them by today, both of you will be fired," Zayne suddenly declared after Hilda challenged him.

Suddenly, Troy raised his hand and suggested, "Mr. Carlson, I want to change teams."

It was obvious to him that Zayne was targeting Kai on purpose, especially after Kai disrespected Xavier. Therefore, he felt that he would be dragged down by Kai if he remained on the same team as him.

“Fine, Hilda and you will switch.” Zayne nodded in agreement.

This time, Maria no longer stood up for Hilda despite watching what happened. After all, Kai had hit Zayne the day before, upsetting her. Moreover, he had also stepped on Xavier’s toes, which was as good as ending his career.”

After Zayne returned to his office, Troy quickly packed his things and moved, as if he was avoiding the plague.

Looking at how Troy reacted, Kai let out a smirk. He had initially planned to promote Troy, as he had a good impression of him. All he needed was to say the word. After all, Josephine wouldn’t interfere.

But now, Kai no longer felt the urge to do so. Perhaps, this is what the corporate world is like. It’s every man for himself indeed.

“Kai, wh-what are we going to do?” Hilda asked helplessly.

Given how elated their parents were when they found the job, they would be equally devastated if they lost it.

“Don’t worry, the debts will be quickly paid into our company account,” Kai reassured Hilda.

However, Hilda remained unconvinced. The bosses of those companies were not going to pay up on their own accord unless there was something wrong with their heads.

“Hilda, why did you have to get involved? I’m afraid that even you will be fired now. Considering your qualities, you can have any man you want. Hence, you should break up with Kai, and I’ll introduce a rich guy to you,” Lydia suggested as she walked over to Hilda.

Instead of saying anything, Hilda just shook her head. She didn’t want to leave Kai even if she was to be fired.

“What a foolish gal you are,” Lydia commented with a wry smile.

Josephine had wanted to persuade Hilda too but felt that there was no point in doing so. After all, she knew that it would be Kai and Hilda’s last day at work.

“They are going to be fired after two days at work. This has never happened in the company before.”

“That’s right. I have never seen such an impudent employee who dared to hit his manager.”

“He really deserves it. Why the need to act tough? If he’s really so capable, would he even be working here?”

Members of the sales department ridiculed Kai incessantly.

Amidst the crowd’s gossips, someone from the finance department suddenly rushed in.

“Silas, what brings you to the sales department? Is there something wrong with the accounts?” Maria asked.

“Maria, the sales department has done an awesome job! Right after I came to work, I saw all our customers settle their debts with us. Therefore, there are no outstanding amounts right now. Who’s the one in charge of it? It’s just unbelievable!” Silas explained excitedly to Maria.

“What? All the debts have been collected?” Maria was stunned.

Her other colleagues gradually stood up and looked at Silas in disbelief.

“Silas, is there a mistake? Can such huge sums really be paid?” Lydia asked with an incredulous tone.

Feeling curious, Silas threw the question back at her. “Why would I lie? Anyway, your department is responsible for collecting the debts. Now that they have been settled, how can you not know about it?”

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Oh, of course, I do! Naturally, it was our manager who managed to collect all the arrears,” Maria answered hastily as she abruptly jolted back to her senses.

I've naturally got to give the credit for such a windfall to Zayne. Who knows, he may be promoted to the position of manager of the acquisition department this time!

"In that case, Mr. Carlson is really capable!" Silas flashed them a smile before adding, "We'll talk next time. I've got to go through the accounts with Mr. Carlson."

He then entered Zayne's office. Meanwhile, everyone in the sales department went into an uproar.

"Whoa! Who's so competent to have collected all the arrears?"

"That's simply incredible! Those arrears are all accumulated from a few years ago and were exceedingly difficult to collect!"

"Could it be Kai? Judging from his confident expression today, he seemed to have known that the arrears would definitely be repaid in full!"

"Nonsense! Could someone like him have collected all the arrears? Didn't you hear that it was the respective companies themselves who voluntarily repaid their debts? It has nothing to do with him whatsoever!"

"Speaking of that, he's really lucky! It looks like he won't be sacked today, after all!"

The employees of the sales department gathered together and gossiped among themselves.

"This is great, Kai! We won't be dismissed!" Hilda said to Kai excitedly.

"Didn't I tell you from the very beginning that you didn't have to worry?" Kai chuckled softly.

"How did you know that the arrears would all be paid today?" Hilda queried, regarding Kai curiously.

"It's a secret!" Kai smiled without telling her anything.

He didn't want her to know everything right then, though he would be telling her the truth sooner or later.

While the employees of the sales department were still whispering among themselves, Zayne walked out of his office with Silas, who was from the finance department. At the sight of the man, everyone went silent.

Zayne cast a chilly look in Kai's direction before he stalked away.

Right that moment, Xavier was sitting at his desk in the general manager's office with a grim expression on his face.

He still had a band-aid on his neck, covering the cut from the night before. Worse still, a palmprint was still vaguely visible on his face.

Knock, knock!

A knock sounded on the door, upon which Xavier coldly snapped, "Come in."

"You asked for me, Mr. Jennings?" Zayne inquired deferentially as soon as he stepped in the door.

No sooner had his words fallen than he froze, for he had glimpsed faint marks that were obviously the aftermath of a slap on the man's face.

Noticing his stare, Xavier frowned slightly. "Are you enjoying the view?"

As his words rang out, Zayne was so petrified that he shuddered and hurriedly lowered his head, not daring to utter a single word in response.

"Was it you who handed the task of collecting the sales department's arrears to Kai?" Xavier demanded.

Zayne couldn't quite understand the man's meaning, so he could only nod. "Yes. I just wanted him to hit a brick wall and to take him down a peg, but I never expected him to be so lucky that all the companies owing us a debt actually paid up today."

At that, Xavier sneered. I know why all the arrears were paid out of the blue. Josephine must have given him a hand secretly. Otherwise, he couldn't have possibly done it alone, no matter how capable he is!

Nevertheless, he was the only person in the company who knew about Kai and Josephine's relationship.

“Henceforth, have him handle the negotiation for the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical,” he said to Zayne while scanning through some information about the company’s collaboration partners in his hand.

Hearing that, Zayne was stunned for a moment. “Cosmic Chemical? Mr. Jennings, Cosmic Chemical is a major client, and the Scott family has been eyeing them as well. Will it offend them to have Kai handle the negotiation and lead to them thinking that we’re insincere?”

He couldn’t figure out why Xavier wanted to give such an important client to Kai. After all, the sales department would receive a king’s ransom in commission if such a client were to sign a collaboration agreement with the company.

“Why, are you questioning my decision?” Xavier’s eyes narrowed a fraction.

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“Of course not! I’ll do as you ordered, Mr. Jennings!”

Zayne naturally didn’t dare go against Xavier since the latter was his immediate superior.

When he had left, Xavier slowly picked up his phone and made a call.

“It’s done, Mr. Scott. I’ll be sending Kai to discuss the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical.”

“Haha... Great job! Do as I say, and I’ll give you double the amount the Sullivan family is paying you!”

A burst of gleeful laughter came from the other end of the phone, and the person hung up right after he had finished speaking.

The person Xavier phoned was none other than Leyton. Not only was he aware of the grudge between Kai and Leyton, but he knew that the former’s girlfriend had been snatched away by the latter.

In Horington, the power and influence of the Sullivan and Scott families were equal. Besides that, they were also rivals. The Scott family had once tried to poach him by offering him an exorbitant salary, but he had feelings for Josephine and wanted to date her, so he declined.

But after the failure of the assassination attempt on Kai last night and having suffered a slap instead, his fury skyrocketed, and he contacted Leyton.

It was actually Leyton's idea to have Kai handle the negotiation of the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical, and his goal was to humiliate the man. After all, an insignificant sales representative like Kai couldn't possibly clinch a huge client such as Cosmic Chemical. All Leyton would have to do then was personally pay Cosmic Chemical a visit and heap insults on him.

Presently, Leyton was still recuperating in a hospital room in Horington.

"There's no need to be over the moon just because of such a trivial matter, Ley! Kai isn't worthy of having you target him so deliberately. He's just an ant to you and is nothing at all without Josephine's protection!" Sandy crowed in delight when she saw Leyton's jubilation.

"He broke my arm, so I naturally have to answer the challenge. I want to make his life a living hell and torture him slowly..."

The corners of Leyton's mouth lifted slightly, and his eyes brimmed with menace.

"Ley, you're not his match since he has some fighting skills. Besides, Tommy isn't the least bit reliable! I think you'll have to employ a few other martial arts experts if you want to take him down," Sandy suggested.

"Don't worry. I've already sent someone to contact the Crimson Dragon Gang. Tommy's Templar Regiment isn't the only organization in the whole of Horington. Crimson Dragon Gang is just as illustrious as Templar Regiment, so it's more than sufficient to deal with him."

Leyton knew full well that he wasn't Kai's match, and it wouldn't do him any good to seek Tommy out either. For that reason, he had someone contact the Crimson Dragon Gang.

While the Scott family was exceedingly powerful in Horington, they were just involved in business dealings. They weren't all that familiar with gangs such

as the Crimson Dragon Gang, which was why they needed a middleman to facilitate a meeting.

“Ley, I’d also like to go for the negotiation of the collaboration when the time comes. I want to see how pathetic Kai would look then! He dared to act all high and mighty with Josephine backing him up back then, so I want to see whether he can still maintain his domineering demeanor now!”

Sandy teetered on the verge of flipping her lid whenever she recalled how Kai humiliated her back then.

“Sure! Just watch as I crush him under my foot!”

Leyton guffawed triumphantly.

At the sales department, Zayne really couldn’t fathom why Xavier would give Kai such an important client. However, he had no choice but to execute the man’s order when he had said as much.

“Kai, you’re lucky that all the arrears were suddenly repaid in full. However, as a qualified sales representative, not only do you have to be able to collect arrears but also negotiate collaborations. Therefore, you’ve got to learn to do so. And according to the rules, you—”

“Cut the crap and just spit it out!” Kai barked impatiently.

He was probably the only person who dared speak to Zayne in such a manner.

Zayne’s expression darkened when he heard that, and he almost burst a blood vessel. Yet, he didn’t dare fire the man without a valid reason since he wasn’t sure what Xavier’s plan was.

“The company has decided to put you in charge of negotiating the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical. Cosmic Chemical is considered the biggest company in the cosmetics industry in Horington, so if you manage to clinch the collaboration, the commission will be a sum beyond your imagination! However, if you ruin things—”

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“Stop yakking! Give me the information!”

Impatience was written all over Kai's face. Hah! He's just blathering away because he's jealous of me and wants to humiliate me!

With a frosty expression, Zayne tossed the folder containing the relevant information to Kai.

Hmph! This time, I'll definitely figure out some way to give you the boot! How dare you act so arrogantly with me! he inwardly swore even as he gritted his teeth.

“What's the meaning of this, Zayne? I've been the one negotiating the collaboration with Cosmic Chemical! Do you know how long I've been at it? Why did you give it to him all of a sudden?” Maria roared at Zayne as she panicked.

Everyone knew that Cosmic Chemical was a huge client, and the commission would certainly be a pretty penny if one managed to secure the collaboration. That was why Zayne gave the project to Maria from the start. Considering their relationship, no one in the sales department dared to have any objections.

Furthermore, Zayne had made several trips to Cosmic Chemical's office with Maria for the sake of the collaboration, and Maria had been working particularly hard.

Thus, it was only natural that she was apoplectic when the client was abruptly given to Kai then.

Zayne tugged her aside and whispered, “Don't kick up a fuss first. I'll explain things to you later.”

After saying that, he turned to Kai and declared, “This is the company's most important client, so you've got to settle it as soon as possible, Kai. As such, give me a specific time frame as to when you can clinch the deal.”

“Tomorrow, I guess.”

Kai initially wanted to say that afternoon, but on second thought, he still needed to inform Tommy and make the arrangements beforehand, so he said tomorrow instead.

“Tomorrow?” Zayne was knocked sideways.

In fact, everyone in the sales department was staggered. They all gaped at Kai in utter disbelief.

“You must have lost your mind, huh, Kai? This is Cosmic Chemical we’re talking about! Yet, you’re saying that you can secure the collaboration by tomorrow?” Lydia scoffed with contempt etched on her face even as she gave a bark of laughter.

“Can you please stop bragging, Kai? Do you know how long I’ve spent on this client? Three months! I didn’t manage to finalize the collaboration even after three months, but you’re saying you can secure it tomorrow?”

Maria shot daggers at Kai.

Ugh! He’s simply humiliating me by saying such a thing! I didn’t manage to clinch the collaboration after three months, but he’s claiming that he can do it within a day! Isn’t he just deriding me for my incompetence?

When Zayne saw Kai’s pompousness, he sneered, “You said it yourself, so you’d better pack your bags if you fail to do so, Kai! The sales department doesn’t need someone who loves to talk big!”

“Okay,” Kai agreed readily.

Following that, elation deluged Zayne like a tidal wave, for he knew that the man couldn’t possibly secure the collaboration the following day. If it were that easy, he wouldn’t have accompanied Maria in making trip after trip for three whole months. Besides, the Scott family also had its eye on Cosmic Chemical, so it was definitely no piece of cake.

He then pulled Maria into his office to explain things to her. The other employees in the sales department eyed Kai disdainfully before they all dispersed as well.

After getting the information, Kai didn't even bother flipping through it but sent it to Tommy instead. Hilda, however, was anxious and pored over the details about Cosmic Chemical the entire day.

"Hilda, you've got a class reunion tonight, so you should pack up since it's about time to get off work now. Don't scrutinize the information anymore," Kai finally urged, seeing that Hilda had been studying the information about Cosmic Chemical incessantly with a worried expression on her face.

"Kai, Cosmic Chemical is really difficult to convince. Its general manager is an extremely obstinate person. How are we going to sway him over to collaborate with us tomorrow?"

Hilda was no longer in the mood to attend her class reunion. After all, Kai would be shown the door if they couldn't clinch the collaboration tomorrow. And if that happened, she didn't want to continue working here either.

"Do you not trust me? I said it'll be fine, so it's a done deal. Don't worry!" Kai stared right into her eyes.

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Gazing into Kai's unwavering eyes, Hilda nodded at long last. "I trust you!"

Kai flashed her a smile and patted her head gently, his gaze emanating brotherly love.

Mere moments after it was time to get off work, Hilda received a call from Yolanda, who urged her to hurry up as many of their former classmates had already arrived.

She then asked her friend for the location, only to be told that the class reunion was being held at Glamor Hotel.

When Hilda heard that, she wavered slightly. They were planning to split the bill for the class reunion tonight, and such a luxurious hotel would undoubtedly cost a tidy sum. She didn't want to spend that much, finding it a waste.

Only after Kai persuaded her otherwise did she agree to go. Subsequently, the two of them drove straight to Glamor Hotel in a second-hand Ford.

As soon as they arrived at the entrance of Glamor Hotel, they were greeted by the sight of Yolanda waiting anxiously at the door.

Surprise flooded Yolanda when she caught sight of Kai. She thought that he would definitely have been beaten to death after having offended the Crimson Dragon Gang the previous night, or at the least, had his head bashed in. But looking at him right then, there actually wasn't a single scratch on him.

"Were you not beaten up last night?" she questioned suspiciously.

"Didn't I tell you that the Crimson Dragon Gang is afraid of me? They wouldn't possibly dare make a move against me."

Kai flashed her a smile.

"What a boast!" Yolanda rolled her eyes, not believing him in the least. How could a big gang like the Crimson Dragon Gang be afraid of him? He must have used some other method to settle the matter. Perhaps he paid them off!

"Believe whatever you want!" Kai didn't bother explaining further.

"It's Hilda's class reunion today, yet you came here in a Ford? Even hailing a taxi would have been better than driving a crappy Ford. Look at the parking lot here. Is there any car as shabby as yours?" Yolanda berated with a chagrined expression.

Back then when he encouraged her to attend the class reunion, I thought he was going to figure out a way to give her bragging rights. But isn't he making her a laughingstock now by driving a Ford here?

"What's wrong with driving a Ford? We've got to support local brands!"

Kai wasn't the least bit bothered.

"I think this car is pretty good, too. It's far more comfortable than taking the bus. All right, let's hurry up and go in!" Hilda hastily chimed in.

Since she had said as much, Yolanda stopped dressing Kai down. The three of them then entered the hotel together.

A dozen men and women were already seated in an opulent private room. They were chatting and laughing, so the atmosphere was very much lively.

One of the men was particularly eye-catching, with his hair parted to the side and a gold watch adorning his wrist. He was seemingly the center of attention, with everyone fawning all over him.

That man was Lincoln Palmer, Hilda's ex-boyfriend. Despite having been of a different class than them all, he was attending the class reunion as Michelle Henderson's boyfriend.

"You're so lucky to have such a great boyfriend, Mich! Lincoln used to be the campus hunk back then!"

"Hear, hear! He was already well-respected in school back when I first joined, and I even had a crush on him once upon a time!"

"Look at the watch he's wearing! It probably cost a couple hundred of thousand. He's truly the epitome of a successful person!"

"Furthermore, he has his own company now. How incredible!"

They all praised Lincoln and Michelle to the skies, inflating their egos to epic proportions.

"Nah, I've got to work as well. I'm not all that successful. Besides, this watch isn't that valuable either. I asked a friend to get it for me from Sumanthova, and it was only a little over three hundred grand!"

Despite his seemingly modest words, his tone made it crystal clear that he was showing off.

In truth, everyone could tell that he was bragging, but no one dared to point it out.

They merely listened as he tooted his own horn.