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Hailey Lawson stopped herself from panicking. “You have no say on this matter!”

Jackie Luden was actually in some ways related to Hailey.

They were both from the same village that belonged to a tribe of people known as the Lazeroth clan. Most of the people who lived in the village were from this clan. Back then, Jackie even specifically asked Hailey for advice about running a beauty salon. Since they were both from the same village, Hailey generously shared her knowledge with him. In fact, she even lent him a large amount of money at the beginning for his start-up capital.

But to her surprise, Jackie actually secretly coveted her beauty and wanted to sleep with her using dirty tricks. Fortunately, Hailey realized this before it happened, and the two of them had been on unfriendly terms ever since.

Originally, Jackie’s City Salon was no match for Belle Blossom. But, Jackie surprisingly managed to get acquainted with a woman from the Summers family. Since then, City Salon’s popularity skyrocketed and it became one of the top three beauty salons in California, it became a direct competitor to Belle Blossom.

Jackie sneered. “Indeed, it’s not up to me. But this is Ms. Wai’s decision. I’m merely her messenger. If you don’t believe me, you can ask Ms. Wai yourself.”

Before Hailey could ask, Serena Wai spoke coldly. “Ms. Lawson, I asked you to come over to personally tell you that Arles Cosmetics will not be renewing its contract with Belle Blossom. I’m doing this so that your employees won’t keep harassing our company.”

Hailey became anxious. “Ms. Wai, why are you doing this? Haven’t we been working well together? If you think there’s anything in the contract that needs to be amended, we are willing to cooperate. We’re also willing to offer a higher profit share to you. What do you think if we lower our side of the profits earned by 3%?”

Serena sneered and looked at Jackie. “That won’t be necessary. Arles Cosmetics will be signing a contract with Jackie’s City Salon.”

Hailey immediately looked bitter.

She knew that Jackie must have influenced this decision.

“Hailey. To be honest, I can offer you Arles Cosmetics’ products at the original price, but under one condition,” Jackie suddenly said.

“What condition is that?”

“You must be with me for a week.” Jackie chuckled.

“You shameless man!”

When Alex heard this, he too became angry and glared coldly at Jackie.

Hailey turned to look at Serena. “Ms. Wai, did you hear that? Do you see what kind of a person he is? He’s a despicable, shameless man. He even has the guts to say such things in front of you. I’m sure you can see how bad his character is. Working with such a person will only ruin Arles Cosmetics’ branding.”

Unexpectedly, Serena just chuckled coldly. “Are you done talking? If you are, please leave! I have to discuss some details of our partnership with Mr. Luden.”

“You...” Hailey really wanted to turn around and leave, but she had to keep trying for her beauty salon. “Ms. Wai, let’s keep the business talk aside. I know you’re in California this time mainly because you’re seeking medical treatment. Coincidentally, my little brother here is a miracle doctor. Why don’t you let him have a look?”

Jackie started laughing loudly. “Your little brother? Hailey, since when did you have a little brother? Why have I never known about it? I don’ t think your mother gave birth to another son, did she? I’m afraid... This might be your gigolo. Is he? Tsk, tsk. I thought you’re a pure woman, but it turns out that you’re just a regular sl*t. Is it because Mr. Carter doesn’t have what it takes to please you? Is that why you looked for someone who’s better in bed?”

Wham!

Jackie was slapped forcefully as soon as he finished speaking.

“This slap is for being disrespectful,” Alex said coldly.

Jackie didn't think Alex would dare hit him here, so he was stunned.

After that, Alex slapped him again.

This time, it was even harder.

Jackie's nose started to bleed.

“This slap is for insulting Hailey,” Alex added.

After being slapped twice, Jackie immediately became furious. “You piece of sh*t. How dare you hit me?”

Wham!

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Alex Rockefeller slapped Jackie Luden again. This time, Jackie lost a huge chunk of tooth.

Alex's gaze was cold. "Believe me when I say this. Not only do I have the guts to hit you, but I also have the guts to kill you."

"You..." Jackie wanted to fight back, but he was immediately intimidated by Alex's cold gaze, and he actually didn't dare to speak anymore.

However, nothing could put out the flames of anger in his heart.

"This is outrageous!" Serena Wai shouted angrily. "This is my house. You're not allowed to hit people in my house. Get out!"

Alex looked at Serena. He actually discovered Serena's problem the moment he came in. "Are you sure you want me to leave? I can honestly tell you that your ailment is quite serious. You only have seven days to live. If I don't save you, you'll die," Alex said with a smile that didn't reach his eyes.

Serena was furious. "That's bullsh*t!"

She then glared at Hailey Lawson angrily. "Hailey, what is the meaning of this? Did you bring this person here to curse me on purpose? Do you think I'm a fool? How can he deserve to be called a miracle doctor? If he's truly a miracle doctor, I'll get down on my knees and worship him."

"Ms. Wai, he really is an amazing miracle doctor," Hailey said helplessly.

"Get out, right now! Otherwise, I'll get my bodyguards to kick you both out," Serena shouted.

Hailey didn't have any other way to deal with this. She looked apologetically at Alex. "Little brother, let's go!"

"You just slapped me three times. Do you think you can leave just like that? Sure, I'll let you leave, but you must cut off one finger of yours for each time you slapped me," Jackie suddenly said gloomily.

He tossed a fruit knife which fell at Alex's feet.

Serena watched on smugly. Since Alex hit Jackie, it wasn't related to her so she didn't need to get her bodyguards to act.

But Alex cursed her by saying she only had seven days to live, which made her angry. She didn't mind making Alex pay for it greatly.

Alex started chuckling. "That's a lot of tough talk. Do you have someone backing you? Fine, I'll wait for your backup to arrive. However, wouldn't three fingers be too little? Let's make it a more complete number!"

After saying that, Alex slapped Jackie seven times in succession without even hesitating.

"That's seven more slaps, making it ten in total. Is that enough?" Alex asked.

Jackie's entire face was swollen. He had lost count how many teeth had fallen off.

Serena's gaze turned cold, laughing coldly in her heart. Serena knew that Jackie was supported by the Summers family in California. Because of his relationship to them, Serena was willing to stop working with Belle Blossom and cooperate with City Salon instead. The more Alex beat up Jackie now, the worse Alex will be beaten up later.

Jackie's eyes were wide with rage, but he didn't want to put himself in a bad position right now. He texted for someone to come to his aid.

"Little brother, Jackie is backed by the Summers family. He's definitely asking someone from the family to come. Can... Can you get Ted Summers from before?"

Hailey whispered to Alex.

At first, Alex wanted to resolve this problem on his own. But since Hailey mentioned it, he sent Ted a message. He wasn't sure if Ted would be able to make it. Twenty minutes later, the people Jackie had called arrived.

There were no less than twenty of them, led by a woman as they charged into the villa.

"Honey, you're finally here. It's this guy. This piece of sh*t slapped me ten times. I can't stop my anger unless I break all ten of his fingers," Jackie immediately said.

The woman was furious, and she stared at Alex. "You blind idiot. How dare you attack someone from the Summers family? Get him. Chop his hands and feet off."

The group of people immediately charged at Alex.

“Stop! Who dares to attack my buddy?” Someone shouted.

Ted came running in with rage.

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Ted Summers didn't come alone. He was accompanied by a woman, his wife, Betty Dawson.

That's because when Alex Rockefeller sent Ted Summers the message, Betty was kneeling in front of Ted, begging for his forgiveness.

Betty didn't want to get a divorce.

As soon as Ted received the message, he rushed over. When Ted saw several martial artists from the Summers family actually attempting to attack Alex, he immediately became enraged. He was so angry he could kill someone.

His loud voice immediately gave everyone a fright. Ted's voice and figure were familiar to these martial artists from the Summers family. They stopped moving and looked at Ted with surprise.

“Second uncle, why are you here too?”

The full name of Jackie Luden’s wife was Senna Summers. She was also Ted’s niece. “Did you find out about what happened and came to support us too? This little piece of sh*t hit my husband. Look at his face now. This man really does have a death wish. He thinks nothing of the Summers family,” Senna said.

“Second uncle, you don’t have to do anything. My people will be more than sufficient. Do it!” Senna added.

Wham! Ted directly slapped Senna across her face. Senna was dumbfounded. “Second uncle, why did you hit me?”

Wham! Ted slapped her again.

This time, he used even greater force. Senna immediately started bleeding from her mouth.

“Which Summers family are you talking about? How can you represent the Summers family? Is this how you ruin the reputation of my family? Get on your knees and apologize. Is my buddy someone you can mess with?” Ted said coldly.

At this moment, everyone apart from Alex and Hailey Lawson was shocked. Jackie, especially, looked as if he'd seen a ghost.

Senna was thoroughly stunned. "Second uncle, he... He's your buddy?"

"I told you to get on your knees!" Ted yelled.

Ted directly kicked Senna's shin and broke her leg. Thump! Senna knelt to the ground and started sweating profusely.

"Stop saying 'he'. Don't you know the rules? Call him Uncle Rockefeller. Apologize, or I'll break both your legs," Ted said angrily.

Senna's eyes filled with tears. She knew she had messed with the wrong guy this time.

Senna was very aware of how violent Ted could be. She didn't dare to hesitate. "Uncle Rockefeller, I'm sorry. I was wrong." Senna had no choice but to apologize to Alex.

The martial artists from the Summers family became afraid.

Fortunately, none of them had laid their hands on Alex yet. Otherwise, they might have gotten their legs broken too.

At this moment, Serena couldn't be more shocked. She nearly let out a scream. She would never have thought that Hailey's brother, whom she brought along today, was actually best buddies with someone from the Summers family. In fact, judging from Ted's behavior, it didn't seem like their relationship was ordinary.

"How are you wrong?" Alex asked.

Senna gritted her teeth to deal with the pain. "... I shouldn't have troubled you, Uncle Rockefeller," she said.

Alex shook his head. "You really did make a mistake, but it's not because you came to trouble me. Instead, it's because you got married to the wrong person."

Senna was only here to support her husband because he was hit. There was nothing wrong with that.

When Ted heard this, he instantly slapped Jackie across his face. He slapped Jackie even harder than Alex did.

Right away, Jackie's jaw was dislocated.

"So it's you, you bastard, who messed with my buddy. Why don't you go to hell?" Ted yelled.

"Buddy, how did he mess with you?" Ted asked after beating Jackie up.

Serena's bodyguard nearly laughed out loud.

But when he thought of how each of them solicited ten thousand dollars from Hailey, he immediately felt remorseful. A nervous look appeared on his face.

Chapter 0454

Alex Rockefeller took his phone out, clicked on an audio file and started speaking. "Coincidentally, I recorded our conversation earlier. For those interested, let's listen to it together!"

As soon as the audio file started playing, Jackie Luden's face turned pale.

When Senna Summers heard Jackie asking Hailey Lawson to be with him for seven days, her eyes became filled with rage. "Jackie Lude, you jerk! How could you do this to me?!"

Although one of Senna's legs was broken, she was a martial artist. She hopped up with a single leg and started hitting Jackie, nearly killing him with her blows.

In the end, many bones in Jackie's arms and ribs were broken. Most importantly, his penis had been snapped off too. Senna was truly a violent woman.

Alex felt indifferent when he heard Jackie crying in pain. Eventually, Hailey tugged at Alex's shirt. "If she continues to hit him, he's going to die," she said.

Alex finally spoke. "Alright, you two can fight outside. You're too annoying."

"I don't have a husband like him. From now on, there is nothing between us," Senna said.

Everyone looked at Jackie as if he was a dead dog.

With his penis broken, it was difficult for him to even be in a relationship again.

Right then, Betty Dawson, who was originally standing in the background, suddenly stepped forward. She forcefully kicked Jackie a few times before kneeling in front of Hailey. “Mrs. Carter, Mr. Rockefeller, please forgive me. Jackie Luden, this jerk, encouraged me to cause trouble at Belle Blossom last time. I knew I was allergic to seafood, and I only agreed to help him because he gave me twenty million dollars. I was wrong. I really was wrong,” Betty said.

“Mr. Rockefeller, I don’t want a divorce. I can’t live without my husband. Please forgive me. Give me a chance to change my ways and be a good person. If I can’t do it, I’ll die from being struck by lightning or by getting run over by a car,” she added.

Betty still had some brains. Most importantly, she knew that Alex was the person she needed to appease.

Alex looked at Ted Summers. “Ted, this is your family matter, so you deal with it. However, marriage is not easy. If you can, try to cherish it. There’s no harm in giving her a chance either.”

There was a saying that it was better to tear down ten temples than to destroy a marriage.

Alex had in some ways given Betty another chance.

Ted kicked Betty once. "Leave and go home. I'll deal with you later," he said.

When Betty heard this, she hurriedly thanked Alex and left with a smile on her face. Alex believed that she would have learned her lesson after this ordeal.

Soon, Jackie and the Summers family left.

Serena had a slightly unnatural expression on her face.

"Mrs. Carter, I've given it some thought. I think we can continue our existing contract," she said to Hailey.

Hailey was happy, and was about to nod her head when Alex started speaking. "We can continue the existing contract, but you must offer us 10% more of the profit share."

Serena was shocked. "What? 10%? You're dreaming."

"20%," Alex said calmly.

Serena was outraged. "Absolutely impossible. Even if you have a close relationship with the Summers family, this simply isn't possible."

Alex smiled. "I'll wait for you to come to me. Remember, you only have seven days. After seven days, you won't have any time left. I'll give you an extra piece of information. Tomorrow morning, a black spot will appear below your belly button. After that, it will keep getting bigger. Once the black mark spreads to your heart, you'll die," Alex said.

"Get lost! Who do you think you are? Do you think you're a demi-god?" Senna was so angry that her body was trembling.

Throughout her nearly-forty years of living, Serena had never been as angry as she was today.

"Remember my name. It's Alex Rockefeller!" Alex said before dragging Hailey out of the villa.

Hailey seemed a little anxious. "Little brother, is she really going to come to you?"

"Don't worry. She will," Alex said confidently.

Chapter 0455

After leaving the villa, Alex Rockefeller and Hailey Lawson immediately returned to Maple Villa. They wanted to deliver the products Maya Howards had brought to Belle Blossom.

Hailey was very confident in Alex's medical knowledge. When she found out that one of the anti-aging products was developed by Alex, she even wanted to personally experiment with it.

"Little brother, you probably don't know this, but one of the most successful products from Arles Cosmetics is their anti-wrinkling face mask. If your anti-aging product can achieve even 70% of the effectiveness of Arles Cosmetics' product, we won't need to maintain the contract with them," Hailey said.

Alex lost control and started laughing. "Hailey, have you misunderstood my medical knowledge? My mother-in-law has tried the anti-wrinkling face mask from Arles Cosmetics. I can guarantee that our product, which is called Lush Anti-Aging, is twice as effective as theirs. In fact, ours even has whitening and moisturizing effects."

Hailey was greatly shocked. "Are you serious? Hurry up, let's go. I want to try it right away," she said.

Alex shook his head. "I'm afraid you will be disappointed."

“Why? Were you just teasing me?” Hailey asked.

“What I mean is, Hailey, you’re naturally beautiful. You don’t have any wrinkles on your face, and your skin is fair with a tinge of redness. Even if you use a ton of products, you won’t see any results,” Alex explained.

After being stunned momentarily, Hailey started chuckling. “You’re such a sweet-talker. I can’t stand it. If I weren’t married, I’d definitely be charmed by you.”

Soon, they arrived at the villa.

The products Maya brought home this time filled the entire hall.

There were two different products, namely Lush Acne Cream and Lush Cosmetics Cream, and there were three hundred sets of each. These were all testing kits, and they were to be given out for free as testers to the public.

Maya and Brittany Rockefeller had already set the prices. They were definitely going with the high-end option such that ordinary people could hardly afford to buy their products. But it didn’t matter because they wanted to establish their brand as unaffordable, yet desired by many. In other words, they would create a scarcity-driven market for their products.

In fact, they wanted to cause a sensational effect among the affluent circle of people.

Upper-class aristocrats had an unquestionable ability to create trends. These people would influence the middle-class folks, who would then influence the lower-class citizens.

After managing Bounty Acne Cream, Brittany had gained a lot of memorable experiences, and she fully understood the trick of the trade. Once they became established as the leader of cosmetics, they would release diluted versions of their products during later stages.

However, the prices wouldn't be too low either. Having prices too low meant lowering their own value, and they would end up disliked.

When Hailey saw the beautiful packaging and smelled the brand-new scent of the product after opening it, she couldn't resist wanting to try it out immediately. However, just before she could, she received a call from her secretary.

"Mrs. Carter, the legal team from City Salon came to us just now. They said they wanted to sell City Salon to us for one dollar. Do you think this is credible?" The secretary asked, thinking of how odd the situation was.

To be honest, nobody else would believe it either!

Back then, City Salon was even competing with Belle Blossom directly. In the blink of an eye, City Salon suddenly decided to give themselves away for free. Now, the people in Belle Blossom's headquarters were all shocked.

Hailey was equally as shocked when she heard her secretary.

Jackie Luden invested quite a lot of money in City Salon. On top of that, with help from the Summers family, City Salon was already operating at a very large scale. The market value of the company must have been at least two to three hundred million dollars!

Were they crazy for giving it away for free?

"Mrs. Carter, apart from City Salon's legal team, Betty Dawson, the lady who caused a ruckus at our beauty salon last time, also came along. I think there's something fishy about this. Could it be a set up?"

Alex was able to clearly hear everything from Hailey's phone.

He immediately chuckled. "Hailey, since they have good intentions, just take it!"

Come to think of it, this was also likely the Summers family's intention.

It was most likely that Jackie's City Salon was actually owned by his wife, Senna Summers. Now that Jackie had been castrated, and Senna wanted to divorce him, there was no one managing City Salon. That's why they decided to give it to Belle Blossom. To put it bluntly, it was a gift to Alex.

Hailey laughed. "Little brother, they aren't giving it to me, but to you. Alright, I understand. I'll head over to deal with it right now," she said.

Hailey picked up two cases of the new products and put them in her car before heading to the beauty salon. Maya rubbed her stomach. "Are you hungry? It's already noon. Why don't we go out for a meal?" She asked.

Naturally, Alex didn't have a problem with that.

Chapter 0456

"Give me a second," Maya Howards quickly said. Eventually, Alex Rockefeller ended up waiting for her for half an hour.

When Maya reappeared, her looks had completely changed. Wearing a white, strapless T-shirt, coupled with a pair of partially-torn, shin-length jeans, as well as a pair of high heels, she emanated youthful energy. As charming as she looked, the way she dressed made her look several years younger than she was. It was as if she was back in college again.

Alex looked straight at her, and he couldn't help but think about the first time he set his eyes on her.

“Hey, what are you staring at? Let's go!”

Maya took him by the arm and started walking out of the villa.

In the past, Maya was shy and didn't dare hold his hand with her own initiative. But after seeing Alex having an affair with Waltz Fleur, she suddenly became much bolder.

“I want to have a buffet!” Maya exclaimed.

Within half an hour, the two of them arrived at a rather well-known buffet restaurant.

Meanwhile, at the Yowell's family's place. An old man with short, white hair had arrived.

This person's eyes emanated a powerful brilliance, and he carried around him an imposing aura.

"Who are you looking for, old man?" A guard patrolling by the door stopped the old man from walking further.

The old man blinked once, and the brightness in his eyes was fully concealed. His imposing aura had been replaced by the amiable aura of an old man. "Please inform Mr. Rockefeller that I, Nathan Pattingson, from the Pattingson family, would like to see him," the old man said.

It turned out that he was the Pattingson family's head who had come from North Tokyo to personally apologize to Alex Rockefeller.

The guard was stunned. "Old man, did you go to the wrong place? You're at the Yowells. There isn't anyone here by the name of Mr. Rockefeller."

At this moment, Keith Yowell happened to have returned from somewhere else, and he was even accompanied by Michelle Yowell.

When Keith saw the old man, he nearly got scared out of his wits. "Pattingson... Mr. Pattingson, why are you here?" Keith asked through trembling lips.

How could Keith not be terrified?

Last night, they killed Gerald Pattingson. Now, Gerald's father was here. Anyone would guess that the old man must have come for revenge.

Now that Alex Rockefeller wasn't here, would the Yowell family be afflicted once more?

But in the next second, Keith was extremely shocked to see Nathan bowing deeply to Michelle. "Pleased to meet you, Ms. Rockefeller. I am here to personally apologize to Mr. Rockefeller," Nathan said.

Keith and Michelle were both shocked.

When Alex received a call from Michelle, he was putting food on his plate.

"What? The head of the Pattingson family came to apologize to me?" Alex was also stunned momentarily, but he soon understood why this happened. It seemed that his pretense as a Grandmaster was even more effective than he had imagined.

"I'm outside now. Let him wait," Alex said after thinking briefly.

“Alright.” Michelle nodded.

After hanging up, Michelle turned to look at Nathan. “Rockefeller... My husband asks you to wait here,” she said.

While Michelle was speaking on the phone earlier, she had removed her face mask. Nathan’s heart jolted when he saw the word ‘sl*t’ on her face. He became even more humbled. .

Winnie Pattingson had the audacity to carve such a word on the face of a grandmaster’s wife. She had every reason to die.

Meanwhile, Alex returned to the dining table with his food.

To his surprise, there was a man sitting on his chair. Alex recognized him immediately.

This man was his classmate in college, Roger Graham. At this moment, Roger was looking at Alex with a tilted head and a look of contempt on his face. “Alex, do you still remember me? I can’t believe a coward like you would dare to have a meal alone with Maya out here. Aren’t you scared that your wife would kick you out of the house and make you sleep on the streets?” said Roger as he laughed.

Chapter 0457

Alex's gaze turned cold when he saw Roger Graham. This man was Louis Graham, Paradise Corp's president's son.

Alex had also met Louis when he attended the Rockefeller family's funeral service. Louis received a lot of help from William Rockefeller in the past, but he had later jumped ship to work for John Rockefeller.

In other words, like father, like son.

Roger used to follow Alex around during their time in college. Afterward, when things went south in the Rockefeller family, and Alex turned from a rich, upper-class child into a man who depended on women for survival, Louis immediately changed his attitude. Louis started calling Spark Rockefeller his buddy. On many occasions, Louis kept throwing Alex under the bus and made sarcastic remarks about Alex behind his back.

Louis and his entire family were a bunch of traitors.

Alex glanced at Maya Howards. He found it odd that she would actually tolerate this fellow sitting at their table. In the end, Maya turned to look at Alex with a playful gaze.

Alex was truly speechless. Did she want to watch him humiliate other people this badly?

Maya showed a pretty smile. “Roger Graham. If I remember correctly, you used to follow Alex around and called him your boss. You were so eager to please him. If he asked you to head east, you wouldn’t dare head west. Have you gotten bolder now? How could you dare speak to him like this? Aren’t you afraid something unfortunate might happen to you?” she asked.

Roger was completely charmed by Maya’s smile. “Maya, what you speak of happened ages ago. Now, everyone in California knows that Alex is a man who depends on women for a living. He doesn’t deserve to be my boss. He doesn’t even deserve to call me his boss,” he said.

“This means you’re a traitor!” Maya snapped.

Roger was stunned. He felt his face burning up, and he was tremendously annoyed.

Meanwhile, Alex put his food down and looked at Roger. “Can you get lost now? Don’t disturb us while we eat!”

Roger, already enraged and embarrassed after Maya called him a traitor, slammed his hand on the table. “Alex, are you living in your dreams? Think you’re still the same person you were a year ago? You’re a broke b*stard now, and you even need to rely on your wife to live. How dare you speak to me like this?” Roger roared.

“I get to depend on my wife because I’m capable of doing so. What does it have to do with you anyway? Get lost!” retorted Alex.

Alex pushed Roger aside. "If you keep annoying us, you'll regret it," Alex said coldly.

Maya chuckled. "I thought you'd beat him up," she said.

Alex took a sip at his beverage. "I'm not a barbarian. Hitting a traitor like him would only make my hands dirty," he said.

"What did you say?" Roger's face turned sullen.

"Rockefeller, get out of here right now. You're not welcome here," he added.

"On what basis? Do you own this restaurant?" Alex asked.

Right then, a woman with thick makeup walked over. "I own this restaurant," she said.

Alex looked up. "Shayna Morrison? Is this your restaurant?" he asked in a surprised tone.

It turned out that this woman was also his classmate from before.

Back in college, Shayna even pursued Alex! Unfortunately, her looks were too average for Alex's fancy.

For this reason, she had always held a grudge against him.

"That's right!" Shayna looked at Alex with a sarcastic smirk on her face.

"Alex, things are not the same as before. You are no longer the rich kid from the Rockefeller family that you once were. Mr. Graham is asking you to leave for your own good. If your wife, Lady Dorothy Assex, finds out that you have a buffet with another woman, she'd stop feeding you. That'd be terrible! That's why you should leave. I won't charge you this time," Shayna added.

The intrigue flashing in Maya's eyes became even more apparent. It seemed she was waiting for a show to happen.

"What if I don't leave? Shayna, this is your restaurant. You should be smarter than this. If you kick out a customer like me for no reason, I can make a call to complain. I'll even publish a post online. Are you sure you can handle it?" Alex raised his brows and said.

Shayna instantly fell silent.

In the catering service industry, customers were like gods. Shayna really didn't dare to take on the ensuing consequences.

Roger snorted coldly. "What are you afraid of, Shayna? I have you covered if anything happens. Paradise Corp. will be your shield. If your brand is affected, Paradise Corp. will turn your restaurant into our company's staff cafeteria," he said.

When Shayna heard this, she immediately became emboldened. Turning around, she called for security.

Meanwhile, Alex suddenly felt something touching his shin. Soon, he sensed that it was someone's leg.

Chapter 0458

How could Alex Rockefeller not know what's going on? It had to be Maya Howards, who had taken off her high heels, touching his shin with her toes.

Alex turned to look at Maya with a confused expression on his face. Maya made a hooking motion with her finger. Alex leaned in, and Maya started whispering into his ear with a smile on her face.

Roger watched this happening with intense jealousy. He wished he could kill Alex and approach Maya on his own. He had developed feelings for Maya ever since they were still studying but never had the chance to get close to her. When they met again after several years, Maya had become even prettier, gentler, and more enticing.

Roger felt very tempted.

“Did you say, Paradise Corp? If Paradise Corp went away, would you stop being so arrogant and be less annoying? As your previous boss, I think I bear the responsibility of leading you down the right path,” Alex said.

As soon as Alex said that, Roger started laughing loudly. “Alex, who do you think you’re trying to intimidate? Do you think you alone can destroy Paradise Corp? That’ll only happen if the sun rises from the west,” Roger said.

Alex shook his head before taking his phone out and making two calls. One of the calls was to Michelle Yowell, while the other was to Waltz Fleur.

“Don’t ask me why, but I want Paradise Corp to disappear from California immediately!” Alex said.

“Fine, I’ll tell you the reason. I don’t like Roger Graham because he won’t let me eat,” he added.

Right away, Waltz Fleur's Thousand Miles Conglomerate and the Yowell family's Yowell Group started viciously attacking Paradise Corp.

At this moment, Shayna Morrison finally returned with security.

She pointed at Alex "Kick this person out. From now, he's not allowed to dine in our restaurant," she ordered sternly.

"Huh?" The two security guards were at a loss for words.

Alex wasn't causing any trouble. Why did they have to kick him out? It was an extremely offensive act, and it would reflect badly on the restaurant.

But Shayna was the boss here.

When the security guards saw how determined she seemed, they had no choice but to shoo Alex away.

Roger laughed coldly while he waited for the show to begin. As for the calls Alex made earlier, he didn't take it to heart at all. He thought that Alex was probably just putting up an act.

However, right about then, Roger's phone started to ring loudly.

When he looked at it, he saw that his father was calling.

Maya chuckled. "Roger, I think you should quickly pick that up. Who knows? Paradise Corp might have really shut down!" she exclaimed.

Roger laughed coldly with a look of disdain in his eyes. "Are you kidding me? If he's capable of doing this, I'll jump off the eighteenth floor of this building," he proclaimed while answering the call.

In an instant, his father, Louis Graham, could be heard shouting over the phone, "You b*stard! Who did you offend out there?!"

"Who did you prevent from eating? Do you have any idea that Paradise Corp is done for because of you, you piece of trash? Yowell Group has canceled our contract, and Thousand Miles Conglomerate wants to stop working with us. The banks have ceased all loans and are asking us to pay our debts immediately. Tell me, what will we do?!"

"The only way out for Paradise Corp is to declare bankruptcy to nullify our debts! We will all have to jump off a building!" Louis yelled.

Buzz!

Roger couldn't believe what he heard as he listened to his father's angry screams. At this moment, his heart was filled with nothing but extreme fear when he looked at Alex.

Ba-dum!

Roger kneeled before Alex with a loud thud.

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“Alex, boss, I'm begging you. Please spare me. Please spare Paradise Corp! I'm begging you!” Roger Graham was truly scared now.

Before Paradise Corp became successful, the Graham family were a bunch of normal citizens living in a poverty stricken area. The entire family lived in a tiny, run down house of around fifty square meters. Whenever it rained cats and dogs outside, the rain would seep in through the roof.

Come winter time, and they would all be shivering from the cold.

Roger absolutely did not wish to return to such living conditions again. If that were to be the case, he'd rather jump off the building from the eighteenth floor.

Shayna Morrison, who stood nearby, was thoroughly shocked.

She quickly went over to help Roger get up. "Mr. Graham, what are you doing? Isn't he just some guy who depends on women for a living? Why are you even begging him on your knees? Can he even threaten Paradise Corp? People would die laughing," she said.

Thump!

Roger grabbed hold of Shayna and pushed her forcefully.

Caught off guard, Shayna lost her balance and fell to the ground.

Roger started cruelly slapping her. "Who did you say depended on women for a living? This is my boss. You're the one who depends on others! Your entire family depends on others!" he yelled.

This was a buffet restaurant, and Shayna was the owner.

When the security guards saw their boss being hit, they couldn't stand idle, immediately punching and kicking Roger wildly.

Maya Howards started tickling Rockefeller's feet beneath the table again.

"What's going on?" Alex looked at Maya. She was moving further and further up his leg, to the point that her toes were now touching his thigh.

'Are you trying to seduce me?' Alex thought.

"Why don't we leave?" Maya asked softly.

A huge scene had broken out in the restaurant. Countless people were now gathered around them. How could they continue eating?

"Deal. Let's go!" Alex grabbed Maya's ankle and scratched her leg slightly with his nails.

He knew that she was very afraid of being tickled.

Indeed, Maya let out a soft gasp. She pulled her leg away at lightning speed, knocking her knee against the bottom of the table as she did so. It hurt so badly that she bit her lower lip, rolling her eyes several times at Alex.

When Roger saw Alex standing up, he quickly scrambled over. "Boss, boss, I'm begging you. Please spare us!"

Alex looked at Roger coldly while shaking his head. "I don't deserve to be your boss. I don't even deserve to call you my boss! Roger, I just have one thing to tell you and your father. God sees everything that we humans do. You should avoid doing immoral things. I'm sure you haven't forgotten about how Paradise Corp came to success, have you? My father was able to make you successful. Likewise, I will also be able to make you come crashing down. In this world, there's a remedy for everything but regret," Alex said.

Bang!

Alex kicked Roger out of the way before pulling Maya along and leaving the restaurant.

After that, the two didn't head to any fancy restaurant but instead ran over to a food street not too far away. This was a famous old street in California that had been in existence since the Middle Ages. It had a long history, and visitors crowded it on a daily basis.

Maya pulled Alex along by his hand as they passed various merchants and stalls. She was as happy as a bird that had been let out of its cage. Maya was already beautiful. At this moment, her energetic charm attracted even more attention from countless bystanders.

Their mouths were smothered in the grease of various delicacies, ones that included tofu with minced meat, lamb skewers, cuttlefish roe, and pineapple fried rice.

Maya spun around in place, her hair swirling in the air. She then looked at Alex. "I've not had delicacies like this in a long time. I'm so happy today!" she exclaimed.

"These aren't even the exotic ones. You can order these online, and you can have them whenever you want," Alex said.

Maya rolled her eyes at him.

'Such an idiot!' she thought.

Many a time, having a good meal involved one's mood and the company they ate with. The latter was what mattered the most

"Little brother, there's something on your lips," Maya pointed at Alex's mouth and said.

Alex rubbed his lips. "Is it still there?"

"Yes," replied Maya.

"What about now?" Alex asked.

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"It's still there... It could be some type of sauce. It's not coming off. You'll need a wet towel. Here, let me help you," Maya Howards said.

She looked around in her purse but found no wet towels. "I'll get it washed in the toilet," said Alex Rockefeller.

"The public toilet is some ways from here. We'll have to head back to the starting point. I have an idea," Maya said.

"What is it?" Alex asked.

The next second, Maya circled her arms around his neck and pressed her red lips against his.

Alex was at a loss for words. He felt as if he had been struck by lightning, and his mind had gone completely blank. He unconsciously placed his hands on her waist. Meanwhile, Maya, feeling as if she was being encouraged, became even more emotionally involved. Around them were many pedestrians, all staring at this handsome couple.

Although people were used to seeing couples holding and kissing each other in public, such occurrences usually took place very briefly. A kiss never lasted longer than a second.

However, what was happening before them was a rare sight.

Alex and Maya kissed for nearly twenty seconds. When she let go of Alex, her face was blushing. She immediately grabbed Alex by his hand and started running.

After running for a bit, Alex looked at Maya. "Sister, I'm a married man. What you just did... It's not right, don't you think?" he asked.

Maya snorted. "Why didn't you say that when you and Waltz were messing around in bed?" she questioned.

“This... Eh...” Alex stammered.

Just as Alex was about to speak, an unusual scent suddenly wafted into his nose. He even sensed a mild essence emanating from somewhere. After looking around carefully, he realized it came from a place that sold bonsai plants.

The mild scent had originated from a tiny plant the size of a human palm.

“Frosty octagon flowers!” Alex nearly cried out loud.

In the Ultimate Book of Medicine, there were introductions of various spiritual herbs. The frosty octagon flower was an extremely rare type of spiritual herb. Its petals could be synthesized into Cryo Pills that were extremely beneficial for people who cultivated martial art techniques with the Cryo attribute. In fact, it was also among the herbs used to cure Holly Yates’

illness.

Alex quickly walked over and picked up the pot to observe the flower. Unfortunately, this frosty octagon plant wouldn’t be

blooming any flowers for a long while. Only three leaves had appeared now, and the flower would only bloom once all eight leaves were fully grown. Since each leaf would require an entire year to grow fully, he would have to wait five years for the remaining five leaves.

It would take too long. He couldn't afford to wait!

"Sigh!" Alex gingerly shook his head. "How much does this plant cost?" he casually asked the owner of the store.

Although five years was a very lengthy period, there was no reason not to acquire such rare treasure now that he had seen it.

The owner was a short, elderly man who seemed to be in his fifties or sixties. He looked up at Alex. "Young man, do you know what kind of plant this is?" he asked.

Alex's heart leaped. "I actually don't know what it is, but it smells really good. Can you tell me what kind?" Alex asked.

The old man smiled and shook his head. "I don't know what it is either. I randomly found it and picked it up. If you want it, I can sell it to you for twenty dollars," he said.

Twenty dollars for a stalk of frosty octagon flower!

Even if it wasn't fully grown, it was a steal of a bargain.

According to the Ultimate Book of Medicine, when frosty octagon flowers were fully mature, even wealthy tycoons and top experts would fight for them. It wasn't an exaggeration to claim that these flowers were priceless.

Alex immediately dished out some money and bought the plant.

"Sir, I like this type of plant a lot. Can you tell me where you found it?" Alex asked.

The old man stared at Alex. "Did I sell it for far too cheap?" He asked.

Alex chuckled. "The trade is done. No refunds can be made. However, if you find more of these, I'll buy all of them for fifty dollars a pot."

"Fifty dollars? That much? Alright, alright. Leave your number behind. I'll call you if I find any," the old man nodded.

Alex wrote his number down before returning to Maple Villa with Maya and the plant.

“Sister, I’m going to the Yowell family’s place. Would you like to come?” Alex asked Maya. Since the head of the Pattingson family was here, Alex would definitely have to meet him.

“I’m too tired. I don’t feel like moving. You can go without me!” Maya said.

“Alright. I’ll get changed,” Alex said before heading upstairs.

When he entered his room, he was shocked by what he saw.

“D*mn. What’s going on?” Alex asked.