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Elise ignored his provocation and opened her textbook to look at the new topics they would be learning later, as

if she was not interested in knowing the results of the Mathematics Olympiad.

Danny let out a cold snort and turned around to look at Mr. Winfrey. Then, he added, "Mr. Winfrey, could it be that

our class didn't score very well? Honestly, it's not a surprise, though. After all, the Mathematics Olympiad is well known for its difficulty. One has to be really talented to score well."

Mr. Winfrey chuckled in response. "You are right, Mr. Griffith. The competition this time was even more difficult

than before. However, Miss Sinclair from our class scored a hundred out of a hundred for the paper."

It was as if he threw a heavy stone in the water, splashing water in every student's heart.

"How is it possible? This is impossible!" Danny's face immediately darkened. Never in a million years did I expect

to lose so terribly!

Meanwhile, the other students in the class also looked at Elise incredulously.

This plain-looking girl, who even pulls down the average good looks of our entire class, actually scored full marks at

the City Mathematics Olympiad Competition? She is on a whole other level!

No one knew who started it, but someone started clapping for her.

Right after that, the entire class boiled with excitement as they clapped fervently for Elise. Only Danny sat there

sullenly.

"Miss Sinclair, come share your experience with everyone."

Elise expected that she would score at least 95 marks in the competition, but she did not expect that she got it

right for the second last part of the final question.

It's all thanks to Alexander's notes.

Elise then stood up and commented, "Thanks, everyone. Something that I do for this is to practice as many

questions as I can. It's only by working on many different questions that I was able to use them as examples to

find the solution. If you do this, you will definitely achieve great results in Mathematics."

"You're the best, Elise! No wonder you did many exercises. I think you even finished ten exercise books. You're

amazing!" Mikayla said earnestly.

Mr. Winfrey also agreed with her. "I hope everyone will learn from Elise and outperform yourself in Mathematics."

After Elise sat back on her seat, she subconsciously met Danny's eyes and smiled while he averted his gaze

grudgingly and clenched his fists tightly next to his body.

During lunch break, the rest of their classmates surrounded Elise to ask her about study tips.

At this moment, Danny pushed them away and walked directly to Elise. "Ugly Elise... *Oh-*Elise, I mean."

It was the first time Danny changed his nickname for her and stopped calling her 'ugly'.

"I've lost the bet this time and I'm willing to concede my defeat. From now onwards, I will not find faults with you.

Apart from that, I, Danny Griffith, admit that you are my boss for now. From now onwards, as soon as I see you in

school, I will take another route."

Danny actually meant it when he said this.

Before this, he had been looking down on her, thinking that she was just a country girl. After this incident,

however, he learned his lesson and would not bully her anymore.

"It's such gentlemanly of you to concede defeat. To be honest, I'm guite impressed, Danny."

Upon hearing that, Danny pursed his lips. Even though he was unwilling to do so, he still said obediently, "Boss."

Seeing how unwilling he looked right now, Elise felt the anger from before completely disappearing.

"Alright. Let's have peace and not antagonize each other."

Danny hummed in agreement to show that he understood.

He looked rather sullen after he lost his bet. On top of that, Jack kept tagging him in their group chat to ask

about Elise's results. In the end, Danny threw his phone aside in annoyance and completely ignored him. This

time around, he was completely embarrassed.

After Elise got the first place in the City Mathematics Olympiad Competition and became the only other student

who scored full marks apart from Alexander, she instantly became the favorite of other teachers.

In almost every other subject, the teachers loved to choose her to answer their questions, especially her Chinese teacher, Miss Woods, who realized that Elise's Chinese was actually quite good. The latter's spoken Chinese was good and she had perfect pronunciation. In short, Miss Woods was impressed by her.

After school, she asked Elise to her office privately. "Elise, did you study Chinese back in the countryside?"

After thinking about it, Elise nodded in reply.

In fact, she had been studying in private international schools that taught them bilingually. Hence, her Chinese

had always been quite good since young. On top of that, she was even an exchange student and studied abroad for a year, which naturally meant that her Chinese would be better than the rest of the students.

However, since Miss Woods still thought that Elise studied in the countryside before this, the latter did not find it

a good idea to explain this.

"I guess so."

Miss Woods smiled. "I have to say that your Chinese is way better than any other high school student and you

are quite courageous too. Coincidentally, our school is hosting a Chinese Week next month and it will have a public speaking competition. I would like to nominate you and Jasmine to represent our class to take part in the

competition. Is it okay with you?"

Public speaking competition during Chinese Week?

Elise was not too enthusiastic about it, so she immediately rejected, "I'm sorry, Miss Woods. I'm not really interested in this competition, so I think I'll pass."

Miss Woods did not expect that Elise would reject her like that. After all, this was a dream opportunity for many

other students. The public speaking competition held in their school was just a preliminary round. If the students

performed well, it was highly probable that they would join the state-level competition and if they won, they

would automatically be enrolled in one of the best universities in the city that specialized in foreign languages.

The lucky students would even get the opportunity to skip the finals and directly enroll into a top university. To

most of the students, this was an important opportunity.

*M*iss Woods thought that Elise definitely would not know the backstory to it, so she said, "It's alright. There's

some time before the competition begins. You can think about it before making a decision."

Although Elise' really did not have the intention to join the competition, she did not outright reject Miss Woods

either. "Alright, I understand. Do excuse me."

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"Sure thing."

As soon as Elise walked out of the office, Jasmine immediately blocked her way.

"Elise, why did Miss Woods ask to see you?"

Upon hearing that, Elise arched her eyebrows. "What does this have to do with you?"

However, Jasmine did not plan to let her go just like that. "Elise, don't be cocky just because Miss Woods treats

you better than others. You better tell me what she told you. Otherwise, you'll suffer!"

Elise did not take Jasmine's words seriously at all.

"Whatever."

With that, she directly walked away, leaving Jasmine stomping her feet behind her.

Just wait and see, Elise Sinclair.

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After taking a deep breath, Jasmine opened the door and walked into Miss Woods' office. In truth, she was here for the public speaking competition that would be held during Chinese Week.

"Miss Woods, the public competition during Chinese Week is going to open for registrations soon. May I know

who you are planning to recommend to participate in the competition?"

In all honesty, Miss Woods actually took a liking to Jasmine. After all, the latter came from a good family background and her Chinese was quite good. She also helped Miss Woods in many tasks in their class, so she was considered as the teacher's efficient assistant.

"I knew you would like to attend, so I will recommend you."

Jasmine's eyes lit up as soon as she heard Miss Woods' words, and she immediately said sweetly, "Thank you,

Miss Woods! I will try my best."

Miss Woods patted her back in response. "Jasmine, your Chinese is quite good professionally. You are definitely

better than the current standard that we are studying. But I think you still have a lot of room for improvement and

you can improve loads. Miss Sinclair in our class also has a good command of Chinese. You can learn from her

during your free time. Both of you can learn from each other and improve yourselves in your studies."

Jasmine's face immediately fell upon hearing that, but she hid her disappointment very well and immediately

wiped the emotion from her face. "Thank you, Miss Woods. I understand. I will learn from Elise."

"Good. I believe that you would do well, so keep up the good work. It's almost time for class now, so you better

go back first."

After coming out of the office, Jasmine was like a deflated balloon.

Looking back, it's obvious that Miss Woods had high hopes for Elise. This won't do! I must surpass her and defeat

her no matter one!

And so, Jasmine took out her phone and dialed a number. "Mom, last time you told me that Mr. Beter is back. Is that true? We should pay him a visit someday="

After hanging up the phone, Jasmine immediately felt a surge of relief.

Elise, we'll see who gets the last laugh.

When school ended in the afternoon, Danny sent Elise back. In the past, whenever they were together, he could

not stop insulting her sarcastically, which was why it was surprising that he did not utter a word today and just

sat there quietly.

After they reached home, Jonah already knew that Elise got first place in the City Mathematics Olympiad Competition. He had received a call from the headmaster personally, so he was over the moon.

When Jonah saw her return, he praised her happily. "You're amazing, Ellie! You actually got first place! Come here

-this is my present."

With that, he took out a limited edition Centurion Card that made Danny's eyes grow wide.

"What are you doing, Grandpa?" he could not help but shout.

The Centurion Card of the Griffith Family was limitless.

Grandpa is actually giving it to Elise? This is outrageous! She just got first place in some lousy mathematics

competition. Does she deserve this?

However, Jonah ignored him and waved to Elise. "Come here, Ellie."

She froze for a moment, but she walked over obediently. "Hi Grandpa."

"Take this, Ellie!" He then placed the card into her hands. "This is my present for you. I'm too old to know what

young people like nowadays so if you need anything, you can buy it yourself now."

Looking at the Centurion Card, Elise knew very well how important this was.

"Grandpa, I can't accept this. It's too much for me."

"Silly girl! Nothing is too much. I only know that my girl deserves the best."

"But Grandpa."

"That's enough, Ellie. You should be happy that you got first place. I already made arrangements to hold a

celebration party for you and everyone will gather to celebrate your success. Apart from that, you can also invite your friends here so that they can also celebrate with you."

Danny's eyes widened upon seeing how his grandfather was treating Elise. He wanted to say something, but he could not win against Jonah's enthusiasm. In the end, he just pouted as he vented all his grievances in the group

chat.

'I can't take this anymore! Grandpa actually gave that country bumpkin a Centurion Card (TT)

Jack, who was on a film set shooting a movie, sent a series of voice messages into the chat.

"You were defeated this time around. Does it hurt your pride?"

Danny then replied, "I'm miserable, but I'm not going to cry over this."

At that, Jack laughed out loud. "Ha! In the future, you have to address Elise as your boss, yet you still call her country bumpkin now. You need to change your habits soon."

Matthew also chimed in, "Grandpa wants to organize a celebration party for her and he invited many established people from different industries. It's quite a grand party."

"See, this is the treatment you get if you are his biological grandchild." Jack replied. "It seems like us brothers are adopted by him instead. I wouldn't even be that hurt if there wasn't any comparison. By the way, I have some

shows to shoot that day, so I'll go back later. Do send my regards to Grandpa."

Matthew then murmured, "Alright, what about you? Do you have time to come back?"

Then, he tagged Alexander.

However, Jack said, "Don't message him now. He has been troubled for the past few days. I bet he doesn't have

time to even look at his phone. I'll tell him myself tomorrow."

Then, Matthew replied, "Sure."

In fact, Alexander had already seen the messages and he knew that Elise had gotten first place at the

Mathematics Olympiad. It was just that he was not in a good mood for the past few days and he did not even

congratulate her.

"Young Master Alex, we have already investigated the matter. However, we have no clue why we can't find any traces at all. Apart from that, all the data from the surveillance camera that day had disappeared. Obviously,

someone has done something to it so that we can't find out about it."

Cameron reported the results of their investigation to Alexander honestly, but the latter merely looked out of the

French windows without uttering a word.

"We also looked into Jamie's side, but he is keeping quiet. Apart from that, we told him before that we couldn't have any further connections, so we can't find anything that is useful from his side."

With that, Cameron looked at Alexander seriously. "Young Master Alex, do you still want to continue with the

investigation?"

At that, Alexander narrowed his eyes slightly. Right now, he could only think of everything that happened on the

day of the car race. If that accident never happened, he might be able to confirm her identity to see if she was Sue, the one whom he had been looking for.

All the clues are gone now...

"What about the investigation on the brakes?" he asked.

Cameron's eyes darkened at the mention of that matter. "We have already investigated this. Someone did

something to your brakes, but that person seemed to have disappeared from the world without a single trace. I

already asked people to find out more about him in his hometown and I bet we will get some results soon."

"Alright. After you find him, don't alert him. Find out the mastermind first. Apart from that, let's take a break from

Sue's matters."

Since she doesn't want me to find out about her, why do I persist? If we are made for each other, we will definitely

meet again.

"Yes, Young Master Alex. I understand."

With that, Cameron walked out of his office respectfully, leaving Alexander alone in the large office. The latter looked at the bright night lights outside but a part of his heart felt lonely. After some time, he retracted his gaze and took his car keys before walking out of the room.

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After dinner, Elise stayed in her room to do her homework as usual. Halfway through the process, she suddenly

received a call from Cynthia.

"What are you doing, Elise?"

"Homework"

On the other end, Cynthia thought she misheard. "Since when do you need to do homework?"

"Aunt Cynthia."

"Alright, my good girl, I'm at MISS bar. Are you free to accompany me for a drink?"

Elise looked at the time and immediately closed her textbook. "Okay, I'll be right there."

After hanging up, she tidied herself up. Only after making sure that she looked as ugly as usual did she walk out of the door with a handbag.

She went to the bar by taxi. In the bar, bright lights were flickering around as they reflected off the green alcohol bottles. Amidst the loud music, Elise looked around before she found a drunk Cynthia in the corner.

"Aunt Cynthia!"

Upori hearing that, Cynthia opened her eyes groggily. As soon as she saw that it was Elise, she immediately

hugged her shoulders. "Oh-you are finally here, Elise! Come drink a few glasses with me!"

"Aunt Cynthia, you are already so drunk. You shouldn't drink anymore. Come on, let me send you home."

However, Cynthia got away from her immediately. "I don't want to! I don't want to go back! I want to continue drinking. I want to continue."

With that, she took a bottle of beer and started drinking again. Seeing that she could not stop her, Elise gave up. She understood Cynthia well. Cynthia was a wise and decisive person, and Elise could feel that she was not in a

good mood tonight.

Hence, Elise sat down and took the bottle in front of her to drink with Cynthia. "Cheers, Aunt Cynthia!"

Cynthia chuckled in response. "Here's to my good Elise. Cheers!"

Both of them drank one glass after another. After drinking, Elise felt a bit uncomfortable, but Cynthia looked as

though she was perfectly fine. With a glass of beer in her hand, she dragged Elise to the dance floor.

Cynthia danced like no one was watching, and Elise also took the rare opportunity to let loose. Since no one knew her here, she danced along with Cynthia.

Both the aunt and niece matched each other well, and they elicited screams and whistles from the people

around them. They attracted the attention of almost 80% of the men there. Without a doubt, all of them were

surely smittened by Cynthia. As for Elise, none wanted to get close to her after looking at her face.

"Sweetie, can I buy you a drink?" one of the men asked Cynthia. In the past, she would usually shoo him away but

today, she smiled.

"Sure!"

With that, she let him pull her away from the dance floor. Elise wanted to chase after them, but a few men surrounded her instead.

What are you guys doing? Let me go!"

"Ha! Don't worry! We won't do anything to you as long as you are smart. Don't interrupt their good time together."

Elise just felt like swearing as she said, "Get lost."

"My, my! You really can't tell that this ugly girl has such a bad temper. I like her!"

Elise's face darkened. "Like me? You'd better get lost!"

The few men sniggered evilly and had no intentions of staying away from her. Elise merely snorted and kicked

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him. In no time, she defeated one of the men.

As she was too fast, before the rest returned to their senses, they were also defeated.

"You b*tch! I won't let you get away with it!" With that, he was going to attack her. However, Elise was rather quick

on her feet. She dodged his attack sideways and then kicked one of his vital organs. A shrill scream broke

through the air as the man clutched his organ, his face flushed. Upon seeing this situation, no one dared to touch her for the rest of the night.

Elise quickly caught up with Cynthia and the other man, only to see that he was touching her inappropriately.

Elise's eyes darkened and she pulled Cynthia to her, thereafter punching the man right in his face.

Swearing, he let Cynthia go due to the pain. Then, he was about to attack Elise. As Elise was protecting Cynthia, she did not pay much attention to him. Just as his fist was about to land on her face, a crack was heard in the next second, followed by the man's scream that filled the entire bar.

After that, he was thrown backward harshly.

"Get lost!"

The man quickly climbed up from the ground and escaped fearfully.

"Are you guys alright?" A low, attractive voice asked. Elise returned to her senses and looked at the unfamiliar

man in front of her as she nodded her head instinctively. "Thanks."

He smiled. "Don't mention it. Is she okay?"

Elise froze as she looked at Cynthia, who was in her arms.

Does this man know her? Wait, the way he looks at her is different!

And so, she cleared her throat. "Uh-May I know who you are?"

He did not explain and instead grabbed Cynthia from Elise's arms. Then, he swept Cynthia off her feet. Elise wanted to stop him, but the drunken Cynthia winked at her. Finally, she understood that Cynthia wanted to follow

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him voluntarily.

"Do take care of my aunt," Elise reminded.

Upon hearing that, the man turned around and replied, "I know, my little niece."

He showcased his position and his power over Cynthia by calling Elise as his niece. Elise, however, merely

looked at their leaving figures as she muttered to herself, "Is this my future uncle?"

After both of them left, she looked at the time. Since it was not early anymore, it was time for her to leave. When she reached the exit, a familiar figure blocked her. "Elise?"

She blinked as she looked at the man in front of her.

Alexander? Why is he here?

He appraised her carefully. Truth was, he had discovered that she was here long ago and he witnessed

everything that she did in the bar just now. He was quite surprised to find that Elise, who was usually an obedient

girl, was quite good at dancing sexily. On top of that, she was also great at fighting. It was obvious that she had

been trained.

"What a coincidence to find you here," she said calmly.

Alexander nodded and asked, "Do you want to have a couple of drinks together?"

"It's alright. I'm going back now." She rejected him directly because her instincts told her that Alexander was quite dangerous tonight. She thought it would be better if she stayed away from him.

"Let me send you home."

"It's fine-" Before she could finish her sentence, he interrupted her.

"Grandpa said that taking care of you is our responsibility. You don't want me to have to answer to him, do you?"

Since he used Jonah as an excuse, she had no excuse to reject him any further, so she relented.

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On the way home, Elise rolled down the window to enjoy the cool air. After that, she was more refreshed. As Alexander looked at her, he found that she looked more mysterious than he thought. In the beginning, he thought that he could see through someone like her, but he gradually realized that what he was seeing was what Elise wanted to show him.

In short, Elise Sinclair was a woman with secrets.

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Although the night was dark, the lights in the Griffith Residence were still brightly lit up. Just as Elise was about

to alight from the car, Alexander suddenly called out to her. "Congratulations!" She was confused by his sudden reaction, so he added, "Congrats on getting first place in the Math Olympiad."

After coming back to her senses, she replied, "it's all thanks to you for circling the main points for me."

"It's because you are talented." He was rather blunt as he murmured, "You are quite talented at dancing too."

Instantly, she was rendered speechless. He must have seen me.

"Uh-I was just having fun. There's nothing talented about me at all. It's getting late, so I'm off to bed. You should too. Goodnight."

After that, she quickly got out of the car and entered the house without waiting for his reply. Her fleeing looks somehow felt a little adorable in Alexander's eyes.

When Elise got back to her room, she quickly closed the door before breathing a huge sigh of relief. Then, she walked to the mirror to look at her ugly face and began to remove the makeup.

Not long after, she sighed as a gorgeous face appeared in the mirror. When will this end?

The next day, as soon as she arrived at the classroom, she handed the invitation letter that she prepared to

Mikayla. "My family is hosting a banquet tonight at my home. I would like you to attend."

Looking at the golden invitation letter, Mikayla was a little surprised. "Is this for me?"

"Of course it is! You are the first friend that I made when I came here. You must come to the banquet tonight."

After receiving her invitation, Mikayla nodded her head firmly. "Alright. I'll be there."

With a smile, Elise went back to her seat.

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"Have you heard that the Griffith Family is hosting a banquet tonight? My dad has already received an invitation

from them."

"Is that true? Does that mean we get to see the famous young master of the Griffith Family, Alexander?"

"I heard that not only is he handsome, he is rich too. I once saw him from afar and I can say that he is the most handsome man that I have ever seen. If I can marry him, I will definitely die a happy woman."

Listening to their words, Elise suddenly paused, a pen in her hand. I can't believe Alexander is so highly regarded

among these girls.

However, she didn't pay much attention to their gossip, so she continued with her school work.

On the other hand, Danny saw Elise the moment he came into the classroom. Even though he didn't want to admit defeat, he wasn't a sore loser, so he came to her and placed a cup of smoothie on her desk. "This is for you, Boss. You should drink it before it melts."

Elise was startled at first but after staring at the smoothie on her desk, she subconsciously lifted her eyes.

However, he quickly avoided her gaze and sat back on his seat.

With a smile, she replied, "Thanks."

Meanwhile, Danny was angry with himself deep down. Why did I come up with that bet in the first place?

"I really should know better!" he muttered and sighed to himself.

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As the main focus of tonight's banquet at the Griffith Residence, Elise didn't attend school during the evening.

Instead, she was brought to a high fashion store by Danny.

After looking her up and down, Danny couldn't help but say, "You have quite the figure, but it doesn't go well with your plain face."

Elise felt speechless when listening to him, so she turned toward the designer. "I just need a simple dress. I can apply my makeup by myself."

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After taking a serious look at her, the designer said pertinently, "The curves and proportions of your body are quite good. Do you want to try this dress?"

With just a glance, Elise was immediately mesmerized by the dress the designer was referring to, but she quickly realized that it would be a huge waste if such a beautiful dress was put next to her ugly face.

"What do you think, Miss Sinclair? Do you like it?"

In the end, Elise shook her head. "It doesn't feel right. I think we should look at other dresses."

"I feel that this dress looks quite nice. Do you want to try it first?" Danny asked.

However, she still rejected the offer. "There's no need for that. I don't think that I'm suitable for that kind of dress.

Let's try something else." In the meantime, she couldn't help but take a peek at the dress but in the end, she averted her gaze and chose an unremarkable dress.

Due to her small figure, she still looked gorgeous even in a normal dress, but her face was too unattractive to

look at.

Looking at her, Danny couldn't help but sigh. "Why did your mother give you such a gorgeous body but not a beautiful face?"

"That's enough. Keep your mouth shut!"

He wanted to say something else but after losing the bet, he couldn't afford to offend her, so he remained quiet

afterward.

After changing into the dress, Elise hid in the dressing room with her makeup and simply adjusted her wig to make herself look slightly better than usual. In the end, she nodded her head with satisfaction.

"Alright. That'll be enough."

At 7 PM, the lively banquet at the Griffith Residence was already filled with people.

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The Griffith Family had a high status in the city, so everyone they invited was a prominent figure in the business

world and the city. Presently, everyone was gathering together to chat with each other.

As the main focus of the event, Elise entered the hall alongside Danny. The moment they came in, they immediately attracted the eyes of everyone else.

"Is that Young Master Danny? He really looks like a talented young man."

"Who is that girl next to him? Why have I never seen her before?"

"I'm not familiar with her, but she must be someone special to be able to stand next to Young Master Danny."

Even if Elise had an unpleasant-looking face, the people around her didn't pay much attention to it because they were all busy guessing which wealthy family she came from that enabled her to enter the hall alongside Danny.

However, what they didn't expect was that not only was she able to enter the hall alongside Danny, she was also

close with the patriarch of the Griffith Family-Jonah.

"Ellie, come here. I want to introduce you to some of my friends." Jonah quickly waved at her the moment he saw

her.

She quietly walked over to him and said affectionately, "Alright, Grandpa."

"Come, Ellie! This is Mr. Baldwin and he is a friend of the Griffith Family."

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Baldwin."

"This is Mr. Watson from the Watson Corporation."

"Hello, Mr. Watson."

"Everyone, this is Elise Sinclair. She is my granddaughter and the main focus of today's event!" Jonah earnestly

introduced Elise to everyone. Suddenly, she felt as though she was being treated as a celebrity.

"I heard that Miss Sinclair has gotten first place in the city's Math Olympiad at such a young age. It's really

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impressive. If you work hard in the future, you'll definitely get into a good university."

"Thank you for your kind words. I'll try my best."

In the end, Elise got to know a lot of people in the business world with Jonah but as she didn't want to socialize in the first place, she quickly found an opportunity to leave the main hall and sat on a stone bench in the backyard to have a rest.

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Elise stood next to a pond in the Griffith Residence's huge garden, feeling the pleasant evening breeze blowing at her.

Just when she sat down on the bench, Jamie came out of nowhere and patted her shoulder before sitting beside her. "Boss, did you come here to hide?"

She was a little surprised to find him here. "Why are you here?"

He shrugged his shoulders and answered, "My old man has something else to attend to, so he sent me here." The Keller Family also had a high status in the city while also having a business <u>relationship</u> with the Griffith Family, so it wasn't a surprise that his family received an invitation. "By the way." He looked around and

purposely lowered his voice. "Alexander's people have stopped looking for you, so they probably won't be looking for you anytime soon."

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"I hope so. From now on, I want you to reject any offer for me to join a car race no matter the price."

"Don't worry, Boss. I understand." After that, he stood up and said, "I'm going inside now. We shouldn't be seen

together."

Elise hummed and he quickly went inside.

However, the moment he left, another unwanted visitor came over to her. It was none other than Ashlyn.

With a bright smile, she walked over to Elise. "Congrats for winning the Math Olympiad, Flise."

Elise was not close with her, so she politely replied, "Thank you."

However, Ashlyn smiled and sat next to her. "Actually, I understand your concerns. You come from a poor family

in the countryside, so you think that it is impossible for you to marry into the Griffith Family solely based on your

identity even though you are lucky enough to gain Grandpa Griffith's appreciation. That is why you work hard on your studies because it is the only way for you to gain any status. Am I right?"

Listening to her, Elise remained emotionless as she neither agreed nor refuted her comments.

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To her, the opinion of an outsider didn't matter at all. Besides, she didn't plan to marry into the Griffith Family

since she only promised Robin to stay here for a year. As long as she didn't have any feelings for the Griffiths, she could leave immediately.

Seeing that she was being <u>ignored</u>, Ashlyn was a little annoyed inside, but she remained calm and revealed a slight smirk. "If I were you, I wouldn't waste my energy studying all these pointless things. Instead, I would find myself a better cosmetic surgeon.."

She was obviously making fun of Elise's looks.

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"Ashlyn, don't you think that's a bit harsh? Why are people from the countryside inferior to others? Or are you saying having a pretty face is a nice stepping stone on being successful? I'm sorry, but our views don't align with each other, so there's no point in continuing this conversation."

After that, Elise stood up and was about to leave, but Ashlyn halted her.

"Elise, don't think that you can do whatever you want just because Grandpa Griffith favors you. I can still ruin your

reputation with a snap of my fingers."

"What are you trying to do?" The moment her words came out, Ashlyn saw someone from the corner of her eye.

Instantly, she revealed a teasing smile and pushed herself using Elise's hand.

Elise instinctively tried to grab her, but it was too late. With a splash, Ashlyn fell into the pond.

"Help! Please save me! Help!" She kept on crying for help while struggling in the water.

Before Elise could understand what was going on, someone came over, took off his jacket and jumped into the pond to save Ashlyn.

"Elise, I did nothing wrong to you, so why did you push me?!" Ashlyn immediately questioned as soon as she

came up.

Jack, who saved her, remained silent as he gave Ashlyn his jacket to put on. Then, he glared at Elise and uttered

coldly, "Apologize to her."

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With a cold smile, Elise ignored him and stared at Ashlyn. "So this is your plan. How childish can you be?"

Unexpectedly, Ashlyn lowered her head and began to cry pitifully. Even if she wasn't saying anything, she

perfectly portrayed the aggrieved emotions of a victim.

"Apologize to her." Jack grabbed Elise's wrist and ordered her to apologize again.

She looked at him with a proud expression and said, "I did nothing wrong, so why should I apologize?"

Meanwhile, Ashlyn tugged on the corner of Jack's shirt. "It's fine. I believe that she didn't do it on purpose."

"No. Elise, this is your last chance. Apologize to her." Jack was growing impatient with Elise's indifferent attitude. "Elise Sinclair!"

Elise, however, took a deep breath and replied, "I told you that I did nothing wrong. Why should I apologize?"

Then, Ashlyn let out a sneeze, so Jack quickly went over to help her. "I'll bring you in to change your clothes."

She gave him a quick reply and let him help her upstairs to a bedroom. Before they left, Jack turned around and

glared at Elise with a strong warning in his eyes.

"You'll apologize to her later."

"Wait!" Elise shouted to halt him. She had a strong sense of principle, so she wouldn't allow anyone to slander

her. "Let's clear everything up before you leave."

"Elise, what are you trying to do? Ashlyn's clothes are completely soaked, so she must change her clothes

immediately." At that point, Jack had lost all his patience.

"That is her own fault. It has nothing to do with me. Now, I want to clear my name," she announced seriously,

showing no signs of backing down.

"You want to clear your name, right? We'll do it in front of Grandpa, then."

They didn't cause a huge commotion in the garden, but they still attracted the attention of many guests since

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Jack was an eye-catching celebrity

Gradually, the guests gathered around them.

Ashlyn could feel the gazes of *ever*yone around her, so she instinctively hid inside Jack's arms. Holding her, he

was about to bring her away from the scene, but his path was blocked by Elise. "I told you that you can leave

when I clear my name first."

"What are you all doing?" Jonah came over with the crowd.

Seeing him coming over, Ashlyn took the chance to speak first with an aggrieved tone. "Grandpa Griffith!"

Looking at her wet clothes, Jonah asked with concern, "What happened? Why are your clothes all wet? Go and

get a set of clean clothes for Miss Lawson."

After hearing his orders, the maid quickly went to get a set of clothes.

In the meantime, Jack was staring coldly at Elise as he uttered calmly, "Grandpa, it was Elise. She pushed Ashlyn

into the pond. Luckily, I came here in time to prevent any accidents."

His words immediately caused an uproar. Suddenly, everyone began to whisper among themselves while

glancing at Elise.