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Nicholas' secretary was a career-driven lady whose name was Bailey Jules. After summoning her, Nicholas went on to give her an order. "This is Miss Muller. Please show her around our company."

"Sure." Bailey complied with her superior's order with a nod, smiling professionally at Wanda as she said, "This way, please, Miss Muller." Moments later, Wanda found herself on tour with Bailey around the Sawyer Group. "Miss Muller, this is the entertainment area where the employees could relax themselves during their breaks." Bailey introduced each and every department to Wanda as they walked past them.

In the meantime, Wanda reacted politely and gracefully while chatting with Bailey. After getting comfortable interacting with Bailey, she began to sound her out about Nicholas' daily life. "Does Nicholas run the company all by himself usually? He must be really busy, right?"

"Yeah, he is a busy man, actually. He always stays up late for work most of the time."

As Wanda continued to ask a few more questions, Bailey answered all of them directly without any suspicion at all. Satisfied, Wanda changed the focus of their subject and sighed. "Well, it seems to me that Nicholas' life is pretty tiring. Not only is he occupied by his work, but he also has to look after his son after that."

"Yeah, I don't know how President Sawyer manages to cope with all that at once."

Bailey nodded in agreement.

Meanwhile, Wanda smiled in response, her eyes lighting up. "Actually, I think the reason Nicholas tires himself out is that he doesn't have a woman to help share his burden. If he has a good wife, his life would be less tiring."

"Um..."

"What's wrong?" Wanda stared at Bailey, who was speechless, having a bad feeling about her observation.

Upon a brief hesitation, Bailey decided that what she was about to do next wasn't anything wrong since everyone in the company was long aware of

Nicholas' apparent relationship. Thus, she leaned closer to Wanda and whispered in her ear, "I heard that President Sawyer has a crush on someone else, but she lives abroad most of the time."

Wanda was surprised to hear Bailey's words because she had never heard of Nicholas' crush at all. After all, she couldn't understand why Remus would go through so much trouble inviting so many socialites to his birthday feast for his grandsons the night before if Nicholas was in love with someone else. However, it didn't take her long to understand why Remus would do that. Wait a second. I guess Old Master Sawyer only did that because he doesn't like the girl Nicholas intended to marry. At the thought of that, Wanda couldn't help but feel gleeful and hopeful on the inside.

At the same time, Bailey sensed the changes in Wanda's facial expressions and—was curious about it. Although her observation suggested that Wanda had a crush on Nicholas, she found it hardly convincing when she saw Wanda's delighted look when she revealed something that might indicate that Nicholas was in a relationship. Am I wrong about my suspicion? Maybe Miss Muller doesn't have a crush on President Sawyer at all. Bailey had no idea what was going on in Wanda's mind.

When Wanda saw Bailey standing still in an absent-minded manner, she gently asked, "Shall we keep moving, Miss Jules?"

"I'm sorry. I was caught up in my train of thought. Please come with me, Miss Muller. Coming up next, we're going to visit the employees' cafeteria." Bailey snapped out of her trance and smiled professionally at Wanda, whereupon she continued to show the latter around the company.

By the time Bailey was done taking Wanda on a tour, it was already noon, just as Nicholas had finished his meeting. With her eyes on the handsome man behind his office desk, Wanda smiled and invited him for lunch. "Well, I don't always come here, so why don't we grab lunch together?"

Nicholas looked up and asked, "Don't you need to go back and keep Mr. Muller company?" The man euphemistically rejected the lady with his subtle use of words.

Nevertheless, Wanda played dumb and pretended as if she didn't understand Nicholas' message. "My grandfather went out with Old Master Sawyer this morning."

Upon hearing the lady's words, Nicholas knitted his eyebrows and realized it wouldn't be appropriate for him to reject Wanda any further. "Alright then I'll give Kieran a call and invite him to join us. When he gets here, we're good to go." The man dialed his brother's number as soon as he finished his words. After all, he knew what Remus was

up to, which was why he was trying to avoid being alone with Wanda so that he wouldn't fall for his grandfather's plan.

However, Wanda had no idea what Nicholas was thinking, appearing slightly disappointed as she watched the man make the call. As much as she hoped she could spend some time with Nicholas in private, she remained tenacious and hopeful about the apparent setback.

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After all, Wanda believed she would eventually move Nicholas one day.

Not long after that, the three of them made their way to a restaurant just a stone's throw away from the company. Upon settling down in the lounge, Keiran had been making the first move to talk to Wanda, cleverly knowing why his older brother had invited him to tag along with them. "I heard you hardly came back ever since you flew abroad. So, now that you're back, does it seem to you that Southend has changed a lot?"

"The city has changed a lot, indeed. In fact, many buildings that I remember can no longer be found around town." Wanda then smiled at Nicholas and added, "I wanted to visit my former school a few days ago, but I couldn't find the building until I was told that they had moved elsewhere."

Nicholas politely nodded in response but did nothing more than that. At the same time, his eyes were glued to his phone screen, upon which was his chatroom with Tessa. It turned out that he saw a story Tessa posted not long ago and decided to send her a text message, knowing she was still not asleep.

Meanwhile, Wanda paused in an absent-minded manner as she had never seen Nicholas so gentle and tender. Deep down, she could tell that Nicholas was probably chatting with the lady whom he had a crush on. Oh, man. What am I going to do? Why does she get to be treated so nicely? Unknown to herself, Wanda began to feel jealous of Tessa for having the privilege of feeling Nicholas' love.

In the meantime, Tessa was still awake because she was undergoing finger treatment. While it was already winter season in Vienna, the orchestra rehearsal schedule remained as packed as usual. Therefore, her fingers froze due to the chilly weather,

even feeling numb when she was playing the violin. For that, she would have to get prepared every time before her practice and be sure to undergo her finger treatment after that in order to prevent frostbite in her hands.

Upon learning what happened, Nicholas caringly reminded Tessa to have enough rest. 'Be sure to keep yourself warm when you leave home. Also, don't forget to turn on the heater whenever you're playing the violin. I'd hate to see you stress yourself out.

'Alright, I heard you. Take care of yourself too.' Tessa replied to Nicholas' message and showed her concern.

After exchanging a few text messages, Nicholas urged Tessa to go to bed because it was already getting late in Vienna. As soon as he was done chatting with Tessa, he immediately redirected his attention to the conversation between Kieran and Wanda, realizing they were talking about their own future.

Wanda smiled and said, "I realized there are actually quite a lot of career opportunities in our country, so I've been thinking about coming back here, but I haven't exactly figured out what my next move will be."

"Well, you can take your time to think about it." Kieran echoed Wanda's words.

Wanda smiled and nodded. "Well, if I ever come back here one day, I'll definitely come to you guys and see what I'll be offered." Despite saying that to Kieran, she peeked at Nicholas from the corner of her eye, only to see how the man pretended not to hear her. Upon noticing that, Wanda felt a strong sense of disappointment inside of her, although she continued to smile like normal.

However, Kieran didn't seem to sense anything wrong at all as he smiled and said, "Sure. Feel free to contact me when that day comes."

After their meal, the trio returned to the company, but when Nicholas realized Wanda had no intention of leaving, he knitted his eyebrows and asked, "Is there anything else, Miss Muller?"

While Nicholas was trying to imply that it was time for Wanda to leave, the lady was able to read between the lines, her smile stiffening at the same time. Nevertheless, she quickly hid her feelings and explained, "Grandpa told me to wait for him here, but don't worry. I'll be sure not to cause any disturbance."

After hearing the lady's answer, Nicholas had no choice but to let Wanda stay while the latter silently remained in the office, just like she told the man. At the same time, she would occasionally peek at Nicholas, who was engrossed with his work, enchanted by his serious attitude that made him look so charming and attractive.

Later that afternoon, Gregory showed up while Nicholas looked at him with a stunned expression. "What are you doing here? Wait a second. Who took you here?"

"I was bored at home, and I missed you. So, I told Mr. Andrew to take me here," Gregory wrapped his arms around his father and explained as Nicholas hugged the child in his embrace.

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At this time, Gregory saw Wanda sitting on the couch, so his delicate brows furrowed.

"Daddy, why are you with her again?" he leaned closer to Nicholas as he asked and there was obvious reproach in his big dark eyes.

That look seemed to be saying, Daddy, how could you forget Miss Tessa?

Nicholas was amused, but he still explained, "She is waiting for Grandpa here."

Gregory's expression became better when he heard his father's explanation. Wanda did not hear the conversation between the father and son. Seeing Gregory looking at herself, she smiled gently and greeted, "Greg, we meet again. Do you remember me?"

"Yes. Hello, Miss Muller," Gregory responded politely but not in a friendly manner.

Wanda didn't mind Gregory's indifferent attitude. She knew how to grasp people's hearts and knew that sometimes, things needed to be taken slowly, and she was not in a hurry. So, in the next few days, she didn't go to Nicholas' place again.

On the contrary, she traveled every day to observe the domestic market, which made her realize that the domestic economic development prospects were excellent. Of course, the most important thing was that during this period, she had a deeper understanding of Nicholas' excellence.

Since Nicholas inherited Sawyer Group, its business had expanded abroad, and the number of industries it was involved in was unmatched by others. She attended different business gatherings every day, and there she learned about other people's admiration

for him. Thus, she came to learn more about the man. The more I learn about this man, the more interesting he gets.

This was the first time she had met such a good man in her life.

A week later, her grandfather, Horace Muller, was going back. After Remus found out, he invited them to the Sawyer Residence for dinner again. On this day, he also called Nicholas' family over.

In the luxurious living room, the more Stefania looked at Wanda, the more satisfied she was. It was as if she had guessed what Remus was trying to do.

Today, Wanda was wearing a long dress with a light blue casual jacket over it. She looked demure and elegant with a touch of intellectual disposition.

She had probably noticed Stefania's interest in her as she spoke to Stefania very skillfully. The two were talking and laughing and seemed very close.

Remus and Horace were also talking with each other, and Tobias occasionally joined in.

On the other hand, Kieran looked at the happy family scene in front of him, then looked at his brother with pity. Next, he whispered, "I think there's an ulterior motive behind tonight's meal."

Nicholas glanced at him mildly but said nothing.

Later in the evening, Ian came over respectfully. "Old Master Sawyer, it's time for dinner."

"Okay, let's eat," Remus told Horace.

Then, the group walked toward the dining hall. During dinner, Remus asked with concern, "Wanda, I heard your grandfather say that you plan to start a business. Do you have any idea what you want to do?"

"I do," Wanda responded gracefully with a confident look before she smiled. "I have been observing the domestic market these days, and I have found many business opportunities, and the operations are faster than what we had abroad too. If we manage it well, the benefits will also be very impressive, so I plan to start a business in this country."

"Nowadays, the domestic economy is developing rapidly, and the market is not worse than that of foreign countries. It's terrific that you have such intentions. Very good indeed." Remus made no secret of his faith in Wanda.

Wanda pursed her lips and smiled, then continued to speak of her opinions. When Remus heard her thoughts, he was a little surprised that he turned

his head and praised Horace. "Your granddaughter is very talented in the field of business."

"Don't praise her that much. Compared with your Nicholas, she's still far behind."

Although Horace said so, he looked proud.

Wanda also responded humbly to the praises, but she couldn't help looking at Nicholas from the corner of her eye.

Nicholas didn't seem to notice Wanda's gaze but ate by himself.

Seeing this, Wanda couldn't help but look disappointed.

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Wanda thought that her opinions just now could attract Nicholas' attention. However, Remus didn't notice Wanda's oddness and supported her by saying, "If you want to stay and start a business, you can stay. If you have nowhere to live, you can stay here. In this way, if you face difficulties, you can also look for Nicholas, who can also help you."

When Kieran heard what his grandfather said, he immediately felt something was up.

Remus wants Wanda to live in the house and even involve my brother? Wouldn't the two of them inevitably be involved with each other in the future? When they become inseparable, Grandpa will... So, that's what Grandpa intends to do.

Thinking of this, Kieran glanced at his brother with incomparable sympathy. It was incredibly difficult for his brother to have a smooth love life. After sending away a vixen, here came another.

Nicholas didn't know what his younger brother was thinking, but he was quite calm even after hearing Remus' words.

“Kieran can help out with business matters. I’m busy during the day, and I have to take care of Greg when I go home at night. I’m afraid I won’t have time.”

Listening to the man’s discreet rejection, Wanda was obviously disappointed. She thought that if Remus spoke up about it, Nicholas would have to agree.

Remus felt a little disgraced at this moment, so he pressed on, “No matter how busy you are, you will still have some time, right?”

Stefania followed suit. “If you’re afraid you’ll be too busy, you can bring Greg to me, and I’ll take care of him.”

Hearing their justification, Nicholas frowned in displeasure.

At this time, Gregory finally realized something was wrong. “I don’t want to be separated from Daddy.”

He pouted unhappily and made up his mind to help Tessa watch over his father. Stefania didn’t know this, so she pretended to be sad and looked at the little boy. “You don’t want to live with me?”

Gregory hesitated, then said softly, “I don’t want to be separated from Daddy, but I can go back to see you with Daddy.”

“Little smartie pants.” Stefania laughed and gazed at the little boy dotingly.

Seeing this, Wanda also knew that she couldn’t insist on it, so she followed along and said sensibly, “Kieran, i’ll have to trouble you from now on, but I will try my best not to cause you too many difficulties.”

“Sure.” Kieran nodded indifferently.

Although he took responsibility, he didn’t mind as long as his brother was happy.

After the meal, everyone returned to the living room, and Remus and Horace began chatting.

On the other hand, Wanda was doing two things at once. While talking with Stefania, she paid attention to Nicholas. The more she looked, the more she felt that the man in front of her was her ideal husband in the future, and her infatuation deepened a lot.

Although she was cautious, Stefania still noticed something, so she smiled and calmly told Wanda some of Nicholas’ preferences,

Instead of Tessa, she hoped the woman standing beside her son would be neck to neck with him and not someone who dragged her son down everywhere.

"It's getting late, so we should go back." Later, Horace proposed to leave.

Remus nodded and instructed, "Nicholas, send Horace and Wanda off for me."

Nicholas frowned slightly, but because of the presence of his elders, he did not refuse.

After he handed over the sleeping child in his arms to his mother, he got up to see them off.

Wanda followed Nicholas and tried to say something several times but was repelled by the man's grim expression.

It was not until she finally got into the car that she mustered up the courage to say goodbye to Nicholas. "I'm leaving; see you next time."

Nicholas nodded indifferently, and after watching the car leave, he turned around and returned to the living room.

After returning, he looked at Remus, who was still sitting on the couch. Thinking of what happened tonight, he put on a stony expression. "I hope there will be no next time for tonight's events. Don't waste your time on this: My marriage isn't like buying vegetables and just choosing any that looks alright."

After he finished speaking, he didn't care how angry Remus was. He picked up the sleeping child, turned around, and left.