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Ethan didn't respond to Paula and Roy. He thought their words were ridiculous.

A small restaurant, an Audi low-end car, and an apartment in a small town were enough to make them feel superior to others?

The more Ethan heard their words, and the more ridiculous Ethan found them to be.

Business? Although Ethan hadn't had his own business yet. He was holding ten billion dollars for his investment.

Car? It was true that Ethan didn't have his own car. That's because he didn't have a driver's license. If he wanted, Ethan could afford any car.

Housing? Roy was in no comparison to Ethan.

Roy felt smug to have a ninety square meters apartment in an unknown location of a small town.

Ethan wondered what their reaction would be when he told them that he owned the top villa in Buckeye.

But he didn't want to waste the effort in arguing with these snobbish people.

The most important thing was that Ethan didn't want to embarrass Linda by beating up her relatives in the game of wealth.

Ethan couldn't care less about how Paula and her families feel. But he had to make sure Linda's feelings didn't get hurt.

He didn't want to put Linda in a difficult situation.

So Ethan just sneered and didn't respond to Paula's words. He continued, "Follow my car. I'll take you to the restaurant."

Seeing Ethan didn't respond to her words, Paula believed that Ethan was defeated.

She whispered in her daughter's ear, "Haha, did you see that? He didn't dare to catch my words. He is scared."

Karen was also complacent. She laughed and said, "Of course! How could a poor loser in comparison with my Roy? My Roy has a car, an apartment, and a career. What does he have?"

Karen was reminded of something. She quickly asked Ethan, "Wait a minute, what did you just say? Us following you?"

Ethan nodded, "Yes, or else how can I take you to the restaurant?"

Karen snorted and said, "What are you thinking? Making us Audi following your

crappy Volkswagen Passat? Are you kidding me?"

Ethan was speechless after hearing the words from Karen.

What Passat? Where did you see that?

Ethan found it extremely laughable that she called the car Ethan borrowed from Pablo a Passat.

He tried his best to hold back the laugh but failed.

"Are you really just stupid, or you are a comedian?" Ethan thought.

"You... you call it Passat?" Ethan pointed at the car and asked.

"What's wrong? Isn't it? Hehe, don't tell me you don't know Passat? Seriously? You don't even know what car you rented?" Karen said with a sneer.

She was rather speechless. Karen thought Ethan didn't know cars, and couldn't even name the car he rented!

Hearing this, Ethan snorted laughter. He shook his head helplessly and said, "Whatever you say. If you want to call it Passat, you call it Passat. Follow me."

Ethan didn't want to say another word to them. He got in the car.

Sitting in the car, Ethan still couldn't stop laughing, "Passat? Ridiculous."

Ethan didn't want to take the effort to explain to her what the car really was. Whatever she thought. Let her be.

After a while, Linda got in the car. Looking at Ethan's expression, she was confused.

Linda didn't quite get the conversation between Ethan and her cousin.

"Ethan, what's Passat? What's wrong if the car is a Passat?" Linda asked with a frown.

Ethan smiled but didn't answer.

But the driver turned around. He asked teasingly, "Miss Linda, you said this car is a Passat?"

Linda didn't know much about cars. She didn't even know what a Passat was.

"What... what's wrong?" Linda asked.

The driver laughed and said, "Haha, I understand you don't know cars. This is a Volkswagen Phaeton. Passat only cost a little more than one hundred thousand dollars. But this car is Mr. Owen's car. It's an imported Phaeton which has top-notch equipment. The car cost more than four million dollars. Passat? Please!"

The driver turned back his head with a smile. Watching Paula and her families were pointing and discussing the car, he was speechless.

He had overheard the conversation Ethan had with Karen about the car, and all he found was that Karen was a ridiculous bumpkin, nothing else.

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The fact that Pablo's car cost four million dollars surprised Linda.

She hadn't paid too much attention to the car. Linda had thought it was just an ordinary one.

However, it was an authentic luxury car.

The world of rich people was beyond her imagination.

The four million dollars luxury car looked very normal on the outside, only the interior was a little high-end.

Linda knew nothing about cars. She was only amazed.

Ethan glanced at the driver and said with a smile, "Let's go to the restaurant."

The driver nodded, "Okay."

The driver started the car. While he was driving, the driver shook his head with a smile, murmuring to himself, "What a bunch of funny people, acting so arrogantly just because they are driving an Audi A4! Mr. Pablo's car cost more than ten times your car cost."

The driver was complaining about how Paula and her family treated Linda and Ethan.

"What kind of relatives are they? So ignorant and yet so arrogant!"

Pablo's driver, who was very experienced with the world, was speechless about Paula and her family's ignorance, arrogance, and unreasonableness.

As Ethan's car drove away, Paula, Roy, and his wife were standing where they were, unwilling to follow.

Karen still didn't want to drive behind Ethan's car. She was unhappy seeing Ethan had driven away.

"Sh*t! What's wrong with me hating their crappy car? Let that crap driving in front of our Audi? It's so embarrassing..."

Karen muttered as she rolled her eyes at the Volkswagen which Ethan was sitting in.

Roy was as reluctant as his wife.

He never saw a Volkswagen Phaeton, which was a very low-key luxury car. Roy only heard about such a car.

On the outside, Phaeton looked just like a Passat. Roy couldn't think of that a poor college student as Ethan could drive a Phaeton.

His prejudice against Ethan made him overlooked many details that could tell him who Ethan truly was.

Facing his wife's constant complaints, Roy shook his head and urged, "Forget it. Let's follow them. Hurry up! Otherwise, we will lose them."

"I don't care!" Karen said angrily, "What a crap! Don't follow them too closely. That junk of a car will drag us down if people think we have anything to do with it."

"Get yourself in the car! Does your muttering change anything?" Paula yelled at her daughter, "Let's go. I'm hungry."

Paula got in the car, "Who knows what kind of food Linda is getting us."

While Karen getting into the car, she responded to Paula, "Just look at the stingy look of her boyfriend. I bet we will eat from a food truck!"

Roy giggled and said, "You're probably right. Both of them don't look like someone who has money. They won't be able to afford good food."

Roy took a look at Paula and said, "Mom, don't hold your hopes high. I say let's eat whatever they will give us, and we'll go and get some real good food later. But don't forget our goal, the house!"

"I've heard from my schoolmates who worked for land management. Someone is eyeing that district. If we can get the ownership of that house, when the demolition happens, the money they will give us can support us for the rest of our lives," said Roy.

He then started the car and drove away.

Hearing this, Paula nodded. She then said angrily, "Let's see what they will do later. I don't care how poor they are. They should know that they ought to please us. If the food is bad, I will give them a hard time."

Paula tried to make a convincing case for herself, "Linda and her mom ate a lot from us. If she dares to slight us, I will humiliate her as hard as I can!"

Karen quickly echoed, "That's it! If they dare to lead us to a crappy place, I won't step out of the car. Let's see what they can do to me!"

Hearing this, Roy shook his head and didn't say a word.

He knew how unreasonable his wife was. Roy wouldn't dare to talk against her.

At the moment that she was in a rage, to say anything that didn't agree with her would be a disaster.

As the two cars drove into the city, skyscrapers and luxury hotels were passing by. Paula kept letting out gasps of surprise.

She had been dreaming about living in a place like this ever since she was a child.

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However, things not always went as hoped. Half of Paula's life had passed, and she had never stayed in a fancy hotel.

Paula had pinned her hopes on her daughter. She used to fantasize about marrying her daughter to a rich guy.

So she could get some advantages as being the mother. Maybe she could have the chance to stay in a five-star hotel.

But her daughter hooked up with Roy Rupert when she was still in high school. Paula's dream was broken then.

Paula sighed heavily. Looking at the hotels, she said, "I wonder what kind of people was staying there. Alas, only if I can stay there for one night..."

She continued, "I heard there is an Empire Hotel in Buckeye, a five- star hotel. People say it's very famous. Everything in the hotel is great, and a meal would cost thousands. When can I stay there and eat there?"

Paula's sighs made Roy uncomfortable.

He knew Paula said those to him.

Her intention was clear.

And Roy was laughing at Paula secretly.

Roy pretended to respect his mother-in-law. But he despised her.

He thought Paula was greedy and vain, and only if he was a psycho could he like Paula.

Roy ridiculed Paula in his head, "You want to stay and dine there? Don't you know who you are? Are you deserve a place like that?"

Paula didn't care how she made Roy feel. She thought for a while and said to her daughter, "What do you think where Linda and her boyfriend would take us? Maybe they will take us to a famous restaurant? If so..."

Karen rolled her eyes at Paula and interrupted her, impatiently, "How can I know? We'll know when we get there. Do you really think that these two morons can take you to the Empire Hotel for food? My dearest mother wake up! That's not gonna happen!"

Karen rolled her eyes at Paula again through the rearview mirror. She thought Paula's dream was way too wild.

Karen knew Paula liked to think unrealistic things. But the bigger the hopes, the

bigger the disappointment.

She couldn't understand why Paula could imagine that Linda and Ethan would take her to a fancy place to eat. The idea was ridiculous.

"I say we will eat at a random restaurant on the sidewalk!" Karen said, "Those stingy morons will definitely tell you that this small and crappy restaurant is Buckeye's hidden jewel. Bullsh*t!"

As Karen was speaking, Roy suddenly hit the brake.

"What's wrong with you?" The brake was too abrupt, the head of Karen almost hit the windshield. She yelled angrily, "If you don't know how to drive, get the hell out of the car!"

But she saw Roy stared at her with a look of disbelief.

"Honey, where did our mother say she wanted to eat?" Roy's voice sounded stunned.

Karen sneered, "Empire Hotel. It's the most famous five-star hotel in Buckeye, and it costs tens of millions of dollars to have a meal there. Look at your face! What's wrong? So we are at the Empire Hotel? You're funny. You really think those two morons can take you to the Empire Hotel?"

Roy looked pale. He nodded at his wife's words. Roy pointed at the building and murmured, "Yes... We've arrived at the Empire Hotel!"

Karen couldn't believe her ears. She looked toward the direction when Roy was pointing, stunned.

She saw the building of the Empire Hotel.

"How... how did he bring us here?" Karen stammered in disbelief.

The front door of the Empire Hotel was fifty meters ahead of their car. The words "Empire Hotel" was hung at the entrance of the building, resplendent and magnificent.

Roy's car was waiting in line for entering the hotel. Most of the cars here were top luxury cars.

Roy had never been to a hotel like this before. He followed the car in front of his car. The expression on his face was complicated.

Paula saw they were really heading toward the Empire Hotel, so she almost jumped up out of excitement.

"For real? We are really going to the Empire Hotel? Is Linda playing tricks? Oh my god, this is really the Empire Hotel!"

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Paula was excited. To be a customer at a luxury hotel like the Empire Hotel was her dream.

At this moment, the dream was about to come true.

However, Paula was puzzled as to why Ethan and Linda would be able to bring her here.

The Empire Hotel was a top-tier hotel in Buckeye. Its price was beyond the financial capacity of even Paula's family.

Paula couldn't figure out how Ethan was able to bring them to such a place.

Paula hadn't let excitement be completely into her head. She suspected it was Ethan's setup.

Because Paula couldn't think of a reason that made it possible for Linda and Ethan to bring them to the Empire Hotel.

Paula's daughter and Roy were confused as well.

Just a moment ago, they were making fun of Linda and Ethan and calling them stingy morons. Karen swore that the so-called restaurant would be a food truck.

But at this moment, they were lining up in front of the Empire Hotel.

"What is really happening? Why are we here?" Karen was too confused to speak.

Meanwhile, Roy's eyes were fixed on all the cars.

In front of his eyes were all luxury cars and sports cars.

Cars like those, he couldn't even see one in a year back to his small hometown. But that day, there were many of them stopped in front of his eyes.

"That Passat is such an eyesore!" Roy complained. He couldn't wait to get rid of the car Ethan was in. It blocked his view for watching fancy cars.

Karen suddenly thought of something. She said, "Roy, are those two playing tricks on us?"

Roy was stunned by the question. He looked at his wife and asked, "What... what do you mean?" He then quickly turned his eyes back to the cars.

Karen rolled her eyes at him and continued, "It isn't hard to understand. Do you really think that they can afford to let us eat here? It must be a drive-by. Wait and see. They will definitely not stop in front of the entrance. I bet they will drive away when their turn comes. So gross, just for looking good, they can even do such a thing!"

Karen sneered and said insidiously, "Little b*stard, you want to play with me? I'll make you pay! Roy, stop the car when your turn comes. We will get out of the car. I want to see what those two will do when they see us walking into the hotel. Playing tricks with me? I'll show you what price you will pay!"

"Good idea!" Paula laughed. She added, "You are right. Let's get out of the car and walk right in. See what that Ethan can do to us. He brought us here anyway. I don't care how poor they are. They will have to buy us meals here today!"

As she was talking, Paula was getting excited. She pounded on the car seat.

At this moment, someone knocked on their car window.

Roy was taken aback. He quickly rolled down the window and saw a strong security guard who was in black uniform.

The security guard didn't say too much. He pointed at the entrance of the underground parking garage and said coldly, "Drive there."

Roy smiled and said, "No, I need to unload these people in front of the hotel entrance before parking."

After Roy finished speaking, he rolled up the window. He never respected security guards, and he ignored the security guard's words altogether.

But before Roy could move the car, the security guard knocked on the window again, signaling Roy to roll down the window.

Roy was annoyed. He lowered the car window and looked at the security guard. "What's the problem? Didn't you understand what I just said?" Roy said angrily.

Roy thought the security guard would leave him alone if he showed his angry face.

However, what he didn't expect was how tough the security guard was.

The young security guard still had a cold expression. He pointed at the underground parking garage entrance and said in a heavier tone, "I said, go there! Unload your passengers there."

Roy was unhappy, and he was about to argue with the security guard. But his wife spoke before him.

"What's wrong? Isn't the entrance of your hotel for people to enter? I just want to get out of the car in front of the hotel entrance. You get out of my way, or I'll file a complaint against you."

Paula rolled down the back seat window and yelled at the security guard, "What's wrong with you? A tiny little security guard, you think you can tell us what to do? Why you stop us from entering?"

Being scolded by the three of them, the security guard was angry. His face

dropped. He still pointed at the entrance and said, "I'll say it one more time. Drive your car there. Otherwise, you'll have to do it the hard way. Why I stop you from entering? Because you are not qualified to enter!"

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"What are you saying?" Karen was furious. She stepped out of the car and screamed at the security guard, "You pathetic doorman, watch your tongue! Say that again? Who is it you say not qualified? You are not qualified for me to visit!"

Paula also got out of the car to help her daughter. She said angrily, "You little nobody, if I don't give you a lesson today, you'll think you are the king here. See what we are driving? An Audi! Are you blind?"

Roy got out of the car and joined in the fight, "I thought the Empire Hotel was good. It turns out your service is horrible! Bully customers? I'll file complaints against you! We are not qualified? If you don't explain yourself, we won't let the thing over easily."

The three people were rude and arrogant. Soon, they attracted many people's attention.

The people around were pointing and laughing at Paula, Roy, and his wife.

However, these three people thought the crowd was laughing at the security guard.

In their eyes, they were the customers, and the security guard was rude for treating them like that.

No matter what Paula and her family said to the security guard, he still kept a cold and straight face.

He pointed at the entrance of the underground parking garage and said coldly, "Don't you understand the human language, or this is the first time your hillbillies visit a city? Don't you know the rules of the Empire Hotel?"

"Rules?"

Roy frowned upon the security guard's words. He looked at his wife and Paula with confusion.

Roy's wife and Paula were also confused. They didn't know there were rules for entering the Empire Hotel.

"Even if there are rules, you can't treat customers so rudely!"

The three people looked at each other in confusion. The security guard sneered, "I see you guys are proud of your shabby Audi A4, which is very funny. Don't you know that cars under two million dollars are not allowed to stop in front of the main entrance of the hotel?"

The security guard's words made sense to Paula and her family.

That explained why the security guard asked them to drive away.

The three of them seemed to understand the reason for the rule. As famous as the Empire Hotel, they must care about how things look at their main entrance.

It would be a messy picture if any kind of cars were allowed to stop in front of the main entrance.

However, among the three of them, no one knew the existence of such a rule.

They had thought that even though Roy's car was a low-end Audi, it was still considered a luxury car.

However, according to the rule of the Empire Hotel, only the high-end Audi such as the A8L could be qualified to stop in front of the main entrance.

Roy's car was way below the standard.

That's the difference between three hundred thousand dollars and two million dollars.

Roy suddenly realized that the crowd was laughing at him just now.

He had thought that it's the security guard they were laughing at. But he was wrong.

Being laughed at as being hillbillies, but Roy just acted as if he was proud of himself. Roy felt he looked like a fool.

He glanced at his wife and Paula. Roy was embarrassed.

Just now, Paula was screaming to the security guard and bragging about the fact that they were driving an Audi.

Roy thought it embarrassed him even more.

What kind of a luxury car did he have? It only cost three hundred thousand dollars.

Looking at the other cars, they were either a Porsches or a high-end Mercedes-Benz G series. One wheel of their cars would cost more than Roy's Audi.

The huge gap was laying in front of Roy's face.

"Get back in the car!" Roy urged his wife and Paula, who were still unwilling to give in.

Going to the underground parking garage was better than standing here and being a laughing stock.

However, Paula was unwilling to do what the security guard had told them to do.

Finally, she was in front of the Empire Hotel, the place she dreamed of visiting. But she was not allowed to enter from the main entrance. Not only that, she was kicked out by a security guard. If the words got around in her hometown, she would be a

laughing stock for years.

As for Karen, she was even more unwilling to accept the rule.

She was reckless and rude. After being humiliated by the security guard, she was furious.

Karen was thinking about how to fight back. At this moment, she saw Linda and Ethan's car stopped in front of the main entrance of the Empire Hotel. They then stepped out of the car.

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Seeing that Ethan and Linda got off the car in front of the main entrance, Karen was infuriated.

Why? Did the security guard do it on purpose?

Why didn't the security guard bother Ethan and Linda, who were poor and stupid? But why was he there stopping me?

Ethan's car is a crappy Passat. It cost a hundred thousand dollars at most!

This security guard didn't stop them, but to stop our Audi? What is he up to? Is the security guard together with Ethan and Linda and giving us hard a time on purpose?

Thinking of this, Linda suddenly realized something. She snorted and ordered the security guard, "Get out of my way. I'm going to drive my car up there today!"

Her words not only surprised the security guard, but Roy and Paula were stunned.

Roy quickly yelled at her, "Hey, what are you talking about? Get back in the car. We are driving down to the underground parking garage!"

In Roy's eyes, his wife was spoiled to a point where she didn't know who she was anymore.

The guy was the security guard, but he worked for the Empire Hotel.

With the reputation of the hotel, their security guard would act more superior.

Under the circumstance that the security guard had warned them before, the whole security team would probably come over to deal with her if Karen kept arguing.

However, Karen was determined to stand against the security guard.

She looked at Roy and sneered, "Don't worry. I know what I'm doing!"

Then she told the security guard, "You get out of my way right now. I'm going to drive to the main entrance of the hotel, or I'll file a complaint against you, stating that you discriminate against customers!"

The security guard smiled bitterly and said, "What? Discrimination against customers? It's ridiculous. I have made it clear. A car that costs less than two million dollars is not allowed to drive to the main entrance. I won't allow you to drive up there is because you are not qualified!"

What Karen hated the most was people telling her that she wasn't qualified.

It hurt the self-esteem of Karen.

She knew that only the rich and powerful people were the customers of the Empire

Hotel.

She wanted to pretend to be one of them. But the security guard just ripped off all of her pretenses, and that's why she was furious.

Karen said to the security guard angrily, "Cars under two million dollars are not allowed up there? Bullsh*t! Why are you breaking the rule?"

The security guard was confused by the question, "What rule did I break?"

"What are you talking about?"

The security guard quickly checked the cars behind him but didn't see anything wrong.

So he was even more confused at the words of Karen.

"You said that I broke the rules. Okay, show me!" The security guard said with an unconvinced face, "If you can point out where did I do wrong, I quit my job right away!"

Hearing the words, Karen was ecstatic. She thought the security guard was a fool. How could he make such a promise when the mistake was right in front of his face?

Karen pointed at Ethan and Linda at the main entrance and shouted, "That is the evidence! You say you didn't break any rules? But why a Volkswagen Passat can stop in front of the main entrance, but an Audi can't?"

Karen was very proud of herself. She thought she just exposed the security guard's lie.

She especially raised her voice to let anyone hear.

Hearing the words of Karen, Paula realized that too. She added, "That's right. You almost trick me. Why did you only stop us? Why didn't you stop that one hundred thousand dollars junk car? You are so irresponsible!"

Karen thought she had won. She pointed at Ethan and said, "Don't tell me that you know that kid over there. You and he are buddies, so you slipped him in? The Empire Hotel is such a big joke! Cars under two million dollars can't drive to the main entrance? You don't even follow that rule yourself! Why are you asking us to do it?"

Karen was getting into the car. She told Roy, "Honey, up we go! We will drive all the way up to the main entrance. I dare him to say a word!"

The security guard was totally lost.

"Passat? Where is the Passat?"

The security guard hadn't really seen one even in the underground parking garage.

It wasn't that the car wasn't allowed in the garage. People would be ashamed of themselves if they were driving a Passat to the Empire Hotel.

All the cars parking here would cost millions. The security guard didn't believe someone would be shameless enough to park a Passat among those cars.

The security guard scratched his head, still confused. He looked toward the direction where Karen was pointing...

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Ethan and Linda had got off the car. They were waiting at the main entrance for a while.

After realizing that Linda's relatives hadn't followed up and caused an altercation, Linda and Ethan were curious about what had happened.

Meanwhile, the security guard saw Linda and Ethan in the direction in which Karen was pointing.

He didn't know who Ethan was. But he remembered that his boss usually personally accompanied Ethan to come and go.

So he guessed that Ethan probably someone very important. Pablo wouldn't even offer such a warm welcome to some province officials.

And the security guard saw the car stopped by Ethan was Pablo's own car.

He could definitely recognize this car. It was one of Pablo's favorite cars.

It was said that the car was custom-made from overseas. The main structure was specially reinforced, and the parts were made of the best materials.

Therefore the car still had the appearance of a Volkswagen Phaeton, but the inside was all modified.

Rumor had it that the car cost Pablo four or five million dollars.

And because the car looked like a Passat, it had made jokes even on Pablo in the past.

After realizing that Karen was pointing at Pablo's car, the security guard understood her accusation. But he still thought this woman was ridiculous.

"Passat? Do you really know cars or not?"

The security guard sneered, "You call that Passat?"

Karen stuck her neck out and said disdainfully, "Is it not? Even that crap can drive in front of the main entrance, why can't ours?"

The security guard laughed, "Do you know how much that so-called crap is?"

Karen snorted and said complacently, "That crap? One hundred thousand dollars at most, which is far cheaper than our Audi."

"Ignorant..."

The security guard almost laughed out loud. Looking at the awful face of Karen, he was speechless.

"Haha, you are really interesting," The security guard sneered, "Let me tell you, the so-called crap cost more than four million. Just one of its wheels costs more than your Audi A4. Do you know how much the lights on the car cost? Five hundred thousand dollars. I guess it's still way more expensive than your own crappy car."

Karen was stunned. After she had a moment to think about the security guard's words, her jaw dropped.

"How... how much? Four... four million... dollars?" Linda was totally shocked.

And Roy's face was also full of surprise and confusion.

He quickly checked the car carefully. Suddenly he had a hunch, "Could it be that the car is the legendary Phaeton?"

If it was the case, Roy knew that he had made a huge fool of himself.

It was already very shameful to mistake the Phaeton as a Passat.

What made it worse was that Paula and Roy's wife were both very rude, and they pointed at the Phaeton and yelled Passat.

How shameful everything was!

At this moment, what confused Roy was why Ethan could have such a fancy car?

He looked like someone who was from a rural area. How could he have a car cost millions? Was it even real?

When all three of them were too stunned to say a word, the security guard sneered and said, "Excuse me, can you drive away now? Please hurry up. You are in other people's way."

Hearing the security guard's words, Paula, Roy, and his wife all turned to check the situation behind them.

They were embarrassed by what they saw.

More than ten cars were lining behind them. They were either top luxury cars or sports cars.

Only judged by the appearance, one could tell that these cars were way better than the one of Roy's.

Roy's face turned red. Even his wife lost her unruliness. She got into the car with a red face, never dare to say a word.

Paula was the same. She had been excited about going to a fancy hotel. But at this moment, she was disappointed and embarrassed. She was afraid that people from her hometown would laugh at her once they found out about that day.

"What a shame..." she thought.

Roy started the car and was about to drive the car into the underground parking garage when he saw Ethan coming towards him in a hurry.

"What's going on?" Ethan asked the security guard, "Why didn't you let them in?"

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Ethan and Linda had been waiting at the entrance for a long time but never saw Linda's relatives come over. But they heard noises near the entrance of the underground parking garage.

Ethan was a little anxious, so he came over there to ask what had happened.

After a conversation with the security guard, he looked at Linda's relatives.

Seeing Ethan, Roy's face turned redder. He looked down and didn't say anything.

After the huge embarrassment he got himself into, Roy was too ashamed to speak.

He thought that he could humiliate Ethan once he found out the restaurant was bad. It turned out he was the one being humiliated.

Upon seeing Ethen, Karen, sitting on the passenger seat, got even angrier.

To her, Ethan was the one to blame for her embarrassment.

In the mind of Karen, Ethan got his hands on a millions worth of car just for bragging. Without knowing Ethan's scheme, she followed him here but was stopped for driving cheap cars. Linda's cousin thought it was all Ethan's fault.

She suspected that Ethan set them up.

He planned everything just for humiliating her.

She then remembered that Ethan hadn't told her about the car rules before. So she was sure it was all Ethan's plan.

The more Karen thought about it, the angrier she became. The way she stared at Ethan as if she wanted to eat him alive.

But Ethan actually didn't know the rule.

Every time he came to the hotel, he came in through the main entrance straight away. So there wasn't an opportunity for him to learn about the rule.

Ethan came over to ask about the altercation, and the security guard told him what had happened.

He knew that Ethan was someone he couldn't afford to offend. So he answered respectfully and honestly, "Look, this is the rule set by Mr. Owen. We can't break it."

Ethan nodded and told the security guard that he understood.

He looked at Paula, Roy, and Karen and finally knew the reason for the long faces.

Ethan sighed and felt that the situation was very tricky.

They were Linda's relatives. Ethan didn't care too much about them feeling ashamed, but Linda would be humiliated by association.

Ethan looked at the security guard and said, "Could you do me a huge favor and let them drive to the main entrance?"

The security guard paused.

However, Roy spoke.

"It's okay. They have their own rules. We'd better go down to the parking garage..."

What Roy said sounded sweet and considerate, but the truth was he didn't believe Ethan's words could make any difference.

Roy thought the security guard even treated himself like nothing. How could Ethan's words work?

"Who do you think you are?"

Roy thought, but he didn't say that out loud.

However, Karen said anything on her mind. She didn't have the habit of holding back her feelings.

She rolled her eyes at Ethan and sneered, "You really think you are a big shot? Do you a favor? Who are you? Stop embarrassing yourself. Because of you, we got ourselves into this humiliating situation. You just get lost!"

Karen poured out almost all her anger towards Ethan, and her words were vulgar.

Ethan pinched his eyebrows. He didn't understand why she spoke to him so rudely when he was trying to help.

Besides, how could she know already that the security guard wouldn't listen to him?

Ethan was trying to be nice to the security guard. He asked him nicely to save the security guard some dignity.

If Ethan didn't care about the security guard at all, he would just tell him to get out of the way and let Linda's relatives drive to the main entrance.

Even Pablo didn't dare to say no to Ethan, let alone a powerless security guard.

However, Roy and Karen didn't know who Ethan really was. They thought Ethan was here for the first time, like them.

How could the security guard listen to the order from a total stranger?

The Empire Hotel was the best in the Buckeye. They couldn't change their rules for a nobody like Ethan.

Karen looked at Ethan with a contemptuous smile and then looked at the security

guard. She was waiting for the security guard to refuse Ethan.

She thought, "Even I couldn't win the argument with this security guard, what the hell can you do?"

"Yes, sir."

The security guard suddenly spoke in an extremely humble tone and whispered to Ethan, "I'll let them in!"

The simple words of the security guard stunned everyone.

"What... what did he say?" Roy stared at the security guard with a look of surprise. Disbelief was written all over his face.

The face of Karen was worse. She was stunned for a long time before come to her senses. She then asked the security guard, "You... what did you say? You allowed us to drive up there? For what?"

The question of Karen made the security guard laugh bitterly, "Stop your ranting! You're unhappy that I stopped you from entering. Now you can enter, you still talk so much. Do you have any problems?"

Chapter 179

"What's your problem?!" Karen was flustered. She didn't expect the security guard could talk to her like that.

She looked at the security guard and continued, "What's wrong with you? How can you... how can you listen to him?"

The security guard was dumbfounded by Karen.

She almost blew her top when he stopped them from driving up to the main entrance.

How came she was still angry when he allowed them to drive up? What did she want?

The security guard looked a bit fed up by Linda's relatives. If it weren't for Ethan, he would've kicked them out.

After all, they were too disgusting. He didn't think that Ethan knew them. The security guard thought that Ethan was also annoyed by the disruption they created.

If eventually, they made Ethan angry, the security guard wouldn't treat them civilly anymore.

He knew Ethan was someone Pablo had to treat with extreme respect. If anything happened that caused Ethan's dissatisfaction under the watch of the security guard, Pablo would definitely fire him personally.

The security guard was merely an employee, and he didn't want to cause trouble to himself. So he calmed himself down.

He said to Karen, "I warn you one last time. Either drive up there to the main entrance or go down to the underground garage. Don't ask for the harsh solution!"

Then he started to talk to the walkie-talkie on his shoulder, calling for back-ups.

Karen was scared by the action of the security guard. She was in a panic.

She wasn't making trouble on purpose. She just didn't understand why no matter what they said, they couldn't change the mind of the security guard.

But with one word from Ethan, he agreed to bend the rule. Karen thought it was truly unfair.

The thing she failed to do, Ethan, a seemingly poor hillbilly, made it happen with ease. It hurt the self-esteem of Karen.

She was unreconciled, which was why she acted so horribly.

At this moment, the security guard had given her the last warning, and the back-ups were on their way. Certainly, she was thrown into a panic.

Her families were visitors from a small town, and they knew no one in Buckeye.

The security guard worked for the Empire Hotel. If anything went wrong, the company of the hotel would back him up. So to mess with the security guard equaled to mess with the Empire Hotel.

Everyone knew how famous the Empire Hotel was in Buckeye. Karen would be in serious trouble if people from the Empire Hotel decided to pick on her.

Thinking of this, Karen was even more flustered. She lost all of her arrogance, curling up in the car and keeping her mouth shut.

Not only Linda, but Paula was also stunned.

She was surprised at how easily Ethan made the security guard obey him.

Moreover, she was scared by the fact that the security guard was calling for back-ups.

Paula finally got to her dream place, the Empire Hotel.

She couldn't let them kick her out before she even enjoyed herself.

She was unreconciled. At the same time, she was worried to be laughed at by people in her hometown.

The thought of being laughed at made Paula frightened even more.

She nudged Roy and asked, "Roy, what... what should we do?"

Roy was also anxious. He hated his wife for making everything worse.

"Everything had been worked out, and they could finally drive up to the main entrance of the hotel. Why did she have to keep ranting?"

Roy was about to get out of the car and apologize to the security guard. But he was scared by what Ethan was going to do.

He saw Ethan was stretching out his hand to grab the walkie-talkie of the security guard.

"What is he going to do? Is he doing something stupid?" Roy's heart almost jumped out of his throat.

He thought Ethan was acting recklessly.

Roy didn't think to be violent to the security guard was a wise move. Ethan didn't look like someone who could win over the security guard in a fistfight.

Moreover, this was the Empire Hotel. There could be dozens of security guards with a build like this one.

If all of them came over, Ethan couldn't survive them.

Most of all, if Ethan started a fight, the situation would never be worked out again, and the disruption would be worsened.

Roy thought, "You stupid Ethan, do you really think that you are the reason for the security guard to be nice and polite, and he bent the rule just for you?"

"Bullsh*t!"

"The security guard is fooled by the car you rented. He mistook you for someone important. That's why he is so nice to you!"

Chapter 180

"Wait to see what will happen once the security guard realizes that the fancy car is a rental!"

"To humiliate you is the least punishment you'll get!" Roy thought. Because if Roy were the one dealing with the incident, he would beat Ethan up.

"You pretentious stingy loser!"

At the moment that the security guard was about to push the button to talk.

Ethan quickly pushed away his hand.

It was obvious that Ethan had lost his patience.

He kept a straight face and said to the security guard, "Well, just let it be. Let them drive."

Ethan's words made the surrounding atmosphere freezing cold.

Linda's relatives were surprised by Ethan's words. They are sitting in the car and anticipating the security guard to scream at Ethan.

Linda's cousin was even gloating secretly. She couldn't wait to see Ethan's seeming doom.

And sitting in the back seat, Paula was anxious as well.

The security guard was startled by Ethan's action. He stood there for two seconds. When he saw Ethan's face full of anger, he realized that he just made this big shot angry.

The security guard was sure he was in big trouble.

He didn't dare to keep arguing. The security guard lowered his head and said, "Yes, I'm sorry. Please don't be mad. I'll do as told."

He never dared to mention either back-ups or underground parking garages ever again.

The security guard waved his hand to urge Roy to drive.

The three of them in the car were dumbfounded by what they were seeing.

How was this possible?

The security guard was so rude to them. But why he treated Ethan so respectfully?

Just because he was driving an expensive car?

But Roy hadn't seen that the security guard been respectful to the owners of the other fancy cars?

Linda's relatives were as surprised as they were confused.

Ethan's patience was running out. He said to Roy, who was still stunned, "What are you waiting for? Hurry up. You are blocking the way. Your time is worthless, but don't waste other people's time. Most of them are here for business, and you are making them late."

Roy immediately came back to reality. He looked back and found that there were more than twenty luxury cars lined up behind him. Some people were honking, and some people had got out of the car and urge him to speed up.

All those cars were more expensive than two million dollars. Roy's shabby Audi A4 looked like nothing compared to them.

In a panic, Roy started the car and drove to the main entrance of the hotel.

Stopped in front of the main entrance, he finally breathed a sigh of relief, wiping off the sweat on his forehead.

What just happened almost turned into a disaster.

He smiled and joked, "I didn't expect that young security guard does this for the sake of the young boy."

Linda's cousin also looked relieved.

But the first thing she did was to roll her eyes at Ethan.

She said with disdain, "For his sake? Who the hell does he think he is?"

Linda's cousin said angrily, "I'm telling you. The security guard saw our Audi and knew that we were not some stingy nobodies. He probably mistook that loser for someone important because of the fancy car he rented. But doing this for his sake? Come on, give me a break. Who the f*ck would want to please him? Disgusting!"

After all that had happened, Linda's cousin still held prejudice against Ethan.

Even if it was obvious that Ethan held power, she still refused to admit it.

Linda's cousin didn't want to admit that Ethan, who had the appearance of a poor person, was better than her.

She would never admit it because it was the biggest insult to her self-esteem!

However, Paula didn't want to care that much.

She finally stopped at the main entrance of the Empire Hotel. Even though the process wasn't smooth, she was still very excited.

She jumped out of the car before the car even completely stopped. Paula took out her phone and started to snap photos of the surroundings and herself.

She then recorded a video of herself. Paula talked to the camera complacently, "Hi, sis, I'm here. This is the Empire Hotel, the best hotel in Buckeye. We'll take a casual bite here this afternoon. Check it out! See for yourself what a fancy hotel is like. See those fancy cars? None of them is cheaper than two million dollars. But no matter how expensive those cars are, they have to line behind us! Haha! All right, that's it. I'm off. The boss of the hotel is coming down for us..."

Finishing recording, Paula put her phone back in her pocket. She looked at Ethan proudly and asked, "Let's go. What are we going to eat?"