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Karen also realized that there were only twelve dishes on the table. Should it be fifty-six instead? But why all the waiters were walking out?

At first, she thought that it might be how the luxury dishes were served. They were bringing out in phases.

A few minutes had passed after those twelve dishes, but there's no sign of more to come. Karen started suspecting.

Also, one thing caught Karen's attention, "Why all the dishes look familiar?"

Karen asked the waitress in a hurry, sounding unhappy, "Can you guys go any faster? We have spent one point two million dollars for a meal here. Why are you still dragging? If I don't see all of our orders in a few minutes, I'll file a complaint!"

The waitress' face turned red because of the questions of Karen and Paula. She looked at Linda's mom and said timidly, "I'm sorry, but you are all set already."

Her words made everyone stunned.

"All... all set?" Paula was the first one to speak. She was in a panic for a long time. Paula stammered in surprise, "Didn't... didn't you say there will be fifty-six dishes? You, do you think I don't know how to count, or you don't know yourself?"

At the end of her sentence, Paula almost jumped up.

She felt as if she had been punked. Paula almost exploded out of anger.

She had bragged to everyone in her friends' group chat that she would enjoy a feast that cost one point two million dollars.

And her words had caused quite a stir. A lot of people had replied to her and told her how they envy and hate her.

Everyone in the group was waiting for the next forty-ish photos. How could Paula accept the fact that that's all of it?

"Are you kidding me?" Paula thought.

She had planned to show off, but her plan had turned her into a laughing stock.

Such a dramatic twist almost drove her crazy.

She had been hoping to use the scale of the meal to gain her revenge, taking her superiority.

In the end, not only Paula failed in showing off, but her plan had set herself up, making her a laughing stock.

At this moment, Paula was wild with anger.

Meanwhile, Karen and Roy were dumbfounded as well.

Enjoying a one point two million dollars meal was a milestone in their lives too.

Of course, they, too, had the plan to show off in their social circle.

After everything that they had bragged about, it turned out only twelve dishes on the table. They also found it difficult to explain their embarrassment.

They had been so excited and couldn't wait to see what a one point two million dollars feast looked like.

But those were everything they got?

Karen especially felt the disappointment. The more she looked at the dishes in front of her, the more she found them to be familiar.

She suddenly realized that the dishes were no other than the dishes she and Roy had ordered.

Could it be that the dishes in front of them were not the meal set, but the dishes from the previous order?

Obviously, Karen wasn't the first to think of that.

Ethan had found out the problem ever since the first dish was put down on the table.

At first, he only thought it might only be a coincidence.

But after all the dishes were set, Ethan finally affirmed that all the dishes were from their previous order.

Ethan felt extremely embarrassed at this moment. He quickly asked the waitress, "Wait a minute. I think you served us the wrong thing. Are those from the order that we canceled? I've told you that we want the one point two million meal set. Why are you giving us these?"

Hearing Ethan's question, the waitress's face instantly turned pale. She tried her best to look calm. She was ready to explain, but a voice interrupted her.

"Ethan Humphrey, stop acting like you are innocent!"

It was no one other than Karen, who was yelling at Ethan.

She stared at Ethan with fire sprouting from her eyes. Karen's anger finally poured all out.

"Don't order it if you can't afford it. Nobody will laugh at you! Lying to me with those sh*ts? Do you think I'm a dumb*ss?" Karen lashed out with no-holds-barred, spitting swearing-language without care.

She believed that it was all Ethan's scheme.

"I'm sure he has tipped the waitress, and he never wanted to order the one point two million dollars feast!" she thought to herself.

"He planned to trick my mom and me to brag about the feast to all of our families and friends, getting as much attention as possible."

"And when the time comes, he just presents a couple of dishes to slight us, but my mom and I will be laughed at because there's no extravagant feast at all!"

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"D*mn, Ethan. You're tricking us. Shame on you!" Karen said, gnashing her teeth.

But at this moment, no matter what she said, it seemed that there was no way to save her from being a laughingstock.

"Disgusting!" Paula's face was also full of anger. She pointed at Ethan and said, "If you're poor and can't afford it, then just say it. Why do you trick us?"

Paula then looked at Linda and her mother. With overwhelming hatred, she said, "I really hate you. It is you who put me and my family in an embarrassing situation, all the time!"

At this time, Paula and her families were full of anger and grievance. This time, they were miserably trapped.

But who could they blame? It was the result of vanity.

However, they didn't think so. They blamed all this on Ethan.

Ethan felt wronged and mad because of what Linda and Paula said.

He didn't mean it. And he was the one who treated them to lunch. It was so unfair for him to be humiliated like this for not ordering a feast worth 1.2 million dollars.

"I invited you to dinner out of my kindness. Now, it's my fault?"

"I wouldn't have bothered to pay any attention to you if you were not Linda's relatives, let alone treat you to a meal here." Ethan thought.

If it were someone else who dared to speak to Ethan like, Ethan would have already been angry.

And the consequences of that were beyond these people's imagination.

Meanwhile, Ethan was also confused. "What's going on?"

He asked the waitress angrily, "Tell me, what's going on? Didn't I ask you to serve the set meal? Why did serve these dishes?"

Ethan was worried that the waitress wouldn't tell him the truth, so he deliberately said in a threatening tone.

"If you don't make it clear to me today, get Pablo to explain it!"

"Pablo?"

Upon hearing these, the waitress was scared to tears.

Of course, she knew what would happen if she got her boss.

Being expelled would be the lightest punishment.

Staff in the Empire Hotel knew exactly what kind of person Pablo was.

"No, no, no..." She said to Ethan in a weeping voice, "It's none of my business, this..."

The waitress quickly set her eyes on Linda's mother. She thought, "Didn't she just say that she would take the responsibility? Why didn't she say it out now?"

"If she didn't say it out, I would be dead for sure."

The waitress didn't dare to provoke a person who could afford to have a meal here, let alone Ethan who could afford such a feast.

When the waitress pointed to Linda's mother and was about to tell the truth, Linda's mother stood up on her own initiative.

Then she said calmly, "Ethan, it was me who just withdrew the set. It's not the girl's fault. Don't make things difficult for her, let her go..."

Everyone present was shocked to hear what Linda's mother said.

"You..." Ethan was a little surprised and asked, "Auntie, why?"

Ethan's face was bitter. In this situation, he found himself in a dilemma. After all, he couldn't blame anyone if it was Linda's mother's idea.

He couldn't criticize Linda's mother, could he?

Linda was also surprised.

Although she didn't agree with Ethan's idea of the feast, Ethan had made up his mind, and this was a matter of dignity...

"Well, we only have six people. There are fifty-six dishes. We certainly can't eat them. It's totally a waste." Linda's mother said earnestly, "What's more, it's 1.2 million dollars. You young people don't know how difficult it is to make money. But I can't just stand by and see you spend money like water..."

With a bit of guilt on her face, Linda's mother finally said to Ethan, "Ethan, it is what it is. If you are unhappy and want to vent your anger, you can vent it on me. Just let the girl go. It really has nothing to do with her. She is wronged..."

After Linda's mother said that, Ethan was stunned for quite a while.

For a moment, he was at a loss.

Indeed, now that things had come to this, what should he do?

He lost face today, but he couldn't really blame it on Linda's mother.

So he sighed and said, "Forget it, Auntie. It's fine. I know you did this out of good intentions..."

After some thought, Ethan decided to let it go. Anyway, even if they didn't treat them a big meal, he didn't owe anything to Linda's cousin and her family.

But just as Ethan was about to explain, Karen suddenly became angry. She pointed at Linda's mother and said, "Bah, stop acting. Do you really think we are fools?"



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"Do you really think we are fools? We are not three-year-old kids!" Karen roared at Ethan again.

This was not the end. When she had just finished yelling, Paula followed her and shouted angrily, "That's right. How dare you do this? If this is the way you treat others, it's better not to invite us. Do you know that I totally lost face because of you?"

Just as Paula finished her words, her cell phone suddenly rang.

Paula lowered her head and took a look. There were replies and questions from several other people in her group of friends.

"Paula, are you still there? There were only 12 dishes. We still want to see what the following fifty-six dishes look like..."

"Exactly. Paula is really amazing. You have to show us today what the dishes on this table look like, so that we can boast in the future."

"Why is there no reply? Did she lose the connection? Hey, what a coincidence! Haha, does she cut the net off on purpose?"

"Who knows? What kind of dish is worth 1.2 million dollars? I think it's a boast. We know Paula well. She is so stingy with money. Do you believe that she can go to the Empire Hotel and have a big meal?"

Looking at the numerous replies and comments on her Facebook, Paula felt her scalp was about to explode.

She was completely out of mind and didn't know how to explain it.

And she could already foresee that she was going to be a laughingstock.

At that moment, Paula was really boiling with rage and she couldn't help venting her anger on Ethan, pointing at Ethan and roaring again.

In the end, she almost broke down. She even wanted to slap Ethan to relieve her anger.

However, Ethan felt wronged as well. After all, this matter really had nothing to do with him, and he knew the whole story just now.

Besides, Ethan raged about what they said just now!

So he glared at Paula and said, "Please watch your tongue! You like showing off to others. What does it have to do with me? To put it bluntly, for someone like you, if you weren't Linda's relatives, I wouldn't even bother to pay any attention to you. You

should feel honored that I invite you for lunch!"

Ethan immediately added, "I have a clear conscience even if I only treat you to one meal of noodles today. But you, please think about your behavior. From the moment we first met, how did you treat us?"

Ethan looked at Linda and Linda's mother. He had made up his mind to defend them today.

In the end, Ethan said, "That's all for today. If you want to eat, then eat it. If you don't want to eat it, then leave immediately. I am nice enough. If you don't want it, then don't step on it either. If you really provoke me, I promise you won't get good results. I'm a man of my word!"

Ethan's words had already been threatening. Although Ethan didn't show much anger when he spoke, the deterrent power he showed simply stunned Roy, Karen, and Paula.

They thought that Ethan was just an ordinary person, but from Ethan's behavior and his sonorous and forceful words, they were surprised to find that this seemingly weak boy was actually mighty.

They felt as if the three of them had been completely suppressed by Ethan.

After that, Ethan took a cold look at them, pointed to the door, and said coldly, "Well, if you don't want to eat, then please go!"

Ethan's words once again lowered the atmosphere in the room to the freezing point.

Linda, who was fuming with anger, completely didn't know what to do next.

She had thought that Ethan was like Linda and her mother, who was at her mercy and couldn't even say a word in the end.

But it was not until this moment that she realized that she was naive before.

Ethan wouldn't let himself be at her disposal. He actually had his own ideas.

Perhaps his previous forbearance was not out of weakness but out of scorn!

Karen looked at Paula and then Roy.

And these two people also looked at her at the same time, as if they were asking her what to do.

Karen hesitated for a moment.

After all, she was ashamed to do stay after what Ethan said.

But if she left like this, not only would she lose face, she would also be somewhat unwilling to accept it.

Although she couldn't eat a big meal today, the dishes in front of her were also very rare. Anyway, she had never had such an expensive meal in her life.

If she missed it today, she might have no chance for the rest of her life.

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However, if she continued to sit here, she would definitely lose her face.

Karen looked at Paula. She took it for granted that in the current situation, it was best for her mother to deal with it.

Then she gave Paula a look.

Paula understood, but she shook her head slightly.

Of course, she knew what her daughter meant.

"You have gotten all the good stuff. Why do you ask me to yield? That's so selfish." She thought.

Paula had not forgotten that Karen, her dear daughter, had tried to play a trick on her to get the better seat.

Thinking of this, Paula became firmer and shook her head.

Anyway, she thought it through. She had already lost her face today. Why not just let it go?

The worst result was missing the feast. However, she wouldn't allow Karen to trap her again.

For a time, Paula and Karen were deadlocked.

Karen was unwilling to give up, and then she looked at Roy again, whose eyes were full of begging.

This was a matter of dignity. Roy was usually obedient to his wife. However, he wouldn't give up when it came to dignity.

But now if he submitted to Ethan, he couldn't have his own voice in front of Ethan any more.

How could this be!

Roy turned his face away and remained silent.

Karen felt extremely embarrassed. She looked at Ethan. Just as she was blank, a sound arose.

"Alright, everyone, just sit down!" It was from Linda's mother. Of course, she could tell that these three people in front of her were awkward. Hence, she came to the rescue and said, "Paula, Ethan was joking just now. Let's forget about unpleasant things. Everyone, come on! Sit down and eat..."

It was Linda's mother who got them out of trouble, which really surprised the three of them.

After all, they had never been nice to her from the beginning. but now she stood by them, which surprised them a lot.

After that, Linda's mother looked at Ethan again. She knew that she was going to offend Ethan today. After all, she was defending her relatives who provoked him a lot.

Ethan might be very uncomfortable...

However, Linda's mother couldn't care that much.

"Ethan, you were joking just now. Am I right?" Linda's mother looked at Ethan with uncertainty.

She knew what she said would definitely put Ethan into a awkward situation.

Her relatives were provoking and scolding all the time. Ethan had always been a victim.

But now she was asking Ethan to admit his mistake. How could Ethan put up with that?

Ethan looked at Linda's mother incredulously. He simply couldn't believe it.

"Auntie, are you serious?" Ethan asked in a cold tone.

Linda's mother felt embarrassed, and she didn't dare to make a sound.

She could tell that Ethan was really angry.

She made Ethan yield repeatedly relying on her identity as Linda's mother. But it was too much to ask him admit his mistake in front of these unreasonable people now, wasn't it?

Linda's mother knew very well that as Linda's mother, she had some privileges in front of Ethan.

But now her privilege had come to an end!

Ethan knew that if he did so, he might make Linda's mother unhappy, but he couldn't bear it any more.

Ethan no longer looked at Linda's mother. He turned his head and looked at them, "Whether you want to stay or not, just say it. If you want to leave, please hurry up. I'm going to eat."

Linda looked at Ethan as well, and then asked, "Yes, aunt, do you want to stay or not?"

After saying that, she glanced at her mother.

This time, she was absolutely on Ethan's side.

Even Linda could tell that her mother had gone too far this time.

Wasn't it fair for Ethan to suffer all this by himself because of these unreasonable relatives?

Not to mention these relatives never showed them any kindness and scolded them all the time without giving them a second look.

Ethan, on the other hand, had always been very respectful and considerate.

Besides, Linda couldn't forget that if it weren't for Ethan, her mother wouldn't have been here today! She couldn't even afford to make her mother stay in the hospital at the beginning. It was because of Ethan that her mother was able to receive treatment.

Linda really couldn't figure out why her mother always pleased those snobs, which upset people who loved her.

Being laughed at by Linda, Karen felt furious inside.

She glared at Linda out of anger and hatred and thought to herself, "Don't forget that you used to live like a dog in front of me."

"Now you're trying to bully me? D*mn it!"

"Let's go, Roy. I don't want to eat anymore..."

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Karen was resolute this time.

She didn't want to stay here anymore. Her mother and husband didn't intend to help her, so she made her mind not to yield to Ethan.

If she yielded today, she could never oppress Linda and her mother in the future.

With these words, she stood up and was about to leave.

Seeing it, Paula and Roy were slightly surprised. They followed Karen anyway, although they were reluctant.

Ethan was happy to see that!

Of course, he didn't care whether they would have this meal or not. He even felt uncomfortable with them around.

If they really left, he would feel much better.

Ethan had been planning to invite Linda's mother to have a meal all along.

It was obviously better if they left.

Ethan didn't respond, neither did Linda.

She was no longer the Linda who would bear any bully. She didn't want to live like in the past anymore. Today seemed to be the moment to put the previous life to an end.

Linda looked at Ethan with a determined look. Not just this moment, she had already made up her mind that she would stand on Ethan's side in the future as well.

Linda's mother was the only one who showed an anxious look when seeing them leave.

She looked at Ethan eagerly and then looked at Linda again. Neither of them looked her back, which made her even more anxious.

At first, she seemed hesitant. But when she saw them were about to walk out of the room, she couldn't wait any longer. She pushed the chair aside and ran straight to them.

"Paula, Don't leave" Linda's mother stared at Paula with pleading eyes. Then she walked quickly to them and blocked their way. "Please, sit down! Ethan is joking. Please stay! I'm begging you!"

Linda's mother said it with sincerity, but none of them took her seriously.

Paula rolled her eyes at her and said coldly, "Save it! You two are capable enough.

"We don't deserve your attention and respect now. This meal is too precious to us. We'd better go!"

Paula was so angry that she threatened Linda's mother again, "Bah! let me tell you the truth. The minute we leave, we will be enemies. So, don't go back to hometown, or you're gonna get what's coming to you!"

Upon hearing what Paula said, Linda's mother immediately felt tight in her chest.

She was a person attaching great importance to her family. Although she and Linda were now in Buckeye, in her heart, she still missed her hometown and those relatives and friends there.

She knew that if she really offended her Paula today, she might not be able to go back to her hometown. Even if she went back, people there would scorn her!

Linda's father had been gone for so many years, but no one had ever laughed at her. She didn't want a bad reputation because of this.

Linda's mother was so worried that she was about to cry. She begged, "Paula, please, don't go. They are still immature. Don't take it seriously, Okay? I beg you..."

"Bullsh*t!" Karen pushed Linda's mother when she was still talking, and then cursed, "Who do you think you are? You really think that you can order us?"

Karen was filled with anger. Now that Linda's mother acted like that, she definitely would seize the opportunity to scorn her.

Paula and Karen condemned Linda's mother with harsh words, which made Linda's mother cry.

Karen didn't seem to be satisfied. She scolded, "You still want to keep us? Your daughter and son-in-law are chasing us out. How ashamed of us to stay here. You're shameless, but we are not. We're not the kind of people who will sacrifice their dignity for a meal!"

Saying that, Karen was about to push Linda's mother away.

However, Linda's mother grabbed the doorknob, preventing them from leaving.

She looked at Ethan, and cried, "Ethan, Could you please let them stay. They are the only few relatives I have. Please! I really don't want to..."

After saying these words, Linda's mother turned to look at Paula and said sorrowfully, "Paula, I know it's all my fault. Please don't go, I beg you. I really beg you. I'll kneel down to beg you..."

With these words, Linda's mother really knelt down in front of the three of them, and she cried even more bitterly.

"Please! Don't go, or it will be so embarrassing for me to see the departed families!"