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What Linda's mother did shocked everyone in this room.

Ethan quickly stood up and looked at this side with a surprised face. Linda was also full of concern. When she saw her mother kneeling down, tears instantly welled up from her eyes. She rushed straight to her mother, trying to help her mother up.

But no matter how Linda pulled her mother, her mother seemed to feel hopeless on the ground.

"Mom... If you want to say something, get up and talk about it. What are you doing now?" Linda said anxiously.

Linda's mother cried and shook her head. "No, if they don't stay today, I'll keep kneeling! Paula, I'm begging you. Please stay. I'm sincerely begging you. I've already let down my brother. I... I can't..."

Before she could finish her words, she continued choking on sobs.

When Linda saw her mother like this, she seemed to have thought of something and also began to cry.

When Ethan saw this, he was a little curious about what had happened in the past. He somehow felt it was hard to deal with the current situation.

Hearing what Linda's mother had said, Paula seemed to have thought of the past as well, so her eyes were also full of tears.

She slightly turned her head to one side, as if she did not want others to see her wiping her tears.

At this moment, Paula seemed to hesitate to go out.

Ethan glanced at Linda's mother. The old lady was so sad that he also felt sorry for her.

He knew that if Paula left today, Linda's mother might really regret it for a very long time.

Maybe she was really in a tough position!

Ethan sighed. He looked at Linda, and then looked at Paula. Although he was a little hesitant, he still said, "Forget it. It's over. You... please stay here for this meal!"

After showing great tolerance to them, Ethan couldn't help breathing a sigh of relief.

He did everything he could. If they didn't accept it, then there was nothing Ethan

could do.

Hearing what Ethan said, Linda's mother wiped her tears and squeezed out a smile. "Paula, see! Ethan has said so, could you please stay?"

Looking at Linda's mother, Paula was a little moved.

She then looked at the twelve sumptuous dishes on the table, feeling it was a pity if she left.

"Karen, considering what your aunt said, we'll stay, okay?" Paula said. "You see, she's already on her knees and begging you..."

Seeing this, Roy quickly persuaded Karen, "Yeah! Look at your Aunt. She is sincere. Let's forgive them this time..."

Karen could tell that they were trying to get her out of the embarrassing situation, so it was impossible for her to say anything else.

But still, she rolled her eyes at Linda's mother. "Well, I'm telling you, now that you beg me sincerely, I will stay. All of you, treat me better in the future, otherwise, I really won't forgive you any more!"

After that, Karen gave Ethan a sullen glare and angrily went back to her seat.

When Roy saw this, he also hurried to follow them.

Paula wanted to help Linda's mother up with an embarrassed look, but she quickly took back her hands as if she was afraid of something, and then said, "All right, don't cry. How old are you? Get up. I'm starving. Let's eat..."

Linda's mother was pretty happy. She nodded heavily and got up from the ground. "Okay, okay, okay. I'll get up. Paula, please sit. Let's eat!"

Linda's mother finally put on a smiling face after managing to have them stay.

But Ethan was really in a bad mood.

For the whole afternoon, he was very unhappy to see these three people.

Thinking of what Linda's mother did just now, he was even angrier. Why would she be so tolerant to them?

He thought, "Relatives? If you don't treat us well. Why should we be nice to you?"

"Even kneel down?"

The moment Linda knelt down to Paula, Ethan got shocked and mad. He couldn't believe what happened in front of him.

Ethan had thought that he was weak and easily bullied in the past. But compared with Linda's mother, he seemed to be much stronger.

Ethan sighed, signaled Linda to sit down, and passed her some food.

He was already very unhappy. He couldn't make Linda feel the same way.

Those three relatives sat on the opposite, and began to eat without saying a word.

The atmosphere in this room was a bit strange. The six of them were all engrossed in eating without saying a word all the time.

Linda's mother wanted to say something to defuse the embarrassment, but she never spoke out after she saw Ethan.

She knew that she put Ethan in a terrible situation.

At this moment, someone knocked on the door of the room. Ethan invited him in and a familiar figure came...

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When Ethan saw the comer, he felt a little surprised. It was Joshua.

Joshua didn't entirely recover, so he limped when he walked. Even so, he still smiled.

Ethan and Linda both knew Joshua, but the other four didn't know who he was. Seeing him come without an invitation, they all frowned.

"Who... who are you looking for?" Karen asked.

Joshua looked at Ethan with a smile and said, "Sorry to disturb you. Let me introduce myself. I am Joshua Owen, the son of the chairman of the Empire Hotel!"

Hearing what Joshua said, Paula and her families all gasped!

His father was the boss of the Empire Hotel? This was too surprising.

But they were extremely stunned. Why would such a noble man like him come here?

But soon, they all noticed that Joshua was holding an exquisite wine box.

The wine box was exquisitely made, red and slender. It seemed that there was just a bottle of red wine in it.

From the outlook of the antique wine box, it could be told that there was a rare kind of wine in it.

Learning the identity of Joshua, Karen and her families stood up immediately to show their respect to him, totally different from what they looked like just now.

"Nice to meet you!" Roy quickly stretched out his hand and welcomed him warmly, "Joshua, it's my pleasure to meet you!"

"You're really..." Karen seemed to be at a loss when she saw Joshua. She stammered, "Oh, I didn't expect your coming. Please have a seat."

Joshua glanced at Ethan, who was keeping silent all the time, so he didn't dare to sit down.

He heard from his dad that Ethan would treat some relatives here today, so he came over to have a look, and intended to send a good wine.

"Er... No, no, no. Haha, I heard that you came from afar today. I'm here to say hello. I hope I didn't bother you." Joshua said with a smile.

"No, no, no. You didn't bother us at all. Actually, it's our honor to have you here!" Roy flattered. He quickly took out his cigarette and handed it to Joshua. "Master Joshua, take a cigarette. My cigarette is not of high quality. Please don't mind."

Joshua said politely, "Thank you. I don't smoke. I'm really sorry. But since you give me that, I'd better accept it."

As Joshua took the cigarette, he didn't forget to look at Ethan, as if he was afraid that Ethan would disagree.

However, Ethan didn't respond, which relieved Joshua a lot.

He said in a hurry, "Actually, I'm just here to send you a bottle of wine." As he spoke, Joshua put the red wine box on the table.

Then he continued, "This red wine is originated in France. It was made in 1986, which was very precious. I asked my friend to buy it from abroad. The original price is 180,000 dollars. But I just have this one, please don't mind if it's not enough."

As soon as they heard that this bottle of wine actually cost 180,000 dollars, Karen and her families all were almost dumbfounded.

Karen even fixed her eyes on the red wine.

Today, she finally knew what the world of the rich was like. She could not imagine it.

"How could a bottle of wine be worth half of my house?"

Paula, who was standing by the side, was even more surprised. She had thought that today was normal. She did not expect to be lucky enough to see such an expensive red wine today. It was indeed a pleasant surprise.

The most expensive wine she had seen before cost several hundred dollars, which was already a luxury to her.

But this bottle of wine was worth 180,000. What kind of taste was it?

Seeing their surprised expressions, Joshua couldn't help smiling and said, "Well, that's it. I'll leave the wine here. Enjoy it, everyone. I have something else to do, so I'll show myself out."

After saying that, Joshua nodded slightly at Ethan and slowly walked out of the room.

"Joshua, why not sit for a while!" Roy hurried to catch up with him and tried to persuade him to stay.

Although he didn't know why Joshua suddenly came to deliver the wine, he knew that it was a precious opportunity for him to please such a wealthy man like Joshua.

Roy, of course, wanted to take this opportunity to get closer to Joshua. It was the best if he could get Joshua's phone number. In that case, it would not be in vain for him to come here.

However, Joshua seemed to be afraid of something. He shook his hands and left in a hurry.

No one knew that the reason why Joshua was in such a panic was that he was afraid of Ethan.

He came to deliver the wine without being invited. If he stayed a little longer, Ethan probably would not be happy.

Last time he provoked Ethan, he lost one leg, so he didn't dare to mess with Ethan any more.

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Though Joshua's arrival was just an unexpected episode, it broke the ice in the private room.

Karen, in particular, almost jumped with excitement when she saw Joshua leave.

"Roy, have you seen it? The successor of the Empire Hotel came to propose a toast to us personally!" Karen's eyes were shining as she picked up the red wine on the table and said excitedly, "One bottle of wine costs 180,000 dollars. That's too extravagant!"

Paula also became excited. She followed, "Exactly, I have never seen a bottle of wine worth 180,000 dollars. Roy, open it and have a look. I'd like to taste this red wine!"

Paula couldn't wait any longer.

In her opinion, she had not eaten a feast of 1.2 million dollars before, which would definitely be laughed at by others.

But if she could use this bottle of red wine to boast, she would probably be able to save some face.

Therefore, Paula couldn't wait to ask Roy to open the seal for the red wine.

However, her proposal was directly rejected by Karen, who rolled her eyes at her mother.

"Come on, you're so ignorant to open it." Linda curled her lips and said, "It's such an expensive red wine. If you drink it here today, it's a waste. He sent such precious wine out of good intention. You are being disrespectful to drink it on the spot!"

However, Karen were making excuse.

She just wanted to take advantage of it.

180,000 dollars was half of the price of her house.

If it was opened and drunk right now, it was not worth a penny.

Besides, Ethan, Linda and her mother were here. It would be fine if they drank the wine alone. Karen didn't want to share it with others.

However, everyone knew what she was thinking.

So, even Paula, her mother, gave her an angry stare.

Paula knew Karen well. Karen was the most greedy one who would take advantage of anything.

If she did not drink the wine today, she would never be able to touch this bottle of

wine again in her life. Because Karen would monopolize it.

Paula had experienced this kind of things for many times. So she totally knew Karen's intention.

However, Karen didn't care so much. She directly took the red wine from her mother's hands and carefully put it beside her.

She finally looked at Roy and giggled in a low voice, "Well, we didn't come for nothing today. We earned 180,000 dollars without any cost. By the way, Roy, check if the wine is real. Don't let that Joshua fool us!"

Although Linda's cousin's voice was very low, Ethan heard it.

Ethan shook his head contemptuously. People like them were really ignorant.

Joshua was the successor of the Empire Hotel. Was it necessary for him to cheat them with fake wine?

Moreover, they didn't know that this wine was for Ethan.

To be honest, a bottle of red wine worth 180,000 dollars was already a high-end product. Joshua probably wouldn't even bother to pay attention to them if it wasn't for Ethan.

And the most ridiculous thing was that they were still questioning whether the wine was authentic.

It was so ridiculous to think like that.

How would Joshua dare to give him a fake wine?

Ethan snorted and didn't pay any more attention to them, but he noticed that Roy actually went to check.

However, after he checked, Roy was shocked!

"What's wrong?" Seeing the expression on her husband's face, Karen was worried. "It can't be fake, right?"

Karen was extremely nervous at this time. Just now, she was full of expectations. If she found out that the red wine was fake, it would be like a roller coaster.

However, Roy shook his head and laughed. "That's bullsh*t. Watch your mouth. He's the successor of the Owen Family. Fake wine? Are you crazy?"

Roy seemed to be very excited. He directly threw the phone to Karen and said proudly, "Here, check it yourself!"

Karen looked surprised. She quickly picked up the phone to take a look.

As the phone showed, the picture of this wine was on an official website of a red wine company.

Karen looked at the price underneath the red wine. Her eyes widened and jaw almost dropped!

"30... 300,000?" Linda exclaimed, "Isn't it worth 180,000? The price is 300,000."

Hearing this, Roy smiled and said, "Silly fool, 180,000 dollars was the price a few years ago. As the wine gets less and less, the price will definitely rise!"

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Karen suddenly realized something and nodded with a smile, "Yes, that's it. That's great..."

It made Karen happier.

180,000 was already a big fortune to her.

With the price skyrocketing, Karen was so happy that she was going to laugh out loud.

The fact that a bottle of alcohol was worth more than half of the price of her house in the countryside made Karen even more excited.

This time, she felt even more pleased. She looked at her mother and continued, "Did you hear that? This wine is now worth 300,000 dollars. Do you still want to drink it? A sip costs thousand dollars."

Hearing this, Paula licked her lips, as if there was a kitten scratching in her heart. Although she was not reconciled, she had to nod after hearing what Karen said.

"Well, then, I give up."

Karen then looked at Ethan and Linda. Without even asking them, she put away the red wine.

"You..." Seeing this, Linda hurriedly looked at Ethan. She seemed a little unwilling and unhappy.

After all, Linda knew very well that the wine was for Ethan. Otherwise, Joshua wouldn't pay any attention to them.

However, just as Linda was about to say something, Ethan shook his head slightly.

Linda quickly leaned in to Ethan and whispered, "What? Joshua gave the wine to you. Are you willing to see them take it away?"

Ethan said nothing when he heard this.

He had just seen Linda's mother's kneel down, so he didn't want to think more about all these trifles.

This matter had greatly impressed Ethan. He didn't want to see Linda's mother do something unreasonable because he tried to save his face.

Anyway, no matter what happened today, Ethan chose to give in.

Karen still seemed to be in high spirits. She forgot why she could stay, and then she gave Linda and Ethan a contemptuous look as if it was a revenge for their behaviors just now.

"Interesting! Someone had wanted to drive us away. What a fool!" Karen said, "Now you see that the successor of the Empire Hotel volunteered to deliver us the wine. It can never happen to you if we are not here!"

She took all the credit on her own, looking very proud.

But what she got in return was Ethan's sneer.

"What are you laughing at?" Karen glared at Ethan and said discontentedly, "You'd better laugh at yourself!"

Ethan shook his head and didn't want to explain in detail to them.

But Linda couldn't bear it any more. She couldn't see Ethan being treated like this.

"Do you really think that Joshua's wine is for you?" Linda said in a bitter tone, "You guys even had no idea who he was just now! Don't you wonder why he sent this wine?"

What Linda said made Karen and Roy confused.

In fact, in such a short time, Karen and Roy were curious about this question as well.

However, they were afraid to delve too deeply into this matter. If this was the case, they would treat it as a gift, which could satisfy their vanity.

"What do you mean? Do you think it's for you?" Karen snorted coldly and said, "Let me tell you, this wine must be for us. Do you know why? Because my husband and Marcus are classmates. Maybe Joshua came here to give us the wine for this!"

Although it was ridiculous, it seemed that this was the only reason they could give when they knew nothing.

They had been using this reason to convince themselves all this while.

"What if Marcus was important in this Empire Hotel? What if Joshua wanted to train his own team in the Empire Hotel?"

Anyway, in the eyes of Karen, all of this was possible.

And it was impossible that this wine was given to Linda and Ethan.

"Who are you? You are just two poor students. Why should he send you wine?"

"You are really imaginative." Linda sneered. She looked at her cousin and said, "Since you are so naive, I have to tell you the truth!"

Linda glanced at Ethan and decided not to hide Ethan's identity anymore.

She said seriously, "To tell you the truth, Joshua's wine is for Ethan. You must feel confused. How come Joshua, a rich person, giving such a present to Ethan? Then I will tell you another fact that you are even more reluctant to accept. Ethan is

actually a rich person, the kind beyond your imagination!"

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The moment Linda said this, the air in the entire room was on the verge of freezing.

Paula and her families were all staring at Linda, as if they couldn't believe what had happened.

Saying that, Linda breathed a sigh of relief.

Realizing that she had finally gotten rid of the burden in her heart, she suddenly felt much more relieved.

Before this, she was afraid that they would ask Ethan for help once they knew Ethan's identity, which would bring unnecessary troubles to Ethan.

She hid the truth out of good intentions. But after experiencing all these things, Linda realized that she had been completely wrong!

The result of concealing his identity was the greater humiliation from them.

Linda had borne all this in the past, so she naturally knew how uncomfortable it was to be looked down upon and humiliated.

Therefore, Linda didn't want Ethan to bear it anymore. She chose to completely tell these people Ethan's identity and let them know what a big shot Ethan was to make them frightened.

Linda continued, "Also, you must be curious about the car Ethan drove when he came to pick you up. It was the so-called Passat. How ridiculous. Do you know that it's a luxury car worth more than four million dollars? Don't you want to know whose car it is? To tell you the truth, that car belongs to the boss of the Empire Hotel! And..."

Linda said a lot. She said so much just to release herself and let these people know how ignorant they were!

Indeed, Paula and her families were stunned by her words for a long time.

Then they looked at each other, and suddenly burst into laughter.

"Rich man? Oh my god, how funny!" Karen laughed and pointed at Ethan, saying, "Linda, you are so funny! Why don't you say that he is the richest person in the world? Gosh! What the hell are you thinking to make such a big joke?"

"Exactly, Linda, we know that you don't want us to look down on this guy, but don't tell such a ridiculous lie!" Roy sarcastically laughed and said, "You said that he is a rich man? You also said that this wine was given because of him? It's so lame! Do you think we are foolish or blind? With this look, you say that he is a rich man? No

one will believe it!"

Their mocking made Linda at a loss.

She thought that as long as she tell the truth, these people would be respectful to Ethan.

But she had never expected that they didn't even believe her. She was too naive!

"What are you laughing at? I'm telling the truth!" Linda tried her best to explain,

"Ethan is really a rich man. You can't even imagine how powerful his family is..."

"Puff... hahaha... You're still quibbling, really... Linda, I think you are insane, totally insane!" Karen laughed more wildly, and the disdain for Ethan and Linda in her heart became more and more serious. "Are you trying to fool us? No, you are obviously making yourself a fool. Interesting, you'd better take a close look at yourself!"

Saying that, Karen burst out laughing again with her husband.

"I'm not..." Linda was so anxious that she almost cried. She said in a choked voice, "I'm not lying. I'm telling the truth. Why don't you believe it? If Ethan were not that rich, how dare he treat you here? If Ethan were not that rich, how could Joshua lend him a luxury car?"

Hearing this, Karen smiled coldly, and then said, "Come on! Do you really think we are fools? Yes, he invited us here for this meal. But I guess that he must be wondering how to let us pay the bill. As for the car, it is more explainable. Even if the car is worth millions, it will be settled with thousands of dollars to rent it!"

"He rented a car just to show off in front of us, didn't he?" Karen continued, "He probably heard that Roy has already achieved a little in our hometown. He's afraid that he is too shabby to see us, so he came up with so many tricks to show off. But Linda, aren't you too naive? My husband and I have been in society for so many years. We can see through this kind of little trick at a glance. Don't you think it's too funny?"

Linda didn't know what to say. She didn't expect her cousin to react like that.

Linda looked helplessly at Ethan, with her eyes full of apologies.

She wanted to stand up for Ethan, but she didn't expect that now the misunderstanding was deeper.