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The caller was Helen!

It had been close to two weeks since Darius rescued Helen from Luke's vile actions. After taking her to her dorm, she kissed him on the lips and ran off before he could even react.

After that day, he had

tried to get in touch with her; not because of the kiss, but because he wanted to know if she was doing alright as he guessed that she might have gotten a huge scare.

Contrary to his expectations, Helen refused to pick any of his calls at all! Not only that, she totally refused any meeting with him at all, leaving Darius at a total loss on what to do. She was completely avoiding him.

Darius had no choice but to leave her for the time being. He had no

idea why she was avoiding him, but he respected her choice. He still had a lot of things to do, so he couldn't spend his whole time thinking about Helen's refusal to meet with him.

Therefore one could imagine how surprised he was when he saw that the caller was Helen. He did not expect her to contact him so soon.

"Hello, Darius."

Helen greeted in a low but audible voice. She had decided to call Darius because she felt incredibly guilty about how she had been ignoring him.

"Hi, Helen." Darius answered. There was a tinge of impatience in his voice however. He still had several matters to overlook and documents regarding his company to sign. He was

incredibly busy at that moment and therefore he was not in the mood to exchange pleasantries and engage in small talk with Helen.

"Are you busy right now?" Helen asked hesitantly. She could hear the impatience in Darius' voice and being a very

observant person, she guessed that Darius was greatly occupied at the moment. As such, she skipped all pleasantries and went straight to the reason why she called

Darius.

“Would you be willing to have a meal with me next week?” Helen asked timidly. Her heart was beating very rapidly at that moment. She was ninety percent sure that Darius would decline her invitation, especially after she ignored him for weeks.

“I don’t know yet.” Darius answered honestly. He was too busy right now to create time for a meet up with Helen. It was only after he concluded his affairs here that he would be able to meet up and have a meal with her.

“Oh. Alright.” Helen responded dejectedly. Now that she thought about it, avoiding him all these while wasn’t a reasonable thing to do. She should have at least met with him and told him that the kiss she gave him was done out of impulse. That way, the atmosphere between them wouldn’t be so weird now.

Darius heard Helen’s dejected voice and sighed softly. Although he bore no romantic feelings towards her, he was still very worried about her well being. Sadly, he was too busy to meet up with her. However, not wanting to disappoint Helen and make her feel sad, he decided to compromise

“I’ll be busy for some time, but I assure you that once I’m done I’ll give you a call regarding that meal.” Darius said,

Helen nearly jumped up in joy at Darius’ words, but forced herself to remain calm. Even then, there was a very huge smile on her face, “Certainly!” Helen replied happily.

Darius smiled softly at her happy response before disconnecting the phone call.

Once the phone call was disconnected, Helen threw her phone on the bed before jumping up several times in her dorm room. She was incredibly happy at that moment,

Why did she kiss Darius? Wasn’t it because she had already fallen for him?

Are you kidding? Which girl in her right senses wouldn’t fall for Darius?

He had saved her twice, and was willing to spend a huge sum of money for her when they were still strangers. How many men were willing to do that now without demanding something in return?

He was not only tall, handsome and wealthy, he was also very kind! He wasn’t like the previous men she had met before who looked down on her because of her poor background and chased after her with money.

In other words, Darius was her dream man and prince charming.

She knocked herself hard on the head for taking so long to come to this realization. What if someone else had stolen Darius' heart during the time she was avoiding him? How would she live with that then?

Helen knew that now was not the time

to be passive anymore. If she didn't up her game, then a perfect guy like Darius would be snatched away by other vixens!

Meanwhile in his office, Darius sneezed loudly at that moment. He wiped his nose with his handkerchief and furrowed his eyebrows.

Someone must definitely be gossiping about him at that moment; but as it was impossible for him to know who, he turned his attention back to the documents on his table and continued working.

The next eight hours flew by, and Darius was completely immersed in his work. The only time he paused was to eat his lunch. Aside from that, he was completely focused on his work. He just finished signing another document when he heard a knock on his office door.

"Come in." Darius said.

The door opened and Erin walked in. She was still as beautiful as ever, but her radiance was not enough to hide the dark circles that were forming under her eyes. As the new company was severely understaffed, even with Darius' help, Erin still found herself doing three times the work Darius did.

Erin greeted Darius with a light bow before speaking "Mr. Reid, you have a visitor."

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Darius frowned slightly at Erin's words as he wasn't expecting a visitor anytime soon. However since this person had come to see him, he figured that he should entertain the person.

"Let the visitor in." Darius said.

Erin nodded in agreement before exiting the office. Seconds later, the door to the office pushed open and a man stepped in, with Erin following suit.

One look at the man showed that the man was an ordinary business man. He was dressed in a worn out black suit that had several patches on it, and his shoes were equally worn out. Even though Darius was sure that he was middle aged, the wrinkles on his face made him seem way older than he actually was.

“Thank you for agreeing to meet with me, Mr. Reid!” the man greeted in a very polite voice. He even gave a light bow as he spoke.

Darius merely smiled in response to his greetings. He had seen his outfit and knew that he was an ordinary, or perhaps even a struggling business man, but there was no scorn in his expression. He recently became rich after all. What kind of person would he be if he was arrogant and condescending to someone when he was just as poor before?

“Please have a seat, Mister...” Darius trailed off. The man had not introduced himself so there was no way Darius would know his name.

The man instantly knew what Darius was asking of him and spoke up in a respectful manner

“Pardon me, Mr. Reid!” He exclaimed. “It’s incredibly silly of me to not introduce myself to someone of your status yet.”

Darius merely smiled in response to his words; however his eyebrows were a bit furrowed. He was extremely uncomfortable by the amount of flattery that the visitor offered him. The visitor was very observant and noticed that Darius was not interested in his pleasantries; therefore he went straight to the point.

“My name is Zack Lyle.” The man said.

Darius simply looked at him in silence, indicating him to go ahead with his statement.

“Ahem-“the man coughed lightly. When he Darius was beginning to run out of patience, he quickly spoke up and stated the reason for his visit. “Pardon my impudence Mr. Reid.” Zack started.

“I am the owner of

a small business company. We were doing well recently, and even managed to get a project with a conglomerate group. We had already signed the contract and were waiting for our rapid growth when the conglomerate group in question suddenly encountered some troubles.”

“As a small business company, I wanted no part in what seemed to be a squabble between two giants in the business world, so I withdrew from the project.” “However, I had already invested majority of the

profits and capital my company generated into the project, so when I pulled out, I was left with nothing.”

“I thought I would be able to handle it, but the backlash from the withdrawal gave my company a severe hit I tried to contact other several multinational groups in the city to try and invest in it, but they all refused.”

“In the end, I had to use my personal assets and money to pay off majority of my employees’ salary as they were no longer interested in working for me.” Zack said. There was an undertone of hurt in his voice

“As for the reason for my visit here, I did some research and discovered that this is a relatively new company. Since the location it is founded in is metropolitan city, it would be incredibly tough for your company to gain a foothold in the city” Zack mentioned tactfully.

Seeing as Darius’ full attention was placed on him, he continued speaking,

“For your company to become an entity in such a metropolitan city, you will need several experienced employees.” Zack added

“And why are you telling me all these?” Darius asked straightforwardly

“Ahem -” Zack coughed lightly at Darius’ straightforwardness before answering

“The truth is that I traveled a long distance to come here, and I was fortunate that a good number of my employees were willing to continue working for me, even when my company was only generating losses.”

“I came here to ask for your assistance. Please take in my company under your wing” Zack concluded and bowed deeply to Darius,

Darius fell silent once more at his request. After listening to Zack’s explanation, he understood the reasons behind his actions.

His company was on the verge of being folded, and after searching, no conglomerate groups were willing to invest in his third rate company. Desperate, he was left with no choice than to seek the help of a relatively new company.

To be honest, Darius was indeed tempted to employ Zack. He could see the shrewdness of a very experienced and veteran business man in Zack’s eyes. He was sure that Zack would be a very great asset to his

company. Even though he had both himself and Erin, they were still relatively young. They still lacked experience when it came to some business situations,

However, Darius didn't want to employ a complete

stranger. He had to make sure that Zack was a very trustworthy person before he added him to his company's ranks. As such, Darius was very conflicted at the moment.

Zack stood and watched Darius; his heart beating profusely as he did. Even after being offered a seat by Erin, the pretty assistant, he had refused to have a seat.

He was incredibly tensed at the moment, as his whole company depended on Darius.

When he came to search for a company, he only wanted to receive some investment funds from a wealthy firm; so when he saw the very imposing and regal building of West Atlantics Int'l, he was very excited. He quickly took his time and did some research. He was shocked to find out that it was a relatively new investment company. Yet from his research, even though West Atlantics Int'l was a very new company, they were able to fork out a huge sum of money for renovations!

That wasn't what shocked him the most. Although it was a very low-key transaction, after digging around several media outlets, it was mentioned that the company had forked out over 20 billion dollars to buy a conglomerate group! It was then that he changed his mind. Seeing the regal and imposing headquarters

of the company, and coupled with the media reports, he knew that West Atlantics Int'l was a very wealthy group. Now that he was here, rather than asking for investment funds, it would be wiser to be employed by the group and grow along with them.

One could understand the pressure he was feeling at that moment. If Darius refused to employ him and his employees, it would be a huge blow for him.

Just as he arrived at that conclusion, Darius raised his head and looked at Zack with a firm gaze. He had come to a decision.

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"Certainly Mr. Reid." Zack replied. He had a dejected expression on his face, but

still made sure to be polite to Darius. Although Darius didn't accept him, he didn't outrightly reject him

either. He could only wait for his phone call. If he didn't receive any phone call from Darius after a week, then he would ask for investments.

Zack bowed lightly again before exiting Darius' office. When he left, Darius motioned to Erin. Erin naturally understood what her superior wanted, so she nodded in response. He

wanted her to research about Zack and see if he was trustworthy. If he was, then there was no harm in employing him. As soon as Erin left his office to fulfill that task, his phone rang once more. Darius checked the caller ID and saw that it was Bruce. He quickly answered the phone call and placed the phone to his ear.

"Hello, Young master Reid." Bruce started politely.

"Yes Bruce; is anything the problem?" Darius asked, going straight to the point. He was now incredibly busy and didn't have time for idle talk.

"Yes. There is a business gathering in Ashville city, and only the

top business giants are invited. Your grandfather was naturally invited, but he told me to pass the invitation to you. As you are building your new company, you will definitely meet other businessmen like you and benefit from this gathering." Bruce said.

Darius fell silent at that. It was true that

his company was still very new, and since he was starting his business in a metropolitan city without the support of the Reid family, he was bound to struggle in the initial stages.

Yet that would not be the case if he attended the business gathering. After all, many wealthy and top businessmen would be present. It would be a great opportunity to connect with them, both personally and business wise.

"Alright. I'll be sure to attend." Darius answered.

Bruce heaved a sigh of relief at that. He thought that Darius would reject the invitation offer, but that wasn't the case. He readily accepted it instead.

"The gathering is in one week from now. That's all." Bruce concluded.

Darius thanked him and disconnected the phone call before focusing on his work. There was still a lot of work for him to do.

It took only two days for Erin to complete her investigation of Zack Lyle. When Darius read her report, he was incredibly stunned. It turned out that Zack Lyle was a brilliant business man!

As a matter of fact, he was already on his way to recognition in his city. It was a pity that the conglomerate group got caught in a nasty

conflict. If it weren't for that, he would have risen to become a first rate businessman easily.

Darius was sure that even if he didn't employ Zack, with his sharp business acumen and shrewdness, it would only be a matter of time before he got back on his feet. All he needed was an investment.

It was even more shocking when Darius discovered the amount of workers that were willing to keep working for Zack. It was well over 500! It was certainly very impressive that in a company of over 1,000 workers, Zack had managed to retain over 500 of them that were extremely loyal to him.

Erin had taken the time to go through each and every one of the worker resume, and she discovered that all the 500 workers had clean history and background, were very hard working, and were also exceptional in their own fields.

Darius then strongly believed that his encounter with Zack was a blessing in disguise. If he could employ the service of all 500 workers and Zack, his company would have a much needed boost in terms of manpower. After all, he didn't lack the money to employ them. Darius quickly made a phone call to Zack and informed him of his decision to employ them. Zack was profoundly happy at Darius' decision. Even though it was late in the night, he took the public train and rushed over to the West Atlantic Int'l building.

He met up

with Darius and thanked him profusely for his decision. Darius was a bit embarrassed at how earnest Zack was being at that moment. After a few minutes, Darius finally convinced Zack to stop thanking him.

Zack had to return to inform his staff of the good

news because he had come from another city that was far away from where Darius had founded his new company. Although he wasn't sure whether all five hundred workers would agree to move with him as they certainly had families that they had to cater for, he still had to inform them of the latest development.



Darius and Zack talked for a few more minutes before coming to a conclusion. Zack promised to return with the rest of his employees in a week's time and thanked Darius one last time before exiting the office.

Darius was definitely happy after Zack left. He was still a university student after all, so he couldn't always be at the company. When the two month break given to them by the university was over, he would have to return to the university.

This would mean that his original responsibilities would fall back to Erin, and surely she couldn't handle everything alone. Now that Zack was here, he didn't need to worry about that anymore.

Darius and Erin then immersed themselves in work, caring little for anything else. As they were severely understaffed, they naturally had to do more work than usual. Even the forty employees were disgruntled at the amount of work they had to do, as they had to work overtime, and even sleep over several times in order to get their tasks done.

However, no matter how disgruntled they felt, they dared not express it. The reason was because their salaries were twice as much as the normal salaries for their jobs. Therefore, the only thing they could do was complain on the inside. Just like that time flew by, and it was now the day for the business gathering in Ashville city.

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(Dragon Estate, Dragon Lord's Imperial Residence)

Darius woke up later than usual. He had worked late

into the morning the previous day, which was the reason he woke up later than usual. Fortunately, he was able to complete all of his work because of his all nighter.

By the time he woke up, it was already mid noon. He

then performed his morning routines which included his martial arts and meditated.

As Darius practiced his martial arts, he noticed that his moves were even more fluid than before. It was as if they got better and more powerful with each practice routine, leaving Darius utterly confused.

He had no idea that his

grandfather had used an ancient potion to heal him of his injuries, and it was the golden potion that improved his physical prowess and made

his martial arts moves stronger and more powerful than before.

Darius didn't think much about it, and took a quick shower when he was done with practicing his martial arts.

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He was having his breakfast when his phone rang. He checked the caller

ID and saw that it was Bruce. He then answered the call.

"Hello young master Reid." Bruce said respectfully.

"Hello Bruce." Darius answered.

"I'm calling to remind you about the business gathering in Ashville city. Do you need me to send someone to pick you up?" Bruce asked politely.

"No. I'll be attending on my own." Darius replied. "Thank you for your worry though."

"Certainly young master Reid." Bruce answered bitterly. He could only accept his Darius' decision.

Darius then disconnected the phone call. He knew that Bruce was probably following the orders of his grandfather, but if he agreed to Bruce's request, then his grandfather would go way over the top, and it was something that Darius didn't want.

He was still eating his breakfast when another call came in. This time around it was from Erin, his personal assistant. Darius answered the call immediately. They conversed for some minutes before Darius disconnected the phone call.

The reason Erin called was because of a document Darius overlooked. Darius asked her to email the document to him. He was about to disconnect the phone call when something flashed in his mind.

He had been so busy with work that he completely forgot to inform Erin about the business gathering. If she hadn't called now, he would have totally forgotten to extend an invitation letter to her.

Darius then extended an invitation letter to her. Even though Erin was usually very busy, she immediately put aside all her work without hesitation and agreed to go the gathering in Ashville city.

Darius was a bit shocked at her enthusiasm and willingness to attend the business gathering. He half expected her to turn down his request since she was usually very busy, but that wasn't what happened. She instead eagerly accepted his request. Darius however didn't think too much about her decision. They conversed for a few more minutes before Darius disconnected the phone call.

He then dressed up for the business gathering. As Ashville city was quite a considerable distance from Dragon Estate, Darius needed to leave early, if not he would be late to the gathering

He put on a pair of refined suit, and a pair of luxurious leather shoes. He still wore the same expensive wristwatch that Bruce had gifted to him for the charity gala some months ago. When he was done with his dressing up, he took the elevator to his private garage. He then got into his Lamborghini and drove off.

[Iris Hotel, Ashville city) Outside a very luxurious hotel, a huge number of people were gathered outside. There was a red carpet spread out, and a lot of journalists and reporters were present. Beautiful hostesses moved around busily, welcoming the people present, while the security guards moved about, making sure to maintain order in the crowd. –

The reason for such a scene was well known. The business gathering that Darius was invited to by his grandfather was an annual event at Ashville city, and only the top businessmen were invited. Apart from the businessmen, high ranking celebrities were also invited.

The event for the gathering was even Iris Hotel, the only ten star hotel in the city. There were only a handful of ten star hotels in the country, and Iris Hotel was one of them.

As such, such crowd pull was completely normal. After all, many of their favorite celebrities would be

present, and they would be able to see them in person. If they were lucky, they could even take a picture or two with them.

At that point, the attendees for the business gathering began to arrive. A very classy Maybach car pulled up right next to the red carpet. The bodyguards present hastily rushed to the car and opened the door for the person seated inside. A middle aged man then alighted from the vehicle.

“Wow! It's really him! It's Mr. William Jung of the Jung Group in the flesh!” an excited voice exclaimed. It wasn't only him that recognized William Jung, because as soon as he alighted from the car, several voices cheered loudly. The journalists and reporters all started taking pictures at a rapid rate, since it wasn't every day they saw wealthy and prominent figures like William Jung

As he walked, a flag representing his status as a VIP was raised. Every VIP who attended was prepared to show something off to present their identity and business.

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William Jung was all smiles as he waved to the crowd under the protection of two bodyguards, before stepping past the hotel lavish doors.

After his arrival, several other VIPs which included celebrities as well started making their appearance.

Numerous luxury cars flooded the scene, with a lot of top businessmen and celebrities already present. By this time, everybody was bubbling with excitement. The journalists and reporters were particularly busy taking pictures. After all, most of the VIPs were flaunting their luxury cars and wealth to show how powerful and wealthy they were; and as how they arrived would be published in the papers the next day, none of them wanted to look inferior to anyone.

The crowd's excitement seemed to suddenly escalate as a very dazzling sports car, unlike any of the previous ones, arrived at the scene.

It was very shocking to say the least. Although most cars present were very luxurious, none were as luxurious and spectacular as this sports car!

While everyone present were still reeling in shock about the car, the doors to the car opened, and a young man alighted from the vehicle.

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The crowd present all let out surprised gasps when the young man alighted from the car. He was incredibly handsome!

With a very attractive face, a well built body, and very clear skin, he was even more handsome than the male celebrities and models that arrived earlier.

They were not just shocked by his attractive appearance, but also by his classy entrance. The car that he drove to the gathering looked incredibly expensive, and one

glance told them that it was a class above the other cars the businessmen and celebrities came with.

The paparazzi and the media people present hurriedly took pictures of the incredibly handsome young man. Although they had not seen him before, the fact that he was present at the gathering, and with such a dazzling car nevertheless proved that the young man was of impressive background. Of course, the young man in question was none other than Darius.

Darius was the last person to arrive to the gathering, as he had driven a very far distance. He looked at the crowd with an impassive expression on his face before walking towards the hotel lavish doors, ignoring the loud cheers behind him.

When Darius stepped inside the hotel, a surprised expression crept onto his face. The hotel truly was a prime location to host several top businessmen and celebrities in the country. The interior of the hotel was duly decorated with the best of materials, and it was extremely eye-catching. The chandeliers were cut from the most exquisite of jewels, and the floors were polished to perfection.

As Darius walked around, the businessmen spared him some glances, but it was only for a few seconds before they continued their prior activities. Even though Darius was very attractive, most of them didn't know him.

The hall was soon very busy, as people moved from one place to another, while those that remained in one place were engaged in business related discussions.

Everyone knew the purpose behind the gathering. It was a gathering to bring several top businessmen together, and also to make connections. Of course, one could also conclude some business or project deals on personal terms in the gathering. It was especially so for the celebrities

The actors and actresses, musicians and movie directors were all here to search for top businessmen to invest in their movies, record label or projects. As such, the hall was very busy, as everyone was moving around with different purposes.

It was exactly why the businessmen present paid little attention to Darius. They were not present when he arrived in such a dazzling sports car, otherwise they wouldn't have hesitated to strike a conversation with him. His presence and the car he drove proved that his background was a very strong one, and they would be sure to benefit from it

Darius wasn't bothered about their indifferent behavior to him. He expected it since the people present didn't know his identity; and he was only here because of his grandfather, he didn't place much attention to their behavior.

He took a glass of sparkling wine from a server that passed by him and took a sip before resting his back against the cool wall. As he was relaxing amidst the loud chatter,

he noticed several of the businessmen and male celebrities glancing frequently towards a direction.

Having his curiosity aroused, he also stole a glance at the said direction. A smile unknowingly broke out on his face when he saw the cause of their unrest.

It was his personal assistant, Erin Chrysalis!

Erin looked completely astounding and breathtaking. Her

white hair was styled to perfection, and she was dressed in an equally stunning white gown. The white gown showed a bit of cleavage, exposing a bit of her well rounded breasts, while there was a slit on the gown, showing off her long legs and fair skin.

The males present in the building found themselves flaring with lust. They had never seen such a perfect combination of sexy and innocent. Even Darius himself found himself heating up at how outfit. However he quickly controlled himself. He didn't want to have such dirty thoughts about his personal assistant.

There was also another beautiful

and charming lady beside Erin. Although the lady wasn't as beautiful and sexy as Erin, she was not far off. She had blonde hair which was styled to perfection, and an hourglass figure that could set off the primal lust in men, just like Erin. The lady and Erin conversed freely, creating a pleasant sight to watch in the hall.

Darius felt that the lady was incredibly familiar to him, but couldn't place where he had seen her before. Nevertheless, he started walking over to where Erin stood conversing with the other lady.

When Darius began walking, the businesspeople and male celebrities took note and began watching him with interest. Their looks of interest however changed to those of scorn and sneers when they discovered that his aim were the two extremely beautiful females in the hall.

The reason for their scorn was quite obvious. Several of the businessmen and celebrities had gone up to strike a conversation with Erin, but she turned them all down.

Her actions put the businessmen and celebrities who were not used to rejection in a sour mood, but since they knew nothing of her background, and which group she worked for, they dared not start trouble and left. They knew that before you could be present in the gathering, you had to be of impressive background.

Besides, Erin was too beautiful. They didn't want to be on the bad side of such a beautiful lady.

As a result, it was obvious why they looked at Darius unfavorably.

“Some people are just too full of themselves. Do they think that because they’re a bit good looking everything would bend to their will?” A businessman questioned scornfully

The businessman who asked the question was Alan Roberts, the director of Dream Investment Group, a very outstanding investment group in his country. He was a well known figure in the business world, and had several pretty ladies at his command to service him

He was among the businessmen who walked up to Erin to strike a conversation with her. Even though he was balding and had a potbelly, as the director of Dream Investment Group, he expected his name to hold some weight, and even impress her. Contrary to his expectations, Erin didn’t spare him a single glance!

Dejected, he had no choice but to leave. Her actions dealt a severe blow to his self esteem. Therefore, he was especially angry when he discovered Darius’aim.

Everyone felt the same way Alan did, because even the most attractive male celebrities had failed to capture Erin’s interest. They expected a repeat of earlier failures, but Erin’s actions completely surprised them!

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Erin was conversing with the pretty lady jovially when Darius started walking towards them. She noticed him coming towards her, but hastily turned her face away. She had been approached by several businessmen, but turned them all down. She thought the male approaching them was another one of such businessmen hoping to try his luck.

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“You’ve arrived.”A male voice said.

She had made up her mind to ignore him, but when she heard the male’s voice, she turned her head around in shock.

As she suspected, the male who approached her was Darius!

Excited and relieved at his appearance, she did something completely shocking. She threw herself at him, hugging him tightly in the presence of everyone.

The people present all had shocked expressions on their faces, including the lady beside Erin. Alan Roberts could barely believe his eyes. This was a blatant slap to his face. His face turned red from anger.

Darius himself was equally as shocked. He did not expect her reaction at all. Erin's perfume was Very pleasant, and her swelling breasts sank into Darius rock hard chest, stimulating him. Unable to withstand the stimulation, Darius was about to push Erin gently away from him, but Erin willingly separated from him.

There was a triumphant smile on her face as she separated from Darius, but as Darius was still recovering from the stimulation he received, he was unable to notice it.

After a few seconds, he finally

got a hold of himself. He then took the opportunity to take a proper look at the beautiful lady who was conversing with Erin before his arrival. It was then he recognized who she was.

She was Mila Smith, an A-list actress for Berry Entertainment Agency,

Darius knew her mainly because Rudd and Greg, his two friends were huge fans of Mila,

She was

a well known actress who had starred in several top movies, and Greg and Rudd both had several banners of her which they hung on the walls of their dormitory room. They even had numerous items and souvenirs of Mila Smith.

Darius let out a small laugh when he thought about them. If they knew that he was meeting with their goddess now, his two friends would have skinned him alive.

Darius was however curious about one thing. He had no idea how Erin became acquainted with an A-list

actress.

"Mr. Reid, this is my former high school classmate, Mila Smith." Erin introduced Mila to Darius when she saw his confused gaze.

Darius let out a small smile at that. Erin and Mila were actually high school classmates, which was why they were acquainted with each other.

By this time, the businessmen had all removed their attention from the three people. They had several things to discuss among themselves; hence they didn't have time to win the affection of a woman they knew little about.



Alan Roberts on the other hand didn't follow the steps of the other businessmen. He stood still and kept on glaring at the trio. As the director of Dream Investment Group, he was always used to people flattering him. He could always get any lady he wanted. Hence, Erin's rejection came as a shock to him. He had never been so humiliated before,

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A wicked glint shone in his eyes at that moment. There was no way he could take such humiliation lying down.

"Yul, isn't that Mila Smith, the A-

list actress of Berry Entertainment Agency?" Alan asked Yul, a tall and lanky man with beady eyes, who was his personal assistant.

"Yes, she is the one." Yul answered respectfully.

"How impudent!" Alan exclaimed angrily. A director from Berry Entertainment Agency had sought the help of several investment groups to invest in their upcoming movie. They had demanded a huge sum of 100 million dollars for the movie.

Although many investment groups were interested in investing in the movie, especially since the A-

list actress Mila Smith would be starring in it, the price for the investment naturally put them off. If by any chance the movie flopped, the amount they could lose would deal a very heavy blow to their business, especially in such a competitive field.

Alan was the only one who had stepped up

and invested the required 100 million dollars for the movie, albeit he didn't do it for free. The director had persuaded several female actresses to sleep with him before Alan finally invested in them.

Naturally, he was extremely interested in Mila Smith, but as she had already made a name for herself, the director was unable to persuade her to spend the night with Alan.

Alan was beside himself with joy when he saw that the lady beside Erin was indeed Mila Smith. The time he had spoken with Erin, Mila was yet to make her

appearance, which explained his joy when he saw that Mila was acquainted with Erin.

Still happy, he walked over to where the

three of them conversed with confident steps. Erin noticed him approaching them, a frown subconsciously crept on to her face. She recognized him as

the sleazy businessman who had come up to her before. Even though plenty other people had come up to her before, she remembered the man clearly because she was disgusted at

the way his eyes seemed to undress her without any regard for her feelings. She was exceptionally harsh in her rejection to his advances.

Darius noticed Erin's discomfort, and turned to see Alan approaching them; but before he could say anything, Alan was already close to them.

"We meet again, beautiful." Alan said confidently when he got to where they stood. He didn't even spare Darius a single glance, only focusing his attention on Erin.

Erin merely grunted in response. Even though she

was disgusted by him, he was still the director of a prominent investment group. She didn't want to go overboard.

"Why don't you introduce her to me, Mila?" Alan asked tactfully when he noticed that Erin wasn't warming up to him.

Both Darius and Erin turned to Mila with curiosity in their gazes. They didn't know that she was familiar with Alan.

Mila had a wry smile on her face. She also hated Alan to the core. Not only was he shameless, he was also a perverted bastard. If she hadn't made a

name for herself in the movie industry, perhaps she would also have been forced by the director to sleep with him.

She wanted to ignore Alan, but when she saw the warning glint in his assistant's eyes, a shiver ran down her spine. Left with no other choice, she introduced Alan to them.

She understood what Alan's intentions were when he approached them. He clearly wanted to make use of her to get closer to Erin. She also understood his assistant's warning glance. If she didn't cooperate, he

would withdraw his 100 million dollars investment fund. Mila certainly knew what was at stake here, hence she had no choice than to play along and obey him.

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"This gentleman here is Alan Roberts, the director of Dream Investment Group" Mila said, introducing Alan to them, albeit unwillingly

Erin's eyebrow perked at that S country was a large one, and the business world was very competitive, therefore it was hard for a company to rise to prominence Dream Investment Group was one of the companies that had risen to prominence amidst the harsh competition among business groups in S country

She had expected the director of the investment group to be a competent and impressive person, but she was disappointed at the discovery It turned out that the director was a balding and perverted man.

Darius eyebrows' also perked up at that. Given that his company was also investment based, he had searched for his direct competitors in the business world, and Dream Investment Group was among them Since Dream Investment Group was located quite a distance from his company, he didn't expect to meet personnel from the investment group so soon, especially the director of the group

He now understood why his grandfather pushed the invitation to him. Despite how far away Dream Investment Group was located, the director still attended the gathering. It was safe to say that no one here could be underestimated

"It's a pleasure to meet you." Alan flatteringly said to Erin.

Erin was about to respond, but Darius interrupted her.

"We'll be taking our leave now, Mr. Alan." Darius said flatly before turning and walking away with Erin following him closely, leaving Mila alone with Alan and Yul.

Mila could only smile apologetically at Alan, even though she felt very glad on the inside Alan blushed with embarrassment at the way they left him hanging awkwardly. He couldn't believe that Darius didn't show him any iota of respect Just as he was about to blow his top, a loud voice echoed in the hall.

The moment the voice echoed, the hall instantly became silent. Everyone, including Alan, immediately ceased their discussions and focused their attention on the podium in the hall,

A man who appeared to be over fifty years old stood atop the podium in the hall. Despite his grey hair patches, he was tall and handsome even in his old age. He was clothed in a luxury white suit, with several expensive rings adorning his fingers

At first impression, he appeared to be any other successful businessman. However, as he stood there, one couldn't help but notice the powerful aura he exuded

The reason was simple, as the owner of the voice was none other than Tyrell Sanders, the head of the Sanders Groups and the host for the gathering today

The Sanders Groups was a very affluent and influential group in Scountry, which was evident since Tyrell was able to attract several top businessmen and celebrities around the country to the gathering. Everyone wanted to get in his good books, so no one dared to speak up the moment they heard his voice,

Tyrell had a satisfied look at the respect he was given. He cleared his throat lightly before speaking

"I would like to thank you all for humoring my invitation and gracing this hall with your presence," Tyrell

said humbly,

As we all know the purpose of this gathering is for us businessmen to connect and network with one another. Tyrell continued in a graceful tone

He continued speaking for a few minutes, and at the end of his speech, several of the people present

began to clap

When the claps died down, he spoke up once more

"Before I take my leave, I would like to introduce one more person to us," Tyrell started.

Everyone looked at each other in confusion when they heard Tyrell's words

Who was Tyrell Sanders?

He was the head of Sanders Group, a very affluent business group. Even to meet with him was extremely hard, and yet, the same Tyrell Sanders claimed that he wanted to introduce someone to them.

Everyone's eyes lit up at that moment. Tyrell introducing someone to them only meant one thing: The person must have a very impressive background!

“Mr. Darius Reid, please come up.” Tyrell announced politely

The people were also stunned by his polite tone, but maintained their silence. They all wondered who Darius Reid was that he would be able to command such respect from someone like Tyrell Sanders,

The people present all looked around enthusiastically as they didn't want to miss who the individual was, so when they saw the young man who majority of them ridiculed and scorned before walking up to the podium, they were extremely shocked.

“The young man from before is Darius Reid?!”

They couldn't believe their eyes. Alan eyes were as wide as saucers! He was twice as shocked as his fellow businessmen after all, he had put up an arrogant display in front of Darius. He felt incredibly stupid now, as the person he was showing off was someone who Tyrell Sanders treated with respect

Darius had no idea what the businessmen thought about him, as he was also surprised. He had never met Tyrell Sanders before, therefore he had no idea why he suddenly called him to the podium.

Nevertheless, Tyrell was the host of the gathering, and therefore he was certainly someone very influential since he could hand his grandfather an invitation letter, he decided to respond to his call. It would be in bad taste of him and extremely embarrassing for Tyrell if he ignored his call.

Tyrell was very glad when Darius walked over to him. As the head of a very influential group, he naturally knew how far apart the Reid Consortium and Sanders Group were. If he could please James Reid grandson, Darius Reid, it would be very beneficial to his group.

This is Mr. Darius Reid, the founder of West Atlantics Int'l, an investment company. Tyrell started.

“He is new to the business world, and is looking for promising projects to finance As long as you can provide him with promising projects, you have a high chance of receiving investments Injections.” Tyrell concluded

The businessmen eyes shone greatly with eagerness when they heard Tyrell's statements. As he had mentioned earlier, the main purpose for their attending the gathering was to gain connections that would help their business greatly

As top businessmen, they certainly had several projects that needed a hefty sum of money to kick start them, but they were unable to get several Investment groups to aid them due to their unreasonable demands Just when they were at a dead end, Tyrell introduced them to a new Investment group

Donus was surprised at the way the businessmen clustered around him when he came down from the podium. He didn't expect Tyrell's introduction to be so effective. He knew that Tyrell seemed to be very influential, but it seemed that he had underestimated the range of his influence.

After answering to every plea and question by the businessmen, he had no choice but to direct them. He couldn't handle all the businessmen who clustered around him alone.

Alan Roberts watched the current turn of events with a hateful gaze. Unfortunately, since Tyrell Sanders was the host of the event, and had taken it upon himself to introduce Darius to them, he dared not try anything funny. He could only stand still and watch the events happening from the side.

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The rest of the business gathering went smoothly. There were no conflicts or altercations with any businessman in the gathering. Just after thirty minutes Tyrell Sanders introduced Darius to the businessmen, Erin received numerous business cards from the businessmen present.

Majority of them had already booked an appointment with Erin already, and would be visiting their company soon to proceed with the applications for the investment funds. If they passed the screening process, Erin promised them that their projects would receive ample funding.

Darius was very glad that he attended the gathering. The gains that he received were not little, and the networking ability the business gathering offered was no joke. With majority of the businessmen applying for investment funds, he was sure to secure several promising projects. Those promising projects would hereby improve his chances of earning two hundred and fifty billion dollars in profit.

As for Alan Roberts, he could not be bothered about him. There were always arrogant people everywhere in the country. It was truly a shame that the Director of Dream Investment Group was such a person. There was no way he would consider forming an amicable relationship with such a person.

(West Atlantics Int'l; Headquarters]

It had been one week since the business gathering, and the West Atlantics Int'l building was bustling with life.

Darius had informed Zack Lyle that he agreed to employ him in his company, after which Zack had travelled to his city to bring back majority of his former employees. A week had passed since then, and Zack was set to arrive in the afternoon

During the one week period, Darius and Erin had been incredibly busy. Apart from the forty employees they poached from other companies and employed before, they employed another sixty people, making the total number of employees reach the three figure mark.

It was still a very pitiful number, as even after their employment: there were still a lot of work left for Darius and Erin to tend to.

They had once again underestimated the networking effect of the business gathering they attended, as their company received a sudden influx of numerous promising projects that needed funding

These projects ranged building entertainment centers and similar buildings to sponsoring numerous movies

Although many of the projects required quite the sum to invest in, as Darius wasn't lacking in funds, he didn't hold back in his Investments

The most promising projects from the numerous projects submitted received huge sums of money Darius knew that to earn back five times the capital, he needed to invest a reasonable amount of money, the amount that could yield such profit

The influx of projecis naturally required more manpower, which was what Darius' company was lacking. A hundred employees were far from the desired amount he needed in the company, and he found his sell yearning for Zack's return

The numbri of employees that Zack would return with if he succeeded was not a small number after all. und it would really reduce the amount of work that he and Enn did

He wou going through some important documents in his office when he heard his phone png, signaling

the arrival of a message

Darius picked up his phone and checked the content of the message. Coincidentally, the message he received was sent by Zack. When he finished reading the message, a huge smile broke out on his face.

The content of the message stated that Zack was successful in his quest, and he had convinced six hundred employees, a hundred more than the estimated number to start afresh with him in West Atlantics Int'l.

As a matter of fact, they were already on their way to the company, and would be arriving in less than forty minutes

Darius was very glad at the news. To be honest, he hadn't even expected Zack to bring back the said five hundred employees he retained. After all, they were giving up their lifestyles in their city and starting a completely new one. Even though Zack said five hundred were willing to follow him, Darius thought it inevitable that a large number of employees would chicken out and refuse to accompany Zack on his new challenge

However, it was the complete opposite that happened. Not only did a large number of employees not chicken out, even more employees agreed to join him at West Atlantics Int'l.

It wasn't just Darius that was shocked by the turnout. Even Zack himself was shocked. He had no idea what made the employees suddenly change their mind, as he had spent five days trying to convince them to join him at West Atlantics Int'l.

He had already concluded that they were not joining him, but on the day of his travel, over a hundred employees, including those who had vehemently refused his suggestions and pleas suddenly showed up at his doorstep and begged him to take them with him.

Although he had no idea why they suddenly changed their mind, it didn't matter to him. The more that followed him, the better it was for West Atlantics Int'l. He figured out that if he should bring back a good number of employees with him, his position in West Atlantics Int'l will skyrocket.

Darius then informed Erin to purchase a housing complex in the city, one that was big enough to house six hundred employees.

It was the least Darius could do for his soon to be employees. What kind of a chairman would he be if he couldn't provide a decent place for his employees who left a very far city to start afresh in his company?

It would be very insensitive of him. After all, that was one of the reason majority of the employees refused to come in the first place.

Erin did as Darius instructed her, and purchased a superb housing complex in a high end residential area,



Thirty minutes later, numerous taxi vehicles pulled up in front of the regal building. When the six hundred employees alighted from the taxi vehicles and saw the imperial building, they were completely stunned,

While they were still gawking at the imposing building, a very handsome young man in his twenties came out from the regal building and welcomed the six hundred employees outside.

The moment Zack saw Darius exiting the building, he rushed over to him and bowed deeply, completely shocking the six hundred employees. They were utterly surprised as to why Zack would suddenly bow to a young man in his twenties, until they heard his next words.

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"Everyone, this is the chairman of West Atlantics Int'l, Darius Reid." Zack announced respectfully.

When they heard Zack's words, their eyes widened in shock, and they stared at Darius incredulously.

The chairman of such a wealthy company was this young man in his early twenties?!

It was completely unbelievable.

Before agreeing to Zack's proposal, they did some intensive research on West Atlantics Int'l, and were astounded at their discovery.

They immediately saw the potential in the company. If they joined at the early stages now and worked hard enough, in the next two or three years, West Atlantics Int'l would rise to become a business titan. By that time, their status in the company would be very high.

They had also searched for the chairman of the company, but were unable to find any picture or concrete information about him.

This further incensed their interest in the company, as not any person could completely remove his information from the internet. They suspected the chairman to be a very terrifying and influential figure.

One could then imagine their shock when they were told that a young man in his twenties was the chairman. They couldn't match the terrifying and influential image with Darius at all!

Darius smiled knowingly at the employees. He didn't need to be a genius or a mind reader to know what they were thinking

"Good day everyone. I am Darius Reid, the founder and chairman of West Atlantics Int'l. Welcome to my company" Darius said, confirming Zack's earlier statement.

The employees looked a bit skeptical at that moment. They were beginning to wonder if they made the right choice. After all, since the chairman was so young, it would be right to say that he didn't have any experience in the business world. How then could they rise to be a business titan in the business world?

Darius knew what they were thinking, but said nothing. He only smiled cryptically at them before turning to Zack

"Mr. Zack, please give them a tour of the building. I'll inform the Chief of human resources of their arrival and make the necessary arrangements." Darius said, before departing the scene, leaving the employees behind with Zack.

The employees were a bit depressed at their discovery. It seemed to them that they had made a rash decision.

They let out a sigh of remorse, but there was nothing they could do. Now that they were here, they could only try their best.

Zack obeyed Darius' words and led the six hundred employees on a tour of the building. By the end of the tour, the six hundred employees were no longer depressed. Instead, their eyes shone with enthusiasm and eagerness

The tour had quelled majority of the doubts in their heart. The West Atlantics Int'l building was just too spectacular. The media outlets they read were not lying when they said that West Atlantics Int'l was a very wealthy investment group, as the amount of money that was put into renovations was no joke!

When they were done with the tour, they walked over to the department of the chief of human resources. Since Darius had already informed the chief of the arrival, he was not surprised when he saw them

The chief handed them the employment contracts that had been prepared prior to their arrival and asked them to sign them

When the employees read through the employment contracts, they were pleasantly surprised, as the benefits that were offered in the contracts were simply ludicrous!

They were offered more than five times their previous pay at Zack's company, and that was not including the bi-annual and annual bonuses

Not only that, they were also offered a housing complex in a high end residential area by the company,

The employees were very touched. They had been reluctant to move because they were afraid of being homeless and starting over in a new city. They didn't expect that the company would think so far ahead and secure a housing complex for them.

Moreover, the housing complex was in a high end residential area. It was certainly not a small amount of money that was used. It was an incredibly generous act by the company

The employees were filled with gratitude when they read the benefits of the contracts. As they signed the contracts, they promised inwardly to put in their very best to work for the glory of the company

Zack's treatment was completely different from the rest of the employees. The terms of his contract were far more lucrative than the other contract offers.

Not only was he gifted a personal villa worth close to a million dollars, he was also gifted an equally expensive luxury car

His position in the company was also elevated, and he was placed just a level below Erin, with room for further promotion if he performed exceptionally well

After the contracts were signed, the employees were all handed their company ID cards by the chief of human resources. They were then shown their various areas of work by the chief. When every employee was settled in the reports were sent to Darius

Darius was very satisfied with the outcome. The workload had been too much for just hundred employees to handle. Now that the workforce had been bolstered with over six hundred employees, their speed of progress would definitely increase by tenfold

With the current addition, Darius could finally take a well deserved rest. He had not time for himself since he founded the company three weeks ago since he had a lot of work to do. Now that he had tackled the employment issues, with Zack and Erin in charge of the company, he could focus on other things

He decided to take a trip back to Dragon Estate Even though he had a new company now, he still had to perform his duties as the head of the Reid Consortium

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The trip back to Dragon Estate was uneventful. Now that the major problems plaguing West Atlantics Int'l had been tackled, he didn't need to worry about it anymore. With someone as experienced as Zack in the company, Darius could rest easy.

When he arrived at his penthouse suite in the Dragon Lord Imperial Residence, he was a bit exhausted which was normal, as the distance from West Atlantics Int'l headquarters to his penthouse was very far

He took a long and relaxing shower, and then had a sumptuous dinner. When he was done, he put on a lush black bathrobe and lay on his king sized bed.

Idle, he put on his phone and started surfing through several social media apps on his phone

An hour passed in that manner, with Darius surfing the social media apps lazily He remembered that it had been a long while since he logged in to his Groove account, therefore he opened it

As a member who had spent five million dollars on gifting a female streamer, his account name, Mr.ordinary 10 had a verified tick next to it, proving his status as a high ranked member.

The moment he logged in a site wide broadcast occurred in the app

[Mr ordinary 10 has logged in to the Groove)

The moment he logged in, there was uproar in the comment sections of different broadcasters

Commenter 1 Mr.ordinary 10 is back?!

Commenter 2: This is mind boggling news!

Commenter 3: It's been over two months now!

It wasn't only the commenters that were shocked. The broadcasters were also very shocked

Although it had been more than two months since Darius last logged in to Groove due to how busy he was, none of the broadcasters could forget Mr.ordinary 10.

Why?

It was because Mr.ordinary10 had spent five million dollars to gift a broadcaster

Five million dollars!

It was an astronomical sum. If they could receive five million dollars, then the majority of them would not need to broadcast at all. They could live the fancy life they always wanted without any worries.

Darius naturally was unaware of the commotion his appearance in Groove had sparked. He just wanted to relax after working so hard these past months, and decided to open Groove since it had been a while since he last logged in.

Minutes after the broadcasters caught wind of Mr.ordinary 10 arrival, they immediately put more effort in their live streams. Even those that were still resting from the previous live streams they concluded, recently gritted their teeth and began another live stream.

Why were they doing this?

The reason was obvious. They needed to do this in order to gain Mr.ordinary10's attention. If they managed to impress him, he might gift them a very huge amount of money. Hence, the broadcasters all entered a light competition with one another, battling to gain the attention of Mr.ordinary 10.

Clorun, still unaware of the conglomeration of events, kept on watching the live stream of various broadcasters.

He glanced at his account and saw that it was empty. He had exhausted the five million dollars he gifted Alice two months ago and did not bother to top up his account.

He then leisurely added one million dollars to his Groove account, and then turned his attention back to the live stream.

The live stream he was currently watching belonged to an exotic dancer named Jasmine. The moment Jasmine saw Mr ordinary 10 among the people watching her live stream, her heart started beating rapidly

She became incredibly nervous

She knew this was her chance at fame if she managed to please Mr.ordinary 10, therefore she put in twice the effort in her exotic dance, hoping to entice Darius.

Jasmine had an incredibly sexy body, and she was a very talented dancer. She used to be a performer in many famous dance troupes before, but the pay had been very unsatisfying, therefore she quit

Her friend advised her to join Groove and dance in her live stream, so she heeded her advice. It worked out incredibly well for her, and she was able to earn more than twice her usual pay in the dance troupes she used to perform in

Darius was a twenty year old hot blooded male, whose only intimate action with a lady was a surprise kiss with Helen, so one could not blame him when he was entranced by Jasmine's seductive body and exotic dance

[Mr ordinary 10 just gifted jasmine the dancer the universe 5)

There was a brief period of silence, as everyone stared at the notification in shock. Seconds later, the comment section in various streams exploded.

"As expected of a nouveau riche!"

"A super gift!"

"Mr.ordinary10 is really amazing!"

Jasmine was beside herself with joy at the notification. She thought she was seeing things. A universe cost twenty five thousand dollars, yet Mr.ordinary 10 had gifted her the universe five times, meaning that he gifted her a hundred thousand dollars

That was definitely no small sum!

She couldn't hope to gain five thousand dollars after one month of dancing on her live stream, but now she had received more than ten times the amount in a single live stream

While Jasmine was celebrating her gains, her fellow broadcasters were incredibly jealous. They wanted Mr.ordinary 10 to notice them too, so they tripled the efforts they put in their live broadcasts

After watching Jasmine dance for a few more minutes, he exited her broadcast room and moved on to other live streams, and the live streams that caught his attention received several super gifts

By the time Darius was tired of watching live streams, there was only two hundred thousand dollars in his Groove account. It was already 1 am by that time, so Darius logged out of Groove

When his name turned inactive on the platform, the streamers that had yet to receive any gift from him frowned and lamented grief, while those that had received gifts from him were extremely happy, and

his head turned to the sky

Darius understandably, was oblivious of this and was now about to sleep. Just as he was about to turn

off, a notification appeared

He decided to read the message since he was curious. However, his eyes were filled with shock after reading the message. Pearl Chamberlain, the number three ranked beauty of Kingston University was in big trouble.