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Beside the middle-aged man, Kaleb stood an unfamiliar young man, who was Kaleb's son, Darren Liu.

He was wearing a pair of formal dress shoes that have been polished until they shone.

A priceless watch could be seen adorning his wrist, but it was unclear as to whether he was flaunting it.

Seeing the duo, a hint of resentment flashed across Rebecca's face. Dragging Felicity with her, she walked towards Kaleb and said, "Kaleb, let's go in."

Darren cordially replied, "Alright, let's head up to the top floor. I've booked a private room."

The group went into the elevator and arrived at the top floor, where there was a luxurious private room.

The private room, Emperor Hall was the most sought after private room in Hilton Hotel. Getting a reservation was typically difficult, to say the least.

As they seated themselves, Darren sat next to Felicity.

This made Felicity slightly unhappy.

From the moment they met, Darren had been staring at Felicity.

His gaze was fervent.

After sitting down, Rebecca started, "Let's start with the introductions. This is Kaleb Liu."

Kaleb stood up and nodded gracefully.

Rebecca turned towards Darren, and her gaze turned gentle as if she was his mother-in-law.

Affectionately, she held Darren's wrist and introduced him to everyone, "This is Kaleb's son, Darren."

Darren rose from his seat elegantly and charmingly.

Everyone's faces lit up at the sight of Darren.

Rebecca elaborated giddily, "Darren is only 25 this year and he is already part of the top management of Lunanica Company. His annual income is one million yuan, and he also owns a house and a car. He is definitely one of the young talents in Qena City."

"He also has many connections. Let's take the Emperor Hall we are in for instance. Not anyone with money can book this private room. It was initially reserved by someone else for tonight but Darren managed to make it work with his connections."

Rebecca were lavishing praise on Darren.

One of the Bai family members complimented Darren politely, "Darren is really a handsome man. I think, out of all the women in Qena City, only Felicity is worthy of such a treat."

"You're so young and talented, and you're already earning so much at such a young age. You've got a bright future," a middle-aged woman chimed in.

"Darren, you do see a lot of artists at work, don't you? We regular people only get to see those stars on TV, but you can see them every day! I'm so envious of you," a young man commented.

Despite being praised by the crowd, Darren maintained his elegant countenance and said with a smile, "You are all too kind. All of you are much more experienced and older than me. I should be respecting you all instead."

The Bai family was overjoyed by this neither humble nor pushy compliment.

Deliberately or otherwise, Rebecca once again praised Darren, "Allow me to fill all of you in with more information about Darren. He has single-handedly taken full charge of the negotiations between the Lunanica and the Henderson Media. Isn't he awesome? We will be counting on you from now on."

Darren replied with a smile, "It's part of my job. I just want to do my best so as not to disappoint the new director."

William, however, frowned.

Janet had already reported everything regarding the negotiations to him previously.

He had also seen the list of negotiators involved.

However, there wasn't a Darren Liu among the team of the key negotiators.

On the other hand, Darren's modest words were once again well received among the Bais.

"You already have a successful career at such a young age. I can't believe that you're so down-to-earth. Darren, you will definitely be successful in the future."

As the crowd broached on the topic, they gradually turned their attention towards William.

All of a sudden, a scoff was heard. "We truly envy you so much. You really put people at ease. Perhaps this was meant by the saying, 'the grass is always greener on the other side'."

"It's such a huge contrast to us here at the Bai family. We've raised an ingrate who is living off a woman, but now, he even learned how to be unfaithful towards her."

As if on cue, everyone looked at William in unison.

Their eyes were full of pity.

Compared to Darren, who was successful in his career, William was but nothing.

Rebecca voiced in a sarcastic tone, "Don't say that to him. Maybe he does have a clear conscience after all. If we accuse him wrongly, we would be asking for trouble, wouldn't we?"

Felicity's face gradually hardened.

Although she knew that William's presence would attract criticism, she did not expect the Bai family to be so harsh and mean in front of Darren and Kaleb, who were outsiders.

William indeed didn't have much power and influence and he was merely an employee of the Genuine Care Medical Center.

However, time after time, William had shown his intelligence and wisdom in handling various situations before. Felicity had long since acknowledged William's capability.

What William lacked now was only an opportunity and a stage for him to shine to the best of his ability.

In the end, it was Darren who put an end to the criticism. He looked at William with concern. "Mr. Lu, right? May I call you Mr. Lu?"

William answered nonchalantly, "Up to you."

The crowd immediately burst out laughing. "Can't you tell that Darren is just being polite to you? You think too highly of yourself! Where are your manners? Why should Darren address you so politely?"

Darren smiled again and asked, "Are you doing well at the Genuine Care Medical Center?"

"Yes," William responded.

Darren muttered, "I've heard about the Bai family's feud with the Genuine Care Medical Center. As a member of the Bai family, it's not appropriate for you to work there. I would make you an offer. I'm somewhat influential in the Lunanica Company. I can pull some strings and get you a position in the Lunanica Company. What do you think?"

When the Bai family members heard this, they were overjoyed. "Really? B*stard, thank him quickly!"

"I've seen how unhappy you are while working in the Genuine Care Medical Center over the years. After all, if you have a conscience, you wouldn't go as far as to take advantage of both the Bai family and the Genuine Care Medical Center."

Felicity couldn't hold back anymore and spoke with a bleak face, "Stop it at once. What's wrong with William working at the Genuine Care Medical Center? Since when has the Genuine Care Medical Center ever offended the Bai family? They helped us time after time. Besides, they even gave us the contract on the exclusive dealership. On the contrary, we have been causing trouble, plotting against them over and over again. I don't know how all of you can be so shameless!"

Felicity's outburst was followed by dead silence. Everyone looked at each other awkwardly, as nobody knew what to say.

William broke the silence. "It's fine. Let's listen to what he has to say. I'm interested to know what kind of position he has in mind for me."

Darren glanced at William as a momentary look of ridicule flashed across his features. He said with gravitas, "The job may not sound exceptionally good as it is a security guard position. We fired one this morning and we need a replacement. However, even being a security guard of Lunanica Media comes with a plethora of perks and benefits. Moreover, you're not going to be a regular security guard. Instead, you'll be in charge of the top floor duties. Do you know what it means? That's where the director and the rest of the top brass work, alongside other A-list stars."

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His speech got everyone on the edge of their seats.

They never expected being a top floor security guard would allow one to be in contact with so many big shots!

That meant that if William were to take up this position, he could be in such close proximity to the most influential people in Qena City!

If he performed well, he would have a promising future ahead of him.

Rebecca looked at William angrily. "What are you waiting for? Know your place! Thank him!"

Just as Felicity was about to speak, William stopped her.

William looked at Darren standing there all dapper and asked jokingly, "Oh? Humour me then, since the job is so popular, why was the original guard even fired in the first place? For what reason?"

Darren's expression changed as he said, "I heard that he offended the new director, so he was sacked. But as long as you do your part and not pull an attitude, no one will make light of you as long as I'm there."

Rebecca sighed in shock, "What kind of director

do you have? He's so arrogant!"

Darren replied proudly this time, "As a director, he has a reputation to uphold. He is, after all, a young and promising gem."

Rebecca immediately asked eagerly, "Well, Darren, you should be one of the director's favorites, right? Can you introduce us to the director? It would be good for all of us to network."

Darren's face froze momentarily, but he quickly regained his composure. He smiled and said, "That can be easily arranged."

Darren felt a twinge of guilt as he said this.

He was but a middle-level employee in the Lunanica Media.

Obviously, he would not be qualified to handle negotiations.

He was merely a staff member, performing basic tasks under Martin's guidance. Martin was the vice director of Lunanica Media. How would Darren personally know the new director?

He hadn't even seen what the new director looked like.

Let alone introduce the Bai family to him!

However, since Felicity was present, Darren had to maintain his facade till the end. He couldn't let Felicity look down on him.

"Darren, thank you for your generosity. We can

arrange for another gathering where you can invite your director along. We can play host. Looking forward to having a good chat with you and your director!" Yasmine was beaming with joy. Being a member of the richest and most powerful families in Qena City, she was obviously proud of her own self. One could easily hear the arrogance in her tone.

As Darren did not want to dwell on the matter any longer, he immediately changed the topic.

He asked William, "So, Mr. Lu, what do you think? For my sake would you agree to it?"

Everyone stared at William intently, as though they would swallow him whole if he didn't agree with Darren.

William merely smiled and said, "Sure, thank you for finding me a good position."

Felicity was at a loss. She did not know why William would agree to Darren's suggestion.

This matter was obviously not about finding a job for William nor it being a security position, but about Darren's pride and superiority.

He was obviously being condescending towards William!

William, on the other hand, remained silent.

He had his own reasons for agreeing with Darren's proposition.

The current focus of his career was centered around Lunanica Media; he would have to frequent the company anyway.

Since Darren was being so hypocritical, there was no harm in agreeing to his whims.

At least it gave William a good reason to visit Lunanica Media in the future without being suspected by others.

Upon William's agreement, Rebecca breathed a sigh of relief. "You have carried yourself well. If you refused Darren today, you would be going against the whole Bai family."

The others nodded at Rebecca's words as she continued, "After all, it's never too late to turn over a new leaf. You should work hard under Darren's guidance in the future. Being a security guard is better than being a good-for-nothing."

"Stay alert at your new job and don't disgrace the Bai family! Don't get yourself sacked before a month is up!" a lady beside Rebecca reminded William.

"Darren is truly capable. It only takes him a few words to find such a good job for William."

The crowd complimented Darren while he kept up his calm pretense.

However, Felicity was seething with rage.

To be fair, the Bai Family could also give William a

position in their own company.

However, it was the Bai family who didn't want William to intervene in any of their affairs.

To put it bluntly, nobody in the Bai family acknowledged William's existence.

They didn't want William to make a fool of himself in the Bais' company.

It was a pity that William had to suffer like this.

Felicity glanced at William with a pained heart.

By then, the dishes had already been served, and the spread was a sight to behold.

However, not long after they started digging in, there was a loud commotion outside.

Darren frowned slightly. Suddenly, the door burst open.

A young man was swearing as he grabbed the waiter's collars with one hand and scolded, "Do you still want to stay in business? This room was obviously reserved by us. How dare you give it to someone else? I don't care. Ask them to leave. Our boss will arrive shortly."

The waiter replied sheepishly, "This is an order from my superiors. I was unaware of this. Can I offer you another private room? The guests here are already dining."

The young man couldn't care less as he continued admonishing the waiter, "Do you not understand

the concept 'first come, first served'?! D*mn! I have been playing nice for your sake but now you're all trying to take advantage of me!"

Right at this moment, Darren stood up and shouted, "Who is causing such a ruckus? Can't you see I'm having distinguished guests here? If you disturb my guests, you shall pay dearly for it!"

Indirectly flattered by Darren, everyone in the Bai family straightened their shoulders and puffed out their chests, proud to be Darren's distinguished guests.

The young man glanced at Darren and retorted, "Are you the a*shole who snatched this private room away from me?"

He was about to give Darren a piece of his mind when a manager ran over in a hurry and said to Darren, "Mr. Liu, I'm really sorry. Our deputy general manager was unaware of the situation when he gave you the room. We are expecting some really important guests coming here today. Can you do us a favor..."

Darren's face fell immediately. "What about me? What about my distinguished guests? How can you change our rooms on a whim? Do you want to be sacked?"

The manager's face froze as he glimpsed at the young man before he continued, "Mr. Liu, there really is an honored guest here that I can't afford

to offend..."

Steven, who was standing at one side, chimed in, "You're the manager, right? Do you know who you're looking at? He is one of the top brass in Lunanica Media. Do you think you can afford to offend him?"

Everyone in the Bai family had smug looks on their faces.

"Oh, I'd like to see which member of the Lunanica Media's top management acts like such a tyrant when dealing with situations." A cold snort came from outside the door.

The young man immediately humbled himself. He lowered his head and said, "Director Chien, this is the man who has taken over our private room and is now babbling nonsense here."

A plump man walked in.

Darren was dumbfounded at the sight of the man. Involuntarily, goosebumps ran all over his skin.

It was the director of Henderson Media, Frank!

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Whether Frank knew Darren or not, Darren was not so sure himself.

But Darren definitely knew who Frank was!

The negotiations between Lunanica Media and Henderson Media were still ongoing and were at the most critical stage.

Whereas Darren, a small underling, had offended Frank!

If Frank took offense at this and relayed the incident to Lunanica Media, Darren would definitely lose his job!

Getting fired would be the least of his worries.

If the company's negotiation were to fall apart because of his mindless action, he would be held accountable by Lunanica Media!

Darren broke into a cold sweat as he entertained the thought.

Just as he was about to beg Frank for mercy, Steven spoke up, his voice full of displeasure as he sized Frank up.

"Who the hell is this fat man? How dare he pretend to be someone important in front of Mr. Liu? You guys are waiting to be fired, aren't you?"

The Bai family had no idea who Frank was, so they

thought he was but a subordinate.

Upon hearing Steven's words, Darren shook with anger.

What a good-for-nothing!

"Can he not sense the air in here?" Darren thought angrily.

Darren was f*cking scared to death, yet Steven was stabbing him from behind!

Darren wanted to beat Steven up, but as he had to maintain his image, he didn't dare to do it.

He pushed Steven aside abruptly and bowed, apologizing profusely to Frank. "Director Chien, I'm really sorry. I didn't know it was you earlier, please forgive me if I have transgressed you in any way..."

"Oh, I remember you. You were the one who served tea during my negotiations with Lunanica Media," Frank responded, scratching his head as he saw Darren.

Upon hearing this, the Bais were dumbfounded.

Wasn't Darren a member of the top management?

Why did he go and serve others tea?

Could there be some kind of misunderstanding here?

"Yes, yes! Director Chien, I guess you indeed have a good memory. Director Chien, your guests are more honorable than mine. I will clear out the

private room for you now," Darren stated, letting go of his pride.

It seemed that Frank would forego this matter for the sake of Lunanica Media.

If that was the case, he needed to leave as soon as possible.

Darren immediately said to the Bai family, "Let's go to another room. We shouldn't waste Director Chien's precious time."

The Bais were shocked beyond words.

They looked at Frank in unison, not knowing who he was and what he did to make such a young talent like Darren so humble.

"Don't ask any more questions, I'll explain to you later. Let's go." Seeing that everyone was still in a daze, Darren anxiously ushered them out.

Only then did everyone come to their senses, feeling as if they had just woken up from a dream. They quickly got up, their chairs clattering together loudly.

Seeing Darren being so frightened, Rebecca thought that Frank must be a big shot and they should leave this place as soon as possible.

However at this moment, she realized William was still unmoving on his chair, unfazed.

She burst into anger. "You b*stard, what are you still sitting there for? Are you looking for

trouble? Didn't you hear Darren? We're changing rooms! Don't go causing trouble for other people again!"

Everyone looked at William with eyes blazing with fury.

Especially Darren. There was no longer any trace of the elegance he displayed earlier.

He hissed angrily, "William, why don't you f*ck off? Do you think you can afford to waste Director Chien's time?"

As he spoke, he reached out to grab William's clothes, intending to pull him up.

However, as luck would have it, Frank laid eyes on William.

A look of surprise flashed across his features. He rushed over at once and said excitedly, "William, it's really you! I didn't expect you to be here!"

To Frank, William was his lifesaver and above all, a divine doctor.

Having William by his side would be as good as having an extra amulet of protection!

No one would ever decline the idea of living a long life.

Especially not Frank, who loved enjoying the pleasures life had to offer.

Thus, when he saw William, he was surprised.

However, the way he acted incited an even stronger reaction among the people present!

Everyone was dumbfounded as they looked at William and Frank, not believing their eyes.

Judging from Darren's behavior earlier, Frank was a person of great status and power.

How did such a big shot know a good-for-nothing like William?

It was simply incredulous.

Even Felicity was at a loss, too weak to stand and too anxious to sit.

William gently pulled Felicity to her seat. Then, he turned to Frank and greeted, "Hello, Director Chien."

Frank's plump body wriggled slightly. "William, I'm wondering if you have time. I have yet to invite you to dinner..."

William replied lightly, "Maybe another day. I'm sure there are other opportunities."

Frank immediately understood William's hint and nodded. "Sure, please call me anytime. I'll be there at your earliest convenience."

Seeing Frank act so humble and attentive towards William, everyone fell silent.

What the hell was going on?!

Felicity couldn't help but ask, "William, how did

you get acquainted with Director Chien?"

Frank took the initiative to explain, "Oh, I met him when I was being treated at the Genuine Care Medical Center."

Upon hearing this, everyone was relieved.

So Frank knew William at the Genuine Care Medical Center after all.

"This kid is really shameless!" The Bais chided internally.

Having no ability of his own, he could only rely on others to build his own connections!

Darren looked at William with fury in his eyes.

He cursed silently, "F*ck, I bowed so many times towards Director Chien earlier, but he didn't even look at me once."

Instead, Frank was being so kind and cordial towards a good-for-nothing!

Darren found it so humiliating!

D*mn it!

He didn't expect William to steal his limelight!

"No, I must reclaim control!"

When Rebecca saw Darren's enraged expression, she knew how frustrated he must be on the inside.

She immediately came to Darren's aid. "Director Chien, is it? Mind I remind you that he is no longer

a member of the Genuine Care Medical Center." Frank was stunned. "No longer a member of the Genuine Care Medical Center? No, it can't be."

Rebecca scoffed as she answered proudly, "He is now a security guard in Lunanica Media."

The Bai family nodded together.

They were all on Darren's side, ready to protect his dignity.

Hmph!

As long as William had no ties with the Genuine Care Medical Center, no one would think highly of him.

As soon as he heard the name Lunanica Media, Frank's demeanor took a turn for the worse.

To think William actually joined Lunanica Media...

He then recalled the incident William mentioned about Flavia. Immediately, Frank connected all the dots.

So that was what happened...

William was paving the way for Flavia!

At the thought of this, Frank was washed over by a sense of helplessness. It seemed he'd have no chance with Flavia.

However, William was such a powerful person! How would he be just a security guard?

Frank didn't believe it at all.

The problem must lie with this weird group of people who always thought that they were more superior to others!

It was just like last time, when William said he was just a member of the Genuine Care Medical Center.

Looking at Frank's expression, Darren thought that Frank was ashamed for ingratiating William in public. He couldn't help but cheer inwardly for his triumph.

He then darted a fierce glance at William, his eyes full of provocation...

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