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Once William finished speaking, everyone's face was written with a hint of astonishment.

Where was the new product?

What on earth happened the previous evening?

The reporters had sworn on their conscience and had given their words. Its credibility seemed unquestionable.

At this moment, the people from the Bai family and Fernando had frozen to the spot.

Like an unbeatable centipede, it seemed that William was not going to back down at this moment.

Up till this point, he was showing no signs of giving in.

What on earth was he trying to do?

A sense of uneasiness enveloped them.

The scene when they were humiliated by William a while ago reappeared in their minds again.

What was going to happen next...

Everyone was looking at the reporters down the stage.

The reporter who had been looking solemn all the while suddenly had their lips curl into a gratifying

smile at that moment.

"So, William, is this the time you're waiting for?"

A middle-aged woman in a black suit stood up.

She slowly walked up the stage and stood beside William with everyone watching her.

When the crowd finally recognized her, they immediately shouted out.

"Is she Rainie Xie, the famous reporter of Qena City from the Social Survey? Why does she go up the stage?"

A man added, "Word has it that Rainie is a righteous reporter. She hates unjust matters and prejudices so much. She has exposed many social scandals. She is even given a nickname, 'the Righteous Xie'. Is she going to reveal another scandal today?"

Rainie cleared her throat and said with a smile, "I was holding back for such a long time. I will explain all the questions that were directed to William just now one by one for everyone."

She looked at the crowd and continued, "I swear on my conscience as a reporter that every word of mine is true!"

Her last sentence was powerful.

"Please watch this video first. Sigh, I'm really embarrassed to show you guys this. Like all of you, when I received the invitation from the

Genuine Care Medical Center, I thought they were going to bribe us. Hence, I secretly shot this video while I was there. You guys will understand what I mean after watching the video clip."

A video clip was played on the LED screen.

The video showed a bunch of reporters gathering in the Genuine Care Medical Center. Standing right in front of them was none other than William.

It was a 2- minute video. After watching it, everyone's eyes widened.

Even Melissa's jaw dropped in surprise. Disbelief spread across her face.

Oh my goodness!

Another plot twist!

From the video, everyone could tell that William was obviously flattering the one hundred female reporters whom he had invited.

However, the way he tried to please them was not through money nor gifts.

Instead, he gave each of them a bottle of ointment.

He was giving the 100 bottles of newly produced ointment to these female reporters!

He wanted them to try the new ointment.

He let these reporters, who would represent the public's voice of justice, try and experience their

ointment.

This twist made everyone at the scene wordless.

William never bribed them nor tried to mislead the public.

Before they left, William told them, "Therefore, when the time comes, please put in a good word for us. Tell others the effects of this ointment we produce. When I need your help, please make sure that you tell them the truth."

After watching the video, Rainie couldn't help feeling bitter too.

The previous day, when she received a phone call from the Genuine Care Medical Center, she despised the clinic so much.

She even thought of exposing their ugly side in public during the press conference.

However, when she heard William's words, she was totally flabbergasted.

How arrogant he was!

How confident was he in his ointment?

Let's not talk about the efficacy of this ointment first.

Even if it was very effective, there were a hundred reporters whom he had invited.

If one of them wrote something bad about the clinic, it would be enough to destroy the Genuine Care Medical Center!

He even requested them to put in a good word for the clinic and to speak the truth.

With this thought in her mind, Rainie decided to try on the ointment given by William.

After she had put on the ointment, she felt that she could never live without it.

As a reporter, she often had to stay up late, thus her skin condition was very bad.

Nevertheless, after taking this ointment, it made her feel like she had regained her youth.

It took her almost the whole morning to get used to the long-lost smoothness of her skin.

This magic ointment deserved to be known.

Right in front of them was a villain who tried to defame the Genuine Care Medical Center. Their intentions were clearly malicious.

How dare they look down on her? Had they forgotten her nickname? She was the Righteous Xie?

"So, as you have watched, the Genuine Care Medical Center does not bribe us. Instead, they're the ones who prove to us how a selfless doctor looks like and let us, the reporters test the ointment ourselves. Even I feel ashamed for my biases and judgment before knowing the truth," Rainie continued with a smile. "Have any of you ever thought about the consequences of asking

the reporters to test your own product?"

The crowd burst into an uproar.

"Yes, the Genuine Care Medical Center didn't bribe us to misdirect the public. Besides, they have employed a strategy that none of the pharmaceutical companies dare to do. That is to face the reporters directly!"

"Please remember that all pharmaceutical companies always try to stay away from reporters because they are afraid that their dirty tricks would be exposed. The Genuine Care Medical Center however took the initiative to look for us to try this ointment. Firstly, it proves that their product is harmless. On the other hand, it also proves that they have done nothing unethical. They entrusted us as we, the reporters, will always stay true to our words. Is there any clinic in Qena City that is as fearless as them?"

Everyone finally understood the truth behind the scenes. They could not help but feel ashamed of themselves.

Instead, they were the one who was deluded by the Bai family and Fernando a while ago. The reporters did not attempt to mislead the public at all.

The Genuine Care Medical Center didn't bribe the reporters. They knew in this instant that they had been used by the Bai family and Fernando.

The truth had been revealed.

There was no secret about who the winner was.

Fernando's face turned pale when he heard the comments. The crowd was glaring at him angrily.

Again...

He was counterattacked.

Who was William? What a scary man he was!

How many things did he actually know?

He must have already guessed that they would be keeping an eye on them. Therefore, he purposely made a big move by inviting a hundred reporters.

"I'm so silly!" Fernando thought.

If the Genuine Care Medical Center really wanted to bribe the reporters, they would never have the courage to let everyone in the city know.

Fernando was too careless.

He also overlooked the fact that all the reporters invited were female.

If he didn't underestimate his enemy, he wouldn't have fallen into this trap.

He was the person who attacked the Genuine Care Medical Center by using Steven to get his hands on their fake ointment.

However, at this moment, William was obviously the person who took the opportunity to counterattack Fernando.

William invited reporters and lured Fernando into his trap.

Fernando gnashed his teeth. He had put in so much effort to win this battle.

However, William turned the table on them by using the same amount of effort he had poured in.

He was giving Fernando a taste of his own medicine.

William practically did the same thing that Fernando had done to him.

What a ruthless man!

Besides, the most lethal point was yet to reveal.

William made use of the reporter and the nature of their occupation to forge a double-edged sword.

In this way, Fernando was being portrayed as a figure who took advantage of the reporters to misguide the public and who distorted the facts.

On the other hand, William would be recognized as a person who encouraged speaking up for the right things.

Fernando ended up offending all the reporters.

Meanwhile, William trampled on him and arose as a hero in every reporter's heart.

Darn it!

He had lost the battle. He was completely defeated.

Rainie glanced at Fernando whose face was pale. The smile on her face immediately disappeared.

Her lips curled into a ruthless and heartless smirk.

She questioned, "As a reporter, I have a question to ask, Mr. Fernando!"

Her nostrils flared while she said, "You have spread false information to others although you do not know the truth at all. Your actions have misled others and blacken our names. Can I say that you are..."

She paused for a while and continued, "Challenging us, the reporters!"

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"It was just a clip of surveillance video. It can't prove nor explain anything. How dare you slander the Genuine Care Medical Center?" Rainie was smoldering with fury.

"How could you claim that we, the reporters were bribed based on this clip?"

"Is the image of the reporters so bad in your opinion?"

She shrieked at Fernando, "Even if the Genuine Care Medical Center did bribe us, I, Rainie Xie, will be the first one to expose this outrageous behavior. In order to protect the dignity of my fellow reporters, I have another question for you."

"Are you trying to frame the Genuine Care Medical Centre?" She asked, growing angry.

"How could you have such wicked intentions?"

The smile on Rainie's face was gone. She rebuked Fernando with her questions and made all the people present silent.

Cold sweat broke out on Fernando's forehead.

Darn it!

D*mn it!

Why would it turn out like this?

He had offended the Rx Pharma due to what happened previously.

At this moment, William had made him offend all the reporters in Qena city.

What had he done?

If all the reporters in the city started targeting the Lin family, it would put the Lin family in an extremely difficult situation.

Fernando felt giddy at the thought of this.

The mastermind behind all this was none other than...

William Lu!

He was a good-for-nothing from the Bai family. He was a useless man being ridiculed by everyone in the city.

However, he had transformed into another person overnight, into a dashing and outstanding leader who could command an army of people.

Fernando couldn't find any excuses for himself while being assailed by Rainie.

He didn't dare to rebut Rainie's claims either.

He didn't have the confidence to vie with these reporters whose job relied heavily on their eloquence and expressiveness.

"I'm sorry. I was the one who made assumptions without knowing the truth..." Fernando had no

choice but to apologize to Rainie.

Melissa, who was standing by the side, was completely astounded.

What the hell?

All those plot twists...

She could not help but wonder if William was born with the skills to twist the plot of a story.

Previously, in her perspective, William was trying to please the reporters by bribing them.

This was totally unforeseen. No one in this world would have the same amount of wisdom and arrogance he had.

To invite the reporters to personally try on their new products was indeed a very intelligent move.

Moreover, he hid it from her so well.

Nonetheless undeniably, this was also a rather dangerous move. "William, you're too confident of yourself!"

What if there was one reporter who was not convinced? Fernando would be able to snatch the helm from them again.

However, what Rainie said next made Melissa's jaw drop again.

"Before I came here, I had already enquired the one hundred colleagues who had tried the ointment yesterday. All of us were astonished by and were satisfied with its results after applying

the ointment developed by the Genuine Care Medical Center. Here's a letter with all our signatures!" Rainie took out a piece of paper that was completely written with their names and signatures from her pocket.

"Besides, I'm going to give you all my words today. I will be one of their loyal customers for this new product, the Cherry Blossom. Should any of you find me lying, please do not hesitate to come and rebut me. I will resign from my job to take the blame."

All of the people stared at Rainie who had been speaking so sternly, their eyes sparkling with a tinge of excitement.

Rainie's testimony had won their hearts once again.

However, all these came from the bottom of her heart. Her every single word showed how sincere she was.

She said these despite putting her occupation and source of income on the line.

She was representing the reputation of a hundred people.

Everyone would believe her words. No one would doubt her character.

"It seems that we have wronged the Genuine Care Medical Center. We have accused them wrongly," a guest whispered.

"It seems that Fernando has been in cahoots with the Bai family! Besides slandering the Genuine Care Medical Center for producing harmful ointment, they even framed the reporters. Apparently, they are trying to ruin the clinic!" A man balled his hand into fists and yelled.

"Am I the only one who focuses on a different point? Is this ointment really that good? I'm a little curious as all these reporters are willing to put in a good word for it. May I know the date when the next batch of this ointment will be released? Can you reserve a few bottles for me?" A girl stood up from her seat and asked.

Fernando felt as if he had been struck by lightning when he heard this.

He lost.

William had successfully gained the upper hand.

Everyone was siding with the Genuine Care Medical Center.

No one would believe in the Lin family anymore.

Everyone was now on the same page. They disdained the Bai and Lin families.

Why did it turn out like this?

Even though the crowd might not mean their words, Melissa took it quite seriously. Hearing the ongoing discussion and chatters, she suddenly felt nervous.

She couldn't help cursing.

However, she quickly covered her mouth.

She thought that it was a foolish move when William told her he was going to bribe the reporters.

However, it seemed that it was his smartest move.

The impact that came along with it was exceptionally good!

First of all, he took advantage of the fact that he never actually bribed the reporters and used it to backfire on the Lin family for the accusations they made. Everyone would then be convinced that the Lins were making up a story to frame the Genuine Care Medical Center. The Lins would even be hated by these reporters. It was going to be difficult for them to survive in this industry from now on.

Secondly, he let a hundred reporters test the ointment so they could give their promises to prove the magical effects of this ointment. This had helped them clear their name.

Thirdly, he made use of the nature of the female reporter's love for beauty and intrigued their curiosity about this new product.

Only a god would be able to think of the third point.

After all, they were holding this press conference

to launch their new product.

The main purpose of this press conference was to promote the new ointment!

Publicity often required a lot of manpower and financial investments.

However, William managed to promote this ointment by gaining the support from these one hundred reporters.

Nothing else could spread a word faster than the media itself.

After this day, these reporters would help to promote this ointment and made their names known across Qena City effortlessly.

All of a sudden, a scary thought came across Melissa's mind and gave her goosebumps all over her body.

Was it possible that Willy had already thought about all this from the beginning when he proposed to hold a press conference with the Lin family?

No one should forget that this battle relied heavily on the public's opinions.

Usually, the Lin family would secretly bribe the reporters for favorable media coverage.

However, at this time, William took the risk and invited the reporters to come over to the clinic to create rumors against himself.

He did it on purpose.

He had invited all these reporters and made the Lin family to believe that they had gotten his Achilles heel.

The Lin family was confident that they would win. Thus, they did not even attempt to bribe the reporters.

No reporters would stand with the Lin family as all of them, without any exception, were backing up William, providing him a solid foundation to win this battle.

What a terrifying man he was!

He had used a stone to kill four birds at once!

He was truly a genius!

Melissa didn't dare to think about it more. Uneasiness and anxiousness consumed her as she glanced at William who was smiling smugly.

Was he a demon?

It was so petrifying!

With the support of the reporters, all the people present could not help but express their curiosity towards the Genuine Care Medical Center. They all wanted to try this magical ointment as soon as possible.

The faces of the Bais and Fernando turned ashen. They wished they could leave this hall which brought them so much humiliation as soon as

possible.

Fernando had failed miserably. He was defeated.

At the thought of this, Fernando glared at William and screamed, "William, I admit that I lose today. However, I will come back to you very soon. As long as the Timber Group exists in this world, we will never let the Genuine Care Medical Center live in peace."

Rebecca and Steven also nodded their heads in agreement, their eyes filled with hatred.

They were backstabbed by William whom they had raised for the last decade.

It hurt them so badly. The pain was overwhelming.

They had to take revenge.

After Fernando finished speaking, he was about to leave.

However, at this time, he heard William's cold voice ringing from behind.

"Haha, the Timber group? Have you forgotten that there is one more thing that we have yet to resolve?"

All the people present turned to look at William.

One more thing to resolve?

Hadn't everything been explained clearly?

What was this 'one more thing' that remained

unsettled? What was the issue that this newly-born business genius, William referring to?

William smirked as he glanced at different bottles of powders in front of him.

"Do you really think that I would make baseless claims about you making fake products?"

"Do you think that I am making up stories?"
William glared at Fernando before he burst into laughter.

"Haha! You are so confident that you can deceive the public by grinding all your herbs into powders. However, you do not know that it is going to be..."

William cleared his throat and exclaimed, "Your biggest mistake of the day!"

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"What?" Everyone present burst into an uproar.

Didn't the expert, Mr. Wang prove that a while ago?

All the herbs that the Lin family used were authentic.

This was what Mr. Wang had claimed.

What was William trying to say?

Was he trying to challenge Mr. Wang?

Fernando's face darkened.

William was determined to put the Lin family to death, wasn't he?

Then he might have made a big mistake.

"Very well. I'd like to see what you have up your sleeve to slander us. If you fail to make it clear today, I will never let you guys off the hook!"

Fernando growled and slammed the table.

Melissa quickly pulled William behind her and replied, "William, forget it. We have already won. No one will care about this. No one will remember this little imperfection."

"No one will care about it? Hmph, but I care!"

William turned around and looked at Melissa.

"But, when you said they are producing fake

products, you never mean it, right?" Melissa was a little speechless.

William said in an indifferent voice, "I, William Lu, will never say things off the top of my head. I'm a man of my word!"

"You!" Melissa was so pissed off by William.

Was he crazy?

Their opponent had already admitted defeat. What else did William want?

Even Mr. Wang stood up and spoke for them. Did he want to fight against Mr. Wang?

Didn't he see what happened to Fernando when he offended Mr. Wang a while ago?

However, Lydia, who was standing aside, stopped Melissa and gave William a smile. "My dear friend, let him do what he wants to. We both know how powerful he is, don't we?"

Melissa was furious. However, she couldn't do anything. She ended up letting William go.

After all, he was the most important star in this press conference.

As a king, his every command would be the laws.

"All these herbs were examined by Mr. Wang just now. Are you challenging Mr. Wang?" Fernando asked, his edge of irritation had returned.

William, on the other hand, chose to keep quiet

while putting on a smile.

This was because Mr. Wang had already stood up from his seat.

He looked at William, his eyes sparkling with fear.

Everything that happened that night was replaying in his mind.

"Well, I did examine all these herbs. I also did declare them to be authentic. However, I cannot deny the fact that there are a lot more people who are more capable than me. You never know what you can find and whom you can meet in this vast universe," said Mr. Wang calmly.

All the people present immediately fixed their eyes at William with amazement.

People who were more capable than Mr. Wang?

Was Mr. Wang trying to suggest that William was more capable than him?

How could that be?

Mr. Wang was a professor with fifty years of experience. His reputation in medicine was indisputable.

As for William, despite looking dashing a while ago, he was just a man who had proven his good sense of judgment and thoughtfulness.

Mr. Wang was more trustworthy as this required professional input.

Meanwhile, William did not possess any formal

qualification in this particular field.

"Michael Wang! How dare you?" Fernando was so angry. He felt that he was going to cough out blood.

Mr. Wang kept a straight face and said nothing.

"Very well! C'mon! Show me what nonsense you're going to tell! We, the Timber Group do not sell fake products. I shall see how you prove yourself when we do nothing wrong," Fernando bellowed angrily.

At this time, William had already walked to the opposite side and stood in front of Fernando.

Seeing that William was standing in front of him, Fernando's heart missed a beat.

An inexplicable fear struck him, making him take a step back.

He was surprised by what he did.

Why? Why would he retreat when he met William's gaze?

William had always acted as humble as an ant whenever he was with Fernando previously.

How could William turn into someone with such domineering aura all of a sudden?

William looked at the powder and sneered at Fernando.

He put his hand into one of the jars and grasped a fistful of powder before he brought his hand close

to his nose and took a sniff.

No one dared to make a sound.

Suddenly, William's lips curled into a smile.

He glanced around.

The crowd was in a state of shock.

He looked at the Bai family.

The Bai family tried to avoid making eye contact with him.

He then looked at Fernando.

Fernando felt a chill running down his spine.

"Then, let's do a test. Lydia, prepare some herbs for me. Take note of what I'm going to say."

William then turned to Mr. Wang and said, "Mr. Wang, I need your help to cross-check some of these herbs later. You must tell the truth!"

"To all the reporters and invited guests, please help me watch over the situation later to ensure that we have a fair examination," William said.

"Okay!" The crowd shouted in unison.

As soon as they answered William, all of them exchanged glances, feeling perplexed.

Why?

This little b*stard just gave them an order to follow.

But, none of them felt offended by him.

In fact, they chose to obey his command and listened to him...

Melissa was also dumbfounded.

His words shocked all the people present, and no one dared to disobey him.

The surprise written on the faces of the crowd became more apparent when they listened to what William said next.

"15 grams of damp female ginseng, 5 gram of low-quality snow ginseng, 100 gram of Chinese yam..."

Every ingredient he named was either of low quality or those that was already spoiled.

What was he doing?

Fernando burst into laughter after hearing that.

What William said was nothing close to the correct ingredients for the powder that he sniffed.

Fernando thought that William really had something up his sleeve.

He was really startled when he saw William smell the powder a while ago.

Never did he expect that William was just putting on a show in public and trying to frame the Lin family.

He thought, "You've missed your chance, William!"

Haha!

He thought that he was defeated, but in the end, William stupidly provided him water for his mill and helped him to turn the table around.

"William, oh, William! You're too greedy!"

Fernando thought, "You're not satisfied although you have already won. How dare you try to put us to death!"

Fernando couldn't wait to see who among them was going to lose.

Lydia immediately prepared the herbs according to William's request.

Then she ground them under everyone's supervision.

There was dead silence again.

Fernando was the only one who couldn't stop sniggering.

On the other hand, Melissa was in a state of anxiousness.

William's train of thought was completely unpredictable.

The herbs had been grounded into powder like a pile of ashes. In other words, no one would be able to tell what they were.

To her surprise, William was thinking out of the box. Since the powders could not turn back their solid forms again, William then ground the same ingredients into powders.

Then, they could use it to compare with Fernando's herbs.

Everyone could not help but admire William's wisdom. No one there had thought of using this method.

However, Melissa could not stop feeling uneasy...

Would this work?

No matter how arrogant the Lins were, they would never use low-quality herbs for all its ingredients and grind them into powders.

Would the composition be the same?

At this time, Lydia stretched out her hand, holding a bottle of powders to William.

Instead of taking it over, William looked at Mr. Wang and said, "Mr. Wang, please."

Mr. Wang nodded. He took several experts with him to examine the powders Lydia had just prepared while everyone was watching them.

Their eyes were fixed on Mr. Wang and the other experts.

The judge's ruling was about to reveal.

If William was wrong, the reputation of the Genuine Care Medical Center would be ruined again. All their effort in saving their image would go down the drain.

However, if William was right, the Genuine Care

Medical Center would be able to close the case with a triumphant victory.

Everyone present would become witnesses to see the birth of a magical doctor.

It was not a big deal that one could tell the ingredients from the smell of the medicine.

The scarier part was that he could even tell their respective ratios.

William must be a magical doctor! That was the only way that could explain William's extraordinary ability.

It took Mr. Wang ten minutes to run the tests.

His heart could not help racing while he was carrying out the test.

The ingredients that William had mentioned were not the same as that of Fernando's powders at all.

They were completely different!

However...

There was something strange and scary.

The two types of powders contained completely different ingredients, but after they were grounded...

Mr. Wang exclaimed, "They have the same composition!"