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“Wow! A Porsche!”

One of the classmates exclaimed in astonishment. A Porsche was not as high-end as a Ferrari, but it enjoyed immense popularity among the masses. To the rest, both the Porsche and the Ferrari stood on the same level.

Nia felt a twinge of annoyance. She said, “It’s just a pathetic second hand car. At most, it’s just one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Compared to my Ferrari, it’s not much. A Ferrari costs around eight hundred thousand dollars!”

“What? How could there be such a vast difference in price?”

“Nia, it turns out that your husband is very rich!”

Her classmates’ jealousy towards Nia swelled further. There was indeed an incredible difference between the two cars. While a Porsche could be

considered a nice car, it was nothing compared to a Ferrari.

Now that everyone's attention was back on her once more, Nia deliberately put on a disdainful air. "Honestly, my husband isn't as great and exceptional as you think. Back when he tried to gain my affection, I considered it for a very long time. Even after half a year passed, I still didn't want to meet him. If not for this diamond ring he gave me, I might not even lay my eyes on him!"

Having said that, Nia purposefully waved her left hand. The others could see the large diamond ring on her ring finger, shining bright and dazzling under the sunlight.

"Wow! This diamond ring is one karat, isn't it?" One of the female classmates said enviously. "It must be expensive, right?"

"It's just around fifteen thousand dollars. It's not much. I plan to ask him to change to a bigger one for my wedding anniversary this year." Nia replied,

smiling.

Right then, Jamie said smugly, “Sweetheart, I’ve prepared a surprise for you. At first I planned to tell you on the day of our wedding anniversary. But since all of your classmates are here, I’ll be direct. I’ve made an order of a new diamond ring customized from Tiffany!”

“Wow, Tiffany! That’s an extravagant brand indeed!”

“I heard the diamond rings from Tiffany are exceptional in terms of their cut, brilliance and brightness. No other brands can compare to Tiffany!”

“You know, a lot of famous celebrities used the rings from Tiffany when they got married!”

At Jamie’s words, their jealousy rose even further.

Nia appeared deeply touched. She wrapped her hands around Jamie’s neck in a loving embrace and gave him a kiss. “Hubby, thank you so much. You

always treat me so well!”

“Sweetheart, if I’m not being nice to you, who should I be nice to?” Jamie said with a grin.

The male classmates who were present now bore ugly expressions. Jamie was so outstanding, to the extent they felt suffocated.

Some were unable to bear it and quickly changed the topic. “I heard Mandy’s coming today. Is that true?”

“Maybe. Usually, our school’s beauty queen wouldn’t come. Surprisingly, she’s attending this year!”

“She said she wanted to come last year, but she never did. Maybe it’s just a fake rumour?”

At the mention of Mandy’s name, Nia’s face darkened. Though she was the class’ beauty queen, she was nothing compared to Mandy, who was the reigning beauty queen of their entire school. For a long time, Nia had resented that fact.

The door of the Porsche swung open.

Mandy, Cecilia and Angel got out of the car at the same time.

At this, the male classmates' eyes brightened.

“I can't believe Mandy is still so beautiful even after so many years!”

“That's for sure. Mandy was our school beauty queen. How is it possible for her to not be this pretty?”

“Mandy, you're here at last. We haven't seen you for so many years. We missed you!”

Most of the male classmates who surrounded Nia moments ago now turned their attention to Mandy, all of them mesmerized by her beauty.

Nia's face flushed an ugly color.

‘The same thing happened back when we were studying in university. I was the class beauty queen. I should be envied by everyone! But since Mandy appeared, those b*stards just threw themselves at

her. Can't they see I'm much more outstanding than her?'

'I married a rich guy! I'm married into a wealthy family! Who's Mandy compared to me? She even found herself a live-in husband!'

"Mandy, you're finally here! Why, look at our classmates. They're acting just like dogs. They all want to kneel to you so badly!" Nia smiled as she squeezed her way through the crowd to stand beside Mandy.

Before Mandy could speak, Nia noticed the 'Forever Mine' ring around Mandy's finger. It was more than ten karats.

She said in a scandalized tone, "Mandy, what's wrong with you? Did you buy yourself a fake diamond ring? It's so big! It must've cost you several dollars, no? How about this? Come to my house today. I'll pick a real diamond ring for you to wear. You shouldn't buy a fake one just to show off. It's quite embarrassing!"

They had just met each other, but Nia was impatient to show how she was so much better than Mandy.

Angel couldn't endure it, and was the first to lose her patience. She snapped, "Forget about those fake brands you have at home, Nia. Mandy won't like them. You're better off keeping them to yourself to show off to people."

"Fake brands?" Nia sneered. "You're the one who's wearing fake brands! My husband comes from the Brookes. Just take a look at my new car. It's a Ferrari! Do I need fake brands to show off? Preposterous!"

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“Sweetheart, they’re your classmates. Really, you’re all like a family. Why should you argue so much with them? You’ll look stingy.” Jamie, who was standing quietly at the back, stepped forward to hug Nia.

At the same time, he sized Mandy up and was filled with astonishment. Nia was not less than Mandy in terms of beauty and figure. The most important thing was that Nia was very promiscuous, but her temperament wasn’t very good.

Mandy was exceptional in terms of beauty and disposition. Unfortunately, she was married to a worthless piece of trash and got herself a live-in husband. For an outstanding woman like her, it was such a waste!

Harvey parked the car nicely and then walked towards them.

Mandy smiled and held his hand, and introduced

him to the rest. “This is my husband. I’m sure everyone knows his name, so I won’t dwell on that.”

The marriage between Harvey and Mandy was a well known fact for everybody in Niumhi. Mandy’s classmates knew he was the legendary live-in son-in-law, Harvey.

They shot Harvey disdainful glares tinged with slight envy.

He may be condemned as a worthless trash, but it was worth it as he could be with such an exceptional woman.

In fact, most of the male classmates present once had a secret crush on Mandy. Some of them even tried to gain her affection before.

“He’s quite good-looking. Why is he so worthless?”

“Who knows? Maybe a person with looks like this is destined to be a kept man!”

“That appearance is wasted on you!”

“If I ever get rich, it’s not bad to get myself a kept

man!”

Harvey ignored their words. He gave a curt nod and said, “Everyone, nice to meet you.”

“So you’re the legendary live-in son-in-law. You’re much better than the rumors say. I noticed this after I met you, but you really do have the qualities of a kept man.” Jamie said, narrowing his eyes.

Before, Nia had asked him to put down Mandy viciously. Right now, he was more than happy to do so.

Harvey looked up, glancing at Jamie. He said quietly, “Didn’t your uncle tell you that one should be humble in life?”

Jamie burst into vehement laughter. “I didn’t think you’d know my uncle. Not bad. You do have some insights. My uncle always keeps a high profile and said we shouldn’t be so humble. If we are, what’s the difference between us and worthless trash?”

Harvey frowned. He wanted to say something else, but Mandy gave him a look. It was their gathering

day. If they argued with each other there and then, everyone would be annoyed and embarrassed.

Noticing Mandy's behavior, Nia smirked inwardly. 'This school beauty queen is only capable of this much. Never mind, it's still early. I've got a lot of chances to humiliate her later. I don't have to be so impatient.'

"Everyone, please. My hubby reserved the biggest private room here for our gathering. Let's all have some tea and talk about the good old days." Nia said elegantly, smiling.

There were only three large halls in Hot Spring Villa. The other rooms were quite small, and they weren't very presentable. As rumors had it, people without influential backgrounds wouldn't have any way to reserve a large hall in the villa. From a certain aspect, Jamie's uncle Kane treated him quite nicely.

When they reached the hall, they saw that it was equipped with many things. There was an area for

having tea, along with entertainment facilities such as snooker, card game tables, and a jukebox. At the center, a piano sat on a raised platform.

When Mandy saw the piano, her facial expression changed. She had learned piano since she was young. After she started working, she was so busy that she had no time to play.

For most women, a man who could play the piano was quite mysterious and charming.

Standing at her side, Harvey said nothing when he saw Mandy's facial expression.

It was Cecilia who said coldly, "What are you looking at? Back when Mandy graduated, her dream was to become a pianist. She could go to Europe to further her study. Unfortunately, she married a worthless trash like you right after she finished her studies."

Saying so, Cecilia looked regretful. Mandy was quite talented in piano. If it wasn't for Harvey, she might have been able to make some achievements in the

arts.

As they conversed, they saw Jamie walk toward the piano. He sat down elegantly, and began to play the piano.

They could hear the melodious sound of the piano, pleasant to the ears.

Harvey frowned. He had learned how to play piano since young as well. As he listened, he sensed something odd. The sound of the piano was rather electronic, as if someone was playing a music recording

Yet, how many of the people present truly understood music and the arts?

Many of the women grew excited as they looked at Jamie's back.

“Oh gosh! Nia, surprisingly, your husband knows how to play piano! You're really a lovely couple!”

“That's right. Your husband is amazing. Where did you find yourself such an excellent partner?”

“If my husband is half as good as yours, I’ll be tremendously overjoyed!”

Previously, the women were jealous of Jamie’s wealth. Now, they were envious of his talent. Nia did indeed lead a wonderful life with such an excellent husband.

By comparison, Mandy was rather pitiful. Her husband’s clothes didn’t look like they cost more than fifteen dollars! What of the piano? Clearly, someone like him knew nothing about such an elegant art.

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Mandy was stunned. Previously, she didn't even have the intention to look at Jamie. Now, she couldn't help sneak a few glances at him.

For her, she had always wished her future husband would be exceptional in terms of appearance and abilities.

Cecilia shot a glimpse at Harvey, and sighed.

Before, I told Mandy not to bring Harvey along. Now, how wonderful is this? She's humiliated.'

Nia smiled and stood up. "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry. My husband has learned how to play piano since young. His skills are pretty good, too. After he saw the piano, he couldn't help but want to play it. He didn't have any intentions to show off. I hope none of you pay any mind."

Nia said that they had no intention to show off, and she even asked the others not to mind it. Yet all that

was exactly what she was doing right now, showing off. She was obviously enjoying the envy and admiration of her classmates.

“Nia, you’re so lucky! You have such a great husband! It’s like he’s from heaven!”

“That’s right. Piano is an important symbol for the nobility of Europe. Your husband is indeed a noble in our Niumhi!”

“Your husband is rich, handsome and talented. This kind of man is really one in a million!”

In that instant, the female classmates became Jamie’s fans. Their admiration rose when Jamie finished playing and stood up to bow like an elegant gentleman. All of them couldn’t help but admire him for his gentility.

They stared at Jamie, as though bewitched. Every single one of them wanted to be his wife badly.

“Jamie, I asked you not to act like that everywhere you go, but you didn’t listen to me. If my

classmates didn't know any better, they might think we're showing off!" Nia smiled and walked toward Jamie, and began to complain.

Despite her complaints, she couldn't hide her smug expression.

"I can't help it. Every time I see a piano, I feel like playing it." Jamie said helplessly. "Don't blame me. It's because of my talents. I really can't hide them."

Nia mimicked his helpless look, sighing. She fixed her gaze on Mandy, and flashed Mandy a meaningful smile, "Mandy, I remembered you mentioned this back in the university. You said your future husband must be a pianist. Did I remember it right?"

Mandy, who had grown quite restless, paled slightly.

Seeing that, Nia grew ecstatic. She clapped her hands and said loudly, "My dear classmates, I'm sure you all remember, right? Our school beauty queen mentioned something like that before. A lot

of you who confessed your love to her then. Didn't she say anything like that?"

Many nodded their heads one by one.

"That's right. Mandy said something like that!"

"I remember that Mandy mentioned that was her wish. She hoped that her future husband would be a charming pianist!"

"I don't even know whether she managed to fulfill her wish after so many years."

Clearly, many of the male classmates were rejected by Mandy because of that excuse. Now that the subject had resurfaced, they sighed. Unfortunately, none of them learned how to play piano at that time. If they did, they could be the person to be with her.

Sensing their excitement, Nia continued. "Mandy. Everyone said that your husband is a live-in husband and a worthless trash, but I know you. You're not that kind of person. I'm sure your husband

has some skills. Could it be that your husband is a charming pianist? If that's the case, why don't we ask him to go on stage to perform for us?"

At Nia's words, everyone burst into laughter.

All of them were adults, and they were no fools.

At first they were puzzled as to why Nia mentioned the past, but now they finally understood. Nia had no other intention. She simply wanted to mock Mandy.

How could her live-in husband be able to play the piano? If he could play the piano, then pigs might even fly.

Angel could not bear to see that anymore. She intervened in a soft voice, "Nia, you're just trying to make trouble. Mandy said that just to reject those relentless and lascivious pursuers!"

Mandy wanted to stop her, but failed. She could only heave a sigh in resignation.

"Hey, Angel. Are you implying the guys in our class

were relentless and lascivious pursuers? Who do you think you are? Are you a b*tch?” Nia was filled with disdain. “Some people like to daydream in the past, but now she finally had some sense. Why are you trying to stop me from talking about it? Look, even Mandy’s afraid and didn’t dare to speak up. Who the hell are you? Do you even have the right to be cocky in front of me?”

Nia felt she finally could seek justice for herself, and vented out her anger. In the past, every time she had a crush on someone, she would go and confess her love. Every single time, the men would tell her that they liked Mandy instead. It happened so often, that she grew disgusted and angry.

Now she could finally let her feelings be known. How could she allow anyone to stand against her?

“Angel, don’t think you can act recklessly here just because we happen to be classmates. Let me tell you, you don’t even have the right to speak.” Nia said coldly. “You’d better get lost now. If not, don’t blame me for treating you rudely!”

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“Nia, you’re shameless! If you want to put up a show, go ahead. No one will stop you. But why did you have to talk about Mandy? Is it amusing for you?” Angel was furious. “This is a gathering, not a place for you to show off your acting skills!”

“Hey! Why are you so angry? Could it be that you’re charmed by my Jamie? You can’t accept that I have such an excellent husband, so you’re jealous of me, aren’t you? Is that why you couldn’t hold yourself back and tried to find fault with me?” Nia said, grinning. She even leaned on Jamie on purpose.

“You...” Angel was so angry that she trembled. She couldn’t even breathe properly.

Seeing that her best friend was being bullied, Mandy couldn’t hold herself back anymore. She strode forward and said slowly, “Nia, we’re classmates. Besides, today is a gathering. Why do you have to say such things?”

Nia turned to Mandy with a faint smile “Mandy, are you upset with me? Is that why you asked your dog to come and bite me? If that’s the case, why don’t you ask your live-in husband to come and perform for us? If he can play even a children’s song, I’ll take back what I said. I’ll even apologize to your dog!”

“But let’s not ask your husband to play. I think it’s better if we ask him to go and play with cotton candy...”

A roar of laughter resounded.

Everyone burst into amused titters. What Nia said was right. How could a live-in son-in-law know how to play the piano? What a preposterous joke! One couldn’t play a complete song on the piano without any professional training in their early days.

“Nia, don’t cross the line!” Mandy was trembling in anger. Nia had insulted her best friend, going so far as to call Angel a dog. The woman was clearly

overstepping her boundaries.

“Why? Are you mad? If you are, ask your live-in husband to perform for us. If you can’t, don’t act stubborn!” Nia was filled with contempt. “You even mentioned that your future husband must be a charming pianist! To hell with your wishful thinking!”

“You...” Mandy was so furious, she became speechless. Subconsciously, her gaze fell on Harvey and her eyes dulled. ‘How is it possible that my husband knows how to play the piano? I’ll definitely be humiliated today.’

Harvey, who had kept quite all this while, stepped forward all of a sudden. He shielded Mandy behind him and said coldly, “Since when can one pretend to be a pianist by playing a recorded track?”

At first, Harvey was unbothered if Jamie wanted to put on a show. He could just let it be. Yet Nia and her husband acted recklessly and bullied Mandy. They were out of line.

“Live-in son-in-law! You’re just a kept man. What right do you have to speak here? My husband has learned piano since young! He even passed the international examinations!” Nia’s expression took a drastic change and she screamed angrily at Harvey. “Don’t talk nonsense. You better take back what you said, or I won’t be so kind!”

The truth was, Jamie didn’t know how to play the piano. Nia was the one who thought of having him pretend to be a pianist. They had plotted about it for quite some time, going so far as to put a stereo system under the piano so they could act when the critical moment comes.

Nia initially thought that her plan was flawless. She needed to make use of this act to put Mandy down. Unexpectedly, this worthless live-in son-in-law could see through it. How was that possible? This must be a coincidence!

“The way you play the piano is compatible with the music and sound. For example, there are different

ways of playing the long tone and the bass. All of the different techniques yield different types of gestures and movements. Some of the movements are even quite difficult. That's why many expert international pianists have exaggerated movements when they play the piano. Some even seem rather insane.”

Harvey narrated casually.

“Just now, your husband showed no changes in his movements when he played the piano. He even pressed the keys in a random manner. For those who know nothing about music, they might think your husband is elegant and exceptional. But for those who do, he's a complete joke. That's why, let me kindly give you a piece of advice. You better stop doing things like this in the future. It's quite humiliating.”

Seeing that Harvey sounded quite logical, the rest of the people in the hall couldn't help but look at each other helplessly. They felt that what Harvey said was quite logical.

Now that she was under doubt, Nia felt slightly nervous. She said swiftly, “F*ck! What do you know? You’re just a live-in son-in-law! My husband may not be an expert pianist, but how can you say his playing is fake? Look at us! What family do we belong to? Do we need to pretend about something like this? Wouldn’t we just be looking for trouble?”

“That’s right! Nia’s husband is so exceptional, and he’s noble too. It’s natural that he knows how to play the piano, right?”

“Nia never boasts about the fact that her husband can play the piano. She doesn’t need to put on a show like this!”

“This live-in son-in-law is so shabby and poor. How can he understand the arts? What a joke!”

“Ridiculous!”

In that instant, many began to condemn Harvey. ‘Just one glance can tell how disgusting this live-in

son-in-law is. Yet, he has the guts to insult people?
How humiliating!’

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Seeing that the classmates were speaking up for her, Nia became relieved. If her lie was exposed, she would be humiliated. Luckily, no one was willing to believe that live-in son-in-law, Harvey.

“Worthless trash, why do you have to act like this? If you want to stand up for your wife, you need to have a little bit of self-awareness. You’re just a live-in son-in-law. Who would ever believe in your nonsense?” Nia spat, full of contempt. “I heard that you’ve been a live-in son-in-law for three years now. You always prepare the water for your mother-in-law to wash her feet. You even had to clean the bathroom. You don’t even get the chance to hold your wife’s hand. Why do you have to be like that? You’re a man, but you’re so pathetic. You’re an embarrassment to your own kind!”

“Nia, you need to apologize to my wife and her best friend. We can just let it go just like that. How about that?” Harvey said calmly, not at all disturbed by

Nia's insults.

“Mandy, is your husband out of his mind? Don't you need to ask him to behave himself?” Nia frowned, turning to Mandy.

“He's right.” Mandy replied icily. “Apologize to Angel now, and we can forget about this whole incident.”

Nia burst into laughter. “You asked me to apologize to Angel. You want me to apologize to your dog. Do you think she deserves that? Can she accept it?”

“Mandy, I thought your husband was the one who lost his mind. It seems you're no better than him. But this is to be expected. After all, if you're so smart, how is it possible for you to find yourself a live-in husband?”

Not only Nia, the other classmates burst into laughter as well.

‘That's hilarious! This live-in son-law is just a worthless piece of trash who always cleans up the

bathrooms and serves the others water for washing their feet. He's really bold to talk like that to Nia! He's very daring and reckless!

'Why doesn't he go and look into the mirror? Take a good look at himself! If he's too poor that he can't afford a mirror, he can make a pool of pee for himself and look through it.'

"Mandy, it's rare for you to come to our gathering. You better don't humiliate yourself."

"That's true. If not, we won't be able to meet you next year! Why would we come then?"

"If your husband knows how to play piano, then I'm the reincarnation of Beethoven!"

"That's right. In my opinion, you should really ask your husband to apologize to Nia!"

"Mandy, I advised you a long time ago. You shouldn't keep this kind of husband. It's much better if you divorce him as quickly as possible!"

The crowd babbled. Mandy's face darkened.

Mandy was quite pleased when Harvey spoke up for her. Yet, he insisted that Nia and her husband used a stereo system to play the music. Was he not looking for trouble himself?

Harvey heaved a sigh. At first, it didn't concern him at all if Nia and her husband wanted to put up a show and acted smug. But now...

He didn't want to care about them. He walked directly toward the piano without saying a thing.

“Hey! The person who has learned how to play the cotton candy is now ready to play the piano. Don't be reckless, now. If you ruin the piano, can you even afford the repair cost?” Nia shot Harvey a disdainful look. She was nervous, but she would never show that in front of the others.

Harvey had now reached the piano. The next moment, he did something that made the rest stare at him with widened gazes. He raised his right hands and slammed them hard on the keys.

Bang!

The piano gave a muffled and dull sound, but they could not hear any music...

Laughter followed. “How could you play the piano like that? Do you think that you’re smashing a walnut?”

“We don’t even need to use our hands if we want to smash a walnut, right?”

“Worthless trash, hurry up and get down from the stage. Don’t ruin the piano! You won’t be able to afford to compensate for it!”

Everyone was busy laughing, but Jamie’s facial expression changed slightly. He was the only one who knew about that very well. The lid of the piano was not lifted, so it would not make any sound even if anyone tried to play it. He was clearly playing the stereo system just now.

Seeing that everyone was still mocking him, Harvey smashed a few more piano keys. But still no sound was heard.

Now, everyone exchanged helpless glances. If the first time was an accident, then what was happening now? Could it be that the piano indeed made no sound?

Harvey touched the piano with both of his hands. He circled to the back of the piano and stretched his hand out to break something off the piano.

“Harvey! What are you doing? Can you afford to pay if you ruin the piano? This piano costs around a few ten thousand dollars!” Jamie’s facial expression was stern. He had the urge to rush toward Harvey.

But Harvey didn’t care for him. The next moment, there was a bang. Soon, they saw Harvey breaking something at the side of the piano. It was something as large as one’s palm. Harvey then threw it on the floor.

“Is this... a small portable loudspeaker?”

Some people were standing quite near to the piano. They stared at the floor, and their voices fading.

“It’s indeed a portable loudspeaker, and one of the best quality. I heard that the loudspeaker of this brand is very good and has a pleasant sound. If that’s the case, could it be that...”

They looked at each other, filled with disbelief. ‘Did this mean that the worthless live-in son-in-law made the correct guess?’ 2