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Nathaniel had thought about Lily when the news about his accident came out. Even his mother had gone to visit him. He knew there was no way Lily would not know about his accident. Still, she did not show up, and Melanie was the one who went to see him when the news first appeared on TV.

Eloise only smirked coldly at her shameless son, "Visit you? If I were Lily, I'd have torn you to pieces after what you did to her. The nerve!" "Mother! Am I not your son?" Nathaniel snapped. How could she be siding with an outsider? "I'm saying this to you because you're my son, or else why should I care?!" She finished. Eloise noticed the apparent change in her son's facial expression, and her tone softened, "It's not that I'm trying to reprimand you. I'm just trying to give you constructive criticism. I've met many people, and I know Melanie is unsuitable for you." "Then what does this have to do with Lily? Is it because she's a talented perfumer? I'm looking for a wife, not a perfumer. Besides, did you see how she's seeking revenge? Isn't Lily a scary woman as well?" Nathaniel refuted unconvincingly. In his heart, he knew very well that being with Lily was better than Melanie. When Nathaniel was still with Lily, he did not have to worry about their company's new products because she always came up with fresh ideas suitable for their perfume market. He also would not have to worry about perfume formulas or the shortage of resources, as Lily would always solve them. Nathaniel was so ignorant of his job that he did not know that a single mistake in a formula could destroy the company. Although he and Lily lived separately, there were always hearty home-cooked meals waiting for him when he visited. Melanie, on the other hand, never cooked. She was too worried that the oil and smoke would damage her skin and reduce the sensitivity of her fingers.

Honestly, Lily was the ideal wife, but she lacked appeal. She would always be too focused on her experiments and ignore Nathaniel's phone calls. Sometimes, when he found her attractive and wanted to kiss her, the lingering smell of chemical substances on Lily would turn him off.

Melanie was not like that, as she always possessed a scent that could intoxicate him. Melanie was also a vixen in bed, and after being with Melanie for a more extended period, he started to lose interest in Lily and found her unappealing.

"You..." Eloise sighed and brought a chair over as she was tired of standing. She looked at Nathaniel and said, "How long has Lily been together with you? Why didn't she seek revenge before? Why did she choose to do it now? Are you sure you're unaware of the cause?" "I don't care what happened, but since you're a grown adult, you should know how to deal with your problems. However, Nate, your taste in women is horrible! If my memories serve me right, Melanie is from a working-class family, right? Her parents are just regular folks," Eloise asked.

It was true that Melanie was from a working-class family, but he did not care much about it. In his opinion, a capable man would be able to provide for his wife and make her happy. He did not want to be a man that had to rely on a woman. Besides, Lily was also from a working-class family.

“Although Mel’s family might not be rich, they’re still a normal family, and I’ve seen Mel’s parents too! I’ve never once seen or heard Lily talk about her family after all these years together! For all you know, she might be an orphan! How is her family better than Mel’s?”

Nathaniel had tried asking Lily about her family, but whenever he brought this up, she avoided talking about it. After some time, Nathaniel just assumed she was an orphan, so she chose not to talk about it. Hence, he just let this topic slide.

Eloise could only stare at her son like he was the biggest idiot in the world. She could not understand why he had not inherited her intelligence. Instead, he close to resemble his father’s ignorant character. “An orphan? Ha ha!” Eloise laughed in irony.

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Eloise snorted and said, “She is not an orphan!” Facing Nathaniel’s confused expression, she continued slowly, “Have you heard about what happened to the Lodge family of Brown City?” “The Lodge family? Are you referring to one of the biggest families in our country? According to rumors, they know an older form of kickboxing and are very secretive. “That’ Lodge family?” Nathaniel asked.

of course, he had heard of the well known family. The country had four famous families. They were the Richards, Tanner, Russell, and Lodge families.

The Lodge family of their city was active in politics and had been for several generations. The later generations produced many good politicians. The family culture was strict, and their foundations were firm.

The Tanner family of Ruby City and the Russell family of Sapphire were from the business world, but each had its domain. The Richards were in property development and construction, whereas the Russell family was in entertainment. Although they were in different industries, they had a relationship. Word on the street was that they were working together.

Nonetheless, the most secretive of the four influential families was the Lodge family of Brown City.

Some said everybody from the Lodge family was fit and skilled at fighting. They rarely appeared in public, and when they did, they looked like gentle academics. Nobody knew if the rumors were true. However, Lodge had a large business empire, and nobody in Brown City dared to provoke the Lodge family. But why did Eloise suddenly mention the Lodge family? “Are you saying that Lily has a relationship with the Lodge family?” Nathaniel asked carefully. He could not believe it.

Eloise did not say anything. The look in her eyes gave him the answer.

“Impossible!” Nathaniel said resolutely. “Sh\*t, perhaps you don’t quite understand Lily as a person. She is an ordinary girl who is a talented perfumer. How could she be connected to the Lodge family? She is a gentle and fragile girl. Furthermore, her surname is Cliristian, while the Lodge family is the Lodge family. What connection could they have?”

He refused to believe it.

He had gone to university with Lily, so they had known each other for a long time. Over all these years, he had never met nor heard about her family. If she were connected to the Lodge family, he would indeed have met or known about them.

‘It must be a mistake’

Eloise could only laugh at his objection, “That doesn’t mean anything. I’m from the Neville family, and you are from the Hall family. Aren’t we still related to each other?” “That is not the same. You are my mom, and ... Before he could finish his sentence, he was stunned. “Are you saying that...”

That was right. It did not mean Nathaniel and Eloise were unrelated because he and his mother

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had different surnames.

He thought about it calmly, ‘Does Lily know kickboxing? That day in the alley, she was agile and even used a knife to threaten me.’ When Nathaniel thought about it, he felt a shiver. ‘Did that mean that Lily was from the Lodge family? Is she related to the Lodge family?!’

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It was getting late, and Eloise had said what she had to say, so she stood up and told Nathaniel, “All right, we’ll talk about this after you’ve recovered from your injury. For now, you rest and get better.” After she finished talking and was about to leave, she thought of something and turned back again. “Right, forget about Melanie.”

She meant what she said.

Nathaniel did not say anything. Just like that, the ward quietened down again.

The following day, Melanie brought some soup and buns she had bought to visit Nathaniel. After the car accident, it was like the two picked up where they had left off. They did not mention what happened before, as if things were back to “normal.”

However, there was an apparent chasm between them. Melanie would bring him stuff and take care of him, while Nathaniel would not kick her out. Everything was peaceful. It was like the quiet before the storm.

Melanie fed him breakfast, cleaned up the place, and helped him wash his face and hands. She would only sit down and tell him she had something to say afterward.

"I went to the lab to look, and everything is going on as usual. There are no problems, and the few new employees adjusted very quickly. The new perfumers laid foundations, but they were not up to standards yet, so it was wiser to hire more people," Melanie gave Nathaniel the latest company updates.

Even if she did not report to him, Nathaniel already knew all these. He acknowledged what she said. "I received the mail yesterday about the formula adjustment. It was your hard work, so you deserve the credit."

His tone was polite and distant. He only briefly mentioned the formula adjustment because when he did, he would think of the disgusting things that happened.

Melanie understood. She did not poke the bear. All she said was, "It's my job. It's for the good of the company."

In every sentence she spoke, she emphasized that what she did was for the company, for him. The implication was that she had a role to play, so he was not to blame her. Nathaniel could tell what she meant. He kept quiet and did not argue.

Melanie lowered her head, took chewing gum from her bag, and stuffed it into her mouth. She said casually, "Right, I heard Rebirth has submitted their entrees for the annual competition."

"I'm sure they did," Nathaniel said saintly. He felt like she was searching for a topic of conversation so that it would not be awkward between them.

"But this time, Lily prepared the entree by herself. Rebirth trusts her so much?"

Nathaniel was a little impatient. He looked up at her. "What are you trying to say?"

Perhaps his words were influenced by his mother. He felt irritable. Suddenly, he believed that Melanie liked to beat around the bush. Before getting to the main topic, there was no need to talk about barely related things. He thought, 'Just tell me what's on your mind.'

"Nothing much. Since Lily left MN Inc., a lot has happened. I feel like I never knew her. I never thought she could be this powerful, join Rebirth, and even gain so much authority. I don't know what kind of magic she possesses."

Melanie raised her head and looked at the ceiling with a big sigh. She felt emotional.

Nathaniel did not say anything, but he took every word she said seriously. It was true that he felt like he never knew Lily. If she was not from the Lodge family nor had the kind of support that would entail, how

would she get into somewhere like Rebirth?

Although Rebirth was not extremely big, they were under La Beaute Group's umbrella, so the hiring process was strict.

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The treatment at Rebirth may not be the best, but it was the position many fought for in the industry. After all, as long as they could stay in Rebirth, they could climb the ladder of the La Beauté Group. If they were lucky, they might rise up to the mid – managerial level. How did Lily get in so quickly? Judging from what happened earlier, Lily not only got in, but the other newcomers were quite protective of her too.

Melanie did not receive any response from Liam. She looked at him and asked, "By the way, you've known her for so long. Do you know if Lily knows kickboxing?"

"Lily knows kickboxing?" Nathaniel was surprised, "Who did you hear that from?"

Melanie was slightly surprised when she saw his reaction, which confirmed her speculation. Nathaniel had asked, 'Who did you hear that from?' and not, 'How could it be?' and there was a vast difference between the responses. It looked like Lily indeed knew kickboxing.

How did he not know? If Nathaniel knew about this, Melanie would, too!

"How long have you known?" Melanie asked. Nathaniel shook his head, "I'm not too sure. I'm curious why you're asking?" "I..". She could not answer his question. It was not like she could tell him that Lily beat up Frank. He would probably applaud if he found out that Frank got injured. However, this might bring up the previous embarrassing topic again. He might ask the reason Lily beat Frank

Melanie said after some hesitation, "Someone saw it, but I don't believe it! After all, I've known her for many years. I never knew that she was skilled in kickboxing. I don't remember her learning Taekwondo or karate, right?"

"Besides, what do you mean when you say you're not sure? You know or have seen her fighting?" She keenly grasped the words that he used. "I've seen it before, but I'm unsure if she knows kickboxing," he replied vaguely.

"When did you see it?" Although Nathaniel was unsure, Melanie could already guess the answer.

Why did Frank and Nathaniel have this misunderstanding if it was not real? Frank had genuine physical wounds, and he had been badly beaten. He had little trouble identifying the individual as Lily.

It seemed like things were not that simple!

“Do you still remember the last press conference? The one where we asked her to stand up and admit her mistake to refute the rumor, but she backed out at the last minute.” Nathaniel said after some thought.

Melanie nodded, “I remember I left early.” “Yup, I chased after you when you left. I guessed her route and took some people to block her in the back alley. In the end...” “In the end, you were beaten by her?!” Melanie exclaimed in surprise.

“How’s that possible?!” He denied it immediately.

He would tell no one the embarrassing moment when Lily put a knife against his neck, let alone Melanie. “She subdued my bodyguards, and I had to let her go. At that time, I thought the bodyguards were too weak. Now that I think about it again, even if they’re weak, she’s still a woman. She did not lose when facing several men.”

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He gave a very understated account of the situation. Indeed, she triumphed brilliantly. He was nearly killed, and the bodyguards were battered so severely they could not stand. That was also why he would not just provoke or grab Lily. Obviously, he could not go around telling people about his embarrassing experience, but his mother’s remarks yesterday helped him overcome his pride.

If she were related to the Lodge family in Brown City in any way, everything would make sense. It would be no surprise that she excelled in kickboxing and also found it so simple to transition into Rebirth after leaving MN Inc. It made more sense if the Lodge family were her backers, and they helped her get in through their connections.

Melanie did not know his thoughts, let alone Lily’s relationship with the Lodge family. She was still coming to terms with the fact that Lily knew kickboxing. Besides feeling shocked, Melanie was angry and jealous. Not only was Lily skilled and talented in making perfume, but she was also very skilled in kickboxing.

How could she disregard Frank’s status and beat him up as she pleased while Melanie had to be afraid of Frank? Melanie was forced to play along with Frank to the point that she almost had a miscarriage. How come Lily could do whatever she liked? This world was so unfair. “I knew Lily was not that simple! She might look like a pure and innocent flower who silently sacrificed herself for others, but who knows what weird things she knows? How can a woman be so skilled in kickboxing? This is probably some sorcery!”

Melanie continued as she felt what she said was a fact, “Now that I think about it, it’s fortunate that you’ve left her, Nate. Otherwise, who knows how else she might have deceived you!”

He would agree that what Melanie said was right in the past. With what he knew now about the relationship between Lily and the Lodge family, it seemed that Lily sacrificed a lot for him and was very tolerant.

Lily could join any big company if she relied on the Lodge family's power. She did not need to stay in his small startup company to accompany him in building a business. He knew her ability very well. Had it not been for his and Melanie's tricks, she would not have been laughed at and joked about. She would not have felt frustrated and depressed. Nathaniel realized how wrong he was when he looked back now,

When he heard Melanie say he was cheated on, he could not help but laugh. He looked at her and asked, "Tell me, what did she lie to me about?"

"She lied to you..." "Did she cheat my money or play with my feelings?" He continued asking. "Nate..." Melanie could not answer. She did not expect Nathaniel to disagree with her words. He even questioned her. This caught Melanie off guard, and she did not know how to handle the situation.

"You've been by my side for a long time, Mel. You should know best. When Lily started going out with me, I didn't have this company yet. There wouldn't be an MN Inc. today without her perfumes and formulas. The houses and cars are bought after that. Why don't you tell me what

she lied to me about?" Melanie was utterly stunned. How could he suddenly think so clearly? "What do you mean? Are you saying she was good to you while I'm lying to you?" She could not refute it and started to cry, "I know you hate me now. You don't listen to anything I say, and everything I do is wrong. Lily is kind to you and sacrificed a lot for you. You realized the good in her and regretted letting her go. You want to go to her, right? Fine! I'll fulfill your wishes. You can go to her! You have been hospitalized for so many days. Has she visited you? Did she call you? She'd blocked your phone and contact number, right?" "That's because I have hurt her." He said with a sigh.