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With a beep, the door opened. The man now knew that this lady, who appeared to be gentle, was not easy to deal with. Politely, he said, "Ms. Christian, this way."

When Lily entered, she made an "OK" sign with her thumb and index finger behind her back. She knew that Alexander could see her.

Seeing that the door was closing again, Alexander shook his head, realizing that he had been smiling the entire time. It was great that she was strong enough to protect herself, but even if she could not do that, he would always protect her.

Lily was right that Noah would show up the next day. He came early, and the doorbell sounded while she was still having breakfast. Not looking up, she continued to eat in an unhurried manner. When Noah entered the door, he saw that she was holding a piece of toast in her hand. "You're early and even more diligent than I've expected," Noah praised, clapping his hands. However, Lily looked at him like he was an idiot. 'Diligent? Having breakfast is considered as being diligent to him? What's he even talking about?'

When his compliment did not get him a response, he rubbed the tip of his nose and said, "I think your memory shouldn't be that bad. You should remember who I am by now, right?"

Lily put down the half piece of uneaten toast and brushed her hands before she looked up at him and spoke, "I don't care who you are. I just want to know what you're up to."

She would like to avoid wasting food if possible, but the instant food in the refrigerator here was terrible. It had only been two days since she left home, and she was missing Alexander's home-cooked meals already.

Pursing her lips, she realized she had become picky with her food because his dishes were always delicious.

Lily's question was within Noah's expectations. He chuckled and pulled out a chair to sit on the opposite side of her. "Are you interested in joining the Perfumers' Society?"

"I thought you came here today to challenge me."

"That's on the agenda, but don't you have a plan for your career path?" After a pause, Noah continued, "I know you rejected Mr. Parker's invitation back in Westwood and insisted on coming home. I also heard your patriotic remarks, and I must admit that I admire you for that but... don't you have any plans other than loving the country? For example... joining the Perfumers' Society, becoming a member, director, and even the vice president or president one day?"

"Then I'll be at the peak of my career?" Lily went along with what he said but had no wishes for that at all. Nothing he said made her feel excited.

"Yeah!" Noah nodded in affirmation, thinking that Lily was already attracted by his suggestion.

After returning from Westwood, he got someone to investigate Lily. There was not much information about her, especially her life before she entered university. He knew she was part

of the Lodge family, or rather, a relative of theirs. That was why she did not take after the Lodge surname

Lily's life after university was much more interesting. She had a boyfriend she had been dating for a couple of years, but they ended things about a year ago. It became a big deal and was even trending several times on Twitter. After a few rounds of arguments, she job hopped to another company in the same industry,

Out of all the information, the craziest thing was that she was engaged to Alexander Russell, the CEO of Olacauté Group. It was a well-known fact, but they had not hosted an engagement party officially

There were many interesting facts about Lily, Noah would give her that.

On the other hand, her professionalism and ability as a perfumer caught his attention and surprised him the most. He believed such a talent should be working for him.

"I can help you if you're interested."

After tempting her, it was time to throw out the bait. He believed that she would make the right choice.

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Noah was taken by surprise. "Are you sure?"

He could understand if Lily wanted to venture overseas. Still, she rejected Wesley's invitation and insisted on developing her career domestically.

Since she had chosen to stay in Sapphire, the Perfumers' Society would be the most authoritative body in the industry within the country. This bait should be taken without any hesitation by anyone, making Noah wonder, 'Why is she uninterested? Is she playing hard to get?'

"Mr. Richards, that's why you went through so much trouble to trick me into coming here? You must've spent a lot. All of this could've been settled with just a phone call."

At this point, she did not want to beat around the bush anymore. Being direct about the topic could save her a lot of energy.

"Trick?" Noah shook his head, chuckling. "I invited you here sincerely. How could you say that I tricked you? Also, aren't you enjoying your stay here? If you could be a part of the Perfumers' Society, you'll get to stay in Kingsland. Not only that, you'll get access to all the raw materials you never would've imagined existed. The society provides great benefits to its members too. I assure you that you'll only get more from here than you get in Rebirth." "Mr. Carter, did you know about my remuneration package in Rebirth? How are you so sure that the society will provide something better than that?" Lily asked indifferently, smiling. Noah paused and came to realize what Lily meant. "Yeah, I know that an ordinary perfumer wouldn't get much from Rebirth. Still, as the future wife of La Beauté Group's CEO, you wouldn't put that much regard on monetary compensation."

Then, he leaned closer toward Lily, "You might not care about things like money, but as a professional perfumer, don't you want to get access to top-notch materials? Don't you want to use more advanced instruments in conducting your research? We can give you anything La Beauté Group provides, and we can give you the things they can't as well!"

He was proud saying that.

Lily was silent for a moment. Noah was right. She could not care less about other things, but the top-notch raw materials were the essence of her career. La Beauté Group's financial capabilities and status in the industry could provide her with everything she needed, but that would mean they needed to put in extra effort and resources to cater to her needs.

It was a different case for the Perfumers' Society. If she became a member, she would have a solid support system, and they had branches everywhere in the country. They were professionals in the industry, after all.

However, Lily did not accept the invitation.

"It sounds great, but I'm still not interested." Shrugging, she said, "If there's nothing else, I'm going to catch up on some sleep. I slept quite late last night."

Noah was rendered speechless.

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Before he could speak, she added again, "Oh right, I'd like to return to Sapphire by evening today if possible. Thanks for your warm hospitality in the past two days!"

"Lily, you're going to regret this!" Noah said as he looked at her back. He could not help but get up to his feet when he heard that she was again rejecting his invitation.

"Perhaps," Lily said but showed no signs of hesitation on her face. "Not now, though."

Noah did not expect that things would end in such an ugly manner. He came into the place confidently, never imagining he would be rejected. He had not considered how he would go about things should she refuse him.

That was because he had never thought that she would reject his invitation. He was even ready to watch her cry joyfully, expressing her gratitude for him. This was completely different from what he had imagined!

When Lily disappeared down the hallways, he turned around and exited through the door. After some thought, he stopped walking and stood in the yard, looking around.

Other than the variety of flowers, there was only one tall tree in the middle of the yard, which was lush and green. The walls around the yard were high, similar to that of a prison wall. The door had not been damaged, so he thought that the only possible way that Lily would have gotten out was by climbing over the wall, which was one of the impossible ways

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“For this wall, add...” Noah pointed to the wall, wanting to add an electric fence. However, he felt that it was too much, not to mention that it could not be installed instantly.

Discouraged, he said, “Forget it!” When his gaze landed on the tree, he pondered for a moment. “Get someone to cut this tree down as soon as possible!”

“Mr. Carter?”

This tree had been planted in the yard for many years and finally grew into a tall and lush tree. His subordinate did not understand why Noah wanted the tree cut down.

“Just cut it down! I don’t like looking at it!” Noah barked.

He was aware that the members of the Lodge family could fight, but he believed there were limits to their abilities. They could not possibly fly in the sky, could they? The only possibility he could think of was that Lily made use of the tree to jump over the wall last night.

In fact, Noah was thinking in the right direction, but he did not know that Alexander had arrived at Kingsland and was near him. With Alexander there, Noah would not be able to ground Lily in the house even if he were to install ten layers of electric fence.

Meanwhile, Lily had gone to take a nap. After all, she made an appointment to sign the contract and get the goods later.

Alexander was not idle either. After making sure that Lily was safe, he decided to settle the matters in Sapphire first.

Since Lily was so capable, he thought he had to work harder to help her remove some of the obstacles on her path.

“Mr. Russell, Mr. Oakley has promised to send Ms. Oakley abroad, and he promised she would not return to the country in a few years. We watched her board the plane before leaving the airport.”

After reporting on the situation, Edward asked, “Should I... get someone to warn Ms. Tanner as well?”

“It’s fine,” Alexander said coldly, his gaze as cold as glacial.

Although the things Arianna did appear similar to Brittany’s actions, there was a vast difference. Alexander knew about Brittany’s infatuation for him over the years. He rejected her many times, but her presence saved him from a lot of trouble and stopped many women from approaching him. Hence, he somewhat allowed her to be.

That was why he believed he was partly responsible for how Brittany turned out. In addition, his family was family friends with the Oakley family, so he had shown mercy to her. However, it was a different case for Arianna Alexander did not know her well. At most, he knew that such a person existed, but she had taken advantage of Brittany and even wanted to sleep with him. He felt that this woman was too cunning and the methods she used to achieve her goals were despicable.

Giving her a warning would be going too easy on her. She must be taught a lesson!

“Has Joseph’s illegitimate son returned to the family?” he asked. Edward nodded. “Joseph was in a hurry to bring him back. Recently, Derrick hasn’t been feeling well, and the family needs more workforce to manage the new projects. I’m guessing that Joseph wants to use this chance to get his illegitimate son involved and see how things go from there.”

“That’s good. A family should be together.” Alexander commented while he supported his chin with his hand.

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Over the past few days, Arianna did not have the time to watch Lily’s every move because there was a bigger problem at home.

No matter how unwilling or repelled she felt, Joseph brought his illegitimate son home and acknowledged him as part of the Tanner family. She was a step too slow.

After only glancing at him, Arianna went to look for her uncle, Derrick. She understood that her mother could not stop this from happening anymore. If there were anyone who could stop her lunatic father, it would be Derrick.

“Uncle Derrick, I heard you haven’t been feeling well recently. I got someone to bring these nutritious supplements back from overseas for you, and I hope you’ll be in better health after taking them.” Smiling, she pointed at the things she brought while appearing obedient.

Derrick nodded and coughed a few times before he spoke. “You’re a thoughtful one. Why didn’t your parents come with you?”

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“My mom has been busy with the Women’s Federation, but she always worries about tells me to visit you wherever I’m free. As for my dad...” After a pause, Arianna said reluctantly, “He’s pretty busy too.”

Derrick raised his gaze to look at her, smiling. “He’s busy handling that brother of yours, isn’t he?”

Arianna’s heart almost stopped upon hearing that. She was not surprised by his knowledge of the matter but rather by his attitude toward it. It was not something unusual for Derrick to know about the matter. However, he referred to the boy as Arianna’s brother, so did that mean he accepted the boy into the family?

She pursed her lips while remaining calm. With a smile, she nodded. “Yeah! Uncle Derrick, I didn’t expect you to know about it. I was afraid my dad was too impatient and had forgotten to inform you about it.”

“Indeed, he’s impatient.” Derrick agreed but added, “It’s understandable, though.”

“Thank you for being understanding. I thought you would disapprove of it at first.”

Arianna looked down at her hands, her eyes quickly losing their shine. The gears in her mind were turning as she had to think of a plan should Derrick agree to what her father did.

“Disapprove? This is your father’s private matter. In other words, it’s your family’s matter, so what could I say as an uncle?”

“That’s not it. You’re still my dad’s eldest brother and the head of the entire Tanner family. Not only that, you’re the closest person to me too. Our family only became this successful and highly regarded in Sapphire because of you, Uncle Derrick. That is why we would listen to your opinions, as long as it’s for the family’s good.”

Arianna observed Derrick’s expression. “Including my dad. He’ll listen to your words too.”

“Really?” Derrick chuckled before his gaze landed on Arianna again. While staring into her eyes, he asked, “What do you want me to say then?”

His words made Arianna wave her hands frantically. “No, nothing! I wouldn’t dare to ask you

for anything. It’s just that I thought you would object to my younger brother being a part of the family. After all, he was born out of wedlock.” “You mean to say that he’s an illegitimate child?”

Derrick probably spoke too much since his cough worsened. He took out a tissue, spat his phlegm out, and felt much better.

“That’s not what I mean, Uncle Derek. Regardless if he’s an illegitimate son or not, he’s still my father’s son and my brother.” Arianna would never admit she was against what her father did.

Even if that was her honest thoughts, she had to pretend to be magnanimous, at least before her father and the other Tanners. She had to show the others she was accepting of that boy being a part of the family.

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Nodding severely, Derrick agreed, "You're right. I thought the same, so I didn't stop your father."

Arianna fell silent. She would have suspected that Derrick was not being genuine if she were not in the Oakley mansion in front of her uncle, who had watched her grow since childhood.

"You're different from me, Uncle Derrick. No matter what my dad does, I must support him because I'm his daughter. You're the head of the Tanner household, so I thought you would disagree with my dad to protect the family's reputation.

"The rumors are pretty disturbing too. My so-called brother is relatively young, so what will the company employees and shareholders think if my dad allows him to join the company? Will even more rumors appear? I'm worried about our family's reputation." Arianna sighed and continued, "I know I shouldn't talk too much about these things, but as a family member, I must consider our family's reputation. My dad was a little too impatient this time!"

She looked anxious and worried as she spoke. It seemed that she was genuinely concerned about her family's affairs. No matter what she said, the initiative was for the entire family's good.

"Arianna, you really have grown up. It's nice to hear you care so much about the family," Derrick earnestly spoke as he looked at his niece deeply.

"To be honest, I would have disagreed with your father in the past, but my recent severe illness has made me see a lot further. Indeed, you're right. Although your brother is illegitimate, he shares the same blood as you and the Oakleys. As for the rumors, just let it be. Our family works together, and

that's the most important thing. Don't you agree?" Arianna almost became angry after Derrick used her words against her. She took a few deep breaths and answered, "Yes, you're right, Uncle Derrick." "Well, I know you're an excellent young lady. You'll understand someday." Derrick smiled lightly and coughed again. This time, his face flushed. "Look, I've been in poor health, but you don't need to stay for dinner. Go home and send my regards to your parents. Also, try to get along with your brother. I know you'll be a good sister to him and take good care of him too." "Yes, don't worry, Uncle Derrick." Arianna forced a smile and stood up. "Then I shall take my leave."

The only response to her was a burst of coughing.

Arianna suppressed anger as she left the Oakley mansion and glared back coldly. She knew Derrick was getting old and confused. I've been lighting my whole life, and now he's asking me to give up and get along with that brat?! That old man is on his deathbed already!

She took a tissue and wiped her nose in disgust to wipe off the contaminated air she had just inhaled. Then she threw the tissue away. Since her uncle was not on her side, she had to think of other ways to get what she wanted. In short, the Oakley could only belong to her by any means necessary.

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"Mr. Tanner, Arianna left."

Derrick nodded and picked up the cup on the table to sip his tea. His eyes slowly opened, and a brilliant light shone in them, albeit not as bright as it once was. "Bring me the phone."