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"We won't be," Spencer replied as he lowered his head and took a sip of red wine to collect his thoughts.

Jacob seemed satisfied with the answer, but he did not know that he had fallen for the trap set for him by Spencer.

The next day, Spencer prepared for the startup of the company in Athegate. He could select a company site in the downtown area, but Spencer chose to start it in the more remote east of the city, far from Arthur's Branch of Davonnis.

Although Jacob did nothing on the surface, he secretly helped Spencer a lot. A month or so later, Spencer's Cloudwork Inc. was established in Athegate. Though it was still unknown in Athegate, the fact that the president was Arthur's cousin made Cloudwork Corp receive a lot of attention as soon as it was started up. It was all over the news.

Spencer invited Arthur to attend the opening ceremony of Cloudwork Corp, and Arthur did not decline.

At the party that night, Spencer invited all of the rich and powerful businessmen in Athegate to the party. Influenced by Monty and Arthur, the crowd came, and Lucia and Eduard were also on the invitation list.

For the first time, Eduard forcefully asked Lucia not to attend such occasions.

"Lucia, you don't have to go to the dinner party tonight." Calling Lucia to his office with the excuse of talking about business, Eduard put forward a childish idea.

Lucia, amused, asked him, "Why can't I go?"

"Spencer harbors bad intentions towards you!" Eduard affirmed, "Try to avoid him if you can. We are not working with him, so we don't have to accept his invitation."

"But you'll be there, right?" Lucia asked Eduard with a smile.

Eduard stopped talking and paused for a while before saying, "I have to go, but you are different!"

"Eduard, I know what you're thinking, but Cloudwork Corp has put me on the invitation list tonight. I think we should better attend it together." Lucia was just trying to defend the reputation of Jibillion Inc.

"You can feign an illness to avoid it!" Eduard demanded.

Lucia was both amused and annoyed. She said, "Who will buy it? Spencer will definitely give you a hard time. He is very calculating, and you better not fight with him head-on. "

Lucia didn't want to implicate Eduard.

"I am not afraid of him!" Eduard knew Lucia's words made sense, but he was undeterred.

"Well, come and pick me up tonight." Lucia made the decision. Though reluctant, Eduard had no choice but to do so.

As the night fell, the whole city became slow-paced. After a day of heavy work, people walked out of the house to take a stroll, attend a party, go shopping, or enjoy peaceful moments.

Eduard came to pick up Lucia at 7:00 a.m., as he had been told. When he saw Lucia coming out of the building, he was so upset that he complained to her before he opened the car door, "Lucia, why are you dressed like that?"

Lucia smiled, looked down at her simple evening dress, and asked Eduard, "Is it out of place?"

"Of course not!" Eduard whined, "You are just too gorgeous in it!"

Once again, Lucia was amused by Eduard, who acted like a child.

She opened the car door, got seated, and said jokingly, "How about I go in a formal suit?"

"No, you are still gorgeous even in a formal suit …" Eduard began to babble.

Lucia smiled. She understood Eduard's meaning, but she couldn't make a fool of herself just to avoid catching Spencer's attention.

Lucia reassured Eduard resignedly, "Well, so could you please be my escort to protect me from other men?"

Eduard said discontentedly, "He's more like a rascal!"

Eduard's description made Lucia laugh and the two laughed all the way to the hotel where the dinner party of Cloudwork Corp was held.

Spencer was very rich. The venue of the dinner party was luxuriously decorated with expensive chandeliers airlifted from France. Even the wine that the guests tasted was expensive Patuxent wine. On such an occasion, everyone thought more of Spencer.

Eduard frowned as he walked in with Lucia and said, "What a waste!"

Lucia laughed but did not say anything. Heedless of those admiring gazes on her, she patiently listened to Eduard complaining about the layout of the venue, and even expensive chandeliers hanging in the hall were described by him as glass lamps.

Though very reluctant, Eduard gotta greet Spencer to show his friendliness. After some inner struggles, he finally walked with Lucia to the host of the party, Spencer.

"Hold my arm tighter." As he walked toward Spencer, Eduard lowered his voice to remind Lucia.

"OK." Lucia could not help but laugh. She held his arm tightly as he said. The two looked intimate, and Eduard looked much better.

"Mr. Davies, I haven't seen you in over a month, and you still look as spry as ever." Coming up to Spencer, Eduard greeted Spencer as if he was an elderly person.

Spencer nodded to the man beside him who was talking to him and led him away before turning his head and smiling, "Mr. Burton, you look spry, too."

Spencer said to Eduard, but his eyes were on Lucia.

Even though Lucia was dressed in a simple dress without wearing any dazzling ornaments. Spencer was unconsciously attracted to her and admired her from the bottom of her heart.

He would be very happy to have such a beauty by his side for the rest of his life.

Lucia didn't avoid Spencer's gaze because she did not care, but Eduard was different. Noticing Spencer's gaze, Eduard deliberately took Lucia's hand and said softly to her, "Lucia, say hello to Mr. Davies."

Eduard's childishness amused Lucia, but kept her cool and said to Spencer, "Mr. Davies, it's been a long time, congrats."

"Lucia, you look as beautiful as usual tonight." Spencer smiled warmly and raised his hand to reach out to Lucia, Eduard grabbed Lucia's hand quickly.

Seeing the bright smile on Spencer's face, Eduard thought to himself, 'Rascal, I won't let you take advantage of Lucia a second time!'