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Harvey's gaze was stern and severe.

He bumped into Teresa Thompson at the very place where Lilian was suspected to be held hostage.

Was this just a simple coincidence? Or was this planned all along?

Countless thoughts ran through Harvey's mind, but he still put on a surprised act.

"Oh! It's you!"

"What a coincidence. Unfortunately, I have something to do though. Let's talk another time."

When Teresa saw that Harvey was about to slip away, she stubbornly held his hand.

"Wait! I still don't know your name, my savior,"

Teresa said quietly.

“I’m Teresa.”

Teresa’s face was so close, it was almost glued to Harvey’s. On her lips was a brilliant smile, and her eyes were sparkling.

The fragrance unique to a young lady filled Harvey’s nostrils, making him slightly uncomfortable.

Harvey let go of her subconsciously, taking an immediate step back.

“It’s inappropriate for us to touch like this, Ms. Thompson. Also, please just call me Harvey. If you keep calling me your savior, people might think we’re filming a movie or something.”

Teresa laughed shyly at Harvey’s words.

“Alright. I’ll listen to you.”

“But this is such a wonderful coincidence! After

you saved me, I couldn't even find you even after sending out so many people. I didn't think I'd bump into you here!"

"Do you live here?"

"I'm here in Las Vegas for some business. I'm staying in the presidential suite on top of Sky Casino-Palace."

"Why don't you come upstairs and spend time with me? We can have a chat. I'll treat you to a meal too!"

Teresa's passion was obvious. She seemed very delighted to have bumped into Harvey.

Harvey wanted to decline, but when he heard that Teresa was staying in the presidential suite, his eyes lit up.

"Since you're being so generous, let's have a drink upstairs. After all, it's a rare opportunity for us to meet."

“Do you want just one drink? Or do you want a few drinks instead?”

Teresa leaned close to Harvey's ear and blew softly into it.

“My dear savior... You're not trying to take advantage of me when you get me drunk, are you?”

Her coquettish tone made Harvey's head ache.

He thought of how he needed to search the guest room area for Lilian's whereabouts, so he simply smiled at Teresa, not giving a straight answer.

“Why? Are you afraid?”

“I won't follow you upstairs if you're afraid.”

“I'll see you next time, then.”

Seeing Harvey acting aso passive aggressive, Teresa held Harvey's hand tightly and giggled

coily.

“You can’t run away this time! You must come with me!”

Teresa led Harvey to the guest room area, holding his hand all the way. She then used her room card to open a special elevator.

Right as the two walked out of the elevator, Teresa’s phone started to ring. She didn’t bother hiding anything from Harvey and immediately picked up the call.

A man’s voice sounded from the other side of the phone, echoing throughout the empty hallway.

“This is bad, CEO Thompson!” the man shouted anxiously.

“Our people are being held hostage again! They said that they want you to show up and give a satisfactory explanation in person!”

“If not, they’ll cut off our limbs and feed us to the fishes!”

“You have to get out of Las Vegas now, CEO Thompson!”

“I understand. So, these people refuse to play by the rules. Well, let’s just treat this loss as a lesson for us.”

“And, they’re holding our people hostage again?”

Teresa, who had been acting like an innocent and naive little girl in front of Harvey, now displayed the wilful elegance common to the rich and wealthy.

“We’re working with them as a show of respect.”

“Not only are they not paying for the supplies, but they’re also holding our people hostage?!”

“How ridiculous!”

“Hold them off! I’ll be there right now!”

“I’ll get the money back! I guarantee it!”

With that, she hung up the call abruptly.

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After hanging up, Teresa looked at Harvey apologetically and said softly, "I'm afraid I can't treat you to a drink today, Harvey. Something happened, and I have to deal with it right now."

From the phone call alone, Harvey could tell it was something urgent.

"What happened? Tell me about it. Maybe I can help," Harvey asked without realizing it.

Teresa's face changed slightly. She then brought Harvey into the presidential suite and poured him a cup of water.

"It's really nothing that serious," Teresa said, sighing.

"I established my own company that's focused on import and export businesses."

“This time around, we imported some high quality Red Tea to Las Vegas.”

“Because of historical reasons, people here adore Red Tea. That’s why the sales of Red Tea have been quite good.”

“Then, we partnered up with a small business here that’s backed up by the Hamilton family.”

“There weren’t any problems during the early stages of the partnership. In fact, they already paid thirty percent of the payment.”

“But during the final payment, they suddenly claimed that our Red Tea was of poor quality. Not only did they refuse to complete their payment, they even demanded us to pay them ten times the amount of the total payment as listed in the contract!”

“I came here today because my two staff, whom I sent for negotiations, were held hostage.”

“I sent out another three today. I wasn’t going to ask for the payment either, as I only wanted them to release my staff. Sadly...”

Teresa seemed extremely exhausted at this point.

Harvey nodded silently. He could roughly understand the situation.

Teresa got herself into a typical business fraud.

Such things happen quite often in the business world, especially for newbies who just got into importing and exporting.

Without a certain level of power and influence in someone else’s territory, losing money was the only way to learn the lesson.

After pondering for a long while, Harvey suggested quietly, “How about this? I’ll go with you.”

Harvey's instincts told him that this might not be a coincidence.

What happened to Teresa might be deeply involved with Lilian's kidnapping.

Thus, he decided to go take a look and confirm the situation with his own eyes.

Teresa hesitated at first, but she nodded and agreed in the end.

She wasn't trying to avoid Harvey at all. After changing into her casual uniform, she took Harvey to the underground garage.

The two headed out in a Porsche with a Las Vegas license plate, to a coastal area in Hong Kong.

Half an hour later, the Porsche arrived at a warehouse.

The warehouse probably belonged to an old port.

It wasn't very big, and the buildings there were all quite ancient. That said, the rent was pretty cheap, and it was built in a good location.

At this moment, about fifty people were gathered outside a green warehouse.

They all wore dark sunglasses and vests which showed their strong muscles and powerful frame.

Harvey's eyes lit up in recognition as he stared at them from inside the car. It seemed he was right about his guess.

These men's auras and attire were pretty similar to the ones who tried to kill him before.

Though after thinking about the situation, he concluded that such things were pretty common.

Las Vegas wasn't that big in the first place.

People who dared to do businesses such as this must be from the underworld.

As it turned out, the men who tricked Teresa were the same men who had tried to kill him.

What a small world!

Harvey put on a face mask, hiding his true appearance, before following Teresa out of the Porsche.

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The men in sunglasses glanced over, their faces fierce, the second they realized that people were here.

However, Teresa spared them no attention. She completely ignored them, moving past them as she took Harvey into the warehouse.

Inside the warehouse, several citizens of Country H could be seen bound tightly.

A roguish man clad in a flowery shirt, with a cigar dangling in his hand, was pointing at the shelves behind him while shouting coarsely.

“Look at this! What the hell are these supplies?!”

“They’re all rotting tea leaves with a foul smell! How am I supposed to sell them to my customers?!”

“Because we didn’t find out about this sooner, I’ve already sold a batch to one of my customers! They’re demanding us to pay for their losses right now!”

“Your company is truly evil! How dare you try to fool us on our first partnership?!”

“Do you have a death wish?!”

“Get your boss here right now! If you can’t give me a proper explanation, I’ll chop off all your limbs and feed you to the fishes!”

At his command, his men pulled out their blades and began sharpening them sinisterly on their whetstones.

A frightening threat, indeed.

“It’ll be meaningless for you to do something like that. Don’t you think so, CEO Hamilton?”

“If there are problems, we can discuss them.”

“Or are you trying to escalate things so I’ll call the cops on you?”

Teresa stepped in front of her staff, a frosty expression on her face.

She had already informed Harvey the gist of the situation on their way here.

Her grandfather grew these tea leaves in the mountains. Not only was the quality excellent, but they were also very fresh.

After the leaves were processed, they could last for more than ten years.

She had even verified the condition of the leaves personally before shipping them out. Strangely enough, they somehow turned into rotten leaves when they reached Las Vegas.

Obviously, the problems that needed to be dealt with happened there...

“Heh, heh, heh! I didn’t know you were here already, CEO Thompson!”

The roguish man grinned scornfully, then feigned shock.

“When did you even reach this place? Why was I not informed about this?”

“Come, come! Get CEO Thompson some tea! If you make our guest wait too long, I’ll cut your heads off!”

At his command, one of his men casually sliced open a bag of tea leaves with his blade, before throwing some of the leaves in a filthy cup. After pouring some hot water in, he slammed the cup rudely before Teresa.

A rotting smell exuded out of the tea, spreading all over the place. Its stench was so awful, everyone got nauseated. The staff members behind Teresa were dry heaving, and even

Teresa became pale. She looked like she wanted to throw up at any moment.

The roguish man, however, flashed her a warm smile and acted as if he didn't smell anything bad at all.

“I know why you're here, CEO Thompson.”

“You're here to collect your final payment, right?”

“That's fine. As soon as you finish this cup of tea, I'll admit that your leaves are perfectly fine and let your people go. I'll pay you everything you're owed!”

“But if you can't do that, you must give us an explanation!”

The man shot her a scornful smile as he spoke.

He was positive that a young lady who had been pampered her entire life wouldn't be able to

swallow tea that had been rotting for years.

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Several men outside walked in with cold smiles, their eyes glaring at Teresa the way a wolf that had spotted prey would.

Teresa's expression changed slightly at their sudden appearance.

"Are you serious, CEO Hamilton?" she asked coldly.

"I am! I'm as serious as ever! If I lie to you, may my entire family be struck by lightning!"

The roguish man swore an oath.

"But! If you even do so much as to spit the tea out, I'm afraid it won't be as easy as paying for damages. When that happens, you'll have to compensate with your body as well!"

His men, who were surrounding the place,

chuckled coldly. They looked at Teresa with lustful stares.

Teresa took the teacup, face full of disgust, and prepared herself.

But at the most crucial moment, Harvey slapped the teacup away from her hand and let it fall to the ground.

“What’s the point in you strong men bullying a young lady?”

“Aren’t you embarrassed about trying to fool someone with tea leaves that have been rotting for at least twenty years?”

Harvey stood in front of Teresa and shielded her, his face hidden behind the mask. His action gave Teresa slight relief.

She crouched down to the fallen teacup and verified the contents while holding back her disgust. Then, she stood back up, her expression

frosty.

“That’s right. This tea is at least twenty years old. There’s no way this is the new tea we provided you.”

“CEO Hamilton, I’ve been doing honest business with you. Yet, you try to fool me with old tea after taking our goods? That’s a little unsightly, don’t you think?”

At Harvey and Teresa’s words, the roguish man’s face changed slightly. However, he quickly pulled himself together and flashed the two a cold smile.

“Just because you said your tea is new, doesn’t mean that you’re right!”

“Why are these leaves here, then?! We just took these out of the cargo hold!”

“These are the leaves we received!”

“I don’t care if the tea’s new or old. Either way, you have to give us a proper explanation!”

“If you don’t, you pay up tenfold just like the contract said! Or else, we’ll feed you all to the fishes!”

“The choice is yours.”

“I’m a pretty reasonable person, but I can’t say the same for my brothers here!”

He then picked up a blade and swung it threateningly, his face cold and sinister.

His men began cracking their necks and shot scornful glares at Teresa.

“Pay up!”

“If you don’t, we’ll have to teach you people a lesson!”

“We’ll feed the men to the fishes and sell the

women to Sky Casino-Palace after we're done playing with them!”

“We're getting our compensation, no matter what!”

“Yeah!”

“Get 'em!”

Before Teresa could react, the men let out a yell of rage and immediately charged at Harvey and Teresa.

Harvey, however, calmly stepped forward and swung his palm.

Slap!

The man leading the charge was immediately sent flying, crashing into eight other people behind him. His comrades halted, freezing the moment they witnessed the frightening sight.

Slap!

With another slap from Harvey, someone was sent flying again.

Slap, slap, slap!

The sound of a dozen more slaps echoed in the air, until there was no one left standing. Only by then did Teresa return back to her senses.

“You bastard!”

“How dare you attack us after you lied to us?!”

“Who do you think I am?!”

“Do you have a death wish?!”

The roguish man covered his face and quickly stood back up. He couldn't believe his eyes.