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Senior Zimmer smiled faintly, but he did not spare Zack the slightest glance. He continued, “Mandy is an exceptional person among the Zimmers. She’s holding two posts concurrently, as both the project manager of the shopping centre and the finance manager. It’s rather difficult for her. As she has heavy responsibilities, I decided someone should help her shoulder some of the burden.”

“Zack. After much thought, I feel you are the most suitable person for this position. From today onwards, you are the Zimmers’ vice chairman. You must work hard and help Mandy to handle all kinds of issues, and contribute to our Zimmers. Do you understand that?”

All of the people present exchanged helpless glances with one another, stunned. It never occurred to them that Senior Zimmer would promote Zack at such a critical moment.

The problem was, lately Zack failed to perform well.

To top it off, he repeatedly burdened the Zimmers. Because of him, the Zimmers fell on the verge of bankruptcy several times. With everything that had happened, how could he be the vice chairman?

It seemed Senior Zimmer was quite persistent in giving Zack a chance for power.

He claimed that Zack was there to give Mandy a hand. In truth, he wanted Zack to suppress her power and monitor her actions. There was the possibility of future complications with the company finances and the shopping centre project, after all.

Mandy gritted her teeth.

Senior Zimmer said everything perfectly well. Besides, he had fulfilled his promise. The rest of the Zimmers couldn't say anything as he didn't go back on his word.

'In truth, he doesn't trust me. He's afraid Zack might lose the opportunity to be future chairman if I gain the power in the company.

‘No matter how much I contributed to the Zimmers, no matter how much I did for them, Senior Zimmer always thinks that I’m less than Zack!’

One by one, the Zimmers overcame their shock and began to smile.

They understood the reason behind Senior Zimmer’s decision. He just made up an excuse in order to achieve dishonest aims. He wanted to lessen Mandy’s influence and power within the Zimmers.

From the beginning till the end, Zack was the only heir of the Zimmers. The more power Mandy possessed, the more others would fear her.

Zack smiled as well. It never occurred to him that there was a silver lining to this whole fiasco.

He flashed a smile and said, “Chairman, thank you for your trust in me. Starting from today, I won’t disappoint you. I will certainly fulfill my responsibilities with the best of my efforts!”

“Mandy, you need to cooperate with Zack closely in the future. All of us are family.” Senior Zimmer said, smiling in delight. “If there’s any complications, just discuss with each other and resolve it together. Would that be a problem?”

“Alright, chairman!” Mandy was reluctant, but this was all she could say.

Soon, the meeting ended. Senior Zimmer took the lead and left first.

Zack folded arms across his chest and approached Mandy. He said arrogantly, “It seems like no matter how much you struggle, you’ll never gain the upper hand. For grandpa, your position is incomparable to mine!”

“Don’t be so smug. From now, I’ll oversee every little detail in the company finance reports. I don’t care how you embezzled the funds before. Starting today, don’t dream of taking a single cent without my sign!” Mandy replied coldly. She couldn’t be bothered with Zack, and strode out of the

conference room.

The Zimmers were furious. They did not rely only on their mere salaries from the company to survive. Without their tricks, how could they survive? It seemed Mandy was determined to ruin all of them.

“How could Mandy do as she pleases without taking our welfare into consideration? Even Senior Zimmer doesn’t care so much about these things. She thinks she has a say now that she’s in power?”

“She thinks she has the right to do that because she’s now the finance manager? We have the right to take what’s ours, and we won’t settle for anything less. Let’s see what she can do about that!”

Sean smiled and stood up. He folded his hands in a salute and said, “Everyone. From now on, Zack is the vice chairman of our company. Mandy is just a subordinate under him. How would she dare make things difficult for everyone?”

“I’ll make a stand here. As long as you support Zack like always, you’ll definitely get the money you

deserve. You won't gain anything less!"

Zack grinned and added, "You don't need to worry. We're both Zimmers. We won't be so cordial with each other. Since I'm in power, I won't treat any of you unfairly. If she wants to oppress us just because of that small bit of power she has, I'll make her pay!"

"Zack, we'll count on you in the future!"

"Senior Zimmer values you highly. Who the hell is Mandy? She's just a nobody."

"That's right! She's just a useless woman. How could she compare to Zack?"

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Mandy returned to her office, an ugly expression colouring her face. While Senior Zimmer did fulfil his promise, she never imagined he would do such a thing.

How shameless!

He even claimed she had to discuss every single

matter with Zack. He was being ungrateful.

Mandy sighed. “Grandpa, when exactly will you understand? If things go on like this, our family will fall!”

When she reached home in the afternoon, she was filled with resentment

Harvey, who was mopping the floor, became curious. “What happened?”

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“Senior Zimmer said he wants somebody to share my responsibilities, so he made Zack the vice chairman of Zimmer Enterprise.” Mandy spat angrily. “He even told me to discuss things with Zack if anything happens.”

“I see.” Harvey frowned. “I never imagined Senior Zimmer would be shameless to this extent, just to suppress your power within the family.”

“He clearly said that if I managed to settle our problems, he’d give me the sole responsibility for the shopping centre project and the company finances.” Mandy was puzzled, unable to understand how things had escalated to this point.

“It’s quite simple.” Harvey said. “He doesn’t want you to have too large an authority in Zimmer Enterprise. It’ll affect Zack’s status. After all, for him, Zack is the heir of the Zimmers!”

“Why? Isn’t he afraid I might refuse to help?”



Mandy could not accept this. “If it wasn’t for me, would York Enterprise have done the Zimmers a favor? If I didn’t care about the Zimmers, how long can they survive?”

“Whether York Enterprise would do the favor or not, isn’t the main issue. The important question is, are you able to leave the Zimmers? Can you really abandon them?” Harvey asked.

Mandy was momentarily stunned. This was the family she was born and raised in. She spent her entire life trying to contribute to the family. It wasn’t easy for her to achieve what she had now. How could she simply give everything up?

“See! That’s why Senior Zimmer dared to suppress you. He knows you won’t leave the Zimmers. And whenever the family gets in trouble, you’ll find a way to solve it.” Harvey sighed. Sometimes, he didn’t know whether Mandy was naive or soft-hearted. Still, this part of her was also what he liked about her the most.

No matter what her final decision was, Harvey

would not interfere. All things considered, the Zimmers were a good platform for Mandy. The outside world was rife with conspiracies and schemes. Mandy could gradually learn about them and wisen up among the Zimmers. She could take things slowly and digest the things she learned. After all, Harvey was there for her. She would not run into any problems.

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At the same time, in the Zimmer Villa.

When Senior Zimmer reached home, his secretary couldn't help but say in worry, "Chairman, won't what happened today infuriate Mandy? After all, it seems she has quite a good relationship with York Enterprise. If things go on this way, won't it affect the Zimmers?"

Senior Zimmer snorted. "What was her previous status in this family? What about now? Before today, she was just a nobody. But now, she's in a privileged position. What's there to be dissatisfied

about? I gave her so much. It's only natural that she sacrifices for the Zimmers. Do I have to make her the chairman?"

"But... Now, she has the power to decide the Zimmers' fate." The secretary said, worried.

"Don't worry. She's not that daring. She's nothing without the Zimmers. She has to suffer in silence, even if she's treated unfairly."

"Besides, I've done enough for that useless woman." Senior Zimmer said matter-of-factly. "How could she not be grateful?"

The secretary nodded slightly, and said no more.

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At the end of the day, the secretary was just an outsider. He could only give some reminders to Senior Zimmer during critical moments. However when Senior Zimmer had made a decision, no ordinary person could change it.

Besides, Senior Zimmer assumed Mandy would most probably refrain from doing anything stupid.

Mandy needed protection from a family like the Zimmers. If the Zimmers were bankrupt, she wouldn't be able to lead a good life either.

Senior Zimmer shook his head and inhaled deeply. “What I'm worried most is if Mandy will make more contributions as time goes by.”

“She's just a useless woman. What if her achievements grow so much, she starts to influence my status? She'll become the chairman directly. When that happens, should we abandon the

Zimmer name and take up the York surname instead?”

“That’s true. We cannot let outsiders take over the Zimmers.” The secretary said in agreement. As the chairman’s secretary, he wouldn’t have a good end if the Zimmers fell to outsiders.

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At the pedestrian streets of Niumhi, in a high-end cafe.

Both Harvey and Mandy sat side by side. Cecilia and Angel sat across them.

With three beautiful ladies sitting together in the cafe, a lot of men couldn’t help but sneak a glance at them.

On the other hand, Harvey sat at the side, playing with his phone. He appeared quite shabby. Right now, he was being glared at by a lot of people.

However, he kept his gaze down, his expression unchanging. Cecilia's leg, which was swaying in

front of him, was nothing but a dead object to him.

“Humph!”

Seeing that she failed to tease Harvey and humiliate him, Cecilia could not help but sneer.

Since the incident at the auction the other day, she hated Harvey deeply. It was the reason why Jake made so much trouble for her.

She dressed sexily today in order to embarrass Harvey. As it turned out, he had no interest to spare her even one glance.

“By the way, Mandy. Do you really want this guy to go to the gathering with you?” Sitting at the side, Angel asked hesitantly.

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“Of course, he’s my husband.” Mandy replied matter-of-factly.

“But you’ve never brought him along before?” Angel asked curiously.

“Don’t mind it so much. Are you willing to bring your boyfriend?”

Tsk! Angel said contemptuously, “Mandy, I don’t mean to argue with you. If you bring Harvey, this worthless piece of trash, you’ll just humiliate yourself. Maybe someone at the gathering will take delight in that.”

“Who?” Mandy appeared adorkable.

“Nia Howell! Have you forgotten about her? Back in university, every man she liked had a secret crush on you. She would fail every time she confessed to a man. She wanted to strangle you to death so badly.”

“I heard she had a good life in South Korea during

these years. She's now as beautiful as an angel after her plastic surgery. The reason she's returning to our country is for this gathering." Angel advised Mandy patiently. "She's probably coming for you! Mandy, you'd better be careful!"

"Besides, Nia was really lucky. I heard she used a fake photograph from the internet to have an online love affair with a rich heir. That man gave her money every day. It lasted for half a year.

"And then? Before they met up, Nia used that money to go for plastic surgery. After she finally met him, she made him her husband so he's quite loyal to her. I heard they're living the good life. She's always showing off her bags, villas and sports cars in our classmates' group chat."

Cecilia sighed as well. She might not like how Nia became beautiful through plastic surgery, but it was true Nia led a wonderful life that couldn't be compared to that of ordinary people.

"Is she married?" Mandy was quite surprised. She



only paid attention to this part.

“Yes, she’s married now. She even invited the three of us, but we didn’t attend her wedding ceremony.” Angel said. “Have you forgotten about it?”

Angel heaved a sigh. She looked at Harvey up and down and said, “Worthless trash, if you’re still a true man, you better don’t attend the gathering. Mandy’s always being mocked by others because of you.” When she was finished, she sighed again.

Hearing this, Cecilia too began to persuade Mandy. “In my opinion, Mandy should divorce this worthless trash immediately. Given how exceptional she is, she’ll find an excellent husband with better credentials in the blink of an eye. Before the gathering, in fact.”

Harvey rolled his eyes. “Why do you think Mandy will be humiliated if she brings me? Maybe I’ll make her proud.”

“Tsk...” Angel gave him no respect. “You?”

After that, Angel didn’t bother talking to Harvey. ‘

This man doesn't have any sense of self-awareness. I don't know what's wrong with Mandy. Now she's even letting him be a part of her life.

'Could it be Mandy's still not ready to divorce him?'

The thought shocked Angel. If that was the case, she would be in trouble. She had promised someone to give him a chance with Mandy during the gathering.

Halfway through their coffee outing, the three best friends went shopping for clothes, leaving Harvey there alone.

Harvey did not insist on going with them and instead used the time to rest by himself. There were too many problems recently, and he needed to tackle them one by one.

At that moment, his phone rang.

Harvey answered the phone and said casually, "What's wrong?"

"Mr. York, we've tackled the issue with Covey. He's

one of us now from now on. I'll keep a close eye on him." Tyson said respectfully at the other end of the phone. "I'll definitely stop him from going out and making a mess."

"Alright, I understand." Harvey replied calmly.

"Without Liam, we've successfully retrieved the investment funds from the Brookes. The retraction of other projects is also going smoothly. For the time being, no one's looking for trouble with us." As he spoke, Tyson couldn't help but feel slightly smug.

"Not bad. How about the matter regarding Dario? I have high expectations of him." Harvey said. "Do make him one of us."

"Mr. York, don't worry. We've started looking into his background. Once we get to the bottom of it, we'll be able to act accordingly." Tyson said, patting his chest. "We'll definitely make him one of us."

"Alright, that will be all. Also, get more people to protect my wife. Don't let anything happen to her." 1

“Yes, sir.”

After giving out his orders, Harvey heaved a sigh of relief.

He had arranged most of the things in Niumhi nicely and properly. Everything should unfold according to his plans.

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On the day of the gathering, Harvey drove his Porsche while Mandy sat beside the driver's seat. 1

Both of them went to pick up Cecilia and Angel. As they got into the car, they were astonished.

They were not little girls who knew nothing of the world. They saw that the Porsche was no ordinary car at first glance.

“D\*mn! Harvey, are you really rich now? Where did you rent this car from? Why did it look so new?” Angel's cousin, Kevin, founded an automotive city. Hence, she understood the industry quite well.

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“It’s a gift from your cousin.” Harvey said casually.

“Kevin? How is that possible? This car costs at least more than three hundred thousand dollars. Why would he give this to you?” Angel was filled with disdain. ‘Harvey likes to act arrogant and put up a show. I don’t know where he rented this car. How can he be so shameless and say that it’s a gift from someone else?’

‘It’s normal to rent a luxury car to show off for gatherings. But he’s not even aware that he needs to put up a better act if he really does want to show off. How could he wear such shabby clothes? If he tells people this car is his, no one will believe him.’

Harvey didn’t want to explain himself and simply drove. He was only telling the truth, but no one believed his words.

The Porsche drove swiftly toward Hot Spring Villa

in the suburbs.

Hot Spring Villa was famous in Niumhi. The springs there were renowned for their ability in lessening fatigue and improving the appearance. The number of people who booked the rooms on weekdays alone were unimaginably high.

Even if people didn't come for the hot springs, they needed to make a reservation in advance just for a meal there. Ordinary people could never have the opportunity to do so.

“Angel, I heard you need to make a reservation half a year earlier even just for the VIP restaurant there. Who had the honor of making one?” Mandy asked, curious. “How are they able to hold a gathering here?”

Angel sneered, “It's Nia's man. I heard he has some shares in that property. The CEO is his uncle, apparently.”

Mandy was shocked. ‘Nia's husband is pretty capable. He even has shares in the Hot Spring Villa.

She really did have an amazing life.'

"Isn't the owner of Hot Spring Villa called Kane Brooke?" Harvey said. "He's from the Brookes in Niumhi. That place can be considered the Brookes's property."

"Hey! Since you know it belongs to the Brookes, then you should know who Kane is, shouldn't you? He's the heir of the Brookes. I heard he's quite an excellent man in terms of his disposition and abilities. The most important part is, he's only in his thirties! Besides, he's still single. He's a rich, single man!" Cecilia exclaimed, filled with anticipation.

Harvey was speechless. "This woman is hopeless. Every day, she's obsessed with the idea of getting married into a wealthy family. The problem is, there aren't that many families for you to get married into. Besides, they probably have their own requirements for potential daughter-in-laws. Just take a look at yourself. What are you thinking about all day long?'

Mandy shook her head. “Celia, can you knock some sense into your head? This is our class gathering, not some sort of grand event. Kane won’t be joining us.”

Angel sneered. “You’re wrong, Mandy. See, that b\*tch Nia told the group chat just now that CEO Brooke will drop by and give a toast later during our gathering.”

Mandy went speechless. She and Harvey looked at each other. At that moment, she shared his sentiments.

‘A stranger who’s not even your husband is coming to give a toast. What’s there to show off about? Are you out of your mind?’

However, Cecilia was ecstatic and delighted at the news. It had always been her dream to marry into a wealthy family. Before, she never had a chance. At last, a golden opportunity came knocking. Maybe her dreams would really come true.

Angel shook her head. Even she couldn’t bear



looking at Cecilia.

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At the parking lot of Hot Spring Hotel.

A seductively-dressed woman exited her car in high heels.

She had an undeniably sensual figure with a beautiful face. Few could tell that she had been injected with too much hyaluronic acid. While her facial features were lovely, they seemed somewhat unnatural. She was akin to chinaware that was too well polished. Every part of her seemed both real and fake at the same time.

Standing beside her was a man in a suit. A Ferrari was parked near him.

“Sweetheart, this car isn’t too bad, right? I asked my uncle to lend it to me. When your classmates see this, they’ll be jealous!”

Jamie Brooke said, smug. He was Nia’s husband, but he was not a direct descendant of the Brookes.

Nia held his arm in an intimate manner. “Hubby, you’re the best. Don’t worry, I’ll definitely serve you well tonight when we return home.”

Jamie laughed softly and said, “Then, I’ll thoroughly enjoy myself tonight!”

One after another, Nia’s classmates arrived at the scene. At the sight of the Ferrari, they became deeply jealous. For ordinary families like theirs, forget owning a Ferrari, they might not even get the chance to see one in their lives.

By now, many of them were busy taking pictures with the Ferrari. Nia’s lips curved into a bright smile, immense satisfaction welling up in her.

‘What’s the point of a gathering besides this? Why else would I organize one if not to be envied by every single person here?’

“If you like it, you can get inside the car and sit there for a while. You can take pictures in it, too. It’ll be a much better experience.” Nia said with a

small smile, opening the car door.

“Nia, you’re so generous!”

“We’re really jealous of you! Not only is your husband rich, he even treats you so well!”

“It’ll be so wonderful if my husband could buy me a Ferrari one day!”

Her classmates fell into an excited babble. There was no doubting their tremendous jealousy of Nia’s fortune.

In that instant, a Porsche slid by with an elegant swoosh and parked not far away from the Ferrari.