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Chapter 2501

Ezekiel remained silent on the side, but amid his grandmother's praise, his eyes were filled with amusement. Harmony exchanged glances with him several times and averted her gaze shyly each time.

As dinner came to an end, Harmony's phone rang. Seeing it was Sera, she said to Cecelia, "Ma'am, please allow me to take this call."

"Sure! Go ahead. We're not strangers," Cecelia replied.

"Hey, Sera," Harmony answered the phone.

"Harmony, have you finished eating? Something happened at the television station just now. An intern climbed to the rooftop emotionally distressed and even threatened to jump."

"What?! How's the situation now?"

"They're still in a standoff, and we don't know how to persuade her. The fire department has arrived as well."

"What can I do?" Harmony was anxious now. No matter what, she couldn't let the situation escalate to the point of someone attempting such a dangerous stunt.

Just then, Sera seemed to be talking to someone else. "What? You want my artist to come and talk to her... No way. She can't go to the rooftop. It's too dangerous."

When Harmony heard that, she stated outright, "Sera, I can come and talk to her. I'll come over right away."

"Harmony, you don't need to..." Sera's attempt to dissuade her was cut short as Harmony ended the call.

Turning to Cecelia, Harmony apologized to the elderly woman. "I'm sorry, ma'am. I have an urgent matter to attend to. I'll treat you to a meal next time."

Ezekiel immediately stood up. "What's the matter? I'll come with you."

"But--"

"It seems urgent. Let Ezekiel take you. I'll have the driver take me home later," Cecelia suggested before adding to her grandson, "Take good care of Miss Mayo."

"Alright, Grandma." After saying that, he urged Harmony, "Let's go!"

As soon as they were in the corridor, Harmony briefed Ezekiel on the intern threatening to jump from the rooftop.

He could tell she was anxious. Faced with a stranger, her anxiety revealed her inherently kind nature.

"Okay. Let's hurry over," Ezekiel said, taking her with him. The television station was nearby, so they could hear the sounds of the fire department and the crowd below.

It seemed like things were getting out of control. Sera noticed Harmony immediately and rushed over to persuade her. "Harmony, we shouldn't go up. It's too high, and the rooftop is too dangerous."

At that moment, the police arrived and addressed Harmony, "You're the artist, aren't you? Please go up and try to persuade the intern to come down."

Harmony nodded without an ounce of hesitation. "Alright. I'll go up."

Just then, someone grabbed her hand. In the same determined tone, he uttered, "I'll come with you."

Harmony anxiously turned to see the man behind her. "No, you can't go up. It's too dangerous."

“That’s exactly why I must come with you,” Ezekiel insisted, leading her along with the police.

The scene was chaotic. The police and firefighters were present, and the entire television station’s staff gathered outside to watch.

Ruby was among those in the crowd. Though she was also panicking, she actually wished the intern would jump. It would cost the intern’s life, but it could save her and Natalie’s jobs.

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“How’s the situation now?”

“The intern is still going crazy on the rooftop, Insisting on jumping off. The police and firefighters are there now. Also, I just saw Harmony. She’s here too.”

“What? What is she doing there?”

“I don’t know, but I saw her heading toward the elevator. I’m wondering if she’s going up to persuade the intern.”

Catalina sounded annoyed on the other end. “What’s the use of her going up? This whole thing happened because of her in the first place. She’s just trying to seize an opportunity to gain attention. What a despicable woman! She’s an expert in acting. Ruby, go up with her and see what’s happening.”

“Alright. I’ll head up right now.”

“I’m outside too, but I can’t show myself. Anyway, make sure you handle this matter properly. If that lunatic wants to jump off, let her jump. We shouldn’t care about her life or death, Catalina uttered coldly.

“Right. I agree that it’s not necessary to waste our time with her. She brought this upon herself. Who can she blame?” Ruby shared the same opinion as Catalina.

At this moment, Harmony took a deep breath in the elevator and maintained a relatively calm and rational demeanor. She was contemplating how to persuade the intern once they reached the rooftop.

The police had briefed her on the situation.

The intern was emotionally distressed due to unpleasant work issues. As the elevator dinged and signaled their arrival on the top floor, Harmony could see over a dozen firefighters on standby to prepare for an emergency.

On the other hand, the intern was sitting at the rooftop railing, screaming loudly at anyone who approached. Everyone was afraid of getting close to her, fearing they might agitate her into jumping.

Although preparations were made downstairs, nobody dared to guarantee a successful intervention due to the uncertainty of catching her from a building that was more than 30 stories high.

Therefore, the situation was dangerous.

“Miss Mayo, please try talking to her now. See if you can persuade her to come back. We’ve tried everything,” a police officer suggested.

Harmony took a deep breath and uttered, “Sure. I’ll give it a try.”

In a low voice, Ezekiel added, “I’ll do it with you.”

“Sir, you can’t do it with her. The young lady is extremely emotional. Please don’t agitate her. We will ensure Miss Mayo’s safety,” the police advised.

Harmony also turned back to reassure Ezekiel,. “Don’t worry. I’ll be fine.”

With that, she took careful steps onto the rooftop and called out the girl’s name. “Cindy, calm down. Tonight’s incident is not your fault. Please come down first!”

When Cindy turned around and saw Harmony, her eyes showed a hint of joy. “Miss Mayo, why are you here?”

“Cindy, I know you’ve been wrongly accused. I know you didn’t switch the script. Come down, and I’ll help you investigate so you can clear your name. What do you say?” Harmony approached while persuading.

Luckily, Cindy didn’t resist her approach. In the night breeze, Harmony’s slender figure had no threatening aura. Since Cindy was Harmony’s fan, meeting the star tonight brought her considerable joy.

“Miss Mayo, do you really believe me?” Cindy’s gaze was filled with longing and approval. At this moment, she needed someone on her side, telling her she wasn’t wrong.

The deputy director had scolded her harshly in the evening, and her team leader, Ruby, had also blamed her for not doing her job right. Everyone attributed the failure of tonight’s live broadcast to her, so it felt like a disastrous ordeal for her.

Because of all that, she contemplated ending it all, thinking that life had lost its meaning.

“I believe you. I know someone is trying to hurt me in this matter, but I’m sure it’s not you,” Harmony sincerely commented.

“It isn’t me. I didn’t switch the script, and I wasn’t paid to do anything for someone else. Miss Mayo, it really wasn’t me!” Cindy’s emotions fluctuated again, and she felt as if the world had abandoned her.

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“Cindy, I know it wasn’t you. I believe you,” said Harmony, playing along with her.

Cindy sniffed. “Miss Mayo, it was my fault no matter what. I should’ve checked the script at the last moment to ensure it was okay. I’m sorry for the damage done to you because of my negligence.”

Harmony was only less than ten feet from her now. With a few more steps, she could grab Cindy and pull her down. “It’s okay, Cindy. To be honest, I didn’t suffer any damage tonight. Don’t blame yourself for this. Everyone makes mistakes.”

Cindy suddenly broke down in tears, her body trembling slightly. "But everyone's pinning the blame on me and passing the buck to me. They say it was my fault, like I'm a useless piece of trash."

Standing not far away, Ezekiel instantly clenched his fists, noticing that Harmony was trying to approach the girl in an attempt to yank her down. Is she trying to get herself killed? What if that girl genuinely wants to jump and drags her along with her?

"Harmony," he called out to her in warning.

She involuntarily turned around, followed by Cindy, who turned to stare at the incredibly handsome man in the light nearby.

At that, it suddenly occurred to Harmony to try to catch Cindy's attention. As a means to calm her down, she could not help but reveal something about herself. "Cindy, do you know who he is? He's my boyfriend."

Just as she expected, Cindy, with the heart of a star-struck fan, was hooked. "He's so good-looking."

"Yeah. He proposed to me today, and I'm still thinking about whether to accept him. Cindy, do you think I should marry him?" said Harmony while getting within three feet of Cindy. She did not seem aggressive, like a gentle breeze blowing into Cindy's heart.

As a result, Cindy dropped her guard completely. "Are you getting married?" She never thought she could listen to Harmony's secret alone.

Harmony replied, "This is a secret; I haven't made it public yet. He loves me very much, and I love him, too. We..." Just then, she suddenly took Cindy in her arms, dragging her toward the ground with all her might. Her mind was blank at that moment. She just kept trying to pull Cindy down.

Cindy instinctively struggled for a moment. "No! Don't save me... Let me die."

"Don't die, Cindy! Your death would only make those who did this to you feel more justified."

You don't have to risk your own life. If you lose your job, you can find another one. But you only live once."

To Harmony's surprise, she did not manage to pull Cindy down. Instead, Cindy seriously wanted to jump and almost dragged her along with her. Luckily, the firefighter who had been hiding nearby immediately rushed over, followed by a tall figure frantically scurrying over to them. The firefighter held onto Cindy while Ezekiel clasped Harmony tightly to his chest as if afraid she might disappear.

Harmony's palms were also sweating. Her heart raced, and a layer of cold sweat formed on her forehead. Just then, she heard a hushed voice chiding, "Are you out of your mind? Your life is just as precious as hers."

It's Ezekiel! Such a good-tempered man chided me. Watching Cindy being carried away by the firefighter, she finally felt relieved. She looked up and smiled at the man who had scolded her. "Don't worry. I'm fine."

Like hell, you're fine! You were almost dragged off the building just a moment ago, he thought.

Just then, the deputy director hurried over. To smooth things over, he had no choice but to apologize to Cindy, saying, "Cindy, it was my fault for blaming you. I know what I said earlier was too harsh on you. Please don't take it to heart. We won't blame you for this matter, okay?"

Standing behind the crowd, Ruby started to panic when she saw Cindy being rescued. If Cindy survives, this matter will surely be investigated.

At that moment, Cindy's parents also rushed over, embracing her while bursting into sobs. Realizing how her impulsive actions had hurt those who cared about her, she hugged her parents and cried as well.

The perilous situation was resolved just like that. However, just when Harmony was about to leave, she suddenly realized one thing-she was weak at the knees.

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She was extremely nervous while holding onto Cindy just now. "Mr. Weiss, my legs are shaking. What should I do?" she asked. She was not being dramatic, as her legs were shaking like jelly at that moment.

Ezekiel lowered his head and chuckled. "What else can you do? I'll carry you," he replied before scooping her up in his arms.

Harmony buried her face in his chest, deciding not to care about whatever was happening outside. In any case, she felt exhilarated right then.

At that moment, many reporters were around, naturally chasing after the couple to take pictures and thus capturing the thrilling scene of her saving someone. Due to that, all media outlets were commending her brave act of rescuing a person. Even the most authoritative TV stations also shared the news.

This was something she had not anticipated. Her only thought back then was to save Cindy; she had never intended to publicize her actions or boost her popularity because of this incident.

Sera breathed a sigh of relief as she watched Harmony being carried by Ezekiel.

After placing Harmony in her MPV, the man stood by the door, asking, "Are your legs still shaking?"

"They're much better now. Thank you, Mr. Weiss.

"You did great tonight, but don't do it again next time," said Ezekiel sternly in all seriousness.

She blinked innocently.

Seeing her disheveled long hair, he could not help but reach out to smooth it. "Go back and rest early. Don't think about anything tonight. Just relax."

"Okay!" She pursed her lips in a smile. With him around, it seemed like she did not need to think about anything. Fame, live interviews... She could put all of these out of her mind.

Sera instructed the driver to start driving.

Catalina spotted Harmony's MPV, too. At the same time, she saw Ezekiel standing on the roadside, seeing Harmony off. Sitting in her car, she was immediately pissed off by what she saw.

She had thought tonight's incident would make Harmony a laughingstock, but contrary to her expectations, she ended up not only receiving praise but also gaining Ezekiel's protection. Now, the internet was abuzz with reports of tonight's incident. She gained sympathy thanks to the TV station deliberately giving her a hard time, while her act of saving someone drew praise from everyone.

"Damn it! She reaped all the benefits," she cursed. I've turned a winning hand into a lousy one. Now, all she could do was silence Ruby and forbid her from giving her away. Also, she had to pressure Ruby into admitting that all of this was her doing.

A moment later, when Ruby showed up in her car, she tossed a bank card to her at once. "Here's 150 thousand. Own up to this, and don't escalate things further."

Ruby was greedy, though. She could own up to this, but she wanted more. "Catalina, it's not quite right to give me only 150 thousand for such a big deal, don't you think?"

"How much do you want, then?"

"At least this much." Ruby extended her palm.

"You want 500 thousand for just a script?"

"It's not that simple anymore. Someone has almost died from this. Catalina, you wouldn't want me to give you away, right?"

Despite her bitter reluctance, Catalina had no choice but to give Ruby 500 thousand to settle the matter.

Ruby then went to the TV station and admitted her guilt. She was fired instantly. On top of that, she had to pay damages to the TV station for tonight's incident, which totaled exactly 500 thousand. She was flabbergasted right away. "Sir, how am I supposed to pay such a large sum?!"

“Do you think this money will go to our TV station? It’s the sum we have to pay Harmony in compensation!”

“What? You mean this money goes to her?”

“That’s right! We just spoke to her agent. She agrees not to make a fuss about this, but we have to pay them 500 thousand in compensation. This is your fault. If you refuse to pay the sum, we’ll have no choice but to have you jailed for a couple of years.”

Ruby was so angry that she nearly fainted as a result. Consequently, Catalina’s money ended up going to Harmony instead.

Meanwhile, Harmony was in her apartment, having a cup of tea to calm her nerves after the incident. She was content to hear Sera settle things in private with the TV station. As this matter could not be blown out of proportion, it was better to resolve it quietly.

“That’s settled, then. Harmony, we’ve negotiated a deal with the TV station. They’ll pay us 500 thousand in compensation, and we’ll stop pursuing the matter.”

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“Alright! I’m okay with that.” Harmony nodded. To her, her greatest gain tonight was experiencing this incident with Ezekiel.

“Miss Cullen is the one who swapped the script. I wonder who made her do this. But we can’t get her to talk anymore. She must’ve been paid to keep quiet.”

“It’s clear as day who’s behind this,” replied Harmony with a sigh.

“You mean Catalina?” Sera guessed.

“Who else besides her has the power to have the TV station at their beck and call? Besides Miss Cullen, I think the interview host might’ve been paid as well.”

“Sigh! Let’s avoid giving these kinds of interviews from now on. We’ll focus on acting,” concluded Sera.

With that, she turned around, only to find that her artist was not listening to her. Rather, she was holding her cup of tea while giggling. In an instant, she realized that Harmony’s biggest gain tonight was neither the attention and praise she received on the internet nor the 500 thousand in compensation. Instead, it was the special care she had received from Ezekiel.

The 5th of May was a big day for the Presgraves, whose beloved daughter was getting married. For this princess of the Presgrave Family, who was born with a silver spoon in her mouth, the only hardship she had tasted was the bitterness of an Americano. Now, after preparing herself, she would marry her beloved man and enter into marriage today.

Her wedding took place on a private island owned by her family, just like the wedding of her parents and brother. This island, a symbol of happiness and bliss, had always brought good luck to the Presgrave Family.

Those present at today’s wedding were also exceptionally prestigious, for the world’s top echelons of the wealthy elite were gathered there.

Antoine had also taken leave to come here for a vacation while helping his nephew arrange some matters related to the wedding.

Needless to say, the Wyatt Family’s wealth was unquestionable, so this wedding was bound to be a splendid and grand affair. However, the Wyatts had few friends and relatives, so those who attended the wedding were Jasper’s friends from the base. Nevertheless, this did not affect anything, for the Presgrave Family’s elders would be his most influential support from then on.

Ezekiel and his mother also set out the next day, taking his grandmother to the island for a three-day vacation.

Today’s weather was perfect, with a gentle breeze and warm sunshine. The scenery on the island was breathtaking, and the roses blooming on the island were the most vibrant color.

This was an island with a romantic charm, bought by Elliot for his wife after their wedding back then. At the same time, he had painstakingly developed the island into a gathering place for their family reunions.

It was time for the wedding. Guests filled the seats in the hall while the handsomely dressed groom stood on the platform, patiently waiting for his bride.

The heavy doors of the hall opened. Accompanied by a cool breeze, a graceful and ethereal figure appeared. It was Willow, holding her father's arm and looking indescribably beautiful in a sacred white wedding dress.

Standing on the platform, Jasper locked his profound gaze on her-the love of his life.

Inwardly, Elliot was reluctant to be parted from his daughter. Despite his reluctance, his daughter's happiness took precedence over everything else. So, with peace of mind, he handed his daughter over to this son-in-law, whom he was satisfied with, wishing them a blissful life together.

Sitting in the audience was Anastasia, who looked graceful and noble. Seeing how happy her daughter was, she felt happy for her and wished her happiness.

The wedding ceremony was simple yet grand. Every word spoken was a commitment, as the bride and groom would spend the rest of their lives hand in hand.

In the evening, a pair of special guests finally arrived under the cover of night. They were none other than the recently wedded Zacharias and his wife, carefully placed in a private room; after all, it was inappropriate to expose their identities.

The three-day wedding celebration ended on a high note. Guests at the wedding felt at home and content with the courtesy extended by the hosts, while the newlyweds had a perfect wedding.

Meanwhile, in Averna, preparations were ongoing for an awards ceremony as the city would host a film festival tonight.

The red carpet event started at 3.00PM sharp, and Harmony arrived with the leading actor and the film director. After the events of the last few days, her fan base had grown exponentially. As soon as she appeared on stage, her fans, who had long been waiting in the audience, started cheering for her.

She carried herself with composure on stage. Wearing a white chiffon dress, she exuded grace and vivacity. The reporters' cameras were almost all focused on her face, snapping away like crazy.

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Soon, another group of people took the stage. Coincidentally, they were Catalina and the cast of her film. However, her film had only received a lukewarm response, and she did not have much of a fan base herself, thanks to the huge number of controversies about her. Still, for the sake of her popularity, she had hired many fan groups to cheer for her outside today. Not only that, but she had also hired a dedicated team of photographers, ensuring that any images of her uploaded online had to pass her scrutiny.

She had failed to frame Harmony last time and had instead paid the latter 500 thousand indirectly in compensation. She only learned about this afterward, and it nearly drove her mad. It was equal to her gifting 500 thousand to Harmony to boost her popularity.

However, she was not going to let Harmony off today. She was willing to use any connections at her disposal to undermine the girl. For instance, she had switched Harmony's seat today, replacing Harmony's name with that of a veteran actor. She intended to set her up against the veteran actor.

As Harmony and the director's team entered the hall, the director noticed that her name was not anywhere near his. He said, "Harmony, why don't you go up front and take a look? Just take the seat with your name on it."

"Okay" She thus began searching the rows for her seat. Just then, a staff member approached her, saying, "Miss Mayo, your seat is in the first row. Please take your seat there."

"I'm in the first row?" Harmony was taken aback. The first row is usually reserved for bigwigs or people of status; even the most popular actors are mostly placed in the second row. How can I qualify for the front row?

"Could there be a mistake? How can my seat be in the first row? Would you mind checking the seating arrangements?" She grew wary at once.

The staff member was responsible for the seating arrangements. Hearing Harmony say that, she replied, "Alright, let me double-check for you."

"Sure! It's best not to make a mistake with the seating arrangements," said Harmony with a smile.

The moment Catalina walked in, she saw Harmony standing in a corner below the stage, looking at her phone. She could not help but frown. Why hasn't she taken her seat in the first row yet?

At that moment, a staff member approached Harmony and apologized, "I'm sorry, Miss Mayo. It was indeed a mistake by one of our staff members. Your seat was mistakenly swapped with Mr. Frank Holton's."

Harmony's heart clenched at once. Frank Holton was a renowned veteran actor. Had she switched seats with him without noticing the mistake, it would have caused a big uproar for her. Despite her inner anger, she remained polite on the surface, saying, "It's okay. Good that it is clarified."

"Please wait a moment while I swap the seat labels for you," said the staff member before hurrying away.

As soon as Harmony looked up, she saw Catalina watching her with folded arms. From Catalina's expression, she realized that this seat-switching scheme was probably her doing again. She's relentless.

Catalina also did not expect Harmony to become so smart as to switch her seat back. "Ha! That's not bad." She stepped forward, blocking Harmony's path.

"Ms. Martin, please stop doing things like this," warned Harmony in a hushed voice.

"I just can't stand your smugness despite your lack of status and influence."

"How am I being smug?" Harmony frowned.

“This circle belongs only to the wealthy. Someone like you only deserves to live at the bottom,” mocked Catalina.

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Harmony returned to her seat and told Sera what had just happened, to which the latter responded calmly by advising her to accept her award.

Just when Harmony was about to put down her phone, it beeped with another text message. She looked at the message, which turned out to be Ezekiel's. 'What are you doing?'

She was surprised to receive the text message. The two had not gotten in touch since the previous incident, so she thought he had already left. 'I'm attending an awards ceremony, she replied, attaching a picture of the event.

At that moment, Ezekiel had just disembarked from the yacht after attending Willow's wedding. His mother and grandmother stayed on the island for a two-week vacation, whereas he returned early.

He got into his car, looking at the picture sent by Harmony, which showed the name of the film festival's theme. He smiled and texted her, 'Has it started?'

Seeing this reply, she was caught off guard. She asked on an impulse, 'Are you coming?'

'Sure, I'll come.' Then came the prompt reply. Harmony clasped her mouth, unable to hide the happiness in her eyes. Oh, my gosh! He's coming!

Ezekiel's convoy headed straight for the film festival. Meanwhile, the film festival's organizers received a call saying that a VIP was coming over. Immediately, a seat was arranged for him in the front row, labeled with the name Ezekiel Weiss.

In this circle, there was one thing that held tremendous power-wealth. He could easily use his connections to attend any event he wanted. Also, he made a request tonight that he wanted an actress to accompany him.

Catalina sat in her seat, turning to glance in Harmony's direction from time to time. Naturally, she could not make trouble as she pleased on such an occasion. This time, she had spent a huge sum of money to secure a small award for her film through the back door, ensuring she would go on stage to receive it. This would increase her exposure and pave the way for her entry into major films in the future.

As the red carpet event took time, everyone could only wait here. The awards ceremony would start at 6.30PM.

At about 6.00PM, the red carpet event ended. At that moment, three imposing black SUVs pulled up on the street outside. Stepping out of one of the cars was a strikingly handsome man who oozed elegance.

A few photographers were just about to pack up their gear when they spotted him. Initially surprised, they then lowered their heads and whispered to each other. One of them asked, "Which film is he from? I've never seen him before!"

"Yeah, me neither. He must be a celebrity, right? He's so handsome!"

As they debated whether to take pictures of the man, Ezekiel entered the hall. Once inside, he announced his name. The female staff member, her heart fluttering, respectfully escorted him to his seat in the first row.

He walked while looking around. Among the crowd of beauties, he immediately spotted a particular figure and could not help but smile. Instead of going over to greet her, he went to his seat instead.

Harmony had been staring at her phone, not noticing that the man she had been waiting for had arrived.

Just then, Catalina spotted the man first and was filled with surprise. Ezekiel is here? Does that mean he'll see me receive the award tonight?

However, the staff member from earlier approached Harmony. She lowered her head and said to her, "Miss Mayo, I'm afraid you'll need to switch seats."

"Where will I be seated, then?" she asked curiously.

“Your seat will be in the first row,” replied the staff member.

Thinking it might be another setup, Harmony waved her hand, saying, “There’s no need to. I’m not switching seats. I’ll stay here.”

“We received instructions from above that you must change seats because a gentleman specifically requested that you sit next to him.”

She immediately asked, “Who is that?”

Just then, the staff member pointed in a particular direction, which Harmony followed with her gaze. Although all she saw was the back of the man’s head, it made her mesmerizing eyes widen in surprise.

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It’s him! Ezekiel. He came!

Harmony could not help but ask, “Are you sure I need to change seats?”

“Yes, that’s right. Please don’t worry, Miss Mayo,” said the staff member. She nodded and got up to follow the staff member.

Catalina turned and spotted Harmony, too. She curiously watched where the lady was going, only to see the staff member lead her to the first row and seat her next to Ezekiel.

He looked up at Harmony with a smile. Clad in a dark gray suit, he seemed to have taken a break from a grand party, looking even more handsome and stylish than all the actors present.

Seeing her name placed next to his seat, she sat down and whispered, “Why did you switch my seat?”

“What’s wrong? Don’t you like to sit next to me?” he asked curiously.

Harmony shook her head with a smile. "It's not that I don't like it, but that my status in the industry doesn't merit a seat in the first row yet."

"With me here, you can sit wherever you want," replied Ezekiel, sizing her up with his eyes. She looked elegant and lovely with her smooth, radiant skin and tip-tilted nose. Her pink lips were alluring with a hint of innocence, but they attracted him the most because he already knew how tender they were.

Sitting in her seat, Catalina clenched her fists in frustration. How is that possible? How did Harmony qualify for a seat in the first row-next to Ezekiel, at that? Damn it!

Fuming, she bit her lip, determined to make a fuss about this to get everyone in showbiz to mock Harmony. After all, hierarchy was taken very seriously in this industry, where juniors were not supposed to steal the limelight from their seniors.

And sure enough, besides Catalina, others also began to notice this. Those of higher status than Harmony were seated in the second and third rows, making it more conspicuous that she, a relatively new actress, was seated in the first row. How could this not arouse envy among others?

"Who is that girl? Is she remarkable or something?" asked an actress while staring at Harmony.

"She's just a rising starlet. There's nothing remarkable about her."

"Then, why is she sitting there? That seat isn't for her."

"That's right! How shameless of her to squeeze herself into the first row. I wonder who gave her the nerve."

Hearing the voices condemning Harmony from all sides, Catalina felt even more pleased. Harmony has now become a public enemy in the whole industry, hasn't she? No matter how powerful Ezekiel is, he can't always protect her, right? That's unless she marries him and becomes his wife. But given her status, is she good enough for such an elite and prestigious family?

Harmony's phone beeped with a message. She looked at it, and it was from Leon Musk, the director of her film. 'Harmony, why are you sitting in the first row? Now, everyone's got a bone to pick with you. Hurry and ask the staff to get your seat changed!'

She glanced back in response, noticing the giggling actors and actresses whose gazes showed mockery and disdain toward her. It was as if she had encroached upon their rights by sitting here. Deep down inside, she also understood the need to be modest and keep a low profile to try to gain favor. As a minor actress, she did not have the license to be bold. Even if Ezekiel granted her this privilege, she did not deserve it.

"Mr. Weiss, m-may I switch back to my previous seat?" she asked softly, leaning close to him.

"Why?" he inquired, leaning over to her.

"It's because I'm... just a newcomer. I can't sit here. It's too conspicuous," she explained.

After listening to this, the man turned to look at the actors and actresses behind him. Many of them had not seen his face before, but the moment he turned around, the actresses seated in the rows behind him gasped in astonishment. This guy's handsome face is captivating!

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Even the male celebrities who came tonight could not compare to him. Who is he? Why is Harmony with him?

However, some people remembered the photos from Fashion Week and quickly understood. Isn't this the mysterious wealthy man who escorted Harmony during Fashion Week last time? So, he's also at this awards ceremony! If only we can get to know him.

That was the sentiment of almost all female celebrities, and of course, many male celebrities harbored the same thoughts. This man was too perfect.

"Good! I'll arrange it," Ezekiel said while picking up his phone and dialing a number before requesting the other end.

In no time, a staff member received the order, walked over, and said to Harmony and Ezekiel, “Mr. Weiss, Miss Mayo, the seats have been rearranged. Please follow me.”

Harmony felt grateful in her heart. Ezekiel willingly switched from the first row to the third row for her sake.

She returned to her seat, and the man sat beside her. When the other artists saw her return to her original seat and sneered internally, they could only scoff at her having some self-awareness of her position in this circle. One had to be aware of their status in this industry; those who did not understand the rules would not thrive.

“Mr. Weiss, hello. It’s nice to meet you.” The female artist sitting next to Ezekiel greeted him boldly after overhearing the staff calling him ‘Mr. Weiss’. Thus, she followed suit.

He glanced lightly at her and nodded politely without engaging in further conversation.

Harmony’s heart could not help but twist a bit when she saw this female artist taking the initiative to talk to Ezekiel. The woman who greeted him was Arabella Copeland, a well-known socialite in the industry. It was said that any man she set her sights on could not escape her grasp.

Harmony was worried that he might become her target as well.

Her worries were justified as Arabella’s goal tonight was to get his contact information and then wait to take him down afterward. She wore a seductive champagne-colored dress tonight, which exuded an irresistible charm. She believed he would be attracted to her by sitting beside her.

If he glanced at her even once, she was confident she could win him over.

However, Arabella had already thrown several side glances at Ezekiel, only to find that he had not even looked at her once, leaving her rather disheartened.

As the awards ceremony was about to begin, the murmurs and whispers died down. Music filled the air with an excited vibe as the host delivered the opening speech, followed by an esteemed veteran artist giving a speech.

Harmony's mind was not focused on receiving an award tonight. She was merely nominated for a movie and did not hold high hopes that she would win the Best Actress Award.

Meanwhile, Ezekiel's phone lit up momentarily, catching his attention. He picked it up and glanced at the screen, which displayed a respectful message. 'Mr. Weiss, we sincerely invite you to be our guest of honor tonight to present the Best Actress Award.

After reading the message, he inquired, 'What award is Harmony Mayo receiving?'

'The Best Actress Award, the other party replied.

A faint smile curled on his lips as he responded readily, 'Okay!'

Then, he looked at the girl beside him. Under the lights, she exuded a different kind of aura. Her beautiful face carried a relaxed and comfortable vibe. There was a lack of ambition in her lovely eyes, which gave off a sense of calmness and tranquility.

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Harmony was listening to the speech attentively when her phone pinged with a message. She glanced at it subconsciously and saw the message from Reuben, which made her grit her teeth in anger without replying.

'I thought you were pure and clean in the past. I never expected you'd be a courtesan in front of your sugar daddy! How many times are you servicing him at night?'

These words were truly disgusting.

After she read the message, her pretty face flushed with anger. She gripped her phone tightly, bit her lip, and chose not to respond.

Shameless people like Reuben would only get more aggressive once they receive more attention.

Suddenly, she felt that Catalina was not her enemy but rather someone filtering out the scum for her. Fortunately, Catalina took him away; otherwise, she would never have discovered his true nature.

Seeing that Harmony was not responding, Reuben lost interest in humiliating her.

Arabella tugged at her neckline intentionally while saying to Ezekiel, "Oh my! It's hot in here! Is the air conditioning even on? I'm sweating." After speaking, she deliberately leaned her ample upper body toward Ezekiel's side. If he turned his head, he would surely notice it.

However, he seemed oblivious and was entirely focused on the program onstage, paying no attention to her.

She felt bored and then glanced at Harmony jealously.

After the speech on stage concluded, the awarding of team awards began. Harmony heard her crew winning another award, so she was genuinely happy. The director personally went on stage to receive the prize, and Ezekiel leaned over to praise, "Great job! Your team has won another award."

She also responded happily, "Yes! I'm happy for our director."

"Do you think you'll win an award tonight?" He could not help but ask.

Harmony had a good sense of self-awareness, so she shook her head and said, "The works tonight are all too outstanding. I know I don't have the strength to win an award yet."

Ezekiel smiled while waiting to unveil the answer later.

Various awards were presented one after another, and Catalina's crew won the Best Design Award. When she went on stage to receive it, she acted pretentiously by taking the microphone from the host and saying a few words.

Soon, the awards escalated from smaller to more significant categories. The first to be presented was the individual achievement awards. The most eye-catching awards of the night were the Golden Peony Award and the Black Hawk Award, equivalent to Best Actress and Best Actor awards.

Eventually, almost all the awards were presented, and it was around 8.30PM. The most anticipated award in this circle was about to be revealed.

Soon, the nominated films for the night appeared on the big screen, and Harmony saw her movie listed there, exciting her.

Being nominated was already a recognition. After that, it was the thrilling moment of unveiling the winner.

“Next, we will announce tonight’s biggest award. First up is the winner of the Golden Peony Award. Who could it be? Who will win this award?” The host on stage began to stir up the atmosphere. Even the music was changed to a more drumming rhythm, stimulating everyone’s nerves and making everyone excited and nervous.

All the female artists nominated tonight were excited as they covered their red lips and fantasized about winning the award for themselves.

“Next, we invite our guest of honor to come on stage and reveal the answer! We invite Mr. Ezekiel, President of the Weiss Group International, to be our guest presenter. Let us welcome him.” When the host read this name, it sounded exceptionally powerful.

Harmony also turned her head in astonishment to look at Ezekiel onstage. Oh my! He’s the one presenting the award.

“Wait, it’s you!” She was genuinely surprised because this man had not mentioned this before his arrival.

Before Ezekiel stood up, he leaned close to her ear and whispered, “See you in a bit.”

After saying that, he straightened his suit and got up. In the beam of light falling on him, he looked like a perfectly walking piece of art that was elegant and captivating as he stepped onto the stage.