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Daisy was not a young girl who was clueless about the adult world. She immediately realized what had happened and why Leena was still asleep this late into the morning. As she looked at Kevin's uncomfortable expression, she could not help but feel embarrassed. Her face turned red. Fortunately, her cell phone rang the same moment. It saved her from the awkwardness of the situation.

"It is Leena," Daisy told Kevin as she took a look at the caller ID. She pressed the answer key.

"Sis Daisy, it's me, Leena. Did I disturb you at work?" Leena wore a sports attire that day. Leaning her back against the soft sofa in the president's office of FX International Group, she spoke on the phone in her sweet voice. She looked quite cozy and comfortable.

"Leena, I am glad that you still remember to call me! I heard you came back yesterday. You didn't inform us. Did you forget us so easily? Hmm, I wonder." Daisy passed the file in her hand to Mark who walked over to her. She relaxed her stiff arm.

"Ha ha. I'm sorry, Sis Daisy! I was just too busy after I landed, so I went home. I forgot to call you. But you see now, I called immediately as soon as I remembered to." Leena blinked at Edward. She had come to FX International Group to thank him for buying her the expensive villa. Leena had chosen all their presents very carefully and planned to give them when she visited their home. However, Aunt Cynthia and Uncle Jonathan had gone out. As for the others? Some went to work and one was at school. No one was home. So, she decided to bring the gifts to FX International Group. Besides, Rain was also here. She could give him his present here without having to visit his house.

"You wicked girl. Come and visit us. We haven't seen you in about a month." Daisy glanced at Kevin who just shrugged his shoulders. He wouldn't interfere with Leena's freedom. She had her own life and he would never impede her choices.

I am with Edward right now. We are going out to have lunch. Will you join us?" Leena asked Daisy as Edward gestured at her to do so.

What? You are at FX International Group right now? Aren't you sleeping at home?" Daisy was surprised to hear that Leena was with Edward. She turned to glance at Kevin in confusion. He told her that she was still sleeping! Had he been making it up?

Err... who told you I was sleeping? I woke up." Immediately, Leena's face turned red upon hearing Daisy's words. She lowered her head shyly and hid the blush on her

cheeks with her long and black hair. She was afraid that Edward would see her expression. Luckily, the hair saved her.

"Who told me? It's your guess. So, where are you going to have lunch? I'll have to check if there is anything we need to handle in the afternoon. If not, I'll come there directly to meet you." Daisy raised her eyebrows at Kevin, seeking his response. Kevin nodded to indicate that he was fine with the arrangement. He asked Lee, who was standing beside him, to look over his schedule for the afternoon. Meanwhile, Mark checked the Senior Colonel's schedule for today on his planner. He was quick at his job.

Wait a second. I don't have a clue. Let me ask Edward." Leena got off the phone and turned to face Edward who was immersed in typing something on his laptop. "Edward, Sis Daisy is asking where we are going for lunch," she told him.

"Pass the phone to me. I'll talk to her," Edward said as he continued to work, not stopping until he finished. He reached out to grab the phone from Leena.

Leena walked over to him. After handing him the phone, she perched on the desk. As she stared at Edward, she realized that both Edward and Kevin were handsome, but they were totally different from each other. They had distinct temperaments. The corners of her mouth turned up at the thought of Kevin.

"Hello. Daisy, let's go to Tender Whispers. It's quiet there. The food there also suits you women." Edward did not feel uncomfortable at all under Leena's admiring gaze. He reached out and pinched her reddish face tenderly, his eyes shining with love. She was his little sister after all. That would never change.

Okay. But I'm not sure yet if I can make it. How about I let you know later, after I have checked my schedule? I'll call you before I get there." Daisy was happy to hear Edward's voice, as could be gauged from her expression. There was nothing but deep affection in her eyes when she talked to Edward.

"Yes, of course. We will wait for you. Take your time and focus on your work. Bye." Edward hung up the phone and looked back at Leena carefully. He found that she was not focused on him at all. Instead, she seemed lost in her thoughts. What was she thinking about so deeply? He waved his hand in front of her eyes to catch her attention.

"Hey! Leena, what are you thinking about?" Edward asked her abruptly. She did not even notice his wavering hand.

Oh, Edward! You almost freaked me out," Leena complained in a grumpy tone, concealing her thoughts cautiously. If Edward knew her mind, she'd be quite embarrassed. He was her brother after all. The sly old fish!

"You are the one who freaked me out! You were staring right through me, without making a single noise." Edward knocked on her head dotingly, handing over her phone.

Ha ha. That's because you are so handsome. So what happened? Will Sis Daisy be having lunch with us?" Leena looked at him, awaiting his answer. She wanted to see Daisy too.

Well, it depends! I'm not sure yet. You can call Belinda and Duke too. Check with them if they can come or not." Edward looked at the files on his desk. His workload had increased all of a sudden because of Rain who had gone to Thailand. No one else could take up his job.

Don't worry! They can make it. I already called them before I came here. But... where is Rain? I haven't seen him yet," Leena wondered in a confused tone. Rain usually appeared promptly whenever she arrived at the company. She had been there for long, but he still had not shown up. Where was his sultry self? Leena thought it was extremely unusual for him to not present himself.

"Oh, yes, Rain! He went to Thailand and hasn't come back yet. I thought he told you about it. Didn't he?" Edward was going through the documents but stopped for a second upon hearing Leena's reply. He thought that Rain had called Leena to complain about his overbearing attitude. But to his surprise, Rain had kept silent and not said a word about it. He surprised him.

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"Thailand? Why did he go there? He didn't tell me anything. Why didn't he? Was something wrong with him?" Leena looked at Edward, her eyes widening in surprise. What happened to Rain? Was something bothering him? What was he up to?

"Well. You probably need to ask him that in person to find out. I assume he would be pleased to tell you everything," Edward replied. He looked at the reports in his hands, not bothered by Leena's presence. He seemed to be quite used to it.

No, I won't! He will for sure bamboozle me. Well, I am not going to disturb you and your work any longer. I need to get some rest too. Wake me up when it's time." Leena walked to the sofa, leaving her phone on the desk. She was still somewhat tired after yesterday. Besides, she had just come back from Paris. She still suffered from the jet lag because of the time difference.

"Yes, get some rest. What were you up to yesterday? Were you at a robbery or something? Why do you want to sleep at this time in the morning?" Edward frowned slightly. She had been yawning for quite some time now. It was almost noon. He didn't understand why she was fatigued right now.

"Oh, yes! I robbed someone yesterday. But I didn't steal anything, but lost my own heart," Leena replied jokingly and lay down on the sofa comfortably. She did not want to tell him too much about her private matters. That would be weird.

"Leena, aren't you happy with your life?" Upon hearing her unusual words, Edward looked at her and asked, frowning. He felt the discomfort in his heart. She had been his beloved princess since she was a child. He loved her very much. One of the last things he liked was to see her sad.

Yes, of course I am happy! Why would you say that? I am very happy. I was just kidding. Don't take it so seriously," Leena replied, sticking out her tongue. She had forgotten that Edward was a sensitive man deep down. He might sense something unusual, so she hastened to refute his concerns immediately. In any case, she did not think she was unhappy now.

That is good. Just take some rest. It is still early now." Edward tore his gaze away from her and concentrated on his documents again. He still didn't feel as peaceful as before. He knew better than anyone else who was in Kevin's heart. He did not want Leena to get hurt because of him.

Leena did not make any response. She was afraid that Edward would not let go of his anxiety for her and ask her again. He was not easy to deal with. So she closed her eyes and slept for a while. Time passed by quietly. When Edward raised his head in the direction of Leena, she was already fast asleep. 'Is she dreaming about something?' Edward had no way to tell. He sighed silently. Grabbing his coat from the back of his chair, he walked over and gently put it on her. He gazed at her for a long time before kissing her forehead affectionately. After a while, he went back to his desk and continued the work while Leena slept. The documents seemed to be endless.

Suddenly, Leena's phone rang. She had left it on the desk. The ringtone sounded extremely shrill in the quiet atmosphere. Edward pressed the answer key without thinking twice, afraid that it would wake Leena up. She would be upset if she got disturbed from her sleep.

"Hello! Who's that, please?" Edward spoke politely since he did not know who was calling. He had picked up the phone without checking the caller ID.

"This is Kevin Gu. Mr. Mu, why did you answer the phone? Where is Leena?" Kevin asked him in a formal tone. Leena's brothers still had not fully accepted him as her husband. He was always polite while addressing them.

"Oh, Kevin. It's you. She is sleeping right now. What happened?" Edward's voice took a cold turn as soon as he heard Kevin speaking on the other side. One could not blame Edward for acting so distantly whenever he was concerned. Once upon a time, Kevin had been Edward's rival in love. He had become even more contemptible after he married Leena - the little princess they all loved so much.

"Oh! Is she sleeping? Well, forget it then. I called to tell her that Daisy and I have some work to finish this afternoon. So we can't make it to the lunch. Since she's busy sleeping, I can just tell you about it. Daisy will probably call you about it later." Kevin had

not expected Edward to pick up the call. He was surprised, yet replied in a modest and courteous tone.

"Has something serious happened?" Edward frowned slightly at Kevin's words. He thought they would find time for lunch. So why the sudden change in schedule?

"Oh, no. It is nothing serious. Just that some military leaders will be coming to the army base for inspection in the afternoon. So, it's not appropriate for us to go out." Kevin had been surprised at the change of events. They had no alternative but to prepare themselves to welcome the leaders. It was a usual occurrence when one was in the army. Circumstances changed in the blink of an eye.

Okay. I'll tell Leena about it. Goodbye!" Edward was an influential man no matter whom he was talking to. He hung up immediately as soon as he finished speaking. He never bothered to think whether it was polite or not.

Kevin's mouth twisted a little upon hearing the disconnected dial tone on the receiver. He was quite surprised that Edward did not tease him. 'But Leena? Why did she fall asleep again?' He wondered, worrying about her. Was it because she had gotten up too early? Or was it because she was still exhausted because of him after last night? As he pondered on this, he felt that maybe he had gone too far with her. She was somewhat inexperienced in this aspect after all.

"Major General Gu, the Commander is looking for you," The Commander's secretary walked in and informed him courteously as Kevin put the phone into his pocket.

"All right. I will be there right away." Kevin stood up and went to the Commander's office. He wondered why that old fox was looking for him.

"Hu hu! Major General Gu. I heard you are going home next week. Is that correct?" The commander's clear and loud laughter could be heard as soon as Kevin walked into the office.

"Yes, Commander. I would have forgotten had you not reminded me of it." It dawned on Kevin that he had not reported his leave to the Commander yet. He could not help but frown. How could he forget to do such an important thing?

No worries. Your father called me up and told me to give you some time off so that you can bring your wife back home. He is looking forward to seeing her." Kevin's father was the Commander's leader. The Commander was bound to follow his orders as long as he wanted. After he finished talking to Kevin's father on the phone, he immediately fixed up Kevin's schedule.

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"What? My father called you up in person?" Kevin was astonished to hear that. His father seemed to have great expectations from his daughter-in-law.

Yes, he did. So don't worry! I have approved your leave. It seems to me you haven't gone home in quite a long time, have you? Maybe your father misses you a lot," the Commander responded thoughtfully. Kevin had given up many holidays because of the nature of his work. He never really had time to go home and visit his family. As he thought about that, Kevin felt slightly guilty.

Thank you, Commander. Is that all you wanted to inform me of?" If so, he must have been crazy to ask Kevin to come to his office. He could have just told him that on the phone. It wasn't such an important matter that the Commander felt the need to inform him in person.

"Yes, sure! What else would I have to tell you?" The commander looked at Kevin, puzzled. What was the big deal if he called him here because of it?

"Okay... I see." Kevin was speechless and rolled his eyes. He realized that the Commander was making fun of him.

"What? Don't you have anything to say?" The Commander could not help but feel giddy at the sight of Kevin's silent resentment. Kevin was too upright. It was funny to make him the butt of his jokes sometimes. That way, he would brighten up a little.

"No, Commander. I'm leaving if there isn't anything else." Kevin knew that the Commander was like Peter Pan who had come to the real world. He was used to him and his childish antics. Kevin was not the only one who he made fun of anyway. He teased Daisy too.

Fine. You can leave now! Oh, by the way, tell Daisy I am looking for her. I have something to discuss with her." Apparently, Daisy had also been made into a target, exactly as he had expected.

Tell me, Commander! Are you nervous about the inspection in the afternoon? Is that why you are making fun of us? To ease your anxiety?" Kevin frowned at him. 'Come on, it is just an inspection!' he thought. Why was the Commander overreacting to it, as if it was an enemy who was approaching them?

"No, I'm not! Why should I be anxious? You are supposed to be nervous, not me." The Commander would never admit that he, in fact, was anxious because of them. He had received information that the military leaders were coming to the army base only in the name of inspection, but their true purpose was to select a new batch of Panther members. He was curious about who would qualify to be chosen. It was an honorable distinction. He wondered if Kevin's and Daisy's men would make it, since he had such high expectations from them.

What do you mean? Is this not purely an inspection? Do they have some other purpose?" Kevin looked at the Commander with a thoughtful expression in his eyes. He had a fine and intelligent mind. Kevin had an inkling that this old fox knew something in advance. Otherwise, he would not have pointed out that they should be the ones to be nervous, instead of him.

"Well, you tell me." The Commander smiled mysteriously. He was a smart man who knew when to stop. That was all that he could tell him. He did not want to give away too much. Besides, he had been informed by his superiors that it was meant to be a secret. The soldiers they picked should not only be exceptional at their skills, but should also have good personalities and accompanying qualities.

"I tell you? I know nothing at all. What can I tell you? Can't you be decisive enough to inform me of everything? Don't be so deliberately mysterious." The two were best friends in private despite their age difference. They got along well. They interacted easily and casually with no pretext of superior and subordinate. That was also one of the reasons why Kevin did not like embarrassing Louisa too much. The Commander was her father after all. "

Young man, do you know of the Panther?" The Commander raised his eyebrows, winking at him complacently.

Of course I know of them. No one in the military does not know that they are an extremely powerful military group." Kevin stared at the Commander with a helpless expression in his eyes. Everybody knew about Panther, so how could he not know? He had wanted to join them at a time in the past. But he had given up the dream, because then he would have had to stay in the capital city. He did not want to live too close to his home. It would make him feel like he was still under the protection of his family and would be very unfulfilling.

"I'm glad to hear that you know about them. So ask your men to behave well! They might have a chance to get in. But keep in mind not to inform them of it too clearly. Just give them a hint. Let us wait to see who will be the lucky ones. I am looking forward to the picks," The Commander instructed him. He had high expectations from Daisy's and Kevin's men. Their soldiers were strong, both psychologically and physically. He was not worried that they would fall behind the others. In fact, they were more likely to be selected.

"I see. Are you also planning to tell Daisy about it? If yes, then well, I can just tell her later when I meet her." It was true that Panther as a group was very powerful. Still, they were only humans made out of flesh and blood. However, he was doubtful that his men would pass the final test and make it to the end. He did not look forward to the selections very much. He did not want them to bid for the chance in high spirits but get eliminated finally. It would come as a great disappointment to them. Kevin was rational about expectations.

"Yes, of course. Please tell her about it! I still have a report to go through. It would save my time now if you tell her when you two meet," the Commander replied and waved his hand at him, signaling him to leave quickly, as if he was attempting to chase away flies. He was somewhat disappointed at Kevin's lackluster response. He had thought Kevin would be more excited at the news. But Kevin did not seem enthusiastic about the selections at all. The Commander was surprised.

Sure. Please, go on with your work! I will leave now," Kevin bid him adieu as he turned around and walked away. A small smirk appeared on his face. Yes, he had made it! He was finally able to fight him back. The Commander would not make fun of him next time, just because he wanted to kill his spare time and boredom.

Chapter 919: Chapter 918: Pretty Bourgeois (part one)

What a small world it was. Leena didn't expect to meet that woman again, who had beat her in getting the pair of earrings that had caught her eye back in the jewelry store. She was right at the door of Tender Whispers. The woman looked at Leena with disdain. Leena proudly raised her chin as she shot daggers at her, refusing to feel patronized by this woman's arrogance.

"Hmph. Bitch! What an obnoxious hick. In trying to buy the earrings I took a liking to, you bit off more than you could chew." Louisa had also recognized Leena. Back at the store, she got involved in a flaming row with Leena. Her rude remarks had offended Louisa a lot, so how could she forget her?

"Now, wait a minute. What did you say? That I'm an obnoxious hick?" Leena clenched her teeth in bitter hatred. As a dress designer, she kept up to date with the latest trends. Her customers scrambled to get her fashionable designs. No one ever said that she was a country bumpkin.

Why, are you deaf? Did you not hear me?" Louisa sneered, glancing sideways at Leena.

"Look at you! Only the people at the bottom of the heap wear such casual sports wear. You know what? The earrings clearly weren't meant for you. Do you know how expensive they were? Could you even afford them?"

"Miss, do we know each other? Do we have a grudge against each other or something? Why are you making these scathing comments? Also, I'm not an obnoxious hick by any means." Leena looked down at her attire. Her clothes and shoes were from famous brands in France. Why did Louisa say that she was a rube?

"Oh, don't you know?" Louisa looked down at Leena condescendingly. "Figure it out yourself. Do you really need me to tell you?" Louisa said, assuming an air of superiority. In her eyes, Leena wore knockoffs. She could not afford branded items.

"Sorry, but I don't think I look shabby at all." Leena chose to ignore Louisa. She was waiting for Edward here; otherwise she would have left and not bother herself to talk nonsense with Louisa.

You have terrible taste. You are just not aware of it." Louisa smoothed her dress that was of the first rate, showing off her money as she patronized Leena.

"Well, you are right. I'm petty bourgeois, and I look uncool. Why are you condescending yourself to argue with me? That's very inferior of you." Leena gazed at her coolly. She didn't want to reveal her true identity to such a bumptious woman, or even argue with her. She knew the brand of Louisa's dress, but she disdained buying it. 'What makes her feel so above herself?' Leena wondered, 'Her brand-name dress? What a shallow, vain woman.'

You pretended that you could afford those diamond earrings in the jewelry store. It disgusted me. Look at your cheap knockoffs. Such a poor girl wanted to buy a pair of diamond earrings. So sad." Louisa felt sick to think that Leena wanted to buy the earrings she had liked first. Although Louisa was finally able to buy them, Leena had embarrassed her by making those offensive remarks. She found that she just couldn't let it go.

"Huh? What are you talking about? You mean to say that I wear cheap knockoffs? Miss, please don't pretend to know what you don't know. You're making a fool out of yourself." Leena narrowed her eyes at Louisa. She felt disgust for this conceited woman.

What? I am pretending to know what I don't know? Open up your eyes. Can you even spell the name of the brand I wear? Your casual clothes are so unflattering," Louisa replied, snorting loudly. She didn't even look at Leena.

"Sure, I can spell what you are wearing. It's just a brand that I despise." Louisa raised her eyebrows at Leena, but was distracted by the handsome man who came over. She couldn't tear her gaze away from him.

Edward." When she saw him, Leena smiled sweetly and greeted him with pleasure.

"Leena, is she your friend?" Edward glanced at Louisa, returning his gaze to Leena.

"No. I don't know her. She is a lunatic. Just leave her alone." Leena was enraged at Louisa's rudeness. She didn't want to talk with her any longer. All she wanted was to leave at once.

Let's go inside." Edward put his arm around Leena's waist and affectionately drew her in the direction of the restaurant, ignoring Louisa who stood spellbound.

Louisa didn't avert her gaze until Edward and Leena disappeared from her view. 'What an indescribably beautiful and striking man he is,' Louisa thought, 'Judging from his

temperament and his taste in clothing, he must be a big bug. Why does he hang out with a woman of such humble birth?

Humph. Bitch, don't run into me next time. Although I envy you having a boyfriend of such good taste, we are enemies. You wait and see.'

"Leena, do you know that woman? You seemed hostile to her," Edward asked with a frown. He saw the two of them talking when he came over, so he was curious.

No. We had a dispute at a jewelry store last time. She is such an obnoxious and smug woman. Just ignore her." Leena leaned against Edward. She had left the quarrel with Louisa behind. She didn't want to bother herself to argue with the likes of Louisa, or she would upset herself.

"Okay. I must say that you have a good attitude toward everything. Just treat her like she is a madwoman. We are civilized people. Don't engage with rude people at all." Edward liked the way Leena thought. Even if someone offended her, she responded with a smile. She was really a loving girl.

"See? I'm not mad at her. Let's forget it. Don't talk about her anymore. I wonder if Duke and Belinda have arrived. I can't wait to see them." Leena didn't want any mention of the abominable woman again. What family did she belong to? How rude she was.

Edward smiled. If he wasn't wrong, Duke and Belinda had arrived already. He knew Duke loved his sister dearly. Since she returned, he had wanted to see her as soon as possible. He wouldn't be late.

Belinda! It's been a long time. Did you miss me?" Leena pulled open the door to the private box of the restaurant, excitedly running toward Belinda. She hugged her, smiling widely.

"Girl, didn't you come back yesterday? If you really missed me, you would have called me up." Belinda gently patted her back. Although she was complaining, Belinda was happy to see Leena had come back.

Belinda, you said exactly what Daisy said. You're such good friends that you even blame me in the same way." Leena pouted, pretending to be upset.

You ungrateful brat. You didn't ask us to pick you up from the airport or even didn't tell us that you had come back. We missed you so much." Belinda fixed Leena's long hair that had been falling onto her eyes. She smiled wickedly as she found an obvious love bite on Leena's neck. No wonder Leena wore a turtleneck sweater today.

"I wanted to surprise you. See, you're happy to see me." Leena acted like a spoiled child as Belinda babied her. After Belinda let her go, Leena walked up to Duke and threw herself into his arms.

Why didn't you ask us to pick you up at the airport?" Duke softly blamed Leena as he hugged her. His eyes were full of tenderness.

"I could go home myself, so I didn't want to bother you. Duke, you seem to have changed a lot. It must be because of Belinda." Leena smiled brightly. She looked adorable and charming.

Have I? You must be kidding. I'm who I used to be. Don't deliberately change the subject." Duke knitted his brows. Leena's tricks didn't work on him. As her brother, Duke knew her like the palm of his own hand. He knew she wanted something whenever she complimented him. She was trying to change the subject so that Duke wouldn't continue to blame her.

"I don't. I am serious! You've really changed. If you don't believe me, you can ask Edward. I bet he's thinking the same thing. Am I right, Edward?" Leena blinked at Edward, casting an imploring glance in his direction. She hoped that he would take her side.

Yes. I agree. Duke, you've really changed. You're more like a beast now," Edward said in a no-nonsense voice while sitting down on the couch, as if what he said was indeed true.

"Wait. What? You're the beast, not me! I haven't seen you in quite a few days. You've become even more annoying." Duke rolled his eyes at Edward as he led Leena to another couch. With Leena and Belinda sitting beside him, he was the happiest man in the world, as the two women he liked the most were here.

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"You know damn well this is who I am. Where is Tom? Why don't I see him?" Edward was always the last one to the party, so he was surprised that he hadn't seen Tom yet.

"Oh, right. He just called and said that he would get a little bit late because of an important patient." Duke shrugged his shoulders and continued, "I wonder if it's an excuse. As far as I know, he shows respect for nobody, but he is working overtime today. That patient must be a big cheese in the city."

"An important patient?" Edward sneered, "Maybe it's a critical member of the government." He knew the officials in the city were cheap. They often turned to him for help, but it was never the other way round. His conscience was clear over his legitimate business, so he did not need to ask them for help.

I have no idea. The mayor's election is approaching. Maybe something is about to happen." Duke wasn't familiar with the officials. To put it bluntly, he didn't want to work hand in glove with them at all. He had a clear conscience. No matter who became the mayor, it was the same to him.

"Who cares? We never care about politics, and we're not qualified to take part in it. We'd better do what we should do." Edward gave him a smile laced with cynicism. The officialdom was complicated. Only those who played according to the circumstances could have a foothold there. Edward wasn't willing to associate with those wicked people.

"You're right. Walls have ears. Don't discuss this right now. Aren't you afraid that Daisy might be implicated?" What Edward said made sense, but he couldn't ignore the fact that his wife was a military officer.

"There is nothing to worry about. Her army base keeps aloof from the mess." Edward didn't worry about it. It was no big deal. If worst came to worst, Daisy could resign and stay at home. In any case, her job was very dangerous. Edward wouldn't need to worry over her if she quit.

"Right. They are directly under the control of the Central Military Commission. They don't have any dealings with the officials." Duke pouted his lips as a look of contemplative interest spread on his cold face. He chose to take a wait-and-see attitude to these things.

"I think you've hit the nail on the head. Let's stop talking about these things. Have you ordered any dishes?" Since Daisy was too busy to have dinner with them, Edward didn't care about what food was served. Duke knew what he liked and could ask the waiters to serve up his favorite dishes.

"Yes. What about Daisy? She really won't be able to come?" Duke had heard in the beginning that Daisy would also come, but apparently she couldn't make it now.

"Yes. She has to deal with some emergency at the army base." Edward had hoped that Daisy could come. She missed Leena very much. If she had come and met Leena, she wouldn't be bothered about her after she went home tonight.

"What? Daisy can't have dinner with us?" Surprised, Leena looked at Edward in confusion. What had happened when she was asleep?

"Yes. Kevin called you, but you slept like a log. So he didn't bother to wake you up," Edward teased Leena playfully.

"No, it wasn't like that. I was just a little tired." Embarrassed, Leena produced a forced smile. 'Did I really sleep like a log?' she wondered, 'Why didn't I hear my phone ring? Gosh, this is so embarrassing.'

"Right. You're tired and addled," Edward continued to tease Leena. When he woke her up, she had opened her eyes sleepily and asked in a daze whether it was time to have dinner. Her drowsiness amused Edward.

Leena, why did you sleep at Edward's office? Didn't you sleep well last night?" Duke's brows knitted. He asked Leena in a concerned tone. He cast a tender look toward Leena.

"Duke, I was trying to sleep off the jet lag. I just returned from France. I can't adapt to the life here at the moment," Leena explained anxiously. She was afraid that her brother would see right through her.

If you wanted to sleep off the jet lag, why didn't you just sleep at home?" Duke's brows were scrunched together. He didn't believe what Leena said.

I couldn't wait to see you! So I left home in a hurry. I didn't expect to feel so sleepy." Leena pouted, pretending to feel wronged. She knew that as long as she did that, her brother wouldn't pump her for details.

"Come on, Duke, don't question your sister so much. What are you arguing with her for? You talk so much." Belinda certainly knew why. It was said that the reunion after a brief parting was as sweet as a honeymoon. Leena returned yesterday after spending a long time in France. A love bite was on her neck, which suggested that she had passionate sex with her husband last night. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been so tired.

"Do you want me to keep on about you too?" Duke squinted at Belinda. Obviously, she was taking Leena's side.

"Puff!" Edward was drinking water. Upon hearing what Duke said, he spit out the water in his mouth. When did Duke become so garrulous? Wasn't he always cool?

"What the hell, Edward? That's disgusting!" Duke picked up the napkin on the table to wipe at his face. He was dumbstruck. Why did Edward spit on him every time?

"Sorry. I was just wondering when you became so talkative. Didn't you only yap at Leena? When did you begin to bother Belinda too?" Edward stifled a laugh. It was hard to imagine a guy who was as cold as Duke being so mouthy.

"Fuck off. It's none of your business. Mind yourself." Duke rolled his eyes at Edward. 'Edward is such an awful friend,' Duke thought, 'He makes a fuss over everything I say. What's worse, he delights in being snarky to me. Is this what a friend should do?'

"I'm okay. I know you've reached a turning point in your life. As that advertisement said, to smoothly go through menopause, it is vital to get calcium supplements. You should do that." Edward tried not to smile. Duke rarely made a show of himself. How could he not seize the chance to jeer at him?

"I'm not at any turning point of my life! It must be your sister who reaches menopause!" Duke uttered thoughtlessly, spluttering with rage. What Edward said infuriated him. "

Duke..." It wasn't Edward who was affected by the comment, but Leena who was sitting beside him. She looked at Duke with a pointed but innocent look. Didn't he know that she was Edward's sister too? Why did he say that?

"Ha ha! That's hilarious!" Edward burst into laughter as he saw the embarrassing expression on Leena's face. He didn't have to argue back at all. Someone else had done that.

Well, sorry. I forgot you were also his sister." After making an apology to Leena, Duke turned to glare at Edward. 'You're the one at fault. You should apologize! If you hadn't provoked me so much, I wouldn't have said that, ' Duke thought in his mind.

"Wow! Look at what you have done now." Belinda looked at Duke coldly and thought with a hint of sarcasm, 'You moron, didn't you know that it was a trap set up by Edward? You fell into it blindly.'

"Belinda, you are my wife. Why are you taking his side?" Duke fumed, already vexed with Edward. What was worse, Belinda was now poking fun at him. He narrowed his eyes at her in warning. His dark look frightened her, so she leaned back instinctively.