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Trevor sent another message. “I’m at a business luncheon. You guys carry

After that, he didn’t appear in the chat again.

on.”

After getting into his car, Beck also decided he wasn’t going to pay any more attention to this matter. He simply replied, “Busy too. You guys chat.”

Then, he exited the app.

Seeing that both Trevor and Beck had lost interest in the topic, Wynn also sent a message. “I’m going for lunch. Talk later.”

Miles couldn’t do anything

After lunch, Celeste went to the R&D department for a meeting

Kieran was there as well.

As she precisely pointed out issues and quickly proposed solutions, he sat in silence, watching her.

When the meeting ended, Celeste was about to leave when she noticed Kieran looking at her. She paused and asked, as a formality, “It’s your first day at the company. Are you adjusting well?”

Kieran replied, “I’m adapting Thanks for asking.”

Celeste nodded **and,**

without saying anything more, left the meeting room with her laptop.

Over the next few days, she juggled work while discussing copyright agreements with the AI journal.

On Friday, after reviewing the R&D department’s progress report, Celeste asked Candice to have Kieran come to her office.

Three minutes later, Kieran knocked and entered.

Once he sat down, Celeste said, “Your algorithm does improve the efficiency and performance of the existing model to some extent, but it still doesn’t meet my expectations.”

Then, she began discussing the flaws in **his** algorithm

Kieran listened carefully.

It had been a few days since he’d joined YodaVision, and he had interacted with Celeste several times. Compared to the impression he gave during his interview, his demeanor how was vastly different.

Yet, whether she simply didn’t care or had other reasons, Celeste showed no sign of surprise or curiosity about his change in attitude.

Moreover, on his first day, he had given her a bouquet of yellow roses as an apology.

But now, days had passed, and she had never once mentioned it.

It **was** as if she had never even received the flowers.

She didn’t seem the least bit curious about why he **had** apologized in the first place.

He had already sensed Celeste’s capabilities during the interview.

But after actually joining VodaVision and witnessing how he handled her work, he realized she was far more skilled than he had initially thought.

Kieran had always been considered a genius in the AI field. Yet, after spending time with Celeste, he felt as if t hadn’t even begun to grasp her level of expertise,

She seemed even more advanced and innovative than the top AI experts he had encountered in Andostan. But more importantly

Before he could finish the thought, Celeste spoke

“Do you have any other question

Kieran withdrew his gaze, stood up, and said, “No.”

Celeste nodded and didn’t say anything further.

Kieran then returned to his workstation.

Not long after, his phone rang.

As soon as he **answered**, the person on the other end asked, “So, how’s it going with that Rodriguez chick? Who do you think she’d pick you or that Yoder guy?”

Pick between him and Matthias?

From what he could tell, in Celeste’s eyes, he was no different from any other researcher in the R&D department.

“No progress,” he replied while analyzing data. “I’m hanging up.”

Just as he ended the call, **Wynn** called.

He glanced at the screen but didn’t **answer**, then continued working.

“Mom!” Sylvia saw her mother waiting and happily ran into her arms.

Tilda hugged her, then smiled at the girl standing beside her. “Jo.”

Jordyn looked at Sylvia, who was clinging to her mother, and gave a small nod. “Mrs. Golden.”

Sylvia glanced around and asked Jordyn, “Is your driver here yet?”

Jordyn looked around but didn’t see him.

Instead, she saw many classmates being picked up by their mothers. She was **usually** picked up by her driver.

She didn’t seem to mind it initially.

She thought having her mom pick her up from school wasn’t **cool** at all. So, whether her mom came or not, she didn’t really care.

But now...

Seeing that the driver hadn’t arrived yet, Tilda noticed that Jordyn seemed a little down. She asked with concern, “What’s wrong? Why do you look upset?”

Jordyn didn’t reply.

Just then, her driver finally arrived.

Jordyn waved at Sylvia **and** Tilda before getting into the car

As the car drove off, she glanced out the window and saw Sylvia happily bouncing alongside her mother.

Jordyn then withdrew her gaze, took out her phone, and fished Celeste's number. But instead of calling her, she hesitated.

After a few seconds, she dialed Trevor instead.

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A moment later, Trevor answered the call. "School's out?"

"Yes,"

Trevor then asked, "Missing Mom?"

"Yes"

"You didn't call her?"

Trevor **chuckled** and said, "Go ahead and call her. She should have time to answer today."

Jordyn's eyes lit up. "Really?"

"Really. Call her."

"Okay!"

After hanging up, Jordyn quickly dialed Celeste.

When Celeste saw the caller ID, she paused for a moment.

Although she **had** seen **Jordyn** twice recently—once **when** Martha fell **down** the stairs **and** was hospitalized, and another time at the **Yoder** family's house—those encounters didn't count toward their usual once-a-month meetings.

Aside from those **two** incidents, it **had**

actually been over a month since they last met.

Thinking of this, she answered the **call**. "Jo, are you out of school—"

Before she could finish, Jordyn, thrilled that she had actually answered, excitedly called out, "Mom!"

Her voice was filled with joy.

Celeste froze, her hand gripping the mouse stopping in place,

It took her two seconds to snap out of it before she **softly** responded, “Mm, I’m here. Are you out of school?”

“Yes!” Jordyn replied happily. “Mom, where are you? I wanted to call you earlier, but I was worried you wouldn’t.

have time to answer.

“**But** just now, I called Dad, and he said you’d definitely be able to pick up today. So, are your coming home?”

She paused briefly before continuing, “I’m still at work right now. Later, I’ll be going to your Granny’s house. Do you want to go there, or

“I’ll go wherever you go!”

”

“Alright.” After a brief pause, Celeste added, “Then you can go to Granny’s house first. I will go over once I’m done with work.”

“Okay!”

After ending the call, Celeste wrapped up her work and left her office.

Before Celeste even stepped inside the Rodriguez residence Jordynard the sound of a car arriving,

She immediately ran out, throwing herself into her mom’s arms. “Mom!”

“Mm.” Celeste picked her up..

Seeing her return, Betty smiled and **said**, “Cel, you’re **back** perfect timing, dinner is ready. Come in and eat.”

“Okay.”

Jordyn sat beside Celeste for dinner.

It **had** been a long time since she had eaten her mother’s cooking So, she couldn’t help but say, “Mom, you haven’t cooked for me in so long! Can you make me dinner tomorrow?

“I really miss your food.”

Ever since she decided to divorce Trevor, she really hadn’t cooked much for Jordyn. And whenever Jordyn visited the Rodriguez family, Celeste had been too busy to cook for her.

Thinking about this, she agreed. “Okay.”–

Most of their social circle didn’t pay **much** attention to Wynn’s affairs. So, her close bond with Jordyn never reached Betty or **Ivan’s** ears.

However, even before Jordyn returned to the country, the two elders had anticipated that she might grow close to Wynn.

Naturally, they weren’t happy about it.

But they **also** knew that Jordyn was still young **and** didn’t understand the grudges between the Rodriguez family and the Locket family.

So, she **wasn’t** to blame.

Since Celeste had failed to secure custody, Betty and Ivan were worried that prolonged separation would drive a wedge between mother and daughter.

Now, seeing how attached Jordyn was to Celeste, they were more than happy.

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After dinner, Jordyn mentioned something that made Celeste realize Trevor was away on a business trip.

At around **9:00** pm, while Celeste was taking a shower, her phone rang

Jordyn saw **that** it **was** Beck calling **and** answered it. “Mr. Harper.”

Hearing her voice, Beck paused slightly. “Jo.”

Before Jordyn could continue, Celeste stepped out of the bathroom. Seeing her, Jordyn handed her the phone and **said**, “Mom, it’s Mr. Harper.”

“Okay.” Celeste took the phone, but before she could speak, Beck beat her to it. “I hope I’m not disturbing you?”

“No.”

Beck **said**, “I’m out of town right now, so we’ll have to reschedule our dinner for another time.”

“That’s fine.”

After hanging up, Celeste was about to dry her hair when Jordyn suddenly looked at her in confusion.

Noticing her gaze, Celeste **asked**

, “What’s wrong?”

“Mom, you know Mr. Harper too?”

“Yes.”

“Okay.”

The next morning, Celeste went downstairs to make breakfast.

About half an hour later, as she was heading back upstairs, she saw Jordyn on the phone. **When** Jordyn spotted her, she ran over and handed her the phone. “Mom, it’s Dad”

Celeste took the phone. “What is it?”

“I can only get back on Wednesday. Until then, I don’t think Jo will want to leave the Rodriguez residence. I’ll **have** to trouble you to take care of her for the next few days.”

Celeste listened silently, pressing her lips together before hanging up.

After dropping Jordyn off at the kindergarten on Monday, Celeste headed to work.

She had a major project deadline, so the entire **week** was hectic. She often worked late into the night, only returning home at midnight.

Even though Jordyn was staying at the Rodriguez residence, they only had time to chat briefly in the mornings.

On Thursday afternoon, Jordyn called to tell her that Trevor had returned. That same day, after school, she went straight back to the Fleming **manor**.

On Saturday, Celeste, **Beck, and** Shanice met up at an amusement park.

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Upon seeing her, Beck said, “It’s been a while since we last met.”

“Is that so?” Celeste hadn’t **really** noticed.

Beck looked at her, as if he had something on his mind, but he didn’t say it right away.

It wasn't until they were almost ready for lunch that he hesitated before speaking "You know InnovaTech has multiple shareholders, right?"

"Mhun."

"Trevor plans to buy out my shares, as well as Miles' and the others' and give it to..." He didn't finish his sentence, but Celeste knew exactly who he **was** referring to—Wynn

She had seen firsthand how indulgent Trevor was toward Wynn at InnovaTech

Previously, she had even joked that she wouldn't be surprised if he outright changed InnovaTech's name to Locket. But she hadn't expected him to actually go through with something like this.

InnovaTech might be a relatively new company, but it was still worth billions. He was certainly generous to just give it away like that.

At that moment, Beck added, "Miles and I agreed to it."

"Mm." She wasn't surprised.

Beck, Miles, and Trevor had been close friends since childhood, practically growing up together. Given their bond, she could understand why they agreed.

The reason Beck brought this up was to let her know that InnovaTech was changing hands—yet YodaVision and InnovaTech still had business ties.

He knew how deeply Celeste had once loved Trevor.

Before learning about her connection with Matthias, he had truly believed she had moved on. But now, he wasn't

So Sure.

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Over the years, the Locket family's tech company had been struggling, constantly losing money due to a lack of core technology and high-level talent.

To help them solve this issue, Trevor had spent a significant amount of time during his business trip overseas recruiting a few top-tier tech experts for the Locket family's company.

With his support, the Locket family's business would likely improve in the near future.

However, none of this had anything to do with Celeste. If she still had lingering feelings for Trevor, knowing about this would only upset her.

So, Beck chose not to mention it.

After lunch, since Beck had other matters to attend to, they went their separate ways.

On Monday, the transfer of InnovaTech's shares to **Wynn** was finalized.

Celeste and Matthias found out about it because the moment the news broke, the industry group chat they were in immediately shared the information.

Whether it was the luxury villa worth over 600 million that **Trevor** gifted to Lilian or the shares he transferred to Wynn on Valentine's Day, Celeste had never told Matthias any of it.

Although Matthias was aware that Trevor treated Wynn well, he had never truly grasped just how generous—how utterly willing he was toward her.

So, when he saw the news, he **was**

momentarily stunned.

Then, biting his lip, he muttered, "Damn, that's some serious generosity."

Celeste had already heard about it beforehand and felt nothing at this point. She simply **said**, "Let's just focus on work"

They **had a** banquet to attend the next evening.

By the time Celeste and Matthias **arrived**, the venue was already crowded.

Shortly after, Beck and Miles arrived as well.

Just as Beck greeted them, Trevor and Wynn entered the banquet hall, escorted by the host.

As always, **Wynn was** dressed in expensive attire, her jewelry and accessories all extravagant.

InnovaTech was a well-known company in their industry, and news of Trevor transferring the entire company to Wynn had already spread like wildfire.

So, the moment they appeared, nearly everyone's attention was drawn to them.

“That’s Trevor and his girlfriend. You’ve all heard about the InnovaTech deal, right? Trevor is talented and successful, yet even he couldn’t resist a beautiful woman.

“A company **with** such great potential, and he just handed it over like that—what a grand gesture.”

“Exactly! If I were Wynn, I’d be over the moon. Imagine having a boyfriend who spoils you this much.”

At this, someone else chimed in, “Didn’t Trevor have a wife before? Funny how he never treated his ex-wife this generously.”

“I heard he didn’t love her. He only married her because he had no choice.”

“Makes sense. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have kept his marriage a secret all this time. If not for Mrs. Fleming Senior’s birthday party last time, no one would have even known he was married.”

“**Yeah**, exactly.”

Hearing all this, **Matthias** and Beck instinctively glanced at Celeste.

But, her expression remained unchanged.

Linda was also at the banquet.

She hadn’t seen Beck in a long time and had specifically come with Wynn just to run into him.

The moment she spotted Beck, she immediately walked over. “Beck.”

However, Beck didn’t respond

As she felt slighted, Linda’s face darkened. But when she noticed Celeste nearby, she pursed her lips, let out a small huff, then quickly forced a smile and said, “Beck, Wynn and Trevor are over there. Let’s go over and join them.”

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Beck still continued to ignore Linda.

Just then, someone happened to come over and greet him. The person also knew Celeste and Matthias, so the four of them started chatting.

Linda was left standing there, completely ignored. Her face grew increasingly awkward until she had no choice but to **leave**, humiliated.

Not far away, Miles glanced in their direction and remarked “Beck seems to be getting closer to them.” By “them,” he was naturally referring to Celeste and Matthias

Wynn shared the same thought.

After all, if Beck and Matthias were simply business partners, **a** quick greeting and some polite small talk **would** have sufficed at an event like this.

Yet, Beck was engaged in a long conversation with Matthias and Celeste.

It was starting to look like they were actually becoming friends.

Of course, in Wynn’s view, the reason Beck would consider befriending Matthias was that Matthias was indeed worth knowing. As for Celeste, she was just along for the ride.

Hearing Miles’ comment, Trevor glanced in their direction but showed no reaction.

Wynn withdrew her gaze as **well**—only to spot Kieran just as he stepped into the banquet hall.

Trevor followed her gaze and also **saw**

Kieran

Dressed in a **nice** suit, **Kieran** looked even more striking and aloof than **usual**.

When Wynn looked over, Kieran happened to meet her gaze

Wynn smiled and was just about to walk toward him when Kieran looked away and entered the hall from the side with his friends, completely ignoring her.

Wynn stopped in her tracks, let out a helpless laugh, and turned to Trevor

“He’s probably still mad at me for telling his family where he was. He wouldn’t even pick up my calls, and now that he sees me, he’s still giving me the cold shoulder.”

Trevor replied, “He is still young. A bit of a temper is to be expected.”

Wynn agreed.

Kieran had no idea what Wynn and Trevor thought of him.

Shortly after entering the hall, he caught sight of Celeste and Matthias out of the corner of his eye when he was about to greet the host.

His fingers tightened around his wine glass.

He didn't expect them to be at the banquet as well.

Celeste was wearing a light blue, intricately embroidered gown that hugged her figure, perfectly complementing her quiet and cool demeanor. She looked pure, flawless, and absolutely stunning.

This was the first time Kieran had ever seen Celeste in an evening gown. **So**, his gaze lingered for a long time.

His friend beside him noticed his distraction and followed his line of sight. When he saw Celeste, he let out a low whistle.

"Holy shit. She's gorgeous. Who is she?"

Kieran snapped out of it. "Celeste Rodriguez."

"What? That's Celeste? Damn, I wasn't expecting her to be this beautiful."

Kieran didn't respond. He set down his wine glass and strode toward Celeste and Matthias.

"Mr. Yoder. Ms. Rodriguez."

Celeste and Matthias turned around, mildly surprised to see Kieran. They didn't expect him to be here either. So, they nodded in acknowledgment.

Beck, noticing Kieran, turned to Matthias and asked, "This Is...?"

Matthias **introduced** him. "This is Kieran Gibson." Then, he briefly explained Kieran's background before turning to Kieran.

"And this is Beck Harper."

Beck recalled that there was indeed a prestigious Gibson family in Baumond previously. After Matthias' introduction, he greeted Kieran. "Mr. Gibson."

Kieran **returned** the greeting.

The group fell into conversation.

Throughout the exchange, Kieran's gaze frequently drifted toward Celeste. And his expression when he looked at her was...

Noticing this, Beck's grip on his wine glass tightened slightly. Lips pressed together, he **turned** his gaze to Kieran.

Kieran felt **his stare** and **met** his eyes.

In that brief moment, both men understood each other's thoughts about Celeste.

They both fell silent suddenly as they locked gazes.

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However, neither Beck nor Kieran said anything.

Celeste and Matthias were engaged in conversation with others **and** didn't notice the silent exchange between Beck and Kieran.

Since Celeste hadn't eaten dinner, she excused herself after while and headed to the buffet area for food.

Kieran followed her shortly after and struck up a conversation.

At the same time, Miles happened to be near the buffet. When he noticed them, he froze for a second, muttered **Shit**," and then turned back toward Trevor and Wynn

He leaned toward Trevor and whispered, "That Kieran... I think he likes Celeste. The way he looks at her is... tsk!"

Trevor followed Miles' gaze and saw Kieran talking to Celeste

The way Kieran looked at her—slightly tilting his head down, his eyes warm and filled with **a** deep intensity—was unmistakably the way a man looked at a woman he adored:

Moreover

, he was treating her with **great** care, taking the empty glass from her hand and setting it aside before reaching for a piece of cake from the top shelf and placing it gently in her hands.

Trevor raised an eyebrow with interest at **Kieran's** tenderness and attentiveness.

Wynn had also glanced in their direction the moment Miles spoke.

Kieran's actions toward Celeste were indeed gentle and considerate.

If she didn't know the truth, she might have actually believed that Kieran had genuinely fallen for Celeste.

"Kieran will pretend to like Celeste first. Once she falls for him, he'll ruthlessly dump her="

Recalling what Kieran's friend had **said**, Wynn turned her gaze back to Celeste and saw that she was chatting happily with Kieran.

Had she really been drawn in by him? Or perhaps, did Celeste actually believe that Kieran had feelings for her?

A subtle smile curled at the corners of Wynn's lips as she lowered her gaze slightly.

She turned to look at Trevor. Seeing that he remained completely indifferent despite watching another man pursue Celeste, her smile deepened.

Miles suddenly remembered something and said to Trevor, "Oh, right. Isn't Fleming Group's tech company looking to collaborate with YodaVision? Shouldn't you go talk to Matthias?"

Trevor took a sip of his wine and replied, "There are too many people around him right now. I can talk to him later."

If Fleming Group really pursued a partnership with Yodavision, Celeste and Trevor would inevitably cross paths more often in the future.

For most women, if their man still had contact with **his** ex-wife, they would likely do everything in their power to prevent such a collaboration.

But Wynn?

She only smiled indifferently.

On the other side of the banquet hall, Beck was caught up in a conversation with someone,

When he finally looked over, he saw Celeste and **Kieran** still talking. Judging by Celeste's expression, they seemed to be having an enjoyable conversation,

He had known Celeste for quite some time now. Though their relationship had improved recently, there had been past tensions between them.

Because of that, when she talked to him, she never showed such a genuinely happy smile. And she had never spoken this much.

Beck didn't know much about Kieran. But in terms of appearance alone, Kieran was undoubtedly impressive.

A shadow flickered in Beck's eyes as he thought about it.)

Turning to the person he had been speaking with, he said, "Apologies, I have something to take care of. Let's continue this conversation later."

With that, he turned and walked straight toward Celeste and Kieran.

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As soon as Beck approached, Kieran noticed him.

His thin lips pressed together in displeasure, and his gaze toward Beck instantly turned **cold**.

But Beck acted as if he didn't see it, continuing toward them without the slightest hesitation in his steps.

He stopped in front of Celeste and naturally faced her. "What are you two talking about?"

Celeste, unaware of the tension between them, casually replied, "Work-related stuff."

The fact that Celeste could talk so **easily** with Kieran suggested that Kieran must be quite competent in his field. In other words, compared to him, Celeste and Kieran had more to talk about.

Not to mention, Kieran was currently working at YodaVision. That meant Kieran had far more opportunities to interact with Celeste than he did.

Thinking about this, the smile on Beck's face faded slightly

Just as he was about to speak, Matthias walked over,

Seeing both **Kieran** and Beck standing next to Celeste, he found it a bit odd.

However, he didn't dwell on it and simply said, "Everyone's gathered here."

As soon as he finished speaking, Trevor and Wynn also approached.

"Mr. Yoder." Trevor greeted.

Matthias responded with a faint, insincere **smile**. “Mr. Fleming, do you need something?”

Trevor said, “There’s a project I’d like to discuss with you. wonder if you’d be interested.”

Fleming Group’s tech company was one of the leading firms in the country’s technology sector, holding an extensive portfolio of core patents and cutting-edge innovations.

Their upcoming product **had** already generated international buzz

The moment Trevor brought up collaboration, Matthias immediately understood what it was about. To be honest, he was quite intrigued.

Besides, as one of the country’s top-tier enterprises, they carried a responsibility to push local innovations onto the global stage and increase international influence.

If they wanted their products to truly compete on the world stage, one company alone wouldn’t be enough. It required enterprises to support each other, collaborate on technology, and achieve mutual success.

So, despite Matthias’ personal dislike for Trevor and his reluctance to work with him....

He didn’t need to consult Celeste on this matter as he already had an answer in his heart. Her answer **would** be the

same as his

So, he said flatly, “Now is not the time to discuss collaboration. If you want to talk, come to YodaVision tomorrow at a more appropriate time,”

Trevor wasn’t surprised by his response. He chuckled. “I’ll see you then.”

Matthias, clearly annoyed, asked indifferently, “Anything else, Mr. Fleming?”

“No, that’s all.” Trevor replied before adding, “I won’t bother you any longer.”

With that, he didn’t spare Celeste another **glance**. He simply turned and left with **Wynn**.

Before leaving, Wynn looked toward Kieran and Beck.

Kieran, noticing her gaze, turned his face **away**.

Beck, on the other **hand**, said nothing

The next day, just as Celeste got out of her car after reaching the company, she coincidentally ran into Trevor and Jacob, who had also just stepped out of their vehicle.

She paused slightly as she shut the car door.

She knew Trevor would be coming in the morning to discuss the collaboration, but she didn't expect him to arrive this early.

Seeing her, Trevor greeted, "Morning."

Celeste didn't reply and turned **toward** the company entrance.

Since leaving Fleming Group, she had barely seen Jacob. In his mind, Celeste was still the same woman who used to cling to Trevor all the time.

Now, seeing how cold her attitude was toward him, he found it strangely **unsettling**

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Celeste ignored him, so Trevor didn't say anything else.

Kieran had just walked out from the other side of the parking lot. Seeing them, he made his way toward Celeste.

"Morning"

Celeste nodded. "Moming."

Kieran paused for a moment before turning back to give Trevor a brief, indifferent greeting. "Morning."

Trevor smiled. "Morning"

Today, Trevor was here at YodaVision to discuss a business collaboration. As an important figure in the company, Celeste should have been the one to warmly receive a potential business partner.

Yet, after Kieran greeted both Celeste and Trevor, he noticed that Celeste never once turned back to acknowledge Trevor. She simply walked straight ahead, showing no intention of playing the host.

Was this attitude because of Trevor's relationship **with** Wynn?

Thinking about this, Kieran glanced back at Trevor.

However, Trevor didn't look the least bit upset about Celeste's treatment of him.

Kieran didn't comment further.

The four of them entered the elevator in silence.

Inside, Kieran stood beside Celeste.

She was wearing high heels and light makeup. She was still as beautiful and composed as ever.

Kieran **found** himself unable to look away from her elegant profile.

He kept staring at her until he noticed Trevor's gaze shifting toward him. Only then did he withdraw his gaze and look at Trevor instead.

Seeing him glance over, Trevor simply smiled but said nothing

Soon, the elevator reached YodaVision's floor.

Celeste stepped out without looking at Trevor. Kieran, having work-related matters to discuss with her, followed along.

Watching their departing figures, Trevor retracted his gaze and, guided by the receptionist, entered YodaVision's reception room.

They waited for **over** ten minutes before Matthias arrived at the office.

Upon entering the reception room and seeing Trevor, he said, "**Apologies**, Mr. Fleming, I'm late." Though his words sounded polite, his tone was **indifferent**, and his expression lacked any real sincerity.

Jacob had been by Trevor's side for a long time and had met all kinds of powerful figures. Yet, he **had** never seen anyone dare to treat Trevor with such disregard.

Thinking this, he frowned slightly.

Trevor, however, appeared unfazed. He simply shook Matthias' hand and said, "I'm not in a hurry. It's no.

problem."

Matthias disliked Trevor, but since they had agreed to collaborate, he just wanted to get it over with as quickly as possible.

So, after sitting down, he got straight to the point and began discussing the deal.

Although YodaVision already had a partnership with Innovatech, that deal had been negotiated by someone else Trevor had sent over.

Technically, this was the first time Matthias was directly discussing a business collaboration with Trevor

At last year's birthday banquet for Betty, Matthias had already gotten a rough sense of how much Trevor understood about the AI field when he overheard him speaking with Zachary

However, their conversation back then had been brief.

Today, they spent nearly three hours discussing the requirements for YodaVision's next-generation chip in terms of computing **and** inference capabilities.

As the conversation progressed, Matthias realized that Trevor's understanding of AI was far deeper than he had expected.

No matter what topic he brought up, Trevor had no trouble keeping up. His knowledge was vast.

At some points, Matthias even thought-Trevor's expertise in this field might not be any less than his own.

That thought made him feel a bit frustrated.

Trevor glanced at the time and said, "It's almost noon. Shall we continue in the afternoon?"

"Okay."

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Trevor then added, "How about bunch together? My treat"

Matthias had no interest in dining with him and replied, "ppreciate your offer, but I'm a bit tired today. I don't feel like going out. I'll just grab a simple meal at the cafeteria You're welcome to do as you please."

Trevor smiled. "Eating at the cafeteria is certainly more convenient. If you don't mind, how about we join you!"

Matthias couldn't say anything

So, just a few minutes later, they found themselves in Vodavision's cafeteria

As the company's boss—combined with the fact that both he and Trevor were strikingly handsome—their arrival instantly drew attention.

Celeste **was** already eating. And Kieran was sitting across from her.

They were deep in **conversation**, so she didn't notice Matths' arrival.

It wasn't until she heard someone greet him that she instinctively looked up—only to realize that not only was Matthias here, but Trevor had also come to the cafeteria.

Bearing the **greeting**

, Kieran also looked over.

Matthias, Trevor, and Jacob all noticed Kieran and Celeste.

Seeing Celeste eating with Kieran, appearing rather close, Trevor remained completely unfazed.

Matthias, of course, also noticed Celeste. He gave her a look, silently telling her to focus on her meal—he would handle things on this **end**.

Celeste only nodded and averted her gaze.

From the moment Matthias decided to go through with this collaboration with Trevor, he had already planned to take full responsibility for it.

As for Celeste, during the entire collaboration process, they would avoid any unnecessary encounters between her and Trevor as much as possible.

Thus, after getting their food, Matthias deliberately chose a table far away from Celeste.

Trevor **made** no comments about it.

During the meal, he didn't glance in Celeste's direction even once.

Jacob, however, stole several glances toward her. He had heard some things about Celeste and Matthias, though he wasn't sure which parts were true.

This morning, Celeste had been cold toward Trevor, and now, even when seeing him again in the cafeteria, she showed no reaction whatsoever.

It seemed **like** she had truly moved on from him.

He also noticed that even though Celeste appeared to be close to Kieran, Trevor didn't seem to care at all,

That didn't surprise him.

After all, over the years, he had witnessed firsthand just how much Trevor despised Celeste—and how deeply he loved Wynn.

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With that thought, he withdrew his gaze.

By the time Matthias **and** Trevor finished their **meal**, Celeste had already left the cafeteria.

That afternoon, Trevor had other matters to attend to and left YodaVision around 3:00 pm. However, their collaboration wasn't finalized yet.

So, over the next few days, Trevor visited YodaVision several more times. Yet, **aside** from their brief encounter on the first day, he and Celeste never crossed paths again.

For those few days, it was as if they had no connection at all

If not for Matthias, who knew the truth, no one else would have **ever** guessed that they were actually married. After a few of Trevor's visits, word had spread throughout YodaVision—Fleming Tech and YodaVision were officially working on a project together.

That day, as Celeste entered the meeting room, she overheard a female employee saying, "I just ran into that. Fleming Tech boss, Trevor, in the elevator. Oh my god, he's so handsome!"

"He's rich and good-looking. Plus, I heard he treats his girlfriend incredibly well. Just recently, he even gave her InnovaTech! Can you imagine? If I w

The Breaking Point of Love

Betty had relatives visiting from Xelora, and they had come to see her.

That morning, just as Celeste finished a meeting, Betty called and asked her to come over for lunch with them.

She stood by the elevator, waiting, when Joseph Lockridge the newly hired general manager of YodaVision- walked over with Trevor and Jacob,

Upon seeing her, Joseph greeted her, "Ms. Rodriguez."

Celeste gave a slight nod.

Joseph wasn't sure whether Trevor and Celeste knew each other. He only knew that despite Trevor being at YodaVision for several **days** discussing a collaboration, he and Celeste had never crossed paths

Seeing that Celeste didn't greet Trevor, Joseph assumed they weren't acquainted. So, he introduced them.

"Ms. Rodriguez, this is Mr. Fleming of Fleming Group."

Then, he turned to Trevor and said, "This is Ms. Rodriguez from YodaVision's R&D department."

Without looking at Trevor, Celeste simply said, "I know."

Trevor, **however**, glanced at her and told Joseph, "No need for introductions- we know each other quite well."

Joseph paused, looking between the two.

"You know each other well? Sorry, but I don't see it."

He didn't say it aloud, though. Instead, he gave an awkward laugh. "Oh, I see."

Celeste remained silent.

Trevor chuckled lightly but didn't say anything more.

At this point, Joseph finally realized—Celeste simply didn't want to acknowledge Trevor. That made her just like

Matthias.

He wasn't sure if there was some unresolved grudge between Trevor, Celeste, and Matthias

But, Trevor wasn't just anybody.

The company was about to collaborate with him, yet both Celeste and Matthias treated him with this distant, indifferent attitude. And what was even stranger—Trevor didn't seem to mind at all.

Thinking about it, Joseph wasn't sure if he should be relieved or worried.

Just as he was about to break the silence, Trevor's phone rang.

He answered, "You've arrived? I'll be right down."

After hanging up, they stepped into the elevator.

Joseph smiled and **said**, “Ms. Locket is here to pick you up for lunch again? You two have a great relationship.”

Trevor smiled and was about to respond when his phone rang again. Seeing it was an important call, he continued speaking.

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the elevator reached the ground floor, Celeste walked out without a backward glance.

Joseph didn't

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As soon as she stepped outside and reached the parking lot, she saw Wynn standing by a car, waiting

Their eyes met

Wynn's gaze **was**

cold and indifferent.

Celeste quickly looked away and walked toward her own **car**

Wynn also shifted her gaze away. Only when she spotted Trevor coming out of the building did her eyes soften

As Celeste got into her car, she happened to see Wynn handing her car keys to Jacob before getting into Trevor's car with him.

Celeste withdrew her gaze and drove off, leaving them behind in her rearview mirror.

At the restaurant, after finishing lunch, Celeste escorted Betty's guests into their car and watched them leave. Just as she was about to get into her own car to return to work, she saw Jorge stepping out of the restaurant.

The moment he saw her, his brows instinctively furrowed.

The last time he had seen her was when Trevor had gone to YodaVision to find her. He didn't know if things between them had progressed further, but he had heard that Trevor **and** YodaVision were now collaborating

Would that give Celeste and Trevor an opportunity to rekindle something?

He didn't voice his thoughts, but the moment he saw her, his furrowed brows gave them away.

Without greeting him, Celeste simply got into her car and drove off.

Jorge also returned to his company.

His collaboration with the Locket family was already in discussion.

At around 3:00 pm, his secretary walked in and said, "Mr. Robinson, Ms. Locket is here."

Jorge paused. "Ms. Locket?"

"Yes," his secretary replied. "She said Mr. Locket has caught a cold, so she's here on his behalf to discuss the collaboration with you."

Hearing this, a flicker of excitement flashed in Jorge's eyes. He immediately stood up and strode toward the meeting room.

Upon seeing him, Wynn immediately apologized, "I'm sorry. My father isn't feeling well, so for this collaboration

Jorge cut her off with a smile. "It's fine."

Wynn didn't **miss** the hint of joy in his eyes. She smiled slightly and simply withdrew her gaze.

After discussing the collaboration, Jorge seized the opportunity and asked, "Ms. Locket, do you have time later? Would you like to have dinner together?"

Wynn smiled and shook her head. "I have a race coming up, so I need to head to the track for train dinner another time."

Let's do

Jorge knew Wynn was a racer. But ever since he met her, she hadn't participated in any competitions

He had only searched online for videos of her past races, downloading them to his phone to watch repeatedly.

In other words, he had never seen her race in person before

Now that she mentioned it, he was very tempted to go watch. However.

If she were **training** today, then Trevor would definitely be accompanying her, right?

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that thought, he didn't bring it up. Instead, he said, "Another time, then

Wynn nodded, exchanged a few more pleasantries, and left,

Shortly after she left, Xavier called him. "Caleb happens to be off today. Want to meet up?"

Hearing this, Jorge immediately had an idea.

"Sure," he said. "But, let's skip the bar this time. How about we go somewhere else?"

Xavier was intrigued. "Oh? Where to?"

"Let's go watch a car race."

"A car race?" Xavier sounded interested. "Sounds fun!"

After finding out where Wynn's training session was taking place, they went for dinner before heading to the race track with Caleb.