

# The Breaking Point of Love

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That afternoon, Celeste and Kieran were in the office discussing work when a knock came at the door.

“Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Payne is here.”

“Alright, thank you.” Celeste turned to Kieran and said, “I have some personal matters to deal with. You go ahead and get back to work.”

Kieran glanced at Jason and his assistant and then nodded and left.

Each holding a briefcase, Jason and his assistant stepped inside.

Once Candice closed the door behind them, they began laying out the various agreements and documents to double-check everything.

After the inventory and handover were complete, Jason added, “By the way, Mr. Fleming’s lawyer asked me to pass along a message.

“He said that if you find it too troublesome and don’t want to be involved in any company management or decision-making, and if you’re considering selling those shares—Mr

. Fleming would be a willing and excellent buyer.” 1

Celeste replied coolly, “Got it.”

With that, Jason didn’t linger any longer. He left shortly after with his assistant.

Celeste glanced at the piles of documents in the briefcases, then pushed them aside and went back to work without hesitation.

About half an hour later, Matthias came by.

As he stepped into her office and was about to speak, his eyes landed on the two briefcases by her feet. Curiously, he asked, “Hm? What’s all this?”

“Property documents from the divorce agreement between me and Trevor.”

“It’s all here? All those properties are worth over ten billion dollars. Didn’t your agreement say he had two years after the divorce to sort it all out?”

“You’re not even officially divorced, but he’s already handled everything?”

Celeste nodded. “Yep. Everything’s here, not a single item missing.”

Matthias let out a dry chuckle. “Guess he’s in a hurry.”

No wonder Trevor had contacted Celeste the other day about finalizing the divorce procedures—he had everything ready to go.

Then he asked, “And the cash? He transferred it to you too?”

“Yeah. This morning.”

“Tsk.” Even though he knew Celeste had already moved on Trevor being so decisive still made Matthias feel a little bad for her.

Something occurred to him, and he couldn’t help but huff, You two haven’t even filed the final divorce paperwork yet, and he’s already rushed to transfer everything over.

“Is he afraid you’ll change your mind and back out of the divorce?”

Celeste said simply, “I don’t know.”

Ever since she asked for a divorce last year, all she’d been waiting for was the outcome. She no longer bothered to think about everything else.

Matthias paused, then suddenly said, “For him to do all this so soon... I don’t know, it kind of feels like maybe he still trusts you, at least a little?”

Trust?

The very reason their relationship had begun was due to a mistake that night. 25

To this day, he still believed that what happened then was something she orchestrated on purpose. If she were that kind of person in his mind, how could there possibly be any trust?

Matthias quickly remembered that too and added, “Alright, forget I said anything.”

Celeste changed the subject. “So, what brings you here?”

“Our company anniversary’s coming up soon. I wanted to talk to you about the banquet arrangements.”

Their company’s 10th anniversary was right around the corner. YodaVision wasn’t what it used to be—in fact, this being their first decade, they had to go all out.

With that, the conversation shifted to work matters.

Recently, the collaboration between YodaVision and Fleming Group had gained a lot of attention in the industry.

As they wrapped up, Matthias remarked, “For the anniversary celebration, we’ll definitely have to invite the Fleming Group.” 6

Celeste replied calmly, “That’s fine.”

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*That night, just as Celeste was getting ready to leave work, **she** received a call from Jordyn.*

*Since tomorrow was Saturday, Celeste guessed Jordyn probably wanted to visit her. But she wouldn’t be **free**.*

***She** had plans to visit the nursing home with Betty and the others **to** discuss her mother’s treatment and medication with the*

*doctor.*

*So, she didn’t answer Jordyn’s call.*

*On Saturday, when she arrived at the nursing home, Celeste found that Isabelle looked even thinner than the last time they had seen her. Her hair was dry, and her face had lost all color.*

*The doctor explained, “The psychiatric medication she was on earlier has a certain level of toxicity to the liver and kidneys.*

*“It wasn’t an issue before, but given her current organ failure, it’s no longer suitable. So, we’ve stopped part of her medication. “Her mental state has been very poor these past few days, and on top of that, she’s taking antibiotics for organ failure. Her body is under tremendous stress...”*

*Celeste tightened her grip on her bag and nodded in understanding.*

*Afterward, she and Ivan talked with the doctor for a long time. They only left the nursing home at noon.*

*As they were leaving, Jordyn called again. But, Celeste pressed her lips together and declined the call.*

*After that, Jordyn didn't try again.*

*However, that afternoon, Lottie, who had just returned to the country the day before, called to invite Celeste out shopping.*

*She wasn't in the mood and didn't really want to go out. Plus, Betty's health hadn't been good lately, so she preferred to stay home and keep her company.*

*But Betty patted the back of her hand and said, "Don't keep everything bottled up. It's good to **go** out and clear your mind."*

*"...Okay," Celeste replied. So, she changed clothes and headed out*

*Lottie had been busy abroad these past few months with her fashion shows.*

*Both of them had been caught up in their own affairs and hadn't had much time to keep in touch.*

*After meeting up and chatting for a while, Lottie finally learned about Isabelle's condition.*

*She immediately lost interest in her milk tea, clearly affected, and after a long pause, she said gently, "Your mother... She's going to get better."*

*Celeste was praying for the same. However, her mother's health really was deteriorating fast. She and the rest of the family knew the chances of recovery were slim.*

*"If I'd known, I wouldn't have asked you out—"*

*"It's fine." Celeste shook her head and was just about to speak when she glanced to the side and suddenly spotted two fami. figures.*

*Her gaze instantly turned cold.*

*Lottie followed her line of sight and saw Howard and Lilian.*

*Lilian was elegantly dressed and exuded an air of refinement. Though nearly 50, she looked like she wasn't even 40.*

Howard also clearly took good care of himself. Though over 50, he was still fit and well put together.

The two of them looked well-matched and affectionate.

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**casually**, it was clear they were enjoying a date, and they seemed to be in great spirits.

They didn't notice Celeste and Lottie.

Howard was holding Lilian's hand, helping her carry her bag and pick out clothes-looking every bit the doting husband. Lottie, watching this, was so angry she gritted her teeth. "How come they get to live so well? This world is just so unfair."

**Celeste** lowered her eyes.

Yes. It really was unfair.

Lottie paused, then added, "What's worse is that Trevor still-

Now that Celeste and Trevor were getting divorced, and with Trevor in the picture, the Locket family's future would only get better.

But Isabelle...

Celeste clenched her hand around the cup.

Howard and Lilian walked away not long after.

Celeste had already been in a foul mood. Now, it had gotten worse after seeing those two. So, she and Lottie didn't linger long and went home separately.

On Monday morning, Celeste and Matthias went to the Fleming Group for a meeting.

This time, they met with their core engineers. Trevor was not around.

After a busy morning, Celeste headed to the restroom. On her way back, she saw Trevor standing at the entrance with Jacob. They were in the middle of a conversation, but stopped when they saw her.

Celeste was about to walk past them when Trevor suddenly said, "Jo's been trying to reach you. If she calls again, just pick up."

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*Celeste didn't say anything and walked past Trevor and Jacob into the meeting room.*

*Many people in the room had seen her talking with Trevor at the door.*

*However, since most of them didn't know the nature of her relationship with him, they simply assumed it was a casual greeting and didn't think much of it.*

*But Matthias **was** in the know.*

*When he saw her return, he quietly asked, "Did"*

*Celeste shook her head. "No."*

*Juhanave a fight with him?"*

*Even at the peak of tension and conflict between her and Trevor, they had never fought—let alone now.*

*Fleming Group and YodaVision had just officially begun their collaboration, so Celeste ended up spending nearly the entire day at Fleming Group.*

*That afternoon, just after 5:00 pm, a sudden cheer erupted from the meeting room.*

*"Holy crap, it actually worked!"*

*"Huh? What happened?"*

*"Ms. Rodriguez said the model we were working on before wasn't good enough. We discussed it last week, and over the past few days, we implemented her suggestions, from the algorithm to the data, all the way to the model structure.*

*"Now, the efficiency of our model has improved dramatically! The bottleneck that's plagued us for almost two years has actually been resolved just like that!" 2*

*Another person added, "The alignment issue that's been troubling us for ages also made real progress. I've got to say, Ms. Rodriguez is absolutely incredible!"*

*It was worth noting that Fleming Group was one of the top tech firms in the country. Everyone here was among the best in the industry—talent that Fleming Group had paid handsomely to recruit.*

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*In other words, whether by public acclaim or self-confidence, none of them lacked skills.*

*Yet now, they truly understood that no matter how good one was, there would always be someone who was one step ahead.*

*Fleming Group's tech team looked at Celeste with sparkling eyes.*

*One of them excitedly came over and shook her hand, saying, "No wonder you're the first author of that paper—Ms. Rodriguez, you're amazing!"* <sup>1</sup>

*Celeste smiled and was just about to speak when she suddenly noticed someone standing behind them—Wynn. <sup>1</sup>*

*Her smile faltered slightly.*

*Just then,*

*the few excited engineers from Fleming Group also noticed her. "Ms. Locket? When did you get here?"*

*Before Wynn could speak, Bryson chuckled and said, "Ms. Locket's been here for a while. You were all so engrossed, you didn't even notice someone standing behind you."*

*Wynn smiled but didn't reply.*

*If one looked closely, they'd see that her smile seemed a little strained.*

*As Bryson said, she had indeed arrived a while ago.*

*She had also witnessed part of the process where Fleming Group's elite engineers had eagerly sought Celeste's input.*

**Wynn** could follow some **of** their technical discussions.

*But it was obvious that Celeste was operating at a level above them all.*

*She could identify the core of a problem at a glance and offer a solution on the spot. It was so quick that even the engineers struggled **to** keep up with her train of thought.*

*Let alone someone like Wynn...*

*The engineers, still excited by the breakthrough, were about to continue discussing what exactly made the breakthrough so brilliant, when suddenly Trevor's voice cut in, "What's with all the excitement?"*

*The engineers didn't feel the need to hold back just because he was the CEO of Fleming Group.*

*One of them was just about to respond when Wynn interrupted them. “You’re done with work?”*

*Trevor gave a quiet hum and was about to pick up the earlier conversation when he happened to glance over at her and noticed her expression.*

*So, he asked with concern, “Why do you look so pale? Are you feeling unwell?”*

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**“It’s** nothing.” Wynn smiled, then calmly glanced at her watch and said, “It’s about time. Let’s go.” 1

Trevor replied, “Okay.”

After briefly greeting everyone in the meeting room, he turned and left with Wynn.

Celeste, meanwhile, continued working with the engineers.

Celeste had been worrying about Betty’s health. So, she had been saying at the Rodriguez residence ever since Isabelle’s medical checkup.

That night, after finishing work at Fleming Group, Celeste returned to the Rodriguez residence for dinner.

Just after she finished eating, her phone lit up with a

It was from Caleb. “I’m heading back to base tomorrow.”

Celeste read the message but didn’t reply.

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Perhaps anticipating her silence, Caleb sent another message a moment later. “See you in a month.”

This was his way of telling her that he would start pursuing her officially once she got divorced. (5

Celeste understood what he meant, but still didn’t reply.

She set her phone down and was about to flip through the book on the table when it rang again.

This time, it was a call from Martha.

As soon as Celeste answered, the old lady’s voice came through the phone.

“Cel, I already heard about Isabelle. This is such a serious matter. How could you and Betty not say a word to me?”

Celeste paused, unsure how to respond.

Martha pressed anxiously, “I heard from Wilma that deteriorated. How is she now?” **3**

Since Betty found out about Isabelle’s condition, her health

“She’s been a little better these past two days—her spirits are improving.”

Martha let out a sigh of relief. “That’s good, that’s good.” Then she quickly added, “Don’t worry, Cel. I’ll help with Isabelle’s case. I’ll find the best doctors for her.”

“Thank you, Grandma,” Celeste replied. “But I’ve already asked someone to contact a leading expert in this field. They’ll be arriving tomorrow to assess my mother’s condition personally.”

“Oh? That’s good. Let’s see what they say.”

“Yeah.”

After that, Martha fell silent for a moment, clearly troubled. “Your mother really is...”

...So unfortunate.

Celeste understood what she meant, even if she didn’t finish the sentence.

But before she could respond, Martha quickly tried to comfort her, afraid of upsetting her even more.

“Wilma told me that if Isabelle’s condition can be controlled properly, there’s still hope. Cel, try not to worry too much, alright?”

“Mm, I know.”

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They chatted for a while longer before ending the call.

After hanging up, Martha still felt upset and sorry for Celeste, so **she** couldn’t help but call Trevor.

He picked up quickly. “Grandma?”

“You! You really are...”

Trevor could tell she was angry. But since he hadn’t done anything to upset her lately, he asked, “What’s wrong?”

“Nothing,” she said. “I was in a bad mood and called just to yell at you a bit.”

Trevor raised an eyebrow. “Oh?”

Even though Martha wanted to scold him, once the call connected she wasn’t sure what to say. She let out a “hmph” and then hung up.

After he put down his phone, Jordyn, who was eating nearby, asked, “Nana called? Did something happen?”

“Your Nana was in a bad mood and called to yell at me to let off some steam,” Trevor replied.

Wynn, sitting nearby, laughed and said, “She probably just misses you.”

Trevor said, “I doubt it. She **gets** annoyed every time she sees me.

The next day, when Celeste and Betty arrived at the hospital, Martha was already there.

The specialists had also arrived right on time.

Leading the team was an elderly lady who was even older than both Martha and Betty.

“Is that... Dr. Tindall?”

Lauren Tindall was one of the world’s top experts in treating organ failure.

She had retired years ago, and not just anyone could hire her.

Even people with power and influence found it almost impossible to reach her.

Most of the top specialists in the country in this field were once her students.

When Celeste said she had arranged for experts to come, Martha had never expected that expert to be her.

To be honest, seeing her here truly shocked Martha.

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Lauren knew Martha **as** well.

After greeting her, she turned her gaze **to** Celeste and smiled. “You must be Cel?”

It was the first time Celeste had met Lauren. So, she respectfully replied, “Yes, I am.”

Lauren nodded in approval and praised, “You’re very good-looking.”

She had already been briefed on Isabelle’s condition before arriving at the hospital.

However, instead of hastily issuing a treatment plan, she preferred to observe and further understand the situation before making any decisions.

Celeste and Betty originally planned to accompany her the whole time and invite her for lunch at noon as a gesture of gratitude.

But Lauren asked them to go home, saying she would inform them once the treatment plan was ready.

“As for the meal,” she looked at Celeste and smiled, “there will be plenty of opportunities in the future—no rush.”

Since she said so, Celeste and Betty had no choice but to leave for now.

After leaving the hospital, Celeste returned to work at the company, and Martha accompanied Betty back to the Rodríguez residence.

That evening, after finishing work, Celeste returned to the Rodríguez residence for dinner. Martha was still there.

After dinner, just as Martha was about to leave, she looked at Celeste and gently patted the back of her hand, letting out a sigh.

She was aware that Celeste and Trevor had gone to the courthouse a few **days** ago to finalize their divorce.

Since they had already made the decision, she couldn’t force them otherwise. Besides, even if she wanted to interfere, some people simply wouldn’t listen. Perhaps divorcing Trevor and a fresh start were the best choices for Celeste.

With that thought, Martha simply said, “Take good care of yourself.” Celeste nodded. “I will. You take care too.”

When Martha returned to the Fleming residence, she stopped in her tracks upon seeing an unexpected guest sitting in the living room.

“What are you doing back here?”

Trevor turned to glance at her. “You scolded me out of nowhere yesterday. I thought you missed me, so I came to visit.”

Martha snorted and asked the housekeeper beside her, “When did **he get** here?”

“Around 6:00 pm. I was going to inform you, but Mr. Trevor said not to disturb you, so-

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“Nana!” At that moment, Jordyn came running downstairs.

Seeing her, Martha finally smiled.

She hugged the child who ran into her arms. “Jo, are you hungry? Have you eaten?”

“Dad and I already had dinner. How about **you**, Nana? Have you had your dinner?”

“I did,” she replied with a smile.

Though she was happy to see Jordyn, Martha clearly looked tired after being out all day.

+25 **BONUS**

**Trevor noticed** and **said**, “**I actually** came to talk to you about something, but since **you’re tired**, how about tomorrow **morning** **it** won’t be in the mood tomorrow morning either.”

Martha knew that whatever he wanted to talk about surely involve Wynn.

“**I can’t** control you, but don’t bother me with these things.” Her tone was sharp.

It was the first time Jordyn had seen Martha lose her temper, but she wasn’t frightened. She simply asked, “**Nana, are you** in a bad mood?”

“Mm.” Looking at the child, Martha’s heart was conflicted.

She turned to Trevor and said, “Cel’s mother has a very serious health issue. Do you know about this?”

Even though Celeste had managed to get Lauren, if Isabelle’s condition was too severe, even Lauren might not be able to do anything.

Trevor replied calmly, “I know now.”

His tone **was** flat.

Whether it was indifference or apathy, his face was calm. He didn’t even look surprised. When it came to Celeste, he was still this cold and unconcerned.

He knew about the longstanding feud between the Rodriguez family and the Locket family, yet—

The more she thought about it, the more it made Martha’s chest tighten.

Jordyn looked up. “Hasn’t Grandma been sick for a long time?”

She remembered Celeste telling her when she was very little that Isabelle was ill and had to stay in the hospital.

“Your grandma has another illness now,” Martha explained gently

Then, without even looking at Trevor, she said coldly, “In the future, don’t come telling me about your nonsense. You can leave now.”

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Isabelle's treatment plan wouldn't be ready so soon.

So, the next day, Celeste went back to work as usual after a visit to the hospital.

Kevin had flown in from another province to discuss business wither and Matthías.

At noon, Celeste and Matthias took Kevin out for lunch.

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Their collaboration was already close to being finalized. So, while on the way, Matthias asked when Kevin planned to leave.

Kevin smiled and said, "I'll stay an extra two days this time, because I have another business meeting tomorrow."

Matthias asked with interest, "Oh? What kind of collaboration?"

"It's with InnovaTech."

Upon hearing that name, both Celeste's and Matthias's smiles faded slightly.

Kevin didn't notice their change in expression. He was unaware of the feud between YodaVision and InnovaTech.

Then, he continued, "InnovaTech made a breakthrough recently. I've heard people in the industry say their future development prospects look very promising.

"Yesterday, Ms. Locket from InnovaTech called and proposed a collaboration. I thought it sounded pretty good, so I agreed."

Lately, both Matthias and Celeste had been extremely busy and hadn't had time to keep up with such news. Now, hearing this out of the blue, their expressions darkened.

After glancing at Celeste, Matthias finally said, "Is that so..."

They chatted a bit more and soon arrived at their destination.

After lunch, just as they were about to leave the restaurant, they ran into Wynn and her group in the elevator.

"Mr. Locket." Seeing Wynn and Howard, Kevin greeted them warmly.

They didn't expect to run into Kevin, Celeste, and Matthias either.

When Kevin greeted them, Howard and Wynn smiled and responded, "Ah, Mr. Thatcher!"

After some polite small talk, Kevin looked at Celeste and Matthias. ‘Ms. Locket, these two are-

Matthias gave a faint smile. “No need to introduce us. We’re acquainted.”

Kevin chuckled, “Right, we did meet last time. My memory’s really failing.”

He couldn’t help but praise, “Mr. Locket and Ms. Locket, your company is developing so well. **It’s** truly enviable.”

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Wynn and Howard smiled modestly at the compliment.

Ever since InnovaTech’s tech department recently overcame a major bottleneck, the news spread quickly. InnovaTech’s autonomous vehicle project suddenly gained a competitive edge in the industry.

Now everyone in the field was predicting that if things continued smoothly, InnovaTech could be worth over ten billion in the future.

Howard’s struggling tech company had also made major progress and had some project breakthroughs with Trevor’s help. Its future now looked bright.

The Lockets and the Shaws were overjoyed by InnovaTech’s sudden success. They were all in excellent spirits.

Thinking about how Wynn was about to become the **CEO** of a company potentially worth billions, Linda was both delighted and

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**smug as she** looked at Celeste.

After all, **it** was all thanks **to** Trevor. And he had likely anticipated this before handing the company over to Wynn. After all, when the news broke that Innovatech had made a breakthrough, Trevor showed no surprise at all.

With both InnovaTech and Locket Tech receiving great news, and Trevor and Celeste preparing to divorce, it really felt like all the good things had gone to the Locket family!

Celeste and Matthias simply stood to the side and listened, not saying a word.

Wynn didn’t even glance at Celeste.

Once they reached the ground floor, the two parties went their separate ways.

Back in the car, Matthias looked up the news and finally understood why the Lockets and the Shaws were so pleased.

“Trevor is really...”

too generous!

He didn’t finish the sentence out of consideration for Celeste’s feelings.

Still, he felt extremely, deeply unbalanced inside.

When they got back to the office, just as they were discussing their upcoming meeting, they were suddenly informed that the final compensation payment of over 100 million from InnovaTech had already been transferred.

Matthias paused. “They raised the money this quickly?”

Celeste replied, “Looks like it.”

They both fell silent.

After a while, they returned to discussing work.

Later that afternoon, just after a meeting, Celeste suddenly got a call from Lottie.

“Cel, did you hear about InnovaTech?”

“I did.”

“That bitch’s got some serious luck. If InnovaTech’s autonomous vehicles really turn out to be that competitive, then wouldn’t that mean-” 2

Celeste gripped her mouse tightly. Before she could speak, Lottie continued, “And I heard that your scumbag father’s company is also doing better.

“They might even win the government’s smart traffic construction project for the transportation platform. If they actually land that project, then Locket Tech will make a name for itself. 2

In other words, Trevor had single-handedly helped both Wynn and the Locket family establish themselves firmly in Baumond. Watching the Locket family rise, Lottie was truly filled with resentment. “Why? Why do those scumbags get to live better!

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Celeste didn't answer that question. She had asked it many times long ago.

But the truth was, this world was simply unfair.

That was something she had come to understand a long time ago.

So, she had long since stopped asking.

Back then, she had no power to stop anything. But now-

She and Matthias were both aware of the city's smart traffic project. It was indeed a solid opportunity.

However, YodaVision's reputation was soaring, and they already had better projects in hand, leaving them stretched. So at the time, neither of them had planned to bid on it.

But now...

After hanging up the call, Celeste went online to thoroughly study the details of the project.

The goal of the project was to optimize scheduling for congested urban roads using AI algorithms and to integrate traffic monitoring, signal light networks, and other modules.  
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The technical demands of these modules might require a lot of work and strategic planning for other companies. But for her, they posed no real difficulty.

As for InnovaTech's development in autonomous vehicles...

Celeste stayed silent for a long moment and then stood up and headed to Matthias's office.

After listening to her, Matthias smiled and said, "So, it's the city's transportation project. The Locket family has someone guiding them behind the scenes and thinks they have it in the bag, huh?"

"We may not have planned to participate before, but since the Locket family is bidding for it, if we don't get involved, we'd be letting ourselves down!"

Then he added, "If you want to do it, of course I'll support you. But it'll be tough on you."

Celeste shook her head, her gaze firm. "I'm not afraid of hard work."

Then she started discussing InnovaTech's autonomous vehicle project with him.

After hearing her out, Matthias asked, “So, you have a plan?”

“Mm.” Celeste nodded. “Whether it’s the engine or the AI systems involved in vehicle control, I can offer technical support. You just need to find someone to partner with us.”

Matthias had been stewing all afternoon after finding out about the Locket family and Trevor Now, hearing this, his mood finally brightened.

He slammed his hand on the table and said, “No problem. Leave it to me!”

Suddenly taking on two more projects—especially when one of them was a long-term city-level project—would definitely disrupt some of YodaVision’s existing plans.

But Matthias still backed her unconditionally.

Celeste knew he was doing it partly to stand up for her. Thinking of **that**

, a warmth welled up in her chest.

She said softly, “Thank you, Matthias.”

Matthias gave her a light pat on the head. “No need to thank me. If the project works out, I’ll earn a **nice** profit too. I’m **still**

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young, you know. I’ve got plenty of fight left in me.’

Once Celeste decided to do something, she always aimed for perfection.

So that very night, she began drafting the bidding plan for the city traffic project.

While the technical challenges and key metrics didn’t pose a problem for her, the bidding deadline was fast approaching. So, her time was extremely limited.

That night, she pulled an all-nighter.

The next day, she had originally planned to visit Fleming Group with Matthias. But she didn’t go.

Instead, she asked Matthias to reach out to her online if anything came up.

After all, even in regular work scenarios, Fleming Group’s engineers often struggled to keep up with her pace.

Even if she went in person, she'd end up spending extra time just waiting for them to catch up. 2

Now that she was handling two projects at once, she couldn't afford to waste any time.

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Over the next two to three days, Celeste was fully occupied with matters related to the smart traffic project. To ensure there were no flaws in her proposal, she even went out several times for on-site inspections.

In the end, she successfully submitted the bidding documents before the deadline.

When Matthias received the news, **he** smiled and texted her. "Good job"

He had also been quite busy these past few days.

In addition to overseeing internal affairs and the collaboration with Fleming Group, he also attended two banquets.

After the banquets, several executives from autonomous vehicle companies reached out to him.

He planned to gather more information about these companies before making any decisions.

In the meantime, the collaboration between YodaVision and Fleming Group was going smoothly. They had already entered the next phase of cooperation.

To celebrate this positive partnership, Trevor personally invited Matthias and another partner to dinner.

When Matthias replied to Celeste's message, the dinner was nearly over.

Though Matthias disliked Trevor, he had to admit that Fleming Tech deserved its reputation as one of the top tech companies in

the country.

Their team was indeed talented, and working with their engineers had been a pleasant experience overall.

However, there were also less pleasant moments—like running into people from the Lockets and the Shaws.

Matthias couldn't even be bothered to greet them and left first.

Watching him walk away, Linda smirked and leaned toward Wynn, whispering, “Ever since Trev’s company started working with YodaVision, that bitch has been running around like she’s indispensable to the collaboration between YodaVision and Fleming Group.

“But she’s suddenly vanished these past couple of days. Barely seen her at all. Maybe she finally realized something?”

Naturally, she was referring to the fact that Trevor had given InnovaTech to Wynn and that the autonomous vehicle project which was now developing rapidly and receiving glowing praise from the industry.

After Trevor left, Linda chuckled smugly again and said, “So what if Celeste works hard? No matter how hard she tries, Matthias will never give her a company worth billions. 2

“She could work her entire life and still never reach the starting point you had!

“I mean, she schemed her way into marrying Trev and even had a child, but in the end, the assets she walked away with don’t even compare to what he casually gave you. Hilarious!

“If I were her, I’d be devastated too, knowing Trev gave you that much money without a second thought.”

Wynn only smiled faintly without responding.

Truth be told, she had been somewhat uneasy before—seeing just how capable Celeste was.

But as Linda pointed out, Celeste had gone to great lengths to get close to Matthias and invested so much. Yet,

what had she gained in return?

Even if her skills had improved, **even** if she had connections like Matthias and Zachary, how long would it take for her to reach Wynn’s level of wealth and power? (2

Ruby also laughed and added, “Well, there’s just a huge gap between people.” 3

No matter what Celeste did, she simply couldn’t compare to Wynn 1

Howard didn't **say** anything, but silently agreed. That was why even if she had tried so hard for so long, it still amounted to nothing.

That very evening, Celeste and Matthias had dinner with an executive from an autonomous vehicle company.

After several days, the bidding results for the smart traffic project would finally be announced.

On the day of the announcement, Wynn accompanied Howard to the venue. They arrived fairly early and were feeling confident about their chances.

As a result, they chatted easily with the other bidding participants, smiling and relaxed.

Celeste and Matthias were the last to arrive.

When Wynn and Howard saw them, they froze.

As far as they knew, YodaVision hadn't participated in this bid. So, why were they here?

But the fact that Celeste and Matthias showed up could only mean one thing.

In that moment of realization, the confidence and ease on Wynn and Howard's faces vanished. Because in front of YodaVision, even with Trevor's backing, their odds of winning were slim. 1

It was then that they both suddenly understood why Celeste hadn't been showing up at Fleming Group recently.

Without acknowledging Wynn or Howard, Celeste and Matthias walked straight past them and took their seats amidst the astonished crowd.

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**It wasn't Just Wynn** and Howard. When **the** other bidders saw Celeste and Matthias, they more or less realized **that all their** efforts had likely been for nothing.

And that was exactly the case.

As everyone waited, the results were quickly announced. The smar traffic project was awarded to YodaVision.

Celeste and Matthias weren't surprised at all by the outcome. They had more important matters to attend to and had no intention of lingering.

As **the** two of them walked past Howard and Wynn without even sparing them a glance, the expressions on the father and daughter's faces—which were already grim—grew even darker.

Since moving to Baumond, the Locker, company had been running fairly well thanks to Trevor's support.

Because of Wynn's connection to him, many people in their social circle were aware of their company.

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However, that recognition was mostly limited within their circle. They had yet to establish a solid reputation on a broader, public level.

The main reason for that had been a lack **of** competitive core

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technology.

Now that they'd finally made a breakthrough, they had pinned **all** their hopes

**on**

winning this smart traffic project.

If they succeeded, it would have been a turning point in both recognition and credibility for Locket Tech. **2**

Their entire team had worked tirelessly for over a month, pouring in massive amounts of manpower and resources. They had truly believed the project was already in the bag. But in the end...

After Celeste and Matthias left, Howard and Wynn remained seated for a long while.

Back at home, the rest of the Lockets and the Shaws had also been paying close attention to this bid. Before long, Linda couldn't hold back and called Wynn.

"Wynn, how is it? Did we win the bid?"

Wynn answered calmly, "No."

“No?” Linda frowned. “How could that be? I mean, I know some of the other companies bidding had decent strength, but we-”

“The winner was YodaVision.”

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“What?” Linda’s expression changed dramatically. “YodaVision? But I thought they weren’t even participating. How could-

When the realization hit her, Linda gritted her teeth and hissed, “**It** must’ve been that bitch. She’s jealous **of** you and can’t stand how well Trev treats you, so she tried everything to sabotage us!” 7

Then she scoffed, “But the more she acts like this, the more Trev will hate her! I need to call him and tell him what she’s done!”

Wynn cut her off in a flat tone. “YodaVision is working closely with the Fleming Group right now. Even if Trevor wanted to act, he wouldn’t be able to touch her at the moment.” 1

Linda paused. “Then... Then what do we do? Are we just supposed to let this go?”

Wynn didn’t respond.

Just because they couldn’t move against Celeste now didn’t mean **they** never could.

Back home, when Patricia, Erin, and the others heard what had happened, they were furious.

After all, this was a major project—one that concerned the future of the Locket family’s company.

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This **wasn’t** just personal. It was a **high**-stakes matter. They could let Celeste cause trouble **like** this.

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It **was** bad enough when she tried to interfere between Wynn and Mr. Newman, and then again with Matthias. But now she’s even jeopardizing **the** future of our company! **If** she keeps targeting us like this-

“I know,” Howard said. “**I’ll** find a chance to talk to her.”

The matter **was** too important to ignore.

**In fact**, when Celeste and Matthias were about to leave the venue earlier, he had nearly called out to her. But there were too many people around at the time, and it hadn't been appropriate.

The next day, when Celeste arrived at YodaVision and got out of her car in the parking lot, Howard also stepped out of his car and called out to her, "Cel." 5

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When Celeste saw Howard, there wasn't a trace of surprise on her face.

The city's smart traffic project was crucial to the Locket family's tech company, and yet she had swooped in at the last moment and taken it. How could they possibly sit still and do nothing?

Besides, this wasn't going to be the last time she made a move like this..

She would strike again when the time was right. 4

Now that the bidding had ended and the project was in YodaVision's hands, there was no way the Locket family could snatch it

back.

So, if she guessed correctly, Howard had come to see her to prevent similar things from happening again in the future.

And how would he try to persuade her?

By appealing to emotion, of course. Because that would cost nothing. 1

But Celeste had no interest in playing along with such false sentimentality.

She turned around and cut Howard off when he was about to speak

"I remember what happened the last time. Madam Locket said in front of everyone that I'm not her granddaughter. You've been living in Baumond for over half a year now, and I've run into you more than a few times.

"But not once have you ever taken the initiative, in public, to call me your daughter."

She paused here, her tone cold and distant as she looked him straight in the eye. “So, Mr. Locket, what exactly do you think you can say to me now?”

Celeste laid bare the reality—there was no affection left between them as father and daughter.

Howard froze. Before he could respond, a chuckle sounded from behind him.

Matthias’s voice followed. “Exactly. Things have already come to this—Mr. Locket, what do you really think you can say to Cel?”

Howard frowned. “Mr. Yoder, this is between me and Cel—”

““Cel’?” Matthias laughed. “You call her that so intimately, yet I don’t recall you ever addressing her that way in front of others

Everything that needed to be said had already been made clear.

Celeste didn’t want to continue the conversation. She turned to Matthias and said, “Let’s go.”

Seeing the coldness and detachment in her eyes, Howard suddenly realized that she truly no longer saw him as her father.

Without looking back, Celeste headed upstairs.

Howard barely got a word in the entire time.

But with Matthias present, it wasn’t the right time to try to persuade her anyway.

All he could do was watch helplessly as she walked away.

Once they were in the elevator, Matthias said with a sneer, “After all they’ve done, he still has the audacity to come groveling and talk about father–daughter bonds. Shameless.”

Celeste simply smiled and said, “I’m used to it.”

When Howard returned home, the Lockets and the Shaws immediately asked him about how it went with Celeste.

How could he not understand what Celeste’s words had meant?

He shook his head. “She wouldn’t listen.”

Erin frowned deeply.

Celeste had been right. Howard had approached her this time to prevent her from targeting them again and causing them to lose

another key project.

Linda scoffed, “This time was just a fluke. So what if she managed to steal the project from us once? It’s not like she has the ability to do that every time. Isn’t this giving her too much credit?” 2

She was right. But it was not the likely case that hurt one. It was the unlikely one that caught one off guard.

With Celeste now at Matthias’ side, if something like this happened again, it would be them who suffered. So, it was still best to avoid it from happening again.

So, even though Linda was often reckless, this particular point was something everyone agreed with, including Lilian and Wynn. Celeste might seem capable now, but there was no way Matthias would back her on everything. And even if he did, they didn’t believe she had the power to sabotage them every single time. 3

So, Wynn added, “We don’t need to overreact. Just be a bit more cautious and keep an eye on her when we’re working on projects.” 1

Howard nodded. “That’s all we can do now.”