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Timothy could tell how awful Sabrina felt, so he comforted her, "They must have had it all planned from the start since they were bold enough to do it. I believe that few people are aware of it yet, so let's keep an eye on them for the time being. I'm sure they'll drop a hint soon."

"You're right. I'll get some people to monitor them for the time being." Sabrina agreed to Timothy's opinion readily. After they were done discussing business, he held her hand and asked her, "What do you want to have for dinner? Shall we eat out?"

"Sure. I'm good with anything as long as it's with you." She shot him a sweet smile. Her appearance made his heart tingle as he couldn't help leaning down to plant a kiss on her lips.

After a long time, the two separated with a pant. As they exchanged glances, the couple broke into a smile. Then, they left to have a dinner date after packing their bags.

Instead of discussing work matters, they acted like they were an ordinary couple and had dinner on top of shopping around for a while.

Sabrina's smile never left her face ever since they walked out of the company. Timothy pampered her all the way. Whenever she took a few more glances at an item, he would buy it for her.

The two of them wandered around until late before Timothy sent Sabrina home. Even when it was time to part ways, he was still reluctant to let her go.

Watching the man who refused to let go of her hand, she beamed. "Alright. It's getting late. You should go home now. You have a meeting tomorrow morning, remember?"

After saying that, she took the initiative to lean in and peck Timothy's lips. He didn't get enough of it, so he asked for another kiss.

Sabrina was so mesmerized by his kisses that she returned home with a dizzy head. As soon as she entered the door, however, her father's angry voice was heard.

"Aren't you being too unscrupulous for this, Mr. Hazelwood?"

The other party replied with something that further enraged Figario. "In that case, there's nothing left for us to discuss anymore!" After saying that, he hung up the call and clenched the phone in his hands tightly..

Seeing that, Sabrina hurriedly went up to him. "What's wrong, Dad?" "Since when were you back?" Figario avoided her question upon seeing her because he did not want her to worry.

Sabrina could read his mind, but she still walked up to him and prodded, “I just got back and heard you arguing with someone over the phone. What’s wrong? If you don’t tell me, I’m going to ask Yaromir about it.”

Seeing how adamant she was about hearing an answer, he decided to tell her.

“It’s no big deal. We recently took on a project, but due to some reason, the client is backing out on short notice. They even insisted that they wouldn’t pay liquidated damages since they haven’t signed the contract yet.”

“Is it regarding the project with Hestonville Group?” Sabrina asked with a frown. Figario nodded. Her expression instantly darkened.

She was well aware that her father and brother

had invested a lot of energy in the early stage in order to complete this project. They even gave up on a lot of other projects just to facilitate this project.

If they lost it, their company would suffer huge losses.

After pondering about it, she suggested, “Calm down for now, Dad. Your health always comes first, okay? I’ll discuss it with Yaromir later. Don’t worry.”

Since Figario had no other solutions, he decided to listen to his daughter and stay calm for the time being.

When her father was no longer as irritated as before, she urged, “It’s getting late. Go to bed now. The doctor told you not to tire yourself out for the time being.”

Due to exhaustion, Figario fell sick a few days ago and frightened the whole family with his sudden collapse. He knew all too well that his daughter was just concerned about him, so he went upstairs to rest without another word.

After watching her father head to rest, Sabrina went to the study. A young man who resembled her was sitting at the desk. He was her brother, Yaromir Gulliver.

The siblings started discussing and calculating the costs of the Hestonville Project. Yaromir initially didn’t want to tire his sister out, but he failed to persuade her and eventually compromised to let her help.

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The two of them figured out the situation for almost the whole night and came to a realization that the company would suffer huge losses due to this project. Hence, their expressions suddenly turned serious.

"We can't lose money. Hestonville Group should be made responsible." Sabrina expressed her thoughts and added, 'Besides, it is strange that they want to withdraw all of a sudden."

Yaromir agreed with a nod. "I'll try to arrange a meetup with the person in charge from Hestonville Group tomorrow." "Let me settle this, Yaromir. Dad isn't in good condition these days while you have too much on your plate settling company matters."

Sabrina looked at her brother with determination as she decided to share the burden of her family. Yaromir realized that there was no use in persuading her not to, so he simply agreed.

The next day, Sabrina came to the office early, but she wasn't in high spirits. Timothy noticed her lack of energy and inquired, "Did you have a bad sleep?"

"You can say so." Sabrina did not intend to tell him about her family matters, so she simply nodded in response to his question.

Though Timothy didn't know the truth, he was still concerned about her lack of rest. "Come to my office and take a nap during lunch."

"I'm afraid I can't. I gotta drop by my dad's at noon," she rejected his offer. Timothy quickly noticed something wrong and asked with concern, "Did something happen?"

After all, Sabrina had never left the company during lunch hours.

"It's nothing. I'm just going over to check whether he's having his meals on time and whether he's taking good rest. You know how his health went haywire a few days ago."

In fact, she didn't want to trouble him, thus she simply came up with a random excuse. Timothy didn't think too much about it and nodded.

Initially, he intended to send her over, but he had a client to meet at noon. At noon, Sabrina bid him goodbye and left the company. Then, she drove to a fancy restaurant.

After entering the venue, she looked around to find the person she was looking for sitting in front of the windows. "Hello, Mr. Hazelwood."

She went over and greeted him politely. As Johnnie Hazelwood looked at the capable and professional-looking girl in front of him, surprise flashed in his eyes.

"I've long heard that Mr. Gulliver has a daughter, but I didn't expect her to be so gorgeous."

He looked at Sabrina with a lewd gaze, stretched his hand out to shake her hand, and even gently rubbed her palm with his finger. "I'm Johnnie Hazelwood, the person in charge of the Hestonville project."

When Sabrina felt the subtle gesture in the palm of her hand, she felt sick and quickly pulled her hand back. "I'm here today to find out why your company decided to pull out of the Hestonville project."

She cut straight to the point with a solemn look. The reason for her attitude was the man's suggestive gaze that was revolting.

As if not noticing the unpleasant look on her face, he replied nonchalantly, "I did it just because I felt like doing it. I know the reason for your visit, Miss Gulliver. If you don't mind going for a drink or two with me in the afternoon, I would happily reconsider the collaboration between our companies."

Sabrina's expression sank as she heard those words. She knew the implication of his words. "Since you have no intention of negotiating sincerely, let's forget about this meeting!"

With that, she got up to leave. Johnnie's feather-like voice suddenly sounded in her ears. "Sounds like you're not planning to recover the company's losses, Miss Gulliver?"

Sabrina halted in her steps upon hearing that as she clenched her handbag. Just as she was hesitating, a soft voice sounded in her ear. "What's going on?"

Sabrina turned her head and was surprised to see the two people standing before her. "Tess, President Sawyer, what brings you two here?"

"We're here for a meal. What a coincidence it is to see you here," Tessa explained with a smile. Then, she glanced sideways at Johnnie and asked, "What's going on here?" "Nothing. I'm just here for business."

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Sabrina didn't seem fine when she said that. Tessa noticed it and frowned. "Where's Tim? Why did he let you meet a business partner by yourself?"

"He..." Sabrina was merely able to blurt one word as she didn't know what else to say. Johnnie, who was beside her, recognized Tessa and Nicholas, hence he dared not act inappropriately.

"Hello, President Sawyer, Miss Tessa." After greeting them, he offered to leave sensibly. "Miss Gulliver, since you met your friends, let's discuss our deal another time."

After saying that, he scrambled away. As she watched the man scurrying off, Tessa suddenly recalled Sabrina's silence and knitted her brows tighter. "What's wrong? Are you and Tim in a fight?"

"No. We're not," Sabrina hurriedly denied it. Tessa prodded, "If that's not it, why is he not with you when you discuss company matters?" Without a choice, Sabrina had to come clean about her family matters.

"That is what's happening." Sabrina glanced at Tessa nervously after saying that. Since her family owned a company, it was weird that she applied to work as an assistant at Timothy's company.

Although it was the first time Tessa heard about Sabrina's family matters, she didn't look surprised at all. She had already assumed that Sabrina came from a wealthy family, and it turned out that she really was. It happened that her intuition was right.

On the contrary, Nicholas and Edward were shocked by the news.

"I didn't expect you to be the daughter of the Gulliver Family, Miss Gulliver," Edward expressed his shock as he stared at Sabrina, who felt a little embarrassed by his stare.

Tessa's interest was piqued. After all, Sabrina could be her future sister-in-law, yet she didn't know much about her. "Do you know about the Gulliver Family, Mr. Jackson?"

"The Gullivers might not be one of the top families in Southend, but they're also considered to be millionaires." Nicholas took the baton and replied to Tessa instead.

Hearing that, she glanced at Sabrina and teased her, "Hmm, how could you hide it from us for so long, Sabrina? Would you still have kept it a secret if I hadn't run into you today?" "Of course, not. I just didn't have the opportunity to tell you yet," Sabrina explained bashfully, her eyes filled with guilt.

Watching his wife teasing her, Nicholas decided to add fuel to the fire to satisfy Tessa. "That's strange. I heard that the Gullivers pamper their daughter a lot. How could they allow you to be a mere assistant to Tim?"

Sabrina was flustered upon hearing his words, especially when Tessa was looking at her with probing eyes. Under the pressure, she had no choice but to confess. "Well, the reason I joined Reinhart Enterprise isn't just for work, but for Tim."

As soon as she said that, Tessa's interest was aroused. "Does that mean you are already acquainted with him before this?"

"Not really. I met him at a banquet," Sabrina explained softly. Tessa's eyes lit up. "Love at first sight, I see! I didn't know my brother was so charming."

While saying that, she winked at Sabrina. Sabrina's face immediately turned the shade of an apple. "Tess!" She stomped her feet in embarrassment.

Tessa laughed out loud at her reaction while Nicholas watched her with a tender gaze. After a round of teasing, they returned to their table and started discussing serious matters.

However, Tessa wasn't proficient in business, hence she turned to her husband. "What do you think is the problem with Sabrina's family?"

Nicholas took a sip of red wine and commented, "I heard that Hestonville Group is pretty close with Prospera Group recently."

In other words, he implied that Hestonville Group managed to pull strings with a stronger company, hence they didn't value Gulliver Group anymore.

Sabrina had other ideas, on the contrary. She recalled the words left by Prospera Group's person in charge who was rejected by Timothy yesterday. She reckoned that her company's collaboration must have been a trick pulled by Prospera Group.

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After all, Sabrina's relationship with Timothy was official in the company. "Prospera Group is despicable!" she hissed with clenched teeth. Tessa and Nicholas, on the other hand, didn't think too much about it.

For Timothy's sake, Nicholas reminded her kindly, "If it is really Prospera Group playing tricks on you, you must start paying attention to the current projects in hand. Never invest in a project before signing the contract again. You must also monitor other projects since Prospera Group is notorious for pulling all kinds of stunts just for their own benefits."

As Prospera Group's mortal enemy, he was well-versed in their usual methods.

Sabrina thanked Nicholas for the reminder, but she still looked quite skeptical because she was well aware that Prospera Group wasn't specifically picking on Gulliver Group.

Tessa was sharp to notice the hesitant look on Sabrina's face. "Do you have something to say, Sabrina?" Seeing the worried gaze Tessa gave her, Sabrina made up her mind.

"Yes, I do. I believe Prospera Group is targeting Tim rather than us."

"Tim?" Tessa was dumbfounded. Nicholas' expression quickly turned serious. "What happened?"

"The person in charge from Prospera Group came to meet Tim yesterday. Somehow, he learned about the AI smartwatch that Tim developed, so he suggested a collaboration."

Sabrina shared about the incident yesterday. "Even after Tim rejected him, he didn't give up. He offered to pay 500 million to buy the core technology. Tim rejected him once again, so they ended on a bad note. After that, something happened to my family's business."

Tessa pulled a long face after hearing that.

It was obvious that the Gulliver Group's incident happened because Prospera Group intended to seek revenge on her brother, but they were well aware that they couldn't beat him, so they switched their target to the Gulliver Group instead.

"Isn't Prospera Group being too domineering? Must they force a company to cooperate with them even if the other party isn't willing to?"

Seeing the look of distress on Tessa's face, Nicholas frowned. "I'll leave this matter to you, Edward."

"Yes, sir!" Edward nodded and was about to leave when Tessa suddenly called out to him. "I'd prefer not to trouble you, Mr. Jackson. I'll drop by Reinhart Enterprise later."

In other words, she wanted Timothy to settle the matter on his own. Nicholas understood her intentions, but he was still concerned. "Prospera Group isn't easy to deal with."

He worried that Timothy might be at a disadvantage if he dealt with them alone..

Tessa understood his concern, but she shook her head and insisted, "Even if it's going to be difficult, I can't let you protect him every time.. He should learn to deal with crises. Besides, he might be able to deal with the issue by himself. You can protect him for now, but you can't always clean up after him, can you?"

Her words were no doubt reasonable. Nicholas eventually compromised. "Alright. He should try dealing with the issue for now." Worse comes to worst, I'll help him out.

He didn't say the next sentence out loud but instead hinted at Edward with his eyes. Edward took the hint and nodded slightly, indicating that he will send someone to monitor Timothy.

After the meal, Nicholas and Edward returned to the company, while Tessa and Sabrina went to Reinhart Enterprise. In the office, Timothy was surprised to see the two showing up together.

“Why are you with Sabrina, Tess?”

“We bumped into each other at noon,” Tess replied with a smile. Timothy didn’t think too much about her answer. He even smiled and asked, “You must have met Sabrina’s father, then.”

He assumed that Sabrina went out for lunch with her father.

Tessa, on the other hand, was puzzled as she turned to look at Sabrina as if trying to silently inquire about the situation. Is Tim unaware of what happened at noon?

With an awkward expression, Sabrina explained to Timothy softly, “Erm, I didn’t actually meet my father at noon. I went out to meet one of my family’s business partners.”

As soon as he heard that, Timothy furrowed his brows. He wasn’t upset that Sabrina lied to him, but he thought she was hiding something from him on purpose. “Did something happen?”

“You can say so.”

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Sabrina nodded and immediately told the truth about Prospera Group’s oppressive schemes against the Gullivers.

Timothy had been in the business industry for years and was well aware of the Gulliver Family, so he was taken aback when he learned that. He assumed his girlfriend came from a wealthy family, but he didn’t expect her to be related to the Gullivers. Even so, he didn’t probe further and instead focused on the incident she had mentioned.

“It seems that Prospera Group is as despicable as the rumors say. They do whatever it takes to achieve their goals.” While saying that, he couldn’t conceal the hatred in his eyes. I turned down the collaboration offer, and they intentionally made things difficult for my girlfriend’s family business.

Then, Tessa reminded him, “Nicholas says they have endless tricks on their sleeves. If you ever confront them, you must be very careful.”

“Yeah, I understand. I’ll deal with this, so don’t worry, Tess.” Timothy nodded and took note of it. Hearing that, she offered him a smile in response. “I don’t have to worry if you’re the one handling the matter.”

The three of them continued their conversation for a while, during which Tessa’s face began to show signs of weariness. After all, she still hadn’t fully recovered. When Timothy noticed that, he quickly offered to send Tessa home, and she readily agreed..

Before she left, she reminded him again, "The Gullivers were targeted because of you, so don't let Sabrina's family suffer, okay?"

When he heard that, he nodded. Then, he told his driver to send his sister back to Dynasty Gardens. After Tessa left, Timothy and Sabrina returned to the company to discuss the matter related to Prospera Group.

"What are your plans, Tim?" She looked at him with a worried expression. "Prospera Group isn't going to give up easily, but unfortunately, the business planning department hasn't drafted a plan. Perhaps, we sign the contract with Sawyer Group first and make them sit on the sidelines."

Hearing that, he could comprehend her intentions. Even though it was a solution, he had the same thought as Tessa. He did not want to depend on the Sawyer Group and Nicholas during a crisis.

"I know, but I'm sure there are other solutions to settle this matter." "What solutions?"

Sabrina looked at him curiously.

Then, Timothy sneered coldly, "Since Prospera Group used despicable means, let's give them an eye for an eye as long as they don't find the evidence." After saying that, he returned to his desk and turned on the computer.

On the other hand, she was left dumbfounded by his response. When she returned to her senses, she saw him typing strings of codes on the keyboard. A few minutes later, the computer screen changed.

Simultaneously, the security alarm pierced through the technical department's office in Prospera Group. "Someone is hacking the company Intranet. Hurry up and stop them!"

As soon as the order was given, the leisurely lounged staff were quickly on alert. Despite setting up the security barriers, the hacker managed to breach them.

On that day, the internal system of Prospera Group collapsed, and the operation of the entire company was paralyzed. They even witnessed how the company data was lost, but it was all in vain, no matter how hard they tried to rescue the situation.

After fighting online for an hour, the anonymous hacker finally retreated, and the system was finally being restored. Nonetheless, Prospera Group suffered a significant loss. After all, the data they lost was valuable.

Meanwhile, Harper Quinn was completely outraged upon hearing the news. "All of you are a piece of shit! What's the use of paying you when you can't even do your job when hackers attack the system?!"

He angrily yelled at the supervisor of the technical department. "Even a dozen people couldn't take on a single hacker. How dare you brag that you are one of the world's top technical experts?!"

The supervisor kept his head low during the scolding, not to mention the rest of the team who stood beside him with their shoulders sagged

Soon, Harper finally calmed down after venting his anger. He had never suffered such a huge loss before, so he quickly probed, "Did you manage to trace the person who attacked the company Intranet?"

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"We tried to trace back, but the other side had designed a virus in the program. Once we track it down, the virus will invade our system again, and it may cause secondary data loss for the company. It could even lead to the collapse of the entire database," the manager answered truthfully while carefully observing Harper's expression.

When he saw the anger on Harper's face intensify, he quickly explained, "Mr. Quinn, it's not that we don't want to track it down; it's just that the person behind this attack is very skilled. I suspect that they're a top-ranked hacker in the industry. They're at least in the top fifty."

Hearing that, Harper was stunned. A top-ranked hacker who is ranked in the top fifty in the industry? Why is this person suddenly attacking my company? The cost of employing such a person is substantial. Who would spend that much money to target me? Instantaneously, Timothy's face appeared in his mind. Could it be him?

He suspected it might be Timothy, but he couldn't be sure. After thinking momentarily, he ordered, "You guys go ahead and fix the company's internal systems. I don't want to see this happen again!"

The technical department head nodded and immediately left with his subordinates. After they left, Harper turned to his assistant and instructed, "Have someone investigate how much the company lost in this incident."

"Yes." The assistant nodded and left.

Later, he returned with someone from the finance department. "Mr. Quinn, the company's loss is 20 million," the finance department's representative reported truthfully.

Suddenly, Harper had an immediate thought. He looked at the assistant and ordered, "Investigate how much the Gulliver Group lost in their project in Hestonville."

Although the assistant felt it was strange, he agreed. Moments later, he returned with the information. “Mr. Quinn, the Gulliver Group lost 20 million. As he finished speaking, he realized that something was not right. The loss was exactly the same as what they had experienced today.

On the other hand, Harper also realized that his earlier speculation was correct. The attack on the company was indeed related to Timothy.

At that moment, he was seething with anger and felt challenged. The assistant glanced at Harper’s darkened face and nervously swallowed while standing silently beside him.

Nonetheless, the finance department representative didn’t dare to breathe too loudly, fearing he would become the target of Harper’s fury. Ultimately, Harper ignored them both, picked up his phone, and placed a call. “Timothy, are you really going to go against Prospera Group?”

“Mr. Quinn, what are you talking about? I don’t understand.” Timothy’s cold voice came from the phone. Harper gritted his teeth. “Do you dare to say that you did not carry out the attack on my company today?”

“Mr. Quinn, you need evidence to accuse someone. Do you have any evidence that proves it was me?” Timothy denied it lightly over the phone. He added, “If you have nothing else to say, I’m hanging up now.”

Without waiting for Harper’s response, he abruptly ended the call. Meanwhile, Harper gripped his phone tightly, feeling like he was on the brink of exploding. “How dare he?”

Looking at the angry president, the assistant and the finance department representative both shivered. Still, given the company’s situation, the assistant had to speak up. “Mr. Quinn, what should we do next?”

Nevertheless, despite his anger, Harper could. still prioritize and differentiate between important and trivial matters. Then, he made a mental note of the account and took a deep breath before giving directives to his assistant. “I’ll cover the company’s losses from my personal account, and all bonuses from the technical department will be deducted.”

For the time being, Harper chose to keep the incident under wraps, but as the saying goes, there are no secrets in this world. A handful of people knew that his company had been targeted by an unknown hacker, and Nicholas was among them.

When he heard the news, he harbored a vague suspicion. Later, he called Edward over and ordered him, “Go investigate who’s responsible for the attack on Prospera Group.”

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After receiving the instruction from Nicholas, Edward nodded and left. Shortly after, he learned the complete details and returned to the office smiling. "Sir, it was Mr. Reinhart who was responsible for it. I never imagined he had such impressive skills. He took on an entire department of a company all by himself."

After hearing that, Nicholas couldn't help but feel pleased that his guess was correct. He chuckled and remarked, "This guy accomplished something noteworthy while drawing very little attention to himself. His tactics were ruthless and satisfying enough."

That night, he went home and voluntarily revealed what Timothy had done. He laughed and summarized, "This guy is really unexpected."

"It's a bit surprising. I never thought he would retaliate in this way." Tessa never expected her brother to fight back in that manner, but she was relieved he handled it well. However, she soon became worried again. "Prospera Group is the kind of organization that is likely to hold a grudge. I don't know what dirty tricks they'll use to come after him."

"No matter what happens, I'm here." Nicholas comforted her with a hug.

Then, she shook her head and said, "Although you can protect him, you can't watch him every second. I'm afraid Prospera Group might threaten Timothy's safety."

"It's not a big deal. I'll send a few people to protect him." He didn't think it was a big deal and immediately contacted Edward on his phone. "Identify capable individuals and instruct them to immediately provide discreet protection for Timothy."

"Very well." Edward obeyed the order and hung up the phone.

Afterward, Nicholas set down his phone, and as Tessa gazed at him, she was deeply touched. With a warm smile, she wrapped her arms around him and hugged him tightly. "Thank you on behalf of Tim."

"What are you talking about?" He was not fond of her formalities, so he playfully flicked her forehead with his hand. "To me, Tim is no different from Kieran. Why are you so polite to me?"

"My bad." She rubbed her forehead in response but couldn't contain her happiness as she smiled. Then, he glanced at her, his eyes filled with helplessness and fondness. "Don't be so polite to me in the future."

"Okay." She nodded obediently. On the other side, Sabrina and Timothy had finished their date and were in a good mood. She recalled the afternoon events and dashed into the study to inform her father and brother of the good news.

In the study, Yaromir and Figario were sitting at their desks working. The mood lightened a little when she walked in from the seriousness that had pervaded the room.

"You finally came back. If you hadn't returned, I would have had to call you." Figario didn't oppose his daughter's love affair, but he wouldn't allow her to stay overnight outside before marriage.

When she heard her father say that, she hugged him and coyly said, "I'm so happy today, so I stayed out a bit late." "What happened that made you so happy?" Yaromir asked curiously.

Sabrina didn't hide anything and told them what had happened during the day. However, she naturally hid the fact that Johnnie attempted to harass her.

"Timothy suggested that we should retaliate with an eye for an eye, given Prospera Group's unscrupulous methods. So, he hacked into their internal system and caused them the same losses as our company."

She couldn't help but feel proud when she spoke about it. "In the end, Mr. Quinn from Prospera Group called, and he was so angry, but he couldn't do anything to us."

After hearing these words, Figario and Yaromir both felt relieved. Figario was especially surprised that Timothy would use such methods to retaliate. "This kid is quite interesting.

"He is indeed talented." Yaromir nodded in agreement beside him.

Figario smiled at Sabrina and asked, "When is your boyfriend planning to reveal himself and meet us? You were supposed to bring him back to meet us before. Why has there been no news for so long?"

"Uh, I didn't have a chance before. I'll find an opportunity to tell him," Sabrina explained.

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Sabrina looked at Figario to appease him when he asked her about her boyfriend. The following day, she had breakfast with her family before getting ready for work. However, as she was about to leave, her father said, "Remember to find a chance to invite that Reinhart guy to have dinner with us."

"I got it, she agreed helplessly, surprised that her father remembered that. When she arrived at the company, Timothy was already there. "Good morning. Tim," she greeted him proactively.

Then, he hugged her and kissed her forehead. "Good morning." After exchanging affectionate gestures, they shifted their focus back to work. Once Sabrina finished reporting the work progress, she left the office.

Nevertheless, she didn't mention anything about her father's request as she was too conflicted and didn't know how to bring it up. She felt it was too soon to introduce her boyfriend to her parents since they had just started dating.

Later in the day, Timothy observed that her distraction impacted her work. So, he called her into his office and asked, "Why were you not focused on work today? Did something happen? Or did Prospera Group trouble you again?"

"Uh, no, nothing happened." She pretended everything was fine and shook her head. Little did she know that the more she tried to act normal, the more obvious it was that something was wrong.

Seeing that, he got up from his desk and pulled her to sit on the nearby couch. "Come on, tell me what's going on. Don't tell me there's nothing wrong. I can tell from your eyes that something is bothering you," he said.

"I" Then, Sabrina looked into his dark, deep-set eyes and finally confessed, "It's not a big deal. My father wants to invite you to have dinner at our house after hearing that you took care of Prospera Group."

"So, you've been conflicted all this time over this?" he chuckled. She was about to refute, but he interrupted her. "You don't have to worry about this in the future."

"If Mr. Gulliver wants to meet me, I should be happy. Let's set the meeting for this Sunday." Afterward, he gently pinched her hand. and set a date to meet her parents.

Sabrina was happy to see him taking the initiative. After chatting for a while, they went back to work. However, Timothy was multitasking, thinking about what gift to bring for his first meeting. with her parents. At that moment, Henry came over, and he asked Henry for advice. "What gift should I bring when meeting my girlfriend's parents for the first time?" he asked.

"Tim, if I didn't know you for four years in university, I would think you're only showing off that you have a girlfriend," Henry replied in annoyance. He was already frustrated that he had to watch them being lovey-dovey daily. In addition, he was now being smothered with such words again by Timothy. "Don't forget, I'm still single. You'd better ask Nicholas. He definitely knows better than I do."

"You're right. It's useless to ask a single man like you." Timothy agreed solemnly.

After hearing that, Henry was so annoyed that he threatened to break off their friendship for a day. Unfortunately, Timothy ignored him and focused on finishing his work so that he could leave early to seek advice from Nicholas.

That night, he went to Dynasty Gardens. After learning about his purpose for coming. Tessa cuddled up in her brother's arms and couldn't help but tease him. "I didn't expect you and Sabrina to progress so quickly. It's only been half a month, and you're already meeting her parents. Looks like the day when I can hold my baby nephew is not far away."

Although he was a little embarrassed by his sister's teasing, he didn't forget his purpose for coming. "Do you and Nicholas have any good ideas?" he asked.

"For the gift, it should touch the heart of the recipient. You can inquire about Sabrina's parents' preferences and send a gift accordingly," she suggested.

No matter what, meeting the parents for the first time was a serious matter. It had to be taken seriously to leave a good impression.

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Nicholas nodded in agreement. 'Know thyself. know thy enemy, and you will never be defeated.'

"I understand now. I'll send someone to inquire." Timothy nodded and picked up his phone to instruct his secretary. That night, he stayed at his sister and brother-in-law's house.

The following day, after a warm family breakfast, he prepared to go out and buy a gift. "I'll go with you," Tessa said, rolling her wheelchair behind her brother to help him prepare.

However, she only took a few steps when Nicholas pulled her back. "When it comes to gift-giving, Edward is more experienced. I'll have him come over and help. You stay home and rest," he said.

Since the person who had attacked Tessa in the past had not been apprehended, he was understandably anxious about her going out. Moreover, her mobility was still limited, so she could not flee in the event of danger.

On the other hand, Timothy understood Nicholas' intentions and persuaded his sister. "You don't have to come. I'll have Mr. Jackson with me, so there shouldn't be any problems." He didn't want his sister to tire herself out.

When Tessa noticed their concern for her well-being, she felt touched and decided not to insist on going out. Instead, she opted to stay at home.

Sunday had come, and it was finally time for Timothy to meet the Gulliver Family. He went to the Gulliver Residence early in the morning with his gift. Even though the main gate was not as intimidating as the Gulliver Family's, it still pressured him. Standing at the door, he looked at the three-story tall villa before him, feeling slightly nervous.

At that moment, Sabrina noticed he had arrived and ran out of the living room. "Tim, why aren't you coming in?" she asked, linking her arm with his.

Hearing that, he looked at her beautiful smile and suddenly felt less nervous. "Nothing. Let's go inside," he said, following her into the living room.

Meanwhile, the Gulliver family members were all in the living room. "Mrs. Gulliver, Yaromir. Hello," he greeted them politely, one by one. Before they entered, Sabrina had briefly introduced him to her family members.

Melina and Yaromir were smiling as they assessed Timothy. Timothy had dressed up for the occasion, wearing a smart black suit that accentuated his lean figure and made him look more composed.

He had gone as far as styling his hair to appear more vibrant and livelier. Melina was pleased with her prospective son-in-law as she nodded in approval.

As for Yaromir, he had already known about Timothy and had no objections after seeing how he had handled the Prospera Group situation the day before. Even so, he had to put on a show of formality. He gave Timothy a curt nod and said in an unemotional voice, "Mr. Reinhart."

On the other hand, Figario sat beside them, wearing a stern expression, and observed Timothy closely without uttering a word. Unlike Melina and Yaromir, his scrutiny was not discreet and carried a trace of disapproval.

Timothy naturally sensed that and grew more nervous. Still, he remained composed as he greeted Figario with a nod, "Mr. Gulliver."

Nonetheless, Figario was pleased with Timothy but resentful that the young man had won over his precious daughter so quickly. Thus, he didn't give Timothy a warm reception and coldly said, "Have a seat."

Timothy had guessed what he was thinking and felt helpless. After he sat down, he presented his gift, hoping to win Figario's favor. "I heard that Mr. Gulliver likes to collect inkstones.

This is an antique inkstone that I especially had someone search for. I hope you will like it." As he spoke, he handed over an elegantly wrapped gift box.

Figario opened it and immediately became entranced by the antique inkstone before him. He couldn't help liking it very much, but the fact that it was a gift from Timothy made him restrain his excited emotions. "It's rather unremarkable."

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Despite Figario's insincere comment, he still held the gift box tightly. Soon, his awkward behavior was met with laughter from the others. Timothy didn't mind and handed Melina her gift. "Mrs. Gulliver, this is for you."

"Oh, it's good enough that you're here. There's no need to give me a gift. Although Melina said that, she still happily accepted and liked the gift."

He smiled and replied, "It's my pleasure." He then handed Yaromir his gift. As he had done his research in advance, the gifts he gave Melina and Yaromir were well received.

Figario looked at his wife and son, who were instantly charmed by the gifts, and he was displeased by it. Then, he sneered and deliberately picked on Timothy. "So, let me get this straight. You didn't like Sabrina before, and she was very upset about it for a long time. All of a sudden, you're now interested in her? Are you messing with her, or do you actually care about her?"

"Mr. Gulliver, you have misunderstood. I—" Timothy wanted to explain himself. Before he could finish, Figario interrupted him, "Listen to me first."

"Okay, Mr. Gulliver, please continue." Timothy nodded and obediently sat on the sofa, appearing attentive.

Figario continued, "Listen up. I know you're close with the Sawyers, but if you mess with my daughter, I'll stand up to you no matter how small or humble my family is. I'll do whatever it takes to seek justice for my daughter."

"I understand what you mean, Mr. Gulliver. I initially failed to recognize Sabrina's interest in me because I was somewhat dimwitted. However, now I know how I feel about her. You have my solemn word that my feelings for her are genuine and profound."

"Don't worry. If I even thought about toying with her, you and my sister wouldn't let me get away with it." At that moment, Timothy chuckled. "She likes Sabrina too and made it clear from the start that if I hurt Sabrina, she won't want me as a brother anymore."

Hearing that, Figario finally felt satisfied. Nevertheless, he didn't plan to let Timothy off easily. "Whether you're sincere or not, time will tell. Now let's talk about your family situation," he said.

"Mr. Gulliver, what would you like to know?" Timothy was not surprised by his abrupt change of subject.

Figario took a sip of tea and said slowly, "I have researched your family's history and know you are now in charge of Old Mrs. Reinhart. This is your responsibility, but you know better than me what kind of personality she has. So, I cannot let my daughter suffer with you."

Timothy couldn't help but laugh after hearing his words. He didn't expect that Figario would be worried about that. Then, he looked at Sabrina indulgently and said, "Regarding this issue, I think you don't need to worry at all, Mr. Gulliver."

"What do you mean?" Figario raised his eyebrows. Timothy explained, "Previously, I was too busy to care for Old Mrs. Reinhart at the hospital. So, I asked Sabrina to care for her on my behalf a few times. I didn't expect her to handle that old lady so well, and it's already good enough that she didn't have a heart attack from all that."

Sabrina felt a bit embarrassed after hearing that. She had seemed to be quite fierce toward Amber back then. Figario, on the other hand, was unhappy and glared at Timothy, "What do you mean? Are you saying that Sabrina is rude?"

"No, Mr. Gulliver, please don't misunderstand me, Timothy shook his head and denied. He then said thoughtfully, "I didn't mean that. Since you have researched my family situation, you should also know that the old lady is a troublemaker.

My sister and I have no way of dealing with her, so Sabrina's handling of the old lady is what we needed." "So, you're saying you only wanted to use my daughter to deal with Old Mrs. Reinhart?" Figario twisted Timothy's words on purpose.

Timothy felt helpless but patiently explained, "I'm with Sabrina because I want to be, and she's my lucky charm. I will treat her right and show that I mean it with my actions. Mr. Gulliver, if you still don't trust me, you can keep an eye on us."