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Mateo didn't say much as he looked at Tiffany meaningfully before following Veronica into the cafe. After asking the owner for a private room, they entered and took their seats. He took the menu and asked Veronica what she liked before ordering Roobois tea and a few specialty snacks.

"Hey, didn't Matthew just pass away? Did you find new love so soon? Aren't you afraid that he won't rest in peace?" Tiffany leaned on the rattan chair and spoke sarcastically.

Since she was wearing a silver hat, the silver tassels hanging on the edges of the hat made a bell-like sound when she moved slightly. The sound was pleasing to the ear.

Veronica's face darkened as she locked her gaze on Tiffany. Mateo, who was sitting beside her, spoke up immediately. "Did you just come out of the toilet, Miss Larson? Why are you spitting bullsh*t?"

"Who the hell are you? Was I talking to you?" Tiffany raised her chin slightly arrogantly and looked at Mateo with contempt.

"It doesn't matter who I am. It's disgusting to see you acting almighty and domineering," he spat bluntly. smirked. "It's understandable, though. After all, her beloved husband passed away

"You..."

that, he became

a few steps back, and asked, "Are you trying

This time, Veronica

to push him behind her while she stared at Tiffany with

situation, she raised her foot and aimed it at Tiffany's face. However, at a

at Hendrey before turning her gaze to Tiffany. Her delicate hands were balled into tight fists, and the dark orbs in her eyes were

your feelings for her were

Veronica never expected Hendrey to stand up and protect Tiffany at a critical

the bracelet on her wrist. She removed it without hesitation before hurling it angrily in his direction.

"I've wanted to

palm, and it appeared as if the warmth of her hand was still present. There was a brief moment of sadness in his eyes as he furrowed his chiseled brows, but when he looked up, his eyes were calm. "You can't

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Hendrey shoved Tiffany's hand away and spat with cold eyes, "Sooner or later, you will die because of your mouth."

What a foolish woman. He wondered how Floch Larson and his wife raised Tiffany and how she earned the title "Talented Lady of Bloomstead." "What a joke.

"Didn't I just say that Matthew died? What's wrong with that? I was stating the facts." She arrogantly snorted and sat on the rattan chair.

Recalling the past, before Veronica appeared in Bloomstead, Tiffany was the brightest star in the entire town. Veronica's appearance disrupted her perfect life, turned it into a total mess, and made her a laughingstock.

After experiencing many highs and lows, Tiffany had lost her composure for some time. So, it was inevitable that whenever she saw Veronica, Tiffany would become agitated and lose control of her emotions. All Tiffany wanted was to humiliate Veronica and watch her become enraged. Tiffany believed she would finally win after Matthew's death because Veronica was so badly affected. That's why she spoke carelessly when she saw Veronica in the hidden clan.

clan, you will die in front of Veronica if you do, so you better watch out from now on." Hendrey left her with that sentence and slammed the

was upset, so she went to a pub, ordered some wine, and drank alone. Mateo sat across from her and drank with her. The two did not

noticed a spark of light in his eyes, so she picked up the wine bottle and shoved it at him. "Let me give you a toast to thank

pubs and served locally brewed fine wines in retro-style bottles, so there was a certain

smiled and

Please take care of me in

"No problem."

of

he'd get drunk only after another bottle. However, as the wine neared its end, his face

immediately placed the bottle down, leaned forward slightly, and asked in a low voice, "Can you tell me about the history of the hidden clan? Did the

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Hayley Elrod was her biological mother's name.

Afterward, Crayson and Destiny showed up in the pub. When they noticed Mateo and Veronica were drunk, they ordered someone to send them back to the bamboo house.

In the bedroom, Veronica lay dizzily on the bed until she fell asleep. While sleeping, she could vaguely feel a familiar scent beside her. That familiar feeling made her open her eyes instantly. Sure enough, someone else was lying beside her, embracing her and stroking her cheek with his big palm.

In the darkness, Veronica was aware of his identity, even though she couldn't see him. She was overcome with emotion and reached out to give him a tight hug before planting a passionate kiss on his lips. As if through telepathy, they were aware of each other's presence. The passionate kiss was like a prairie fire burning endlessly. During the process, both of them immersed themselves tacitly and enjoyed the wonderful moment. None of them ventured to break the silence or spoil the pleasant atmosphere.

While hugging him, Veronica placed her fingers on his back. She gently rubbed the scars left by the three gunshot wounds on his back, feeling a dull pain hitting her chest. He had sacrificed too much for her. Throughout the passionate love-making session, she clenched her teeth and restrained herself from making a sound for fear of alarming the people outside.

After an unknown amount of time, their blissful session came to an end. She hugged him tightly, her cheek pressed against his hot

chest as she inquired, "When did you come?"

yesterday afternoon, and Matthew quickly found out where she stayed. His presence gave her a sense came two days before

planted a kiss on her forehead, uttering, "Silly girl. Don't be afraid. I'm always here for you. Do

She closed her eyes and let herself become

wife. I'd do anything

so lucky to have

you

She only started calling him by his nickname, Matt, recently. Now

"Honey!"

I can't

"Honey?"

"What?"

Honey..." She wrapped her arms around his neck

joy, he reached out to slap her bum lightly. "What an annoying little

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After another round of intense, intimate sessions, Veronica lay beside Matthew and panted softly like a lazy little kitten. Just then, he stuffed something into her ear like a magic trick.

"What did you put inside?" She felt something extra in her ear, so she asked.

"Tiny earphones that translate automatically."

He pinched her cheek and explained earnestly, "I know you don't understand the language of the hidden clan. So, I ordered someone to custom-make this thing long ago. It's tested and proven to work efficiently. I thought you might need it."

Matthew's attentive manner in which he took care of her and his adoration for her shone through in his actions. Veronica was so moved by the gesture that she was at a loss for words.

"Matt, you treat me so well, but I... don't know how to repay you."

His excessive love for her invisibly placed a tremendous psychological burden on her.

she received it with endless greed. It made her wonder if she was useless.

my wife. What do I

in mind that I am a very domineering person. When I pamper you, I can give you the entire world, but the only

will happen?" Veronica

his voice and leaned into her

she grinned. "That

others' kindness to her. If Matthew already gave her everything,

really touched." She wrapped her arms around his waist, restlessly stroking his skin, enjoying

After all, we'll not be able to leave the hidden clan for at least the

whole body. It was easy for them to come here, but leaving would be as complicated

hidden clan's power, so she had

I'll appear in front of you immediately,"

think you can fly

words,

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While the couple hugged each other, Veronica tried her best not to fall asleep. However, being with Matthew put her at extreme ease. Coupled with more than three hours of intense exercise earlier, she couldn't help but feel drowsy, so she eventually fell into a deep sleep.

The next day, the warm sunshine shone into her room through the windows. Veronica rubbed her eyes in a daze and suddenly recalled something. The moment she opened her eyes and glanced beside her, he was no longer there. She reached out and felt a pinch of coldness as she touched the empty bed beside her. He must have left long ago. Hugging the blanket, she fell into a trance as if recalling the beautiful time they had spent together last night.

Meanwhile, in Bloomstead, Shirley, Jayden, and Shawn were having a meeting in the Vincere Games meeting room.

Jayden and Shawn were partners of Vincere Games, of which Jayden held 35% of the company's shares, Shawn had 10%, and Veronica owned the majority. Since Veronica handed the company affairs to Shirley, the two were dissatisfied and wanted to cause trouble for her. During the meeting, they mentioned the issue of sponsor recruitment. The two men looked at each other and exchanged ideas secretly.

Shawn closed the folder in his hand and twisted a black pen in his hand while uttering to Shirley, "The company's contract with the previous partner has expired, and our team's popularity has also

preparing for the national fall competition, Jayden and I will have

fall competition is an important event. If we can win the game, we'll move on to participate in

worked actively and earnestly every day in order to integrate into the company as soon as possible. Still, these people thought she wasn't knowledgeable about games, so they treated her with

nodded slightly. "Any ideas on which

powerful companies at present. If we can obtain sponsorship from any of them. In that case, we will be

with a pen, assuming

that Shirley was taking over her position.

her face. No one in the workplace sympathized with the weak,

my best."

"Try your best?"

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Shirley recalled Veronica's advice: In the workplace, only one's capability could solve any problem. Impulsivity was never the way to solve a problem.

Thinking of that, Shirley restrained the anger in her heart and replied, "Sure. I will give you a satisfactory answer."

"How long? You know, there's not much time left until the games," Shawn prodded.

The two maintained a strong respect for Veronica before, mainly because of her capability. Second, her relationship with Matthew made them respect her even more. Now that Matthew was 'dead,' she dumped the company to Shirley again, so the two of them were naturally dissatisfied.

Just as Shirley was pondering about it, Jayden decided for her, "I will give you a week at most. You'll be switched to the logistics department if you can't figure it out."

The two were planning to seize power, and she was well aware of that, so her pressure instantly increased. Clenching her fists, she agreed to their request. After giving them an OK gesture, she closed the document and left the office.

was slammed shut, Jayden and Shawn smirked at each other with pride

a young and energetic young lady. Let's just lean back and watch the show." Jayden's lips weren't you being too much? The three companies you mentioned won't even spare us a glance. It's impossible for us to collaborate with any of them. You're trying to the office, she made herself a cup of coffee, sat at the desk, and looked up Spinfluence Group, Horizon Group, and Cyberten Holdings. Eventually, she couldn't help Group, so it was impossible to collaborate with them. Once he found out that the Vincere Games was Veronica's company, she was afraid he would destroy anyone else. Holding the pen, she crossed out the was now the secretary great help to me." Shirley shook her Dialing the phone number, she made an appointment to meet the president. However, the one who answered secretary, and she was rejected outright. Helplessly, Shirley grabbed her bag

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The news showed that Garrick was participating in a charity event in the morning, but the event had ended. When Shirley glanced at the time, it was 10.30AM, so she waited at the roadside, trying her luck.

The scorching sun was like a ball of fire, but she stood under the shade of a tree, feeling the slight wind blowing in her direction. However, the breeze was surprisingly warm, so she sweated profusely. Though she felt warm and thirsty, she dared not go to the washroom for fear of missing Garrick when he returned. Fortunately, her dedication paid off. At 1.10PM, a black Lamborghini stopped in front of the company. After taking a look at the car plate, she was confident that it was his designated car.

Shirley's eyes instantly lit up. Carrying her bag, she trotted over on high heels. "President Brennan! President Brennan?" she called out to him.

At 1.10PM, the sun was hanging high up in the sky. Few people were at the entrance of the company building, so he immediately spotted her.

Garrick, who was in his early forties, had his hair slicked back, had a tan complexion, deep facial features, and a mature man's sedateness. He also had a straight figure accentuated by his suit and leather shoes. In every gesture, he exuded innate nobility and gentlemanly elegance. His first impression was that he was a very tasteful and charismatic man.

When Shirley saw his photos on the Internet, she thought he was a handsome man, but in fact, she couldn't help but see the light shining in her eyes. She was amazed at his handsomeness and, at the same time, shocked by his stable and calm aura that developed from years of working in the business industry.

is manly, cool, and

looking for me?" Garrick scanned her from top to bottom,

wonder if you can spare a few minutes to discuss a possible collaboration?" Shirley went straight
secretary beside him opened an umbrella to block Garrick from the

looked at her, he noticed her delicate little face had blushed scarlet, and fine sweat was dripping from
her forehead. He instantly knew that she had been waiting outside for a long time. Although she worked
hard, there

it. Sorry," Garrick rejected Shirley outright

Brennan, Vincere

step forward to explain, but before she finished speaking, Garrick ordered his secretary, "It's pretty hot
today. Get a bottle of

bodyguard behind him. The bodyguard then took out a bottle

up with Garrick, trying to seize the opportunity, but two bodyguards came

Brennan is very

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"Ruka, I'm sorry to bother you." Shirley felt a little embarrassed to ask for Ruka's help the first time she
called her.

On the other hand, Ruka was smart enough to find out Shirley needed help. Hence, she said, "Did you
encounter any difficulties? Do you need my help?"

"Hehehe, you're right. Well... I have a client who will dine at Philwind Hotel tonight, so I'd like to ask if I
can get in as a waiter. Don't worry, Ruka. I know my limits, and I swear to not affect your hotel's
reputation."

Philwind Hotel was a high-end star-rated restaurant with strict management so as to provide guests with
top-notch hospitality. If she entered the hotel as an outsider and was found out by the guests, it
would certainly affect the reputation of Philwind Hotel. Though she knew that well, she was desperate,
so she could only resort to such a move.

"I thought it was something serious. Who's your client? Do you want me to make an appointment with
him? Isn't that easier?"

"It's totally fine. Thanks for the offer, Ruka, but I'd like to try it myself."

Shirley was suddenly overwhelmed by Ruka's kind and considerate character, although she looked cold
and aloof.

"Sure. I'll let my staff know. Just look for the hotel manager once you arrive."

a lot, Ruka. You're the

mention it. Feel free to contact me if you need anything

that Shirley was one of Veronica's best friends. Since she sympathized with Veronica's condition,

Thanks again, Ruka. Goodbye." After hanging up the phone, Shirley breathed a sigh of relief and clenched

Philwind Hotel. She stared out the window

fists

of the Rose Lounge with a pot of tea. After getting permission, she pushed

empty, but the side hall was very lively. Shirley scanned the room and found a few

pour tea for everyone. Lastly, she gave Garrick a cup of tea and handed it to him personally. "Please have

attention and caused a round

charm has no

Even a

a

looks quite innocent,

go on and take the cup

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Amidst the crowd's roar, Shirley turned around with the teapot and walked to Garrick's side, replying, "I... know a thing or two."

"I'm not feeling lucky today. Play two rounds for me."

When Garrick stood up, the blond beauty beside him glared at Shirley before obediently getting up to give up her seat to him. Shirley placed the teapot down and sat cautiously in his position while he sat beside her.

"What are you guys playing?" she inquired.

"Poker."

Garrick sat beside her, took out a cigarette, and put it in his mouth. Seeing that, Shirley quickly took a lighter to light the cigarette for him. However, when the lighter was shoved at him, he shot a cold glare at her. Even though he didn't speak and merely looked at her, she was so frightened that she immediately put down the lighter and got ready for the game.

"I raise. Go on. It's your turn," the dealer with chestnut-brown hair reminded her.

Looking at the cards in front of her, she said, "Call."

Flush. Hahaha." The man opposite her threw his cards and burst into

she subconsciously

purpose? You shouldn't have played a call!" The blond beauty standing beside Garrick pointed to the card in front of her and snorted, "Do you know how much money you're losing for this round? If you play the cards without tactics and lose this round, I suppose you don't even have enough money to pay for

more nervous upon hearing the blonde beauty's remark. When she turned around and looked at her cards, she couldn't help but regret her decision. She shouldn't

few of them poked their heads in and started getting

"Hahaha. It's true."

she actually

is she doing? I could've won this

hell is

everyone cast strange glances one after another at her. Due to her

and someone came in. "What's

playing?"

their heads to see the newcomer. It turned out to be Skyler, in a white shirt, who was walking in with a short-haired beauty in a red

here, Drew. Garrick would've lost everything if you came any

Garrick found an interesting

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The conversation between the two made everyone puzzled. Everyone subconsciously exchanged glances with each other. Even Garrick was somewhat surprised.

"Hey, do you know her, Skyler? Is she your guest of honor? Tsk. She looks quite innocent, though. I couldn't tell how clever she was."

"Young ladies these days are smarter than you think."

"I looked down on you."

"Don't screw up, Garrick."

"Garrick, don't be blinded by this vixen."

Everyone started talking and maliciously speculating about Shirley.

Hearing the unpleasant words from the crowd, she was infuriated. Nevertheless, she was carrying a significant amount of responsibility, and she had to struggle for the opportunity to negotiate cooperation with Garrick. Otherwise, Veronica would be kicked out of the Vincere Games.

"President Brennan, I'm sorry. I was too nervous just now and played the wrong card. Can you... give me another chance to win it back for you?" Shirley mustered up her courage and tried to make herself seem less nervous.

Skyler noticed that there were stars in Shirley's eyes when she looked at Garrick, so he couldn't help but frown. Walking over to the dealer's seat, he sat down and mocked, "You? Careful not to lose Garrick's entire property."

a burst of laughter from the

that, she couldn't control her heart from beating so fast. She felt like she was on tenterhooks right now. She was

hand, Garrick sat on his chair and crossed his legs while smoking a

four quickly started a

placing an ante. Then, everyone looked

play?" Skyler rolled his eyes at her

was her turn, so she

her hands beside her and wiped her palm on her pants because she was sweating due to nervousness. This

Skyler raised the

turn, she said, "I

"Straight Flush."

win, so Shirley decided with

"Straight Flush!"

round. He raised

to play? You haven't gotten

wrong with

did you volunteer when you didn't know

"What a buzzkill."

of them

nervous that she almost suffocated. Not