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Chapter 721

Shirley was sitting behind her office desk and was in the midst of thinking how to contact Garrick, but instead, she saw the two enter without knocking.

She scrunched her eyebrows together. "Don't you two know how to knock?"

Jayden and Shawn looked at each other and ignored her question.

"You guys gave me one week and it's not even been a week yet. Why are you in such a hurry?"

Long ago, Veronica had told her that the best way to deal with Jayden and Shawn was to be firm with them, so she remembered that.

Hence, she closed her file and put on a serious act. "Instead of wasting your time here talking nonsense, why don't you use the time to train with your teammates? Don't embarrass the company by losing the game after I find you a sponsor."

Those words poked directly at Jayden and Shawn's soft spot, which rendered them dumbfounded.

"Sure. Judging from your words, I see you're confident that you can succeed. Jay and I will be waiting for your good news, then." With rolling eyes, Shawn then turned around and left.

anything; he

silent, Shirley resignedly leaned against her office chair and heaved

Ring! Ring! Ring!

the table began to ring, so she picked it up and looked at it. On the screen were Skyler's name and

at it was enough to make her decline the call

she recalled how he had degraded her back at Philwind Hotel's Rose Lounge, she could not help but feel angry. Therefore, she did not pick

the call ended, he phoned again, but she

only remained for a

at the screen when she picked up the call and placed it beside her

she finished, the other

any noise, she asked, "Why aren't

other end coughed softly to clear

frowned and immediately noticed that the voice did not sound right.

on her phone, she was so shocked that she sprang to her feet.

the moment, she still bowed and maintained a humble attitude when apologizing

last night. Do you have time this afternoon? Why don't we have lunch together?" He took the initiative to

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"Second floor, by the window."

"Oh, alright."

While trying to control her wildly beating heart, Shirley grabbed her bag and went up to the second floor. She looked around and saw Garrick in a sky-blue shirt sitting by the window.

He had his sleeves rolled up around his elbows, revealing his muscled arms. The sapphire Rolex watch on his wrist added to his noble temperament and striking appearance. With that visual, his mature and charming attributes were off the charts.

He's so handsome.

Shirley came to a stop before him and nodded lightly. "Sorry to keep you waiting, President Brennan."

"I've only just arrived."

He then motioned for her to take a seat, indicating that she sat across from him. "What would you like to eat?"

"I'm not picky. Anything is fine."

While sitting in front of him, Shirley revealed a natural yet sweet smile, which was lovely to see.

filet steak here. I recommend that

"Sure."

themselves some desserts, right? Why don't

"Thank you, President Brennan."

as cold as he was yesterday. Instead, she could feel that he was rather happy today

Garrick ordered the food and a bottle of red wine,

a black suit with her hair in a ponytail and her bangs were swaying in the wind, but it did not look messy. Instead, it accentuated

a beautiful rose pink and she looked

than Shirley.

home, but I forgot to ask someone to do the same

awkwardly. "I booked an

not to tell

Garrick could only feign

far from the city center and there were no e- hailing cabs nearby, let alone hailing one by the roadside, so she must have walked a

I sobered up today, I was worried about how you got home. It looks like I have nothing

kind, President Brennan. It's

such elegance and politeness, she suddenly felt a sense of admiration for

Garrick is so popular among women. Even I am attracted to his charm,

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Veronica was not wrong about Shirley. She admired Shirley's working capabilities and it was evident that she was a hard-worker.

After she finished her explanation and analysis, Garrick saw her in a different light.

"It does sound promising. If you have some time to spare, please bring me on a tour of the company," he suggested.

Shirley immediately understood that he wanted to head over to the company for a survey. Hearing that, she was so excited that her eyes lit up with anticipation.

"Sure. I'm available anytime when you're free." She nodded heavily while feeling ecstatic.

Initially, she thought it would be difficult to convince Cyberten Holdings to cooperate with her, but it seemed like she was getting closer to victory.

As she was happily staring at Garrick, she saw two people appear from the elevator entrance out of the corner of her eye.

Frowning, Shirley found herself pausing in her motions as her hand holding the fork stopped in the air while a wave of unnoticeable anger flashed across her eyes.

Why is Sklyer here?

with Garrick about their partnership, so in order to not let Skyler ruin the atmosphere she and Garrick had, she

he might cause an embarrassing scene later. If he angered Garrick,

the table, she covered half of her face to avoid being seen by

hear

suit and had his hair combed up, which added a trace of arrogance and unruliness to his

he stopped beside Shirley, looked at the

unfortunately, Miss Wilson and I have just finished lunch.

had a feeling that Garrick was throwing

expect Skyler to come here for her. No matter how hard she

slowly turning her head back, she looked at him with unamused eyes. "Sorry. I was
looked guiltily at Garrick and was afraid that Skyler would make a big fuss, so she immediately flattered
him with
need to use the
Garrick got up and walked around Skyler to
and ruin their partnership. Yet, this was all observed by Skyler as he interpreted it as her utmost
admiration for Garrick, so much
have a unique taste in men. Are
forty years old. Although he was a mature and charming

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Rolling his eyes at her, Skyler gnashed his teeth while slightly raising his chin and motioning toward the
direction of the bathroom. "Do you know who Garrick Brennan is?"

"Of course, I know who he is."

If she had not known who Garrick was, would she have repeatedly approached him?

"How about his relationship with Sofia Green?"

Dumbfounded, she asked, "W-What's their relationship?"

"Garrick is Sofia's biological brother."

"Biological brother? If so, why would they..."

The news came so suddenly that it stunned Shirley.

"Are you trying to ask why they have different last names even though they are siblings? Ha. That's not
something you should be bothered with, but remember, Garrick Brennan is not someone you can
provoke, so keep your distance."

Actually, Skyler had planned to find her last night, but an accident suddenly broke out at the factory in
Torrage city, so he immediately rushed to Torrag after leaving the Philwind Hotel. Therefore, he did not
even have time to visit her.

was to call her, but that

Shirley fell silent.

Garrick was indeed Sofia's brother, and Sofia had misunderstood her relationship with Skyler, would he
not resent the person who had wrecked her sister's relationship as her brother? Why

matter which situation it was, Skyler must have misunderstood

Master Skyler, I don't need you

looked at her wrist, which was still wrapped by his hand. His grip was so tight that

trying to break my

"Can you let go?"

in her wrist, she tried to

he immediately rushed to her house only

would come here to have a meal

that she had mercilessly humiliated him. Her

gazed into each other's eyes, one was enraged

time later. "Very well-said. You better not

said that, he... did not turn around and leave but sat down

Garrick had come out of the bathroom. His face still looked as refined as ever, but he was not angry when he saw Skyler sitting in his

came over. "Sir, what can I help you

the table and bring over

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"Sir, what would you like to order?"

The waiter placed the menu on the table. Without looking through it, Skyler randomly ordered a steak, a salad, and another bottle of wine.

After the waiter left, he looked at Garrick. "Did Sofia tell you to come look for Shirley?"

He went straight to the point.

Shirley, who had just managed to calm down her pounding heart, instantly felt her head buzzing.

"President Brennan is—"

Just as she was about to explain the situation, she heard Garrick's gentle voice. "I'm here to discuss our partnership with Miss Willson."

"Partnership? What partnership?"

This time, it was Skyler's turn to feel confused.

Although Shirley did not want Skyler to know too much about her affairs, she knew that if she kept quiet, he would investigate them himself. By then, he would discover the relationship between Vincere Games and Veronica.

only explain, "I'm here on behalf of my company to discuss our partnership with President Brennan. Young Master Skyler, this matter involves our companies, so we have to keep it confidential.

"Which company?" asked Skyler.

kept quiet, not wanting to

"Vincere Games. You like playing games, so you must know

you know Vincere

"Vincere Games?"

lit up. "I know them. They're a very promising company. Their team was once unknown, but they

he suddenly stopped and looked at Shirley with a frown. "You're looking for

right

responded with

go over to your

she had come here to discuss their partnership with Garrick, his sullen mood brightened instantly, as if

Meanwhile, Shirley was speechless.

a frown, she could not hide her anger anymore. "Young Master Skyler, this is my job. I don't want to use my private

Are you looking down on the

course not. I came to find President Brennan because it's

I'll contact your

pissed that she clenched her fists and felt a headache

Skyler's future brother-in-law, so she could not throw a fit even if she

Brennan, thank you for the lunch. I still have something to do, so I'll be taking my leave first. We'll

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That afternoon, Shirley busied herself in her office for a while before calling Garrick.

Beep. Beep. Beep.

After three rings, he finally picked up the phone. "Miss Wilson?"

"Haha. Yes, it's me, President Brennan."

She laughed sheepishly as she greeted him and went straight to the point. "I called to see when you'd be available so I could bring you to our office to look around."

They were in the middle of planning when Garrick talked about touring the company, but they did not expect Skyler to suddenly appear and disrupt the discussion.

"How about ten days later?"

After saying that, Garrick explained, "There's a lot going on with the company lately, so I can only do ten days later."

"Sure. I'll arrange everything according to your time."

"Good. It's settled, then."

continue on with your work, President Brennan," Shirley

in her hand and started pacing

agreed to come over for a visit, it did not mean their partnership was confirmed in any way. So,

phone and called Wade. However, before she could make the call, she received one

popping up on her phone screen,

unfamiliar way and

of the call, Skyler felt bothered when he heard her address him that

is not my

continued to speak in an unfriendly tone, "Whatever you called to say, just say

did not give her much time, she had

I wanna go over there for a visit now," he asked directly

him

was, she did not need his

behind this company was

Sofia found out about this, she would come to the

Meeting's entrance were like a nightmare to her and she still felt chills whenever she thought

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"He's from Bloomstead?" Veronica's eyes lit up as she felt curious.

It always felt more reassuring when one could meet a fellow citizen abroad.

"That's right. Let's have our meal first. You'll find out about him later." Mateo raised the suspense.

After heading down, Destiny and Crayson were already waiting for her in the dining room.

When the two saw her coming over, they immediately smiled warmly at her.

Perhaps they felt guilty, so they treated her so well that she thought they were flattering her.

Crayson had always been strict with her, but when she saw that he was treating her with more cautiousness, she secretly felt uncomfortable inside.

"Come over and let's eat. See if the dishes today are to your liking."

her, Crayson beckoned her

and saw meat ravioli, waffles, meatloaf, pancakes, omelets, and nutty banana oatmeal. It was a hearty breakfast that was filled with

had already made

"It smells great."

picked up her fork to stab a piece of ravioli. Biting into the tender food while thinking, Not only do they taste fresh and delicious, but another dish while looking at Veronica with

"Sure."

banana oatmeal. She scooped a spoonful of it before gulping

she carefully tasted everything and was suddenly stunned as a faint light flashed across

others around her looked at her in

doesn't taste good, I'll fire the chef," Mateo

it's hard to find a chef

shaking his head because

spoon again and scooped another

her bowl became empty

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The problem Veronica was most worried about was this.

Destiny, who sat on the left side of Veronica, laughed and explained, "He's a friend of one of my subordinates. He can understand the hidden clan's dialect and has been living here for a long time. Otherwise, why would I let him cook for you?"

"That's right. If he couldn't understand our dialect, then it'd be troublesome for him to buy groceries daily."

Smiling, Mateo explained, "I accompanied him down the mountain to get groceries today, so don't worry. He's a hundred percent safe," he assured with confidence.

Propping her hands on the table, Veronica cupped her chin and stared at the simple yet honest man while tilting her head. "What's your name?"

"My name is Iron Pillar." The man looked at Veronica sideways while speaking in a Bloomstead dialect.

Pfft!

Hearing that name, she could not help but laugh.

lips with her hand, shook her head, and immediately composed herself to pretend to be

much about it and thought Veronica was laughing at the name

century, so the name 'Iron

food isn't bad. Can you make me something different this afternoon?" Veronica sighed disappointedly and could not help but complain, "The dishes in the hidden clan aren't delicious and

whatever you want to eat.

looked at

she waved her hand.

stairs. "Mateo, come up to my room later. Didn't

head up in a

changed into that of Veronica's teacher as he

rumble and she could not focus on her studies anymore. Then, she smelled something fragrant creeping in from the window. Her eyes lit up as she said,

rush? You can eat right

again. The food here doesn't suit my taste. You guys like delicacies

want Iron Pillar to cook me some meat

making her look a

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"Miss, do you have any orders for me?" the man asked with seriousness.

Slightly raising an eyebrow, Veronica tilted her head to look at the cabbage being cooked inside the pan and smiled. "Who likes vegetables? I wanna eat some meat."

In actuality, cabbage was her favorite vegetable and he knew of her preference, which was why he bought it at the market.

"I'm sorry. It's my fault that I didn't serve you much 'meat'. I'll cook some more meat for you tonight." It was a double entendre.

Of course, Veronica could understand what he was implying, so she could not help but imagine it in her mind while blushing.

"Uhm... Actually, eating more vegetables doesn't sound like a bad idea either."

Pointing at the pan full of cabbage, she ordered, "You should hurry up and stir them. If you don't, they might burn."

"Yes, Miss," the man responded before turning back to stir the cabbages.

behind him and watched silently as he focused on cooking. The feeling she had was so sweet as if she were caked in

recognize him? Still, she had to say that she did underestimate his abilities. Frankly, she did not expect that he would

been for the nutty banana oatmeal this morning,

at making good oatmeal, but how did he learn the hidden clan's dialect and cooking in such a short period of

might have learned how to cook and speak their dialect

in secret, but he also had to learn cooking and another language. How challenging

not imagine how Matthew did it and

that the distance between their capabilities was like the entire Milky Way. If she did not work hard to become more excellent, she would feel like she was not worthy of

was loyal to his love and he was even willing to sacrifice himself for his

woman would be worthy of such a perfect

like roasted pork

served the fried cabbage in a dish and proceeded to clean the pan while asking, "You can tell me whatever you want to eat. I'll head to

her hands behind her back and hesitated. Her watery eyes were wet as

tried your cooking this

if they were husband

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"Miss, please go ahead with your matters." Matthew maintained his cool and reminded her.

Then, Veronica spun around and left the kitchen to head upstairs. While leaving the kitchen, she reluctantly turned to look at him.

After going up to the second floor, she continued to learn and discarded all of her mixed feelings so that she could focus on her studies.

An epiphany popped inside her head. I need to work hard and I need to learn more. I need to be the best version of myself so that I can be worthy of... him.

A while later, someone knocked on the door. "Miss, it's time to eat."

Inside the room, Mateo immediately stood up and replied, "Alright, then. Class ends here, so let's head down for lunch."

He thought Veronica might have been hungry, which was why she came down to watch the chef cook earlier. Assuming that she was famished, he did not force her to continue learning.

"Alright. Wait a minute while I finish this line of words."

was dead focused on learning and did not want to drag anyone down with her. Matthew had learned the hidden clan's dialect

last line of texts, Veronica stood

with a hearty lunch as Crayson and Destiny

of the cooked dishes, she could not help but praise, "It

Crayson nodded in agreement.

then saw Veronica running down the stairs from the second floor and her vibrant smile was contagious.

"Hahaha..."

replied, "I'm just very

exchanged smiling glances without saying

the dining room, they washed their hands and sat down after which

the kitchen, "Iron

and eating with him is not as relaxing. Wait until we're more

Matthew had been eating elegantly for over twenty years, so the way he ate was also laced with a noble

to him, the easier he would be

Once they suspect Iron Pillar's identity,

I still have some dishes left

at Mateo before turning around to