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Harold merely shook his body, and Lacie was thrown backward. She barely managed to find her balance. "You loser! How dare you push me!"

Enraged, she lifted her hand to slap Harold.

Almost instantly, Craig stopped her, looking horrified.

"Mr. McGowan, not only did he hook up with Marilyn and ruin our company's reputation, but he even wants to hit me now! If we don't teach him a lesson now, he'll only get worse."

Lacie started snitching on Harold when she saw that it was Craig who held her back.

Marilyn's career will surely be over because of this issue. This means I will be the most popular celebrity under Craig's label. Even if he finds out that I'm behind Marilyn's scandal, he can't do anything to me unless he wants his entertainment company to go under! Before he manages to make anyone else rise to fame, he will have to treat me like a princess!

Slap!

Just as Lacie was thinking of her grand plan, Craig landed a hard slap on her face, totally bewildering her.

She held her burning cheek in disbelief and only managed a few words after some time. "Mr. McGowan, what—"

"Who the f*ck gave you the right to speak to Mr. Campbell like that? If you dare disrespect him again, you'll be severely punished!" Craig scolded.

The next second, he turned around and did something that flabbergasted Lacie and Kornel.

With his head lowered, Craig said shamefully, "I'm sorry, Mr. Campbell. I... I've failed to train my people properly yet again. I deserve to die!"

Then he started slapping himself continuously.

He had said those words to Harold countless times, so much so that he started to feel embarrassed instead of afraid.

Every time, he would promise not to allow mistakes to happen, but after some time, his foolish subordinates and employees would do something to offend Harold again.

Craig was so ashamed that he wished the ground could swallow him up.

Harold, who was initially overcome with rage, rubbed his temples helplessly upon hearing those familiar words from Craig.

He was already sick of lecturing Craig. In fact, he found the situation somehow ridiculous.

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I can't believe I schemed against such a powerful figure. I'm doomed!

In just a few minutes, Kornel told them everything.

"How about that female reporter? Does she still have the photos and videos?" Harold asked after listening to Kornel.

Kornel shook his head. "We don't know."

"Lead us to her house right now!"

With that, Harold dragged Kornel out of the office.

Kornel was the one in contact with Autumn all this time, so it would be sufficient for him to go with Harold. As for Lacie, who had yet to find the strength to get to her feet, she was taken away for some good scolding under Craig's instructions.

When the employees of Galaxy Media's project management department saw Harold coming out with Kornel and Dellmoor's Big Three trailing behind him like his lackeys, they were once again stunned.

What in the world is going on?

The group soon arrived at Autumn's house, but it was already empty by then.

"Send people to the airport and all train stations. She has to be stopped!" Harold commanded grimly.

He had quite a good impression of Autumn, so never in his dreams did he imagine she would do something like this for money.

After barking out the order, Harold abandoned Kornel and rushed to the airport on his own.

After all, the safest way to escape was via a plane. Once she got on one, they would never be able to

catch up to her.

Harold believed there was a big chance Autumn would get on an airplane.

The thing he was most worried about was that Autumn would sell the photos and videos once again after leaving.

After arriving at the airport, Harold searched for Autumn everywhere for a long time but to no avail.

Nevertheless, he did not give up. While he was looking around, a pleasant scent suddenly entered his nose.

Before he could react, he bumped into a girl pulling a suitcase and almost sent her flying.

Fortunately, a clever-looking young man held her in time and stopped her from falling.

It was also then that Harold noticed the young man was up to no good.

During the brief moment when he supported the girl, he had skillfully stuck his hand in her pocket and took her phone, which was the latest model.

Just as Harold was about to remind the girl, she snapped at him with disdain, "D*mn it! Are you blind? You need to get your eyes checked out!"

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Yet, just as he turned around, the young woman ran to him and grabbed his collar.

"You bold thief, how dare you run after stealing my phone? Come on, keep running!" the young woman snarled at Harold as she glared at him.

Harold was bewildered.

When did I become a thief?

"Miss, when did I steal your phone?" he asked in confusion.

"Still playing the fool, are you? I've seen this so many times. You pretended to knock me over and had someone else help me up to my feet. Then, while I was still reeling in from the shock, you stole my phone!" the young woman rambled on. For a moment, even Harold thought he had really stolen her phone.

“Miss, your deduction is sound, but if you're that familiar with this trick, how did someone still manage to steal your phone?” Harold pointed out, arching a brow.

“Well, I let my guard down for a moment. Hurry up and get your accomplice to return my phone, then come with me to the police station to turn yourself in. Otherwise, I'm going to let you experience what it's like to be on the receiving end of grappling!” the young woman warned as she grabbed Harold's collar.

“Miss, you've really made a mistake. I'm not with the guy who stole your phone!”

With that, he started to pry the young woman's fair hand finger by finger off his collar.

“Do you think I won't be able to deal with you just because you're stronger than me? Help! Someone help me with this thief!” the young woman started screaming.

There were plenty of people in the airport, and the screams of a pretty young woman soon attracted the attention of most.

Righteous men who wanted to play the hero to the damsel in distress, especially, charged over and stopped Harold from escaping.

Not long after, they were surrounded by people. There was no way Harold was going anywhere any time soon.

“Let's arrest him together! Get this douchebag to the police station!”

“Young people nowadays would rather resort to lowly deeds like these instead of finding a proper job.”

The bystanders were all pointing fingers and making comments about Harold, their contempt visible in their eyes.

All of a sudden, Harold noticed a familiar figure at the gate—Autumn Linnell.

Harold was pleasantly surprised to see her.

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When Harold turned to look at the boarding desk again, he noticed that Autumn was about to board the plane.

Even if he were to rush over instantly, he still would not make it to her in time.

Irritated, Harold turned to look at the young woman coldly.

“What are you looking at, you d*mn thief? How dare you look at me like this? I'll dig your eyeballs out of their sockets!” the young woman hissed when she noticed Harold's hostile look.

She, too, was livid. She had rushed home from overseas to visit her gravely ill father. Now that her phone had been stolen, she couldn't contact her brother, who was supposed to pick her up from the airport.

Right then, a young man squeezed into the crowd. When he saw the young woman hugging another man, he asked in confusion, “Christie, what are you doing?”

Harold stiffened when he heard the voice.

Isn't that Jose's voice? So she's from the Fields family. No wonder she's such a bad judge of character. Her brother's the same. He thought I was trying to snatch his woman from him just because I was talking with Autumn. This girl's just like him. She actually thinks that I stole her phone. They're definitely siblings, given how they jump to conclusions!

“Jose, this b*stard just stole my new phone. You've come at the right time. Help me take him to the station and let them lock him up for a few years!”

The young woman named Christie quickly sought her brother's help the moment she saw him.

“What? The nerve of him to do that! How dare you steal my sister's phone? I'm going to end your life!”

A furious look manifested on Jose's face when he heard his sister's words. Instantly, he raised his arm, about to punch Harold's back.

His sister was the Fields family's only salvation, and he could not let his sister feel upset in any way at all.

Just as he was about to hit Harold's back, Harold abruptly turned.

The moment Jose registered Harold's face, his face paled drastically as if he had seen a ghost.

Alas, the punch he had thrown out could no longer be retracted. All he could do was change the direction of his punch to hit the air instead.

The inertia nearly made Jose sprawl on the ground.

“Jose, can you be any lousier? I'm already keeping him in place, yet you still failed to hit him. Are you trying to give me a heart attack?” Christie bellowed at her brother angrily.

Unfortunately, her brother did not have the time to respond to her.

“Let go of him! Hurry up and let go of him!”

Once Jose regained his balance, he quickly pushed his sister and the helpful people away.

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Regrettably, by the time he reached the gate, Autumn was no longer anywhere to be found.

Right then, a plane took off.

“D*mn it!”

Harold gritted his teeth.

Meanwhile, Christie was shrieking at her brother outside.

“Jose, have you lost your mind? He's a thief. Not only did you let him go, but you even hit me!”

“Shut it! There's no way someone like Mr. Campbell would steal your phone. If he wants a phone, he can buy an entire phone company instead. Hurry up and come with me to apologize to him, or else Dad's going to kill you when we get home,” Jose said gloomily.

Then he dragged her to where Harold was, intending to make her apologize.

Christie was the hope of their family. To speed up his sister's return to the country, Laszlo and Jose had had to trick Christie, who had been studying abroad, back to the country in haste.

Christie has crossed Mr. Campbell! God really wants to wipe out the Fields family!

Nevertheless, Jose's words only confused Christie even more.

The guy is merely wearing clothes akin to an ordinary office worker. Moreover, he was glancing around in the lounge earlier. It's obvious that he's a thief looking for his target. Maybe he even stole those clothes he's wearing right now. But Jose said that this guy can buy a phone company just to get a phone at any time. What was Jose trying to say?

By the time they returned to the lounge, Harold was already gone.

Jose, who could not find Harold anywhere, leaned against the wall with a grim look and muttered, “Oh, no. We're doomed this time...”

“Jose, what's wrong with you? Didn't you say that Dad's gravely ill? Where is he? Take me to him right away!”

Sensing her brother's sorrow, Christie began feeling down as well.

“Our dad's fine. We lied to you about his health, but the Fields family is definitely doomed.”

Jose then told his sister what had happened to their family.

“Jose, are you kidding me? That sneaky-looking guy is the big shot of Dellmoor? Are you delusional or something?” Christie thought that her brother was pulling her leg.

“I know you won't believe me. Let me take you home to see Dad first.”

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“Ugh, it's pointless to keep berating you by now. I don't think the Big Three are going to be guilt-free for long. We'll have to stick with our original plan and pray that it's still useful. Otherwise...”

After that, the father and his children discussed the things they could do to make Harold forgive their family.

Christie knew that she had messed up big time, and since she had lived abroad for years, it was easy for her to accept her father's plan without any protest.

It was for the sake of the family, after all. If the family was gone, so would she.

Meanwhile, Harold asked his men to check the records in the airport. Once he realized that Autumn was gone, he had no choice but to give up and head home.

He was not planning to look into the matter any further if those photos and videos did not appear in any media anymore.

However, if they do, he would not let her go as long as she was still on this planet.

After leaving the airport, Harold called Isabella, but the latter did not pick up his call.

She did not reply even when he sent an explanatory message to her.

Everything at home was as usual. His parents-in-law were in, but there was no sign of Isabella around.

Benson and Pauline, who were sitting on the couch, parted their lips when they saw Harold. Yet, they

hesitated to speak.

“Mom, Dad, just speak your mind. You don't need to be like this,” Harold said, figuring that they must have seen the trending topic from the way they were hesitating.

He decided that it was pointless to hide anything from them.

“Harold, please don't think of us as trying to intervene in your life, but Isabella's our only daughter. No parents will want their children to suffer. We just want to find out what that trending topic is all about,” Pauline said in the most indirect manner she could think of.

“It's simple, really. Craig treats Marilyn especially well because of me, and when I was at the party with Marilyn, some jealous people drugged us. Unfortunately, at the same time, Marilyn wanted to test if my feelings for Bella were real or not, so this happened,” Harold briefly explained to Benson and Pauline.

In a way, he wanted them to convey the explanation to Isabella as well.

“I see. Well, we'll talk to Bella about this. Don't feel too pressured.”

Both Benson and Pauline let out sighs of relief after hearing Benson's explanation.

As long as Harold did not mean to do it, even if they felt uncomfortable with the matter, they would not blame Harold for it.

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A moment of rumination later, the coworker proceeded to say, “But you're impressive. You even won over an A-list actress like Marilyn!”

When the other people heard the two talking about the recent news, they moved over to gossip as well.

Their admiration for Harold was visible on their faces.

Harold looked at his coworkers as if they were idiots and said, “Are you silly? If I'm in a good relationship with someone like Marilyn, will I still be working a nine-to-five job now? It's so obvious that someone else edited the photos and videos. Can't you see it?”

“I knew it. He couldn't even keep Brittany around. How could Marilyn, an A-list actress, possibly be interested in him?”

Harold's coworkers all revealed looks of understanding after hearing his words.

They were all quick to believe Harold because they refused to accept that someone similar to them would suddenly reach the top of the pyramid in society and marry someone rich and beautiful.

Right then, Wrenna came out of the office with a young woman beside her.

“Pause your work for a few minutes. Let's put our hands together to welcome a new coworker to our department,” Wrenna announced to the people in the project management department.

When Harold turned to look at the new coworker, he realized that it was none other than Christie, the young woman he had met the day before at the airport. Immediately, he pursed his lips.

“Hello, everyone. I'm Christie Fields. I just came back from overseas, and I look forward to working with all of you.”

At that, Christie gave a bow to them all.

When she lifted her head, she looked at Harold and gave him a wink before sticking her tongue out for a brief second.

Unlike Harold, who ignored her, the others were swift to give their applause to welcome her.

The hearts of the male staff members skipped a beat when they saw her cute action.

Ever since Brittany left, there were no beautiful women to be seen in their department.

There were only women with figures they did not desire.

On the other hand, Christie was beautiful and young. She looked about twenty, and she seemed lively.

The two women, Wrenna, who exuded a mature woman's charm, and Christie, who was cute and lively, were now the ultimate beauties in the project management department.

However, Wrenna was like a cold-blooded animal, and she was their superior.

No matter how beautiful she was, no one in the department would dare to approach her.

At most, they would indulge in their fantasies of her when they were all alone at night.

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Alas, like a dense man, Harold ignored their angry gazes.

“Christie, you're new here, so I'm sure you're not too familiar with the company's operations. In order to get started as soon as possible, you can pick one of your seniors to mentor you for a while,” Wrenna said to Christie after clearing her throat.

Wrenna used to ask Harold to mentor the new employees, but ever since she found out about Harold's identity, she dared not order him to do anything anymore.

Hearing Wrenna's words, Christie then let her gaze drift across the area. The men all sat straighter in response, hoping that Christie would pick them.

“I'll choose him,” she finally said as she pointed her finger at someone.

Her choice made everyone's jaw drop.

As it turned out, the one she pointed at was Harold, who had just badmouthed her a moment ago.

Even Harold was confounded.

Is she so determined to go up against me?

“Um... Harold, you'll watch over the new employee for a few days. Inform me if any problem arises. Back to work now, everyone.”

Wrenna was surprised by Christie's choice as well. After dismissing the staff, she went back to her office to continue with her work.

Christie walked over to Harold as the others watched her with complicated feelings in their eyes.

“Hi, I'll be in your care from now on, my dear mentor,” Christie said sweetly.

“You're not here because of the phone, are you? I told you I didn't steal your phone.”

Despite his words, Harold could not raise his voice to the smiling young woman.

A look of embarrassment crossed Christie's face.

“What happened yesterday was a misunderstanding. Look, I'm here to apologize to you now.”

Soon, Harold brought Christie on a half-hearted tour around the company and briefly introduced each department.

Jealousy crept into the eyes of the men in the project management department when they saw Christie walking behind Harold shyly.

“What's this, Mr. Harold? Can you explain this to me?”

Even after they returned to their desks, Christie would come to Harold's place once in a while with questions.

Every time she was there, she would sprawl by the side of Harold's desk.

To seduce him, she even deliberately pulled her collar lower.

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After Christie regained her composure, she spoke flirtatiously instead of pulling her collar higher.

I studied abroad, so there's no way I'd lose to you in matters related to this aspect. Besides, my purpose in coming here is to entice you.

To her puzzlement, she could not believe a highly influential boss in Dellmoor like Harold was willing to stay as an ordinary employee in such a small company.

He's so weird! He's making a young lady from the Fields family like me come to this place and take up this insignificant, menial job. If it weren't because of Father and Jose repeatedly vouching for his status, I'd never believe he's Dellmoor's most powerful boss.

“You're all right, I suppose. Inner beauty is the real beauty,” Harold replied nonchalantly.

He continued doing his work after saying that.

“You... You're a fool!” Christie grew furious again after listening to his indifferent response.

However, at the thought of her mission, she had no choice but to grit her teeth and put up with him.

While Harold was showing Christie around the workplace, Isabella learned the truth from her parents at the hotel, but she grew more sorrowful after knowing what actually happened.

The reason was that Marilyn had once told Isabella that her family was very traditional-minded. The female members of Marilyn's family would only give their virginity to their husbands.

Otherwise, they would be scorned.

“Alas! It seems like Harold and I are not fated to be together.”

Isabella let out a sigh after contemplating for some time. Then, she picked up her phone and contacted

Marilyn to meet at Island Café.

After that incident, although Harold had suppressed the news and the related articles merely became trending online for half a day, the scandal greatly impacted Marilyn, especially in terms of losing her fans and followers.

Some of Marilyn's fans liked her for her beauty and singing talent, but most of them fancied her for her pure and innocent image.

Since her debut in the entertainment industry, she had never been involved in any scandals and had been keeping the reputation of a pure woman.

Unfortunately, after the exposure of that incident, Marilyn's image was immediately tarnished.

Most of her followers became her haters, while some fans no longer supported her.

That had caused Marilyn to feel dejected and unwilling to leave her house as she shut herself in.

Initially, she loathed Harold because not only did he ruin her career, but he also destroyed her life.

If any female members of the Schmidt family had coitus prior to marriage, the lightest punishment would be banishment from the clan, while the worst consequence would be death by drowning.

Marilyn wondered if her family members had seen the trending headlines.

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Just as Marilyn was about to make the decision, she received a call from Isabella.

She hurriedly answered the call when she saw Isabella was finally willing to talk to her.

Then, she put on her makeup and left the house.

Before stepping out of the house, Marilyn was worried there might be reporters camping outside her residence, waiting for her to come out.

Unexpectedly, no paparazzi were around to be seen after she carefully got out of the house.

To her ignorance, the entire Dellmoor's press offices, media, internet, and other information platforms had been warned by The Big Three in an effort to minimize the scandal's influence.

If anyone of them dared to harass Marilyn, they would have to bear the consequences.

Most importantly, Craig had followed Harold's instruction and arranged for many of his subordinates to stand guard near Marilyn's mansion. Their duty was to chase away any suspicious-looking people lurking around the area.

When Marilyn's fans were planning to visit her two days ago, they were also dismissed.

As a result, she was able to arrive at Island Café to meet with Isabella without any difficulty.

"You're finally willing to see me, Bella. Please listen to my explanation. Both of us fell for someone else's lowly scheme. This matter has already been investigated, and the truth has been uncovered," Marilyn anxiously elaborated to Isabella before she even took a seat.

"I'm already aware of the entire story, so I don't intend to blame you. Take a seat first. I've helped you order your favorite coffee."

Isabella was touched when she took in Marilyn's concerned demeanor. She's the one who was hurt the most in this matter, yet she's taking the initiative to apologize to me. Being blessed with a best friend like her is already a pleasure.

Isabella was so moved that she had the urge to cry.

She hurriedly told Marilyn to sit down and pushed the cup of coffee on the table closer to the latter.

"I invited you out today because I want to ask your opinion of Harold."

Isabella broke the silence after both of them took two sips of their coffees.

"Him?" Marilyn hesitated briefly after hearing Isabella's question as she was reminded of what had happened the other night.

A few moments later, she said, "I think Harold is a loyal person, and he's a man worthy of taking your hand in marriage, so I hope what transpired between him and me will not affect your relationship with him."

Upon listening to Marilyn's response, Isabella nodded while wearing a complicated facial expression, seemingly having made a significant decision in her heart.

"What do you plan to do after this?" Isabella didn't want to dwell on subjects related to Harold, so she immediately changed the topic of conversation.