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Naomi stubbornly refused to let Harold off the hook after seeing how casually and perfunctorily he handled the matter.

“Well, you came to my room and took off your clothes on your own account. I didn't ask you to do that, either. All I did was just enter my room like how I would normally. Now that I think about it, I suspect you did it on purpose and were trying to seduce me,” Harold retorted mercilessly.

“You pervert! I won't let this slide!”

Naomi was on the verge of exploding.

How dare this jerk accuse me of seducing him? I've seen many shameless people in my life, but I've never seen someone as shameless as him! He is unbelievable!

“That's enough, Harold. After all, Naomi is a woman. For sure, she stands to lose in this situation. In my opinion, you should take responsibility for what happened.”

Luna looked at the two of them and felt that they gave off the vibe of a quarrelsome couple like those in romance movies. Such couples often started off misunderstanding each other and getting into disputes before they ended up developing a romantic interest in each other.

As such, she seized the chance to create an opportunity for them.

“How do you suggest I take responsibility, Luna?” asked Harold after regaining his composure.

Earlier, he was merely infuriated by Naomi's snobbish attitude. He was not an unreasonable person by nature.

“That's easy. You two should date each other,” Luna said with a sly smirk.

“No way!”

“No way!”

When Luna finished speaking, Harold and Naomi shot down her idea in unison.

Luna and Michelle shared a look after seeing how in sync they were. They were even more in sync than most couples.

“Well, what do you want him to do then? Do you want him to compensate you? Will that do?” asked Luna, looking at Naomi.

Seeing that Naomi was still upset and unwilling to accept the outcome, Luna leaned in and whispered next to her ear, “Don't forget what you said back at the KTV. You said that you would call Harold 'Dad' if he came back to rescue us.”

She didn't blame Naomi for leaving Harold behind because she thought Naomi just didn't want to call him “Dad.”

“I—”

Naomi felt conflicted upon hearing Luna's words.

Seeing how Naomi was wavering, Luna continued to persuade her, “Let's forget what happened today and not talk about it anymore. What do you say?”

“Hmph! Whatever. Let's go, Michelle!”

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“Owen, who did this?” Karen Fox, a corpulent woman, asked angrily upon seeing her son covered in bandages like a mummy after arriving at the hospital.

“Mom, I don't know either...”

Owen didn't dare to tell his parents about the incident at the karaoke place, so he made up an excuse saying he had an argument with a group of strangers and fought with them.

“Owen, think carefully and try to recall who beat you up. Tell me when you do, and I'll ensure they suffer horrible deaths!” The pot-bellied Liam Sunderland said to his son while wearing a menacing expression.

Liam stayed at the hospital for half an hour before taking his leave as he had to deal with some matters at the office the next day. However, he left his bodyguard at the hospital to do Owen's bidding.

Karen also went back to prepare a nutritious meal for her son.

Following his parents' departure, Owen immediately summoned his father's bodyguard over.

“I want you to find the owner of this license plate.” He provided the bodyguard with a number plate for the latter to investigate that matter.

The bodyguard was efficient and was able to get the information in less than ten minutes.

“Mr. Sunderland, this number plate belongs to someone named Naomi Sherlock. Her family owns a shopping mall with a net worth of around ten million. This is a picture of her.” The indifferent bodyguard handed Naomi's photo to Owen.

“That was quick. Well done. Go to the Sherlock residence tomorrow and tell Naomi to come to Fort Hotel with her two friends in three days to apologize to me. Otherwise, I'll make the Sherlock family go bankrupt,” Owen instructed the bodyguard through gritted teeth.

Even after he was injured, he remained captivated by Naomi.

“Understood, Mr. Sunderland. I'll do as you wish tomorrow.”

After receiving the command, the bodyguard left his two subordinates to protect Owen the next day before leaving to execute Owen's order.

Naomi anxiously invited Luna and Michelle to meet at a coffee shop two days later.

However, right after the trio met up, an unwelcome guest approached them, his eyes set on Naomi.

“This is such a coincidence, Naomi. You're here too?” A guy dressed in a white suit and a pair of trendy shoes entered the coffee shop with a university girl by his side.

When he noticed Naomi sitting at one corner of the cafe, he hurriedly ditched the girl he was with and walked up to Naomi and her friends in delight.

Luna and Michelle were no strangers to that man with a boyish appearance.

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“I'm in a bad mood today, so you better don't irk me.”

Naomi had never treated Donny in a friendly manner. Now that she was in a foul mood, she had even less patience to deal with him.

Nevertheless, some people were inherently shameless, harboring a more profound yearning for what they couldn't have, and that was how Donny felt toward Naomi.

“Naomi, why do you look so pale? Did something happen?” Donny asked concernedly when he saw Naomi's troubled expression.

"It's none of your business. Get lost and stop pestering me," she uttered disdainfully.

She had never taken the concerns he showed her, whether sincere or feigned, seriously.

"Naomi, I'm serious about you. It's fine even if you don't tell me. I'll find out what's troubling you on my own. Let me tell you—I'm acquainted with a highly influential person now, so I'm capable of helping you solve any problem you may face in Xenhall. Just you wait."

Sensing Naomi ignoring him and the others' gazes on him, he felt a little embarrassed and uttered that boastful speech before turning around to leave.

"Naomi, now that that annoying person is gone, can you tell us why you so anxiously called us out now?" Luna asked Naomi after watching Donny leave.

Luna was a little worried since it was still daytime, and she had left Harold manning the clinic alone, which was open for business.

Although Michelle wasn't in a hurry, she also looked at Naomi curiously.

"Owen, the rich man we hit at the karaoke place the other day, is the scion of the Sunderland family, one of the top ten most powerful clans in Xenhall," Naomi explained with a grimace.

Gasp!

Luna and Michelle inhaled sharply after hearing that.

"Moreover, Owen had already sent his men to my residence and threatened us to apologize to him at his hotel in three days. Otherwise, he'll take revenge against our families," Naomi added the subsequent spine-chilling statement after taking in their shocked expressions.

Colors drained from Luna and Michelle's countenances.

Owen's intention for instructing them to apologize to him at the hotel could not be more obvious.

He desired their bodies and wanted the girls to pleasure him. What a perverted lunatic!

The trio immediately labeled Owen as a degenerate.

"No wonder there were so many ghostwriters leading the netizens to rebuke me during my live streams in the past two days. Although I suspected this to be Owen's doing, I didn't expect his background to be so formidable," Michelle uttered grimly.

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Harold was sitting idly in the clinic when a group of men barged in and started wrecking the place. Anger surged through him at the sight as he yelled, "Stop! What do you think you're doing?"

Aren't these guys looking down on me since they're destroying the place despite my being here?

"We're from the Sunderland family, one of the ten prominent families of Xenhall. Your boss and some others had hurt Mr. Owen the night before yesterday. Who else's place should we trash if not yours since none of you have apologized to him until now? Trash this place!"

The stolid bodyguard spoke to Harold coldly.

"Oh, so you guys are the b*stards from the Sunderland family. Have you asked for my permission before trashing the place?" Harold asked icily.

Since Harold had lost his memory, he didn't have a comprehensive understanding of his own abilities. Clueless about his own strength, he wasn't sure if he could win the fight against so many men with weapons.

However, he couldn't retreat since they were inside the clinic. Also, since he was the only one there, nothing could hold him back from unleashing his full powers.

I can unleash all my powers and test my abilities.

"Look what we've got here? A brat with a sharp tongue! Teach this brat a lesson, then destroy the place!"

The stolid bodyguard ordered his subordinates to beat up Harold for his insolence.

"Yes, sir!"

At their leader's cue, the two men closest to Harold lightly tapped the end of the steel pipe against their palms as they approached Harold with malicious grins.

We have to instill fear into this brat, then beat him up! It's safer and gives us such a rush.

If it was anyone else in Harold's shoes, they would've been daunted by the men's actions and dropped to their knees to plead for mercy.

Nonetheless, since their target was Harold, the men's fate would undoubtedly end in tragedy.

Confidence abruptly surged within Harold at the men's gestures. He had hundreds of ways to send the

men flying with a kick.

In the end, he chose the most straightforward method.

Before the men could attack, Harold beat them to it and swung his leg. With two kicks, he sent them flying.

Due to his swift movement, the other men even thought Harold sent their comrades flying with only a kick.

The two men flew past the front door, landing unconscious outside the clinic.

Harold had only expended twenty percent of his strength in that kick. If he had exerted more force, the two men would've died with bloody holes in their torsos.

The other men were stunned by the scene.

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The bodyguards either graduated from martial arts academies or were trained by security companies.

In life-or-death combat, they might not be as strong as the bodyguards who were once special forces veterans, but they wouldn't lose easily in a fight.

However, the upcoming scene completely crushed their worldview.

Same as before, Harold sent all of them flying with a kick. The steel pipes in their hands clattered to the floor noisily.

Since it wasn't Harold's first rodeo, he knew not to use as much force in his kick.

Thus, the bodyguards merely toppled to the ground and didn't black out.

"Ouch! My guts!"

"My butt!"

They yelped in pain on the floor.

Harold himself was surprised at the scene before turning to look at the leader.

"W-What are you planning to do?" the leader questioned frantically under Harold's gaze, unable to keep

the cool mask on his face any longer.

“How can you lead your subordinates by example as a leader when they're all on the ground, yet you're still standing?” Harold asked with a look of amusement.

Before Harold finished his sentence, the leader's face paled as he turned tail and fled the building.

Harold's abilities had far exceeded his expectation.

He knew there was no way someone like him could go up against Harold.

Fleeing instantly was the wisest decision at the moment.

His subordinates watched him flee with gaping mouths and widened eyes.

Their usually-cool leader scurried away like a frightened rabbit.

Unfortunately, Harold wouldn't let his prey escape that easily.

Even though Harold had lost his memories, he wouldn't just let anyone give him the slip.

Harold didn't pursue after the leader. Instead, he reached for a brand-new syringe from Luna's examination table and aimed it at the fleeing man.

As though the syringe was equipped with a radar, it stabbed precisely into the back of the leader's knee.

The bolting leader's knee wobbled at the impact, and he toppled to the ground face-first in front of the clinic's front door.

Two of his front teeth flew out at the crash.

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“What? Other sellers only sell those patches for two per patch at most! Yet, you're selling the patches for three thousand per patch? Why don't you just rob us? Won't it be much easier that way?” the leader shouted in frustration as he looked at the small patch in Harold's hand.

His scowl was fiercer than the one he wore when Harold pummeled them earlier.

“Robbing is a criminal act. As an upstanding citizen who obeys the law, how could I ever do something like that? Don't you agree?”

Harold pinched the leader's knee viciously when he finished.

"Ah!" the leader screamed in pain as he held onto his knee.

"What's wrong? Does the front of your knee also hurt? Don't worry. I have a lot of topical anti-inflammatory patches here. It's not a problem to sell more of them to you," Harold said grimly.

"You!"

The leader glared at Harold. He thought Harold was the epitome of a monster at that moment.

He regretted immensely for leading his men to trash Luna Clinic.

If he had known about Harold's prowess, he would've sent others there while he led his team to cause havoc at the mall belonging to the Sherlock family.

"What's wrong? Why don't you let me examine your other knee?" Harold asked with a look of fake concern.

He mercilessly pinched the leader's other knee as he finished.

"Ah! I'll buy them! I'll buy all of them, regardless of their cost. Just please let me go!" the leader pleaded as he threw in the towel at the immense pain.

"Fine, you have three areas that need the topical patches. That'll be nine thousand in total. Please pay first before receiving your treatment."

Harold showed him the clinic's QR code for receiving payment.

Even though the leader was reluctant to pay the nine thousand, he still paid in the end at the thought of suffering from the excruciating pain earlier.

When the payment went through, Harold tossed three patches to him and swung his gaze to the rest.

"What about you guys?" Harold asked the men with a grin.

"We... will pay now."

Shocked by Harold's method of persuasion, they hurriedly formed a line to make payment to avoid undergoing the same torture their leader went through.

Each paid three thousand, and there were fifteen of them in the clinic.

Along with the nine thousand the leader paid, Harold made fifty-four thousand worth of sales.

Pride filled him at the thought.

Harold didn't feel even a smidge of guilt for extorting money from men like them.

Naturally, one had to be ruthless to deal with criminals.

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Luna had just set her phone on the table when Naomi's phone rang.

Naomi urgently picked up the call when she saw the name flashing on the screen.

The second the call connected, her mother's urgent voice came through.

"Naomi, where are you right now?"

"I'm having coffee with my friends, Mom. What's wrong?"

A sense of uneasiness rose within her at her mother's nervous tone.

"It's nothing. Since you're with your friends, you might as well stay at their place for a couple of days. Don't be in a rush to come home."

The uneasiness Naomi felt turned into apprehension at her mother's suggestion.

"Mom, did something happen at home? Did the people from the Sunderland family come to our house again?" Naomi asked urgently.

They spoke for a few more minutes before hanging up.

A grim expression crossed Naomi's face as she set her phone down.

Luna and Michelle witnessed Naomi's change in expression when she was on the call with her mother.

"What happened, Naomi?" they questioned worriedly.

"The Sunderland family hired a group of delinquents to wreck my family's mall. As a result, many of our security guards suffered grave injuries."

Naomi explained the situation to her best friends with a bleak look.

“Let me check my livestream.”

Hearing what happened to Naomi's family, Michelle immediately logged into her livestream account.

“My account has been suspended!” Michelle exclaimed somberly a minute later.

“It seems Owen won't rest until he gets what he wants. Oh no! Doesn't that mean he also sent someone to trash my clinic? No, this won't do. I have to go back and check on it.”

Jitters filled Luna at that thought.

She needed to go back and check on her clinic.

Naomi and Michelle also decided to leave with her.

Yet, Owen's voice sounded from behind them as they got to their feet.

“So the three of you are here. I had a hard time looking for you. Did you receive the gifts I sent?”

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“Michelle, you...”

Naomi and Luna looked at Michelle in disbelief, shocked that she had agreed to Owen's request.

“Luna, Naomi, I'm sorry. I come from the countryside, and my younger siblings need to attend school. I can't be without having an income,” Michelle turned and apologized to Luna and Naomi.

With that, she walked over to Owen.

“Michelle, come back! We can help you with your siblings' tuition fees. Owen is just toying with you and he will never genuinely care for you. Don't destroy your life!” Naomi called out to Michelle.

Michelle hesitated but didn't turn back.

“The Sherlock family can barely save yourselves. How can you help me? Owen is not someone we can afford to offend. I advise you both not to struggle in vain. Do as he says; it's not that big of a deal.” Instead of turning back, Michelle even tried to persuade Naomi and Luna to join her in pleasing Owen.

Owen was delighted and decided to keep her close for the time being.

Moving forward, he continued to put pressure on Naomi and Luna.

“Come, darling. Once you're with me, you'll live a life of luxury!” Owen held Michelle's waist as she obediently approached him, his face beaming with pride.

“Thank you, Owen. How about we leave now? I'll help persuade them later,” Michelle said, blushing and gritting her teeth.

“All right, I'll give them two more days. You help me persuade them. They can't blame me for being harsh if they're still so stubborn after that. Let's go. I'll reward you today!” Owen laughed heartily and left the café with Michelle.

As they left, Michelle glanced back at Naomi and Luna with mixed emotions.

Naomi slumped back in her seat, her heart heavy with sorrow and unwillingness.

Luna wanted to comfort her but didn't know how to begin.

In high spirits, Owen led Michelle out of the café, got in his car, and took out his phone to book a hotel room.

But before he could dial, Liam's call came through.

Owen had no choice but to answer the call first.

“B*stard, tell me honestly, who have you offended lately?” Liam's furious voice came through the phone when Owen answered.

“Dad, what's going on? I haven't offended anyone recently. Why are you so angry?” Owen asked, bewildered.

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However, lately, his mind had been preoccupied with wooing the beautiful influencer, Michelle. Hence, he did not remember offending anyone.

Suddenly, Owen seemed to have an epiphany and turned to look at Michelle in the passenger seat with a shocked expression.

“Mr. Sunderland... why are you staring at me like that?”

Michelle was startled by Owen's intense gaze and asked, somewhat afraid.

“Are your two friends hiding something about their backgrounds, or do they know some influential

people?”

Owen inquired with a look of astonishment, for the only people he'd had conflicts with in recent days were Michelle, Naomi, and Luna - the three sisters.

But, after asking the question, he regretted it, feeling as if his brain was jammed.

If they really had hidden identities, there was no way Michelle would come with him.

“What could they be hiding? Only Naomi's family is a bit wealthy, with assets worth tens of millions. As for knowing influential people... Oh, right! Before you arrived, Naomi had an admirer named Donny who claimed to know a big shot who could solve any problem in Xenhall...”

Michelle responded subconsciously, frightened by Owen's seemingly ravenous expression.

“Donny, the one who can resolve anything in Xenhall? That must be him. Do you have his contact number?” Owen muttered to himself before asking Michelle.

At this point, Michelle had calmed down, seemingly discerning something but not daring to confirm. She obediently shook her head, not daring to make any sudden moves.

Owen wanted to call his bodyguard to investigate this Donny but found that the bodyguard's phone was unreachable.

Checking the time, he realized it was already afternoon. If he couldn't get forgiveness from that influential person by then, the Sunderland family would be doomed.

After some thought, he figured the key to the situation lay with the three women, specifically Naomi.

No wonder his previous threats hadn't worked. They actually had a powerful backer!

If he could just get Naomi to forgive him, everything should be fine.

With that in mind, Owen hurriedly left the car and sprinted back into the café.

At that moment, Naomi and Luna looked distressed, trying to figure out how to deal with the situation.

They never expected Michelle to betray them and go with Owen.

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“Owen, what trick are you trying to pull now?”

Naomi regained her composure and asked Owen with a puzzled expression.

“Ms. Sherlock, if you don't forgive me, Mr. Hancock will bankrupt my family. I beg you to plead for me with Mr. Hancock, give my family a chance, and I'll never do this again!” Owen said in terror, devoid of his previous arrogance.

“Han? Do you mean Donny? He wants to bankrupt your family?” Naomi asked with a face full of doubt.

Owen's words left Naomi flabbergasted once again.

The Hancock family's situation was similar, with assets of just tens of millions.

In contrast, the Sunderland family was one of the top ten families in Xenhall. Although they ranked ninth, their assets exceeded a billion, surpassing the Hancock family.

That's why Naomi wasn't sure if Owen was referring to Donny.

“Yes, it's Donny Hancock. Please help me!”

Hearing Naomi mention Donny's name, Owen became even more confident that the person who had ordered the closure of his family's company was undoubtedly Donny.

At this point, Michelle also rushed in from outside.

“Michelle, what's going on?” Naomi and Luna looked at their friend with puzzled expressions and asked.

“I don't know what happened. After he took me to the car, he received a phone call and ran back to see you!” Michelle replied with an equally puzzled expression.

At this time, Luna pulled Naomi back a few steps.

“Naomi, when Donny left, he seemed to say he had met a big shot who could help you with any problem and even said he would look into your family's situation. Could he be the one putting pressure on the Sunderland family?” Luna analyzed the situation quietly with Naomi.

“This... It's really possible!”

After listening, Naomi came to the realization that it could be Donny helping them out, so she nodded her head in agreement.

She then returned to Owen's side.

“Owen, serve you right. It's not impossible if you want me to help you. After you compensate for the losses of my family and two sisters, kneel and kowtow to us, I might agree to help you beg for mercy! Don't forget to call us your masters!” Naomi spoke unkindly.

At this point, it was Naomi's turn to be haughty.

“You...” Owen trembled with anger.