

Desperation 40

Chapter 40

The next day, Royal Entertainment held a grand press conference to announce the signing of Ashley as their artist publicly.

In addition to the presence of various major media outlets, the press conference was also broadcast live online, publicly

announcing Ashley's signing with Royal Entertainment to the entire internet.

Instantly, gossip news started popping up online.

[Explosive news! Royal Entertainment has officially announced signing Ashley, showing great confidence in her!]

[Exclusive scoop! Ashley won first place in 'Show Your Dance' and was signed by the largest talent agency, Royal Entertainment.

Her career momentum is skyrocketing!]

[Royal Entertainment holds a grand press conference for her. Megan tried several times to take her as a student but was

rejected. Want to know who she is? Click here for the story and photos!]

Similar news stories were abundant.

Ashley's Twitter followers increased to several hundred thousand as the buzz grew.

Her fans were overjoyed, celebrating with great enthusiasm.

The hashtag "Ashley Signs with Royal Entertainment" quickly climbed to the top of the trending searches.

The Ramos family members also saw the sensational news.

Jeremy's expression grew serious. He had been trying to contact Ashley for the past few days, but since Ashley had blocked his

number and he didn't know where she lived, he couldn't find her.

Jeremy belatedly began to worry, wondering, 'Where has Ashley been since she left the Ramos Villa? Does she even have a

place to stay?

Jessica bit her lip and said softly, "Ashley had actually signed with Royal Entertainment. I'm really happy for her. She will surely

do well in the future."

Jeremy nodded thoughtfully. "Perhaps."

He suddenly realized that since Ashley had left the Ramos Villa, she seemed to have been reborn, emerging radiantly, her life

apparently getting better and better.

Jeremy pondered, 'But why didn't Ashley sign with the Ramos family's entertainment company and instead choose an external

one like Royal Entertainment? Did we...the Ramos family had disappointed Ashley so much?"

Hearing Jeremy's response. Jessica felt a sudden jolt in her heart.

She thought, 'If this were before, Jeremy would definitely have comforted me and harshly criticized Ashley. But he just nodded

nonchalantly, agreeing that Ashley will do well.

Jessica's sense of crisis grew increasingly intense.

Fortunately, at that moment, Frankie called.

Frankie was busy working at the office when he saw the news of Ashley signing with Royal Entertainment and quickly called

Jessica.

He said, "Jessica, don't overthink it. Although our Ramos family's entertainment company isn't as developed as Royal

Entertainment, Matthew is our own artist and a popular star in the entertainment industry. We'll have Matthew take good care of

you. It'll be the same."

Jessica obediently responded. "Frankie, thank you all for supporting me."

Frankie smiled faintly, "Silly girl, we're family. There's no need for thanks. I can see that you're naturally cut out to be a big star,

Jessica. You're bound to become extremely popular. And Ashley? How could she possibly compare to you?"

Jessica felt a thrill of joy inside but still modestly said, "Frankie, don't say that. Ashley is much better than me."

When Ashley was mentioned, Frankie's tone became cold and indifferent. "Jessica, you have been spoiling Ashley. That's why

she has grown arrogant and ran away from home, even publicly cutting ties with the Ramos family online, directly affecting the stock of the Ramos Group.”

As a businessman and the person managing the Ramos Group, Frankie’s primary concern was profit. Ashley’s public severance

with the Ramos family had caused the Ramos Group’s stock to decline, and he was far from pleased.

Jessica said, “Frankie, don’t be angry. Ashley didn’t mean it. She’s just throwing a little tantrum.

“I’ll talk to Ashley again. I’m sure I can persuade her to come back to the Ramos family on her own...”.

Hearing Jessica’s words,

Jeremy’s brow involuntarily furrowed.

He wondered, “Why do I feel like Jessica’s words are somewhat strange, as if she’s subtly blaming Ashley for being

temperamental while portraying herself as understanding and sensible... Am I overthinking it?”

Jessica ended the call with Frankie and noticed Jeremy staring at her. She quickly flashed a cute smile, asking, “What are you

looking at, Jeremy?”

“Nothing...” Jeremy shook his head, unwilling to elaborate.

After the press conference, Ashley returned to the Kingsley Villa and received a congratulatory message from Miranda.

[Congratulations, Ashley! Signing with Royal Entertainment is fantastic. You’ll definitely become hugely popular!]

Ashley smiled knowingly and replied sincerely: [Thank you, Miranda.]

She mused, ‘Although I met Miranda during the Show Your Dance competition, she’s actually a nice girl with a righteous

character.

Having such a friend naturally made Ashley happy.

Just after replying to Miranda’s message, her phone rang.

It was a call from an unknown number.

Ashley was momentarily puzzled. She then slid the screen and answered, “Hello?”

There was a brief silence on the other end before Jeremy’s restrained voice came through. “Ashley, it’s me. When are you going

to unblock me?”

Ashley was momentarily speechless. She then lowered her phone and glanced at it.

She thought in annoyance, ‘Really, Jeremy? Getting a new number just to call me?’

Jeremy continued, “Ashley, I saw the news today. Did you sign with Royal Entertainment? Where are you staying now? Did you

have a place to stay after leaving the Ramos Villa, or are you really with the Kingsley family...”

Not wanting to deal with him anymore, Ashley abruptly ended the call.

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She wondered. What’s got into Jeremy? Even resorting to using a new number to call me. Ashley promptly blocked this new

number as well.

She felt that anything related to the Ramos family surely meant trouble.

Staring at his new number that was blocked, Jeremy was so frustrated he almost threw his phone.

He thought, “Why did she block me again? Can’t she just let me talk to her?”

A few days later, Joseph took Ashley to a vacation resort to celebrate her signing with Royal Entertainment, with all expenses

covered by the company.

Hearing that the company was covering all expenses, Ashley happily agreed.

Joseph lifted his chin, smiling and winking at her, saying, “Ashley, I forgot to tell you, Valentin will also be at the resort. After all,

he’s the company’s big boss. How can we go without him?!”

Ashley was at a loss for words.

Upon arriving at the resort, Joseph led Ashley to their accommodation and opened the door with a room card. “Valentin is still at

the office. He’ll come later. Come here, take a look at this room. You and Valentin will be staying here tonight.”

Ashley was stunned speechless.

She thought in shock, ‘What? I’m sharing a room with Valentin tonight?’”