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In the Royal Entertainment, Laura's office, Bryce stared at Ashley on the sofa, his eyes gleaming with excitement.

Initially, when he asked Ashley to compose songs for him, it was a move to leverage her popularity.

However, Bryce instantly shifted his perspective upon discovering that Ashley was the renowned Ash. Having Ash compose for

him was a stroke of incredible luck.

Bryce fixed his gaze on Ashley, the excitement still vivid in his eyes. "Actually, it's not just the netizens who are curious. I'm

curious, too. Being Ash, why would you be willing to compose songs for me?"

Ashley raised an eyebrow, ready to respond.

Bryce interrupted with a smug tone, "I know! It must be because we've spent these days together, and you were so impressed by

me that you decided to grace me with your songwriting skills! Damn, it's all my overwhelming charisma!"

Ashley was left speechless.

She had never encountered someone so narcissistic.

Sitting behind the desk, Laura wore an expression of utter embarrassment.

Bryce smiled, his tone turning serious, "I was just kidding. I know you've cut ties with the Ramos family and don't want anything to

do with them, so you won't write songs for Matthew anymore, right?"

Ashley nodded. "You could say that."

Bryce stood up. "To thank you for writing songs for me, how about a lavish dinner tonight? Let's celebrate the success of the

album, and Laura, you should join us."

Just as Laura was about to speak, her phone rang

She picked it up, answered the call, and put it on speaker.

A robust, middle-aged voice came from the other end. "Hello, Ms. Mitchell. I'm Josh Parker, the director of the show The Shape

of Music Sorry to call you so late. I'd like to invite your artists, Ashley and Bryce, to

appear on our variety show!”

“The Shape of Music” was the hottest music variety show in the country, and many artists were eager to be part of it.

Now, the chief director personally called and invited the two of them.

Josh didn’t beat around the bush and said straightforwardly, “Bryce’s new song is a hit, and he is perfect for our show. Also,

Ashley has been promoting Bryce’s new song, so we’d like to invite both of them. The recording is scheduled for a week from

now.”

Instead of immediately agreeing, Laura inquired, “Mr. Parker, besides Ashley and Bryce, who else have you invited as guests?”

Josh chuckled, “Ms. Mitchell, there’s no need for secrecy. I’ll be honest with you. While the final lineup is still in the works,

confirmed guests include Matthew and Jessica.”

Laura frowned upon hearing this. It seemed like fate had a twisted sense of humor. Turning her gaze to Ashley, she thought

about the upcoming encounter with Ashley.

Ashley, however, remained unfazed.

She had long dismissed the Ramos family.

Moreover, she had agreed to meet Matthew. It was an opportunity to meet him as Ash.

On the other end, Josh continued, “Have you decided? Will Bryce and Ashley join the show?”

Laura turned to look at Ashley, seeking her opinion.

Ashley nodded affirmatively.

Bryce gave Laura a reassuring glance as if saying, “Rest assured, Laura. If the Ramos family dares to bully Ashley, I won’t stand

idly by.”

With a sense of relief, Laura responded to Josh, “Yes, Mr. Parker. Ashley and Bryce agree to participate in your program.”

Josh, with hearty laughter, exclaimed, “Great! By the way, I have a bold question. Do Ash and Bryce know each other? Can we

have the privilege to get Ash’s contact information?”

Filled with suspicion, Laura asked, "Mr. Parker, why do you need Ash's

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contact information?"

Brimming with anticipation, Josh explained, "Oh, this is just an attempt to invite Ash to our show. With Ash's fame and popularity,

it would undoubtedly skyrocket our viewership if he agrees to join us!"

Laura thought. 'Ashley's participation is Ash's, isn't it?'

It was just that the public didn't know Ashley was Ash.

Laura advised calmly, "Mr. Parker, it's well-known Ash never shows his appearance or participates in any show. Your effort will be

in vain."

Josh sighed with regret, "I know. Ash, the talented composer, never appears in public, but I want to give it a try."

Just as Laura was about to add something, she suddenly saw Ashley holding up a piece of paper in front of her.

The paper read: [Ash agrees to participate.]

Taken aback, Laura lifted her head to look at Ashley.

Ashley nodded calmly.

Bryce was also astonished, exclaiming inwardly, 'My goodness! The most mysterious and famous composer, Ash, will be on a

show, appearing in public!'

On the other end of the call, Josh was puzzled at Laura's long silence. "Hello? Ms. Mitchell, are you still there? Is it a bad

signal?"

Snapping out of her daze, Laura hastily replied, "Mr. Parker, I'm here. I have good news to tell you... Ash has agreed to

participate in your show."

Josh was stunned and then shouted ecstatically, "Really? Is this for real? Ms. Mitchell, please don't tease me! I have a heart

condition and can't handle such excitement!"

Laura rubbed her temples. Indeed, she wasn't the only one surprised. "Mr. Parker, it's true. Ash has agreed to participate in your

program."

"Goodness, what stroke of luck is this? I've managed to invite Ash!" Josh was so excited that his words were incoherent. "Thank

you, Ms. Mitchell! You're my benefactor now! We are eagerly anticipating Ash's arrival!" Laura was speechless, wondering, 'Is

this a customary way to express

gratitude?"

Once the deal was sealed, the "The Shape of Music" staff couldn't wait to announce the news on their official account on Twitter,

causing at

sensation.

[Dear audience, great news! Next week, our program will welcome a heavyweight guest! His songs with unique style are widely

known and loved by millions. Next week, the famous composer Ash will be a guest on "The Shape of Music". Stay tuned!]

This announcement exploded across the Internet.

"Ash will be on "The Shape of Music" in a week," and "Ash will make a public appearance" skyrocketed to the top of the trending

topics.

The two hashtags hit the Internet!

Netizens couldn't contain their excitement.

[My goodness! Ash, my idol! I'm finally going to see you!]

[I'm crying! Finally!]

[Stay calm, everyone! Let's lower our expectations for now! Many imagine Ash as a handsome man or a beautiful woman, but in

reality, someone who rarely shows his face is probably not that good-looking. Otherwise, he should have shown his appearance

long ago!]

[I agree with the comment above. From my point of view, Ash is probably an overweight middle-aged man, and maybe even balding.]

[Damn it. Stop scaring me...]

At the same time, Matthew received Ash's reply, agreeing to meet him on "The Shape of Music" a week later.

Matthew was ecstatic, anxiously awaiting the moment he would meet Ash in person.

Ash never appeared publicly. This time, participating in a variety show alongside him was a rare exception.

It meant that Ash still cared about him!

Matthew planned to have a heartfelt conversation with Ash. If, as the netizens guessed, Ash turned out to be a middle-aged

man, he might even suggest a godfather relationship to strengthen their bond.

And, of course, he would ask Ash to compose songs for him again.

On the other side, Bryce invited Ashley and Laura to a celebratory dinner for the success of his new songs.

Although all the earnings went to Ashley as a composer fee, he was happy to treat her.

However, as they arrived at the designated restaurant, they encountered. Matthew and Jessica..

"Ashley..."

Jessica paused, immediately putting on a gentle smile and attempting to hold Ashley's hand..

Matthew stopped her, sounding disgusted. "Jessica, don't bother with this leech."