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When Matthew caught up with Sasha, she was weeping silently in a corner. "Don't be sad, Sasha. Honestly, it's not that big of a deal," Matthew comforted her tenderly.

"But Matthew, they forced you to bear the cost. W-Why didn't you say anything? Why didn't you object?" Sasha asked him tearfully. "Do you know that I can't stand to see you mistreated this way?"

"Sasha, can't you see it? As long as you treat me well, no matter what they say, I won't feel mistreated," said Matthew with a smile on his face.

"Fool!" Tears falling down her face, Sasha embraced him hard. "You really are a fool! Why do you treat me so well?"

"You are my wife. Who else would I be good to?" Matthew replied as he gently patted her on the back.

Moved by his words, Sasha continued weeping as she held on to him. It was some time before she finally let go. "There, there, don't cry. It's alright." Matthew gently wiped away her tears. Smiling, he asked, "Are you hungry? Shall I buy you dinner?"

She held onto his arms tightly, cheeks flushed red. "Alright, let's have a romantic candlelight dinner then, shall we?"

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finally found a rather upscale one to dine at. The waiter led them to a quiet booth,

the bar caught a glimpse of them; his expression changing. This man was one of the thugs-for-hire who followed Young Master Jackson at the Shanghai Nights restaurant. He recognized Matthew immediately, and ran to the back to call Young Master Jackson. It

man pointed in

show me even an ounce of respect during our last encounter. Tonight, imma settle that score!" Young Master Jackson cursed as

shop," the man whispered hesitantly. "If a brawl were to break out here, it wouldn't look good for business. Furthermore, that b*stard is holding the Shanghai Nights restaurant's Supreme Card; he may

you think I'm afraid of him?" uttered

set the record straight without any solid reasoning will not work. If Old Master Jackson came to know, I'm afraid he

Jackson asked curiously. The man smiled, then leaned over

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"Y-You must have made a mistake! We didn't order these. You must've gotten the wrong table," said Sasha anxiously.

"There's no mistake. This is what you have ordered. Take a look at the order list if you like," refuted the waiter.

Sasha took a look at the order list, and it was indeed written as such. "This is absolutely wrong. I've ordered two steaks, pasta, and some snacks. Definitely not any of these."

The waiter frowned. "So, are you saying that the error is on our side? All the orders are computerised at our restaurant. Whatever you have ordered here will be automatically keyed into the system. There is no way that a mistake can happen."

Sasha froze. "That does not concern us. In fact, it is none of our business! Forget it, Matthew! Let's leave!"

The waiter shook his head, saying "This is out of my control, Miss. All the meals have been served. Even if you don't eat them, you will still have to pay for it."

"How can that be? We didn't order these things, and we didn't eat them as well. Why should we pay?" Sasha asked, baffled.

"Miss, please don't fool around! This order belongs to your table, and the system has received the order. It can't be wrong!" the waiter responded coldly. "The question is not whether you have eaten or not. The dishes have already been prepared, and the ingredients cooked accordingly. Even if you don't eat them, is there any way we can restore these foods to its original ingredients? It is as if you commissioned a dress, but changed your mind and don't want it anymore. Is there any way that you can convert it back to raw fabric?"

The waiter's words attracted the attention of other diners, even receiving encouraging hoots.

"Wow, this waiter is really eloquent!"

said you don't want to

shouldn't order this in the first place. Geez,

don't have the money, why

dressed so well; I didn't expect them to be frauds. Tsk, what's up with people these

don't you let me treat you

and jabs. Sasha flushed red

system, and it can't be wrong. Even if you don't eat them, you will still have to pay for it. The total is 570,000. Would you like to pay

about to explode

Matthew finally stood

His leg shot out, kicked the man in the face and knocked him

hit me! I will f*cking kill bottle and rushed at time, he couldn't pick the waiter and me?" the waiter

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Matthew was still wondering how a dinner could turn into such a scene.

After having heard that it was Young Master Jackson's restaurant, Matthew immediately understood what was going on. It seemed that Young Master Jackson wanted revenge.

Sasha rushed over in panic. "Matthew, I-let's leave. We simply can't risk angering the Jackson Family."

"It's okay." Matthew smiled lightly. "If we do not handle this now, they will pose a threat in the future."

"Matthew, are you crazy?" asked Sasha anxiously. "He is the heir of the Jackson family, how will you handle the situation? Last time when we were at Shanghai Nights, the people helped you only because you had the Supreme Card. Well, this ain't Shanghai Nights, so who would help us?" asked Sasha.

"It's okay. Leave it to me; don't worry." Matthew chuckled while patting her hands.

Sasha wanted to say something, but at that moment, Young Master Jackson entered with his group of thugs.

He yelled as he entered the restaurant, "What happened here?"

The waiter rushed over immediately and reiterated what had just happened.

glanced at Matthew. "You've come here to dine and dash? Hmph, how dare you cause trouble in my premises? I'll have you know, as

could say anything, Sasha quickly intervened. "Young Master Jackson, w-we are not here to dine and dash! We really did not order any

Cunningham, our shop uses computers to record the orders. There has never been a mistake till today!" Young Master

of you? If it wasn't you, who else could have ordered it? Should we call

came to investigate, it would only cause a

difficult enough with Matthew hitting someone. They didn't need

take it up with me!" Matthew said seriously. "Leave my wife

someone who lives off a woman, you sure have some ego!" Young Master Jackson sneered. "Take it up with you? Look at yourself. The clothes on your back added up are nowhere

suddenly burst into

you are

your kidneys for a meal? That is too

pride, then you must be ready to

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"Company funds? It's just dinner, and you need to use the company's money for this? Gee, what a shame for the chairperson. On top of that, it is considered as a crime. Embezzlement of the company's funds is a commercial crime!"

The crowd whispered as they looked at Matthew and Sasha, their eyes filled with despise.

Sasha flushed bright red. She just wanted to pay the bill and leave with Matthew quickly. She did not expect this to happen, which made things even more troublesome for them.

"Sasha, have you started using the company's money just to take care of your boy toy? Why spend so much? Will he not settle for the ramen across the street?

You have just been appointed as the chairperson, yet you have already started to squander so much. Cunningham Pharmaceuticals won't last long with you at the helm!" taunted Lily as she smiled cruelly.

Sasha gritted her teeth and did not speak. Expression cold, Matthew said, "Lily, stay out of this. You don't have the right to say anything here! I'll give you one chance, Zachary Jackson. If you admit your mistake and apologize to my wife for what happened today, I will turn a blind eye to this!"

Zachary burst out laughing as he said, "Did you all hear what he said? He said that he will give me a chance!"

thought that Matthew

now. Get on your knees and kowtow to me, then get

leaving today!" As soon as Zachary finished

clenched his fist in a murderous

the restaurant door was flung wide open. In strode a beautiful woman, who was none other than

looks, Leanna Sandel and Sasha Cunningham were both equally beautiful. However, Leanna had an air about her, almost like royalty. A woman like her would surely catch the attention of men. Compared to her, Sasha was more like the girl next door, all pure and

expression changed immediately. He ran up to her and said, "Leanna, w-what brings you

until her gaze fell on Matthew. She was delighted to see him. She made her way toward

What is going on here? How is it that such a beautiful woman

does she know Matthew? Call it a woman's intuition, but

busy saving someone's life that night and he did not pay much attention to Leanna. That

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Lily sneered at the lot of them. "Oh, someone's talking big here! You don't have the slightest clue of what has happened here, yet you offer assistance. B*tch, are you sure you want to help them?"

After Leanna's arrival, this man here had his eyes on her the whole time. It made Lily rather irritated, hence her resentful tone.

Leanna frowned. No one in all of Eastcliff had dared to insult her like this!

Zachary was walking over as he heard Lily, and was instantly scared silly.

"There is no need for me to think if I am sure! Mr. Larson is my savior. Any problem of his is a problem of mine too! I will help him, no matter what happens!" Leanna hissed.

"Would you just hear yourself for a moment? Anyone who didn't know better would think that the two of you are romantically involved!" Lily laughed as she uttered those words.

Leanna's expression turned ice cold. "Watch your words, woman!"

"If you're willing to do it, why should I mind my words?" Lily continued to speak disdainfully.

"What did I do?" asked Leanna.

to these two scoundrels who refused to pay for their meal, and you dare ask what you have done? Then again, this truly reflects the saying that birds of a feather flock together. True enough, there is always a stench when trash is nearby,"

turned pale, and she sent a hard

a wine bottle on the table next to her

refuting. Next to her, a woman suddenly kicked Lily,

building up inside her, Lily shouted, "What are you waiting for? Kill this b*tch

people

loudly, "F*cking stop it! I'll kill anyone who dares to

friends stood stunned in their tracks. One of them whispered, "But Young Master Jackson,

Leanna is? Just ask anyone in Eastcliff who is Leanna Sandel! How dare you insult her!

words, there was an uproar. Leanna Sandel's

but because she was a woman, she could

she created on her own was

only person who was on

Leanna was mentioned, everyone sang praises

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Leanna was not one to be deterred easily. She walked to where Lily was and asked, "Tell me, what exactly happened here?"

Lily trembled and dared not speak.

"Tell me the truth, and I might spare you today." Leanna's expression turned cold.

With that, Lily quickly gave a recount of what had happened just now. After hearing the whole story, Leanna turned toward Zachary. "Leanna, t-this is just a small matter..." he said in a small voice. "This meal is on me..."

Leanna asked seriously, "Zachary Jackson, are you looking down on me?"

"Leanna, o-of course I didn't mean that..." Zachary replied anxiously.

"Then why do you choose to insult me like this? Do you think I can't afford it?"

Zachary broke out in cold sweat. "I-I didn't m-mean that... You've always taken good care of me; I wouldn't dare to ask you for money."

this

looked embarrassed and he was

how much it is!" Leanna

his words, "A total of ... a total of

it 570,000 just now? How could it

you joking? A bottle of Romani Conti costs three to four hundred thousand. Zachary Jackson, do you think I have never

p-please don't say that ... M-My restaurant does not

soon as he said those words, there was yet another uproar. He had been

had the audacity to ask Matthew Larson to kowtow to him? It turned out that it was not Matthew

written on the menu then? As

just pranking

once. Their aggressive stance just now didn't

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Listening to Leanna's words, Zachary shook in fear. As Leanna said, she couldn't pry much into the Jackson family.

However, as a member who was on equal footing with the heads of the top ten families, her words carried weight. If she told Old Master Jackson about today, then Zachary's position as heir might not be secure.

"Leanna, I-I was kidding; please don't take it seriously..." Zachary stammered.

Leanna's expression was ice cold. "I've already said it, and I won't say it again. I don't want to hear any more of your nonsense!"

Embarrassed, Zachary took a deep breath and walked over to Matthew and Sasha. "Mr. Larson, Miss Cunningham, I'm sorry! Leanna, I believe that is all?"

Before Leanna could speak, Matthew interrupted, "What did you say? I couldn't hear it clearly!"

Leanna glanced at Zachary Jackson. Even she could tell that he wasn't being sincere in his apology.

I'm already apologizing, yet you still want to be picky about it? Damn, when all this settles down,

"Mr. Larson, Miss Cunningham, I'm truly sorry about what happened

tugged on his sleeve, saying, "It's alright." At that,

have forgiven you, the matter is settled then. Zachary, you keep this in mind. Mr. Larson is my savior, and I don't want him or his wife to be insulted ever

was extremely angry inside, but chose to nod

nodded and smiled at Matthew. "Mr. and Mrs. Larson, shall we have

and said, "That would

in front of Zachary. Looking at Matthew bitterly, Zachary said in a low voice, "You really are

lucky today! If it weren't for Leanna, you would

tell Leanna of this; let's settle it ourselves! Mark my words, if I can't

shoulder. "Don't worry, nothing is impossible.

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After dinner, Matthew and Sasha walked back home.

"Leanna is beautiful and capable, which is rare. It is a pity that her husband was gone at such a young age." Sasha sighed.

"Sasha, it is not as straightforward as it looks." Matthew chuckled.

"Oh? Why do you say so?" Sasha asked curiously.

"Have you ever heard of Leanna Sandal's background? She left home for a while when she was younger. When she returned, she brought a child along with her. It is said that the child was born out of wedlock. Until now, no one knows who the father is. At the beginning, the Sandal family felt that she had ruined their reputation and drove her out.

But later on, it was she who single-handedly built her company from scratch and was accepted back into the Sandal family."

Sasha asked in disbelief, "Are you serious?"

Matthew smiled and nodded.

they were chatting, the

the other four members of the Cunningham family were assembled in the

asked with a cold

a friend and had a meal together,"

pressed on.

not anyone you would know," said

isn't it Leanna Sandel?" Demi sneered. "Which toad in Eastcliff wouldn't know of the unmarried woman

How did Demi know

angrily, "Demi, how could you speak this

And she sure does appreciate an attractive looking person," Demi sneered. "She gave birth out of wedlock, and till now doesn't even know

whore is into Matthew now! Why Matthew, are you used to selling yourself to people? You see a

this have to do with

You watch your mouth!" said Sasha furiously. "What has Matthew done? Why are you saying such

complained, "Dad, look at her! Look at how she is acting now! I knew you'd always believe what others say, and

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Demi chuckled coldly. "Sasha, I think you've overestimated him. What has Matthew done to help our family? He cured Billy Newman's daughter with our family's medicine, hence the credit belongs to our family.

For Mr. Jones' situation, it was the police who caught the people and recovered the money. As for the matter of Wellness Herbary and our third uncle's family situation, no doubt he has helped out a little, but in the end, he turned Wellness Herbary into his own cash machine and let his friend take charge of everything.

Little by little, the Cunninghams' property is being controlled by him. It is only you who is still in the dark, thinking that he has helped us a lot!"

Sasha was so angry that she kept silent. She really couldn't understand why her family would be so hostile to Matthew.

"Demi, you don't know, but these are all Matthew—"

Sasha wanted to explain, but was interrupted by James. "That's enough!"

"Are you even my daughter? You married such a man and worked with him to go against us. Are you trying to piss off your mother and I?"

Sasha's face was red, and her eyes welled up.

your own husband, what would others say? Matthew, this is a wake-up call for you,

are not divorced, you are part of the Cunningham family. Stop hooking up with other women and spoiling the Cunningham family's reputation. Go on, off to bed now!" James stood up angrily, about to

going to sleep?" Helen grabbed

there?" asked

looked at Matthew. "Where is

Leanna Sandel prepared a card at that time. The card would have at least

understood her mother's intentions and asked coldly, "Why are you asking about

come to this? Can't I even ask a question nowadays? How dare

sleeve and motioned for her to not to argue further with

didn't take the

take it?" Helen asked anxiously. "Are you crazy? There are tens of millions in the

said to Matthew that he should not spoil our

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Sasha still wanted to continue the conversation, but Matthew dragged her back to their room. She was so angry that her tears kept falling.

She then said to him in a low voice, "Matthew, you don't have to put up with it! I know you didn't argue with them to save me the embarrassment. But you know what? The more you stay silent, the more they would want to bully you."

"For a family living together, having differences is inevitable." Matthew's lips curved into a smile as he said, "How would we be able to live together if we quarrel over everything?

"Actually, you can see that Mom and Dad seemed fine. It is mainly Liam and Demi who are biased against me; Mom and Dad were just deceived by them. Looking back at the situation, with your parents being so mad, if I stood against them, wouldn't it be adding salt to a wound?"

Sasha was silent. Like he said, there would really be no end to this if things got worse just now.

Matthew spoke lightly, "Some things are better kept to ourselves. I love you, and I don't want to make things complicated for you. Just like you back then—paying my rent quietly—you, too, wanted to save face for me and not make me look bad, right?"

Sasha was stunned. "H-How did you know about that?"

his arms. "I let you suffer for the past three years, so this is what I owe you! In this life, I won't

her head on Matthew's

you think Matthew wouldn't want that card? Him being his greedy self, do you think he would

let me tell you, if Matthew really did not want the card, then he is much

Helen asked

that mean? It shows that his plan is much bigger than this. If he really hooks up with Leanna, millions would be peanuts to

siphon out that much money with us two here. The Sandel Family can't control Leanna. Her property is all her own. If Matthew were to really hook up with her, he stands to get at least

"Matthew is too dangerous, isn't

"If it wasn't for Liam, we'd both still be in

and we mustn't let him hook up with