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Chapter 51 Housewarming

After Darcy and Kaze went to Quintessential Group Headquarters in the morning, Agnes went out as well. As mentioned the other day, she wanted to hold a housewarming party and invite her old friends to dinner. She went out to find a good venue to host her friends.

Cloud Nine was certainly off the list, so she went for the second option, Lily Garden Hotel, which was one of the better hotels in the

city. The fee to host a party in Lily Garden was \$5,000 per table. She was planning on having at least 20 tables for the party, so the price would rake up to \$100,000, excluding food and drinks.

Since her friends and neighbors were all middle-aged people, she planned to invite some performers or live bands as entertainment.

After a rough calculation, she would need at least \$200,000 to cover

all the costs.

Agnes did not want to spend that much money, so she wanted to look for a more affordable option. Then, she bumped into her former colleague from the hospital where she used to work, Hellen Broad.

Hellen's son-in-law was wealthy and capable, so they were planning a birthday party for her and coincidentally also looking for a suitable

venue.

Agnes and Hellen were not on the best of terms, having past conflicts with each other. Hellen sneered and mocked her for not being able to

Agnes had been moody since she came home.

Darcy's news managed to force a smile on her face.

“Sigh. Let's just eat. She'll be better after a while. I've gotten us for many years now.” Hector felt terrible as well but he was still in a wheelchair and could

not do anything to help.

Darcy lost her appetite. She put her spoon down and went to her

mother's room.

“What are you two doing here? Don't disturb my nap.”

Agnes was sulking in bed as Darcy and Kaze came in. She wore a grumpy look and asked them to leave.

“Mom, why are you mad? Your daughter and son-in-law are a

lot

better than your former colleague's daughter and son-in-law. | became the COO of Quintessential Group and Kaze gave us a new,

house and bought expensive furniture.” Darcy smiled and hugged her mother. Agnes was amused. She cheekily pinched her daughter's face.

Darcy then put a bank card into Agnes' hand and said, “Mom, I've saved up some money since my university days, there's around two hundred thousand here. You can use them to organize your party at Lily Garden Hotel.”

“I only wanted bragging rights by hosting a housewarming party, I can't spend the money you've saved up for so long. We'll just hold it at a smaller restaurant. An expensive dinner or two is still affordable.”

Agnes felt bad and returned the bank card to Darcy.

Mon, it's great that you think so..

Darcy added, “But we are still going to throw a housewarming party at the Garden Hotel to make sure your ex-girlfriend knows that you and your son-in-law are capable of even making them feel humiliated.”

He could not just sit back and watch someone else laugh at her mother for not being able to afford to host a party at an expensive hotel.

How are you going to embarrass them? They are booking tables that cost ten grand each, while I was only looking at a budget place. We will

make a fool of ourselves.”

She waved her hand and said, “Let's just forget about it.”

He was disheartened. Her savings were only enough to cater to per table.

“If they are booking ten grand a table, then we're doubling it,”

she said suddenly. He looked at him. “What nonsense are you spouting now? We've spent that much money.”

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He could just bluff to make Darcy and Agnes happy before he makes the necessary call. “It's real. I'll call her right away.”

He stepped outside to make a call. He informed Snow about his desire to organize a housewarming party at the main banquet hall of Lily Garden Hotel, with each table costing \$20,000.

Then, he came back into the room. “My friend has agreed.”

All sorted with just one call?

Chapter 52 Harsh Former Colleague

Agnes was skeptical but before she saw the final outcome, never simply deny Kaze.

Kaze had proven himself many times that he was well connected

lot of powerful and influential friends who would come to his aid at critical moments.

Darcy chose to believe in Kaze as well.

“Alright. Kaze, can you accompany Mom to Lily Garden Hotel later? | have a site visit.”

“Not a problem.” Kaze nodded.

He went out of the house and summoned two Tiger Fangs’ soldiers.

Since yesterday afternoon, Tiger Fangs had taken over the security of the residential district. Kaze handed them a cigarette each and said, “My wife is going out. Follow her and protect her, but don’t let her know. If anything happens, deal with it. If it’s beyond your control, call me.”

He had to accompany Agnes to Lily Garden Hotel later and could not be by Darcy's side. Worried about Darcy’s safety, he put the two men in charge of protecting her.

He noticed yesterday that the entire Tiger Fangs Militia were well- trained elites, from Commander Shin to the lowest-ranking soldiers.

He believed they were capable of resolving problems and disarming danger easily. “Sir, it is our duty to protect you and your family, but we cannot

wine we are on duty, ma to the rule.

The two men saluted at Kaze but declined his cigarette.

They had no clue of Kaze’s real identity but Shin gave them a direct order to protect Kaze and his family even if it would cost them their

lives. "Very well." Kaze nodded happily. He gave them his phone number and then returned to the house.

Darcy was already heading out. Rather than wasting time resting at home, she decided to do a site visit at Passion Fragrance District.

After she left the house, the two soldiers followed suit.

Darcy was unaware.

After a while, Agnes came down and Kaze brought her to Lily Garden Hotel.

She was excited throughout the ride because Kaze said he could book tables worth twenty thousand each. She wanted to look good in front of her former colleagues and family members.

However, when they arrived at the hotel entrance, she started to feel uneasy.

"Kaze, you're not bluffing, right? Is the hotel going to let us book the tables that are originally twenty thousand each at just five grand?"

She tugged Kaze's arm, hesitating whether to follow him inside. She did not want to embarrass herself again. "Don't worry, Mom. They already promised us. We'll just go in and make the bookings," Kaze said confidently. Agnes felt slightly relieved and was about to enter the hotel.

"Hey, isn't this Agnes? You came in the morning and now you're back

you dont have the money, your at an

expensive place like this. There's nothing you can do by just looking at them." A group of people approached them.

The one who spoke was a woman similarly aged as Agnes. She dressed gracefully and wore a pair of glasses, seemingly highly educated. However, when she spoke, her filthy and harsh nature was revealed.

It was Hellen, Agnes' former colleague.

Beside her were her husband, daughter, and son-in-law, as well as a few friends.

"Hellen, I have the money! And I'm here to make the booking!"

Agnes gained confidence from Kaze's promise and unlike earlier in the morning, she was able to talk back to Hellen. Hellen scoffed.

"You have the money? Your husband is wheelchair-bound, you were fired by the hospital a few years ago, and you are nothing but a

housewife now. Your daughter is the sole breadwinner and you're saying you have the money? Are you kidding me?"

Chapter 53 | Am Mr. Lee

Hellen saw Agnes pacing back and forth at the hotel entrance and dared not enter.

She believed Agnes was just pretending to have the money.

She turned to her son-in-law and said, "Sam, let's go make the deposit. It is a waste of time trying to argue with someone who doesn't even dare to go into the hotel. Only money makes the world

go round.

“Alright. | make the necessary reservation.”

Sam Faye did not even look at Agnes or Kaze and headed into the hotel.

“Agnes, toodle-an.”

Hellen strutted into the room.

Agnes was upset by Helen’s sneers. She tugged at Kaze’s arm and said, “My dear son-in-law please go and book the tables that are worth twenty thousand each!”

“Yes, ma’am!” Kaze brought Agnes into the room as Hellen and her family were already talking to the hotel staff.

Sam said, “Hello, we came earlier and wanted to book Fortune Hall for tomorrow. The sign says it’s still available for booking, right?”

“Yes, Mr. Faye. Fortune Hall is still available for tomorrow. Each table in the hall is ten grand, excluding food and drinks, the hotel staff said politely.

“Skip the nonsense. We’ll pay in full. Here’s the money

Sam proudly presented his bank card and the payment was immediately processed. “Haha! Sam, you are amazing. Ten thousand per table and you even flinch at checkout!”

Hellen was delighted. She said to her daughter, “Yenny, you’ve gotten a good husband and | a great son-in-law! | wonder if Agnes’ daughter can get her someone as good as Sam.”

“Mom, why are you comparing yourself to her? Don’t you know? Her daughter’s husband has just recovered from an intellectual disability.

think his name is Kaze Lee. It made the headline throughout the city.”

Yenny Faye’s personality closely mirrored her mother’s. She sneered, “I believe her family has to support him rather than depend on him. He’s not even in the same league as Sam.”

“Huh? Are you being serious?” Hellen was more delighted than ever. She then saw Agnes and Kaze coming into the hotel.

Hellen sneered again, “Agnes, what are you two doing here? Are you trying to see how grand the hall that we are booking is? The tables inside are ten grand each.”

“Ten thousand dollars for a table and you're bragging?” Agnes

scoffed and said to the hotel staff, “Hi, we want to book Ocean Hall

for tomorrow, the one that costs twenty thousand for each table.”

The Ocean Hall was still available for booking when she came earlier. “Huh?”

Hellen and her family were stunned.

Was Agnes reserving the Ocean Hall with each table costing \$20,000?

They looked at Agnes who seemed confident, wondering if she was pretending. The hotel staff then said, “My apologies, ma’am. The Ocean

hall has been booked by a certain Mr. Lee for tomorrow. The sign

has been updated. You can book the empty slot, which is on the fo

day.

“The Ocean Hall has been booked?!” Agnes was stunned because she did not even look at the signage. when she came in.

“Hahaha! Agnes, I was wondering what made you so generous all of a sudden. You knew the Ocean Hall was booked, so you came in just to put on a show for us, trying to make yourself appear rich but penniless. That's why you came up with this lousy trick.

you are

“Only the Ocean Hall's tables cost twenty thousand each, and if it's booked, then it's gone. She doesn't need to take out a penny to prove to us that she's rich. I guess she made it.”

Sam, Yenny, and the others laughed at Agnes.

How ridiculous and vain must Agnes be to put on such a lame show

in front of them?

Agnes' expression turned bitter. She wished there was a hole that she could bury herself into like an ostrich with its head. Kaze spoke to the hotel staff, “I am the Mr. Lee who booked the

Ocean Hall.”

His words captured Hellen and her family's attention.

Chapter 54 Slap Sam

Even though Hellen and her family saw Kaze beside Agnes from the start, they never took him seriously. When Kaze said he was the one who booked the Ocean Hall, Hellen grunted and scoffed. “Agnes, who might this be? Don’t tell me he’s like you, pretending to

be rich.”

Judging from Agnes’ reaction, Hellen was sure Agnes did not know

Kaze was the one who booked Ocean Hall and assumed Kaze was

impersonating the actual person who booked it.

Realization struck as Agnes turned to Kaze.

Mr. Lee? Kaze’s last name was Lee!

“He’s my son-in-law, Kaze Lee!”

She pulled Kaze closer to herself and stared at Hellen proudly.

Hellen’s son-in-law, Sam, was only booking Fortune Hall, where the tables cost \$10,000 each, whereas her son-in-law, Kaze, knew the

owner of the hotel who owed him a favor.

They were able to get a \$15,000 discount, so they would only have to pay \$5,000 per table. Kaze was well-connected!

“Kaze? Kaze Lee?”

To Agnes' surprise, Hellen and her family reacted strangely. They heard Yenny saying that Agnes' daughter got a retard as a husband.

"Agnes, is this the son-in-law you picked up from the psych ward? Are

you saying he has the money to pour ovcun mam; mais pretty unbelievable." Hellen scoffed.

Agnes' expression shifted. Even her former colleague had

about Kaze's situation.

Sam then looked at Kaze with jealousy because he knew more tha Hellen did. Darcy

was famous in the business world for being the most beautiful woman and she just became the COO of Quintessential Group.

Awoman of her capabilities married a useless trash! What a waste! Sam looked at Yenny. Even though Yenny looked decent with makeup, she was just a cynical and uneducated woman. The flame of jealousy consumed him.

He scoffed and said, "Mrs. Quint, | heard your son-in-law can't even make a living and you guys have to take care of him. I'd suggest that your daughter divorce him as soon..."

Before Sam could finish, a powerful slap hit his face.

He was sent flying and his teeth were knocked off.

It was Kaze who slapped him.

He did not care about Hellen and her family sneering at him since he was confident to make Agnes proud. However, Sam wanted Darcy to divorce him, which crossed his line.

“Sam, are you okay!?”

Yenny ran over to Sam and helped him up.

Sam spat blood on the floor and glared at Kaze, bellowing,

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“You are talking shit, who else would star if not you?” Kaze said coldly. He did not even spare a glance on Sam

Hellen did not expect Kaze to talk back. Acciated, she scr Hotel staff! Look at this! This icon slapped my xor-in-law just booked Fortune Hall! Get security and throw mou!!”

“Yeah! And his mother-in-law too!” Yenny echoed bourdiy

She wanted the hotel staff to throw Kaze and Agnesson and embarrass them.

Sir, you shouldn't have hit someone in our hotel. Please leave, or ve will have to call the police,” the hotel staff said coldly. Tlam also a customer here and | booked the Ocean Hall, Kaze said.

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Hellen and her family laughed at Kaze

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Kaze, let's go!

Agnes turned pale when siteheard that Lily Garden Hotel was part of Joestar Group. She heldKazz's hand and wanted to drag him away.

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"Mom, just stay. No one can throw us out. Don't worry," Kaze said withra shake of his head.

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Agnes looked

evastated. She was embarrassed once again. Shee

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Then, someone shouted from outside the hotel. A group of men ushered in from the main entrance.

Chapter 55 barvy in Danger

“Manager Breer!!!

The hotel staff bowed to the leader of the group walking

The man was Toombront, the general manager of Lily Gard

Tom grunted at his subordinate before striding over to Kaze attentively. He bent cyyrmand asked, “Mr. Kaze Lee, am I right?” The hotel staff was spunned, and so were Hellen and her family.

Even Agnes could not believe: never.

The hotel manager bowed to Kaze?!

This time, they heard the manager call Kaze's full name.

Kaze was the Mr. Lee who booked Ocean Hall?!

"Yes, I am." Kaze nodded.

Tom sweated profusely.

An important VIP came to his hotel to book an event hall, yet was mistaken as an idiot and thrown out by his staff. Tom apologized, "I am so sorry about this, Mr. Lee is our humble mistake. I'll punish the one responsible for this." The hotel staff turned pale when he heard his manager

Heiten and her family were shocked as well.

They did not think Kaze was the one who booked Ocean Hall with a peach table costing \$20,000. Even the hotel manager respected him

Tom treated him like a VIP

It was no longer a matter of money anymore.

Kaze did not want to waste his time on trivial matters. "We will be

using Ocean Hall tomorrow and we want performances to entertain the guests.” “Our hotel will arrange for that. Don’t worry, Mr. Lee,” the manager

said.

“Mom, what else do you need?” Kaze asked Agnes.

His phone in his pocket rang suddenly. When he took it out and saw the caller ID, his expression shifted. It was from the soldier that he sent to protect Darcy.

Something must have happened!

“I have to go. Darcy is calling. If you need anything, tell Manager Brent and he’ll help you with the arrangement. I’ll ask him to send you back

later.”

Agnes noticed the change of expression and realized something must have happened to Darcy. She said, “I’m going to be fine. You go.”

Kaze walked out as he answered the phone. “What is it?” “Sir, Ms. Quint is in a fight with an employee, and she’s in a passive stance. We can’t do anything, so we decided to call you.”

Kaze breathed a sigh of relief after hearing the update. At least Darcy was not in danger, but he still had to go see her now that he had settled Agnes’ matter.

He drove to Passion Fragrance District and called Snow on the way

there.

“Hellen, who do you think is more capable, my son-in-law, or yours?”

Back in the hotel, Agnes looked at the envious Hellen with utter delight.

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They came here for lunch after they left Quintessential Group. “Young Master Joestar!”

Tom went closer.

Ren glanced at him and asked, “Ocean Hall was booked by a man

named Kaze Lee?”

Chapter 56 Throw This Woman Out

Ren got the news from one of his friends who went out for a phone call earlier. His friend told him that Kaze and Agnes came to the hotel to book Ocean Hall and almost got thrown out.

“Yes, Young Master Joestar. Mr. Lee is hosting a housewarming party for his mother-in-law tomorrow.” Tom felt strange. Why would Young Master Joestar be concerned about such trivial matters?

“Hmph. That stupid idiot has the money to host a housewarming party? It seems like I’ve underestimated him,” Ren said with a scoff.

He then asked, “Are they gone?”

“Mr. Lee went off after a phone call, only Mrs. Quint is here. | have to finalize the details of the party with her later. She also requested me to chase another group of customers out, who booked Fortune Hall.”

“Chasing my customers out? Does she really think she can do whatever she wants just because her son-in-law has some money? | shall let her know who has the power to do so!”

Ren’s expression turned grim. He looked at Tom and said, “Come up with a reason and tell the security guards to throw Agnes Quint out.”

“Huh?”

Tom was confused. He did not expect Ren to make such an order. He looked troubled and said, “Young Master Joestar, it's inappropriate. Someone very powerful instructed us to make sure Mr. Lee gets Ocean Hall for the party...”

Slap!

Ren slapped the man in the face.

“Who is more powerful than | am? You are just an employee! You shall do whatever | tell you to!”

Agnes was waiting for Tom to return to throw Hellen and her family, who were still trying to reason with the hotel staff to stay, out of the hotel.

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Soon, Tom came back.

Before Agnes could say a word, he said, "Security, throw this woman. out!" Hellen was shocked because she thought Tom was referring to her. However, she then realized Tom was pointing at Agnes.

What happened?

The delight on Agnes' face froze and she bolted up furiously. " Manager Brent, what? What are you doing? You are throwing me out? Kaze booked the Ocean Hall!"

"It's a mistake!" Tom said coldly.

He then signaled the security guards.

The two security guards then seized Agnes and tossed her out on the street.

She fell on her bump in front of a walking crowd.

"What? Was she just thrown out of the hotel? Is she a thief?"

"She must be. The Lily Garden Hotel belongs to the Joestar family, they won't simply throw customers out." "She's not young anymore but she's stealing. How shameless!"

Anosy crowd quickly gathered around Agnes, criticizing her but no one offered to help her.

The pain on her bump and the criticism made Agnes cry her lungs out.

“Manager Brent, what is wrong? | want an explanation!”

“Hahaha! Agnes, you still don’t understand? Your son-in-law wasn’t the Mr. Lee who booked Ocean Hall! He was an impostor!” Hellen and her family came out to gloat at Agnes.

“| knew it. That rubbish can’t even feed himself. How did he get the

money to book Ocean Hall? He’s just pretending to be rich at Lily Garden Hotel, what a fool!”

“Agnes, weren't you over the moon just now? How about now?”

“You wanted the manager to throw us out? Look who’s on the street

now! Hahaha...”

Yenny, Sam, and the other family members gloated at Agnes’

misfortune and laughed at her mercilessly.

Agnes was devastated to the point she wished she was dead. She also hated Kaze for lying to her again.

“Move! Move! The owner of Lily Garden Hotel is here!”

“Mrs. Quint, what are you doing on the street? What happened?”

Ren came over with a pretentious look and helped Agnes up.

“Ren? T-Thank you. It’s the manager, he asked the security guards to
throw me out...”

Agnes grasped onto the last shred of hope.

No matter who offered the helping hand, she would be grateful, even if it was Ren, who left a bad impression on her during Darcy's birthday

pulty. Ren roared, “What the hell? How could he throw a woman onto the street? | want to see the manager right away!”

Chapter 57 Ren’s Acting

Tom came over immediately.

Ren slapped the man multiple times before he could get a word in.

“Nice!”

The crowd cheered and praised Ren for being a sensible man.

Ren then kicked Tom away and shouted, “Get the hell out of my hotel! How dare you do this to Mrs. Quint? You are fired!” After scolding Tom, he then looked at Hellen and her family, who were completely stunned.

“So you were the ones who tried to get Mrs. Quint thrown out of the hotel? Do you think booking Fortune Hall makes you superior to others? Give them back their deposit and tell them to leave!”

Hellen and her family left with disappointment as well.

“Ren, thank you so much. If not for you, I would be really

embarrassed!”

With just a few tricks, Ren turned the situation in his favor and won Agnes’ heart. The woman was grateful for his help. “Mrs. Quint, I like Darcy and it’s no secret. This is nothing at all.”

Ren then helped her up and said, “You don’t have to worry about the party tomorrow as well. I have canceled Mr. Lee’s booking and you can use the Ocean Hall tomorrow. I’ll tell the hotel staff to make the best arrangement for you.”

“Really? Thank you, Ren! You are a good child. Come join my housewarming party. I’ll tell Darcy to thank you as well.”

Agnes was grateful and it was exactly what Ren wanted.

After achieving his goal, he arranged for his driver to send Agn to Horizon Mirror. Meanwhile, at the construction site of Passion Fragrance District,

members of the Project Department were there.

Darcy stared at the group of men in front of her.

The project manager, Randal Song.

The sales manager, Luke Kang.

The chief engineer, Edward Canopy.

These three men were the executives on the Passion Fragrance District project. On Darcy's first site visit, the three of them teamed up against her.

“Ms. Quint, the three of us have been working on this project for a long time. We are already veterans. We are in charge of different aspects of the project and we have been doing a good job. Please do not teach us how to do our job and we'll be on good terms,” Randal said slowly with a cigarette hanging in his mouth.

The office was thick with smoke because of the three who smoked ceaselessly the whole day. Darcy had warned them many times to smoke outside but they

ignored her and even smoked more frequently, as if they were trying

de protest

They did it.

There were a bunch of workers and employees outside the site office.

Even though they were astonished by Darcy's beauty, they started to Block down on her when she lost the argument against the trio.

Darcy said coldly, “So the three of you are abdicating me?” She came to work to make sure the project was progressing smoothly, not being a puppet that the men could control.

Aside from Samus and Rudy who almost ruined the project, Randal, Luke and Edward had been poisoning the management as well. They had embezzled money from the project, hence delaying the progress.

Quintessential Group had been injecting money into the project but it

had been fruitless...

Darcy was furious and wanted to fire the three of them.

To her surprise, Randal teamed up with Luke and Edward and tried to

abdicate her.

When they worked under Samus and Rudy, they had many chances to embezzle money from the project.

Now that Darcy had taken over, they no longer had the chance.

They were neither afraid of the girl nor her threats.

"Ms. Quint, it's not as serious as it sounds. We are not trying to abdicate you. You don't teach us how to do our jobs, and we'll be on good terms. Don't meddle in our business," Luke said with a grin.

He too was a veteran in the industry and a long-time employee of the

company.

He enjoyed looking at Darcy's angry but beautiful face; it was

arousing

“You three took charge of everything in the project and told me to keep my hands off. You are implying that I should do nothing. “Don't forget that this project belongs to Quintessential Group, not your little independent project,” Darcy said coldly.

“So is that a no?” Edward, the chief engineer, said as he exhaled a

cloud of smoke.

He lost the patience to argue with Darcy and decided to be firm so, I'll hand in my resignation. You can find someone else to fill in the position.”

“Hahaha! Ed is resigning, if I don't follow him, I'll look bad. I quit too!” Randal slammed the table and got up on his feet. “Me too.” Luke stood up as well. “Are all of you threatening me with resignations?” Darcy was so livid her body was shaking.

Chapter 58 Unite and Abdicate “Yeah, we are threatening you with our resignations. What a gonna do about it?”

Luke grinned as he looked at Darcy. “Darcy, you should know that once the three of us leave, the project will be halted. I don't think you can find anyone to replace us in such a short notice. Maybe in two days, Mr. Quint and his son will be begging us to come back.”

The two Mr. Quints were Rudy and Samus. Randal, Luke, and Edward seemed to be under the impression that they still worked for the father and son.

They would not want to lose the chance to embezzle money.

“Fine. Let's go. It seems like she doesn't need us. It's time to type my resignation letter.”

Randal whistled and signaled the other two before they walked to the door.

“You...”

Darcy was furious and helpless. The three of them caught her between a rock and a hard place. As the three of them were leaving, the door was kicked open and a man barged in.

“Darcy, if they want to resign, then let them go. The world won’t stop spinning even if they leave.”
“Kaze!? What are you doing here?!”

Darcy was quite angry to see Kaze here. His words were fuel to the fire.

The trio stopped and looked at Kaze with a cold grin.

Edward said coldly, “Who are you? How dare you speak to me like that? I know the world won’t stop spinning for anyone but I know the three of us gone, Passion Fragrance will be at a complete

“Young man, don’t speak so loudly. You might bite your tongue.” “Darcy, is this your husband? Can he represent you?”

The three of them then looked at Darcy.

Darcy was left speechless by Kaze’s untimely interruption. “Darcy, I said if they want to leave, let them leave.”

Kaze went over to Darcy and said, “Project manager, sales manager, and chief engineer. I have actually found suitable candidates to replace them and they are the best in their respective fields, countless times better than these pigs.”

“Who are you calling pigs? You little bastard! Say that again in my face!”

The short-tempered Randal shouted. He rolled up his sleeves to punch Kaze. "Randal, don't fall for his trap. He's provoking you, don't let him."

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The more experienced Luke held Randal back and then scoffed." Kaze, right? Where are your replacements? Bring them here. I would like to see what you mean by the best in their respective fields."

"Kaze, stop following me around! I can handle this!"

Darcy angrily tugged Kaze's hand.

She did not believe that Kaze had gotten better candidates to take

positions or manga, LUNG, Unu Luwuru.

Given Quintessential Group's declining situation, getting three equals would be hard enough, let alone getting the best in the fields.

The three of them were deeply cognizant of this, which was why they were fearless.

"How are you going to settle this, Darcy? Compromise and agree with the pigs? You won't have a say in this anymore if you agree."

He did not want Darcy's talents and abilities to be squandered, nor for her to waste time fighting these three useless pigs. Randal, Luke, and Edward were furious when Kaze called them pigs

again.

“Come on, let's type our resignation letters. Darcy, you will come begging us in no time!”

Arrogantly tossing such words, they turned around to leave.

Then, two men and a woman came into the office.

Randal, Luke, and Edward were stunned because they knew who

those three were.

“Andy Lowder once helmed the Project Department at Haia Group, and was also the Project Manager of Sky Ocean Building!”

“Fish Lewis, one of the top ten sales elites elected by Lilyrose Sales Society, and the former Sales Manager of Orchid Sky Island!”

“Trevor Peak was once a Senior Engineer of Haia Group and the

former Chief Engineer of Sky Ocean Building!”

The three of them were indeed the most outstanding in their respective fields and in Lilyrose City. Randal and his associates were well aware that the three newcomers

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positions within the company.

They were green with envy and did not expect to see Andy, Fish, or Trevor in the flesh..

“Mr. Lowder, welcome! Is there a project you'd like to discuss? I'm the Project Manager of Passion Fragrance District, Randal Song. You can

talk to me.”

Randal thought the three of them were sent by Perfect World Group to talk about a project. He calmed down, switched to a broad smile, and approached them attentively.

Chapter 59 Behemoths of the Industry

“Ms. Lewis! I'm Luke Kang. We met before at the Sales Society's meeting. We even got a picture together after you were awarded.”

“Mr. Peak, | admire your work...” Randal, Luke, and Edward went to their counterparts with utmost flattery.

If they caught their attention, who were basically the behemoths of the industry, they might get a chance to join Perfect World Group, which could launch their new careers.

“Excuse me, we are here for an interview. Please don't stand in our way.”

Randal and the other two were stunned.

“Interview? | thought you three were just scouted by Perfect World Group.” “We have resigned from Perfect World Group.”

Resigned from Perfect World Group, a company worth billions?

What was he talking about?

Andy said they were here for an interview... at Passion Fragrance. District?"

Andy, Fish, and Trevor walked past the three men and went up to

Darcy.

"Ms. Quint, I'm here to interview for the role of Project Manager at Passion Fragrance District. This is my resume. Please have a look."

"Ms. Quint, I'm Fish Lewis, here to interview for the Sales Manager TUIG.

"Ms. Quint, I'm Trevor Peak, here to interview for Chief Engineer." All of them handed their resumes to Darcy..

Randal, Luke, and Edward were stunned.

The behemoths of the industry ditched their high-paying job at Perfect World Group just to interview at Quintessential Group? What the hell was wrong with the world?

They must have lost their minds.

Darcy was astounded because she knew all of them.

She dared not even picture the three of them coming to work for her, but to hand her their resumes. It was really

they were trying

happening before her eyes.

"Can I ask why the three of you resigned from Perfect World just to come work at Quintessential?" Darcy was in utter disbelief.

Andy exchanged a quick gaze with the other two and then Fish took the initiative to explain, "Ms. Quint, we've heard that you just took over Passion Fragrance District Project this morning, so we resigned and came here. We believe our future will be brighter working for you."

A brighter future?

Darcy did not believe a word Fish said, and replied, "Thank you for your kind words but I have to be honest with you. Quintessential is not doing well and we are nothing compared to Perfect World which has billions worth of assets. I'm afraid our little company can't

provide what you are looking for.

"I can't even guarantee I could match your salaries at Perfect World."

Darcy smiled bitterly. She was telling the truth.

Andy, Fish, and Trevor were not simple employees.

“Ms. Quint, you are being unduly humble.” Fish continued, “ Quintessential Group was hopeless before you, but now that you taken over the company’s operation, change is beckoning. Everyone

in the business knows how capable you are.”

Fish was also stating a fact.

Darcy joined Quintessential Group right after she graduated from university. Despite all the restrictions and shackles around her, she contributed tremendously to the company.

The outside world shined a spotlight on her because she was the daughter of the legendary man who founded Quintessential Group,

Hector Quint.

Andy chimed in, “Quintessential Group at its current state is not a problem. Under your lead, its success will skyrocket. That is why | want to join your company. It’s a chance that | do not want to miss.”

“That’s right. | don’t care about the money. Starting a business is hard and | know that. | have achieved financial freedom. | just wanted to follow your lead to reach new heights,” said Trevor, the acclaimed

engineer.

Darcy teared up hearing their praises.

She bowed and said, “Thank you for thinking so highly of me. I'll stop being emotional and do my best to repay your trust. Welcome to Quintessential!

“As for you three, the door is that way.”

“Darcy! You will regret getting rid of us!”

Randal, Luke, and Edward stormed out of the office. They decided to

HREILYSly = «way.

Vengeance was an easy option because they held many compa secrets among themselves.

Kaze then narrowed his eyes.

“Hold on, did I say you three can leave?”

“Kaze Lee, who do you think you are? Must we get your permission to leave?” Randal and the other two looked at him with disdain.

Kaze said, “Since you three called yourselves veterans, you should know about the rules in business. Sign the NCA before you leave. Three of you must not enter into competition with another employer nor be involved in any activities of similar nature after leaving Quintessential for a year.”

“Yeah! Sign the NCA before you leave!” Darcy was surprised that Kaze knew such details. If not for him, she would have forgotten about it.

Chapter 60 Instil Confidence

“What? You fired us and still want us to sign the NCA?!” Randal, Luke, and Edward were infuriated.

They originally wanted to jump ship to their competitors.

With the company secrets they possessed, not only could they take revenge on Darcy, but they could also earn favors and seize more benefits for themselves.

If they signed the non-compete agreement, they would be bound by law and nothing they had in mind would materialize. "Don't want to sign?" Kaze narrowed his eyes dangerously.

"We are not signing! What are you gonna do about it?"

The three of them wanted to leave.

Darcy's expression turned bitter. She saw the hatred in their eyes and she knew they would definitely take revenge on the company.

Kaze pulled his phone out. "Arrest them!" As soon as his voice subsided, several police officers came into the Office.

"Randal Song, Luke Kang, Edward Canopy, the three of you are suspected of engaging in unlawful activities such as embezzlement of company funds and more. Please come with us to the station."

Randal, Luke, and Edward turned pale.

No matter how much noise they made or how hard they begged, the police officers hauled them away. "They just had to choose the hard way," Kaze said casually.

They refused his offer, so he had to do it the hard way

The other employees looked at Darcy with reverents.

"Gen back to work. This is over and none of you will be t responsible

Darcy went out of the office to calm everyone down.

The employees scattered back to their workstations.

Andy Fish and Trevor assumed their new positions right away.

“Kaze, you called the police on them? How did you know they were embezzling the company’s funds?”
Darcy asked as she looked at

Kaze.

Kaze smiled. “I mean, there’s a perfect example to take reference from. | saw how Samus and his father worked, so | believe his mem must be similar. | simply called the police and informed them.”

He had to thank Samus and Rudy for reminding him.

It was because the father and son threatened Darcy earlier in the meeting room that Kaze took notice and made the necessary preparations.

“What about Andy, Fish, and Tirewor? They said they came here because of me but | have a feeling that you were involved.” Darcy was skeptical.

Kaze originally planned to be frank with her, but when he saw her lack of confidence, he felt bad. The truth was the asked Ray to transfer the three of them over to help Darcy

She was a capable person but she had been given the cold shoulders by her extended family too many mess. This murder dampened her confidence, something which she needed desperately.

“Darcy

you should be more confident. They came for you and I just ran into them at the entrance,” Kaze said as he held her hand. He was trying to instill confidence in Darcy, training her into

and indomitable force that could overcome all problems. ”

As her husband, he was willing to support her from behind the scenes and protect her from harm’s way.

Meanwhile, at Rudy’s place, he and his family were waiting for news from the construction site.

“I heard Darcy went for a site visit after lunch. She started checking the accounts when she reached. I believe she’s being surrounded by Randal, Luke, and Edward now, trying to abdicate her,” Samus said with delight.

“She’s just one girl. How is she going to fight three men? She should know better,” Deborah said with a scoff. “I think she’s going back to Grandfather and begging him to settle the issue for her.”

“Grandfather won't help her. He will surely ask her to leave.” As soon as Rudy said that, his phone rang.

“Good news is ringing. Maybe I am needed back at the company.”

He happily answered the phone, but after a few seconds, his expression turned bitter. He sweated profusely. “Dad, what’s wrong?” Samus and Deborah went over to check on him.

Rudy waved his hand to signal that he did not need their help, but when they let go of him, his legs gave in and he collapsed on the chair.

He was trembling when he said, “Randal, Luke, and Edward were

unicolo for UITDOLLICHTICHE DE Company nuTTUO... “What?!”

Samus and Deborah were shocked.

Samus then laughed. "That woman is really digging her o

She got the three veterans arrested as soon as she became

bet the site workers are afraid of her now. | want to see how she's going to deal with this."

"Andy Lowder, Fish Lewis, and Trevor Peak from Perfect World Group just joined Quintessential and replaced the three of them." Rudy's words silenced Samus completely.