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Chapter 621

Thomas smiled politely. "I haven't visited in a long time after joining the army, so I had to come and visit you during my break, Old Mr. Jones."

Then he looked at everyone and asked, "I heard laughter outside. What were you talking about that made you so happy?"

Alistair pointed at Bryan, saying, "This brat is going to be an actor on a whim."

Thomas glanced at him dubiously before he turned to Vania. "Is he joining your crew?"

"Yes." Vania didn't deny it. "I think he has potential."

So they're already this close, Thomas thought. He said to Bryan, "In that case, you have to work hard. I'll be waiting for good news from you."

"Don't worry." Bryan patted his chest.

"This must be Hanson's kids, right?" Thomas turned his gaze to the group of children, feeling shocked. After all, hearing about them and seeing them in person was completely different.

Alistair praised, "They're really clever. They even beat me at chess, just like their mother."

Thomas turned his gaze to Vania. At this time, he was flabbergasted. He didn't expect her to be good enough to gain Alistair's recognition. If that was the case, it meant that she was absolutely extraordinary.

At the sight of them talking and laughing with each other, Thomas couldn't bring the topic of his sister up anymore.

After the gathering ended, Bryan and Liam saw them out.

Liam walked toward Thomas and patted him on the shoulder. "I know why you're here. You don't have to worry about Yvonne. I believe Vania would know what to do next."

Thomas gave him a shocked look. He didn't expect that Liam would be so trusting in Vania as well. "Liam, why are you so sure?"

"Instinct." Liam couldn't explain the reason either.

Thomas let out a huge sigh, apparently one of relief, before he thanked, "Thank you, Liam. I guess I can relax now."

Liam patted his shoulder again. "Come and look for me if you need anything."

"Thank you."

After Thomas went back to the Kepler Residence, Jasmine immediately interrogated him, "How was it? What did the Jones Family say?"

"I think that Liam has talked about it with Vania before. He told me not to worry."

Jasmine frowned, but seemingly relaxed a little. "Then, we can only wait."

"Yeah."

Chapter 622

"In our upcoming film, Lifetime, Bryan will be taking the role of the male lead." Vania moved aside so that Bryan could stand in the middle. "Come and introduce yourself to everyone."

Bryan waved at the camera. "Hello, everyone, I'm Bryan Jones. I hope to gain your full support."

As this was his first time attending an event like this, he was still a little bashful.

"Director Greyson, why did you change the lead actor all of a sudden? Did this new actor get in through a back-door deal?"

"Does the original male lead have anything to do with the stunt wire crash?"

"Is Bryan Jones a new actor? Why did you choose him, Director Greyson? Does he have any connections?"

It was the first time in the entertainment industry that the male lead was changed on the day of filming, and this topic instantly overtook Vania's crew's accident.

However, Vania remained indifferent in the face of the reporters' questions. "He fits the male lead's image the most, but I only found him a little late. There aren't any back-door deals in the entire filming process. This concludes today's press conference."

Saying that, Vania took Bryan to the film set.

On the way there, his words of admiration for her never stopped. "Vania, you were so bossy toward the reporters earlier. I have so much to learn from you."

"Vania, those reporters are too much. I can't believe they said I got in through connections."

"I will definitely make them take it back..."

As Bryan chattered incessantly, Vania thought that as long as he was there, she would never be bored.

When they entered the dressing room, Jennifer immediately ran over and clung onto Vania. "Good morning, sugar mama."

As her smile was bright and dazzling, anyone would instantly feel better upon seeing her smile.

Vania held her hand as she said, "Let me introduce you to your new partner, Bryan Jones."

"Bryan, this is Jennifer Watson, a famous award-winning actress."

It was the first time Bryan had seen a girl with such a sweet smile as well, and he scratched his head embarrassedly. "Hello, I'm a future award-winning actor, Bryan Jones."

Thinking that he was hilarious, Jennifer grinned. "Hello, I'm the current award-winning actress, Jennifer Watson."

Bryan instantly felt like he was being mocked, and he said with a pout, "Hmph, just wait until I become an award-winning actor."

Jennifer shrugged. "Okay."

He really was confident in himself.

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Vania knocked Bryan on the head. "Watch your manners when you talk to me whenever we're in the film set in the future. You have to rely on your own efforts to win awards, understand?"

He scratched his head with a grin. "Got it. I'm starving. Let's hurry up and go grab a bite."

"All right."

The three walked side by side, and when Hanson arrived, he saw Bryan and Jennifer clinging onto each of Vania's side as they talked and laughed. His expression darkened in an instant. This was exactly what he had envisioned. Subsequently, he coughed lightly, signaling to them that he had arrived.

As a familiar voice suddenly appeared in the happy atmosphere, Bryan and Jennifer immediately let go of Vania's arms, terrified.

"Uh, good to see you, President Luke."

"H-Hey there, Hanson."

Hanson ignored the two who were stealing his wife away from him and said to Vania, "Darling, I'm here to pick you up for lunch."

Hearing that, Vania trotted over and took his hand in hers. "All right."

Then, she turned toward Bryan and Jennifer. "Let's go together. Since we don't have much time, we'll eat something simple."

Bryan and Jennifer exchanged glances, feeling as if they were a third wheel.

However, they still nodded without realizing anything. "All right."

A warning glint appeared in Hanson's eyes, but it was useless, and the two walked beside Vania as if nothing had happened.

"Darling, wasn't this film supposed to end in four months?" Hanson recalled.

Vania nodded. "Yes, we were supposed to submit this film for the awards in six months."

Hanson let out a long sigh. It was fortunate that it would only last four months, and it would end in no time. "The company opened a new branch in Studio City, so I'll be here these days. I can accompany you."

Just then, Larry spoke up. "President Luke, when did we open a branch here? Why didn't I know about it?"

"Go and open one now," Hanson said through gritted teeth, yearning to toss his prattling assistant into outer space.

Larry covered his mouth, realizing that he had accidentally revealed the truth. "I'll get to it immediately."

"Hurry up." Hanson felt angry just from looking at him.

Holding in her laughter, Vania hurriedly comforted her husband, "Darling, I like being with you the most."

Then, she even kissed his cheek affectionately.

In an instant, Hanson's displeasure evaporated.

As he trailed behind Hanson, Bryan thought to himself, We can run companies like this now? Got it.

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"Who's a couple? We're definitely not," the two answered simultaneously.

How were they not when they already had so much chemistry?

Vania and Hanson exchanged a glance and decided to ignore the two, focusing on their meal instead.

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Meanwhile, in the police station, Yvonne was locked up in a small black room without even a window, and the entire room was blocked by a large iron door. The faint light seeping in through the hallway allowed her to identify where her fingers were. However, ever since she came here, no one had interrogated her, let alone targeted her, and she was left alone without anything happening. As a result, she couldn't tell what time it was or whether it was day or night. She didn't eat any of the food delivered by the police officer, and she just sat dazedly, not feeling a hint of regret.

"Yvonne Kepler, someone is here to see you." Just then, an officer's voice sounded.

In an instant, Yvonne excitedly clung onto the iron gate. Her first thought was that someone from the Kepler Family had come, but when she saw the visitor, she was surprised. It wasn't her family, but she had seen this person before.

"Why are you here?" Her tone was unpleasant, and her disappointment was clear as well.

"I'm here to visit you, of course." The man's tone was unfriendly, and he looked around at their surroundings as he spoke. "Tsk tsk, I never thought that the young lady of the Kepler Family would be reduced to such a state."

"What do you want to say?" Yvonne wasn't interested in his mockery.

"Miss Kepler, do you want to consider working together with me?"

This man was Eddie. When he saw the news of Vania's argument with Yvonne, he immediately went to Yvonne with the intention of bringing her to his side then, but he didn't expect her to refuse him without any hesitation. However, Yvonne still didn't respond to him now.

Seeing the hesitation on her face, Eddie said, "Don't you want revenge, Miss Kepler? As long as we join hands, we can definitely beat Vania and Hanson. Once it's over, Hanson will return to you and Vania will return to me. What do you think?"

"With your abilities?" Yvonne looked disdainful as she said sarcastically, "You're just another man who lost to Hanson. Why should I believe that you'll win?"

Eddie's expression immediately darkened, but he did not lose his temper in front of her. "From the looks of the current situation, I think us working together is the best choice."

He had planned everything five years ago, but he had never expected it to be ruined by that woman, Vania. Furthermore, not only did that idiot, Melanie, not help him, but she also destroyed his plan and made things more difficult. Fortunately, Yvonne appeared, and this accident gave him a new plan.

Chapter 625

Yvonne scoffed. How could he, an illegitimate son, do something that the Kepler Family couldn't do? "Stop wasting your time here. I don't want to talk to you anymore."

Saying that, she turned and left Eddie.

Watching her silhouette, he said firmly, "I believe that you'll work with me one day."

"Your visiting time is up." The officer called out to Eddie.

Hence, he could only leave, but not before tossing a final word behind. "I'll be waiting for you anytime."

Yvonne sneered as she listened to the gradually fading footsteps. This place was full of Hanson's spies, but he still dared to rush over and try to convince her? How could such an idiot beat Hanson?

That night, Thomas reappeared in Vania's filming site again. As he went early, the filming was not over yet. With a cap over his head, he stood among an inconspicuous crowd and watched them filming.

Vania constantly gave instructions to the actors, and sometimes even went up to demonstrate personally. Her expression and movements were very serious, causing Thomas to space out a little as he watched her. Women really were the most attractive when they were serious.

After Vania finished directing the scene, Thomas immediately stepped forward to block her way.

Vania was not too surprised to see him, but she didn't expect him to be so persistent. "Are you here for your sister?"

As expected, nothing could get in between two siblings.

Thomas didn't deny her words. After all, if he said he was here to visit, Vania wouldn't believe him either. "Yes."

"Actually, you knew about your sister's plans a long time ago. If you were able to advise her back then, she wouldn't be in so much trouble now." Vania's tone was nostalgic as she continued, "Also, I'll never forget what your parents did."

Thomas already knew about his parents besieging Vania, and he thought that it was a tasteless move as

well.

He smiled bitterly. "It's too late to regret now." Then, he hesitated as he looked at Vania with a troubled expression, not knowing what to say.

Aware of what he wanted to ask, Vania said, "If it were you, what would you do?"

She really hadn't come up with a complete plan yet.

Thomas fell silent for a moment before saying, "I'm sorry."

However, his apology was useless.

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This made Thomas even more determined to stay behind and spend more time with them.

"I understand. Let's have dinner together," he invited, thinking that if Bryan agreed, Vania would definitely not refuse.

As expected, Bryan agreed as he liked to spend time with his friends. "Sure." Then, he looked behind him. "Wait a moment, I'll invite the award-winning actress too."

Although he always bickered with Jennifer, after spending a day with her, he quite liked this girl who was always smiling. He hurriedly ran to her side and dragged her over.

"What are you doing? Why are you touching me?" Jennifer swatted at his hands. "Don't you know men and women have to keep their distance?"

"How old-fashioned." Bryan pouted.

Vania looked at Thomas. "You won't mind if one more person joins, right?"

"Why would I?" After all, the more the merrier, and the less awkward the atmosphere would be.

Jennifer stood next to Vania. "Sugar mama, where are we going?"

She had taken a liking to this nickname.

"We're going for dinner." Vania looked at Jennifer. "Let me introduce you two. This is the young master of the Kepler Family, Thomas Kepler."

Yvonne's older brother? Jennifer understood what their relationship meant, and didn't have much of a good impression of him. She replied indifferently, "Hello, I'm Jennifer Watson."

"Nice to meet you." Though he could sense her animosity, Thomas was not angry.

"Come on, let's go." Bryan tapped Jennifer's small head.

She immediately hit him back. "If you touch me again, I'll bash your head in."

As she spoke, she curled her hands into fists, but she kicked Bryan vigorously at the same time, diverting his attention.

"Ouch!" Bryan yelped, gritting his teeth in pain. "Why are you so violent?"

To be frank, Jennifer didn't put in too much strength either, and Bryan was simply acting.

"If you dare to touch me again, you better watch out for a kick to your crotch," Jennifer deliberately threatened him.

Bryan immediately dodged her. "You're something else. Fine, I'll stop." This person has violent tendencies!

"Hmph." Jennifer wrapped her arm around Vania's, ignoring Bryan's tomfoolery.

"You're never getting a boyfriend if you're so violent." Saying that, Bryan hurriedly walked ahead of her.

Jennifer pointed her fist at the back of his head. "The queue for my suitors has already reached all the way to outer space."

Chapter 627

As the media wrote whatever the netizens seemed most hyped about, multiple headlines spawned from the pictures. However, Vania's fans wouldn't take this lying down, so they immediately refuted the unscrupulous reporters online.

'So we're calling 8:00 PM as late at night now?'

'With how far apart they are, how is there any physical contact between them? What back-door deal are you talking about?'

'Didn't you see Jennifer Watson standing beside them?'

'Clicking into this article only shows me a picture and a bunch of made-up stories. Where's the follow-up?'

'Looks like you're bold enough to write whatever you like just for the clicks. Aren't you afraid President

Luke would come after you?'

The afternoon international meeting Hanson had lasted until eight at night.

"Meeting adjourned."

As soon as Hanson adjourned the meeting, Larry came over and reported to him with a phone in his hand. "President Luke, Eddie had gone to the police station in hopes of Yvonne's cooperation. However, she had refused."

"Seems like he doesn't know when to stop." Evidently, Eddie amounted to nothing to Hanson. Then, Hanson sneered, "Where is he now?"

"He noticed we were tailing him and immediately gave our men the slip..." Larry's voice slowly trailed off, as he knew that the president would be angry.

As expected, Hanson's tone grew colder as he said, "If not because of how sloppy our men have become, someone like Eddie wouldn't be able to give our men the slip. Since they can't even do something as simple as this, perhaps it's time to have them go through training once more."

Larry nodded repeatedly. "I have already arranged for additional training for them." In order to appease the president's inevitable anger, he already made the arrangements upon getting the news about Eddie. As he observed Hanson's expression, he then said cautiously, "Half an hour ago, Young Master Thomas met with Mrs. Luke's production crew. Right now, they're having a meal together."

Hanson reacted exactly as Larry expected once more, as the former's expression immediately sank. "What's he doing there?" He couldn't fathom the reason for Thomas' appearance.

Afraid of giving out a wild guess, Larry said, "Perhaps it's about Yvonne?"

After a brief moment of silence, Hanson said, "How are things going with the branch office?" Although he was a man, he was a sensitive person.

Larry nodded. "The branch office in Studio City started its operation just this afternoon."

This was probably the fastest Luke Corporation had ever established a subsidiary company, albeit the most reckless. Then again, this was a major event that would influence the happiness of Hanson and Vania, so no one wanted to be responsible for ruining that.

Hanson threw a set of keys to Larry. "We're heading to the restaurant they're in, right now."

Chapter 628

While calling for Hanson, Bryan then said to Jennifer, "Come sit beside me. Let Hanson sit beside Vania."

Jennifer's mouth twitched. Why must I sit beside you? However, after seeing Hanson's cold expression, she silently moved to sit beside Bryan, albeit far away from him, as though she had a grudge against him.

As Hanson took a seat next to Vania, his mood immediately became better.

Vania knew Hanson had an important meeting tonight, so she'd thought he would arrive a little later. Hence, she was all smiles when he came so soon. "Why are you sweating so much? Did you run here?"

Because you were smiling at some other man, Hanson thought, but said otherwise. "The weather's a little hot today."

Larry shivered a little, his shoulders trembling, upon hearing Hanson's words as he saw just how natural Hanson was in lying through his teeth. The atmosphere back in the car was as cold as a winter's night even when the heater was on, though, he thought to himself. Alas, he knew he must never voice such an opinion lest his president came after him.

As Hanson had been staring at Thomas, the latter started to feel awkward, as though he was caught looking at something someone else fancied.

Then, Hanson deliberately asked, "Why are you here?" He wrapped his arm around Vania, as though he was declaring his place by her side.

Smiling stiffly, Thomas replied, "I came to ask Vania if she was done thinking things over. Since it was dinner time as well, I invited everyone to have a meal together."

"She'd naturally find you if she's done thinking about it. You needn't come rushing to her like this. Haven't you seen the news online? It's bad publicity for you." Although Hanson's expression was relaxed, one could hear the jealousy laced in his tone.

All at once, Thomas' expression grew stiffer.

Vania, however, immediately took her phone out and searched online to find her name trending. Late-night mystery man? The media is getting bolder these days, she thought. Then, she leaned on Hanson's shoulder and, like a spoiled child asking her parents for a treat, said, "It's all fake news by these unsavory media. Darling, please deal with this mess."

"It's already taken care of." Since Hanson did not even want to see a word of the articles, he had pulled out the big guns to deal with them. That included bankrupting certain companies, and making certain things disappear. The bottom line was none of them could stay.

Satisfied with her husband's approach, Vania casually kissed Hanson on his cheek. "My darling is the best."

Hanson was the weakest when his wife was like this. His body immediately tensed as he stared straight into Vania's eyes with the wish of wanting to do more.

However, Bryan cleared his throat to interrupt the two lovebirds. "Please spare us. We won't be able to have our meal if you two continue this."

Chapter 629

The statement had clearly written that the company would take legal action against all those who had slandered Vania. As the legal department of Luke Corporation was the world's number one, no one would be willing to go against them in court. The media outlets that had posted about Vania then discreetly removed all articles online about her.

Right now, Hanson flashed a smile laced with hints of warning at Thomas. The latter understood what the former's smile meant, so he lowered his head and stayed silent, as though he was apologizing to Hanson for his impulsiveness today. Noticing Thomas' action, Hanson snorted at how Thomas fell at the slightest push. Then, he took his phone out and tweeted the following: 'Luke Corporation has established a branch office in Studio City.'

Originally, the company already had a branch office nearby. However, Hanson established another branch office here in Studio City for the sake of being closer to his wife. Seeing Hanson's tweet, the netizens began their teasing comments.

'I will never be able to learn how to love like him.'

'Establishing a company just because of his wife. President Luke is indeed built differently. How are we common men going to compete with him?'

'Everyone is envious of Vania, yet no one is envious of President Luke? Am I the only one that thinks Vania is the bigger catch here?'

With this one comment, the thought suddenly dawned on these netizens, as their target of envy changed to Hanson.

'Can someone give me such a talented wife?'

'First, you'll have to be as good as President Luke. Only then can you have such a goddess as your wife.'

'Looks like I'm envious of the two of them, after all.'

Thus, Vania and Hanson became the object of the netizens' envy once more.

Back at the restaurant, everyone had finished with their meal. As Hanson did not wish to stay a minute longer, he immediately said, "We should wrap this up now, so we can all get some rest tonight." It

sounded like he was offering them words of concern, but he actually had the ulterior motive of wanting to be alone with Vania.

"Alright," said Bryan, who had been particularly in a good mood. Since the cast was living in the same hotel, he looked toward Jennifer beside him and said, "Come, let's make our leave."

Looking at Vania who was in Hanson's arm, Jennifer could only nod in reluctance. "Fine."

Since Jennifer didn't talk back to him this time, Bryan's mood became even better as he made his leave together with her.

No longer having a reason to stay, Thomas then said, "I'll also take my leave here. Vania, please come to me first thing when you're done with thinking about it."

"Alright." Vania agreed before she took her man's arm. "Shall we go back now?" She had deliberately shifted her tone when she talked to Hanson here, as she knew she had to cheer her jealous husband up a little.

However, Hanson saw through Vania and intentionally acted arrogantly. "I'll go along with whatever you want."

For a man who can't speak his thoughts, you're acting quite arrogant here. She complained in her thoughts.

Chapter 630

Hanson then acted as the president he was and looked at Vania frivolously. "You're quite the looker. Come in and serve me during my bath."

Ugh, serve him? Does he think he's some emperor in the olden days?

Noticing Vania rolling her eyes, Hanson raised the pitch of his voice. "Reluctant? Then forget it."

"No." Vania immediately held onto Hanson, who was already going to the bathroom. "I was just trying to remember the relevant technique. I'm good to go now." She knew that she would be the one to suffer if Hanson continued to be jealous.

"Did you have to roll your eyes so far back into your head to do that?" Hanson chuckled as he exposed Vania's lie.

"Er..." Vania hesitated for a while before she continued shamelessly, "Yes. This is just how I do it."

Why can't this mean man of a husband just stay silent even if he did see through me?

"In that case, let me have a taste of how you do things." Hanson then entered the bathroom and gestured for Vania to follow him.

Although Vania felt as though she was a moth about to fly into the flames right now, she still did it, anyway. Tonight, she had not managed to show Hanson the way she did things, but rather she was shown the way Hanson did things.

In the end, everything could be expressed in that sigh of relief Vania heaved.

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The next day early in the morning, the tired Vania called Thomas.

"Vania?" Thomas was surprised to have received a call from her so early in the morning.

"I've figured it out. Let's meet in the restaurant last night."

"Alright, okay. I'll go there right now." Thomas was unable to contain his excitement, albeit clueless about why he was feeling this way. Was it because he would be meeting up with Vania, or was it because his sister would be out of prison soon?

"Sure." Vania ended the call calmly.

Noticing Thomas was in a hurry to leave the house, Jasmine immediately asked, "What happened? Did something happen to your sister?" It had only been a few days, but she was already worried sick about Yvonne.

Thomas smiled. "Mom, Vania seems to have thought of a way to spare Yvonne. I'm going to see her now."

"Alright, hurry to your meeting with her." Jasmine was slightly agitated as well at the thought of Vania finally willing to spare Yvonne. Her eyes were following Thomas closely as he left the house. Even after Thomas' car was no longer in sight, she was still reluctant to return to her room as she wished for him to quickly return. This way, Yvonne would be able to come home soon as well.