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Chapter 511: Gullible

Gabi's voice sounded broken and sad. However, her face was telling the opposite thing. She was actually smirking. Since she had her head lowered, Alfons didn't see her reaction.

"Heath problems?" Alfons asked her. She immediately nodded.

"I heard that grandfather is having health problems this year." A loud sigh escaped her lips. "As much as I want to get closer to grandfather, I can't really work for him. After all, I lacked the confidence and background to do so."

"Little sister"

It was starting. She smiled inwardly as she met Alfons eyes. Truth be told, Alfons really looked gentle. His smile looked warm and comforting. He could easily win some acting awards if he tries to act. "I believe your grandfather just wanted to spend time with you," Alfons added.

"Ah? What do you mean?"

"Now that he is sick, I believe he wanted to spend more time with you. After all, you are his only granddaughter."

"That Do you really think so?"

"Of course! Why don't we do this? I will accompany you so you could apologize to your grandfather. Then you tell him that you are willing to work for his company."

"But " She showed him a troubled face. Just as she expected, this greedy man would never decline an opportunity to use her. "But how could I work under him when"

"Sister, why don't you lack confidence in your skills? You are a smart woman. You graduated top of your class. You were raised to become the heiress of the Ren Family."

Her mouth twitched when she heard his words. Earlier, she intentionally gave him some big news that could fluster him and make him unable to think thoroughly. Right now, all this man wanted was to get close to her grandfather.

"But I "

"You should have more confidence. Hmmm. Since it's like this. I have decided I should accompany you to see your grandfather for some moral support. After all, I am always here for you."

Gabi fought the urge to laugh out loud. The fish has taken her bait! Now, she had reasons to work under her grandfather without any suspicions. Moreover, Alfons would never stop her from managing the lawyers now as she could easily use 'building her confidence as an excuse. And most importantly, a new sinister plan should have sprouted in Alfons' mind now that he knew that the old man was sick.

Gabi couldn't help but wonder when would Alfons approach the people from the Sealey family and helped them schemed against the Ren Family. Now that he had false information about her grandfather's sickness, Alfons would want to take advantage of this opportunity to take the Ren Family from her.

Ah, this man his greed knows no bounds.

Ultimately, his greed would become his downfall.

"But brother, I am scared of grandfather. What if what "

"Let me handle this for you. I will ask the old man not to let you work a taxing job, after all, you still have a weak body. If you want since I am about to graduate, I can also help you work under your grandfather."

"That I know that brother was just thinking about me, but I don't think that would be possible."

"Why?"

She lowered her head and bit her lips.

"Why? Did your grandfather say something?"

"Well I really don't want to talk about it. Brother."

"Gabi?"

"Sorry, but I don't think it's appropriate for me to talk about it." Gabi stood and walked towards the door. "I am getting tired I will sleep first."

Without waiting for him to say anything, Gabi walked out of the room with a smirk on her face. She purposely baited him and make him curious. Right now, Alfons must be wondering if her grandfather knew about his real background.

"Gabi"

"Brother?" she glanced at the man who followed her out. She was already walking towards her room.

"You are still weak. You should not work too hard. You need to call me once you are about to see your grandfather so I can act as your support."

"But brother is really busy. How could I let you accompany me in doing things like this?" she gave him a sad smile. "As much as I would want brother to be with me, I am not that shameless to act as a weak damsel again. I am not a burden."

"Gabi, just who told you this nonsense?"

Again, she didn't answer him. "Don't worry, brother. I will definitely make you proud."

"Eh? What are you "

"Now that I thought about it, I realized that the reason why you wanted me to work for the company is that you wanted me to become closer to my grandfather." She stopped in front of her door and lifted her head to met his confused eyes. "You even said that you would accompany me and support

me. This only shows that you really cared for me. Because of that, I have become more determined to make myself stronger. I will gain confidence. I will become someone that you will be proud of."

With that, she gave him a quick hug before she said, "I will rest now, brother. Thank you so much for your care. I will definitely pay you back soon."

Then she went inside her room and closed the door behind her.

Meanwhile, Alfons stood in front of the door in a daze. What was that? What just happened?

He stared at the now-closed door in a daze. Earlier, he was so confident of his success. What the hell happened just now?

He raised his hand; he wanted to knock on the door but paused midway when he realized something. Why does it feel like Gabi changed? No. How could it be? Isn't she the same gullible woman that he knew?

He could easily manipulate her into doing his bidding.

But this was not the first time that she did something like this. It was as if, she was purposely creating drama to avoid him!

He gritted his teeth and turned around.

Impossible. No. Gabi would never change overnight. This should be because of their father's death!

Chapter 512: Louise Knight

"Miss, these are the things that you need. We have a total of eight people who showed up for the interview including the two people that the young master recommended this time. Also, this is the third time this week that the young master sent you some delicacies from the capital. I'm not sure how to handle them?"

"Let the applicants eat it," she answered. Despite all of her dramatics, Alfons didn't stop bothering her. Now, he is resorting to sending her delicacies and other gifts that are supposed to make her healthier.

"Alright." Mr. Jonathan nodded. "Then shall I call the first applicant?"

"Call the ones that my brother recommended first. I want to talk to them."

"Miss?"

"You heard me. I want to know why he recommended me these people."

"Understood then I shall lead them to the "

"Patio. I want to have my tea while talking to them and please give me some strawberry cookies."

"Understood."

After the butler left, she immediately went to the patio to wait for the first applicant. Right now, she was actually curious why Alfons would recommend a few people that she knew from the past.

"Miss Sutton good morning."

The first one who arrived was a gentleman wearing a dark brown suit. He bowed at her before giving her a bow. "My name is Louise Knight. Twenty-five this year." He smiled at her, his blue eyes met hers.

"You are friends with my brother?" She eyed the man's tall stature. That's right, Louise has always been good-looking. Broad shoulders, six-foot, and hit body. He could easily become a model if he wanted to.

"I am his senior. We were friends since he used to play basketball at the university too. I graduated two years ago. Despite this, I occasionally play with Alfons when I have free time."

"And you wanted to become my assistant?" Louise Knight. How could she forget this name? In her previous life, he worked as her driver. Back then, he didn't have any qualifications such as these. All he knew was that he was her bodyguard, assigned by her very own brother who loved and cared for her.

Over time, Louise became one of her trusted subordinates. She used to call him Ese and think that she was so lucky to have a handsome driver that would die to protect her and Luca. And yes, she had trusted the man with her life. But in the end he ultimately betrayed her. Humans and their greedy hearts.

It was human nature. She was just unlucky to have met someone like that.

In this timeline, she thought that she would not get close to this man again. After all, she was planning to decline Alfons' offer of a bodyguard in the near future.

So, why is he here now?

Does this mean that her previous assumption about Alfons having his own secret group even before he graduated was true too? If that is the case, then she needed to make some changes to her original plans.

She actually thought that Alfons would only develop his network after graduating college. It turns out, she was wrong. But how? It must be because of her father.

Right.

There is no way that the dumb Alfons would be able to plan all this.

Or perhaps, she had underestimated him again?

She gritted her teeth as she thought of her latest actions. The acting was actually such a good choice this time.

"Yes, I was able to come to the university because of scholarships. After I graduated, I thought of working for a good company but it turns out that the world is cruel and brute. Most people would value someone's family before they even check their resume."

That is true. Why would those rich families employ someone from an unknown origin when they could train their own people, someone that would die for them?

"How many languages do you know?" she asked.

"Two."

"Sorry but my qualification this time is five languages. I need someone who could read and write at least five different languages."

She looked at the man's dumbstruck expression. Did he expect that his handsome feature would make her agree? Seeing the smile on his face stiffened, she added, "Plus you are not that good with math. I wanted someone smarter than me. At least, I don't have to explain everything and spoon-fed them with information. I'm sorry Mr. Knight but I don't think you have the qualifications to be my secretary."

There you go. The crack that she was waiting for.

She watched as the man's face changed. "But Miss"

"Yes?" She smiled at him. Looking at that face now, she actually thought that he wasn't as good-looking as she thought before. He definitely has good features but his face is not symmetrical and his left eye was a bit smaller than the right. Eh? What was she thinking? "Ah yes you are someone recommended by my brother. Hmmm what should I do. I don't want to make my brother worry. I am sure he did this because he wanted you to report everything to him, right?"

"Ah?"

"Oh!" She covered her mouth with her handkerchief. "Pardon my bold words. I was just speaking my mind. What I was trying to say is that I would not hire you as my secretary. But how about one of my staff?"

"Staff?"

"Yes. Didn't my brother tell you? I am going to work in Ren Aesthetics."

"So you are going to accept me as one of your staff?"

"Of course! I trust my brother. Since he recommended you, then you must be someone with outstanding abilities."

His face turned brighter. Amused, she smiled in return.

"Thank you, miss! I am so glad! Thank you so much for accepting me."

"No need. In fact I am the one that should thank you for giving me this opportunity to pay my brother back."

"Pay him back?"

"I mean I didn't want to become a burden anymore. So I decided to start paying my brother back for all the things that he did to me in the past. Of course, treating his friends well is just one of these payments."

Chapter 513: Lyle Quigly

"Are you really going to hire that man?" Butler Jonathan had a worried look on his face. "Miss no offense, but he looked like a gigolo."

"Are you worried that I might fall for him?" she asked, after letting out a soft giggle.

"That "

"No need to worry, Spencer. I already love someone else." Her heart already belonged to her son. Even if she wanted to give it to someone else in this lifetime, she no longer have the heart to give to anyone else. She glanced at the garden view. The air from the patio was warm. It perfectly contrasted with the iced tea that she was drinking.

Memories of her son running around the garden filled her mind. Sadly, she wouldn't be able to see Luca in this lifetime again. In the past, she didn't find out who Luca's father was. What would happen if she met Luca's father in this lifetime? Should she sleep with him again to have Luca?

Is that even possible?

The thought of Luca once again reminded her of Lyca Shen. Luca and Lyca's hair was white. Even their faces looked a bit the same. If the two would stand next to each other, people would immediately mistake them as mother and son. Sadly, she couldn't find anything about Lyca.

And honestly, she thought she was too weak to even attempt to find out anything about her.

Shen Group is one of the richest companies in the world. If her guess was right, they were at least one of the top ten companies in the whole world. They are so influential, yet no one really knows anything about them. All they know was the fact that Lyca Shen was the matriarch and her husband, Mr. Shen, was the one running the company.

She wasn't even sure if they were still living in Xu Country.

"Ah, Miss, shall I send the second one now?"

"Yes, please." Gabi smiled. It seems that she had forgotten about the interview today.

Not long after, a woman who looked like she was Gabi's age walked towards her. Just one look at the woman and anyone could immediately tell that she came from a rich family. From the expensive dress that she was wearing to the luxury bag that hanged on her shoulder and the heels that clicked clacked against the tiled floor, everything about her screamed money. While Gabi was wearing a white dress, the woman who walked in was wearing a bright red one that looked like fiery flames.

Seeing the woman sat across her without even greeting her, Gabi couldn't help but smile. "Why would my brother's admirer apply as my secretary?" she asked, her voice was sweet and soft.

Without saying anything, the woman reached out and grabbed one of her cookies. Sadly for her, Gabi was fast enough to pull the plate of cookies towards her. "Miss Lyle Quigly. It seems that you didn't hear my question."

"Hmph! Why are you even acting like a boss now? Let me tell you this act and cold gaze don't suit you at all."

Oh? Gabi has met Miss Quigly in the past timeline. However, this should be the first time that they talked like this. Usually, they would just greet each other as Lyle would love to follow Alfons

around. Lyle would never talk to her or even spare her any glance. Alfons said nothing about that treatment, either.

Seeing that Lyle was about to grab her plate, Gabi unceremoniously put the plate in her lap. This is her cookies and one of her favorites at that. It was indeed childish, but it's food! She knew people in the past that would kill for a lesser reason!

"What? You can't even give me some cookies? I didn't know that the Sutton household is actually like this. They can't even treat their guest well."

Gabi snorted. "Miss Quigly, we always treat our guests well. Sadly, you are not a guest. You are here for an interview."

"What interview!? I am here to get close to brother Alfons!"

"Ah." So she is just another easily manipulated foolish girl. "Since Alfons is not here, then you may leave."

"What?"

"You might not know this, Miss Quigly, but this is my house, not my brother's. You can't find him here." While saying this, Gabi didn't remove the smile on her face. Like an elegant noblewoman, she showed a kind expression.

"I want to be your secretary. I want to closely work with Alfons."

"Miss Quigly, if I may be honest with you." She paused for a few seconds to drink her tea. Then she plastered that polite smile on her face again before she spoke. "You are not qualified to become my secretary."

"Of course I am not qualified. Why would someone like me, who is from the rich Quigly family, work for someone like you? I am not doing this for you. I am doing this for brother Alfons! So quit the act. I know that you only did this to make it look like you are not a burden anymore. But what do you even know?"

"Miss Quigly must have forgotten something."

"Forgotten what?"

"We are born the same year."

"And?"

"We have the same age."

"What does it have to do with anything?" she asked.

"Graduated when I was nineteen and my grades were definitely higher than yours. I can't have someone slow work under me. You won't be able to catch up."

"You Are you insulting me?"

"No. I am just concern, Miss Quigly. I don't want you to over-exhaust your brain."

The woman narrowed her eyes before she slammed her hand against the iron table. As expected, her face morphed into an ugly scowl from the pain. "How dare you!?" She marched towards Gabi's way.

"If you hurt me now" Gabi said without looking at Lyle. "My brother will not forgive you."

"You You Do you really think you are that special? Without your father, you are nothing! A weakling! Everyone knows that! And you actually dared to insult me? Wait until my grandfather hears this!"

"Pfft"

"Why are you laughing?"

"No wonder my brother never liked you."

"You "

"You can leave now, Miss Quigly. Please tell your grandfather to schedule a meeting if he wanted to meet me."

Chapter 514: Harry Sealey

Gabi lazily sat on the chair until her back ached. It had been a tiresome day. The interviews didn't go as well as she expected, but at least she actually found someone who knows four different languages. That would do.

It seems that she actually set her requirements a little higher than what was normally required in some companies. The thing, she needed someone really capable to help her out.

After her dinner, Gabi started finalizing some tasks for her secretary before she slept.

On the next day, her new secretary, Kasper Lotterman started working inside the mansion.

"Work starts at nine in the morning, but I want you to be here before that. Bring me my coffee and cupcakes I want it on the go. In case, I get hungry while on the road. You will be staying in one of the two-bedroom guest houses surrounding the mansion. Spencer will take you there soon. You will have your own entrance and just as you signed in the contract, you will have transportation, clothing, and vacation allowances. You will have to be on call and should be ready to work anytime." This was another reason why she had been very picky for this position. Someone with a family wouldn't be able to work under her, as she was planning to have her secretary to call.

"On top of this, you will be given hospitalization and death insurance. You should already know this since everything is included in the contract. However, I want to emphasize something." Gabi leaned against her chair. She observed the lanky man who was staring at her intently.

To her surprise, the man didn't avoid her gaze.

"I don't tolerate betrayal," Gabi uttered. "I really cannot handle betrayal well." Her face turned cold. "I don't know if I could spare anyone who would betray me."

As expected, surprised flashed in the man's face. She continued, "I am telling you this because you still haven't moved to the guest house. You still have a chance to say no and back out now."

"I understand." Kasper nodded at her words. "I will move at the end of the day."

"Good." At least this man isn't a coward.

"But before anything else, I want to know something."

"What is that?" she asked.

"I don't like women. Does that offend you?"

"Do you like men?" she asked. At least he was frank and honest about his sexuality. This is something that she liked.

"Yes. Is that going to be a problem shortly?"

Gabi shook her head. "Your sex life had nothing to do with me." She completely understood why Kasper would ask such a thing. Most people here only accept men and women. Nothing in between.

"Thank you. I wouldn't want my employer to kick me out again because of my preference."

So someone kicked him out before. Gabi chose to ignore that sentence and handed him another folder and phone. "Work phone and my schedule for the entire month. From now on, you will take care of that."

"This is "

"Ah yes. My diet. I included what I wanted to eat in case I need you to book something or order something. I am watching my diet as I wanted to get healthier, so I don't want to eat too much junk and have more veggies and fruits." The file that Kasper was holding also includes all of her preferences. From the color of her clothing to brands of her bags and even jewelry and shoes. She did this because she didn't want to tell him her preferences every time he would ask him to buy something.

This time, Gabi was very thorough about everything.

"Understood."

"Alright first thing is the upcoming dinner appointment with the Ren Family."

"Alright, I will schedule Val Tailors for the dress."

"You are a fast learner." And a fast reader too.

"Thank you very much for the compliment."

"Alright please let me prepare for our appointment today. Prepare the car. We are going to Ren Aesthetics."

"Understood."

Gabi smiled while watching her new assistant leave. Today, she was scheduled to meet with Earl Ren, the current heir apparent of Ren Aesthetics. This man was a distant relative and had been working under her grandfather since he graduated. From the information that she has from her past life, Earl was a brilliant child. However, he can be a bit soft-hearted.

Though Earl stayed in the company despite knowing that it was about to go down, Gabi knew that Earl could be one of the reasons why the company became unstable. It was because the man was too trusting.

Smart but naive as they say.

When Alfons started getting close to the Ren Family, his first target was Earl, and the naive Earl immediately became Alfons' close friend. When their grandfather told Alfons that he would never like him, Earl tried to protect Alfons and got into an argument with her grandfather. Of course, Earl wasn't able to convince the old man to trust Alfons.

Still, Earl continued to see Alfons and even attended a few events with Alfons and Gabi's ex-husband in the past life.

This time, Gabi will help Earl become a bit stronger. She needed him to manage Ren Aesthetics and keep it safe from Alfons. But first, she needed to meet him.

Ah, when was the last time that she met that man?

She couldn't remember!

After choosing a refreshing blue sundress, Gabi left her office with a delicate smile on her face. However, the smile on her face immediately vanished when she saw Alfons walking towards her.

This time, he wasn't alone.

He was with Mr. Sealey, her ex-husband, in the previous timeline. Together with him was Mr. Knight, the man who applied to become his secretary but was hired to become a staff instead.

"Brother what are you doing here?"

This man is he going to stop bothering her?

"Sister, am I disturbing you?"

Yes, he was. But instead of telling the truth, she gave Alfons a gentle smile. "Of course not."

"I am here to invite you for a dinner with my close friends. I'm sure you already met Louise Knight, he is a senior. He told me you hired him, so I thought we should celebrate. Ah, also this is another friend. The second son of the Sealey family. Harry, Harry Sealey."

Chapter 515: Diamond Card

"Miss, Mr. Aden told us that you would visit today!"

The man who welcomed her had the same features as the previous manager who welcomed her before. However, this one looked a bit taller and leaner. "What's your name?" Gabi asked as she wondered if this was the same person who entertained her before.

She recalled how nervous that man looked around her. This time, this man looked confident.

"Ah, forgive me for not introducing myself. I am called Sari."

"Sari? Just Sari?"

"Yes, Just Sari."

"You are not that manager, right?"

"Ah, that is my twin brother, Tureis."

"Your names"

"We are not originally from Du Empire."

"I understand," Gabi smiled. She chose not to ask any more questions and just let the man guide her towards a private viewing room.

"You can choose all high-end pieces of jewelry here. We also offer the best teas inside and outside of Du Empire. The room is soundproof. We can assure the top quality security. In case someone happens, each room has its own fire exit that would lead you to an exit far away from this place. An expert jeweler will talk to you soon."

"Good." Gabi nodded. Indeed, the room in front of her looked luxurious and somehow relaxing. Its lighting isn't hurtful to the eyes, as well as the simple yet elegant muted, paneled walls.

"What tea would you prefer? May I suggest that you have our famous tea from Xu Country?" Sari smiled at her.

"Absolutely. Thank you very much."

She watched as the man named Sari signaled some maids to bring a service trolley with a complete tea set. The fragrant tea immediately wafted into the room. The service is indeed good. "Mr. Sari, a woman, will arrive in a few minutes. Please take her here."

"Understood. Is there anything else I can assist you with?"

"Nothing. Thank you."

"Well then, please accept this diamond card for our VVIP clients. This means that you will be invited to private parties that our company held every now and then."

"Thank you." Gabi smiled as she eyed the card. She heard about these parties before as Alfons wanted her to attend one of these in her past life. However, she didn't have this card. Meaning, she never received an invitation. Alfons told her that these parties were not only held in secret, but no one but the people who were invited knows its location.

These events were not just simple parties. Sometimes, it is actually an auction event where expensive paintings and other items are sold.

"However, I don't think I qualify for this card," Gabi said. She was smart enough to know that they were testing her. After all, her motives until now are still unclear. Archy must be trying to see if she just wanted to infiltrate his company to get close to him. Gabi understood that people like Archy would never trust anyone easily. "I don't remember buying any expensive jewelry or anything from the store. This treatment is enough for me. In the future, when I spend enough to qualify for the card, then I will gladly accept it."

"My" Sari's eyes widened as he covered his mouth. "Are you aware that you are the first person who declined such an opportunity?"

Gabi snickered. For some reason, she could feel Sari's suspicions just from his reaction. The man was expecting her to accept the card. Then what's next? She originally approached this company for longer benefits. "The card is of no value to me, Mr. Sari. I know that you are aware how the daughter of the prime minister never attended events before." Her reasoning was valid. Everyone knew that she had a sickly body.

What would they think if she suddenly showed up at a party just after her father's death? Surely, they would suspect her real goal.

"That " Sari's gray eyes met hers. "Unexpected but reasonable." He withdrew his hand and smiled at her. "I am looking forward to the day when Miss Sutton is ready to accept the card."

She only responded with a smile. She was not in a hurry to prove her worth to Archy. Gabi originally approached them for a partnership. Of course, she needed to let that man see that she wasn't just some pretty face who found some random secrets in her father's diary.

"Thank you," she accepted the tea that Sari poured for her. Judging from this man's treatment, Gabi was able to conclude two things. First, they must have already confirmed that there was indeed a fake in the Sealey family and second, they are wondering how her father knew this. In the public's eyes, the Sealey family isn't really that relevant.

So why would the prime minister know their secret?

It's either someone else told Gabi about it or her father knew some secrets that might also involve the royal family.

Right now, Gabi doesn't know what that secret was. However, she recalled Alfons looking into the Sealey Family and the Royal Family at the same time in the past life. He must have found out something about this family and that might be one of the reasons why he collaborated with them in destroying her Ren Family.

After a few minutes, Sari finally left her and her secretary alone.

"Mr. Lotterman, what do you think of this place?"

"Elegant and private."

"Hmmm." Gabi nodded. "Did Nonim send confirmation about that woman leaving the mansion?"

"Yes, she should be here in a few minutes."

"Good," Gabi said as she took another sip of her tea. "This tea is delicious. Please asked Mr. Sari about the name of the tea. I want to buy it."

"Understood," Kasper said before he bowed and left her alone inside the room.

Now that Sera was alone, she opened her bag and immediately turn on the interference device that should cut off any recording device or camera inside this room. Right now, she wasn't really sure if there is anything inside the room. But it is always better to be cautious.

As they say, prevention is better than cure.