



## Chapter 11

Matthew kept glancing at the time. When he finally heard footsteps coming down the stairs, he looked up and was stunned.

He smiled as he watched her slowly walk down the stairs. His wife was breathtaking! In the one-shoulder gown, one side of Lucy's shoulder and collarbone was exposed.

Above her collarbone were a pair of crystal drop earrings that twinkled like a million stars.

On one of her shoulders was a white crystal shoulder pad embellished with gold tassels.

The bodice of the gown fit snugly around her curves, and the pleats at the waist flowed seamlessly into a voluminous ball gown. 1

The dress itself was also adorned with diamonds, making her sparkle.

Standing up, Matthew walked toward Lucy.

He chuckled when he sensed her nervousness. With a deep and mellow voice, he said, "Lulu, you look absolutely gorgeous!" 1

Blushing at what he said, Lucy lowered her head with a smile.

Matthew reached out to take her hand, a grin plastered across his face. "Let's go crash this wedding."

She burst out laughing at his choice of words. Going to the wedding seemed less dreadful now.

Matthew opened the car door for her before getting in from the other side. Glancing at Francis Lawson in the driver's seat, he said, "To the Royal Hotel."

"Yes, sir." After recovering from the shock, Francis snapped back to reality and started the car.

The Royal Hotel was the most luxurious hotel in Brookville, and it was also where many weddings were held.

Today was the wedding of Timothy Lucas, the son of the Lucas family, and Luna Quinn, the daughter of the Quinn family.

All guests were people from the upper class. Although the Quinn family was considered new money in Brookville, many big names in the city were in attendance.

They were here because of Lucas Corporation's influence.

The Lucas family was one of the oldest wealthy families in Brookville. Compared to the nouveau-riche Quinn family, they were in a class of their own.

The Quinn family was extremely pleased that Timothy had taken a fancy to one of their daughters.

Although there had been a change of brides, Luna was still a daughter of the Quinn family, so it was still a win in their book.

As for Lucy, no one cared about her feelings at all. Since

Timothy was the one who dumped her, there was nothing they could do.

The entrance of the Royal Hotel was filled with almost every luxurious car one could think of.

However, everyone's attention was snatched when a Lamborghini limousine arrived at the entrance.

"Holy shit, I didn't even know a car like this existed in Brookville!"

"This must be a worldwide limited edition."

"Quick, let's go take a look! I wanna know who this rich guy is!"

"Fuck, there are too many people. I can't get a good look!"

Amidst their speculation, Matthew got out of the car, only to be welcomed by the excited squeals from the female reporters present.

"Oh my god... He's so handsome!"

"He's more handsome than a movie star!"

"Who is he?"

"Quick! Take photos of him!"

As soon as Matthew heard the camera shutters, his face darkened. He said to Francis, "Take care of this. I don't want to see any reports about me and my wife!"

"Yes, sir!" Francis responded. In the next moment, he and the bodyguards ran toward the reporters.



Lucy looked uncomfortable, but when Matthew offered his hand, she took it.

The moment she got out of the car, everyone gasped.

## Chapter 12

"Isn't that the eldest daughter of the Quinn family? What is she doing here?"

"Tsk, tsk. Shit's about to go down!"

"I heard that she was supposed to get married to Mr. Timothy today."

"Oh, snap! A love triangle!"

Lucy found their comments unbearable, causing her face to turn ashen and her hands to grow cold.

Holding her hand, Matthew whispered to comfort her, "Don't listen to them. Hold your head high and keep on walking."

Taking a deep breath, she did as she was told.

When they entered the Royal Hotel side-by-side, there was another round of gasps.

"Wow, he's so handsome!"

"She's gorgeous!"

"What a perfect match!"

"They're a match made in heaven!"

"Hey, isn't that the eldest daughter of the Quinn family?"

"It really is Lucy!"

"What's she doing here?"

Everyone speculated as they were shocked to see her here.

Luna was in her white wedding dress when she noticed everyone looking at the entrance while complimenting Lucy. Her face was full of spite at first, but she quickly put on a show of happiness before speaking.

"Lucy looks gorgeous. Who's the man next to her? Is that her boyfriend?"

After hearing what Luna said, Timothy clenched his fists.

He deduced that Lucy must have cheated on him! Sensing that Timothy was angry, Luna put on a smile and said, "Timothy, let's go over there. I'm glad that my sister has a boyfriend now. She won't be sad anymore." 1

Timothy put his arm around Luna's waist and pulled her toward Lucy. He stared at Lucy so hard he almost bore a hole through her.

Matthew looked stern as he stood in the middle of the hotel while holding Lucy's hand.

Meanwhile, Timothy and Luna stood across from them.

Smiling, Luna leaned closer to Timothy and said, "Lucy, you're here! I'm so happy you came! Thank you for coming to our wedding. You must've come to give us your blessing!"

Lucy's complexion paled at her two-faced sister's words. She felt the urge to deliver a slap across Luna's cheek.

Timothy put his arms around Luna, staring at Lucy indifferently. "Lulu, it looks like you've long been involved

with another man. I guess I don't have to feel guilty anymore."

Lucy's heart shattered as if someone had just stabbed her.

What a shameless piece of shit! He was the one who cheated on her with Luna. How dare he assume that she did the same?

Matthew's piercing gaze fell upon Timothy. Narrowing his eyes, he said contemptuously, "Lulu, it was because of Mr. Lucas' infidelity that I now have you as my wife, and for that, I'm glad."

He turned the tide with a single sentence.

The crowd instantly came to a realization that it was Timothy's betrayal that led to the change of bride! Timothy glared at the imposing man, questioning, "What are you doing here?"

"I'm here to wish the vile couple a long-lasting marriage." A contemptuous smile appeared on Matthew's face.

Clenching his fists, Timothy began to spit out the words, "You..."

Luna leaned into Timothy's arms with a twisted expression, her eyes full of jealousy.

Lucy did not deserve to be under that man's protection.

Now that she finally managed to snatch Timothy away from her, Lucy found herself a man like Matthew to protect her.

"You bitch!" Timothy cursed, unable to control his anger.



Right in that instant, a slap was delivered.

Withdrawing his hand, Matthew said arrogantly, "If you call her that again, I'll destroy you."



## Chapter 13

Matthew appeared dashing, exuding toughness.

Luna looked envious. She was leaning into Timothy's arms, but her gaze was fixated on the man in front of her.

Timothy and Matthew were both in their 20s, but the latter looked much more charismatic than Timothy—especially in that black suit.

His face was flawless, and his deep eyes were so intense that his gaze would make others weak in the knees.

Everyone was swooning over him.

Lucy smiled as she looked at the handprint on Timothy's face.

Her heart seemed to hurt less now!

Timothy's face fell. Just as he lifted his hand to fight back, Francis rushed in with a group of bodyguards.

A burly bodyguard grabbed Timothy's wrist, flinging him away. He said in disgust, "Don't you dare touch our CEO with your filthy hands!"

Timothy tried to calm his rage as he glared at the man who had completely stolen his thunder.

Matthew looked at him mockingly. "Lulu is my woman now, so don't even think about laying a finger on her!"

Lucy's face reddened as her palms clammed up.

Who was he to say that? She was not his woman yet!

Timothy clenched his fists in disbelief.

This man was too powerful, and he was way out of Lucy's league.

Matthew smirked and said to Lucy, "Lulu, we've attended the wedding, so let's go back now."

He put his arm around Lucy's waist. He was noticeably happier when he felt her tense up.

After Matthew left, the bodyguards followed behind him, leaving everyone with questions in their minds.

"Who was that?"

"A guy like him can't be a nobody in Brookville."

"That man's aura is something else. We have to find out about him."

The wedding proceeded as planned, but Luna could tell that she no longer held everyone's full attention.

Timothy's father, Aaron Lucas, heard his phone ring just as the ceremony was about to start.

With that, the ceremony was put on hold.

Aaron sounded distant when he answered the call. "What is it?"

His assistant's anxious voice was heard from the other end.

"Mr. Lucas, things are looking bad. Leon Corporation has pulled out their investment for the fashion show."

"What?!" Aaron's roar shocked everyone.

"I'm being serious. They withdrew their investment last night. We didn't want to say anything at first because it's Timothy's wedding today, but our share price is crashing."

Aaron's face turned pale. It took a whole year to prepare for this fashion show, and he had gone through so much to get Leon Corporation to sponsor them.

Not only was Leon Corporation the largest company in the world, but the business was also owned by the richest man in the world.

Securing Leon Corporation's sponsorship would help Lucas Corporation reach new heights, bringing them a step closer to becoming the richest family in Brookville.

Now that this happened...

Damn it, how did this happen?

Aaron forcefully calmed down to ask his assistant, "How much has the share price dropped?"

"We're almost at zero. Mr. Lucas, you must come to the company right now. Everyone's selling their shares left and right!" The assistant sounded desperate.

The devastating news made Aaron stumble, and he only managed to stabilize himself with the help of his wife.

Patricia White looked at her husband worriedly and asked, "

Honey, what's wrong?"

Aaron closed his eyes with a grimace. "I need to go. The company is in trouble."

He left in a hurry without regard for the guests at the venue or the ghastly expressions on the Quinn family's faces!

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