

## Chapter 17

Lucy shrugged. "I told you, I'm married. Believe it or not, it's up to you."

After saying her piece, she turned to leave with Matthew.

Melanie angrily pulled Lucy back. She pointed at Matthew's nose and cursed, "I'll make you pay for deceiving my daughter, you freeloader!"

"The hundred thousand dollars—take it or leave it."

Matthew's patience had reached its limit. Ignoring Melanie's curses behind him, he left with Lucy.

Embarrassed, Lucy said, "I'm sorry you had to see that."

Matthew smiled at her and asked, "Do you think I'm a freeloader?"

She froze for a second before shaking her head and stammering the words, "I-I don't think so. You live in a nice house... You have a nice car..."

"But the thought has crossed your mind, right?" Matthew watched her flustered reaction.

Being stared down like that, Lucy had no choice but to nod.

There was a gleam in Matthew's eyes when he smiled. "Congratulations, you're right!"

"Huh? A-Are you really a freeloader?" Lucy looked disappointed.

She did not know why she felt disappointed, but his words pricked her.

Her sad expression broke Matthew's heart. Caressing her head, he added with a smile, "I was just teasing you. How could I be a freeloader? Don't worry, I have a real job."

Lucy smiled in relief after hearing that.

She was right! He was not a freeloader, after all.

After returning to Fairview Park, Lucy went into the kitchen.

Since they left for the damned wedding so early in the morning, she was starting to get hungry.

Cece was shocked to see her in the kitchen, so she grabbed Lucy's arm and asked nervously, "Mrs. Leon, are you hungry? I'll cook for you!"

Lucy shook her head and put her hand on top of Cece's, saying smilingly, "I'm used to cooking my own food. You can just continue with what you were doing."

There was no way Cece would let Mrs. Leon cook, so she raced Lucy to the kitchen.

Noticing this, Matthew said, "Cece, just continue with what you were doing. Lulu, I'm hungry too."

Since Matthew had said so, Cece let Lucy be and left the kitchen to do some cleaning.

Lucy turned to Matthew with a smile. She said, "You can watch some television or go on your phone. The food will be

done soon.”

Half an hour later, Lucy came out of the kitchen with a nice spread of food. After serving everything on the table, she called Matthew over to eat.

Upon seeing the food on the table, he truly felt like he was at home.

On the table were meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, and tomato soup. They were all typical home-cooked dishes, and Matthew had not had home-cooked food in a long time.

Lucy thoughtfully scooped some food onto Matthew’s plate. “Try it and let me know what you think. Meat dishes are my favorite.”

Even after so many years, Matthew found that home-cooked food still tasted the best. Although the cook was different now, the taste was still the same.

Since the first bite he took, Matthew had been eating non-stop.

Seeing him enjoy her food, Lucy felt a sense of achievement. She picked up her cutlery and started eating too.

It was nice to see someone enjoy her cooking. She did not expect him to be a meat lover too.

At least they had something in common now.

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For the first time ever, Matthew did not go to the office building to work. Instead, he chose to work at home for the day.

After having the meal Lucy made this afternoon, Matthew told Cece to let Lucy take over the cooking duties from now on.

Cece was more happy than she was shocked.

Matthew loved Lucy so much that he even loved her cooking!

His grandmother would be very happy if she knew.

Lucy had been scrolling on her phone the entire day. Her entire feed was about Timothy and Luna's wedding.

Although they still went through with the wedding, it was done in such a hasty and awkward manner.

In short, the wedding was not as spectacular as everyone expected.

After the CEO of Lucas Corporation, Aaron, left in a hurry, the wedding was thrown into chaos.

Luna's and Timothy's horrified faces, as seen in the video, made Lucy laugh.

Was this karma?

Wait a minute, it was Matthew who helped her take revenge! Although she did not know how Matthew manipulated Lucas Corporation's share price, she appreciated what he did.

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Meanwhile, the Lucas family was in chaos.

With bloodshot eyes, Timothy yelled at his father, Aaron, "Dad, what happened with the company? That was my once-in-a-lifetime wedding. How could you just leave like that? You made me and my in-laws the laughingstock of Brookville!"

Aaron's face had been ashen since he came back. He closed his eyes, not wanting to say a word.

After hearing his son's rebuke, Aaron slowly opened his eyes and grumbled, "Leon Corporation withdrew their sponsorship from the fashion show you worked so hard for. Did you do anything to offend their CEO?"

Timothy went pale right after hearing this. How could this happen? How could this be?

He had been preparing for this fashion show for three years. Why did Leon Corporation withdraw their investment all of a sudden?

Timothy was in complete shock. Falling onto the sofa, he asked bitterly, "Dad, have you gotten someone to talk to Leon Corporation?"

Aaron shook his head. What was there to ask when Leon Corporation had already withdrawn their investment?

Timothy refused to give up, however, so he asked his father to call the person in charge at Leon Corporation to ask them for the reason.

However, Aaron was only informed that his son had offended the CEO's wife.

Just like that, the person hung up.

Timothy was in despair after that. When did he offend the CEO's wife? Wait, when did the CEO get married? How did nobody know about such breaking news? He had never even met Matthew Leon before, so how did he offend his wife?

Timothy thought about it for a long time, but he could not for the life of him figure out how he offended the CEO's wife!


The only person he offended recently was Lucy.

He dumped her after five years and married her sister. It could not get more offensive than that.

However, he refused to believe that Lucy was married to the CEO of Leon Corporation!

With her dull face and the dreary outfits she wore year-round, it was impossible for any man to like her.

He was fed up with how unapproachable and arrogant Lucy was. Instead, he fell in love with the warm and gentle Luna, which was why he decided to marry her.

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"How did you offend Mr. Leon's wife? You need to go and apologize to him yourself tomorrow!" Still raging inside, Aaron forcefully kicked his son.

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