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Angie's gaze shifted and looked up to the platform, her line of sight still following Ghost.

Her eyes that are even more jealous have turned red.

Damn Selena, why does even this man have to treat her differently?

She stared at Ghost's face, which even with a mask couldn't hide his stunning features. She remembered the rumor she had heard before, that this man was the heir of a wealthy family in the capital, and she blushed.

She lowered her head, seeming to have made some kind of decision. A strange expression flickered in her eyes as she angrily glared at Selina and turned around to leave.

Until now, the audience finally snapped out of the confession that Selena had made, and covered their faces while making a mournful and eerie noise.

Especially for those who are just getting ready to ship CP, they have a mournful expression on their faces.

"Ahhhh! I am angry! Such a pretty girl, and she already has a boyfriend?"

"I am also angry. Our Majesty is so noble and handsome, high above others, and yet he lost to other men?"

"I'm also angry. Lady Selena and Ghost are both so good-looking, but there are no love sparks between them? This is not normal... how can we bear this lovelessness?"

"Who knows who Lady Selena's boyfriend is? If she likes him so much, he must be a good catch too..."

"I don't know why, but when I see the interaction between Lady Selena and Ghost, and then see what others say... my heart hurts so much!"

Until Selena's figure disappeared completely in front of her eyes, Ghost lowered her gaze and looked at the perfume in her hand.

There is a small line of letters on the delicate small porcelain bottle.

–Thanksgiver

Someone hurt me.

You saved me.

In the name of gratitude, thank you.

From an unseen angle, the man applies the fragrance to his lips with a gentle touch.

That woman is so gentle, yet so ruthless.

With a bottle of "Gratitude," she severed all connections between herself and Ghost.

The man slowly lifted his eyelids, and his gaze seemed to penetrate through layers of barriers, intricately entangling the figure turning away from him.

He softly spoke, as though making a wish or confessing something.

"No thanks, my lover."

Selena stepped out of the art gallery and looked up at the sky above her head.

The sun was quite strong, and Leia was afraid of getting sunburned, so she opened an umbrella and held it over her head. She looked up at him with big eyes and asked, "Madam, aren't we going back?" Selena remained silent for a moment before suddenly turning her head to ask her, "Where has your young master been recently?"

Leia was taken aback, but because she had been previously instructed, she did not show any unusual

expression and blinked her eyes. "Young master has returned to the capital city to visit his mother." After speaking, she blinked her big eyes and asked again, "Madam, do you miss the young master? I will call him right away."

Surprisingly, Selena didn't stop them as she normally would have. Instead, she thought for a moment and said, "Give it to Lady Lauren. I have some questions and want to consult her."

Leia's heart sank and she opened her eyes wide. Her first reaction was -

It's over!

Selena will definitely ask Lady Lauren about Osvaldo when she calls.

According to Osvaldo's character, he definitely wouldn't inform Lady Lauren in advance. If he accidentally let slip the matter, the young master's identity would be exposed.

Moreover, Selena's sudden abnormal questioning is most likely due to her suspicion that the person sitting inside is none other than her boyfriend himself, isn't it?

After all, except for the differences in temperament and character that they exhibit in front of Selena, the two of them are quite similar in all other respects.

Leia furrowed her brow, looking somewhat hesitant.

But she had already spoken the words, and it was too late to change it now. She didn't dare refuse Selena's request, so she reluctantly dialed Lady Lauren's number and handed the phone to Selena. After a moment, Lady Lauren's voice came from inside, with a laugh, "Are you sure Leia didn't dial the wrong number?"

Selena smiled and said, "Hello, ma'am. I just finished participating in the fragrance competition and wanted to call to thank you for the fragrance formula you gave me."

Although she hasn't used it yet.

Osvaldo said that the fragrance recipe is very unique, and she should use it to participate in international competitions.

The fragrance formula used in the domestic competition was developed by her under the guidance of Osvaldo, and she also came up with another one.

Lady Lauren smiled, "You are really sweet..."

Leia listened nervously as two women chattered away, afraid Lady Lauren might say something that would upset her son.

What if Selena gets scared and runs away, would her young master do something "unthinkable"? Selena spoke for a while before finally saying, "Ma'am, I would like to speak with your son for a few moments."

Leia felt like her heart was about to burst out of her chest. If Lauren were to say "My son hasn't returned," everything would be screwed up.

Surprisingly, Lady Lauren said softly, "He and his father are in the garden at the moment and seem to be quite busy. Do you need me to go and call him for you?"

Selena suddenly startled.

Leia breathed a sigh of relief.

Thank goodness!

Although Lady Lauren was jealous to some extent, she was not so jealous as to ruin her son's reputation. Footsteps were heard on the other end of the phone, indicating that Lady Lauren was getting up to find Osvaldo. Selena chuckled and raised her hand to rub her forehead, realizing that she had been overthinking things.

She spoke gently, "Madam, it's not something particularly important. If he's busy, I'll give him a call

later."

"Are you sure you don't need me to?" Lady Lauren seemed hesitant. "If he finds out that you called and I didn't go get him, he'll definitely be upset. I'll go get him just in case..."

"It's really not necessary, madam," Selena smiled. "He rarely comes home, so naturally he has to spend quality time with his mother."

"Okay, when he's finished with his work, I'll tell him and ask him to call you back."

Selena smiled and said, "Okay."

After hanging up the phone, Selena stood on the stairs for a while, and finally smiled and regained her composure, saying to Leia, "Let's go back."

Leia said confidently, "Okay, Madam!"

Luke just finished watching the live stream when he received another phone call from Lady Lauren.

He twitched slightly at the corner of his eye. This lady wouldn't have called him twice without reason, probably his son had touched her heartstrings again.

He answered the phone with resignation and asked gently, "Madam, what's wrong?"

Lauren hesitated for a while before saying with a slight concern, "Selena called me just now and asked where my son is..."

Luke was startled and exclaimed, "What did you say?"

Lady Lauren paused for a moment before asking with a hint of sadness, "What would happen if I make her doubt his 'gentle and kind' personality?"

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Luke's facial expression was slightly rigid, he glanced at the man standing up from the judge's seat on the big screen and leaving.

If this man were to find out that his gentle and beautiful mother had hindered him in pursuing his wife, it would be considered "unfilial" behavior, wouldn't it?

Luke cautiously and sincerely advised, "Madam, you... should try to avoid him these days."

fter a moment of silence, Lady Lauren suddenly burst into tears and hung up the phone.

It looks like Osvaldo won't be able to escape from this beating.

Selena got into the car and returned to the hotel, but as soon as she walked in, Mandy stopped her in her tracks.

Mandy looked at her with slightly red eyes and after a moment said, "Lady Selena, do you know that Hazel and the other two were fired by Olympus Group?"

Selena's expression was plain as she asked back, "Do I really need to know?"

Selena is not familiar with them.

Furthermore, even if she had such employees under her command, she wouldn't want them.

Mandy squeezed her palm tightly and said, "It's just because they didn't help you..."

"So should I feel guilty or responsible for their careers?" Selena raised her eyebrows, her tone now laced with coldness.

Mandy looked at her dark, icy eyes, choked up but unable to say anything.

"Mandy," Selena looked at her and spoke again, "out of respect for Mr. Jordon, let me remind you that with your abilities, you will definitely have a place in the top five of the domestic competition."

Mandy was taken aback, then Selena added lightly, "Provided that you stick to your own principles and don't mix with that group."

Mandy was shocked.

She was about to question, but Selena had run out of patience and walked towards the elevator. Mandy looked at her back and tightened her lips.

Selena spent the whole morning adjusting the scent, and after returning to the room for lunch, she fell asleep immediately, completely unaware that her name had once again swept the entire internet before the end of the day.

It is inevitable for fragrance competitions like this to trend on Weibo.

But this year's Weibo hot search is completely different from previous years.

In previous years, there were a variety of flowers in bloom and every household was vying for attention. Fans of celebrities from different households used to argue vehemently in order to compete for the championship.

This year's Weibo hot search was evenly divided between Selena and Ghost.

Other perfumers occupy only a small part of the position, and they appear particularly inconspicuous in contrast to the boiling heat of Selena and Ghost.

Lady Selena's beauty in this prosperous era is simply unparalleled! Why do I feel like she's getting more and more beautiful every day? Is it just my imagination?

[These hands are attractive! Ahh! If you don't want me to like them, then don't let me see them. And if you let me see them, but won't let me touch them, then you're just trying to kill this hand fetishist, aren't you?]

[These hands are making me so hungry! Ahh! If you don't want me to like them, then don't let me see them. And if you let me see them, but won't let me touch them, then you're just trying to kill this hand fetishist, aren't you?]

[This pair of hands can truly be said to be the most beautiful and delicate in my perfumery world. I dare to bet that many perfumery companies will compete to buy sky-high insurance for these hands in the future!]

The students who are fans of Selena at Creephia University are also following the fragrance competition, and when they see these comments, they immediately jump out.

Lady Selena is the brightest new star in the medical field, and those hands of hers will be on the operating table in the future. As for the perfume industry's ladies, you're all overthinking it – she's just taking a stroll through that world!

[That's right! Lady Selena was recognized by the country's top academician as someone who is naturally suited to wield a surgical knife, and she is sure to become a doctor in the future!]

As soon as this statement was made, the girls in the fragrance industry were not happy and rolled up their sleeves to fight back.

The girls from Olympus Group's entertainment and public relations departments, upon seeing the two sides quarreling, immediately refused to be outdone and jumped into the fray to fight it out.

[Lady Selena is still the screenwriter and director of our Olympus Group entertainment department!] Even casual fans also come up to join in the fun.

[Isn't Lady Selena's first identity the most authentic heir of the Riddle family?]

Suddenly, there was a wave of controversy on the internet about Selena's identity.

Inside the Creephia University Student Union Office.

After finishing his lab class, Zachary walked into the office, grabbed a cup of water, and suddenly remembered that Selena had a competition today.

He took out his cell phone and searched for the fragrance competition, but was startled by the

overwhelming popularity that followed.

The sip of water just taken was all spewed out.

Billy walked over and patted his cousin on the back, with a disapproving look on his face. "What did you see that scared you so much?" he asked.

Zachary was choked and coughed, and said with a slight tremble, "President, you have to check today's hot topics on Weibo..."

Everyone was puzzled and searched their phones to check the hot topics on Weibo.

And then they were all scared by the unprecedented grandeur.

Billy stared with his eyes wide open, "Is this really happening...?"

"It's like the hot search on Weibo has possessed her. By the way, does anyone know Lady Selena's Weibo account? I want to check it out..."

The whole scene suddenly fell into a strange silence.

After a while, Zachary said, "Lady Selena seems to have no Weibo account, and hardly anyone follows her on Facebook."

After Zachary finished speaking, he stared at the video of Selena blending fragrances, feeling a sense of emotion.

Looking at this delicate and beautiful technique, when Selena said she wants to bring back the championship trophy, maybe she wasn't joking after all.

Zachary looked up and suddenly seemed to remember something. He lifted his foot and walked out. Billy asked, "You didn't eat after class, where did you go?"

Zachary turned around and said seriously, "Before Lady Selena left, Summer from our laboratory said that if she won the championship, she would make a banner for her."

However, if Selena really wins the championship, it would be appropriate to hang a banner.

Zachary frowned. "But Summer won't do that."

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone immediately understood.

Laboratories are also small battlefields.

Especially for girls, there are more conflicts.

Zachary's lips twitched, "According to Lady Selena's temper, if she comes back and doesn't see the banner, Summer is probably in trouble."

Zachary turned around and walked out, saying "For the harmony of the laboratory, I have decided to go and customize a banner for her."

In addition to Selena's sensational hands, her rumored relationship with Ghost also dominates the headlines.

Selena's video of publicly presenting a bottle of perfume to Ghost as a token of gratitude for saving her life has already gone viral on the internet.

All those who saw this scene were amazed in an instant.

[These two people are both so good-looking!]

[Ghost's aura is so seductive, even through the screen I feel my heart racing... How can there be a man like him in this world?]

[They both look so pleasing to the eye standing together!]

[Selena is so beautiful and Ghost is so charming, it's a pity they don't make a good match together!]

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[It's a pity that they match so well, but there's nothing to be done. Lady Selena has already stated that she has a boyfriend and even publicly declared her love for him.]

[It's really too bad...]

But in the midst of everyone's admiration and praise for Selena, suddenly an unfamiliar ID appeared. Lulu V: How ironic that Selena, who publicly bribed the judges, could still be praised across the whole internet for such despicable behavior. As the chief judge, Ghost not only fails to avoid suspicion with the contestants but also publicly accepts benefits from them! These two people clearly have some unclear relationship. Maybe this year's champion has already been reserved for Selena by Ghost. Other perfume makers are just here to accompany this couple and go through the motions!

As soon as this Weibo was released, it instantly angered fans of Selena and Ghost.

[Are you sick? Lady Selena already stated that it was to repay a debt of gratitude, and there were many witnesses who can attest to it. Yesterday, Mr. Ghost did indeed save Lady Selena, and both of them are perfumers. Isn't it normal to give a bottle of perfume as a token of appreciation?]

[It's obvious that this person is mentally ill! They are jealous of Lady Selena and Ghost's status. Lady Selena's gift was given fully and openly, while ghost received it with honesty and sincerity. We only see gratitude and reciprocation, only those with dirty minds like you would have such depraved thoughts!] [You little bitch! How dare you call our 'Majesty'! If we don't kill you today, you won't know why the flowers are so red!"]

[Ghost is the "God" of the fragrance industry, the red mole on the heart of the fragrance industry, and he has been held in high regard for many years without anyone daring to say a bad word about him.] Today, someone dared to insult him as a "dog man and woman". The majority of the fragrance industry was provoked and ran to the comments section of this ID to curse the offenders.

Soon, the popularity of this Weibo post began to skyrocket.

When this Weibo post is spread widely and known by everyone, the ID that has been criticized for so long without any response, posted another comment again.

Lulu V: Did I talk nonsense? It's well known that Selena seduced the judges, and she did such a shameful thing three years ago.

This year it's just a change of person and method, but the ultimate goal is still to win the fragrance competition. She's still just as cheap!

Internet users almost went crazy when they saw this statement.

[Lady Selena has already said that she will use her own strength to prove that this matter is false and that someone has falsely accused her! Are you deaf and unable to hear?]

[I understand now, guys. Don't argue with this person. She is just a psychologically abnormal freak who is targeting Lady Selena out of jealousy!]

[Yes, we don't need to argue with her. After tomorrow, Lady Selena will have won the championship trophy and she will shut up by herself and continue to roll back into the dirty gutter like an invisible rat.] In a hotel room.

Georgia held her phone, looking gloomy as she read the endless posts defending Selena and cursing her, her face contorted in anger.

Since the people from Creephia University found evidence proving that the things that tarnished Selena's reputation within Creephia University were actually from her own hand, she was expelled from Olnrith University.

The graduation certificate and degree certificate were about to be obtained were lost.

The entire student body at Olnrith University detests her to the utmost.

Even her long-standing circle of acquaintances, which had been maintained for so many years, turned against her and severed ties with her after they saw her true colors and realized what she had done to Selena.

Georgia was already an orphan, and after losing her classmates and friends, she was left with only herself.

She hates Selena!

She hates the man who slapped her and shattered all her pride!

Therefore, when those people contacted her, she readily agreed to their requests without hesitation, arrived in M City from Creephia.

This time, she is determined to make sure Selena will never make a comeback.

Georgia is watching the popularity of that ID, seeing it rise in increments.

When it was almost the time, a cold smile crept onto the corner of her mouth as she uploaded a prerecorded audio clip that had been prepared on her phone.

After finishing, she held her phone and stared at the screen nervously, laughing.

Selena will never escape from her or live a better life than her in this lifetime.

In another hotel.

Selena had a one-hour nap and regained her energy.

She sat on a wicker chair, watching the wind blowing and looking out at the sea. At the same time, she took out her phone and sent a video to Hattie.

After a while, Hattie's phone was finally answered.

A pale and cold face of Leia appeared on the screen. When she saw Selena, a faint gleam appeared in her lifeless eyes. "Selena."

Selena carefully observed Hattie's complexion and noticed that it had improved a little since yesterday. But compared to before, it has gotten much worse.

Thinking of the words of the psychologist, to cure Hattie's psychological illness, it is necessary to dig out the cause of her illness...

Selena pressed her forehead and suppressed her extra thoughts then asked with a smile, "Hattie, did you watch the video of Selena's competition today?"

Hattie seemed to be trying hard to force a smile, but after trying several times, she was unsuccessful. In the end, she could only use a slightly softened, cold voice and say, "Selena, I haven't watched it yet. I'm planning to watch it after I finish filming tonight."

Selena smiled and coaxed her gently, "Hattie is sick and you don't have to work so hard for now." In the morning, Mr. Padilla made several phone calls to her, hoping she could persuade Hattie to take a rest.

But Selena didn't have a proper reason at that time.

She knew that in this situation, Hattie would not find anything to do, and it would only make her mental pain worse.

But now, there is finally something that can help her relax.

"Selena's competition video is very good and also very long," Selena curved her lips and coaxed her, "you can't finish watching it tonight. Hattie, why not go back to the hotel this afternoon and watch it while you rest?"

Hattie has always listened to Selena, so when she heard her say that, she nodded and said, "Okay Selena, I'll go back and watch after I finish my meal."

Selena looked at her snowy white and cold face, and remembered the mastermind behind Emilia that Leia had asked about, with a slight chill in her eyes.

She paused and asked Hattie, "Has anyone from the Riddle family called you today?"

Hattie said emotionlessly, "My brother called me last night."

Selena's eyes sparkled for a moment.

Leon seems to dote on Hattie and also possesses savvy, making it difficult for him to be easily manipulated. Hattie answered his call without any problems.

She frowned slightly while deep in thought, and then heard Hattie say, "Selena, I'm not afraid of them!" Selena suddenly startled.

Hattie's dark eyes were icy and still. "Since the moment my mom died, I haven't had a father. That man is not my dad, he's my enemy, and he can't hurt me anymore!"

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As Selena listened to Hattie's icy words of estrangement, she lowered her eyelashes and remained silent for a long while. Finally, a gentle smile spread across her face and she said, "Hattie, you did a good job." This child, deep down, is even more clear-headed and resolute than she imagines.

Hattie said, "Anything Selena can do, I can do too."

But that's different.

Selena's long eyelashes flickered.

The real Selena is already dead, she is just an outsider who happened to enter by chance. Naturally, there is no emotional connection to the Riddle family.

What Hattie has given up is her own father, who is truly connected to her by blood and has raised her with love.

Selena wanted to say something, but looking at Hattie's pale and cold face, she couldn't bring herself to speak.

Eventually, she just admonished, "Hattie, if you want to avenge your mother, you must take care of yourself and not let anyone harm you"

Hattie nodded heavily and said, "I will, don't worry."

Selena smiled.

The two sisters said a few more words and then hung up the video call.

Leia waited for a moment before approaching and showed her what was on her phone. "Madam, you really need to see this."

At this moment, a recording suddenly exposed by "Lulu V" on the internet once again shocked everyone. The recording clearly captured the voices of two people conversing with unparalleled clarity.

"Mr. Mitchell, I have some personal matters I would like to discuss with you."

"Why did you come to see me so late? You have a competition tomorrow?"

"About tomorrow's game, there are some special circumstances. Can I... come in and discuss?" "If it's not convenient, then you can just say it here."

"I... have something very important to tell you about the fragrance formula for the fragrance

competition. Please give me a chance... to let me in and speak..."

"... Alright then, come in."

Immediately after that, there was the sound of the door being closed from inside.

All the people who heard this recording were stunned.

Someone instinctively wants to shout that the recording must be fake, but that voice, although the tone is completely different from now, is indeed Selena's.

After a moment of silence, all netizens who listened to the recording got irritated.

[Impossible! I don't believe it! Lady Selena could never be that kind of person!]

[Yes! There must be a misunderstanding. Lady Selena only said she had something to talk to him about, but there is no concrete evidence that she seduced the judge. There is definitely something fishy going on here!]

[The two upstairs are really funny. What important thing requires a perfumer to knock on the door of the judges in the middle of the night, and must enter to speak? Moreover, Selena herself said that it was about the perfume competition. If this is not solid evidence, what is?]

[This is disgusting to watch, how could someone who looks so good do something so embarrassing?] [She exposed the scandal herself in public in the morning, and I thought she was really innocent, but it turned out... haha!]

Selena, who was just praised and praised by the entire network, was quickly overwhelmed by the swarm of criticism.

While gritting their teeth and watching the impressive perfumers showcasing their skills in the hotel, they suddenly saw this scene and their eyes lit up, making them unable to sit still.

Adeline was the first one to come forward and publicly share the recording.

I hope the perfume organization can come forward immediately and give all of us perfumers an explanation! Why did they allow such a morally corrupt woman to participate in the competition with us? This is an insult to all perfumers! The perfume organization should immediately revoke Selena's participation gualification and expel her from the perfume industry!

Some people became the pioneers, but the remaining fragrance designers refused to be left behind, and they all liked, forwarded, and openly supported Adeline.

So many people have joined together that there is now a vague trend of a joint letter threatening to force the perfume organization to cancel Selena's participation.

And the support of these perfumers undoubtedly added insult to injury for Selena, who was already in a precarious situation.

Suddenly, the voices cursing her grew louder and the name Selena once again started to trend in a negative way across the internet, just like before.

In the hotel. Translation: After listening to the recording, Selena smiled without emotion and said, "Call Mr. Jordon, but don't rush it for now."

Although Leia is angry that so many people are criticizing Selena, she understands that Selena has her own reasons for what she does.

She has never seen anyone who has offended her not get slapped in the end.

Leia held her breath and strolled over to give Luke a call, then ran back again. "So, what should we do about Lady Selena?" she asked.

Selena looked at Leia with wide eyes and a eager expression on her face, laughing, "Let's do nothing and wait for the awards ceremony tomorrow."

Leia reminded her, "Madam, the Perfume Organization is hosting a dinner tonight, would you like to attend?"

Selena originally wanted to refuse, but suddenly remembered something and changed her mind, "Okay, I'll go."

Leia smiled.

Selena looked at the ID that had posted the recording again and a cold chill went through her. Her delicate fingers tapped on the screen of her phone, "Find her, she's useful for tomorrow's award ceremony.

Leia had long been displeased with Georgia. Upon hearing this command, she immediately stood up and ran outside, saying, "Understood!"

Georgia is also asking for trouble, Selena didn't think to take care of her, and if she didn't stay away, she dared to approach and seek attention on her own.

A typical representative who will never be willing to give up until they push themselves to death. Leia sent someone to catch Georgia, and Selena looked at the scene of the perfumers openly taking sides on the internet, smiling indifferently.

She was about to put down her phone when the screen suddenly lit up.

Selena smiled when she saw the flashing words "husband" on the screen and pressed the answer button.

Osvaldo's gentle voice came through the phone, "MY mother said you were looking for me." Listen carefully, the sound is like a touch of joy.

Selena switched to a more comfortable position and asked, "Have you seen anything on the internet?" Osvaldo let out a chuckle and said, "I saw that video."

Selena was startled.

Not a recording, how did it become a video?

Osvaldo's low and pleasing laughter echoed through the screen and into her ears, conveying unmistakable delight. "Gentle and handsome, unparalleled... Are you describing me?" Selena blushed.

She touched her ear and felt somewhat fortunate that the man opposite her couldn't see her. She smiled and said, "You deserve the best."

The low laughter from the opposite side had an additional charm that was irresistible.

Selena suddenly felt weak in the knees and immediately changed the subject, saying "Have you heard that recording?"

Osvaldo's mood remained unchanged as he softly murmured, "Okay."

Selena is waiting for his reply.

But he was silent.

Selena asked with a complex mood, "Don't you have any questions you want to ask me?"

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Osvaldo let out a low chuckle, his voice hoarse and mellifluous, "Do you need my help to kick all those who slandered you off the stage?"

What's so difficult about winning a championship?

She is the only one left, so the champion is naturally hers.

If the Perfume Association dares not award her the championship, they can close their doors tomorrow without regrets.

There seems to be something amiss somewhere...

Selena blinked and brought her crooked thoughts back, explaining very seriously, "I didn't seduce the judge."

Osvaldo chuckled with a seductive tone, which stirred up people's hearts. "I know," he said.

Selena,"... How did you know?"

Three years ago, Selena probably didn't know Osvaldo.

Moreover, that recording could be considered as conclusive evidence of her seducing the judges. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been criticized so miserably.

Osvaldo chuckled and concealed the chilling tone in his voice, teasingly saying, "You can't even catch my eye, how could you possibly seduce that thing?"

This reason is so persuasive that Selena cannot find any words to refute it.

Selena's cherry-red lips twitched as if she wanted to say something, but she held back her words.

In the end, she said seriously, "All those things are fake. After tomorrow, those who have slandered me will receive their deserved punishment."

Osvaldo nodded his head.

Selena smiled and said, "We don't need to pay attention to online opinions, they will soon disappear on their own."

On the other side, the couple was chatting while Mandy was in her room holding her phone, hesitatingly watching Selena being mocked by the group on several floors away.

If she stood with those perfumers, it would be equivalent to publicly opposing Selena, and Luke would definitely no longer tolerate her.

If Selena stood in this trend of being blacklisted across the internet, she would probably not be able to clear her name.

She may not only be expelled from the competition, but also have her reputation completely destroyed and never be able to face the world again.

If it had not been for Selena's support, her career might have ended here.

The best approach is to do nothing and watch the situation develop.

But she thought of Hazel and the other two...

Mandy hesitated for a moment, but eventually picked up her phone and called her colleague at Olympus Group.

What is Mr. Jordon's attitude towards the scandals about Lady Selena on the internet?

"I don't know, but I just saw the PR department people go up to look for Mr. Jordon, but there hasn't been any movement from them until now."

"Can you help me inquire with someone from the public relations department about what Mr. Jordon said?"

"Okay."

After a short while, he returned the call.

"Mr. Jordon said that Lady Selena told him to temporarily not worry about it."

Mandy's hand holding the phone tightened unconsciously.

What does this mean?

Can Selena recover from such a large amount of negative publicity?

After hanging up the phone, Mandy remembered Selena's warning and ultimately decided to play it safe and wait and see how things unfold.

However, online public opinion is becoming more and more intense at this moment.

There have been too many reversals in Selena's past, so even with evidence like recordings to prove it, there are still some people who insist that Selena is being falsely accused.

But more people followed Adeline and those perfumers to blacken Selena by any means possible.

Through the persistent digging of the haters, the identity of the person who was "seduced" by Selena in

the recording was soon uncovered.

The Perfume Association has only one judge with the surname Burton.

As soon as this name was mentioned, public opinion was completely excited.

Some people who were previously indecisive have instantly joined the army of those criticising Selena.

The reason is nothing else but because Beatrix, who is renowned in the fragrance industry for her high reputation and impartiality.

For a moment, the name Selena quickly dominated all the Weibo hot searches on major websites, even overshadowing Ghost at a faint pace.

Zachary just went to the office to customize a champion banner for Selena. As soon as he walked in, he noticed that everyone's expressions were a bit strange.

He walked over and patted Billy on the shoulder, asking, "Hey, what are you guys looking at?" Billy's expression was indescribable, "... Have you set up the championship banner?"

Zachary thought he was worried that if Selena didn't win the championship, it would be embarrassing. He said, "Don't worry, I told them that if Lady Selena wins the championship, we'll bring it out. If Lady

Selena doesn't win, they won't say anything."

Billy's face twitched slightly as he showed him the phone.

Zachary: "... The current generation of internet users is too fickle."

Before he left, they praised Selena as a beautiful flower, but when he turned around and came back, Selena was cursed as garbage.

Is this important???

Zachary looked carefully for a while and exclaimed, "Lady Selena is truly amazing, each time is even more impressive than the last..."

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone in the office turned to look at the speaker with an incredibly eerie gaze.

Why is this kid's focus always so strange?

"What we need to worry about now is not whether Lady Selena can find evidence to clear herself, right?"

Zachary thought for a moment and said honestly, "I don't think it's necessary. Every time someone scolds Lady Selena, she always manages to return the favor and leave them with a swollen face." This statement is so reasonable that no one can refute it.

"However, let's make a phone call just in case," Zachary took out his phone, "Even though Lady Selena is tough, she is still a delicate girl who needs love and care."

Selena rested in the hotel and paid no attention to the online storm against her.

In another hotel, Leah looked irritated as she watched the uproar in the media, but the Perfume Association remained silent and inactive.

She bit her lip and finally took the risk to make a phone call. "What's going on? With such a big controversy, why hasn't Selena been disqualified from the competition yet?"

If it was someone else, they would probably have been kicked out long ago.

There came a faint voice from the other side, "After all, Selena is the young lady of the Riddle family, and she has been banned from the game for three years. It is inappropriate both morally and logically to cancel her qualification to participate at this time."

If Selena is still the same Selena as three years ago, the perfume association would certainly take action under public pressure.

But now Selena has the support of the Riddle family from the capital, and the Perfume Association will

not offend the Riddle family unless it is absolutely necessary.

Leah clenched her fists in anger, her crimson lips curled, and her eyes turned cold, "Then let's add fuel to the fire and force the perfume organization to give up on her!"

The online public opinion is getting louder and louder, but no one has responded, neither Selena, nor the perfume organization, or even the Olympus Group company where Selena is located.

The black fans caused a big uproar, but seeing Selena still behaving the same as before and unaffected, their resentment grew even stronger.

Fans, inspired by Adeline and a group of perfumers, are running to the official website of the fragrance association, listing all of Selena's "crimes" and demanding that the association speak up and give an explanation for their idol.

Probably due to the overwhelming public pressure, the other party involved in the scandal couldn't sit still any longer.

Beatrix personally recorded a video and released it online to publicly respond to the matter.

[The situation is not what everyone saw. Lady Selena really just came to ask me about some perfumemaking techniques, nothing else. It was my fault for not considering the occasion and causing a misunderstanding among everyone.]

[Moreover, even if Lady Selena had inappropriate behavior, she has already been banned for three years and received the appropriate punishment. The perfume association has no grounds or reasons to make things difficult for a perfumer who has recognized their mistakes and is willing to change.]

[Lady Selena is still young and prone to making mistakes. We hope everyone can be lenient towards her and give her a chance to reform and improve.]

The man in the video, with a smile on his face, is elegant, gentle and polite, and is completely the image of a respected judge.

Mr. Mitchell is really great. Even though he was implicated by Selena to this extent, he still spoke up to defend her and took all the responsibility upon himself.

Looking at Selena's behavior of "seducing" a ghost, where is her ability to repent? She is shamelessly taking advantage of the situation and behaving cheaply!

[Mr. Ghost, how can you accept such a gift from a woman? It is really unworthy!]

As soon as this video was released, the entire internet went crazy in an instant.

The name Selena has almost become a universally reviled presence.

Everyone is crazily mentioning @FragranceAssociation, publicly expressing their intention to boycott Selena and urging the Fragrance Association to immediately revoke Selena's qualification for the competition.

Although there are still some people insisting on defending her, those voices can be almost ignored in the condemnation of public opinion.

Selena saw this video half an hour later.

She took a glance, a bone-chilling disgust flickered in her eyes, and she asked, "What time is the dinner? Leia glared at Beatrix on the screen with a murderous look and a disgusted expression, "At 7 o'clock tonight, Lady Selena, we'll go and kill this bastard!"

On Selena's pure face, a cold smile appeared, "Okay."

Leia looked at her expression, blinked her big eyes, and asked, "Madam, if the people from the perfume association really want to disqualify you from the competition, shall we call the young master and ask him to come forward and beat up those old guys?"

The public outcry has grown so loud that Leia is a little worried that the Perfume Association may not be able to withstand the pressure and may really cancel Selena's participation qualification.

The credit for last time's achievement was taken by Leon, so this time's act of heroism should naturally be left for their family's patriarch to handle.

Osvaldo takes action, and those old guys will definitely obediently provide for his little ancestor. Selena smiled and said, "No need."

Leia furrowed her brows, looked regretful, and said indignantly, "But when I saw that group of old men, they didn't seem like astute leaders..."

Otherwise, how could Selena three years ago have been falsely accused and penalized?

"I can never back down from this battlefield once I step onto it," said Selena as she raised her hand and touched Leia's hair, smiling. "Even if the members of the Perfume Association have this idea, they will not succeed."

Leia obediently crouched there, being rubbed by Selena like a little kitten, and curiously asked, "Why?" Selena smiled, and in her dark eyes shone a bright light of intelligence. "Because someone doesn't agree," she said.

And those people are the truly capable ones who can take charge in the entire fragrance industry. The wave of public opinion attack caused by Leah will ultimately amount to nothing, and it will only frustrate her.

However,

Selena glanced at the overwhelming criticism on the internet and coldly smirked, "I'll hire some bodyguards tomorrow. It's about time to teach these people a lesson!"

She doesn't care, but it doesn't mean she has a good temper.

This group of people who always hide behind the internet and seize the opportunity to attack her will now have to pay the price.

Leia heard the tone in her voice and became extremely excited, her eyes sparkling.

She has been wanting to kill these bunch of idiots for a long time.

But Selena didn't care about these things before, so they didn't dare to intervene.

Lady Selena now says she wants to teach these scumbags to be good people, so these bunch of bastards will definitely be afraid to bark after she fixes them up.

Selena's prediction is completely correct.

At this moment, the office of the Perfume Association is filled with people sitting inside.

"The public opinion has become like this, everyone is boycotting Selena. If we don't take any action now, it won't be justifiable..."

"But behind Selena, there is the Riddle family from the capital..."

"We cannot be afraid of the Riddle family from the capital and let go of the Fragrance Competition. You have also seen the attitude of those perfumers. If Selena continues to participate in the competition, it's not guaranteed that they will all leave empty-handed."

"President, Selena has nothing else except for her status as a Miss from the Riddle family in the capital. It is not worth giving up other outstanding perfumers for her sake."

"President, I heard that the Riddle family from the capital doesn't really care about this granddaughter.

As long as we explain the reason to them, and considering the style of the Riddle family's young master, if we want to make things smoother, they will also cooperate with our arrangements."

The president of the Fragrance Association sat at the head of the table, feeling somewhat uncertain. In the end, he looked up at Beatrix, who was seated next to him.

"What exactly happened three years ago?"

Selena initially participated in the regional elimination round, and only Beatrix, who was present at the scene, was aware of the various details among the judges present. Others don't know the details. Beatrix held the water glass and wrinkled her brow, seeming to hesitate for a moment before letting out a small sigh of regret. "Three years ago, she was still a child and it's natural to have some inappropriate thoughts..."

"I was also afraid that she would really go down the wrong path, so I gave her a punishment of three years of suspension, to teach her a lesson, but I didn't expect..."

This statement is already a clear admission that three years ago, Selena did indeed attempt to "seduce" him in order to win the championship of the Perfume Competition.

After all, they were familiar with the person and recognized their high moral character and reputation, so almost all members of the Perfume Association believed them in an instant.

The president sighed and said, "Well, there's no other way. Since that's the case, we'll have to cancel her participation in the competition. I'll call the Riddle family from the capital and you can go ahead and make the announcement."

Beatrix lowered her head, took a sip of tea, and hid the expression on her face.

Just as the public relations staff was about to post the announcement of Selena's disqualification from the competition, the door of the conference room was suddenly kicked open by someone.

Next, there came an angry voice.

"I disagree!"

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A huge sound startled everyone in the conference room.

The tea spilled out of Beatrix's cup and almost burned her hand.

Everyone looked towards the source of the sound, only to see a group of people standing at the doorway, glaring angrily at them.

After a momentary daze, everyone, including the president of the Perfume Association, personally stood up and respectfully greeted him.

"Mr. Jenkins, how come you're here?"

This group of elderly people, each one of them is a leading figure in the fragrance industry, and can be said to have reached the pinnacle of their careers.

The mannerisms are truly frightening.

The old man, called Mr. Jenkins, leaned on his cane and looked sternly at him, "If I don't come back, I don't know what kind of foolishness you bunch of rascals can get up to!"

The chairman asked urgently, "What do you mean by saying that?"

Mr. Jenkins snorted coldly, but before he could speak, an old lady in a long dress standing behind him with an unfriendly expression spoke up, "I heard that you are planning to disqualify that girl named Selena from the competition. Is there any truth to this?"

The president was shocked and puzzled, and spoke truthfully, "It is true, we were preparing to make an announcement-"

"Son of a bitch!" Mr. Jenkins angrily picked up his cane and threw it at him.

Others were scared and immediately stepped forward to stop it.

"Mr. Jenkins, have mercy on me!"

"Speak nicely, don't resort to violence!"

The president was completely baffled and quickly advised, "Mr. Jenkins, if there are any mistakes made by the students, please point them out, but don't get yourself too upset and affect your health."

Mr. Jenkins, a good role model, sat down in his seat after being persuaded, but still glared angrily at the people in the meeting room.

A group of people from the Perfume Association were all at a loss, facing the heavy and discontented gazes of the elderly men and women.

What's the story behind Selena?

Unexpectedly, she managed to rally the old titans of the perfume industry to come out in force and support her.

Does that mean just because Selena is the Miss from the Riddle family from the capital? It's impossible!

This group of old guys is known for being stubborn. Anyone can be bought, but they are the only ones who cannot.

This group of elderly people, each one of them is a leading figure in the fragrance industry, and can be said to have reached the pinnacle of their careers.

At this moment, the group of people who were just confidently and self-righteously standing tall like quails, are now bowing their heads in front of a group of old experts.

The president of the fragrance association reluctantly said, "Mr. Jenkins, you are not aware that Selena had a bad record of seducing judges three years ago. This time, she has also made some improper movements, which has caused dissatisfaction among other perfumers."

"If we don't revoke her participation qualification, those perfumers may all collectively withdraw from the competition. For the honor of the Fragrance Association, I have no choice but to-"

Before the president could finish speaking, Mr. Jenkins roared in rage, "Then let them all get out of here!"

The crowd looked at Mr. Jenkins, who suddenly threw a tantrum, with confused expressions. Beatrix broke out in a cold sweat on her forehead.

It should be known that perfumers are most afraid of being irritable and temperamental. Mr. Jenkins, who has become a veteran in the perfume industry, is known for having a good temperament. This is the first time they've seen him get so angry.

He would rather give up all other perfumers and keep Selena...

The president's heart skipped a beat, suddenly realizing that he may have actually done something foolish.

"Mr. Jenkins, the student knows they made a mistake. Please don't be angry, please explain the situation calmly..."

A woman in a long skirt, who was a perfume expert, stared at them and said, "Are you blind? Didn't you see the morning competition? The way Leia was blending the scents..."

She pointed directly at the head of the president in front of everyone without any reservation and said angrily, "You, a supposed president of the perfume association at the age of 40, are not necessarily better than others."

"Such a rare talent, yet you blatantly pulled their qualifications to participate. Are you foolish?" Do you still want an old man from another field to point his finger at our perfume industry and curse us for not knowing what's good?

"What?" The president suddenly froze.

He had a very important meeting this morning and did not go to the venue to watch the game in person, completely unaware of what had happened.

The president suddenly turned around and looked at the people behind him who went to the venue to watch the game today.

Those few people are also stunned at the moment.

Especially Beatrix, cold sweat broke out on her forehead.

The president roared angrily, "Is this true or not?"

Those people nodded and said, "Selena's fragrance techniques... are indeed... quite remarkable..." The president's middle-aged face turned completely pale in an instant.

"Not just outstanding!" The woman in the long dress, who was a fragrance designer, sneered, "The entire fragrance industry, including your group -"

She scanned the crowd on site one by one and sneered, "As the rumor goes, these members of the perfume association represent the highest level of fragrance blending techniques. But there is no one among them who could surpass her!"

And those who were pointed out hung their heads in shame with nowhere to hide.

Beatrix was wiping the cold sweat that continuously streamed down her forehead with a handkerchief. That woman coldly sneered again, "A nineteen-year-old girl with such outstanding skills, you can imagine when she started practicing and how much hard work she put in to lay such a strong foundation. With such powerful abilities, does she need to cheat?"

The whole conference room fell into a pin-drop silence.

Sweat dripped from Beatrix's head like a waterfall.

"The most important thing is..." The long-dressed female perfumer looked at Mr. Jenkins beside her with a sigh in her eyes, and still said that sentence, "She is Lady Nevaeh's daughter." What?

At this moment, in the conference room, a group of senior perfumers lifted their heads in shock. ady Nevaeh's reputation in the fragrance industry still echoes even 20 years after her passing. After all, she was the only one who could modulate...

The perfumers who were fortunate enough to live in the same era as her have a hint of awe and nostalgia in their eyes.

After a moment of stunned silence, the president suddenly knelt before Mr. Jenkins and said, "Teacher, I was wrong. I will immediately investigate this matter and will definitely give Lady Selena a fair deal!" He finally understood why Mr. Jenkins was so angry.

Lady Nevaeh was once the old master's most beloved and proud disciple.

Her early departure was not only a loss to the entire perfume industry, but also the greatest regret of Mr. Jenkins' life.

When the news of Lady Nevaeh's death arrived, the elderly woman fell seriously ill as a result. Now that he saw her daughter stepping onto the stage of perfumery, he was still immersed in the joy of seeing an old friend's appearance. But when he suddenly received the news that Selena might be disqualified from participating in the perfume competition, how could he not be extremely angry? Mr. Jenkins gave a cold snort and said, "I know some of you are not convinced and think that I am using my seniority to suppress others, ignoring the facts and deliberately favoring Nevaeh's daughter." He stared at Beatrix sharply and said, "Since that's the case..."

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"Then let's speak with facts."

"Three years ago, she was disqualified for three years because you used that recording to determine that she had seduced the judges... Regardless of the truth of this matter," Mr. Jenkins' gaze became more stern, "I ask, what is your reason for forcing her to withdraw from the competition this time?" The people in the meeting room suddenly froze.

The National Perfume Competition is a grand event, but for those who have already seen various champions and runners-up, an inexperienced perfumer without the qualification is not likely to attract their special attention.

The only thing that matters about Selena to them is that she's from the bloodline of the Riddle family from the capital.

The Miss who bullies others with her power and money indeed makes them afraid and cautious. However, deep down inside, there are still some dislikes.

So, before this, nobody had seriously taken time to understand Selena, nor had anyone thought about delving deeper into those things concerning her.

Their most vivid impression of Selena is that she seduced the judges and caused trouble for the perfume association multiple times, which brought a lot of public pressure.

Just with these few things, it is enough to make everyone subconsciously have a dislike towards her. And the reason that forced Selena to withdraw this time was because someone released a recording from three years ago online, which caused public backlash.

In addition to the support of other fragrance designers, the public opinion is getting louder and louder, and it seems that the situation is going out of control.

Under pressure, they finally decided to cancel Selena's eligibility to participate.

However, Selena herself, in this fragrance competition, does not seem to have done anything wrong. Beatrix struggled to remain composed and explained, "Mr. Jenkins, you don't understand. That Selena woman publicly gave a bottle of perfume to the chief judge, and adding to that the incident from three years ago... there is suspicion that she is incorrigible. That's why the public opinion has been so severe." "For the sake of the reputation of the Fragrance Association, we had no choice but to make this decision..."

Mr. Jenkins sneered, "Do you think I'm blind? Have I not watched the game video?"

Without giving Beatrix a chance to argue, Mr. Jenkins pointed at the president and said sternly, "You go and release the video of the live match!"

His sharp eyes scanned all the perfumers present, "All you so-called perfumers who stand at the top of the fragrance industry in H Country, open your eyes wide and see clearly how stupid you all are!" The president dared not disobey, and immediately said, "Okay."

Soon, Selena's competition video was projected onto the screen, and those who had not been present or had not seen Selena were taken aback by the appearance of the bright and noble girl.

And when Selena revealed her technique, the eyes of those perfumers suddenly lit up.

And when they learned the reasons behind Selena gifting ghost perfume, their faces turned white all at once.

No way, can this also be blackened?

After a dead silence.

The perfumers who just supported the disqualification of Selena on the scene lowered their heads with extreme shame.

The President angrily shouted at the people who had arrived at the scene, "Are your eyes blind? Why is nobody talking about her perfume-making skills, only about public opinion, scandals, and corruption?" That group of people lowered their heads and dared not say much in the midst of everyone's angry condemnation.

There are also some people who did not agree with the decision to disqualify Selena. However, due to the negative impression that Beatrix, the chief judge, had of Selena, they dared not speak out under his firm suppression.

At the moment, some people are looking at Beatrix with a bit of schadenfreude.

Cold sweat was dripping down Beatrix's face at the moment. "President, Selena does have a bad reputation. It's one thing for her to not avoid suspicion, but she went and gave a gift to this year's chief judge. This behavior is ultimately disgusting..."

The president said coldly, "I don't think there's anything wrong with a perfumer sending perfume to her benefactor. On the contrary, because she did it openly and honestly, it proves that she has a clear conscience."

Beatrix reluctantly focused her attention and said, "However, the public opinion is too strong. If we do not cancel her qualification for the competition, the perfumers participating in this year's competition may all leave. Then our perfume organization will become a laughingstock." She spoke with righteous indignation.

The elderly lady in a long skirt snorted coldly and said, "Then let them all go! As a perfumer, if she doesn't even have the most basic sense of hospitality, it's already destined that they won't go far."

"And because of their jealousy and coercion, our perfume organization has to falsely accuse a girl for no reason..." The old lady laughed in frustration, "Do they really think they are so important?"

"We old men and women are not dead yet, so the fragrance industry doesn't need them to swagger." Tell them, "If they are not happy, then get lost!"

"As for the sensational public opinion on the internet, that is the problem that you should be the most responsible for addressing."

"Strength first, fairness and justice, this is the initial intention of the perfume association's establishment. If we violate the initial intention, what is the meaning of the existence of the perfume association?"

As soon as these words were spoken, no one dared to make a sound on the spot.

Beatrix also humbly lowered his head.

After the old lady in a long skirt finished speaking, she turned to Mr. Jenkins beside her and asked, "Mr. Jenkins, what do you think is the best way to solve this matter?"

Mr. Jenkins gave Beatrix a meaningful glance and said, "Let's follow what Mollie just said and go with the public opinion on the internet."

The president bowed his head and said, "Mollie is right, we all have no objections."

Mr. Jenkins said coldly, "In addition, due to the sensational and unique nature of this matter, all the judges for this year's competition will be replaced except for Ghost."

Everyone was surprised.

"Mr. Jenkins, there really is no need for this," Beatrix said, looking up.

"I think it's very necessary," Mr. Jenkins coldly interrupted him, "of course, to avoid suspicion, I won't go to serve as a judge. This year's judges will be selected by Mollie and the chairman among our group of old guys and the perfume association, to choose a few people to take over."

The old lady in a long skirt smiled and said, "It's rare to see such good talents. We, a group of old folks,

also want to join in the fun. Do you mind?"

After careful consideration, the majority of the people in the Perfume Association nodded in agreement. Beatrix's elegant face almost couldn't maintain its gentle expression.

But under such circumstances, he could only nod in agreement.

Upon seeing this, Mr. Jenkins snorted coldly and stood up, "That's it then. As for other matters, we'll talk about them after the results of the perfume competition are announced."

The president and others sent a group of old experts away, and they collectively breathed a sigh of relief only after the people had gone far away.

Inside the hotel, Selena is not aware of Lady Nevaeh's connection to the perfume industry...

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She only guessed that the stubborn old experts would not accept the threats of those perfumers.

A few arrogant and conceited young people, who have just taken their first steps, are trying to challenge the authority of the Fragrance Association. It's simply a joke.

If the Perfume Association really compromises and cancels the announcement of her competition without requiring her to do anything, those old experts who have seen her perfuming techniques will definitely pick up their canes and immediately come to beat the responsible person.

By then, the entire fragrance industry would not only have lost face, but also become a laughing stock in various fields.

Selena thought of that scene and her eyes lit up, giving her a feeling of wanting to stir up trouble. Serves you right!

Let them not see people clearly and raise such a hypocritical animal, causing Selena to suffer so much injustice!

This time, those old guys won't be able to lower their attitude and apologize to her, she will write their name backwards.

She was lazily lounging on the hammock, propping up her chin and enjoying the sea breeze, while watching the actors in the town of Tangxi filming their scenes.

The appearance of such calm and contentment on his face shocked everyone both in front of and behind the screen.

The psychological endurance of this young lady is truly unshakeable and powerful.

Despite being heavily criticized online, she still had the leisure to sit and guide them during filming, showing no signs of being affected and even seeming to find it somewhat amusing.

When it comes to being badass, no one can beat this young lady.

Leia sat on the carpet, furrowing her brows as she scrolled through her phone. Therefore, when the announcement from the Perfume Association came out, she was the first to see it.

"Madam, the results are out!"

Selena smiled and asked languidly, "Did they cancel my eligibility to compete?"

Leia swears that she absolutely saw excitement in Selena's eyes.

Is it just an illusion?

Where can you find someone who is excited after being disqualified from a competition? Leia handed her phone to Selena with a puzzled look and said, "No, on the contrary, they even helped clear your name."

On Selena's beautiful face, there was a hint of surprise.

She picked up her phone and saw the notice that the Perfume Association had just released. Fragrance Association V: Regarding the audio clip circulating on the internet about "Lady Selena seducing the judges", we have investigated its source and found out that it was from three years ago. Regardless of the truth behind it, Lady Selena has already been penalized with a three-year ban from competitions and received the deserved punishment.

In this year's fragrance competition, Lady Selena completely embodies the demeanor and principles that a perfumer should have, and has not made any improper actions. The Fragrance Association has no reason, and no qualifications to revoke her eligibility to participate in the competition.

Therefore, we strongly reserve Lady Selena's qualification to compete. Any perfumers who object to this decision are free to leave.

Strength first, fairness and justice, never wrongly accuse anyone, and never cover up anyone. This has always been the principle of the Perfume Association, please be aware!

Selena raised an eyebrow upon seeing this notice.

It seems that the actions of those old veterans are faster than she expected. What a pity.

She couldn't see the scene where those people were being beaten by canes.

Selena pursed her lips and continued to direct the actors in filming.

As soon as the announcement from the Perfume Association was made, the whole internet excited.

["OMG? What does this mean? Are you openly protecting Selena?"]

[Hehe, the title of Miss Riddle from the capital family is really useful!"]

[Am I the only one who thinks this announcement is not flawed? Selena made a mistake, but she has already been suspended from the competition for three years and therefore has the right to continue participating. She did not seduce the judges this year, but instead performed exceptionally well. Why should her eligibility to participate be cancelled?]

[I completely agree with the previous comment. Lady Selena has been banned from competing for only three years, not for life. If the perfume organization cancels the participation of a perfumer who has not made any mistakes under public pressure, it will become a big joke in the entire industry.]

[I also think there's nothing wrong. On the contrary, that group of perfumers led by Adeline have such an ugly demeanor, actually joining forces to threaten the Fragrance Association, forcing them to cancel Selena's participation qualification. Who do they think they are? Where did they get such arrogance?] [I've always felt that something was off, and upon closer inspection, it is clear that Adeline and that group of perfumers are leveraging their championship titles to force the Fragrance Association to abandon Selena. But what has Selena done wrong this year?" Does it mean that just because of the lifesaving grace they received, they publicly gave a bottle of perfume to Ghost?]

[You're right, I've always thought that group of people who criticize Selena are sick. Just because of a ambiguous recording from three years ago, they persist in scolding her until she withdraws from the competition, as if they would benefit in some way if Selena retired.]

[Right! Even though she has eyes, why does she only focus on scandals instead of checking out Selena's perfume-making technique? Haven't you seen Selena's precious hands in the medical industry? The level of intricacy in these hands cannot be achieved without years of hard work, and it's a shame that we cannot even expect another talented person to join the fragrance industry in our country, let alone someone who is only holding us back with their flawed thinking.

The people at the Perfume Association were a little worried that this announcement would cause a strong backlash from netizens.

Unexpectedly, it achieved a result beyond expectations.

The Perfume Association members were sweating profusely when they saw the comments online praising and whitewashing Selena.

Luckily, Mr. Jenkins arrived just in time.

If they dared to revoke Selena's qualification without just cause, the entire fragrance industry would probably become the biggest joke both domestically and internationally.

The president glared angrily at Beatrix behind him and instructed his assistant, "Make a phone call to comfort Lady Selena. Tell her that as long as she conducts herself properly, the Perfume Association will never let her suffer any injustice."

The assistant has received the order and gone to handle it.

At this moment, Adeline and a group of perfumers who were still in the hotel were smugly waiting to see the outcome of Selena's expulsion from the competition.

However, it was unexpected that the Perfume Association would issue such a statement.

The last two sentences were like two resounding slaps that hit them hard in the face.

Adeline's face twisted in anger. She refused to back down and continued to confront the situation, but soon realized that the perfumers who had publicly supported her had all deleted their posts on Weibo. In a twinkling of an eye, only her Weibo post was left there alone, being questioned, discussed, and criticized by netizens.

Adeline never thought that this would be the consequence.

The assistant advised her, "Miss, you'd better delete your Weibo, otherwise... you may as well give up this year's fragrance competition."

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If it were usual, Adeline would surely leave with pride and resentment.

After all, she has already won the championship in domestic competitions, so winning another one would not be significant.

But this year, Ghost will personally present the championship award, and Patrick will also be there... Both of these men are from prestigious families. How could she be willing to give up the opportunity to get close to them?

Adeline sneered, "Even if we don't add fuel to the fire, Selena is still a cheater who seduces judges, isn't she? With this recording, she is destined to be inferior to me for the rest of her life, and will be nailed to the pillar of shame forever, unable to turn over!"

If Adeline can still suppress the jealousy in her heart, Leah is almost going crazy with anger. Damn it! She originally thought that with that recorded sound, the collaboration of insiders and outsiders, and the support of that group of fragrance makers, they would definitely be able to drive Selena out of the fragrance competition.

However, it was unexpected that the Perfume Association would rather give up all of them than to lose Selena.

Leah was shaking with anger, her eyes showing a mix of urgent rage and jealousy, driving her to madness.

Every time when she thought she had carefully planned to finally bring Selena down, someone would always step up to defend her.

Selena is specifically here to take her down!

Leah couldn't hold it in any longer, she screamed and smashed the vase in the room.

A tremendous sound startled Dominic in the next room.

Dominic knocked on the door and asked, "Leah, what's wrong?"

Leah supported herself on the table with both hands, her face contorted. Upon hearing the voice of Dominic, the man who had become her fiancé, she couldn't help but think of Selena in her heart.

She gave a sneering laugh, but her eyes gradually became calm, with a chilling glint of malevolence. After a moment, she composed herself and walked over to open the door, saying in a calm tone, "It's okay, I just accidentally broke the vase in the room."

Dominic looked at her with a gentle yet remorseful expression as she lowered her head, his heart filled with apologies. "Leah..."

He opened his mouth, wanting to comfort, but he didn't know what to say.

Leah chuckled self-deprecatingly and said, "I still have to attend the dinner later. If there is nothing else, I'll go back and rest now."

Dominic frowned slightly as he looked at her distant and cold expression.

Since he stood by and did nothing regarding Mrs. Riddle, Leah's attitude towards him has become ambiguous.

Dominic understands it, but he does not regret it.

So in the end, he just lifted his hand and patted Leah's shoulder, "Go rest well."

Leah's lips curved into a bitter smile.

How could she not hear the disappointment and worry in his tone when Dominic was so close to her? Only Dominic knows whether these frustrations and worries belong to her or to Selena.

Leah remembered the fragrance association's blatant defense of Selena, and suddenly a huge resentment rose in her heart.

She lifted her head and looked at Dominic with a pale face, smiling, "Dominic, have you heard that recording on Weibo?"

Dominic suddenly met her icy gaze and furrowed his brow, "Leah..."

Leah gave a wry smile and said sadly, "Dominic, tell me, what do you think? Don't you believe that Selena would seduce the judges?"

Dominic's face darkened and his tone was firm, "She won't!"

Three years ago, Selena, who was only sixteen and was not yet an adult, was at the peak of her love for him.

Dominic doesn't believe that Selena would seduce the judges to enter the competition.

He had indeed treated Selena badly before, but no one else could understand Selena's feelings for him better than him.

How could Selena possibly seduce the judges when she likes him so much that she's willing to risk her life to protect her innocence for him?

So, Dominic spoke out for the first time so decisively to defend Selena.

But it made Leah hate her even more. Her gentle voice became sharper, "Why is it impossible? It's obvious that the recording of her seducing the judges has been released and everyone knows that she was banned from competing for three years..."

"The recording only mentioned that she went to the judges for something, but did not directly say that she went to seduce the judges!" Dominic looked at Leah with a hint of condemnation in his eyes.

"Leah, you forgot how Selena escaped from the group of thugs that your mother sent to destroy her, but I can't forget it."

Leah suddenly stiffened but laughed more resentfully, "Then you forgot how she treated Angie so cruelly, didn't you?"

Dominic's face darkened slightly. He certainly hadn't forgotten, and he resented Selena's cruelty. He couldn't deny the fact that Angie was indeed in the wrong in that matter.

Dominic looked at her with a calm face and said, "Leah, I know you hold a grudge against Selena because of what happened to your mother. But we can't deny that your mother and Angie were in the wrong for provoking Selena to be so ruthless towards them..."

When Leah heard Dominic's words, she almost couldn't maintain her gentle image.

In the past, whenever she was slightly unhappy, there were men who would help her to criticize Selena. However, even after Selena sent her mother to jail and almost killed his sister, she unexpectedly went back to help Selena speak up.

Leah was furious and said in a rage, "But the recording is real, it must be Selena -" "Enough!"

Dominic interrupted her and surprisingly spoke harshly to her, "The dinner is about to start, go back and rest."

After speaking, he turned around and walked away.

Leah watched as Dominic turned and walked away, tears welled up in her eyes and the hatred in her heart almost overflowed.

Do you just believe that Selena is innocent like that?

Unfortunately, soon everyone will know that Selena's so-called innocence is a joke!

Leah wiped away her tears, turned around and went back to her room to do her makeup and change into different clothes.

Tonight, she will definitely not let Selena step on her head again!

Selena has rested enough and finally ready to take action.

She stood up and said to Leia, "Let's go out and buy something early."

Leia curiously asked, "Madam, are we going to buy gifts for young master?"

Selena gave a mysterious smile and said, "You'll know later."

She returned to her room, changed her clothes, put on some makeup, and walked out looking bright and beautiful. She took Leia with her and left.

Leia drove the car to the nearest shopping mall, and Selena found a belt store. Despite the stunned stares of onlookers, she calmly walked in.

Madam buys a belt for the young master...

Master will be happy, right?

Leia followed along and saw Selena walk around inside before raising her hand and pointing in a direction.

"I want that one."