

## M Genius 1601

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"How dare she slander Dr. Huntington! We should have your grandfather here to kneel and beg for forgiveness!"

As the crowd continued their uproar, members of the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale gradually surrounded Crystal.

One of the men looked at Crystal coldly and said, "Miss Harrison, we have allowed you entry to the event out of respect for your grandfather. However, you have repeatedly slandered the name of Neverland Pharmaceuticals. That, we cannot tolerate. We have contacted the authorities, so please leave the venue now and wait for them to pick you up. Do not disturb the event any longer with your misconduct."

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There were already several men watching Crystal intently from behind the man. Upon the man's orders, these men came forward to take her out of the venue. Among them, there was a vulgar-looking man who reached out and grabbed her fair wrist. Taken aback, she took a step backward, but the man was not satisfied as he took a step forward and planned to grab her breasts next in the commotion.

Crystal's face grew red with anger, as she would not stand being treated this way. So, she slapped the man's face in retaliation. This slap of hers stunned everyone briefly.

All at once, the man turned livid and said, "You b\*tch! You dare raise your hand to me?"

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Crystal was at a loss as she hadn't expected that things would turn out this way. Just as the man was about to grab her wrist, someone else reached out and held the man's wrist instead. Then, the wrist of the man was immediately dislocated with a twist. The man yelled in anguish while he held his wrist tightly.

At that, the crowd turned their attention to see who the attacker was. Following the crowd, Crystal turned her head as well, only to find the man with the cap standing beside her. She was stunned at first before she realized who the man was. Stuttering, she said, "M-Mett..."

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This made the people of the Ten Greatest Families and their leader, a middle-aged man, angry. With a darkened expression, their leader glared at Matthew and said, "Who are you? How dare you attack a member of the Ten Greatest Families? Are you trying to make an enemy out of us?"

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However, Matthew wasn't in the least bit afraid of them. Taking a glance at the middle-aged man, he said, "Are you sure that man can represent the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale?"

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## **Chapter 1603**

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Matthew snorted at the man's words. "Settle the score? Hmph, we do indeed need to settle the score. However, it's still not clear who is the one settling the score here."

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The middle-aged man refuted, "What do you mean by transgression? It's only right that we chase out people who are trying to disrupt the event..."

"I have nothing to say about your actions in chasing these men away. However, as a man, he should at least have some decency toward a woman, don't you think so? But, he was being inappropriate with Miss Harrison. Don't you think he deserves a beating for this? Yet, here you are protecting that man. Unless of course, you're saying that the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale had instructed him to commit such indecency?"

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Standing beside Matthew, Crystal couldn't hold herself back any longer, so she asked, "Matthew, w-what did you say? It's the Restoration Pill here we're talking about. That's your secret recipe. H-How could you compromise like this?"

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As Matthew said nothing further on the matter, Gregory continued the event. He quickly went through the introduction of the Restoration Pill, including the exact effects of the pill and so forth. He even presented a bunch of research data to prove the efficacy of the pill to the crowd. Next, it was time for the most crucial moment of the event—the on-site simulation of the pill.



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## **Chapter 1606**

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Matthew darted a look at her and noticed beads of sweat appearing on her pale white forehead. Looking extremely nervous, she fixed her eyes steadily on the screen while mumbling something continuously as if praying. At this moment, his heart warmed. Crystal had nothing to do with this, but she was much more nervous than he was. He knew that she was anxious and worried about him. She really treats me as the most important person in her life! Unfortunately, I already have someone I love. It's fated that I can never reciprocate her deep love for me.

Ten minutes later, the simulation video on-screen reached its end. Everything ended perfectly in a satisfactory way as Gregory had said.

The audience burst into deafening applause. The agents, in particular, were overwhelmed with excitement. The Restoration Pill was very effective; it was indeed able to kill cancerous cells perfectly, making it a miraculous life-saving drug for cancer patients. They'd be able to make a fortune by distributing such a drug! Therefore, they were much happier than those from the Ten Greatest Families.

Of course, while some were happy, there were some who were depressed. Looking utterly disappointed, Crystal unconsciously released her grip on Matthew's arm; her eyes reddened somewhat as her head drooped.

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He smiled faintly. "As I said, Neverland Pharmaceuticals' Restoration Pill and Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' Restoration Pill aren't the same thing. Since we're making different kinds of drugs, how are they gonna steal my stuff?"

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A second person replied, "Ahem, it's wrong of you to say that. Why would President Larson be angry? He's attending the press conference in the spirit of learning."

The first person replied, "Oh, sorry, I was mistaken. There aren't many young people who are as modest and eager to learn as President Larson nowadays."

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## **Chapter 1608**

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