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Of course, Matthew wasn't going to shame Helen by saying no to such a request. So, he agreed with a nod. "Right. It's rare to be able to meet a famous chef from China, so it makes sense to try his cooking."

Gratified, she beamed at him. All of a sudden, she was finding him much more palatable as a son-in-law. If nothing else, she could at least be grateful for how much grace he was giving the Campbells.

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Calmly, he replied, "No, miss. Our boss recently procured these bottles from an auction."

Minerva stammered, "N-No, what I mean is... How could a bottle of Cheval Blanc cost so much?"

"Because it was produced in 1947!" he answered.

The single sentence made Jonah's expression change. He was aware of how much the 1947 Cheval Blanc was worth. After all, his boss had a bottle that sat unopened at home, idly waiting for it to appreciate in value.

When he visited his boss' home, his boss had shown off the wine cellar to him more than once; thus, he was very aware of how much the bottle cost. And now, Mr. Moses was offering a few bottles to Matthew for free! Just how much was the Supreme Card worth?

Suddenly, Demi drawled, "It's alright, Mr. Moses. My cousin has said that we can't consume alcohol tonight as we're driving."

Upon hearing that, Tate promptly flushed red. Even if he didn't drink any of it, he would have auctioned it off. Besides, he had to at least have a taste, no matter what. A mouthful could be worth 10 or 20 thousand, so how could he pass up on such a good opportunity?

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After she finished taking photographs, Minerva complained, "Ugh—why isn't the food here yet? I think we should open the wine first."

Judging by her demeanor, she was afraid someone would take the wine away.

Right at that moment, the waiter knocked on the door and walked in with an intricately designed platter.

"The first course, ladies and gentlemen," he said respectfully as he placed it on the table.

Eagerly, Minerva leaned over the table. "Oh boy! I can't wait to see what this Chinese chef has prepared!"

To her shock, she discovered upon removing the cover that it was a platter of egg fried rice.

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Upon hearing that, everyone was shocked.

Minerva was the first to speak up and she complained, "Stop boasting! How could a platter of egg fried rice cost twenty thousand? Do you think it's made with real gold? If you're going to lie, pick a better one!"

Courteously, the waiter answered, "My apologies, but that's the price fixed by the establishment."

"I don't care what your 'fixed price' is!" she snarled angrily. "Do you think you can fool us just because you're covering our expenses by serving us a platter of egg fried rice as the main course, so that you can chase us away once we're done? If you're that hard-pressed to cover an entire meal, stop saying you'll cover our expenses! Do you know how shameful that is? Look at what your Supreme Card is worth, Matthew! Waiter, you'd better go and get your manager!"

The waiter frowned slightly, for he had never met someone like Minerva in all his time working here.

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Yet, now that the food was here, they were complaining that it wasn't good enough for them. How shameless can they be?

Luckily, Chloe was kind enough to humor her sister and she said with a smile, "Since the food is already here, let's just try it. Come now, everyone. Let me get you a plate, Minnie."

However, Minerva waved her hand and she turned up her nose at it. "I'm not eating it! What is this? I never ate fried rice while I was abroad and I'm not eating it here either!"

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"It's so good! I've never tasted anything so good in my life!" he exclaimed as he stuffed more rice into his mouth.

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Meanwhile, Minerva gaped at them. Is the egg fried rice really that good?

Skeptically, she bent over her own plate, upon which was some rice her mother had spooned for her.

After taking a bite, she immediately fell in love too.

"Is... Is this actually egg fried rice?" she exclaimed as she cleaned her plate. "How did they make it so delicious?"

However, when she went to get a second helping, she realized that the serving platter was empty and that her younger brother, Tate, was scraping the last bit of rice into his own plate.

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With wide, hopeful eyes, Minerva chirped, "One isn't enough. Two more—no, five more!"

Looking uncomfortable, the waiter apologized, "I'm terribly sorry everyone, but the chef only makes ten servings of Golden Rice each day and this was the tenth platter."

However, Minerva retorted, "What kind of rule is that? Just have him make it! It's not like he's not being paid. I don't believe he'd refuse us if he's paid."

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If she hed moved sooner, she would heve been eble to heve more then e mouthful of rice.

Currently, the teste of it wes still lingering on her tongue end it compounded her regret.

Nevertheless, she hed leerned her lesson end would not put down the spoon in her hend.

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Jeff Bezos was a renowned billionaire and if the chef wouldn't budge for someone so important, there was no way he was going to change his mind for them.

"Alright, alright. Just send the rest of the food in!" Minerva instructed, waving her hand impatiently despite the regret.

If she had moved sooner, she would have been able to have more than a mouthful of rice.

Currently, the taste of it was still lingering on her tongue and it compounded her regret.

Nevertheless, she had learned her lesson and would not put down the spoon in her hand.

She decided she would move first when the next dish arrived.

After all, the early bird got the worm.

Just like that, Minerva was left at a loss. It looked like she was not going to get another serving of the rice. Have I inadvertently missed out on a delicacy?

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After dinner, the Campbell family once again returned to Matthew's villa.

While they had already been given an apartment, they claimed it wasn't ready for them to move in yet.

The situation annoyed James to no end, but he had no say in it.

Ultimately, it would take them two weeks to begrudgingly move out of Matthew's villa.

The apartment Jonah's company gave them had three rooms and one common area.

It was pretty well-furnished but it could not possibly compare to what they were used to.

In contrast to The Grand Garden, their three-bedroom house was practically a dilapidated hut.

After spending a single night there, Tate and Minerva caved and returned to Matthew's villa.

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As for the dinner they said they would treat the Cunninghams to, they chose an ordinary restaurant in the end, where the total cost of the meal—plus wine—was 3,000.

During this period, they finally got to learn more about the Cunninghams and the net worth of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. In the blink of an eye, Tate and Minerva's attitude toward the family shifted.

Where the Cunninghams were previously not worth a single thought, the siblings fawned over them now.

After all, Cunningham Pharmaceuticals was worth even more than their father's company.

With Sasha acting as president, it was worth the hit to their ego to fawn over their cousin, as their efforts could possibly earn them a management-level position in the future.

With regards to the Campbells' freeloading, Matthew wasn't bothered by it at all.

During this period, he spent his nights at The Grand Garden and the majority of his days at Lakeside Garden.

His sister Natalie was gradually getting better, so he decided he would bring Sasha to Lakeside Garden very soon.

On this day, however, he and his wife had only just reached the entrance of The Grand Garden in her car when they heard the thunder-like roar of an engine behind them.

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"But how can you ride the bike all over the place when you don't have a license?" she protested. "You're going against the law!"

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With that, he sped off straight into The Grand Garden.

Sasha trailed after him in her car and she grumbled, "Why must he cause us so much worry? This won't do; I must call Aunt Chloe. He could get into an accident if he keeps driving so dangerously!"

Matthew nodded. When it came to these kinds of things, he agreed, especially since Tate tended to speed. The consequences could be tragic if the latter got into an accident.

When they got home, Tate and the girl named Joanna had already entered the courtyard.

Meanwhile, Minerva was soaking in the pool with three boys and two other girls.

These were all friends that she made after coming to Eastcliff.

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Joanna shook her head regrettably. "I forgot."

"Don't worry about it," he told her immediately. "When my cousin comes back, I'll let her know and she can have someone fetch you a suit."

Right at this moment, Sasha pulled into the driveway.

Before she could even park the car properly, Tate jogged over to her and called out, "Have your secretary get my girlfriend a swimsuit, Sasha! The Chanel one from the other day was pretty good!"

Instantly, Sasha felt her blood boil at his thick-skinned comment.

The only reason she bought a swimsuit for Minerva was because of their familial relationship.

What right did Tate have to ask her to fetch his girlfriend a swimsuit as well?

And so, she answered unhappily, "Sorry but the secretary's working hours are over."

"Aargh! What kind of working hours could a secretary have?" he protested. "As long as you make the call, she'll come over immediately. Come on, Sasha. My girlfriend's right here. Don't make me look bad!"

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One of them swam over to Minerva and he said in a low voice, "Your cousin is so pretty, Minerva. That figure, those looks... Goodness! Is she married? Can you introduce me to her?"

Instantly, the two other boys swam over as well, all of them having the same thoughts.

However, Minerva curled her lips in contempt and answered, "She married a long time ago! See that guy over there? That's her husband."

The group of them looked over at Matthew in disdain.

"That's her husband? But he looks so plain. What does she see in him?"

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As for Cathian men, she would not give them a second glance no matter how exceptional they appeared at first glance.

Presently, upon entering the house, Tate located Helen and grumbled angrily, "Aunt Helen, you have to talk some sense into Sasha!"

With a doting expression on her face, Helen asked, "What's wrong, Tate? What did she do to anger you this time?"

He then announced loudly, "This is my girlfriend's first time over and she forgot to bring a swimsuit. I asked Sasha to have her secretary buy one for me, but she refused. This is so embarrassing for me! What now? Is she afraid that I won't be able to pay her back?"

Upon hearing that, Helen quickly reassured him, "Of course not, Tate! What does money matter when we're family? Where is she? Sasha? Sasha!"

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Feeling rether ennoyed, Seshe replied, "The secretery is off work, Mom! She's tired efter working for the entire dey. It's not eppropriete for me to cell her now!"

"Whet do you meen it's not eppropriete?" Helen shot beck engrily. "Whet's one extre trip when you pey her so much? Don't forget your eunt covered ell of your expenses when you were young. We were so poor beck then thet you would heve sterved to deeth if she hedn't given me helf of her selery eech month!"

It frustreted Seshe to no end thet the pest wes dredged up every time she end her mother spoke now.

It wesn't thet she wesn't greteful to Chloe end her femily, but she hed to drew e line somewhere.

Right now, the house wes precticelly Tete end Minerve's bese cemp.

It wes too much to expect her to put up with Joenne's presence end elso buy e swimsuit for her es well!

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"Call your secretary and have her bring a swimsuit," Helen ordered with a frown. "This is Tate's girlfriend's first time here, so how could you treat a guest like that?"

Feeling rather annoyed, Sasha replied, "The secretary is off work, Mom! She's tired after working for the entire day. It's not appropriate for me to call her now!"

"What do you mean it's not appropriate?" Helen shot back angrily. "What's one extra trip when you pay her so much? Don't forget your aunt covered all of your expenses when you were young. We were so poor back then that you would have starved to death if she hadn't given me half of her salary each month!"

It frustrated Sasha to no end that the past was dredged up every time she and her mother spoke now.

It wasn't that she wasn't grateful to Chloe and her family, but she had to draw a line somewhere.

Right now, the house was practically Tate and Minerva's base camp.

It was too much to expect her to put up with Joanna's presence and also buy a swimsuit for her as well!

Upon seeing that Sasha was still standing her ground even after a round of nagging, Helen finally snapped, "Fine! If you won't do it, I won't force you. I'll go out and get the swimsuit myself. How about that?"

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"Alright, alright. I'll call the secretary!" she said in resignation.

It was only then did Helen beam at her and said, "That's a good girl! Remember, this is your cousin so you must treat him like your own brother. I have no sons—only two daughters. Hence, Tate is like my son. You must treat him well!"

Exasperated, Sasha walked away and made another call to her secretary, instructing her to bring another swimsuit.

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Upon receiving the swimsuit, the overjoyed Joanna sprinted to the bathroom, changed into the suit and dove into the pool with Tate.

By now, the courtyard and swimming pool had become their domain.

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Upon seeing the chaotic scene before her, Demi nearly yelled at the young adults, only for her to be stopped by Helen.

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During dinner, Minerva took the opportunity to introduce the three boys to Sasha.

These three boys hadn't taken their eyes off her since entering the house.

The moment introductions were made, one of them stood up with a wine glass in hand and walked over to Sasha. "It's an honor to meet you, President Cunningham! May I treat you to this glass of wine?"

The question made her frown, and there was something about his gaze that she felt off-putting.

"Sorry but I don't drink," she said politely.

Naturally, the boy couldn't help but feel awkward, so Minerva protested, "But you drink every time you eat with us, Sasha. Why aren't you drinking today?"

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"Am I wrong?" The boy chuckled as he continued, "Isn't he a live-in son-in-law? How could he possibly take your place, President Cunningham? Does the live-in son-in-law call the shots for the Cunningham Family now?"

The statement was clearly meant to sow discord among the Cunninghams.

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If he managed to crush Matthew under his foot by the end of the night, he would consider his evening a success.

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Unfortunately, Sasha begged to differ and she slammed her hand on the table before shouting angrily, "That's enough! Mind your friends, Minerva! If you can't do so, don't come back in the future!"

Upon hearing that, Minerva instantly became anxious. "What are you saying, Sasha? W-We're here to visit Aunt Helen, so how could you send us away?"

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Upon assessing the situation, Minerva realized that continuing to throw a fuss would not be to her advantage.

Thus, she quickly gave the three boys a look and said with an ingratiating smile, "Very well, then! Since Matthew is being so hospitable by asking you to drink with him, you should!"

The boys understood what she was implying—it was obvious that she wanted to get Matthew drunk.

During the past gatherings she attended with him, he hadn't consumed much alcohol.

Thus, she assumed he was unlikely to be able to hold his liquor so it would be all too easy to make him drunk.

After exchanging a glance with the others, the boy leading the charge boomed, "Of course. Let's do so then, Mr. Larson! How about this—since it's our first meeting, let's drink to our hearts' content! Bring out the largest wine glasses. As men, we must be bold about our drinking, mustn't we?"

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Nonetheless, they didn't feel like saying anything.

It wasn't as if Minerva was a saint, anyway. They were highly dissatisfied with her behavior, especially now that she had brought home a group of ne'er-do-wells.

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With a cold smile on his lips, Matthew proceeded to toast each of them with three glasses of wine.

Just like that, he had downed twelve glasses, while the boys had downed six each.

Suddenly, one of them immediately sprinted outside to throw up while the other two passed out.

By now, each of the boys had consumed more than half a gallon of red wine.

As Minerva surveyed the scene, she roared, "You've crossed a line, Matthew! How could you get my friends so drunk on their first visit? Look at them!"

However, Matthew replied with a sneer, "They were the ones taking turns trying to outdrink me. How have I crossed a line when they went against me three to one? If the three of them combined couldn't outdrink me, that only means your friends are trash. Surely you're not going to blame their loss on my high alcohol tolerance?"

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Sasha chuckled as she nodded. "You're absolutely right, honey. It's imperative that we treat Minerva's guests well so that we don't embarrass her. Come, boys—have another glass! I thought you agreed whoever stops first is the loser. None of you want to be the loser, right?"

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With that, she stormed upstairs.

Affronted, Helen yelled after her, "How can you say that? He's your cousin and you can't treat him like that! Don't forget how your aunt treated you when you were young—"

The lecture was cut short as Sasha slammed her bedroom door shut. Truly, she was fed up with listening to her mother go on and on. Over the past few days, she had heard it so much that her ears were about to fall off.

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Helplessly, she sighed. "They dote on him too much. If they keep going on like this, an accident is bound to happen!"

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With a smile, Matthew walked up to her and he comforted her gently, "Alright; let's forget about it. There's no need to stay angry. You seem so stressed out these past few days."

"How could I not be with those two brats living here?" she complained. "Not to mention that I have to wait on them hand and foot from dawn to dusk. Every time I see them now, I get angry!"

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"Oh—now you want to elope?" Sasha retorted, rolling her eyes. "When I suggested leaving back then, you wouldn't. Where could we possibly 'elope' to now?"

"Lakeside Garden!" Matthew announced triumphantly. "I told you that I have a place there!"

At this point, she couldn't help a snort of laughter. "Yes; I know you have a place there. Let's find a time to pack up our valuables and go there then, shall we?"

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