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Upon closer look, the men happened to be the same trio whom Minerva had brought along to the Grand Garden before this. They had taken a liking to Sasha back then and wanted to get her drunk, but Matthew stopped that from happening. By the end of the night, the three men hadn't been able to keep up with Matthew's drinking, and they threw up so badly that they were hospitalized.

They had only just been discharged in the past two days, but they still looked weak and unsteady on their feet as one of them asked, "Minerva, why did you ask to see us so early in the evening?"

Minerva detached herself from Peter's embrace and eyed the three men darkly. "Do you guys want revenge for what happened last time?"

The three men exchanged a meaningful glance and grimaced. The man who spoke first hissed through gritted teeth, "Of course, we'd want revenge! But none of us could keep up with that bast\*rd when it comes to drinking!"

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Now Sasha clearly meant to drive them out, making them a little annoyed. Next, Ronald sat next to Sasha and drawled, "Cutie, why do you have to be like this? We're all here to have fun. Don't we all want to have a good time? Since we all know each other, let's hang out and have a drink or two. We're just here to make friends, anyway. By the way, let me introduce myself. My name is Ronald Lach, and I come from the Lach Family of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff. My father is the current head of the Lach Family!"

After saying that, Ronald looked at Sasha with a smug face. Ever since his father became the head of the family, he had been proud of his status. Every time he introduced himself like this, he could reap the awe of the people around him. As for the girls, once they heard that he was the heir of the Lach Family, they all threw themselves at him, eager to marry into the Lach Family. With this name alone, he was able to pick up countless girls in nightclubs.

However, Sasha's face did not change in the slightest. She simply said softly, "Pleased to meet you, Young Master Lach. However, I don't think it's best for you to stay because this is our class party—"

Before she finished her words, a girl next to her suddenly said, "Hey, Sasha, it's okay. We can make a few more friends. Hello, Young Master Lach. My name is Cecilia Ziegler. Nice to meet you!"

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Hearing these words, the rich youngsters instantly furrowed their brows. When they came out to have fun, it was usually those nightclub girls who stopped them from leaving!

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The rest of the men echoed his words loudly, but they were only yelling from a distance, not daring to come over at all.

Matthew turned his head to glance at them and his gaze finally landed on Ronald. "Don't worry, I really don't plan to leave yet! This matter must be dealt with clearly tonight," he said in a cold voice.

While baring his teeth, Ronald grinned. "Kid, you've got a lot of guts! You want to deal with it clearly, right? Fine, wait here. When the people from the Lach Family arrive, let's properly deal with it!"

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While baring his teeth, Ronald grinned. "Kid, you've got a lot of guts! You want to deal with it clearly, right? Fine, wait here. When the people from the Lach Family arrive, let's properly deal with it!"

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Cecile stuttered for a moment; it was only after a long time did she say in a low voice, "Seshe, this is all about respecting each other in the world. Young Master Lech invited you to drink, which means he is looking up to you. If you do not drink with him, it means you're not respecting him. It's natural for Young Master Lech to be angry!"

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