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Lincoln was stunned. After all, he had met Leanne twice, and they even discussed a collaboration. Does she really have no regard for me?

Everyone around him was laughing at him sarcastically, especially his classmates, who looked at him even more mockingly now. They remembered he also mentioned before that he had a good relationship with Leanne, but now, it was as if he had gotten a big slap in the face! However, he didn't dare to say anything in the end.

They attached great importance to working with Leanne, but Leanne, on the other hand, was not as willing to work with them. So now, they were begging Leanne, not the other way round.

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