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Isabel stared back at Roland before answering the phone.

She immediately heard Amanda's frantic voice, "Isabel, are you at a dinner party with Roland right now?"

Isabel cocked an eyebrow and asked, "Yeah, why?"

"There are people sneaking pictures of you two together! You should get out of there as quickly as you can. They are posting pictures of you and Roland online right now. Those ridiculous discussions that you managed to squash last week are back up on the trending charts again!"

Isabel scowled.

So, this was why Clarice texted her and hinted at her to bring Roland here. This was the plot she had weaved the entire time.

She answered with a brisk smile, "Don't worry about a thing, Amanda. Something spicy is coming up later tonight, so make sure you stay tuned."

"Huh? What do you mean by that?"

"You'll find out soon enough."

Without bothering to elaborate, Isabel hung up.

While Roland was still in the middle of his phone call, he looked at Isabel with a look wrought with concern.

phone. It seemed like he was contacting Marcus to deal with the situation online. She did not interrupt him and flashed a smile at him so that he would not

Roland wrapped up his call. He walked up to

yet. Let's stick around a bit longer."

suddenly dropping a pitch.

take her home right now. He did not want them to be photographed by the

swept a look around the venue.

caught up with the latest development online. A lot of them were scrolling on their phones

tugged at Roland and said in a soft, pleading voice, "At least, let me have another glass

gave in.

a glass of wine. "We're leaving after you finish this."

picked up the glass and took a gentle sip, then she reached for her

looked like he was going to

to shield her phone from him. It did not take long before she saw her name on the trending charts. Most of what people were saying about her was the same

certainly something new as she read

now. I can't believe Master Roland hasn't dumped her yet even when things are looking this bad. Is

chimed

"She's a seductress."

She's the one who put them in this position

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One of them, who seemed like a rather mannered man nearing his forties, expressed in a scornful voice, "Roland, have you seen what people are saying about her? They're starting to make fun of you as well because you've been getting involved with her. What are you even thinking? Why are you getting associated with a woman with no self-respect who messes around in the entertainment circle?"

Immediately afterward, his other relatives began to chatter as well, "Look what happened to Rockwell Corporation's stock prices now. Is this what you want? Are you going to ruin our family business for a woman like her?"

One of them glared at Isabel with an offended look as if she was the carrier of a deadly disease. His eyes were stark with contempt and disgust. "How dare some wench like you try to slither into our family?! Don't even think about ever becoming Madam Rockwell! I'll have you know that even if Roland stubbornly insists on being with you, none of us will ever acknowledge your status!"

"Scram, get out of here, you disgraceful woman!"

The only thing stopping them from flinging their drinks right at Isabel's face was that they had to watch their manners as members of high society.

Roland clenched Isabel's hand tightly.

Isabel could feel his hands trembling. He was like a volcano quaking with fury, threatening to erupt at any moment.

She put her arms around his arm to try to still his anger.

Roland put his arms protectively around her. He swept a scornful look over the group heckling and insulting Isabel.

of them was Master Rockwell who was observing the

and spectated the scene as well. She smiled coyly at Isabel and was ecstatically waiting to see her getting kicked

semblance of emotion. He seemed to be waiting for Roland to escalate off these people and chased them out of there, one of the venue staff posted by the entrance and cried out loud enough for everyone to hear, "Master Rockwell, President Decker... the chairman of Carter Corporation seemed Clarice

Isabel and Roland were immediately quietened by this news. They turned around to look at turned to cast a look at Isabel. smiled assuringly at him. "This she said this. He seemed too stunned to react appropriately and just processed the information. He asked for further his famous painter wife known as Mrs. Sunflower. Even his eldest son, the owner of Carter Tech City, is to his feet without even needing the aid of his walking stick. He would have stumbled over if not for

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Everyone seemed to have completely forgotten about tormenting Isabel and Roland as they crowded toward the entrance as well.

Isabel calmly took Roland's hand and unhurriedly paced toward the entrance.

With that, a sizeable crowd formed by the entrance.

Isabel immediately recognized her parents as well as her eldest brother stepping into the bright hall. They were escorted by the group of Master Rockwell, Decker, and many others.

Odell was dressed in a black suit. Even at his age, he still stood a head taller than most people and exuded a fine, elegant air about him.

Sylvia walked next to him, dressed in a beautiful dress with a shawl thrown around her. She adorned herself only in simple, non-flashy jewelry, but even so, it did little to conceal the dignified air that set her apart from any other woman present at the scene.

Liam was dressed in a suit as well. He was lean, tall, and even intimidating due to the stoic expression he wore on his face constantly. Several men who were thinking about going up to greet him were dissuaded when they met his piercing eyes and promptly backed away.

Master Rockwell was all smiles. He walked next to Odell with Decker carefully supporting him and began musing, "What a surprise and honor to have Master Carter and Madam Carter visit us. Even the young master is here!"

Decker and Clarice put on their best smiles as well, making sure to make their guest feel welcomed and even exalted.

icily, "Don't get the wrong idea. We are here to see

taken aback by this.

was just as

his daughter? Here?

Decker tried to reel the situation in. "Master

cast a look around the venue and his attention promptly

other friends and families of the Rockwells watching, Odell

front of Master Rockwell, Decker, Clarice, and all the others

guys so long?" She complained, "They've been pushing their luck, saying all those mean things about

gleamed with ice

retreated a

Clarice stiffened.

away

them off the hook. She gestured at each and every single one of them to

mouths tightly, afraid

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Master Rockwell turned as pale as a sheet of paper while he shifted his attention back on forth between the expressions of Odell, Sylvia, and Isabel. His lips seemed to quiver like he had something to say, but no words were produced from him.

Clarice had turned so white that it looked like she was going to faint. Her eyes were wide with disbelief.

How could this be? Isabel Ross, the third-rate actor who should never deserve a place in the spotlight was the daughter of the chairman of the Carters of Westchester?!

Decker was stiff and quaking all over, his face colored entirely with shock and disbelief. Never in his wildest dreams had he ever thought that the same woman he had once slapped and abandoned when he decided to get with the Houstons to climb up the social ladder was the daughter of the Carters.

Everybody else was extremely silent. The venue turned into a graveyard in the dead of the night in an instant. Even the two older shareholders, who were supportive of Roland and previously tried to advise him to break up with Isabel, were speechless.

It was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

Eventually, Odell directed his laser-sharp attention to Decker.

Decker felt a shiver run through him. It took him a lifetime to muster the effort to crack an ugly smile and to explain quite pitifully, "Master Carter, this is all a misunderstanding."

"Misunderstanding?" Odell scoffed, "Do I look like an idiot to you? You don't think I know about what you've done to my precious daughter?"

her career in the entertainment industry, he had made a promise

he had been keeping track of every piece of news that had anything to do with her. He knew the most minute details such as which crew members and actors she hung out with and what they ate. Going by that vein, it was no surprise that

every one of Isabel's rivals in the industry. He knew who tried to plot against her, who was competing against her, and especially who had tried to

and managing to handle everything by herself up till this point. This time was the nail in the coffin. How dare they make up these pathetic

slandering his beloved daughter and calling her a glorified prostitute. Even if Isabel decided

on this got what they deserved. They would

an instant, and even the temperature seemed to drop.

speak

excuses. With a sharp scowl, he declared ominously, "Every single one of you will get what's

and Clarice, then he took

out with

had not spoken the entire time, turned to Roland to inform him, "We came at a moment's notice and haven't had time to book a hotel."

"There are enough guest rooms in my place, so you can all

"Alright."

Liam walked outside.

about to join them when Master Rockwell called out after him.

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A stiff silence hung over them.

Then, Isabel poked Odell's arm. "Dad, don't be angry."

Odell made a face and ignored her.

Isabel poked at Sylvia this time.

While Sylvia took a deep breath, she could relate to how Odell was feeling. Even now, she was rather upset about the things she read online, and what people were saying about her dear daughter.

"Isabel, your father and I have talked about this and decided that we are fine with you continuing your career as an actress, but only on the condition that you cannot keep hiding the fact that you are our daughter. If you are not okay with that, you'll have to come home and take over the family businesses instead." Sylvia's tone was stout.

Isabel was slightly troubled to hear this.

Still, she understood that they were deeply bothered by what people were saying online about her.

After a while, she answered, "Alright, I understand."

They sat in silence together for a while again until Liam, who was in the middle row, turned around and informed them, "Mom, Dad, I just got a text from the lawyer. He says that he just put up the official letter online."

frown softened even

relief. "This should all be

this. "What lawyer's

her nose playfully. "Check it out yourself."

promptly reached for her phone and

the trending bar read: "The Carters' official letter", followed closely by: "Isabel Ross is a Carter."

first post which redirected her to Carter Corporation's official blog. The post was a picture of a letter drawn up by a lawyer. The entire format and phrasing were very

to the task was a very renowned lawyer from the best law firm in the country. Right from the very first sentence, it was clarified that he was commissioned by the chairman of Odell Carter, the chairman of Carter Corporation

had been actively involved in defaming Isabel would have lawsuits coming their way very soon.

Altogether, there were more than 30 of them with all of their IDs listed, all of varying reputations. Some of them were even quite significant media

few minutes, the post was

of the comments went as follows.

you serious? Isabel has been the daughter of the Carters this entire

is the official page of Carter Corporation. There's

What is this that people are

the title Mrs. Sunflower, is

time and even the daughter of billionaires to boot? Are all those rumors about her being

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Isabel turned to Liam, making sure to not neglect him. "Thank you too, Liam."

Liam turned around to give her a faint smile before turning back to face the front.

Without warning, Odell suddenly addressed Roland, "Roland, what's your plan after this?"

Roland was silent for a moment, then he said with a resolute look, "Uncle, I will make sure to do right by Isabel."

Odell cocked an eyebrow and remarked, "Alright, I'll be patiently waiting."

Roland nodded. "Sure."

With that, he cast a look at Isabel with a faint smile.

Isabel smiled back at him.

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after that, the car parked outside the

from Roland and knew that Isabel's parents and brother were on the way. As soon as the group got out of the car, they saw Martha striding toward them with a warm, welcoming smile. She even put on a cute dress for the occasion.

his mother to Isabel's family,

gestured, "Hey, Mom, they are Isabel's parents, and that's her

Sylvia smiled politely at

as well, "Good to

long time, "Please, come inside! I heard from Roland that you all came here

"I'm sorry to

gracious to come to pay my son and myself a

walked in amidst

turned to Odell and Liam with a gesture. "Uncle,

and Liam went into the

went to Isabel. They walked hand in hand

cast from above, she could recognize a warm and serene glow in his

sending his family to help

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"That's what people in my parents' circle and other outsiders refer to me as," Isabel said with a candid smile. "But as far as I'm concerned, you're still my agent and you don't have to treat me any differently, so don't worry about these titles."

Unbeknownst to her, Amanda's hand was quaking with excitement. She was this close to dropping the phone.

How could she possibly not be concerned?

The actress she had been working for as an agent for the last five years turned out to be the rumored daughter of the wealthiest family in Westchester!

As much as equality in society was valued, one could not deny that there were clear distinctions between social classes. She had run through the gauntlet in the entertainment industry and built a solid reputation for herself, meeting countless wealthy people in the course of her career. Despite all that, it was nigh impossible for her to come into contact with someone of Isabel's social class! She came from such a background that even the wealthiest businessman had to bend over backward in her presence.

Amanda took a deep breath to calm herself. "I cannot believe you've kept it a secret for so long."

Isabel explained, "I just wanted to be a normal actress, so I didn't want anyone to know about my background."

If not for the circumstances, she still would not have disclosed her true identity.

Amanda sighed exasperatedly again before expressing jovially, "Well, anyway, there are no more false claims and rumors about you online anymore. All those media outlets have issued formal apologies for defaming you back then. Several of them have even personally contacted me to ask you for forgiveness."

said bluntly, "I won't forgive

on a sincere show of asking for forgiveness. If anything, they would double down and continue slandering her with everything they have, such as the ruthless nature of the entertainment

what I was thinking as well! Back then, they would not help us no matter how many times I asked. I even began begging at one point! Well, serves them right!"

expressed sincerely, "Thank you for your

"Also, we've been getting a lot of endorsements from all sorts of different companies. One of them has all down."

"Huh?"

than acting and some features on variety shows for publicity, I'm not interested

to worry about taking on various endorsements and contracts. Besides, she

"Alright,

You can just take it from the salary I get from the roles I star in and variety show

to managing her affairs. If she was going to stop entertaining any endorsements and contracts, that would mean Amanda would lose out on a sizeable chunk of

money to compensate for the losses.

took her a while to process this information, then

have a lot of work to do, so I'll get

she

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Triss was online as well. Mere seconds after she received Isabel's text, she replied with a grouchy cartoon figure.

Isabel chuckled and sent her a voice message, "Triss, thank you for speaking up for me back then.

Triss replied, "I get that you only wanted to be an actress without the extra attention, but I'm still a little mad. If I knew that you came from such a powerful background this entire time, I wouldn't have needed to try to defend you."

Isabel chuckled to herself. She was just about to reply when she received another voice message from Triss.

"Anyway, I'm glad everything is fine now," she expressed in a heartfelt voice.

They briefly chatted for a while longer, then Isabel went to scroll through her feed again.

Half an hour ago, everyone was in an uproar over the exciting reveal of her true identity. Right now, everyone was severely criticizing the media outlets that had been defaming her the entire time.

Furthermore, many other artistes such as Isabella, who had made themselves enemies of Isabel and taken advantage of the situation to belittle her, were facing severe backlash. The collective anger was turned around on them this time.

The netizens might be gullible, but even they had come to realize the truth of the situation. Since even the media outlets had issued formal apologies, it was evident that everything Isabella said previously was lies made up to sabotage Isabel.

these celebrities, including Isabella, deactivated their comment sections.

deleted their previous posts badmouthing Isabel.

things had turned out. Just as she was about to put away

ironic thing was that Isabella's previous message sent two hours ago was still visible on the screen. Her message read, "Isabel, say bye-bye to those leading roles and

when pictures of Isabel and

"Hey, Miss Isabel, I just noticed the last message. It must have been my assistant sneaking around and

how frantic she must be just by the shifty way she had to address her
the form of a read

the bosses of the media outlets, Isabella had plenty of company.

a few selected individuals that Isabel could think

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the news began trending, Isabella was so astounded that her feet gave away

was still grounded to the floor while she reread the text she

receipt lit up, which meant that Isabel must

twenty minutes had passed since, and

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Isabella's manager dragged a long, extended sigh. Then, she proceeded to advise somberly, "No use praying for a miracle now. Just use this chance to take a long break."

Puzzled by this, Isabella asked, "What do you mean? Don't I have a commercial shoot lined up tomorrow?"

"It's been canceled. Not just tomorrow's commercial shoot, but every single endorsement, variety show contract, and all of the pending scripts are gone. There's nothing left."

Isabella's face turned pale. "Was it Isabel?"

"Probably not. All of the showrunners and business managers approached me on their own initiatives. They probably know that there's bad blood between you and Isabel, so they made the business decision of keeping their distance from you to avoid upsetting the Carters."

Isabella's eyes turned red with tears. She looked for something to say, but the only thing on her mind was the picture of the lawyer's letter written on behalf of Isabel and posted on Carter Corporation's official page.

She slumped over backward and landed on her couch. Her arms immediately went limp, and her phone clattered against the floor with a loud smack.

Her vision was turning into a blur. She immediately began to recall all of her confrontations with Isabel all these years.

luck going for her. This was why every time she found herself in the center of a controversy thanks to her unruly attitude and her telling people off, people would crown her bold personality instead of turning against her. She knew that many people in the industry harbored resentment and jealousy toward

do was reach for it. Her family was so powerful that nobody in the collective entertainment circle or the business world dared to even mutter something foul about them under their breath.

explained her fearless attitude.

the first show of aggression from more than a handful of years ago. It would have been easier than to Clarice who was nasty and haughty, it did appear that the young lady of the Carters was more beyond salvage now. She had done more than sour her relationship with Isabel. Even if Isabel did not plan

felt, she knew there was nothing she

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after Master Rockwell left the hotel, he was immediately taken here.

the

he stared

He was standing by the window, smoking a

voice coming out in a dry

expression was very sullen and grey, and he did

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Master Rockwell weakly beat his fist against the mattress and cried out sourly, "How could this be?! How could she have turned out to be the daughter of the Carters of all people?"

It was all over, beyond over!

As Decker lowered his gaze, a shadow was cast over his face.

After a while, Master Rockwell grabbed him tightly and said with a fervent, burning look in his eyes. "Decker, listen to me. You two had a thing in the past, didn't you? Go to her in private and give her a sincere apology. As long as you can get her to forgive you, her family will go easy on you as well!"

Her father was at the helm of Carter Corporation, and her brother was the owner of Carter Tech City. Both of them were not to be messed with!

If Decker could not get Isabel to forgive him, he was going to be ruined!

Decker took a deep breath and said with a dejected look in his grey eyes, "Dad, she's never going to forgive me."

He had betrayed her trust five years ago.

Furthermore, he had tried to humiliate her by publicizing their past, resulting in her being ridiculed by the world.

Besides, the person she loved now was Roland. How could she be expected to forgive him, someone who was her ex-boyfriend and who had repeatedly hurt her time and time again?

to grow anxious and lashed out, "How do you know that if you

His voice was weak but he spoke with a contrasting firm tone, "You don't know her like I do. I know that she's never going to forgive me

"You... ugh!"

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Mr. Houston's study, the atmosphere was rigid.

taken Clarice home after the events that went down. She sat on the couch with

question, "You haven't got on the bad side of this Carter girl, have you?"

and confessed reluctantly, "I tried to get

father was afraid to hear. He asked sharply, "What was her reaction at

approached us at first to try to smooth things over, then there was radio silence

heart. If she was

Clarice remained silent.

Isabel wanted to take revenge on

she consider her unworthy

daughter of the Carters, the wealthiest family in

father continued to pace anxiously around the room. At one point, he seemed to have made up his mind on something and solemnly announced, "We're calling off your