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"That's because she doesn't have a family background or talent. I believe with my family background and my status in society, if I'm pregnant with his child, Alex would definitely accept me into the family!" Brittany insisted.

guess, what you've said made sense," Arianna mumbled deep in thought, "Still...you need an opportunity to be pregnant, right?"

"Opportunity? I'll just have to make one," Brittany concluded with determination. Her hesitation was thrown out the window after witnessing Alexander's well-planned marriage proposal to Lily. She was so jealous.

It was as if her heart was crushed and flattened repeatedly as she watched the man she loved propose to another woman. She had tried to be patient and quietly stay by his side, but what was it for in the end? Since this did not work, she would now try other more aggressive methods!

After years of creating new perfume formulas, she had never expected her most famous perfume to be the one she had custom-made for Lisa. Lisa was the only person that had used that perfume, and because it was specially made for her, only a few bottles were made. Only three people were given the opportunity to test the smell- Lily, Lisa, and that female. journalist.

Lily did not include the people around Lisa as she was not entirely sure who they were. The online buzz around this scent, though, was outrageous. Perhaps it was because of the unknown quality of the perfume's scent that piqued so many people's interest.

At one point, it was even more popular than high-end perfume brands, and there were already knock-offs of her perfume on some online shopping platforms for a quick cash grab.

Several companies were also keeping an eye on this development. They even approached Rebirth about ordering this particular perfume and selling it to consumers. The phones in Rebirth's marketing and sales department were ringing off the hook with requests to collaborate. The general manager of Rebirth, George Will, even approached her personally to discuss it.

"Lily, I'm sure you've seen these recent orders and requests. What's your take on it?" George's approach was very transparent, and he showed her the number of orders submitted to the company to request collaboration and orders for the perfume she made for Lisa.

Even though it looked like he was asking for her opinion, he only wanted her to agree to them.

However, Lily was strong-willed and answered firmly, "Mr. Will, I'm sorry, but this is impossible! You do realize the meaning of 'custom-made,' right?"

"Yes, I understand that this was made for a friend of yours, but I'm sure you still have the exact formula in your hands. Besides, I heard that you did not charge her at all. Now, this is the perfect opportunity for you to make up for it," George was tempted to take this chance to make a sizable profit for the company. He was confident that if they seized this opportunity, Rebirth would grow even more.

"This has nothing to do with money. Mr. Will, this is my professional ethics," Lily placed the

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contracts on the table nonchalantly. "If I may, deciding to produce this perfume in large quantities would only lose its meaning. The very reason why this perfume was such a hit was that it was 'custom-made.' Besides, in the long run, no one would come to us for custom perfumes anymore since their perfumes would only be mass-produced in the end."

"I understand, but I believe that we wouldn't have that many customers interested in a custom-made perfume anyway. Instead of focusing on them, why don't we focus more on..."

Before he could finish, Lily interrupted, "It doesn't matter. Customers are customers, and if we've given them our promise, it becomes a verbal contract. If we go against it now, that's similar to breaching a written contract. I'm sorry, but I just won't do it."

"It's not that serious, you see..." George wanted to continue persuading Lily, but his phone rang. He lifted his hand and gestured for Lily to wait, "Sorry, give me a minute!"

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Lily did not know who was on the other line, but George kept looking at her when he was on the phone, "All right, I'll ask her about it."

Lily had a feeling that it was about something concerning her.

“I think you might be right about this,” George looked at her and said finally. Since he knew about her background, he could not force his ideals onto her even if he wanted to. Most importantly, the phone call he had just received changed his mind. Maybe they could also focus on custom-made perfumes.

“What?” Lily was confused.

“Do you know who just called?” George clasped his hands and continued, “I don’t know if you’ve heard of the name of the actress who had previously won the Best Actress award, Eloise Neville. She was a superstar before getting married into the Tanner family.”

Lily was surprised before admitting, “Yes, I’ve heard of her.”

Not only had she heard of Eloise, Lily even knew about her relationship with Nathaniel, but... why was she calling them?

“Yes, she wanted to request a custom-made perfume from you and that she wants to meet you personally. How does tonight sound?” George asked.

Lily was silent for a moment before answering, “I don’t think I’m able to accept her request. She should look for another perfumer.”

George thought she would willingly accept this proposal, so he was beyond surprised when she rejected it, “Why? You just said you’d prefer to accept custom-made requests instead of mass-production orders. I’ve respected your opinion and agreed to it. Now you’re telling me you don’t want to accept this proposal when it’s from someone so famous and holds such a high social status. If you succeed in creating a perfume for her, your position in the perfume industry will also be secured. I don’t see why you’d reject this opportunity.

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“I know you’re not about the money and you could choose to do things based on your likes and dislikes. However, you’re still working for our company, so please think about the company’s future and not solely about your personal preferences, okay?” Maybe it was due to his eagerness to persuade her to take up the offer George had stopped beating around the bush and spoke quite crudely.

Lily was not at all offended by his tone of speaking, but this did remind her that she was still working under Rebirth and that even if she had her own lab and brand now, it was still part of Rebirth, so she could not just choose to accept projects according to her preferences.

George had always been kind to her, even if it was not for Alexander. After thinking for a while, she changed her mind, “All right, I’ll go see her. However, I can’t promise you that this business proposal will be a hundred percent successful.”

Just the fact that she was willing to change her mind already excited George, “Sure. As long as you’re willing to see her, I’m sure there won’t be any problems!”

Eloise had explicitly asked for Lily, and this meant that she had a considerable interest in working together. If Lily said yes, George was sure that this collaboration would very likely be

successful.

When Lily left the building that evening at 6 p.m., a car was already waiting in front of the lobby. The car window was rolled down, and a beautiful face appeared, “Hello, Ms. Christian.”

This was a face Lily had seen numerous times on the TV. More importantly, she had read about her in the information Justin gave her, so she could recognize her immediately. This was Eloise Neville. Lily was surprised that she would come to her company personally to meet her. Even if Lily wanted to change her mind now, it was doubtful that she could just run away from Eloise.

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After a moment of hesitation, Lily strode over to the car. The door swung open, and she stepped inside, nodding politely in Eloise's direction.

She was unsure if Nathaniel's mysterious mother knew about their relationship. It did not matter anyway, as everything was in the past. Facing this past potential mother-in-law, she felt only calm and nothing else.

Meanwhile, Eloise had been observing Lily. She had a unique youthful vibe and smelled lovely. The scent was not strong nor the usual fruity smell loved by many girls. It smelled natural, but there was also a trace of fragrance Eloise could not name. After smelling the scent Lily carried, Eloise felt her frustration subdued, and she was less anxious, too.

"Mrs. Tanner, what is it that you want to tell me? You can tell me now, and we can save you. the hassle of finding a proper place for us to talk. In fact, this is the most suitable place for you," Lily said, looking out the window.

Her words made Eloise smirk. "You're smart."

After all, Eloise was the most famous actress of her time. Even after she retired from the industry and married a wealthy man, there would still be paparazzi on her tail no matter where she went.

Over the years, nothing much had been captured as Eloise had been on guard and taken proper precautions whenever she was out. However, the paparazzi were getting smarter, and she never knew where they would hide.

The talk Eloise wanted to have with Lily was definitely not meant to be overheard by anyone else.

“Drive slower,” Eloise ordered and pressed a button, raising the divider between the front and back seats, creating a private space for them to talk.

Eloise’s car was a Toyota Alphard, and there was ample space for them to converse comfortably. She took out two cans of drink from the mini fridge and handed one over to Lily. Lily shook her head.

“Thanks. I don’t need it.”

“I know a little about perfumers, and you guys greatly value and protect your sense of smell. Don’t worry. This is just soda water and not alcohol. It’s good for your health if consumed in appropriate volumes.” Eloise paused and chuckled before continuing, “You’re not thinking I’ll use dirty tricks on you, are you?”

Lily averted her gaze to the can of soda water. Then, she took it and opened the can before taking a small sip. After that, she just held the can in her hand.

Eloise said nothing about it. She just drank two sips from her own and then looked up, thinking about how to start the conversation. At least, that was how it seemed.

“I’m sure Mr. Will told you why I wanted to talk to you. I want you to create a type of perfume, just for me exclusively.” Looking at Lily, Eloise got straight to the point. “Just tell me how much it’ll cost. I’ll make sure you’re satisfied.”

“Sorry, I can’t do that. Mrs. Tanner, perhaps you might need to find someone else, a more skillful perfumer, to help you with your request.” Lily rejected Eloise on the spot, which would

be easier than rejecting Eloise with the company’s help.

Eloise's gaze flickered. "Why? You have ill feelings toward me?"

"Of course not," Lily said. "To me, a perfumer would need to understand their customers well, from their personality, likes and dislikes, as well as hobbies, to create a perfume for them. That's necessary for the perfumer to create an ideal and suitable perfume for the customer."

"It's that complicated?" Eloise turned to the side to look at Lily. Her gaze was doubtful.

"Creating fragrances may seem easy, but every perfumer has their own understanding and rules toward the subject. What I said is how I look at my job. That is why I rejected your offer. and suggested that you look for another perfumer to help you. They might understand your preferences better, Mrs. Tanner." Lily bowed her head lightly as a sign of apology. Then, she placed the can of soda water down on the table beside her.

"You have other reasons for rejecting me, don't you?" Eloise asked abruptly.

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Smiling, Eloise looked at Lily and said, "You're rejecting me because of my relationship with Nate, aren't you?"

Lily was surprised to hear that. She turned to look at Eloise with disbelief written all over her gaze. She did not understand how Eloise could tell her the secret she had been carefully hiding for decades so quickly.

“You don’t need to look at me like that. I know you’ve found out about it,” Eloise said faintly. “ I’m bringing this up because I want us to talk about things easier now that we’re on the same page. It’ll be difficult for us to talk with people around us. Since only the two of us are here, we can be honest with each other.”

“This has nothing to do with what you said. I rejected you simply because I can’t do it, and it’s not for any other reason,” Lily explained.

“Really?” Eloise leaned forward and stared into Lily’s eyes. Suddenly, she questioned, “Then let me ask you this; where is Nate now?”

Lily was puzzled. “How would I know that?”

“How could you not know that? All he thought about was you, and everything he did was to win you back. I remember you’re the last person he met before he went missing! Don’t you think you should know his whereabouts? Did he not contact you all this while?”

“Nathaniel is missing?”

“That is why I haven’t seen him in so long. I thought he was getting his life back together somewhere else and trying to accept his defeat, but he went missing. Still, how could a grown man like him go missing so suddenly? Did that happen because of the bankruptcy?”

“You don’t know about it?” Eloise observed Lily, trying to see if the latter was lying.

“Sorry. I have no idea what happened. Since you know about my past relationship with Nate, I’m sure you know we ended things long ago. What he does has nothing to do with me anymore.” Lily shrugged. She felt nothing apart from the momentary shock after learning about his disappearance. Anything related to him, including his disappearance, was none of her concern.

Eloise said nothing at first. She just gulped her sparkling water and put the can down harshly before she exclaimed., “Lily, are you that heartless?! No matter what, you two had dated for a few years. Although I couldn’t tell you about my identity, I had always approved of you being my daughter–in–law.”

“I admit Nate did you wrong in the past, but the most valuable thing about a man is his willingness to admit his mistakes and change for the better. He knows what he did wrong and promised to return to you, so why can’t you give him another chance to prove himself? Don’t you have any feelings for him anymore?”

After a short pause, Eloise seemed aggravated about the situation and said with a heavy heart, “I don’t believe you don’t love him anymore! You’ve done so much and sacrificed a lot for him back then. That means you still love him, right? Alexander is indeed a great man, but it’s not easy being the wife of a wealthy and influential man.

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“I’m speaking from experience, and I can tell you that the Russells are not the kind of people you want to get involved with, Lily. Even the Lodge family won’t be able to protect you by then.”

Again, she continued, “Silly girl! Rather than getting mixed up with the Russells, why don’t you just be with Nate? I can provide the two of you with the resources to start over again, and I’m sure you guys can make it as long as you work together. A real couple goes through difficult times together!”

Lily chuckled at Eloise’s words. ‘She sure knows how to be considerate of me. I’m going to tear up because everything she said is for my own good.’

“Well, thank you so much, Mrs. Tanner! I can see that you’re giving the suggestions because you want me to lead a better life,” Lily said, smiling. “You’re agreeing to it?” Eloise was overjoyed.

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“What did I agree to?”

“Y–You just said...”

“Firstly, the most valuable thing about a man is not his willingness to admit to his mistakes. and change for the better, but humility and modesty. When we were together, all he did was take advantage of me, so what love is there between us? As for...” Lily paused for a moment before adding, “As for why he regretted it after that, it’s because he realized I could bring more benefits to him. It’s because Melanie dumped him. Am I right?”

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“It’s not...” Eloise wanted to explain, but Lily interjected, not allowing her to defend her son. Next, it’s unknown that mixing with the Russells would be a bad choice, but you did agree that Alex is a great man. I want to correct you on that; he’s not just a great man; he’s a man Nathaniel can never compare to, so why would I give Alex up and choose Nathaniel? Can you give me a reason why?”

At this point, Eloise had a terrible expression on her face. However, Lily was not going to stop anytime soon, continuing, “Lastly, I think you’ve forgotten about the most important thing. Didn’t you say that Nathaniel has gone missing? You wanted me to be with him, but how could I do that when I don’t even know where he is? Also, are you sure you can find him?”

“What are you trying to say?” Eloise tried keeping her composure up until this point, but she could not do so after hearing Lily’s last sentence. Her expression had already turned sour, and her grip on the can of sparkling water tightened as she crushed it.

"It's nothing." Lily coldly glanced at the crushed can in Eloise's hand, unaffected by her. "It's just that from my understanding of him, he might not be able to take the hit this time because of how self-centered and prideful he is. If he could accept it, there would still be a chance for him to start over, but he might still want to give up on life or something."

"Are you cursing him?" Eloise's gaze was shooting flames at this point. 'How dare this woman. curse my son?!'

"I'm just analyzing the situation objectively, but then again, I might be wrong. After all, I didn't know what Nate was really like in the years we were together. If I did, he wouldn't have been able to trick me for this long, would he?"

Then, Lily glanced out the window. "Well, I guess that's about it. I think I made myself pretty clear. You can stop the car in front and bid farewell to each other."

"Are you honestly not going to help with my perfume?" Eloise asked, her gaze dark.

Lily just looked at her and said nothing. It was a silent rejection."

"Do you think you have nothing to fear just because you have Alexander protecting you?" Eloise scoffed. Her attitude changed pretty quickly. She was not as sincere and friendly as she was a while ago.

'She's indeed a great actress. Her expression can change so quickly.'

"You're right," Lily admitted honestly. "I'm not afraid of anything because I have his support."

Initially, Lily was afraid of other people's opinions about how Alexander was too good for her

and of the rumors that would circulate. After going through so much, she realized that what other people said did not matter to her.

The most important thing was Alexander's support and his understanding of her. She could be fearless because she had him in her life.

With a grim face, Eloise instructed. "Stop the car!"

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The sky was already dark when Lily reached home, but when she noticed the lights were on, it reminded her that someone was waiting for her. It made her feel serene and safe.

She walked into the house and felt the warmth within. Alexander was sitting on the couch in the living room, watching television. Seeing she was back, he took the remote control by his side and switched off the television. Then he walked to the kitchen and brought out a bowl of hot soup so she could drink it after she changed into her house slippers.

"Are you cold?" he asked.

"I'm fine." Lily was not far from the city when Eloise dropped her off, and it was easy for her to grab a cab home. It was just that the place was quite far from their house. Hence it took a little longer for her to get home.

She took small sips of the soup; it tasted fresh and delicious. She felt grateful and happy.

Alexander said nothing as well. He just put his chin on his hand and turned his head to the side. to watch Lily. She had long lashes, which were fanning her cheeks like a mini fan, while she slowly pouted her mouth to sip the soup. Her neck was slender, and her skin fair, which would make anyone want to hold her in their hands.

She wore her thin, black hair in a loose ponytail, with a few dangling by her ears, which added a little allure to her appearance. Indeed, she was a beauty who had no idea how great she looked.

“What are you looking at?” Lily turned to look at Alexander after drinking half of her soup.

“You look good,” he said.

Lily’s eyes curved into the shape of a crescent upon hearing that. Then she put her bowl down. before holding Alexander’s face with her palms as she said thoughtfully, “You do too!”

The warmth from the soup was still lingering on her fingertips, making Alexander’s face feel. warm too. He held Lily’s hand and corrected her. “I’m a man. You can’t say that I look good. That’s not how you should describe a man.”

“Says who?! You look good! You look the best!” Lily chuckled and even pinched his cheeks mischievously.

Alexander held her wrists tightly, stopping her from moving. With a swift turn, he had her pressed against the sofa. In that position, she looked up at him innocently. After staring at her face for some time, he leaned down and locked his lips with hers.

Alexander was gentle, and his hands grabbing her wrists, were now holding her palms. Soon after, he intertwined his fingers with hers. The passionate kiss lasted a long time, and the two lost their breaths, almost gasping for air.

“Did she make things difficult for you?” Alexander asked, still unable to hold in his question.

Lily quickly understood he was referring to Eloise. She shook her head. “She didn’t. Look, I came back in one piece, didn’t I?”

“Did you accept her request?” he asked again.

Lily said, shaking her head again at his question. “No, I rejected her.”

“Oh.” It was a short reply, but Lily could tell Alexander felt relieved upon hearing her answer. “You don’t want me to accept her request?” Lily was curious if Alexander knew about Nathaniel and Eloise’s relationship. However, it would not be strange if he knew because he had the power to find out.

“I won’t make decisions for you, but if you need my opinion, I can give you them. I’ll ultimately respect the decision you make.”

Lily circled her arms around his neck and leaned into his embrace. “I don’t want to accept her request because I don’t think I can create a perfume that fits her through my understanding. and interaction with her. However, I don’t want to interact too much with her, so I didn’t want. to take it.”

“Yeah,” Alexander answered, his arm wrapped around her waist.

When Lily thought about Eloise’s words, something suddenly hit her, making her look up at Alexander. “Oh, right. Nate went missing. Do you know about that?”