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Norman immediately came to his senses. He turned away from Elisa and looked at everyone before him.

"Since I've asked Elisa to attend this meeting, I believe everyone knows what I want to talk about."

No one said anything, but they quietly understood what he meant.

Elisa also remained silent and sat calmly at her spot.

Norman was unhappy with the silence and said again, "Wickam Group has informed me that they will begin collaborating with Benett Corporation on the new project in three days. Furthermore, Elisa will be the main person in charge of this project. All staff on this project must obey Elisa's instruction without question."

Elisa raised her eyebrows slightly and understood what Norman was getting at.

Norman is waiting for me to make a mistake and show everyone I'm not skilled enough to handle the project. Then, he will use the opportunity to remove me.

will get someone to mess things

have

the person in charge. At the end of the day, Mr. Wickam will still be the key decision-maker, and many things

Norman was rendered speechless.

for her whenever others doubted her. Sometimes,

was also Sean,

a deep respect for the

also nodded. "That's right. Mr. Wickam will make the final decisions, and Liz will direct the staff to implement his decisions. I believe we have no right to question this either. When the time comes, we only have to submit to their decisions, and things will be fine. Mr. Benett, I wonder why you suddenly called everyone here for a

Everyone focused on Norman.

had long been decided. It was pointless to call this meeting if he had no other

for

"I want to discuss with everyone how to make this collaboration

Everyone instantly fell silent.

"Perhaps it's inappropriate for me to

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Elisa arched her eyebrows but did not speak.

The others also could not understand why Elisa had to be here to listen.

Still, since Norman had decided on this, no one said anything. They would let him say whatever he wanted.

Furthermore, Elisa was a part of the Benett family and not an outsider. Thus, why would it matter if she attended the meeting? It was expected and even unavoidable for her to know the matters discussed here.

Many people could see that James and his group supported Elisa.

Even though Elisa was a newly emerging figure in the company, she had achieved so much so quickly.

She might even have a chance to succeed the company's chairman.

After all, her father was the previous chairman.

things unfold from afar and did not wish to say

some of the people who

most. He could no longer persuade them to his side and was losing the ones supporting

crowd, "Does anyone have any

on the present situation, we can only take one step at a time. Perhaps you have an idea. If so, let's hear it." James was not the kind of parent who would spoil his children. He said whatever was on his mind and did

regarded him as a cunning

any

actuality, he organized this meeting to cause Elisa trouble. However, James' words ruined all

had no choice but to switch the topic. The rest of the meeting was dull and uninspiring. Elisa nearly

day turned boring because

had begun to handle some work. However, his family would not allow him to go to the company, so he could

all, his condition was too

one dared to let him risk it. Everyone protected

son sitting on a couch in the living

you seem free today?

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Holly nodded with understanding. "Oh, Liz does have to deal with many matters and is busy. But Carle, I feel there are some things you should consider carefully."

Carle looked at Holly in confusion. Then, he realized something and said, "I don't care that she was married to another man. Instead, I view it as a blessing that she is willing to be with me."

Holly did not know what to say.

"If anyone gossips about us, I will show them how much I love Liz and how proud I am to marry her. It's never about whether Liz is worthy of me," Carle replied in a gentle tone but was firm in his stance.

Seeing how deeply he loved Elisa, Holly felt even sadder for her son.

She could not resist a sigh and shook her head. "I wasn't talking about that. Do I seem that old-fashioned?"

Carle was puzzled. "Oh, what were you talking about then?"

Holly sighed with resignation and said slowly, "I know about the matter between you and Liz. She feels guilty about rejecting you previously and causing you to get involved in the car accident. That's why she kept apologizing to your father and me. But Carle, have you considered why she agreed to be with you?"

Carle's expression changed.

Holly and paused briefly before saying, "Mom, what are you

had gotten together. However, he now noticed

suddenly brought up Elisa and

help but sigh. "I'm concerned about you. At the same time, I

say. Furthermore, he had been feeling nervous and insecure these few days. He feared what he thought would become real. If that happened, he did not know

and did not continue

working in the kitchen had finished cooking dinner. Thus, Holly patted her son's shoulder. "Let's

it would be better not to reveal everything at once because it would be too

did not say anything but got up and headed

deal with and would be home late.

did not return

However...

had considered the things she said. But now that she mentioned it, it confirmed in his heart that something was

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When Elisa met with Holly in the afternoon, they agreed to keep the matter a secret and not let anyone know.

Carle breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing her. "Oh, it's nothing. I was just wondering what you're doing now?"

"I'm driving at the moment."

"Oh? Where are you going at this hour?"

"I had dinner with my colleagues in the office just now and am heading home."

In actuality, Elisa was not heading home but was going to visit her grandmother, Julia.

Since Julia was a member of the Wickam family and was her ex-husband's grandmother, she feared telling Carle would make him insecure.

She did not dare to trigger his emotions in his current state.

Carle's eyes flashed. "I see. In that case, I'll let you focus on driving. Drive safely."

"Sure."

Elisa did not say anything to make him stay. Although Carle was disappointed, he had no choice but to end the call.

as fear grew

you lying to me?" Carle looked at the phone screen. It was a photo of Elisa smiling radiantly. He had

screen with his finger. Worry and

at Wickam Manor

upon seeing her.

see

smiled. "Same to you. Old Madam Wickam has just finished dinner and is

go look for her

Jones grunted in agreement. Then, Elisa left

had just walked away when someone

see the person. "Mr. Gareth? Ms. Elisa just

calmly. Elisa had greeted

all right.

"Sure."

head

the familiar warm and clear
visiting you too
argue with me? I'm just concerned that you
coldness in his gaze dissipated.

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Elisa smiled gently as she turned to Julia. "Grandma, shall we continue to walk ahead?"

Julia nodded happily. "Sure, let's go."

Gareth was rendered speechless.

It seemed his previous talk with his grandmother was useless.

Otherwise, she would not have looked at him with only disdain. There was not a hint of the conflicting emotions from before.

This proved that she no longer cared about that matter.

Without his grandmother's help and support, it would be even more difficult for Gareth to achieve his aim.

Gareth had never felt frustrated with anything until now.

He frowned and disliked the feeling.

Still, he kept quiet and followed them. Although he maintained a distance from them, he made sure to remain within their sight.

many things. Furthermore, there was little disagreement between her and Gareth. Since she would be collaborating with him in the

before a flower

was surprised to see the flower. "Why is

slightly and stepped forward. He said calmly, "This

There was a

Elisa remained silent.

with amusement when he noticed Elisa seemed slightly deflated. Then, he said calmly, "Hmm, there seem to be many such flowers in

of this flower sounds terrible. Should we change

although the name sounds strange, they

"Is that so?"

Elisa briefly explained the
nodded after hearing her. "I see. It sounds all
smiled and did
known worldwide called the Three Musketeers. Grandma,
nodded immediately. "I've heard about it. Didn't someone
not know what to
glanced at Elisa with a vague smile.
frowned. "Did you

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dare to say such words to Gareth. How would anyone else dare? Was Gareth an unwanted bachelor? No way! If all the women who desired him lined up, the line would extend beyond Bayswe and into many provinces. Numerous women were desperate for a chance to marry Gareth. However, Gareth paid no attention to them. Julia looked at her grandson and asked worriedly, "How's the situation in the company?" Elisa kept mum. Gareth answered calmly, "Everything's fine. The other side gave up when they reached the final layer of security." "They gave up at the final layer? They broke through nineteen layers only to give up at the last one?" Julia found the matter strange. "Yes." Gareth did not feel like explaining the matter. "Grandma, you don't have to concern yourself with matters of the company." "Hmph, I'm just curious. Whether the company goes bankrupt has nothing to do with me. I would rather return to when we were poor. At least our family was warm then." Julia did not care about money. She only wanted her family's company and warmth. Unfortunately, it was an impossible dream, and Julia had given up on it. Elisa smiled and held Julia's arm. "Grandma, shall we walk a little more?" "Sure." Julia did not wish to speak to her grandson anymore. She held Elisa's hand and walked ahead. At the same time, she did not forget to say, "You should leave if there's nothing else. Elisa and I would like to have a walk. Your presence is bothering us." Gareth was rendered speechless. Elisa could not help but be amused. Her eyes crinkled slightly as she smiled. Gareth could not resist looking at her. Julia turned

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kept quiet. Elisa smiled at Julia. "Grandma, I'll be leaving first." "Sure, come and see me again when you're free. You don't have to come when you're busy with work. You should prioritize work." Elisa smiled and nodded. "All right. I understand." After exchanging a few more words, Gareth and Elisa left together. Gareth had parked his car in the yard. Julia stood at the door and watched them. Gareth walked to the front passenger's side and opened the door for Elisa like a gentleman. Elisa was frustrated. She did not want Julia to worry, so she had no choice but to enter the car. Gareth glanced toward Julia. "You should go back into the house." Julia refused to move. "I want to see you and Elisa off." Elisa's lashes fluttered as she recalled a video she saw recently of grandparents watching longingly as their grandchildren leave. Presently, Julia reminded Elisa of the grandparents in the video. Elisa looked down and felt conflicting emotions in her heart. She regarded Julia as her real grandmother. Gareth did not say anything but entered the car and closed the door. He then started the engine and drove the car

away. Elisa glanced at the rear-view mirror and saw Julia still watching them longingly. Once the car left the manor, Elisa turned to Gareth and said calmly, "Do you have some work matter to talk to me about? If not..." Gareth interrupted indifferently, "I have no reason to lie to Grandma." Elisa was surprised to find that he was telling the truth. She paused briefly before asking, "What did you want to tell me?" "Let's send you home first. I need to use the computer." Elisa frowned slightly. "It's very late and inconvenient for you to send me back. I can get a taxi over here. You can go home and use your laptop to discuss the matter with me." Gareth's expression turned cold. He

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not dissuade Will at all. He smiled at Elisa. "You must be tired after working the whole day. I brought you supper. It's something you like." He offered the lunchbox to Elisa, but she frowned and had no plans to accept it. How would he know what I like? At the same time, Elisa felt the temperature around her dropped. Gareth looked at Elisa sternly. "You should head in." Elisa glanced at him before turning to Will. "I've already eaten. Still, I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Anyway, it's late. I won't invite the two of you in. Let's gather some other time." After saying that, Elisa took her bag and left. She had no intention of staying and chatting. However, Will stopped her. He looked at her with his usual gentle smile. "You should take this." In an instant, Elisa felt a piercing gaze behind her. Will continued to smile gently. "Would you like me to walk upstairs with you?" Gareth snorted. "Mr. Darcey, are you always so shameless when pursuing a woman?" Will chuckled and replied, "This is a matter of romance. Mr. Wickam, you know nothing about love. Thus, don't simply judge others." Gareth was rendered speechless. He pursed his lips and did not say anything. However, his expression darkened threateningly. Elisa frowned and did not wish to accept the lunchbox. But she could see from Will's demeanor that things would be fine once she took it, and he would no longer bother her. On the other hand, he would send it upstairs if she refused to take it now. Therefore, to avoid that and prevent more trouble between the two men, Elisa had no choice but to accept the lunchbox and enter her apartment. She had been busy, but now, she was determined to move out tomorrow. Will and Gareth did not follow her. Instead, they stood still in

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and left at the same time. Elisa saw the scene unfold from her balcony. Once their cars were out of sight, she looked away and closed the curtains. Then, she went for a bath before going to rest. Everything had developed as she anticipated, and she was pretty satisfied with it. On the other hand, Gareth and Will were not happy with their situation. Gareth had no desire to eat with Will, but he believed that if he did not do this, Will would look for Elisa again. As he pondered this, his phone rang. Gareth answered the call and heard Thomas' voice. "Mr. Wickam, it's about time. Should I pick you up?" Gareth furrowed his brow. He answered immediately, "Cancel it." Thomas was stunned. "Cancel it?" Didn't he agree to it previously? I thought he was happy with the collaboration. If he cancels the meeting now, it won't be easy to collaborate with them in the future. "Yes." Thomas was astounded. "Mr. Wickam, do you have something later? This project..." "I'll be having a meal with Will." Gareth's expression remained the same as he drove. Thomas was confused. "Do you mean Mr. Darcey?" Is this a joke? He and Mr. Darcey are enemies. Why are they having a meal? Gareth frowned and said, "Anyway, find a way to deal with it. I'm hanging up." He hung up right after saying that. Thomas was dumbfounded. Mr. Wickam has a dinner appointment with someone he regards favorably. But what's going on here? Why is he suddenly having dinner with Mr. Darcey? They have always been enemies.... Meanwhile, Will also received a call. Like

Gareth, he also had an important matter to attend to tonight. Initially, he planned to leave after sending food to Elisa. However, he was

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not something dire. Her mother was usually able to keep calm. Moreover, whenever she was too angry in the past, her mother would help her come up with ideas and settle her problems. Her mother had always been optimistic, no matter the situation. But now, she was not acting like herself. Linda could feel that her mother was trying hard to hold herself back. "It's alright. You only have to focus on regaining your health. Don't worry about anything else." Rose spoke calmly with a forceful smile. "What news can I not take in at present? If you do not let me know, there will be one less person to give you ideas. No matter what, we are family. Who else can we rely on if not family?" The fury in Rose escalated. Norman alone was enough to ruin the family! Would they have to go through this if it was not for him? She had the strong urge to tear him apart! "I know. But we do not have anything urgent." Rose did not intend to tell Linda about it. Linda frowned and studied Rose carefully. "You are lying." "Why would I lie to you?" Rose was a little frustrated but could not show it to her daughter. Linda took a slight breath and tried to change the subject. "How is the company doing?" Just as she finished speaking, she noticed her mother's stunned expression. Linda had caught her mother off guard once more. Is the company the reason her mother has been unhappy these two days? Did Wickam Group mess with Bennett Corporation again? "Business is going on as usual in the company." Rose simply replied. Then, she added, "We need not worry about the company. Your father can handle it himself." "What about the collaboration between Gareth and Elisa?" "It will commence soon, I guess," Rose replied nonchalantly. She hesitated a while, then glanced at her daughter. "You should know that