Chapter 2726

Yannie lifted her head to gaze at Thomas' handsome face, smiling. "Not too long ago."

"Liar." Thomas sighed, gently wiped the sweat off her forehead with his sleeve, and then helped her get into the car. "Let's go."

Sitting in the front passenger seat, Yannie buckled her seatbelt and turned to stare at Thomas. "What are we doing this afternoon?"

Thomas curled his lips into a smile and said, smiling, as he started the engine, "You'll find out soon enough; I've been waiting for this day since ages ago."

Even though Thomas knew that his wretched father was not apologizing out of genuine remorse, due to the situation at hand, the fact that he was willing to admit his mistake was enough.

When his mother's birthday rolled around, he could finally visit his mother's grave and declare to her that her son had finally helped avenge her death.

Yannie sighed when she saw Thomas smiling but did not ask further questions.

Since he was not willing to reveal anything yet, she would wait patiently. After all, it was about time, and she would

find out soon enough.

Besides...

Since they were heading to Howard Mansion, Yannie could make an educated guess as to why Thomas was so delighted.

The car soon arrived at its destination where Tina and Denise were both standing at the door, awaiting their arrival.

As soon as Thomas' car pulled to a stop, Tina approached them with a giant smile. "You're right on time, Thomas…

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However, both Tina and Denise's smiles froze on their faces when they saw Yannie getting out of the passenger seat.

Tina first stared at Yannie in disbelief, then glanced at Denise.

Finally, she shot Thomas a disapproving glance. "Thomas, you knew full well why I called you here for lunch today, so why did you have to bring an outsider along?"

The color drained from Yannie's face.

Thomas, on the other hand, put his arm around Yannie's shoulder and stared coldly at Tina and Denise. "Who are you calling an outsider? Yannie is the mother of my daughter and my future wife. If you consider her an

outsider..."

He curled his lips into a smirk and swept his icy gaze over Denise's face. "What about Ms. Hughes here?"

Denise paled at this.

Tina paused, then chuckled and replied, "Denise is my goddaughter, so of course she's not an outsider."

Then, she smiled and turned around, pulling Denise along with her. "We're all family!"

"I shouldn't have come, should I?" Yannie asked softly, biting her lip as she watched Tina and Denise leave.

"Nonsense." Thomas pulled her closer to him. "If you don't think you should come, I shouldn't, too. Since they've claimed me as their son, they'll also have to claim you as their daughter–in–law."

A surge of warmth spread into Yannie's heart when she heard this.

She bit her lip and murmured in response, then pried herself away from Thomas' grip and followed him into the house.

However, to Thomas' surprise

Tina had initially told her that Senior Howard was

supposed to apologize to him over lunch, but as soon as they entered the door, they realized that Senior Howard was not even home.

Thomas furrowed his brow as he stared at Tina. "Where's that wretched man?"

Chapter 2727

Tina let out an awkward chuckle. "Your father had been waiting for you at home, but an urgent situation arose at the company branch, so he had to leave early..."

Tina could not help sighing as she added, "You of all people should know what's happening with our company right now. That friend of yours, Joshua Lynch, is so good that even after handing over the company to you, he can't manage the branch all by himself either...

"Otherwise, he wouldn't have had to resort to inviting you here to apologize."

Thomas furrowed his brow dubiously.

He hesitated for a moment, then sent a quick message to Joshua before taking Yannie's hand and following Tina and Denise into the dining room.

The servants were busy setting the table, and Yannie could not help pursing her lips when she saw all the lavish food on the table.

This was her third time coming to Howard Mansion. The first time, she had come with Thomas, and the second time, Tina had forced her here without Thomas' knowledge to attack her alongside Denise.

This was her third time here and, arguably, the kindest

treatment she had received.

She remembered that the first time she came here with Thomas, the food they served was simple and somewhat miserable, so much so that even her mother's cooking was better than this.

This time, she could sense how much the members of the Howard family began to value Thomas.

Perhaps this was the reward he deserved for all his hard

work.

At the thought of this, Yannie sighed and instinctively glanced at the man standing next to her.

There was a hint of gratification in Thomas' eyes.

He had probably been waiting for this day for a very long

time.

The two of them took their seats, and Tina smiled as she handed them their tableware. "Your father should be

home very soon. We can eat first; there's no need to wait for him."

Thomas furrowed his brow as he took the first set of tableware from Tina and placed it in front of Yannie. Then, he reached out to take the second pair for himself.

Denise gritted her teeth when she noticed this.

What the hell? Why was Thomas treating Yannie so kindly?

She was the one who had loved him for many years, yet he never once noticed her.

What was so good about this Yannie, anyway? What right did she have to receive Thomas' love and affection? Was it just because she had given birth to Thomas' daughter?

Denise narrowed her eyes at this thought.

Well, she would get herself pregnant with Thomas' child, too!

The servants soon finished setting the table, and they began to eat.

Tina kept placing food on Thomas and Yannie's plates, but Thomas refused to eat a single bite.

Instead, he twiddled his phone in his hand and asked calmly, "When is that old geezer coming home?"

The truth was, he could sense that something was not right from the moment he realized Senior Howard was not home. However, he was unwilling to believe that Tinal and his father would pull a trick on him at such a time, which was why he decided to go along with it.

Still, he could not help becoming more puzzled as he noticed the time ticking closer to their intended meeting

time.

Therefore, he was cautious not to eat any of the food prepared.

"He's probably going to be home soon." Tina gave an awkward chuckle and continued ladling food onto Yannie's plate. "Come eat, Yannie. Why aren't either of you eating? Do you think I poisoned the food?"

She quickly took a bite from every dish and turned to smile at Yannie. "See, Yannie? I didn't poison anything. Are you going to disrespect me too just because Thomas is doing so?"

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Chapter 2728

Yannie never thought that Tina would suddenly target her. She bit her lip and instinctively glanced at Thomas.

Thomas furrowed his brow and turned to stare coldly at Tina. "Don't terrorize her."

"You think she's terrorizing her?" Denise was upset by the way Thomas defended Yannie. "Thomas, Godmom is just trying to be nice.

"It's already lunchtime, yet the two of you refuse to touch even a single bite. Do you somehow think that Godmom and I have spiked the food?"

Denise picked up her fork and placed a bite of every dish onto her plate, then said, sneering, "Since you guys are convinced the food is poisoned, feel free to stay hungry."

Then, she lowered her head and began to eat.

Yannie bit her lip and glanced first at Thomas, then at Tina and Denise, who was sitting across from her.

The atmosphere in the room was awkward.

Yannie sighed and contemplated for a long time, then finally picked up a spoonful of food.

Since she and Thomas had already shown up, it meant that they had already agreed to sit at the table with Tina

and Denise for a meal. It was pointless to refuse to eat.

At the thought of this, she lowered her head and began eating too.

She could not taste any trace of poison inside the food, but she had to admit that the chef's cooking was

exceptional.

She had not eaten something so good in a long time!

However, no matter how pleasantly delighted she was by every bite, Yannie still tried to suppress her emotions to prevent anyone from seeing right through her.

After all, her mother had advised her that no matter how freely she behaved at home, she had to learn to be ladylike and polite whenever she was with Thomas.

Therefore, even though she favored a few particular dishes, she still tried to eat every dish out of courtesy.

Thomas sighed when he noticed how careful Yannie was behaving and finally let his guard down. He put some more food onto her plate and said, "You don't have to be so nice to them. No matter how hard you try, they won't grow to like you anyway."

The color drained from all three women's faces.

Tina let out an awkward chuckle. "How can you say that, Thomas? What makes you think I won't grow to like Yannie? She's a good girl; of course I like her!"

"Is that so?" Thomas took a sip from his cup and stared coldly at Tina. "Yes, Yannie is a good girl, but I don't think you'll end up liking her."

Then, he glanced coldly at Denise and added, "If you truly like Yannie, you wouldn't even have allowed your goddaughter to be sitting here with us. Do you need me to recount what Denise had done to Yannie before?"

Tina and Denise's expressions darkened upon hearing

this.

Yannie pursed her lips when she sensed the atmosphere grow cold and quickly placed some food in front of Thomas. "Let's eat first."

Thomas fell silent and finally gave up pursuing this. Instead, he shut his mouth and continued eating.

A glimmer of triumph flashed through Denise's eyes when she saw Thomas eating, and she instinctively exchanged a knowing glance with Tina.

As long as Thomas ate something at this table, they succeeded!

Chapter 2729

"This cooking…" Thomas furrowed his brow after tasting all the dishes, then instinctively glanced in Tina's direction.

"Tastes familiar, doesn't it?" Tina curled her lips into a smile and stared back at Thomas with a triumphant look. "This is probably what your mother's cooking used to taste like."

She sighed and added, "I had spent a lot of time and effort sending people over to your mother's hometown to brush up their cooking skills.

"Not only that, but I even forced your father to taste-test multiple times before finally confirming that this is indeed how your mother's cooking used to taste like."

Thomas narrowed his eyes. "Why are you trying so hard to get on my good side?"

Tina chuckled. "Well, that's because..."

A look of helplessness washed over her as she explained, "After all, the entire Howard family–even the entire

Saigen City-is now at your and Joshua's beck and call, so of course I'd want to get on your good side."

She was lying, of course.

The truth was, the chef who had prepared this impressive

meal had already been working for the Howard family for

many years.

Despite the façade that she and Senior Howard put on, showcasing their love for each other, Senior Howard had been struggling to move on after Eanne's leaving.

Therefore, to win over Senior Howard's heart, Tina had spent hours tracking down the chef that could replicate Eanne's cooking.

She had done all this to please Senior Howard.

The truth was, the chef had been working for them and making their meals for many years, instead of what she claimed to Thomas. Thomas did not know this since he had not returned home for many years.

The last time he came over for dinner, Tina purposefully switched out the head chef for that day so that Thomas would not be able to taste his mother's cooking.

This time, she swapped the head chef back just to get on Thomas' good side and make him think she was genuine.

Thomas was silent for a long time before finally sighing and letting his guard down.

They finished the rest of their meal, but to their surprise, even after they were done, Senior Howard still had not shown up.

"Is he coming back or not?" Thomas asked coldly, glancing at Tina as he put down his tableware.

Tina curled her lips into a smile. "Be patient, Thomas. Your father must've gotten caught up in some urgent business at the company. Why don't you...sit back and relax for a while first?"

Then, she shot Denise a meaningful glance and added, "Denise, bring Thomas up to his room."

Denise quickly leaped to her feet. "Let's go, Thomas."

Thomas furrowed his brow, all of sudden sensing that something was not right.

He scoffed, grabbed hold of Yannie's hand, and stood up. There's no need for that anymore. Since that old geezer doesn't really want to apologize, I don't have to keep on waiting. However..."

He let out a disdainful snort. "Don't you dare beg for Joshua and me for mercy in the future."

How could he have believed Tina when she claimed the old geezer wanted to apologize to him?

At the thought of this, Thomas turned around and strode away, pulling Yannie along.

"You want to leave, don't you?" After an hour of

pretending, Tina finally let her guard down and sneered." Thomas Howard, the fact that I had summoned you willingly means I had prepared for this exact moment. Do you honestly think you'll be able to walk out of here unscathed?

"Guards! Seize them!

Chapter 2730

Almost 20 bodyguards surged forward at the sound of Tina's order and surrounded Thomas and Yannie.

Thomas narrowed his eyes, pulled Yannie close to him, and lifted his head to stare coldly at Tina. "That old geezer hadn't intended to apologize to me or my mother at all, right?"

This was all his fault.

With Joshua's help, Thomas had witnessed just how defeated his wretched father had become. Not only that, but since many years ago, he had already dreamed of the day that the old geezer would apologize to him and his mother, Eanne.

This was why he had been so delighted by Tina's call that he did not stop to consider the consequences.

He should not have believed Tina when she claimed that Senior Howard wanted to invite him to Howard Mansion for a formal apology!

"You guessed it," Tina said curtly as she stared at Thomas face. "I was lying to you; your father hadn't intended to apologize to you at all. He even told me that you're a bastard son—you even brought an outsider in to confront him, so you don't deserve to be called his son at all.

"He vowed never to apologize to you, not even when he's on his deathbed!"

A glimmer of malice flashed through Tina's eyes as she added, "He even said that you're just as dirty as that wretched mother of yours!"

Rage seeped into Thomas' gaze when he heard this.

He did not care what other people said about him, and no matter what insults Tina and Senior Howard threw at him, he would not falter, but no one was allowed to insult his mother!

His mother was the kindest woman that ever lived. He would not allow anyone to taint her name, especially not this bitch Tina!

Thomas narrowed his eyes as he stared at Tina in fury. " I'll make you pay the price for this."

"Is that so? Well, I can't wait to see what you have in store for us." Tina turned to glance at the bodyguards standing in the distance. "What are you waiting for? Aren't you going to restrain them?"

The bodyguards froze for a moment, then surged forward and surrounded them.

Seeing they were about to be overpowered, Yannie bit her lip and shrunk timidly into Thomas' arms. "What should

we do?!"

She had grown up in an ordinary family and had never experienced anything like this before, so naturally, she was scared out of her wits.

"Don't worry. I'm here with you." Thomas narrowed his eyes, glancing at Yannie.

All of a sudden, his expression darkened. "Why do you look so ill?"

Yannie pursed her lips. "I'm fine, just feeling a little hot."

Thomas narrowed his eyes and glanced coldly at Tina.

Tina crossed her arms in front of her chest, sneering. "Did you honestly think the food you ate was fine? The only reason Denise and I were able to eat it was because we had taken antidotes before this."

Then, she shot Yannie a triumphant look and added, However, I do have to thank you for this, Ms. Yannie. If it weren't for you, Thomas would never have willingly finished eating the food, and if he didn't do so, the rest of my plan would fail."

Then, she pulled Denise toward her and declared, "Well, Thomas, you weren't willing to marry Denise instead of that bitch Yannie, were you? Why don't you and Denise do the deed right here and right now, in front of Yannie?" Then, she furrowed her brow and snapped, "Seize them!"