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Alex was displeased to see Lindsay directly targeting Olivia.

He felt she was intentionally picking a fight. He wanted to say something but before he could, Lindsay shifted her gaze away, acting like she couldn't be bothered with them.

This made Alex swallow his words, feeling even more frustrated.

He never realized his own sister could be so infuriating.

Lindsay turned to Charles and said, "Mr. Barker, did you forget to provide bedding? At this time of day, it's impossible for us to find or exchange for what we need with the villagers. Their households likely don't have enough spare bedding to lend us anyway."

The village was in the mountains, and the locals probably only had enough bedding for themselves. It was unlikely they'd have extra to give out.

Aside from Alex and Olivia, the other guests agreed with Lindsay. It wasn't practical to expect them to find extra bedding, so they had to ask the production team.

Justin spoke up, "Lindsay is speaking for all of us."

He wanted to get on Lindsay's good side, but she didn't even glance at him, leaving him feeling awkward.

Elric added, "Mr. Barker, our request isn't unreasonable. Just give each of us a set of bedding."

Then, as if remembering something, he added, "Actually, Alex and Olivia

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don't need any. Just prepare for six people."

Alex was shocked by Elric's hostility and snapped, "Why shouldn't we get any bedding?"

Elric raised an eyebrow. "Weren't you the ones who said you could manage and follow the director's arrangements? After showing how tough you are, now you want to join in on the request. I'm amazed by how fast you change your stance!"

His words clearly mocked the siblings, leaving them unable to argue. After all, Alex had said he could make do, and Olivia claimed she could handle it.

Alex, unable to argue with Elric, turned to Charles. "You decide what to do."

If the production wouldn't provide them with bedding, they'd leave the show. Olivia couldn't endure such hardship, and neither could he.

Charles was secretly happy about his decision to have the Harper siblings as special guests. The conflict on the first day ensured there would be plenty of drama for the premiere.

He never intended to deny them bedding; they couldn't risk anyone getting sick from sleeping without proper supplies.

This was a planned challenge for the guests, expecting them to barter or work for what they needed.

Charles said with a smile, "Of course, we can provide bedding."

Then he added, "But it can't be for free. After all, the show's theme is 'Starting From Zero.' Providing everything for free wouldn't fit the theme.

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The guests were speechless, realizing the director's intent.

Justin asked, "What do we need to do to get the bedding?"

The director smiled and replied, "How about this: each of you prepares a dish for our production crew tonight. In exchange, we'll provide each of you with a set of bedding."

Justin thought for a moment and asked, "Does it have to be cooked or can it be raw?"

Charles responded, "It has to be cooked, of course."

Elric was at a loss for words. Being terrible at cooking, he asked, "Can we ask someone else to cook it, or do we have to do it ourselves?"

He added, "If I cook, you'll probably end up in the hospital."

Charles chuckled. "Alright then, as long as each of you provides a cooked dish, it doesn't matter who makes it."

He added, "The kitchen is equipped with pots, pans, and seasonings, but we don't provide rice, flour, meat, or vegetables."

Glancing at his watch, he continued, "It's a little after 2 PM now, so you still have time to earn your meals."

The guests realized the production team had set this up on purpose. Even without giving them explicit tasks, they would create challenges.

"Alright, we'll work hard this afternoon," they agreed, seeing it as another interesting aspect of the show.

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Pleased with their agreement, Charles said, "There are only four rooms in the courtyard, so two guests will need to share each room. Do you want to choose your roommates freely or draw lots?"

Elric spoke up first, "Let's choose freely. I don't want to share a room with troublemakers."

He deliberately glanced at Alex.

Alex smirked, "I don't know who the real troublemaker is, but I definitely don't want to share a room with you."

Elric replied, "Good, neither do I!"

Charles was thrilled. The two top-tier stars had already started a heated exchange, promising plenty of drama and viewership.

He had pulled significant strings to get the sharp-tongued and candid Elric on the show, and it was paying off. Today's episode was sure to trend with multiple hot topics.

Elric turned to Leslie, "How about we share a room?"

Not particularly fond of Justin, he chose Leslie based on instinct. Leslie agreed with a smile. "No problem."

Alex, knowing Justin, was naturally inclined to share a room with him.

"Justin, shall we share a room?" Alex asked.

Justin nodded. "Sure!"

Among the female guests, Sharon approached Olivia. "Via, do you want to share a room with me?"

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Olivia despised Sharon for her intentions toward Alex. She thought her brother would never fall for such a woman, and she wouldn't allow it either.

However, compared to sharing with Lindsay, whom she disliked, or Wendy, who was unfamiliar to her, she preferred Sharon.

At least Sharon always flattered her and wasn't very clever, making her easy to manipulate.

Smiling sweetly, Olivia agreed, "Sure!"

Wendy, on the other hand, was relieved.

She didn't want to share a room with either of them—one was opportunistic, and the other loved to fake innocence while being manipulative.

Lindsay seemed easier to get along with.

She smiled at Lindsay. "Shall we share a room?"

Lindsay nodded. "Sure!"

Next, they chose their rooms.

Lindsay and Wendy didn't care which room they got, so they let the others choose first.

Alex suggested that Olivia and Sharon choose their room first.

They pretended to decline but eventually picked the room near the living room after Justin also urged them to choose first.

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The male guests then offered the other room near the living room to Lindsay and Wendy, and they accepted.

Elric quickly chose the room near the courtyard gate, leaving the room next to the kitchen for Alex and Justin.

This made Alex, who was a step too slow, quite displeased.



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