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Alex calling Lindsay to cook left the team that had just arrived momentarily stunned.

Elric, Leslie, and Wendy all turned to look at Lindsay.

From Alex's tone, it sounded like he was very familiar with Lindsay and somewhat commanding.

Lindsay looked at Alex with an expression of exasperation. "Is that how you ask someone for help? Why do you think I should cook for you?"

Alex was at a loss for words. "Because..."

He had intended to say, "Because I am your brother," but seeing the cold look on Lindsay's face, the words stuck in his throat. Moreover, Olivia had advised him not to reveal their relationship with Lindsay, fearing it might provoke her into causing a scene.

Lindsay sneered. "Alex, if you're not thinking straight, go clear your head. I'm not your servant."

Elric noticed Lindsay's clear disdain for Alex and naturally sided with his teammate.

He raised an eyebrow at Alex. "Isn't that a bit shameless? Lindsay isn't on your team and doesn't owe you anything. Why should she cook for you?"

Just then, the three in the kitchen came out.

Olivia looked at Elric apologetically. "I'm sorry, I got hurt while cooking, and my brother was worried. That's why he asked Lindsay for help."

As she spoke, she deliberately extended her right hand, showing several red marks.

Olivia looked at Lindsay and said, "My brother was just worried. Please don't blame him."

Lindsay knew that Olivia was deliberately showing off how much her brother cared for her, trying to provoke a reaction from her.

Lindsay raised an eyebrow. "You don't need to show off your sibling bond in front of me. If he cares about you, he can cook for you himself. Why come to me?"

"The moment I refused his request, you came and emphasized that he's just worried about you, so I shouldn't blame him."

She added meaningfully, "I remember that I have no relationship with you all anymore. Guilt-tripping doesn't work on me."

Olivia didn't expect Lindsay to be so rational. Wasn't she supposed to get provoked and start yelling?

Panicking, she shook her head. "I didn't mean it that way."

Lindsay's last comment worried Olivia. She feared Lindsay might publicly reveal their relationship.

Since they had cut ties, Olivia wanted Lindsay to stay out of the Harper family's life for good. The only sister recognized by Alex should be her.

She quickly tugged on Alex's arm, "Brother, I ran my hand under cold water. It's much better now. I can finish the remaining two dishes. You don't need to ask anyone else for help."

Alex had wanted to say more. He couldn't stand Lindsay's current attitude, especially when she had just called him out for not thinking straight.

He also felt accused of moral blackmail. Lindsay used to cook at the Harper family home and would often make dishes to please them. But seeing Olivia shake her head at him, he held back.

He grumbled, "Fine, some people are too high and mighty to offer help."

Lindsay interjected, "That's right, you're not worthy of me to help you. I'm not close to you all, so please respect that in the future." 1

It wasn't the right time to reveal their relationship publicly. If she exposed it herself, it would look like she was seeking sympathy and attention. It would make it seem like she still cared about the Harper family.

But if others found out on their own, people would think she genuinely had a tough life and would sympathize with her. Although she didn't need sympathy, she wouldn't reject other's "goodwill."

Alex's face darkened at her retort. "Lindsay, don't forget who you are and which family you belong to."

Lindsay rolled her eyes at him. "You should really clear your head."

Alex was speechless.

He wondered if this was how a sister should talk to her brother. Why couldn't she be as sweet and considerate as Olivia?

Seeing the tension, Olivia didn't want the two of them to continue

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