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Worried that Alex might blurt out the fact that Lindsay was their sister, Olivia quickly exclaimed, "Oh no, the dish I'm cooking is about to burn!"

She immediately grabbed Alex's hand, pulling him back into the kitchen. "Brother, come help me."

Lindsay watched Alex being dragged away and clicked her tongue with a meaningful look. "Even going back to the kitchen, they have to hold hands. They really can't stop showing off their sibling bond!"

Lindsay's comment made everyone notice that Olivia was indeed holding Alex's hand as they returned to the kitchen. It also felt somewhat awkward for adult siblings to be so physically close.

Justin, who grew up with Lindsay, knew she wasn't a weak person. However, he felt she was being too aggressive by not letting go of the issue with Olivia and Alex.

He spoke up, "Linds, let it go."

Lindsay looked at Justin with a cold, indifferent gaze. "The one who starts it is at fault."

In the past, whenever there was a conflict, the Harper family always blamed her. Apparently, Justin thought the same now. No wonder in her previous life, he chose to save Olivia first.

She had endured a lot for the sake of so-called family ties. Now that they were nothing to her, she wouldn't tolerate it anymore.

For the first time, Justin realized how cold and detached Lindsay's gaze

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could be, making him uncomfortable. He was about to explain that he didn't mean to blame her. He just wanted her to tone it down.

But Elric spoke first, "Justin, the one who starts it is at fault. Anyone with eyes could see whose fault it was. You can't be that blind to the truth, can you?"

Alex's tone earlier, treating Lindsay as if she was at his beck and call, had grated on Elric's nerves.

Justin and Lindsay had grown up as childhood friends, and now he was standing against her. No wonder she wanted to cut ties.

With a stern face, Justin frowned at Elric. "You don't understand, so you have no right to comment."

In Justin's mind, as Lindsay's brother, Alex shouldn't have been publicly humiliated by her.

Lindsay knew Justin well and could guess his thoughts from his expression.

She sneered. "So, Justin, you mean I should just obey when someone orders me around and not stand up for myself? Do you think I owe them something?"

Seeing Lindsay's increasingly cold demeanor, Justin was taken aback. "No, that's not what I meant."

"I just..." He had intended to say that she shouldn't treat her brother that way. But he remembered Olivia had asked him to keep their sibling relationship with Lindsay a secret.

So, he swallowed the rest of his words and sighed, "Forget it. I didn't

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mean anything by it. Don't overthink."

Lindsay looked indifferent. "I'm not overthinking. There's nothing to overthink. But you all like to turn things around."

She truly didn't care about Alex's and Justin's attitudes. But not caring didn't mean they had the right to order her around and criticize her.

"The one who starts it is at fault. If they provoke me, I won't hold back."

Justin pressed his lips together, giving Lindsay a deep look before turning and heading back to the kitchen. This wasn't the right place to talk; he needed to find a chance to have a proper conversation with Lindsay.

Sharon was astonished at Lindsay's boldness. Not only had she dared to call Alex brainless, but she had also shut down Justin, leaving him speechless. Sharon couldn't decide whether Lindsay was just too blunt or too reckless.

Had she forgotten that this was all being live-streamed? Or was Lindsay trying to gain notoriety with this approach?

Initially, Sharon had wanted to say a few words to support Alex and gain his favor. But seeing even Justin get shut down, she decided it wasn't worth the trouble and followed him into the kitchen.

Leslie and Wendy were also surprised by Lindsay's boldness. They couldn't help but feel a bit thrilled by her straightforwardness. Alex had been quite out of line earlier, and Lindsay wasn't his servant.

However, from the conversation just now, they sensed that the relationships among these people seemed more complicated than they appeared.