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Michael held firmly onto his conviction not because he wanted to go against Ariel, but be cause he targeted Leon! "That's a good idea!"

"Slow and steady wins the race. We should maintain stability first and avail ourselves of that to penetrate the market..." Several conservative—minded senior executives have expressed their support.

"No, there's no point in delaying a year! If our company makes a concession this time, the balance of power in this deal will shift to the hands of the Westpraise Group. It will become even more difficult for us to

achieve a breakthrough in the next phase!" Ariel objected.

Since her opinions differed from Michael, the radicals and conservatives began arguing with each other as well, with neither side giving in to the other.

"Alright, everyone. Be quiet!" Iris patted the table, prompting everyone to close their mouths prudently.

"Since there are two differing views, I'll let both sides act on their separate suggestions. Mister Duvall will be in charge of negotiating with the Westpraise Group regarding the profit margin, while Miss Summers will be responsible for negotiating and cooperating w ith the Wick Group. You may negotiate separately but simultaneously, and I expect an an swer within two days!"

Iris made her decision and turned his attention to Michael. "Mister Duvall, regarding the negotiation with the Westpraise Group about the profit margins and the subsequent expansion through our second sales route, how confident are you that it will work out?" "More than ninety percent confident!" Michael said assertively.

"That's good news! Very well, you may start your discussions with the Westpraise Group . Make sure to reduce their profit margin to less than five percent!" Michael nodded.

"Miss

Summers, how sure are you about reaching a cooperation with the Wick Group?" Iris gla nced at Ariel. "I..." Ariel could only leave her mouth open. She

knew that it was incredibly difficult, and she was not at all confident in her chances.

"I'm a hundred percent sure!" Leon chose to stand up at the worst possible time.

Everyone was stunned, as they did not expect Leon to voice out again.

"A hundred percent? You sure know how

to bluff!" Michael sneered. He really could not understand where Leon got that kind of co urage and confidence!

Everyone felt the same way too. To them, Leon was not just a clown—

he was the entire circus! All that could be seen on their face was ridicule and disdain.

"Haven't you caused enough trouble, Leon!" Iris glared at Leon angrily, and she could fe el her chest hurt with rage.

"I'm telling the truth, Miss Young! If you don't believe me, I can sign a pledge!" Leon sa id with an unwavering expression.

"Sure! I'll hold you to your words!" Michael said before Iris could even respond. "If you can't secure a contract with the Wick Group, you are to resign immediately!"

Michael's face was filled with joy because no one would be competing with

him for Ariel once Leon was kicked out of the company!"Deal! And if I do?" Leon shot Michael an insipid glance."Impossible!" Michael sneered.Leon retorted, "Nothing is impossible. I'm asking you 'what if"?""Well, if you can secure a contract with the Wick Group, I'll resign immediately!" Michael grinned smugly. The company

previously tried its level best to cooperate with the Wick Group, but whatever effort was f utile in the end.Leon, meanwhile, was an incompetent small—

time secretary. The situation at hand required urgency, and he was confident that Leon w ould fail miserably given that Iris only gave them two short days!"Fair enough! Miss You ng and everyone else here shall be the witnesses for our agreement!" Leon smirked. Mich ael has been targeting Leon ever since they first met, and Leon long lost his patience with Michael. It was only natural for Leon to jump at the chance to see Michael shoot himself in the foot!

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capable of securing cooperation with the Wick Group, and she wondered if she could bring herself to kick Leon out of the company if he lost.

"The point is, we're running out of time. Miss Summers and Mister Wolf will negot iate with the Wick Group. If the two of you cannot secure any rights to cooperate with them within these two days, you

will proceed according to Mister Duvall's method!" Iris made her final decision.

Iris knew that it would be difficult to reach

a cooperation with the Wick Group, so she pinned

all her hopes on Ariel because she did not expect Leon to be useful in any way! "Looking forward to seeing you being fired in another two days, Mister Wolf!" Mic hael smiled smugly as if he imagined stepping on Leon's head.

All the company executives shook their heads in dismay and looked at Leon with disdain. No one thought that Leon would win! "Meeting dismissed!"

Everyone left the conference room soon after.

"Come to my office, Leon!" Ariel passed by Leon and let out a cold snort.

Leon thumbed his nose and followed Ariel to her office.

Upon seeing Ariel's rather sour face, Leon could not help but ask curiously, "Is so mething wrong, Miss Summers? Did someone piss you off?"

"You think!" Ariel blew up at him directly

and slammed her documents on the desk. She glared at Leon angrily and blaste d, "Are you insane, Leon? Don't you know how darn difficult it is for our company to even strike cooperation with the Wick Group? Why'd you have to bet with Mich ael for no reason? I'll be frank with you. I have zero confidence in our chances of success, so don't come crying to me if you lose and

end up having to leave the company!"

Ariel was so incensed that she just felt like going up to Leon and cracking his hea d open to see if his brain was filled with peas!

Leon chuckled and said, "I thought it was something serious! Don't worry, I won't lose to him! Didn't I say in the conference room earlier that I've already agreed with the chairman of the Wick Group? We'll sign the contract tonight!"

Ariel fumed even more and laughed despite her anger. "Oh really? If that's the ca se, why don't you just get him to sign it right now? Why wait till evening?!" "Oh, well, the Wick Group's chairman is treating me to dinner tonight. We agreed to sign the contract then..." Leon explained simply.

"There's no end to your bluffing, is there?! You're telling me the Wick Group's ch airman invited you to dinner? Who do you think you are?! I'm starting to think you 're a compulsive liar!" Ariel was trembling with rage. She saw shameless people before, but she never saw someone as shameless as Leon. His skin was much t hicker than the city wall and practically impermeable! "I'm not bluffing. I'm telling the truth..." Leon said helplessly. "Enough! I'm not in the mood to listen to your crap! We don't have much time left, so it's best not to waste even a second longer. We're going to the

Wick Group right now to discuss this cooperation!"Ariel quelled her anger, grabbe d Leon's arm, and walked out. Iris tasked the negotiation to Ariel and Leon during the meeting earlier, so Ariel had to bring Leon along with her whether or not he c ould make any difference. LeavingLeon

all alone would not be fair to him. "That won't be necessary. As I said, I've already sealed the deal. There's no point in doing anything else..." Leon broke away from Ariel's hand. "I'll ask you one last time... Are you coming with me or not?!"

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The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 93 Ariel glared at him angrily. She clenched her fists tightly, and she was already on the brink of exploding with rage. "I..."

Leon gulped after sensing Ariel's murderous gaze and glancing down at Ariel's clenched fist.

His intuition told him that he might get a severe beating from her if he so much as dared to say a single word.

Getting punched by her was the last thing he wanted! "Okay, okay. I'll go with you..." Leon smiled meekly.

A wise man would know better than to fight when the odds are stacked against him. In any case, the cooperation was already struck, so Ariel could do whatever she wanted! It was not a big deal for Leon, as he could just treat

it as accompanying Ariel for a walk.

"Glad you made the smart choice." Ariel snorted

coldly and dragged the incredibly reluctant Leon to the president's office. Lily was then asked to print out the relevant documents that would be used for negotiating with the cooperation.

Leon needed the contract too, so he motioned for Lily to print two more copies in case of an emergency.

At the Wick Group's headquarters, Ariel drove Leon in her BMW and parked outs ide of the building.

"You got lucky this time, Leon!" Ariel snorted coldly in what was a veiled criticism of Leon. "I got lucky? How?" Leon was very puzzled.

Ariel said, "One of my seniors from the university happens to be the manager of the Wick Group's public relations department. I'll give him a call, as I believe it'll help to smoothen the cooperation." "No wonder you insisted on

cooperating with the Wick Group at the meeting! You have connections in their c ompany!" Leon suddenly realized. Chapter 2/3

"It's not as simple as you think. He was one of my admirers, and I wouldn't have asked him for help if there was no other way! Besides, his position in the compan y isn't particularly high, so it remains to be seen if he would be of any help," Ariel lamented. An admirer was different from an ordinary friend, and she did not know how

she would have to repay him in the future if she ended up owing him a favor. Ariel took out her cell and gave her senior a call.

Not long later, a tall and handsome young man in a suit, tie, and leather shoes w alked out of the company. His appearance made him look like a business—savvy person. Ariel brought Leon to meet him.

"Long time no see, Ariel." The young man's eyes lit up, and he greeted Ariel with a smile. Ariel was

once acknowledged as the most beautiful woman on campus, for her looks were second only to Iris. The young

man spent more than a year trying to win Ariel's heart, but he was forced to aban don his efforts after failing to woo

her.It was a while since he last saw Ariel, and she became so much more beautif

ul than before. Though she lost some of the youthful allure she had during her st udent days, she had since gained a more mature and fashionable charm. Her be auty was—in a word—

breathtaking. "Yeah, it's been a long time. Thank you for taking the trouble to help me, Gilbert." Ariel smiled politely. "Don't worry about it. It's no trouble at all. Pleas e come on in. We'll talk more inside," said the young man, whose name was Gilb ert Florenzi. He smiled, then led Ariel and Leon into the company. When they rea ched his office, Gilbert instructed the clerk to pour a cup of coffee each for Ariel a nd Leon. "Who is this gentleman you brought along, Ariel?" Gilbert glanced suspiciously at Leon. "Let me introduce you to him. This is Leon Wolf, a s ecretary to our

company's president..." Ariel briefly introduced the two of them. "Nice to meet you , Mister

Florenzi..." Leon smiled cordially and took the initiative to greet the other party. "A h, so he's just a secretary!" Gilbert smiled half—

heartedly and looked at Leon with acertain degree of contempt.

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Secretaries were generally tasked to do miscellaneous unskilled work. They lack ed genuine talent and their career development prospects were not very promisin g either. Moreover, the

Elegante Group was on a completely different level compared to the Wick Group's parent company, as the former was only a small subsidiary under the Young Group. As the manager of the public relations department, Gilbert was

only a whisker away from being promoted to the company's top management. It was only natural for him to look down on a lowly secretary like Leon

"Ariel and I will be discussing some important matters regarding business cooperation. There's nothing a secretary

like you can do if you stay here. I think you should step outside and wait," Gilbert said curtly.

"Sure thing." Leon shrugged it off since he never needed to have any discussion

in the first place. Just as he got up and prepared to leave, Ariel grabbed his arm all of a sudden.

"To be honest, Gilbert, it was Miss Young who arranged for Mister Wolf and me to be

in charge of this negotiation. I feel that he should stay because he been tasked with this responsibility as well..." Ariel smiled awkwardly.

Gilbert used to be her admirer whom she rejected numerous times before.

It was already awkward enough

when she asked Gilbert for that favor, and she was sure that the atmosphere would become even weirder if Leon left her alone with Gilbert.

Gilbert frowned somewhat unhappily, but it would be rather impudent of him to ch ase Leon out after Ariel already made that remark.

"I'd like to hear about the details of this cooperation, Ariel," Gilbert requested cal mly.

"You see..." Ariel took out the relevant documents, handed them to Gilbert, and e xplained the company's intentions one by one. Gilbert

remained silent and flipped through the pages with one hand while tapping the table repeatedly with the fingers of his other hand.

Concerning sales channels involving cosmetics, the Wick Group chose to deal in high -

end and luxury goods only. If the Elegante Group produced products of similar st ature, he could help to accommodate them to some extent.

Unfortunately, the Elegante Group's

cosmetics simply did not reach the required standard. Without any previous precedent involving such matters, there was little he could do to help her. "Price—wise, our company can be flexible with the profit margin by a few percentage points. I wonder if that'll be sufficient for you to help accommodate our request?" Ari el asked sincerely. The Elegante Group's long—

term development hinged on their successful

cooperation with the Wick Group, and Ariel was prepared to sacrifice some profit s in exchange for a fruitful collaboration.

"I'm afraid this will be a little tricky still..." Gilbert's face seemed to suggest that he was being put in a tight spot. "Is this too difficult

even for you?" Ariel was very disappointed, and her heart grew cold in an instant. She already anticipated the possibility that Gilbert did not have a high enoughposition in the company and most likely would not be able to help, which turned out to be exactly the case"I might still be able to help. I happen to be solely responsible for the

sales channels of cosmetics. Although I don't have the authority for any final deci sion-

making, I'm about seventy to eighty percent confident that we can go through with this if I bring it to the general manager..." Gilbert

said boldly. That matter was far beyond his ability, and truth be told, he was not e ven one percent

confident! However, he had no choice but to blow his horn a little so Ariel would not underestimate him! "Really? That's great! I'll leave it to you

then, Gilbert. Our company will remember your kind

gesture if this cooperation turns out to be a success!"Ariel was overjoyed.Gilbert, however, continued, "There's something else I need to stress, Ariel." This will not be easy because your company's products don't meet our company's requirements... I propose that we have dinner at a

hotel together later this evening and talk about this in more detail."

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A suggestive smile unfolded across Gilbert's face.

"Dinner? At a hotel?" The expression on

Ariel's pretty face changed drastically. No longer a rookie to the business workplace, she understood the meaning behind Gilbert's words at once. It was quite likely that Gilbert's purpose was not to eat!

"It doesn't seem too appropriate for you and me to have dinner at the hotel, Gilbe rt. I think it'd be better for Miss Young and I to treat you to a meal as a token of our appreciation if you're able to help our company to achieve successful coop eration." Ariel formed a smile and comforted herself with the belief that he—as her senior back during her student days—invited her to dinner without any other intentions in mind.

"I don't think you understand what I'm trying to say, Ariel. You know that I've always liked you, so I'll just give it to you straight! If you agree to be my woman, I'll do my best to help you secure the contract!" Gilbert demanded tactfully. "What? No way! Thanks for

your admiration, Gilbert, but all you are to me is a senior whom I respect. I'm hoping that you won't cross the line!" Ariel was displeased.

She expected that it might not be a good thing to ask Gilbert for help, but she did not expect that

Gilbert would be so shameless as to leverage her request for help to make her hi s girlfriend!

"You need to have something to offer if you want to secure the contract, Ariel. It's all a matter of reciprocation these days! I won't force you if you don't want to be my girlfriend. I'll be just as happy if you spend a night with me at a hotel..."

Gilbert could not help but feel a little indignant after being rejected by Ariel yet again. and felt that there was no point hiding his true colors.

He was incapable of helping Ariel achieve successful cooperation anyway, so it d id not matter whether or not Ariel agreed to be his girlfriend. He would be happy enough as long as he could use that opportunity to sleep with her!

"Show some respect, Gilbert!" Ariel's expression soured and she stood up with a slap on the table.

"Oh, please! Don't try and act like you're all high and mighty in front of me! We're both adults, not ignorant teenagers who are still at school. You ought to know by now that women should make the most of

their beauty to their advantage. If you miss this chance, you might not have anoth er one anymore! Who knows, you might have had several boyfriends already afte r stepping foot into the real world..." Gilbert sneered. Since both sides already fell out with each other, he no longer had anything to worry about.

"You have no shame!" Ariel picked up the coffee on the table in a fit of rage and splashed it right on Gilbert's face.

Gilbert was caught off guard, and the coffee spilled all over his face and body. "How dare you, b\*tch!" Gilbert was irked by what happened and gave Ariel a bac khand slap on the face.

Ariel was completely taken by surprise. A fragile woman like her was no match fo

r Gilbert. Just as she sank into despair and saw Gilbert's palm swinging closer to her cheek, a big hand suddenly appeared in front of her and grabbed Gi lbert's wrist tightly. "Leon!" Ariel's mind went blank and she turned around to see L eon. Her heart

seemed to skip a beat and she was soon overwhelmed by an indescribable sens e of safety. Let go of

me!" Gilbert roared. He tried yanking his arm away, but he could not break free fr om Leon's restraint. The futility

of his efforts spurred him to raise his other hand and slap Leon in the face. "You a sked for it!" Leon snorted coldly and gave Gilbert the most violent backhandslap.

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The Ex-Husband's Revenge By Dragonsky Chapter 96 Following that crisp slap, Gilbert felt his ears ring as he collapsed. His forehead hit the corner of the d esk and blood began to flow out. Gilbert

groaned in pain and touched his forehead, only to see his hands covered in blood. "I'll kill you!" Gilbert's eyes were blood—

red, and anger fumed in his heart as he rushed toward Leon like a madman.

Leon leaped into the air, kicked Gilbert's lower abdomen, and sent Gilbert crashing into the wall after staggering several steps back. That was probably the most embarrassing moment of his life.

"Forget it, Leon. Let's go." Once Ariel came back to her senses, she hurried forw ard and grabbed Leon's arm. With the way things turned out, the cooperation was as good as gone and she did not count on it anymore.

All she wanted was to leave as quickly as possible, lest things escalate even furt her. Leon nodded and walked outside with Ariel. "Stop them! Don't let them get away..." Gilbert struggled to get up and let out a roar.

By then, the ruckus in the office already alerted the employees outside. Someone called the company's security guards over, six of which stopped

Leon and Ariel moments after they walked out of the office.

Gilbert chased out from behind and grew confident when he saw that the security guards showed up.

"Mister Gaur! This man right here slapped me! I want you to give him a taste of hi

s own medicine! Beat him up! I'll bear whatever consequences that may happen!" Gilbert had a vicious expression. He was no match for Leon, but with the six sec urity guards around, he was confident that Leon would not be able to defeat them all even if Leon had some combat skills!

The head of security had a sour expression, for Leon did not only cause trouble in the company but even inflicted an injury on Gilbert! "How dare you cause a commotion in our company building! You're asking for trouble! Teach him a good lesson, fellas!" With a wave of his hand, several people whipped out the batons they carried and charged fiercely toward Leon. "Leon, be careful!" Ariel exclaimed. was six against one, and the six had weapons too. No matter how one looked at it, Le on's chances of winning were practically zero!

Ariel felt both worried and helpless. Rather than back off, Leon went forward like a tiger that found itself within a flock of sheep. The gu ards punched and kicked him, but none of their attacks managed to land a hit on him.

Leon's energy refinement reached the middle stage courtesy of the Energy Convergence Circle from the previous night. Dealing with a few measly security guards would be a walk in the park for him. In less than ten seconds, all six of those security guards were knocked to the ground, and each one of them collapsed vulnerably on the ground. The sight of what happened left Gilbert and Ariel dumbfounded. Even the employees surrounding them were stunned silly! They never dreamed that Leon would be so strong! He defeated six security guards all by himself and came out of the scuffle unscathed. Everyone start ed to doubt if he was even human! Ariel knew that Leon

had some conflict with Joseph a couple of days ago

and ended up injuring several of the company's security

guards by himself. However, she was not there at the time, so she did not get the chance to see Leon's ability with her

owneyes. She was beyond shocked because it was the

first time that she truly saw Leon's fearlessness!"Amazing..." Ariel's beautiful eye s began to glitter and her heart thumped like a prancing deer. She was always a f

an of strong, domineering men, and Leon's valiant act of protecting her gave her an unprecedented sense of security.

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At long last, Ariel finally understood why Iris praised Leon for being handsome.

She shared the same thoughts as Iris at that moment and felt that Leon's tall, tow ering figure was the very epitome of handsome! "Hurry... Call the police..."

Gilbert inhaled sharply and his once–savage expression took over by panic.

He could not understand how a puny secretary like Leon could be so strong!

If he did not see it with his own eyes, he

would never have believed that it was true!

"Enough! What in the world is happening here?" Someone yelled angrily from be hind. The voice came from a

young man, who approached the scene from nearby with several of the company executives.

The young man who led the group over was none other than Jenson.

He was startled by the commotion caused by the brawl. "Mister Wick..."

The onlookers were surprised.

Jenson was the grandson of the Wick Group's chairman who served as the company's general manager.

"You came at just the right time, Mister Wick. Someone's causing trouble in our company and I was injured as a result. You need to bring them to justice..."

Gilbert was overjoyed and crawled at Jenson's feet like a pug.

Although Leon dazzled everyone with his superb fighting ability, the Wicks were one of the highest–ranked and most influential families in Springfield City.

Jenson, being the eldest son in the family, could end Leon's life with a pinch des pite the latter's awe—inspiring abilities!

"Who was it that caused trouble in our company? That's some guts you have!" Je nson was furious. It was a complete mess there, and

Jenson could not see Leon because the number of employees watching from on e side blocked his vision. "It's him! He's the one!" Gilbert pointed in Leon's direction with a resentful expression. "It's over for him!" "Out

of all the people he could've messed with, he just had to choose the Wick Group. He's digging his own grave!"

"Yeah! The influence Mister Wick has makes it so much easier to end that good!" guy for The onlookers whispered to each other in a low voice and snickered while looking at Leon with disdain.

As employees of the Wick Group, Leon's troublemaking made them feel as thoug h they were directly involved, despite that not being the case. They all felt the same unanimous hatred toward Leon and wanted nothing more than for Jenson to put an end to

the shenanigans of an arrogant outsider like Leon!"Mister Wick, is it? Please let me explain..." Ariel paled from fright and stood in front of Leon right away despite her despondent mood. Although she never met Jenson before, she knew that the Wicks were the owners of the Wick Group, and whom ordinary people should avoid offending. Alas, Leon acted recklessly on the Wicks' territory for the sake of protecting her—

he injured Gilbert and knocked down six security guards. It caused such a huge st ir that things would almost certainly not end well for her, much

less the perpetrator Leon!"Mister Wolf! It's you!" Jenson glanced over in surprise. "Jenson! I didn't expect us to meet again so soon." Leon smiled and greeted Jenson."That guy knows Mister Wick?" The onlookers were stunned and their jaws nearly fell to the ground. Gilbert, too, was shell—

shocked. He never dreamed that an insignificant secretary like Leon would know the Wick Group's general manager, and a bad feeling soon beganto surface in hi s heart. "Leon, you... Him... You both..." Ariel was just as surprised. She looked at Jenson and Leon

in bewilderment and did not understand what in the world was going on.

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Jenson ignored everyone's surprised looks. He walked quickly to Leon and said with a respectful smile, "What brings you here to our company, Mister Wolf?" "Oh, I'm here to discuss a possible cooperation," Leon replied with a smile.

"Cooperation? Oh, you mean the

cooperation between the Elegante Group and the Wick Group? My grandfather just called me and said that he agreed with you to sign the contract during dinner to onight. Why did you come here in advance?" Jenson was surprised.

He was solely responsible for the Wick Group's sales channels business, and Be rnard spoke to him about it on the phone earlier. "Well, this here is

Miss Summers, the assistant to our company's president. I've already told her that the cooperation has been negotiated, but

she didn't believe me and insisted on coming here with me..." Leon smiled helple ssly and briefly explained the entire situation, including

Gilbert's harassment in the office. "So you weren't

lying when you said you already negotiated a cooperation with the Wick Group's chairman..." Ariel's mind turned completely blank. She

never once dreamed that everything Leon said at the meeting was true.

"Of course not. You do believe me now, don't you?" Leon shrugged it off.

Ariel's pretty face turned red and she was mortified after realizing how big of an i diot she was.

"This was all your doing, Gilbert!" After figuring out the cause of the fiasco, Jenso n lost his cool right away and glanced sharply at Gilbert with a murderous look. Startled, Gilbert rushed

over in a hurry and tried to come up with an excuse for his despicable behavior. "No, Mister Wick, that's not what happened, I didn't- I "Shut your mouth! I don't want to hear any of your excuses! Mister

Wolf is our family's honored guest. You must be getting tired of life if you went so far as to disrespect him and his friend!" Jenson was so furious that he slapped G ilbert in the face and nearly sent the latter flying to one side.

Leon, who saved the life of Jenson's grandfather, was more credible and trustwor thy than Gilbert in Jenson's eyes. Gilbert could argue all he wanted, but it was all pointless! "The Wicks' honored guest?"

The onlookers were shocked. No one expected Leon to

have connections with Jenson, and

it was even more surprising to hear that he was treated as an esteemed guest! Such an association was a huge one! "Mister Wick, I didn't do anything of the sort. He's lying. Please believe me..." Gilbert covered his cheeks and was still determined to rush over.

"Don't come near me! You are hereby dismissed from the company with immedia te effect. Get out!" Jenson kicked Gilbert away, then

turned his attention to several security guards

next to him, "Security! Please escort him out of the building!"Leon had nothing personal against the security guards, so he stayed his strength when going against them earlier. Therefore, the

guards only needed a bit of rest to recover their strength and stand back up. After receiving Jenson's orders, they began to despise Gilbert for nearly implicating the m too. "Mister Wolf, I'd like to ask for your forgiveness on behalf of the atrocious b ehavior that our company's staff have shown to you

and your friend." Jenson smiled apologetically and bowed his hands respectfully to offer an apology. "You're too polite. It's fine as long as you're able to excuse my rash behavior..." Leon scratched his head a little

embarrassedly and felt somewhat remorseful. After all, he was the one who enga ged in

a brawl at Jenson's company and made a whole mess of their place, yet Jenson t ook the initiative to apologize to him instead of blaminghim.

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Jenson smiled, looked at the time on his watch, and said, "It's almost four, Mister Wolf. Might as well stay here

and avoid the trouble of having to go back. I was thinking about giving my grandf ather a call right now and we can head straight to the hotel for an early dinner? Would that be alright with you?"

"Sure..." Leon nodded, but he hesitated slightly when he looked at Ariel beside him.

Jenson quickly understood what Leon meant and invited Ariel with a smile. "Miss Summers, since you're a friend of Mister Wolf, would you care to join us if it's con venient for you?"

"Thanks for the invitation." Ariel knew that she was only invited over because of L

eon. Her curiosity over his relationship with the Wicks prompted her to agree to J enson's invitation after some thought.

Inside one of the luxurious and exquisite VIP rooms at The Sovereign Hotel, Bernard and Jenson sat with Leon and Ariel at the table.

Under Bernard's directions, the waiters began to serve the wine and food, all of which were the finest and rarest of delicacies.

"Thank you so much for saving me the other day. I offer you this toast as a show of my gratitude." Bernard was all smiles as he raised his wine glass to Leon.

"You're being too polite, Elder Wick. It wasn't very difficult

on my part, so please don't take it too seriously," Leon said immediately. He picked up the wine glass, clinked glasses with Bernard, and then drank the whole glass in one go.

Ariel looked at Bernard, then at Leon, and had a strange expression on her face. She initially thought that Leon had some sort of ties with Jenson, perhaps as a di stant relative of the Wicks, or due to some long ancestral friendship between bot h their families' ancestors.

However, Leon addressed Jenson by his first name, but Bernard addressed Leon with a rather respectful, Mister Wolf.

Ariel had no idea what was going on, and whatever relationship they had was a complete mess!

Ariel was stunned. She glanced at Leon from time to time, feeling that it was bec oming more and more difficult to grasp the concept of Leon as a person. There were several times when she could not help her urge to ask Leon what went on. After considering that it was not a very appropriate occasion to ask something like that, she finally decided not to ask.

Leon did not overthink like Ariel did and simply conversed in his way with Bernard and Jenson without feeling awkward.

Meanwhile, Bernard could only have no

more than one or two drinks to show his – sincerity because he just recovered, so he instructed Jenson to entertain Leon and Ariel properly on his behalf.

Since Ariel was a woman and she had to drive, she toasted them with tea rather t hanwine. Leon did not have such concerns, so he drank away with Jenson. The t wo of them seemed to have grown closer, almost as if they were friends with who

m they could let loose over several drinks. After having several sounds of wine and finishing almost all the food, the banquet was almost nearing its end. Bernard took the initiative and asked, "Mister Wolf, regarding the coopera tion between the Elegante Group and our Wick Group, may I ask if you already h ave a contract ready?" "It's right here." Leon took out the two contracts that Lily printed and handed them over to Bernard. Bernard knew to separate personal matters from professional business matters, so he read the contract carefully and concluded that the Elegante Group offered a relatively low price for the Wick Group to show their sincerity in securing their cooperation. "I've already read the contract, Mister Wolf. As far as I can see, there's no issue at all. However, I'd like to discuss the price a little..." Bernard frowned and kept them insuspense. "Is it too high?" Leon's heart skipped a beat. He did not know anything about how companies conducted business and put prices on their products, so he was unsure if the price he put was too high or too low.

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Ariel's heart leaped to her

throat too. Leon finally helped the company secure an opportunity to cooperate w ith the Wick Group, so it would be a real shame if the price became a stumbling block. "Elder Wick, sir, if you're not satisfied with the price, we

can reduce it by a few percentage points. However, we can only drop five percentage points at most. That's the most we will

be able to compromise..." Ariel said with the utmost sincerity and brought out her trump card in good faith.

"No, you misunderstood me. I didn't mean the price was high. I think it's a bit low.

"It's... low?" Ariel was stunned and could not believe what she heard.

She joined the workforce quite some time already, and in all the negotiations that she went through, the clients have always complained about the price being too high and would usually go all out to try and have it lowered. It was the first time she met someone who said that the price was too low.

"Indeed. I propose that the Wick Group gives your company ten percent of the pr

<sup>&</sup>quot;Bernard smiled and shook his head.

ofits. What do you think of that?" Bernard suggested with a smile.

"Are you sure? That's wonderful news! Please allow me to thank you on behalf of Miss Young, Elder Wick.

Leon was overjoyed. Although he had little clue when it came to prices, it could only be good news if Bernard was willing to give up some of the profit.

"This isn't some joke, is it?" Ariel was stunned and her expression was overcome with disbelief. She was experienced when it came to the inner workings of negotiations, unlike Leon who only had layman's knowledge. She kn ows that the Wick Group's profit was only about 16 percent or 17 percent at most, yet Bernard was willing to give 10 percent of the profits to Elegante Group without any conditions attached. It was akin to dropping money right into one's I ap. Ariel began to doubt her worldview a little.

"Fret not, Miss Summers. My grandfather is a man of his word. He'll most certainly do what he says and he'd never joke around with you two!" Jenson said hurriedly.

"Yes, I owe Mister Wolf big time, and this is the least I can do to repay him..." Ber nard nodded with a smile. At long last, it was revealed

that Bernard was doing all that out of gratitude! Ariel finally came to understand how the relationship

between Leon and Bernard came about, but there was still a question lingering in her mind: what could an ordinary secretary like Leon have done to earn such pro found gratitude from someone like Bernard?

"Aside from that, we're prepared to sign a three-

year contract instead of the usual one -year contract, if that's agreeable with your company. We can also renew it on three- year terms in the future," Bernard adde d. "We'd be happy to! Thank you so much, Elder Wick.

Leon was overjoyed and thanked the old man repeatedly.

Bernard then took out his pen and

wrote down the two new terms at the end of the contract. The first was their willin gness to give ten percent of the profits to the Elegante Group, and the second was to extend the contract period to three years. Finally, Bernard signed his name, and Leon also signed it on behalf of the Elegante Group. There were two sets of the

contract, so each party held one copy. After securing the contract, Ariel could not help but pinch her cheek and

wonder if she was dreaming all along. A stinging pain jolted her and affirmed that she was not dreaming!Leon and Ariel left

the hotel and got into the car.On their way back, Ariel could no longer control her curiosity and asked him, "Leon, how did you and Elder Wick know each other? A nd what kind of favor did you do forhim?" It's nothing. I have some medical knowl edge, and Elder Wick passed out during

his morning exercise a couple of days ago. I happened to be there, so I saved hi m..."

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