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Before Richard could finish talking, Jonathan slammed his cup on the table.

Shocked, Richard did not dare to say a word after that.

Although Jonathan was just a warrior, Richard knew that he could not fight him.

Opposite them, Sasha was busy feeding Vivian some shrimps, so she did not notice the situation.

“Mommy, it tastes so good! I’ve never tried this before. I want more!”

“All right.”

Sasha smiled and patted Vivian’s nose before she continued feeding her daughter with more shrimps.

In truth, Vivian had eaten shrimps before. As the precious daughter of the Hayeses, she had certainly eaten all kinds of good food.

What she meant to say was that she had never tasted shrimps cooked in such a manner before.

All the dishes of Chartreuse Heritage Kitchen tasted good.

Matteo and Ian felt the same way as well as they happily dug into all the appetizing food.

“Look at them! They look like they’ve never eaten good food before. They’re stuffing themselves like pigs at such a grand party!”

“That’s true! Where did the Jadesons get such an embarrassing granddaughter-in-law?”

“There was no choice. They just recently found Shin’s son and brought him back. He already had a family at that point, so Old Mr. Jadeson had no choice but to accept her.”

“Oh, right! I forgot about that.”

Everyone started to talk about Shin, who had passed away so many years ago.

Upon hearing that topic, the people who were already jealous of Sasha's sudden rise in status looked down on her even more.

The Jadesons was the most reputable family in Jadeborough.

Many women dreamed of marrying into the Jadesons. Even prominent families wanted their children to marry one of the Jadesons. They clearly could not accept Sasha, a woman who suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

"Where's Mr. Devin?"

"He's coming. I heard that he went to pick someone up."

"Really? Who?"

"Probably Shanae Woods."

When the name was mentioned, everyone in the hall gasped in shock.

Countless people looked on with bitter jealousy.

Shanae Woods was the most outstanding granddaughter of the Woodses. She was beautiful and talented. Despite being in her early twenties, she was well-known for being top in class. Not only that, but she was constantly on television representing the country in various competitions.

All in all, Shanae was the top socialite of Jadeborough.

Even better, the Jadesons were delighted because Shanae was not blood-related to Jasmine. Shanae was the true descendant of the Woodses, unlike Jasmine, who was from one of the minor branches.

Devin's parents had certainly ordered him to pick Shanae up.

Sasha was oblivious about that, but she sensed that someone was staring at her. Who's that?

She lifted her head and saw Jasmine.

"Eat more, Sasha. If you like the food, I can have someone send some of the food to Oceanic Estate next time for you," Jasmine said as she smiled.

Sasha furrowed her brows while looking at her. Something is wrong with this woman. What's she secretly plotting?

Immediately, she became vigilant.

While everyone was eating, someone arrived at the entrance of the hall. At that moment, all of them turned to look in that direction after they heard some exclamations.

Even Jonathan turned to look while he was drinking his tea.

A beautiful and tall girl was standing there in a long beige dress. Her face appeared pure and attractive. With all the expensive jewelry, she looked extremely elegant, like a princess.

Shanae had finally arrived.

Devin was standing right beside her.

Jasmine was delighted to see them and quickly approached them. "Shanae, you're here. Come sit over here with me."

She pulled Shanae's hand toward her table.

When Shanae arrived at the table, there was a sharp contrast between her and Sasha.

Sasha was wearing a red dress with her hair tied into a bun. She appeared mature with that look. Not only that, but the jewelry Janice had chosen for her was also made from jade.

Yet, when Shanae walked over in her beige dress while wearing diamond accessories, Sasha looked like someone from an older generation.

"Look at that. Sasha Wand looks so ugly beside Ms. Shanae."

"That's true. She's so old-fashioned. Look at how she dressed up. Such a waste of money!"

"You have a point!"

In an instant, everyone started insulting Sasha.

When Devin walked over and heard all those insults, he looked in the direction of the main table before his face fell.

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“Sasha...”

“Huh? Devin, you’re here. Are you looking for a seat? There’s one over here.”

Sasha had been busy feeding her children and only just noticed Devin’s arrival.

However, Devin shook his head. “Do you want to change your dress? It must be difficult to feed the kids in it.”

He knew that Sasha had been set up, so he wanted her to get changed. However, he did not know how to say it in a roundabout manner, so what came out was straightforward.

Sasha did not know what to reply.

After seeing Devin’s hesitant look, she glanced around and finally realized what was happening.

“It’s fine, Devin. Come sit over here. You must be starving.”

Before Devin could answer her, Jasmine started calling for him.

“Devin, what are you doing? Shanae is here. Come and keep her company.”

“Yes, Devin. Come here and talk to Old Mr. Woods,” Stephen said.

Devin frowned and walked over to them.

Behind him, Sasha seemed to have understood the situation. Seeing the pretty woman in the beige dress, she frowned. So, that’s the woman they want Devin to marry? What about Sabrina?

While she was thinking about it, she took out her smartphone to message Sabrina back in Avenport.

Sasha: Sab, what are you up to?

Sabrina: What else? I’m at my office.

Sasha could not believe that. She's at her office? Looks like Solomon has his own way to deal with her.

Sasha: When are you coming to Jadeborough? If you don't come soon, someone is going to steal your man.

Sasha had always referred to Devin as Sabrina's man.

After all, Sabrina did not mind it.

However, to Sasha's surprise, there was not much reaction from Sabrina this time.

Sabrina: He's not my man anymore.

Sasha: What? Why is he not your man anymore? Did you dump him?

Sabrina: I can't have him...

Sasha was shocked to see that response from the usually very bold and daring Sabrina.

Something's not right. She was so in love with this man. Nothing could stop her from being with him before this. Why is she saying this now? What happened between them?

Sasha was confused. Not knowing what to do, she secretly snapped a photo of Devin and Sabrina sitting next to each other.

Then, she sent the photo to Sabrina.

"Shanae, that's Devin's sister-in-law and her three children. Do you want to greet them?" Jasmine suggested abruptly.

Having heard that, Jonathan smiled and nodded. "Yes. She can go over and greet them."

When Shanae looked at the woman dressed up like a country bumpkin, her eyes filled with disgust.

She was unwilling to greet Sasha.

However, Richard came to realize something when he heard Jonathan's words.

Jonathan was the head of the Jadesons. From the way he was speaking, he was clearly treating Shanae like his own granddaughter now.

With that thought, Richard knew that Shanae had a high chance to marry Devin in the future.

Richard turned to his granddaughter and chided, "Why are you still sitting here? Don't you have any manners? Go right now."

"All right..."

Shanae then walked over unwillingly.

At that moment, everyone else in the hall was watching Shanae as she went to greet Sasha.

They wanted to know how the top socialite of Jadeborough would teach that country bumpkin a lesson.

"Ms. Wand."

"Huh?"

Sasha lifted her gaze from her phone screen.

"My name is Shanae Woods. I'm from the Woods family on the southern side of the city. It's so nice to meet you."

Standing beside Sasha, Shanae stretched out her hand after she introduced herself. There was an expensive watch on her wrist.

Nice to meet me? But she looks so unwilling. She's not even looking me in the eye.

Sasha smiled and put her smartphone aside.

After wiping her hand with a wet tissue, she stood up.

"Hello, Ms. Woods." She stretched out her hand as well.

However, before she even touched Shanae's hand, the latter withdrew her arm abruptly.

Sasha's hand was left hanging in the air awkwardly.

When Devin saw that from his seat, he quickly stood up.

Right at that moment, Jasmine pulled him back down in his seat.

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“Don’t move!”

“I’m sorry, Ms. Wand. I have mysophobia,” Shanae explained calmly.

Although she seemed to be nice to Sasha, she was clearly implying that the latter was a dirty woman for peeling shrimps with her bare hands at such a grand party.

Everyone around them got excited upon seeing that. That’s right! That’s how you teach the bumpkin a lesson!

Sasha clearly understood that. She withdrew her hand and sat down without saying a word.

“I’m sorry. I’m a mother. I don’t have a choice because I have to take care of my children.”

“I don’t think so. I know many elegant mothers. Ms. Wand, you’re one of the Jadesons now. It’s better to take care of your image outside the house from now on. Otherwise, you’ll tarnish the family’s reputation. For instance, I suggest you not wear this dress again in the future.”

Shanae started insulting Sasha’s gown.

The people who were watching the drama got even more excited. Some of them were even recording the scene with their smartphones.

“Oh? What do you mean?”

Sasha lowered her head and looked at her dress.

With a disdainful look, Shanae questioned, “Ms. Wand, don’t you know that this dress is outdated? It came out last year. I can still recognize it even though you modified it. Let me tell you this. Everyone wears customized gowns in Jadeborough!”

Her words immediately caused an uproar in the hall.

"The granddaughter-in-law of the Jadesons is wearing an outdated customized gown? She even modified it so others won't be able to recognize it!"

"Where did this woman come from? How could she be so ignorant?"

"How is she qualified as the granddaughter-in-law of the Jadesons?"

Everyone's jaws fell open.

They were treating Sasha as a laughing stock.

Devin was infuriated by the incident.

He instantly glanced at Jonathan, whose face had darkened terribly. At the sight, Devin wanted to get up to ease the situation.

However, Sasha suddenly spoke.

"Yes, this is an outdated customized gown. However, I'm willing to wear it as compared to a fake gown."

"What did you say?"

Shanae was stunned.

Sasha smiled and stood up again. Without saying a word, she stretched her arm toward Shanae's chest.

"Ah!"

Shanae's shriek filled the entire hall.

However, it was too late. Sasha had pulled out all the rhinestones on the chest area of her dress.

"The rhinestones on all the customized gowns of Shadows are not glued on. Instead, they use a special technique to sew all the rhinestones into the fabric during production."

Shanae was speechless.

Sasha added, "Also, they only use certain selected patterns. It's either beautiful sceneries or paintings of lovers. What's that bird on your dress?"

She smashed all the rhinestones on the table.

Crash!

A pin drop silence ensued in the hall.

No one expected that outcome. Initially, they thought that the bumpkin who came out of nowhere would be humiliated by the top socialite of Jadeborough.

However, it was the other way round.

How? She's just a bumpkin. How would she know all this?

Covering her chest, Shanae's face turned red. She did not want to admit to Sasha's accusation.

"That's nonsense! Do you even know what's a customized gown? Have you ever heard of the brand Shadows?"

Shadows was a new brand founded two years ago. Many of the daughters of wealthy families, celebrities, and capable women around the globe dreamed of owning one of the products of the luxury brand.

However, it was extremely difficult to purchase them.

How did this bumpkin know about the brand? Who gave her the right!

Shanae glared daggers at Sasha. She looked like she was about to tear the latter apart.

However, Sasha merely shrugged.

"Of course, I've heard of it! I own the brand. Two years ago, my husband gifted me that brand. He even named it after my name."

Everyone's jaw dropped upon hearing her words.

A deathly silence took over the entire hall.

Everyone did not know how to react.

They're stupid. Why are they comparing wealth with me? Have they forgotten about my previous family business?

"Daddy!"

At that moment, a person walked in from the entrance. Upon seeing the man, Sasha's children cheered and ran toward the man joyfully.

The man dressed in military fatigues instantly lifted all the children up with his arms.

"What are all of you doing?"

"We're watching the show. Daddy, someone is bullying your wife again."

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"What?"

In the next moment, his eyes filled with coldness.

"That woman over there! She's saying that Mommy is poor and can't afford nice clothes. That woman is wearing a fake dress of the brand that you gifted Mommy last time. Now, she's humiliating Mommy," Matteo explained everything clearly.

Their father gifted their mother that design?

Everyone was shocked after hearing that.

All the blood drained from Shanae's face, and she could not move an inch.

At that moment, Sebastian arrived in front of Sasha with the kids.

"Darling."

"I told you not to attend these parties. They're not even on the same level as us. Why did you come here? Are you trying to make things difficult for yourself?"

Sebastian ignored everyone else and put the kids down beside Sasha before he started berating her.

Sasha was embarrassed after that.

Everyone was staring at Sebastian, including Richard, who was sitting beside Jonathan.

Not on the same level? What does he mean? Is he trying to say that they have higher status than everyone else here? How arrogant!

Having heard that, Richard was infuriated.

“N-No. Grandpa wanted to hold a party for us. I can’t just reject their efforts...” Sasha stammered as she explained.

Hearing that, Sebastian mocked, “Just reject him. He didn’t even manage to filter the guests. Why did he bring you here? To put up a show?”

Sasha did not know what to say.

Damn! How could he utter such words!

“Mr. Sebastian, what do you mean by filtering the guests? Are you insulting us?” Richard questioned.

He could not sit still anymore.

Sebastian then answered nonchalantly, “Looks like you’re not that dumb after all!”

Again, everyone was stupefied.

Jonathan had protected Sebastian very well. Since Sebastian had only returned to the Jadesons recently, none of the outsiders had seen him yet. Jonathan also managed to suppress all the major news about what happened in the family previously.

Therefore, to the outsiders, Sebastian was just Shin and a countryside woman’s son. How could he be an excellent man when his mother came from the countryside?

Hence, everyone had looked down on him, until now.

Richard was enraged. “Jonathan Jadeson, so this is your precious grandson! Is this how he treats his guests?”

He hammered the floor with his cane in anger.

Jonathan was furious and anxious too.

Since everyone was infuriated by Sebastian’s words, Jonathan chided, “Sebastian, what are you saying? How could you be so rude to the relatives and close friends of our family!”

“Rude?” Sebastian snorted and added, “I’m being respectful enough. If it was in the past, I would’ve thrown him out of here!”

He was still speaking recklessly.

His voice was so low and cold that it made shivers run down everyone’s spines.

Throw him out? Is he that presumptuous and arrogant?

Finally, several guests could not stand it anymore and stood up to help Richard.

At that moment, Devin stood up abruptly.

“What are you trying to do? You think he won’t do it? Let me tell you. He can turn you into ashes with a snap of his fingers!”

Everyone came to a halt when they heard that.

Ashes? Is he really that capable?

They could not believe that. However, after Devin warned them, they did not dare to move an inch. All of them turned to stare at him, including Shanae.

“Ashes? Devin, you’re exaggerating.”

Devin sneered before he questioned, “Exaggerating? Would you believe me if I told you that the person who made your dress has disappeared now, all because of what you just did?”

Shanae fell silent.

“Also, let me remind you. If you don’t apologize to Sasha right away, you’ll have to face the dire consequences. You’ll lose your reputation and probably will be sent to jail too,” Devin continued.

He knew Sebastian very well.

Shanae was stunned when she heard that.

After some time, she glanced at all the guests before she asked, “On what grounds?”

“Just because he’s the business mogul of Astoria. He’s rich, and sending every one of your family into your graves is child’s play. Is that enough?”

In a mocking tone, Devin stated all the harsh truths to Shanae.

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Shanae was dumbstruck.

All the other guests gasped in shock when they listened to Devin’s words.

Business mogul? What’s that?

All the guests were just poor people with empty titles. Even those that came from the most prominent families in Jadeborough would not easily throw their money around.

It was even more impossible to send other people to their graves.

Silence ensued.

At that moment, they felt completely humiliated. They could not believe that they were insulting Sasha for wearing an outdated dress just now.

Their faces turned red in embarrassment.

Shanae felt humiliated as well.

While she was wearing a fake dress and insulting Sasha, she had no idea that the latter was actually a true wealthy woman living in the upper-class society.

No wonder she could tell that my dress is fake.

“Forget about it. I believe Ms. Woods did not do that on purpose. She’s still young, so she’s not familiar with how society works. Ms. Woods, if you like Shadows, I’ll gift you some of the designs.”

Everyone was surprised by Sasha’s generosity.

Not only did she not want Shanae’s apology, she even offered to gift the latter several of her own brand designs.

Sebastian's eyes twitched.

Yet, Shanae was so mad that she almost passed out.

She felt insulted once again. This woman's clearly humiliating me! She's trying to tell me that as the owner of Shadows, she can gift me the dresses since I can't afford them!

She had never been humiliated in such a manner.

Beside her, Richard's face turned ashen upon hearing that.

In the end, they could not bear to stay any longer. As everyone watched them, they left in utter shame.

Since they had left, all the guests were embarrassed to stay there. They started leaving one by one after finding some excuses.

In the end, only Stephen, his wife, and Janice were still there.

"Are you happy now? You've destroyed the party."

Jonathan was unsatisfied after Sebastian ruined the party that he had painstakingly prepared.

Sebastian's fingers clenched.

Seeing that he was about to burst in anger, Sasha quickly stopped him.

"Grandpa, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. However, I think it was necessary and appropriate to do that. Otherwise, they'll treat the Jadesons as uncivilized and cowardly people."

"What did you say?"

Jonathan's face darkened. He did not expect Sasha to be so straightforward.

The latter smiled and explained, "A poor person who has to rely on marriage to connect to rich families isn't worthy of our respect. If he's talented, he wouldn't need to do that. Grandpa, haven't you heard that civilized people are prideful?"

Prideful?

Jonathan sat there in silence for some time.

In truth, he felt pathetic.

After several decades of serving the nation, he had become a successful person. However, he felt conflicted because he was an uneducated warrior.

He felt like an uncivilized man, whereas those educated people were somehow nobler in his eyes.

That was why all those men still managed to take advantage of him over the years, even though he had high status.

The Woods family was one of those people.

Therefore, Sasha thought it necessary to remind him of that fact.

Ten minutes later, Jonathan left the hall, looking completely defeated.

Since he left, everyone else knew that they should leave as well. After Devin and his parents left, Sasha was about to bring her children back to Oceanic Estate.

However, just as she grabbed their hands, she turned around and saw Sebastian sitting on the chair. He seemed to have no plan to leave as he stared at her blankly.

Sasha was speechless.

That stare looks terrifying.

She asked, "Darling, a-aren't you going back?"

Sasha was still being careful. Although they had reunited with each other now, they were not that close yet, nothing like how they used to be.

Even though she called him "Darling," she did not dare to get closer to him.

"You seem to know that old man quite well."

"Huh?" Sasha did not understand what he was implying.

"Were you like this in the past?"

"What?"

**“You like to read others’ minds, and even set them up,” Sebastian uttered expressionlessly as he sat still.**

**Sasha was stunned.**

**Read others’ minds? Set them up? Why would he say that? Does he think that I’m that kind of person? Does everything I do appear so despicable to him?**

**Sasha’s heart sank with that thought.**