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Lucia looked	into Eduard's	eves and	l replied.	, "Something	to do wit	h Arthur?"

"Lucia, you are smart!" Eduard praised. Though he told the news to Lucia ambiguously, Lucia could get the hint so quickly.

"JTP Group beat Davonnis Corp and won over the development project of south side. Am I right?" It took her nothing to guess it. It was common that Davonnis Corp won. Only its failure could shock everyone.

"Yep, it caused a sensation in the industry. Arthur personally planned every step to get the project but still lost to Jacob. Some economic reports said that Davonnis Corp was on the decline, and JTP Group was on the rise. I think now Arthur must be down." Eduard hesitated to talk about Arthur before. But Lucia looked like she had let it go, so he mentioned Arthur's name.

"He is tough. Those reports have no influence on him." Lucia heard Arthur mention his competition with JTP Group before. She guessed Arthur had expected the failure, so she didn't worry about him very much.

Eduard did not answer, but drove and peeked at Lucia from time to time.

"What are you looking at?" Lucia asked after noticing his peeks.

"Lucia ... are you okay?" Eduard was curious. Was a trip to Chicago so amazing? After she came back, she could talk about Arthur calmly with Eduard now.

"Whether I am fine or not, life goes on. You told me not to let it break me, didn't you?" Lucia said with a smile.

"I was trying to encourage you to pull yourself together" Eduard swallowed his unfinished words — I know it's hard for you to do that. You did it, but I feel so distressed for you.
"Well, your encouragement works." Lucia winked at Eduard naughtily as if she had gotten past it.
Eduard could only stop discussing it. He hoped that she was not pretending to be tough.
Back to her familiar home, Lucia felt lonely that Theodore was not there, but she was well aware it would be best to let Theodore stay with Esmae in Chicago.
After putting down the luggage, Lucia did not take a break but called Jacob.
"Is that Lucia?" When the call was connected, Jacob's incredulous voice came from the other end of the phone.
"It's me, I need to see you. Is it convenient to come out?" Lucia got straight to the point.
"Sure, where do you want to meet?" Jacob said as if implying something.
"You decided it. I'll be there soon," Lucia said.
"Well, then let's meet at the parking lot located in basement 1, Suesa Town." Jacob chose a place away from his home and JTP Group building.
Once he finished speaking, Lucia hung up the phone. Jacob looked at the dark phone screen and smiled instead of being angry.

Jacob was just about to get up when Poppy suddenly walked into his study
Seeing him pick up his coat, she asked him, "Going out this late?"
Jacob frowned. Feeling annoyed at her sudden appearance, he made up an excuse, "I'm going to meet a friend. I'll come back late. There is no need to wait for me."
"Meet a friend?" Poppy had an odd feeling, but she showed a sweet smile and asked tentatively, "Can I go with you?"
"It's not proper for you to go." Jacob finished his words, took his jacket, and walked past her towards the outside.
Poppy ran out of the door but he had gone, so she could only bite her lip in indignation.
When Jacob arrived in Suesa Town, Lucia was waiting there.
When Jacob turned his car around the corner, he saw Lucia standing next to a pillar. Her gorgeous face looked as cold as before, and there was a glint in her pretty eyes. When she stood there proudly, she looked as if she was in the spotlight.
Amazed, Jacob said to himself, "That's the woman I want!"
Lucia's gaze followed Jacob's car as it pulled into the parking space, then shifted to Jacob, who had gotten out of the car.
"Lucia, why did you suddenly want to see me?" Jacob gladly walked toward Lucia, greeting her as if she was an old friend of his.

When they were confronting each other, tensions between them grew. She frowned slightly. As expected, she hated to meet him face to face, but she had to. "Stop targeting against Arthur. He and I have broken up." Lucia didn't want to waste her time, so she got straight to the point. "Did you break up?" Jacob didn't seem surprised to hear it and he just laughed, "Did you ask me out to tell me about this?" "Didn't you hear my first sentence?" Lucia asked Jacob coldly with a long face. Jacob lowered his head and let out a chuckle. He touched his nose and looked up before asking Lucia with a smile, "Is there a connection between these two things?" "Isn't there? Do you dare fight against him before I came back home?" Lucia snickered and said disdainfully as she crossed her arms over her chest. JTP Group was not strong enough to compete with Branch of Davonnis, which was in the charge of Arthur, and Jacob would not start a fight stupidly if he knew he was bound to be defeated.

Lucia's words touched Jacob's nerve. He frowned, pretended to stay calm, and said, "Lucia, you are wrong. I am not targeting against him. Even if you did not return to the country, business competition

between Arthur and me is inevitable. Now the facts proved that I can defeat him, right?"

Jacob was gloating over his recent victory over Arthur.

Lucia didn't buy a word of it and said, "Competition? If memories serve me right, one of the projects you've been competing with Arthur for is about property investment, and JTP has never been involved in that field. Is this an inevitable competition?"

"Lucia, since you've broken up with him. Why do you care about the competition between Arthur and me?" Jacob didn't answer Lucia's question but asked.

"I care about it because I broke up with him! He's not involved in the grudge between us. No matter how you rival with him, my mind won't be shaken!" Lucia said coldly.

"Lucia, you have other ways to get back to Webbex Group, but why do you choose the most difficult one?" Jacob said with a soft look in his eyes.

"It's the way I choose. I will stick to it no matter what. Just come at me if you feel I am an eyesore. No need to get someone else involved." Lucia took no heed of Jacob's hint and restated her position.

"Does Arthur mean nothing to you now?" Jacob shifted the focus of their conversation to Arthur.

"Yep," Lucia replied flatly, and the next second, she noticed Jacob crack a smug smile.

"Mr. Davies, you heard it all, didn't yo