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Lil Lacey's eyes were bloodshot. "I'll kill him with my own hands!"

Amelia nodded. "I'll seek help through our connections and we'll put him to death! What a disgrace today!"

Meanwhile, Iris had just arrived at the office and was having a regular meeting when her secretary suddenly came running in.

"Ms. Anabelle, we're screwed! Everest Entertainment had just called to say that Lil Lacey wants to terminate her contract with us and will no longer be the ambassador and spokesperson for our product!"

A heavy silence fell upon the room.

"Hurry up and patch me through to Lil Lacey's manager, Ms. Mackie!" Iris said instantly.

"What can I do for you, Ms. Anabelle?" Amelia sniggered once the call connected.

"Ms. Mackie, may I know why exactly are you terminating the contract with us?" Iris asked mildly. "Didn't we come to an agreement already?"

"Haven't you heard, Ms. Anabelle? Someone from Morris Group has terminated our contract! We can't work with Morris Group anymore, so we can only make it official from our side first," Amelia laughed grimly.

Iris asked through clenched teeth, "Could you tell me who it is who wanted to terminate the contract?"

“Then listen carefully, Levi Garrison!”

“Not only did he terminate our contract, but he also even beat up our security guards and insulted Lacey in public!”

“So we’re terminating our contract and we’ll never work with your company ever again! Goodbye!”

Amelia hung up directly without giving Iris the chance to speak.

After answering the phone call, Iris slumped in her chair.

“What happened, Ms. Anabelle?” everyone asked quizzically.

“Levi Garrison! He messed with Lil Lacey, and now they are terminating their contract! There’s nothing we can do now!”

Iris wore a look of despair.

“That won’t do! We’re going full blast tomorrow, and Lil Lacey is the star of the show!”

“Yeah, we’re starting with the promotion tomorrow. What should we do now?”

Iris shot up to her feet and said, “I can only go there and talk to them myself!”

At the corridor, she met Levi, who had just arrived, head-on.

“This is all thanks to you, Levi!” she snarled.

“What did I do?”

“What did you do? You messed with Lil Lacey, and now their company is terminating their contract with us! Our main ambassador is gone!”

Iris’s eyes nearly started out of her head.

Levi chuckled, “It’s better that they terminate the contract. Our company won’t stoop so low as to use her!”

“Do you know how much damage it will do to us if Lil Lacey’s contract is terminated? Not to mention the publicity effect will be greatly compromised, we’ll lose twenty million in terms of money alone!” Iris snapped.

“Listen, Lil Lacey is a person of questionable morals. Hiring someone like her to be our ambassador is an insult to our product!”

Levi told Iris about what had happened.

“I’m angry to hear that too, but those are her private affairs and we can’t control it. We only care about her image as an influencer and how much profit she will bring us,” Iris said.

Levi smiled, “You don’t understand? She has the publicity effect, but that’s just temporary!”

“Hmph, how can you do business like this?! You’re the one who doesn’t understand!” Iris huffed and left.

“Where are you going?” Levi asked.

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“I’m going to beg her!” Iris answered.

Levi disregarded her and went to the office of the technical department, drinking tea and smoking cigarette while Iris went to Everest Entertainment personally to negotiate with them.

However, the other party was adamant about terminating the contract.

“Unless you fire him after he kneels before me and apologizes to me or end of discussion!”

Lil Lacey gave Iris only one way out.

“Yes, that bastard must come and apologize on his knees!”

They were firm in their decision.

Iris’s face paled.

“I can make the decision to fire him, but I need to ask him about the apology. I’ll go back and figure this out!”

No sooner was Iris out of earshot than Lil Lacey and the others burst into laughter.

“You dare to challenge us, Levi Garrison? You’re dead meat!”

Lil Lacey’s eyes were loaded with hatred.

After returning to the company, Iris immediately went to look for Levi.

“Come, follow me to Everest Entertainment!”

Levi looked stunned. “For what?”

“To apologize! They said as long as you apologize to them on your knees, and then I fire you, they will overlook this matter!”

Iris bit her lips. “I can only sacrifice you for the greater good of the company. But don’t worry, I’ll compensate you once you apologize to them.”

Levi shook his head. “You’re asking me to kneel down and apologize to them? Hell no! They should be the ones on their knees apologizing and begging us to sign them!”

Iris’s temper sparked at Levi’s attitude.

He’s the one at fault. Why isn’t he trying to solve it?

“Levi Garrison, you’re the one who created this mess. Are you going to take care of this or not?” Iris asked coldly.

“Over my dead body!”

Levi was very resolute.

“Fine, I’ll get someone who can talk some sense into you!”

Iris left in a fit of pique to call Zoey, telling her the whole story.

Shortly after, Levi received a call from Zoey.

“Listen to me, Levi. Go and apologize to them. The interest of the company is more important, after all,” Zoey said.

“I won’t! How could I apologize on my knees to some trash? Besides, I didn’t do anything wrong!”

Levi stood his ground.

“Okay, even if you’re right, you have to think about the interest of the company, no? And Iris and me? A man has to take responsibility. Besides, it’s because of you that this happened,” Zoey said.

“There’s no way I will apologize! I won’t apologize even if you kill me!”

“You disappoint me so much!”

Zoey hung up the phone in anger.

Knowing that Levi wouldn’t go to apologize no matter what, the entire company was pointing fingers at Levi, including the canteen ladies and uncles.

“Look at him sitting there eating shamelessly.”

“He’s a useless piece of sh\*t! Does he really think he has the power? He’s nothing without Isaiah!”

“He should have just apologized and get it over with. Does he think he can stay in the company forever?”

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Levi felt a little aggrieved at the murmurs of dissent coming his way.

I didn’t do anything wrong.

Why do I have to bear the consequences?

Why do I have to get on my knees and apologize?

What is wrong with this world?

Levi would rather die than apologize.

Iris couldn't help it either.

On the other side, Lil Lacey had found out that Levi had turned his nose up at their demand.

“Okay, Amelia. Let's show them what we got!” she sneered. “I'm going to cut off their publicity channels, including their ambassadors. Let's see what they can do.”

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Iris stayed in the conference room, rubbing her temples. She was brainstorming solutions with everyone when her phone suddenly rang.

Her face changed dramatically, and her phone almost slipped out of her hand when the call ended.

We're screwed!

We're totally screwed!

It turned out that the caller was the manager of the popular star, Wanda, from Everest Entertainment, who was also one of the signed ambassadors.

The manager had called to inform Iris that they would be terminating their contract as well.

Thereafter, her phone rang again.

“Hello, Ms. Anabelle. I’m the manager of Sean Hanks from Everest Entertainment, and we are requesting to terminate our contract with your company.”

“Hello, I’m Lil Jasmine’s manager from King Entertainment and we want to cancel our contract with you.”

“Hello, nice to meet you. I’m from Star Media. We would like to dissolve our contract regarding the promotion of your product.”

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The calls came one after another.

A total of ten celebrities and influencers that Iris had approached had called to terminate their contracts, including most of the publicity channels.

Some forum websites had also informed that they could only provide recommended advertisement space on classified pages to Morris Group instead of advertisements on their homepages.

Even the newspaper offices had informed that they would no longer publish any news about Morris Group.

After receiving a dozen of phone calls, everyone’s faces were drained of all color and animation. They came near to a breakdown.

They didn't expect that Lil Lacey's termination was just the calm before a storm, and that the worst has yet to come.

Things were already bad enough without Lil Lacey as their ambassador, and now that various publicity channels had been cut off, Morris Group was completely finished this time.

No one would show interest, no matter how good the product was, because there was no publicity at all. How on earth were they going to sell their products if no one knew anything about them?

"We've underestimated Lil Lacey's power in North Hampton. Offending her is equivalent to offending the whole entertainment industry. No one will sign with us ever again!"

Iris drew in a deep breath.

"It's all Levi's fault! Why the hell did he mess with Lil Lacey? Is she someone he can afford to mess with?" Georgia, Iris's assistant, said coldly.

"Yeah, it's all Levi's fault! Everything is ruined now!"

"I know, right? All the products can't be shipped off now!"

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Everyone regarded Levi as the sinner of the company.

Right then, Levi swaggered into the conference room, smiling, "What are you guys worried about?"

"What do you think we're worried about? All the ambassadors have terminated their contracts and almost every publicity channel has been cut off! What are we going to do with our products?" one senior executive shouted.

“I’ve told you that those people that you hired are not suitable. It wouldn’t be effective to hire them,” Levi replied. “You guys don’t understand who are your real target audience!”

Iris sprang to her feet. “How could you say that at this point in time, Levi?”

“Our original plan was to start promoting tomorrow and officially launch the products three days later. Who are we going to sell them to now?” Iris yelled.

“Don’t worry. Everything will turn out for the best! It will sell like crazy by then,” Levi said.

“Get out of here! Now! I don’t want to see you for a while,” Iris barked.

How she wished she could fire him right there and then!

But she couldn’t say much for the sake of Isaiah.

Levi was really on a downer.

Is she really chasing me away from my own company?

Fine, I’ll just let this slide until her anger subsides.

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And so he left the company.

Iris had gathered her employees for a meeting again, and the theme was simple—change nothing and minimize the damage as much as possible.

She also made it a point to tell her employees to keep this matter from Neil, as she didn't want the big boss to find out. It would only reflect badly on her as an incompetent leader.

Azure Dragon had arrived to pick Levi up after he left the company.

"Did you manage to reach out to Benny Quinton?" Levi asked Azure Dragon, who had come to pick him up from the company.

Azure Dragon nodded. "Yes, Sir. Mr. Quinton was so happy to hear from you. He would love to meet you too."

Levi smiled, "Tell Mr. Quinton to come to North Hampton three days later. Just tell him that Levi Garrison needs a favor from him."

Azure Dragon guffawed, "That is wonderful! You, Sir, are the nation's God of War, and Mr. Quinton is the nation's greatest doctor! You both are the nation's greatest treasures!"

One must be living under rock if they didn't know who Benny was.

Benny Quinton was a legend, the star of the medical field who had saved more than a million people over the past few decades with his godly hands.

He would always be on the front lines before a great disaster, leading hundreds of thousands of doctors in defeating the 'enemy'.

He was a god in the hearts of thousands of people.

Coincidentally, Levi had saved Benny once before and ever since then they were as thick as thieves.

They were both defenders of the country who had greatly contributed to their respective fields.

There was no telling how many countries were envious of Erudia for having two great defenders of the country.

“And tell the Rogers family to bring me all the celebrities that they had invited to their last celebration,” Levi said.

“Roger that!”

That night when Levi returned home, Zoey had been giving him the cold shoulder.

“It’s just a small matter, honey. Is this really necessary?” Levi asked in a relaxed manner.

“Small matter? I thought it was just a small matter as well, but I didn’t expect it to snowball like that! The entire Morris Group is affected because of you, do you know that?!”

“I don’t understand. Is it so hard for you to get on your knees and apologize?”

Levi’s expression changed. “Why should I bow down to such lowlifes when I’ve never bowed down to any gods?”

“I know you’re a man of moral fiber! And I know that you’re right! But can’t you just put yourself down this once for the greater good of the company?” Zoey snapped.

Levi shook his head. “No! I will never! I will never apologize for something that I didn’t do wrong!”

“Then go away! I don’t want to see you for a while.”

In the end, Levi was kicked out of the house.

Walking in the courtyard, Levi had wanted to scrounge a free meal off Iris, but her door was tightly shut.

He had no choice but to go home and grabbed a few steamed buns before he hit the streets.

Coincidentally, Una had just finished a meeting and was on her way home when she suddenly saw a familiar figure by the road.

“Jamie, look. Is that Levi Garrison?” Una asked.

“Yeah, it is!” Jamie, Una’s assistant, replied.

“I can’t believe he’s actually eating steamed buns on the streets,” Una said in surprise. “Seems like he got kicked out.”

“Boy, I thought he had it in him! Come on, let’s go over there,” Una said.

Levi was still nibbling on a steamed bun when a Rolls-Royce Cullinan suddenly stopped beside him, honking.

“Eating steamed buns, eh?” Una snickered as she came down from the car.