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## Chapter 521 What's Going On

Apparently, he noticed how delighted Amanda seemed when she noticed Skylar and Yulia. Before Spencer could react, Amanda rushed over to them and greeted them politely. "I didn't expect to run into you here, Mr. and Mrs. Stone."

"Arrogant..." Spencer could barely finish his sentence. He did not expect Amanda to not only know Skylar and Yulia, she seemed to respect them a lot too. This immediately made him nervous as beads of cold sweat began to form on his head.

His bodyguards were also stunned by this interaction. No one expected Amanda to respect Skylar that much.

"Yeah, it really is a coincidence." Skylar smiled at Amanda.

In all honesty, Yulia was personally closer to Amanda because of her anti-blemish cream project. So, they started chatting with each other.

"What were you saying earlier, Spencer? Well, go on then, spit it out." Skylar grinned when he said that.

"Well...." Spencer coughed nervously and looked extremely awkward. He had always resented Skylar and intended to use the Fitz family name to pressure Skylar into submission. However, he never expected to be struck by a huge reality hit.

Amanda glanced over to Spencer as soon as she heard what Skylar said. So, she said, "How dare you disrespect Mr. Stone! I want you to leave with everyone who came with you! My family will never do business with anyone who doesn't know their place!"

Although she did not know how powerful Skylar truly was, she witnessed just how every single powerhouse in Cloudtopia revered him back then. Moreover, he had even slaughtered the assassin named Hellhound in front of everyone. She understood that her family could afford to offend someone as powerful as Skylar. She could not believe that Spencer had the gall to offend Skylar by using her family's name.

Spencer's expression turned pale as soon as Amanda said that. He did not expect such a petty squabble with Skylar would completely destroy their business deal. So, he pleaded, "Ms. Fitz... I..."

However, his pleas were suddenly interrupted by some commotion. It seemed that a group of people were approaching them. They were all uniformed police officers as they ushered Spencer's bodyguards aside. After that, they opened up a path for a group of men in suits. Those people were either from very wealthy families, or extremely powerful people. Especially the ones leading the pack. They were an absolute powerhouse in that city.

"Good gosh, isn't that the most powerful man in the city, Mr. Larson?"

"Yeah! Standing next to him is Darwin Lane. The man behind him is spearheading the city's technology development, Mr. Manny!"

"Good gosh! What is going on here? Why are there so many powerful people here!"

# Chapter 522 Enough

It would be exceedingly rare for the common folk to meet one of those powerful people. Seeing them gathered at the train station was a true spectacle for them. All of them were so stunned by this that even Spencer was speechless by such a gathering.

When Darwin noticed Spencer, he nodded and teased, "Oh Spencer, I didn't expect you to greet our master faster than us."

"M- master?" Spencer was baffled by their presence. He was confused about why they were even there since he was there to greet Amanda. He was wondering who exactly they were referring to when they mentioned their masters. He wondered if their presence had anything to do with Amanda. However, while he was confused, Darwin had already approached Skylar and Yulia before greeting them politely. "Greetings my lord!"

The other people followed suit after that. Their greetings were overwhelmingly loud at the moment and all Spencer could do was stare in complete shock as he wondered. Master? Did they just call Skylar their master? How is this possible? I don't think dreams could be this absurd, right?

Spencer was already questioning his entire existence when Amanda greeted Skylar earlier. What Darwin and his entire entourage did was absurd to him. Naturally, even Amanda was stunned by what happened. She was already surprised by how much respect people had for Skylar previously, but she was even more stunned when the most powerful group of people in that city revered Skylar that much. She understood just how much respect they had for Skylar to have called him master. She always knew that Skylar was not a normal man, which is why she never mentioned her status or family name to him. She used to think that it would mutually benefit her and Yulia to work together, but what happened earlier made her wonder just who exactly Skylar was. She wondered if her family would have to submit to Skylar the same way if he visited the capital with Yulia.

However, Skylar ignored everyone's reaction by giving Darwin and his entourage a simple nod before grabbing Yulia's hand and saying. "This is my wife, Yulia. She is the president of Kareem Fashions in Cloudtopia. The anti-blemish cream that went viral a while back was her work. We are here to talk about setting up a branch office here in this city." Skylar did not want to make any small talk since he promised Lola to be home by the end of the day.

Chapter 523 Lover's Tower

Darwin and his entourage were stunned for a moment and immediately understood Skylar's intentions after hearing what he said. "Don't you worry, my lord, please allow me to take care of all the planning. It will be done in two months."

"Allow us to deal with stock keeping and logistics. All we need is three months to get the anti-blemish cream introduced to the entire market in our city!" A group of people were talking over each other to gain Skylar's favor.

Skylar brushed them off and said, "That's a little too absurd. If you can get the product introduced to sixty-percent of the entire city's market within three months, I would consider you to have done a great job already."

"Thank you for your generosity, my lord." Darwin and the others were delighted to hear the news. It seemed that Skylar was not so scary after all. So, the tension was immediately eased in an instant. Without making any more delays, Skylar got into Darwin's car and headed straight to survey a few locations to set up their branch there.

Darwin invited them for lunch after everything had been taken care of. Skylar and Yulia boarded a train back to Cloudtopia immediately after that. Skylar was delighted when he thought about meeting Lola soon despite their busy schedule. So, Skylar asked, "Say honey, since the anti-blemish cream has taken over the entirety of Cloudtopia, Tawnley, and Troiz County, I think this will be a major hit soon. What if you move the headquarters of Kareem Fashions to the capital after this, honey?"

"The capital?" Yulia was a little surprised by his suggestion as she had never thought about that.

Skylar nodded and said, "It has been in my mind for a while now. I mean the capital is the heart of our country's economy. Think about the big picture here, I mean, I know the capital isn't great and all, but at least it's the center of everything. I believe we will be able to attract more talented people to work for us and you'd have more room to grow the business if we move there. Besides, the capital would be perfect for you to increase Kareem Fashion's reputation world wide. To be fair, it would be a little inconvenient to move our workforce around cities if the headquarters is set up in Cloudtopia."

Yulia nodded and agreed with Skylar's points. She knew that she needed to move out of Cloudtopia if she wanted to increase Kareem Fashion's reputation across the entire country. However, she never expected Skylar to have thought about everything for her before she did. She was touched by this gesture, so she replied, "You have a point, Skylar. Alright, let's go with that."

"Good girl." Skylar snuck a kiss which made Yulia blush as she stared at the other passengers before complaining. "There are people here!"

"Let them watch then! I mean, there's nothing wrong with me kissing my wife," replied Skylar.

Yulia could not be bothered to argue with him after hearing that as she realized that Skylar had been bullying her quite a lot lately.

Since there was still time and she still had plenty of work to do when they arrived at Cloudtopia, she told Skylar to drop her off at Kareem Fashions.

After dropping Yulia off, Skylar called Dianne. "Have someone head over to the capital and buy me an entire building. Oh, and call it... Lover's Tower!"

### Chapter 524 It's Nice To Have A Dad

Skylar had decided to make Lover's Tower one of the many surprises he would give Yulia. He wanted to propose to Yulia at the peak of the tower when they eventually arrived at the capital. He wanted Yulia to become the luckiest girl in the world.

"Yes... Yes sir, I'll get to it right away," replied Dianne.

After hanging up the call, Skylar noticed that it was about time to pick Lola up from school, so he headed straight for her kindergarten.

"Daddy, daddy, you actually came back!" Lola rushed over to Skylar excited as soon as she noticed Skylar.

"Whoa, slow down there honey, don't slip." Skylar rushed over and carried Lola into his arms. As soon as she was in Skylar's arms, she hugged his neck and nuzzled against his body. "I missed you, daddy!" Lola exclaimed.

Skylar's heart melted after hearing that. So, he kissed her cheeks and said, "I missed you too, honey."

"Daddy, did mommy not come with you?" Lola asked.

"Your mom has some work to take care of right now. Let's pick her up together." replied Skylar while patting her head.

"Yeah, let's pick mommy up!" Lola nodded.

Lola was ecstatic when she noticed the mountain of toys and snacks at the backseat of the car. While snacking, she said, "Hey daddy, the singing competition will begin in a few days, can you go with me, daddy?"

"Of course I will, honey. I want to watch you win!" Skylar said.

Lola was delighted to hear that. She felt warm and was glad to have a father around.

Yulia spent the next few days dealing with setting up a branch office in the two cities she previously visited. Although she had received plenty of reliable help and support, there were still things that required her attention, especially in human resources. After a round of discussion, she made Naomi the

manager in Troiz County and another person she trusted in Maersk County. Since Valerie was free recently, she stayed with them to coach Lola on her singing.

Lola's singing competition finally began five days later. Apparently, the standards had been raised then as it was organized by the capital. The competition was against every single kindergarten in the city. Anyone in Cloudtopia that met the requirements could participate. However, only children shortlisted by their kindergarten could advance into the actual qualifying competition. The qualifiers were held in a stadium in Cloudtopia. The top three finalists would be able to represent Cloudtopia in the finals.

Although Skylar was not a fan of singing and dancing, he would give his daughter his full support because it was something Lola enjoyed. So, he drove Yulia and Valerie to the stadium. They were greeted by plenty of parents in the spectating bleachers. It seemed that the competition was important to those parents. However, as soon as they got seated, they were greeted by someone taunting the entire crowd arrogantly.

## Chapter 525 Trash

"Look, I don't mean to brag, but my son Fabian will be the champion today. I mean, my son knew how to read music sheets since he was four and knew how to play the piano when he turned five. He could sing and play the guitar when he turned six. I mean, no one could be more talented than he is, right? Look, everyone else is nothing to him!"

Skylar and Yulia were offended as soon as they heard that and noticed a woman arrogantly boasting about her son. No one would care about a parent being proud about their children, but to do so by belittling others would be rude. Besides, every child was precious to their own parents. Skylar and Yulia were offended when she mentioned that other children were nothing to her son. Anyone would be offended by that. So, plenty of other parents were offended by what the lady said. However, since the competition was about to begin, no one wanted to cause a scene.

Soon, the emcee arrived and began explaining the flow of the competition and introducing the panel of judges. There were six judges in total and all of them were professional music coaches and producers. They were all professionals. The maximum points for each contestant was six hundred points with each judge having a hundred point cap. The top three contestants that scored the highest would be qualified to advance into the finals in the capital. So, the competition began as soon as the emcee explained the rules.

The first child to sing was called Tina. The girl was a little nervous and could be seen stuttering when she gave her introduction. "Greetings everyone... My... My name is... Tina... I'm from... RGB Kindergarten.... The song that I'd be singing... is called... Humpty Dumpty."

"Hahahah, I can't believe trash like that would qualify for today!" The lady burst out laughing when the little girl could be seen obviously stuttering. She was loud and everyone could hear what she said.

"Watch your mouth." Tina's parents were furious when they heard that. They continued, "This is my

daughter's first time on stage and it's normal to be nervous. How could you call her trash!"

The lady scoffed and said, "Who told you that it's normal to be nervous performing on stage for the first time. My son, Fabian's performance will be perfect and professional regardless of the turn order. I mean, look at how crappy your daughter looked? I mean, why can't I call her trash when she doesn't even know her place?"

Tina's parents were livid and before they could argue, the panel of judges said, "Please remain silent, fellow parents."

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Tina's parents had no choice but to keep their anger in after hearing that. The lady scoffed at them and remained silent after that.

### Chapter 526 Rare

It seemed that the lady's comments had affected Tina as her voice began to tremble. But, she still managed to sing the whole song despite her nervousness while her parents cheered for her. Her results were obviously bad. She was only awarded three hundred and fifty-five points by the six judges. She could be seen getting off stage while holding back her tears. However, the lady could be seen giving Tina's parents a smug look. It almost seemed like she was trying to tell them that she was right all along.

Apparently, the lady decided to insult every single child that performed after Tina. She made it seem like her son was the most perfect child in the world. So, it took very little effort to completely offend every single parent there. If it was not for the competition, a few parents would have already beaten her to a pulp.

"I can't believe someone like her could be a mother." Yulia complained. It seemed that Yulia was worried that Lola would have to deal with the lady's insults too. Even Valerie could be seen shaking her head. They could not imagine just how a mother could still act that way. Even if her son was perfect, she had no reason to belittle other children. She should have kept her thoughts to herself. They were judging her morals and attitude since she was bold enough to insult other children in front of their parents.

Soon, the emcee announced, "Let's welcome our sixteenth contestant Fabian on stage!"

As soon as the lady heard that, she immediately sat up straight as her eyes glimmered. Everyone obviously knew that he was none other than her son.

"You got this honey! Don't worry, Fabian, I've seen the other contestants and aside from you, everyone else is trash! You have nothing to worry about and you will be the champion today!" The lady cheered.

The other parents were furious, but they decided to not say anything. They wanted to see just how perfect of a child that Fabian was.

Soon, a little toddler could be seen striding on stage confidently. The child was wearing a tiny suit and a small pair of shades. He looked very trendy. After hearing his mother's cheers, he took his shades off, snapped his fingers and began his introduction. "Greetings everyone, my name is Fabian. I will be performing a song by Michael Jackson. The song is called Dangerous!"

As soon as he said that, the music started playing as he started singing and dancing. Everyone could not help but admit that the lady's son was quite talented. If it was not for the insults, everyone would have enjoyed the performance. But, it was all because of how much the lady had boasted that made his flaws stand out.

# Chapter 527 Fallen Angel

After Fabian's performance, the lady could be seen clapping and cheering ecstatically. However, when she noticed the lack of response by everyone else, she said, "Did you see that? Not only does my son know how to sing, he knows how to dance too! Oh yeah, that was a song by Michaal Jackson and not even an adult could sing as well as he did. So, I wasn't talking out of my butt when I called your children trash earlier, right?"

Skylar, Yulia and everyone else were speechless after hearing what she said. Although Fabian's performance was excellent, he was still not perfect. Besides, he was much older than the other children, so it was nothing to brag about. It would take more than a suit and acting like an adult to show everyone a perfect performance.

Soon, the panel of judges began scoring Fabian's performance.

Although the lady was rude to people, she seemed like a wealthy person and the judges did not want to offend her. So, they scored her son higher. The final score came out to be five hundred and sixty points. This was the highest score in the entire competition. However, not only was the lady unhappy, she was furious when she heard the scores. She screamed, "What? Only five hundred and sixty points? Are you saying that my son's perfect performance isn't worth six hundred points? All of you are horrible judges! Hurry up and rescore my son's performance! I mean, the other children did nothing and you gave them three hundred plus points for nursery rhymes. My son sang and danced and has worked hard for it. How is he not deserving of a full score? All of you are unworthy of being judges!"

The other parents were all glaring at her. None of them had seen a mother behave like her before. Even the judges and emcee were offended by her comments.

"Please watch your tone, miss. This competition is organized by the children's association in the capital. We have always been fair and will always invite qualified and professional judges. Each contestants' scores are graded based on their skills, so please accept the scores. If you continue to cause a scene, we will have you escorted out by the security guards," The emcee said.

It seemed that he had been unhappy with the lady's attitude for a while then.

"Oh please! That isn't professional at all! From what I see, my son is much talented by those piles of trash!" The lady dared not continue to cause a scene after the emcee said that as all she did was mumble in frustration. The Emcee decided to ignore her. He announced, "Let's welcome our seventeenth contestant, Lola on stage."

Skylar and Yulia looked excited when they heard Lola's name. As soon as the emcee left, they were greeted by Lola in a yellow dress as she walked on stage with her mic. She looked like an angel underneath the spotlight.

# Chapter 528 Shut Your Filthy Mouth

Although this was Lola's first performance, she did not seem as nervous as they thought. She regained her confidence as soon as she noticed Skylar, Yulia and Valerie's gleeful and excited look. So, she began her introduction. "Greetings everyone, my name is Lola and I'm from Cloudtopia Preschool. The song that I'd be singing is called Farewell." She gave everyone a bow after that. Her polite and adorable demeanor had melted everyone's heart, since they had just witnessed Fabian's mother's unreasonable and violent outburst. Lola's attitude was a complete opposite compared to Fabian's.

Suddenly, the lady scoffed and said, "Hmph, I can't believe she's such a bootlicker for someone her age. I'm pretty sure that her parents are horrible people too. I mean, she is adorable, but too bad. I'm pretty sure she will grow up to be someone who tricks people with her looks."

"What did you say!" Yulia and Valerie were furious to hear that. Yulia thought to herself, How could she say that? Lola is just a four year old kid. It's just common courtesy to greet everyone. I can't believe that lady would think that way!

Her words had offended Skylar and Yulia as they could not believe that the lady would say such awful things. Skylar was so offended by it that his glare became incredibly menacing. He said, "Shut your d\*mn mouth or else I will hit you!"

Insulting Lola was something that no one should cross. Anyone who dared would only end up dead. However, not only did the lady not stop, she began causing even more of a scene. "I was just speaking the truth, what right do you have to tell me to shut up! Look, a child's attitude would determine what kind of a person she will grow up to be. If she's willing to butter up people now, she will be willing to do anything for her own gain when she grows up..."

However, before she could finish, Skylar got up and slapped her across the face three times.

"You... You hit me... I can't believe you dared to hit me!" The lady looked stunned as she caressed her cheek. The other parents were delighted when that happened since Skylar had done something that everyone wanted to for a long time. If it was not for the competition, they would have already hit her. They were delighted when the lady was slapped by Skylar.

"Why wouldn't I be?" Skylar scoffed and slapped her across the face again. It did not take long for the

lady's cheek to swell. However, before she could say anything, Skylar interjected, "The first three slaps were to remind you to watch your tongue. The last three slaps were to remind you that words can hurt people." As soon as he said that, he slapped the lady across the face again. He continued, "This is to remind you to be a decent human being!"

### Chapter 529 Surprise

"Ah... How dare you hit me... You..." The lady glared at Skylar. However, she was scared to say anything else when she had just endured nine slaps by Skylar. So, she turned her focus back to the emcee and said, "Are you blind? Didn't you see this man hit me? He has interrupted the competition, shouldn't you do something about it?" If she had been polite to them, the emcee would have sided with her. However, they could not be bothered to deal with her after her outbursts.

Since the emcee was a young man, he chuckled and said, "Weren't you the one who interrupted the competition? This man only retorted because he wanted to make sure there is no more interruption throughout the competition. I have no idea how you got hurt. I mean, you could've slapped yourself to frame him, right?"

As soon as the emcee said that, the other parents said, "Yeah, we're all present and we didn't see him slap you. You shouldn't frame others for things that they didn't do!"

The other parents had had enough of the lady's outbursts, so it was only natural for them to defend Skylar.

"You... I can't believe you've twisted the facts..." The lady could only complain in frustration. However, the emcee could not be bothered to deal with her, so he said, "Please watch your tone, miss. If you refuse to behave, we will disqualify your son."

"You..." The lady was so furious that her expression was extremely bitter. So, she gritted her teeth and held her anger back for her son.

Soon, the song began to play as Lola swayed her body around as the music played while she sang. Lola's voice was extremely elegant and she looked like an angel underneath the spotlights. Everyone was captivated by her performance. It seemed that with Valerie's coaching, her voice had touched the souls of every single judges and audience there. Suddenly, before the music ended, she took out a leaf from her pocket and placed the microphone aside.

"Why did she stop? The song hasn't ended yet?"

"Look, she has a leat. I wonder what she's up to." The other parents wondered.

They noticed that Lola had pressed the leaf against her lips and began blowing. It did not take long for the melody to overwhelm the entire stadium as everyone was instantly captivated by her performance. None of them expected that a single leaf could charm them that much.

### Chapter 530 It's Rigged?

Lola slowly removed the leaf from her lips as the music ended. However, she was greeted by absolute silence. Just as she was worried that no one liked her performance, she was overwhelmed by waves of applause. It seemed that everyone was surprised by Lola's stunning performance. Everyone was already charmed by her voice, but when she started blowing on the leaf, everyone was overwhelmed by emotions. Her performance was truly magnificent. All six judges were shocked that a four year old girl could give them such a stunning performance, so everyone gave her a hundred points, awarding her a perfect six hundred points. Lola was delighted to hear that as she bowed to the judges and said, "Thank you. I'm glad that you enjoyed my performance."

The lady erupted in a fit of rage when Lola was awarded a perfect score. So, she yelled, "Calling all of you trash is an understatement! How can you give her a perfect score when that's literally all she did. My son has sung and danced to such a difficult song. Are you saying that he's not better than her? I refuse to accept that! I demand that my son's score be reassessed! Or else, I will post about this online! I will expose you for being bribed by that child's parents!"

The judges were speechless by the lady's outburst. However, the emcee scoffed at the lady and said, "You can do whatever you want!"

"You..." It seemed that the lady did not expect the emcee to say that. Apparently, she had brought her son along to plenty of different competitions before this. She would normally remain silent if the results were satisfactory to her. But if it was not, she would cause a scene. The organizers would usually relent, but she never expected that her usual outbursts were ineffective that day. She was seething with absolute rage then.

"Fine, excellent!" The lady glared at the emcee before shifting her gaze back to Skylar and Yulia. She said, "Don't think that I don't know who you are. That woman next to you is a new celebrity, Valerie, right?" She pointed at Valerie as she said that. However, before Valerie could say anything, she pointed at Skylar and said, "I recognized you too! You were Valerie's backup singer once! That girl is your daughter and your friend is a celebrity, so you must've bribed the judges before this! So, that's why a single leaf could be awarded a perfect score! It's rigged! Everything is rigged! I will expose you and Valerie!"