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Chapter 1131 He Will Continue To Bother Him

However, Emmanuel didn't care about Lara at all. He had no idea who she was, so he couldn't care less about her thoughts. Furthermore, Gautier was no match for him, so it made no difference to him if the situation escalated into a fight.

"It's not every day that a villain like you would come asking for a beating on a silver platter," Emmanuel said coldly.

Gautier wiped the trace of blood from the corner of his mouth as he smirked, filled with anger, looking rather bizarre.

"Security! Security! Quickly!" Lara shouted loudly, supporting Gautier. In the next moment, three or four security guards quickly arrived.

"What's going on?" The lead security guard happened to be Sheldon. Coincidentally, Ryder was with him.

"Beat this b*stard up now, then send him to the police station!" Lara ordered loudly.

Sheldon was momentarily stunned, and Ryder was also at a loss.

They would never beat up Emmanuel. Not in a million years!

So, they could only maintain their shocked expressions.

"Why are you all standing there?! How dare you not follow my orders?!" Lara shouted fiercely, itching to throw a punch herself.

"Hold up..."

Who are you?" Sheldon immediately asked anxiously. "What position do you hold in Terence Group? Why haven't I seen you two before?"

Lara sneered, proud as she said, "I am Lara, the fourth young lady of the Quillen family!"

Emmanuel was taken aback. She's Beatrix's cousin?! Alas, another one who looks too mature for her age.

He wouldn't even doubt it if Lara was Beatrix's younger aunt!

"No, no!" Sheldon waved his hands. "I'm asking about the position you hold in the company."

"Do I even need a position?! This is my family's company!" Lara shouted, thinking the captain of the security team must be insane or brainless. Wasn't the title of the fourth young lady of the Quillen family powerful enough?

"So... Ms. Lara, you don't actually have a position in the company?" Sheldon continued to inquire.

"No! Don't you speak Chanaean? I command you to beat this guy up immediately!" Lara was on the verge of losing her temper, but Sheldon still didn't move. He couldn't possibly assault his leader, could he?!

"This is the Deputy Head of the Commerce Department at Terence Group. We dare not attack him. Besides, what mistake has he made?" Sheldon asked, pretending to be flustered.

"He hit Mr. Gautier! This is simply unforgivable!" Lara started stomping her foot, completely abandoning any semblance of a refined young lady.

"Is that so?" Sheldon looked at Emmanuel.

“Yeah, that’s right.” Emmanuel nodded. “I saw that he isn’t from our company, and I was afraid he might steal our company secrets. So, I thought of dealing with him myself and chasing him out. Since you’ve arrived, consider it on my behalf!”

“Alrighty!” Sheldon didn’t hesitate at all, immediately carrying out Emmanuel’s orders.

“You... How dare you!” Lara was beside herself with fury at this point. What kind of security did the Terence Group hire?! Is this a rebellion?!

However, no matter how infuriated she was, Sheldon and Ryder followed Emmanuel’s lead. She felt as though she was talking to a brick wall.

Gautier, on the other hand, had a better grasp of the situation than Lara. While he was a significant figure in the Verkade Group, unfortunately, this was the Terence Group. If he continued to confront Emmanuel here, he would only bring disgrace upon himself.

He realized he had made a mistake earlier-provoking Emmanuel here. He didn’t expect this barbarian to resort to violence in the company.

Then again, a real man knew when to yield. He would note this account in his diary and settle it eventually.

After Lara and Gautier were escorted out, Emmanuel’s mood became far from pleasant.

Firstly, he inadvertently offended another woman from the Quillen family. Secondly, Gautier openly declared his intention to pursue Mackenzie!

Emmanuel had no idea what Gautier was up to, but it seemed this guy would continue to bother him in the future.

On the other hand, Mackenzie seemed a bit distracted at work that day. Before 4 p.m., she asked Emmanuel to take her home.

Emmanuel wasn't sure what was on his wife's mind, as it was unusual for her to leave the office early. Nevertheless, he drove back to the Quillen residence as usual.

Chapter 1132 No Pleasant Experience

However, Mackenzie was unusually quiet, which made him feel a bit uneasy.

"Mackenzie, what's wrong? You seem preoccupied!" Emmanuel asked proactively.

Finally, Mackenzie looked at him. Seeing his open and honest expression, she hesitated to ask the question she originally wanted to ask. She didn't want to doubt her husband.

"What's up?" Emmanuel pressed on. He could sense that his wife had something on her mind.

Knowing Mackenzie well, he knew that it must be truly distressing if she appeared so troubled.

"What did you do at The Paradise last night? The entire company is talking, saying you spent the night with a hostess!" Mackenzie eventually decided to bring up the matter.

Emmanuel did indeed show a slight pause but didn't appear flustered. He slowed down the car before responding, "I did share a room with her, but it wasn't an intimate night. Mackenzie, do you not trust me?" Emmanuel replied with a question.

"If I didn't trust you, I wouldn't have asked!" Mackenzie, rare for her, lightly bit her crimson lips and continued to inquire, "So, why did you do it?"

"I" Emmanuel was about to blurt out an explanation but suddenly realized he couldn't tell his wife the truth.

If Mackenzie learned that he did it for Nathan, considering what happened in Yeternia, she would likely guess that he was Nathan's master, eventually revealing his identity.

"What's wrong? Can't say it?" Mackenzie, disappointed with his response, questioned him.

Although they had agreed to respect each other's secrets after marriage, she now discovered that it was rather unpleasant that her husband was keeping things from her, especially when it involved another woman.

"I can tell you, but I'm afraid you won't believe me." Emmanuel sighed slightly. "I suspected she might be Sarah, so I went to find out."

"What? Sarah?!" Mackenzie was surprised, as expected. But then she looked at Emmanuel with an even angrier expression.

She knew Sarah well. Even if that woman didn't get along with Mackenzie, she wouldn't stoop to working as an escort in a nightclub.

"I knew you wouldn't believe me." Emmanuel sighed.

"So, was that Sarah?" Mackenzie smirked coldly.

This was the first time she expressed doubt to Emmanuel. She suspected he was lying just because he didn't answer immediately. After all, there was a clear pause before he came up with an explanation.

"Judging by appearance, no, it's not her," Emmanuel answered honestly, but Mackenzie was no ordinary woman. She immediately asked, "So, you're implying you can still determine in other ways that she is Sarah, aren't you? Do you suspect she had plastic surgery?"

After hesitating for a moment, Emmanuel nodded.

"So, from what details did you determine that she is Sarah?" Mackenzie's eyes became colder by the second.

This moment resembled a wife questioning her husband after a night out-no, not resemble. It was what it was.

Emmanuel never thought that he would receive such treatment one day. He wondered if he should celebrate or feel troubled.

The icy Mackenzie was becoming more down-to-earth, no longer nonchalant like when they just got married.

“From where the snake bit her.” Emmanuel continued to answer honestly.

Sure enough, Mackenzie’s gaze turned grimmer, and it seemingly could kill Emmanuel.

She had seen pictures and videos sent by someone with ill intentions last time, deliberately showing where Sarah had been bitten by a snake. Hearing this statement now brought up both new and old grievances.

“She even undressed for you last night?!”

“I...” Emmanuel knew their conversation was taking a turn for the worse.

“Whatever, forget it.”

Fortunately, Mackenzie hit the brakes at a crucial moment. She understood that pressing further would only widen the cracks in their marriage. Since she chose to believe Emmanuel, there was no need to sow discord between them.

Emmanuel finally breathed a sigh of relief only to find a layer of sweat had gathered on his forehead. Being questioned by his wife was certainly no pleasant experience.

Chapter 1133 Don’t Burn Bridges After Crossing The River

“I’m sorry,

Mackenzie! I promise I won't go to places like that again, no matter what!" Emmanuel sincerely apologized.

"Why are you apologizing? I'm the one who allowed you to go." Mackenzie turned away, gazing out the window in silence.

However, Emmanuel still felt guilty. It seemed that his decision last night was indeed a terrible one. Married men, for any reason, should avoid places that could cause trouble for their wives.

Emmanuel had originally planned to talk to Mackenzie about Sarah, but seeing that his wife was in a bad mood, he ultimately chose not to continue.

"Make a stop at Luxoria Hotel!" Mackenzie suddenly spoke up as they approached Cloudscape Mall.

"Alright." Emmanuel nodded without asking why, allowing Mackenzie to prompt him. "Don't you want to know why I'm going there?"

"It's a business matter. Do you have a client meeting?" Emmanuel hit the nail on the head. However, Mackenzie didn't like that at all. She believed that the sense of mystery would gradually fade if they became too familiar with each other.

They say that seven years is the itch, but she and Emmanuel had only been together for less than half a year. Was it starting already?

"A man asked me to meet him at the hotel!" she said intentionally, hoping to make Emmanuel jealous. It seemed like it had been a while since he had been jealous for her sake.

However, not only was he not jealous, but he even asked nonchalantly, "Would it be inconvenient if I accompany you?"

Mackenzie pressed her lips together and shot him an angry glare as she spoke, "Wait for me in the car then!"

With that, she got out of the car but became concerned that he would misunderstand. So, she added, "I'll be back real soon."

Her feelings were very contradictory. On one hand, she wanted Emmanuel to be jealous for her sake, but on the other hand, she didn't want further suspicion between husband and wife, so she constantly felt indecisive.

"Alright, I'll wait for you!" Emmanuel nodded and watched as Mackenzie walked into the hotel with an icy demeanor.

He also sensed a subtle change in his and Mackenzie's relationship and felt slightly anxious. This change definitely had to do with his visit to The Paradise the night before. However, what's done is done; he couldn't dwell on it now.

He needed to find time to consult Rhea, his love guru, about what to do next.

He really cared about Mackenzie now, and he would feel uncomfortable seeing his wife angry and giving him the cold shoulder./

Meanwhile, Mackenzie arrived at the door of the presidential suite on the top floor, where a middle-aged man in a suit stood. He appeared to be around fifty years old, with his eyes closed and an aura of a martial arts master.

"Miss Quillen, Mr. Nathan has been waiting inside for quite some time. Please, go ahead!" the middle-aged man said without opening his eyes.

Mackenzie nodded slightly and pushed the door open.

Inside, Nathan was casually leaning back with his legs on the table, playing a mobile game and excitedly shouting, "Flank them, use the ultimate move! Oh man, can't you do better..."

But as soon as he saw Mackenzie, he immediately tossed the phone aside.

Beauties before games-this was his principle as a charming young scion.

“Hey, Master’s wife!” Nathan grinned.

“Mr. Nathan, please show some respect! I’m not your master’s wife!” Mackenzie stared at him with cold eyes, completely unconcerned about the status and identity of this young scion.

She wouldn’t have bothered meeting him if it weren’t for the business cooperation between Terence Group and the Chapman family.

“Haha, my master risked his life to save you in Yeternia. It’s not wrong of me to call you his wife, right?” Nathan teased.

He was only testing to see if Mackenzie had discovered Emmanuel’s identity, but it seemed that his master had concealed it well. She was still clueless that the man who saved her in Yeternia was her husband.

“Mr. Nathan, if you called me here just to say these things, I’ll take my leave.” Mackenzie turned to leave right away, not bothering to entertain his pride.

“Come on, Ms. Quillen. Don’t burn bridges after crossing the river!” Nathan quickly blocked her way.

Of course, Mackenzie wasn’t that kind of person either. It was all thanks to the Chapmans’ crucial assistance in solving the technical refining issue that Terence Group could successfully overcome the crisis.

Chapter 1134 An Alliance

However, Mackenzie was in a terrible mood, and she couldn’t tolerate Nathan’s insistence on referring to her as her master’s wife.

After taking a deep breath, Mackenzie asked again, “Mr. Nathan, what do you want from me exactly?”

“Here’s the thing,” Nathan got straight to the point. “Are you aware of the upcoming Nuthana Grand Martial Showdown?”

Although Mackenzie wasn’t particularly interested in these martial arts competitions, she still nodded.

These non-commercial martial arts competitions held much more significance than televised ones, as they were hosted by the top-tier families and forces in Chanaea, making them inaccessible to ordinary people.

In the past, Terence had represented the Quillen family in the competition, and with Alfred’s prowess, they gained fame by dominating the arena. Alfred’s presence ensured that no one dared to challenge the Quillen family, allowing them to develop securely in the business world for three decades.

On the other hand, some business families in Yeringham suffered various incidents of kidnapping and assassination due to the lack of skilled protection. Eventually, they either met an untimely demise or inexplicably went bankrupt after a brief period of success.

Terence had once told Mackenzie that while business operations were essential in maintaining the Quillen family’s leading position in Yeringham, skilled fighters were the foundation of their security. So, when Emmanuel defeated an assassin for the first time, safeguarding her and Beatrix’s safety, she finally realized why her grandfather had chosen him to be her husband.

“That’s good. I’m here on behalf of the Chapman family to invite the Quillen family to form an alliance,” Nathan stated the purpose of his visit.

“An alliance?” Mackenzie looked slightly surprised.

She would undoubtedly welcome an alliance with the Chapman family if it was a business trade, considering their status as one of the top financial conglomerates in Chanaea. However, she had never been involved in such martial arts competitions and had not truly experienced their significance and charm, so she wasn’t particularly interested.

“That’s right. As long as the Quillen family can get Alfred and Emmanuel to join the Chapman family and help us win the title of the Supreme Warrior Clan, then the Quillen family will be protected by the

Chapman family. No one in Nuthana will dare to make a move against the Quillen family!" Nathan spread his hands, showing excitement and fervor.

When the Quillen family agreed to form an alliance with the Chapman family, it would be much easier for his master to participate. With Alfred and Emmanuel on their side, the Chapman family would be greatly strengthened, making it a breeze to dominate the competition.

However...

"Sorry, I'm not interested," Mackenzie outright rejected.

Firstly, she truly didn't want to participate in this kind of competition. Secondly, no matter how Nathan's words were put, it sounded like the Quillen family would become the Chapman family's subordinate family! The Quillen family, the leading family in Yeringham, might not be comparable to the Four Great Aristocratic Families of Zovince, but it certainly wouldn't become a subordinate of another family.

"Why?" Nathan didn't expect Mackenzie to refuse so decisively and exclaimed, "Considering my master and I helped you before, you should at least repay that much, right?"

The more he said, the more resistant Mackenzie became. She coldly said, "Excuse me," and left in haste.

She had gradually forgotten about what happened in Yeternia. Why did Nathan have to show up in Yeringham at this time?

When he mentioned his master, the underwater scene with the man holding her tightly and kissing her relentlessly replayed in her mind.

While she didn't know if Emmanuel had kissed other women, she had certainly been kissed by other men. The thought left an unpleasant taste in her mouth.

Nathan's words had further unsettled her mind.

Until now, she hadn't figured out who the mysterious shareholder was that helped her and the Quillen family during the acquisition of Terence Group's shares.

Was it Nathan or his master? Why did they help her and her family? Did Nathan's master really like her?

"Ms. Quillen!" the receptionist called out to Mackenzie as she briskly walked toward the exit after arriving at the lobby, for some of her items had fallen from her bag due to her hurried pace.

Chapter 1135 Would You Get Jealous?

But Mackenzie appeared to be in a trance, completely oblivious to her surroundings. She walked towards the Maserati parked at the entrance without acknowledging the calls from behind.

Inside the car, Emmanuel had been seeking relationship advice from Rhea when he noticed Mackenzie approaching. He quickly put away his phone.

"Mackenzie, is everything alright? You seem off," Emmanuel asked with concern, sensing that something was wrong with his wife.

"It's nothing," Mackenzie replied coldly.

Emmanuel was taken aback by Mackenzie's unusually distant behavior. He wondered what had happened earlier at the hotel.

"Alright then. Shall we head home?" Emmanuel suggested.

Mackenzie couldn't contain her frustration any longer and exclaimed, "Emmanuel, why are you so trusting? Aren't you afraid that another man might take advantage of me?"

Emmanuel was at a loss for words. He couldn't believe Mackenzie, the usually composed and distant woman, was expressing such insecurities.

“Are you not even a little bit jealous when I meet another man in a hotel?” Mackenzie questioned coldly. She even doubted if Emmanuel was a normal husband who truly loved his wife. After all, what husband would be so relaxed about his wife meeting another man alone?

Before Mackenzie could continue her questioning, a large hand suddenly reached for the back of her head. She was momentarily stunned, unable to finish her sentence. The next moment, Emmanuel firmly supported the back of her head, leaned in, and kissed her soft crimson lips.

Mackenzie was dumbfounded, her icy eyes widening with incredulity.

Emmanuel didn't close his eyes either, as he was also nervous.

This was the solution Rhea had suggested. When the relationship between husband and wife is not harmonious, the husband should be a bit assertive and kiss his wife forcefully.

Rhea had picked up this advice from relationship guides, which mentioned that everything between a couple could be solved with intimacy. However, considering their status and relationship, she modified it to a forceful kiss.

Sure enough, the move worked wonders, and Mackenzie quieted down for the time being.

Outside the car, the receptionist chased after Mackenzie, picking up the items she had dropped and intending to return them. However, upon witnessing the scene in the car, she was instantly shocked.

Oh my! The famously aloof female CEO of Yeringham was kissing a man in the car! What a spectacle!

“What are you looking at?!” The general manager, who had come to escort Mackenzie away, finally arrived and quickly pulled the indiscreet receptionist aside.

Could ordinary people like them peek at the intimate moments of Mackenzie and her husband in the car?! How audacious!

“You scoundrel!” After a moment of astonishment, Mackenzie pushed Emmanuel away and continued to scold, “Do you know you have many rivals? Do you know that many men desire me and could take advantage of me at any time-”

Whoosh!

Emmanuel, being unreasonable once again, pulled Mackenzie close to him and initiated another forceful kiss. This time, he closed his eyes.

Mackenzie’s heart surged, and her heartbeat raced. However, gradually, she too closed her eyes.

The general manager and the receptionist outside were left petrified. They never expected Mackenzie’s husband to be so bold. So, the icy goddess liked assertive men like this, huh?

After a while, when Mackenzie couldn’t sustain her anger any longer, Emmanuel finally released her and excitedly said, “Of course, I would get jealous! I would do anything to protect you from any man who dares to covet you or plot against you, just like I dealt with Tobias Lenoir!”

Bringing up this matter instantly dissipated the pent-up frustration within Mackenzie. That’s right. How could Emmanuel not be jealous when he had taken care of Tobias for her?

“Mackenzie, tell me, is there any other man who has improper thoughts about you? I won’t let him get away with it!” Emmanuel declared.

Mackenzie finally felt a sweet relief and quickly replied, “No... none!”

Regret filled her now. What if Emmanuel discovered what had happened in Yeternia and decided to confront the Wolf Warrior? Despite his skills, he couldn’t possibly be more powerful than the War God of the Northern Region, right? So, with Emmanuel being so determined, she dared not confess.

Chapter 1136 Bring Out The Heart Of The Sun

“None? Really?” Emmanuel confirmed once again.

“None!” Mackenzie responded, trying to appear composed.

At this moment, she was no longer the Icy Female CEO, but a wife afraid of her husband discovering the truth.

“Alright, let’s go home!” Emmanuel also breathed a sigh of relief, started the car, and thought Rhea’s strategy had worked.

There was no problem that a forceful kiss couldn’t solve! And if there was, they could do it twice! After all, it was all about making the heart race! Mackenzie shouldn’t suspect that he didn’t love her anymore, right?

“Don’t think it’s all over just because I’m not angry anymore,” Mackenzie suddenly spoke up as the Maserati continued toward the Quillen residence, sighing softly. “What happened last night has spread throughout the entire company! My cousin, Lara, has returned from overseas. If she finds out about it, she will definitely tell my family.”

Emmanuel nodded in response. “It doesn’t matter. As long as you believe me and your mood isn’t affected, nothing else concerns me!”

Lara wasn’t his wife, so why should he care about what she thought?!

Mackenzie, however, stared at him coldly and said, “But it does affect me! They are my family, and I hope you can gain their approval, understand?”

Only then did Emmanuel look at Mackenzie and nod after a moment.

Indeed, since they chose to stay at the Quillen residence, he needed the approval of the entire Quillen family. Otherwise, how could he live peacefully with Mackenzie there?

The two returned to the estate. While parking, they noticed nearly ten luxury cars in the front yard, resembling a small luxury car exhibition.

“Are all your aunts back?” Emmanuel looked slightly surprised.

“Not just them. It seems that we have the full ensemble tonight,” Mackenzie speculated, feeling the pressure.

This was the day Lara returned to the country. She must have gathered everyone together. Looking at it, not only her several aunts but also her uncles-in-law and some cousins were likely present.

Sure enough, as soon as the couple got out of the car and headed toward the villa, Beatrix hurriedly ran to them from the villa’s entrance.

“Mackenzie, brace yourself tonight,” she panted. “Our aunts and Lara are urging Grandpa to bring out the Heart of the Sun, restart the development of new energy products, and put them into commercial use! Everyone is waiting for you to come back to call the shots.”

Mackenzie’s eyes turned icy in response. She knew Lara’s return would certainly stir things up, but she didn’t expect it to involve the Heart of the Sun.

Emmanuel quickly followed Mackenzie inside. Was Lara’s return a coincidence, or did someone send her back? Was there a big conspiracy brewing behind the scenes?

When Mackenzie arrived in the spacious living room, she found that the entire Quillen family had indeed gathered together.

Even Hannah was back. Not only that, but Stephanie and Sofia’s husbands were present, and several cousins were sitting with Lara, appearing quite intimate. Even Felicity sat quietly on the side.

Except for Sarah, the entire Quillen family was present.

“Mackenzie is back!”

“Mackenzie, you’re back just in time!” Hearing the voices, Samantha immediately stood up, smiling as she approached. “We were just discussing whether we should bring out the Heart of the Sun for commercial development and profit!”

Mackenzie immediately looked toward Terence, who was sitting at the top, and asked, “Who proposed this? Grandpa, what’s your opinion?”

“Lara suggested it,” Samantha replied. “Grandpa said to wait for your decision.”

I knew it! Mackenzie’s gaze immediately turned to Lara.

Lara looked at the couple, glanced at Emmanuel, bit her lip, and decided to temporarily ignore this scoundrel.

“I’ve already explained my reasoning to everyone just now, Mackenzie!” Lara immediately showed off the business skills she had learned abroad. “Terence Group has just weathered a series of greve des employes, but we managed to turn the tide in the face of difficulties. We not only averted the bankruptcy crisis but also further improved the chaine d’approvisionnement and cooperation commerciale. Moreover, there is a substantial influx of new funds, stock prices are rising, and confiance des marches are at its peak!”

Chapter 1137 A Decision Supported By The Quillen Family

“A ce moment, as decideurs of the company, we must introduce groundbreaking new products to initiate a new round of financing, rapidly expand the market, further grow the group, and elevate it to a new niveau...” Lara rambled.

For some reason, listening to her talk non-stop in a mix of Chanaean and foreign language, Emmanuel felt a natural aversion. He also wondered if she had a hidden agenda for proposing the Quillen family to bring out the Heart of the Sun for commercial use.

At first, Mackenzie patiently listened, but towards the end, she turned directly to Terence and asked, “Grandpa, what is your opinion?”

In reality, after retrieving the Heart of the Sun, Mackenzie had secretly established a development department. All equipment and technology were in place, waiting for her command to officially start the research and development trials. She hadn't informed the family about it; she had only discussed it with Terence a few nights ago.

Regarding Lara's theoretical proposal, which lacked any practical business experience, Mackenzie merely listened and would only consider her grandfather's opinion on what decisions to make.

"Haha, didn't I tell you the other night, Mackenzie? I'm getting too old for this and don't want to concern myself with it anymore. From now on, the affairs of the Quillen family and Terence Group will be handed over to you and Emmanuel to handle!" Terence had decided to be a hands-off patriarch.

Behind him, Marilyn had been massaging his shoulders and dared not speak.

Mackenzie suddenly felt a heavy burden. Although she had been in charge of the Terence Group before, her grandfather always acted as a protective shield. Now, with it gone, the invisible pressure increased several times instantly.

"Let's see, Mackenzie! This decision is made after everyone's discussion. You should respect and obey our decision!" Lara continued to pressure Mackenzie, who only continued to ignore her, and turned to Samantha and Felicity, asking, "What are your opinions?"

Samantha immediately said, "I think Lara is right. It's time for the Quillen family to grow and strengthen further!"

She held a 6% stake in the Terence Group, and being an elder respected by Mackenzie, her words carried significant weight.

Mackenzie then turned to Felicity, who, although didn't hold any shares, she always considered it to be Tony's legacy. Felicity was the first successor and had also dedicated 20 years to the Heart of the Sun. So, Mackenzie had to consider her opinion.

"I don't want to influence your decision. You can ignore me." Felicity neither approved nor disapproved.

With this, there was not a single dissenting voice among the Quillen family.

Driven by Lara's persuasive speech, everyone focused on the benefits and failed to see the risks, completely disregarding Tony's advice from his lifetime even more so.

"Alright, I will consider putting the Heart of the Sun into commercial development and strive for the maximum benefit for the group!" Mackenzie said.

She had been hesitant about this matter before, but now that the entire family supported it, she had no reason to oppose it. Moreover, holding the Heart of the Sun and the Energy Diagram of Nine Palace in her hands, not putting them into the market would render them useless. As an entrepreneur, the most foolish thing to do was not to utilize the resources at hand, even if there were significant risks.

"Magnificent! I knew Mackenzie would follow my advice! This is definitely an excellent choice!" Lara said proudly, showing enthusiasm as if guiding the destiny of a nation.

Emmanuel and Beatrix were both extremely repulsed. They believed that when this matter brought immense benefits to the Quillen family and the Terence Group, this woman would undoubtedly think it was her achievement, but if something went wrong, she could easily shift the blame to issues with the details and absolve herself of responsibility.

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Beatrix was about to speak up for Mackenzie when the latter said, "Lara, I am not following your advice. If it were just your proposal, I would have refused without hesitation. However, since it's a decision supported by the Quillen family, I don't want to oppose it."

"Huh?" Lara was momentarily stunned, abruptly stopping her enthusiastic gestures.

"Hehe, what a big ego you have, Lara!"

Chapter 1138 Delusional

Beatrix couldn't help but scoff in contempt when she saw Lara behaving this way. "What is your position and role in Terence Group? Why should Mackenzie listen to you? Mackenzie was simply being polite. It's clear that her underlying message is that you shouldn't overestimate yourself!"

Beatrix had encountered people like Lara far too many times! Individuals like her were as common as the fishes in the sea, especially on those platforms where they could get away with saying anything they wanted.

These individuals were actually immature and ignorant. Yet, they enjoyed pointing out flaws and criticizing experts on how things should be done. They would constantly act as if they were smarter than Einstein himself. They even had the audacity to prance around, acting as though they were rare geniuses who had been studying under Socrates and Aristotle since the age of three. They may even start quoting some random philosopher like Plato while acting all superior. Some delusional netizens would start bringing up strategies that didn't fit the bill and write puff pieces just to get some clicks.

In reality, they were nothing but clowns!

Lara was already embarrassed. However, she became infuriated after Beatrix's tongue-lashing as she hissed, "Beatrix, you're just trying to create conflict between Mackenzie and me. Well, I'll show you just who's in charge. Since I've returned, you'll be yesterday's news soon enough! I'll surpass you in no time, you loser! Hmph!"

She knew of Mackenzie's influence within the Quillen family. Plus, she had always idolized Mackenzie since she was a child. So, she didn't dare to criticize her idol. Instead, she could only vent her anger on Beatrix!

"Hmph! Big words for someone with zero achievements! Do you think I'd be afraid of you?"

Beatrix, who had always had a fiery temper, was not intimidated by Lara's arguments at all. Rather, she didn't hesitate to confront her directly, saying imperiously, "What's the use of learning multiple foreign languages? The business world values strength and experience! It doesn't care for people who can't deliver results! Do you think speaking with an accent would impress anyone? If that's the case, I can start speaking in code! What do you think of that then?!"

'Alright, you two. That's enough!'

Samantha quickly intervened before things could escalate further.

The Quillen girls had constantly been at odds with each other since they were young. Alas, they didn't expect that Beatrix and Lara, who were already 20, would start trash-talking each other the moment they bumped into each other. They truly hadn't matured even the slightest!

"Fine. I won't waste my breath on someone so childish. I've returned with a greater purpose! I'm here to help the Quillen family regain its former glory!"

Lara was filled with somewhat unfounded confidence.

She didn't care how the members of the family saw her. There was no denying the fact that she had received an education abroad. Hence, there was no way she wasn't going to use this opportunity to show off.

Still, she immediately changed the subject the moment she caught sight of Emmanuel!

"Mackenzie, you can ignore my advice regarding other issues. However, there is one thing you should listen to me about!"

Lara pointed at Emmanuel and said, "This scumbag is not worthy of you at all. To make matters worse, news has gotten out that he's been visiting nightclubs and fooling around with women! You have to

divorce him right now. This marriage has been a complete failure from the start! Why continue being with a man who has brought nothing but shame to our family?!"

As soon as Lara spoke, the other Quillen family members who were watching the show started showing interest in how things were unfolding.

Hannah had been silent all evening because she had sold her shares and was determined to have nothing to do with the Quillen family. She genuinely didn't care if the family succeeded or failed.

Nonetheless, her aloof demeanor was replaced with a glimmer of intrigue.

Samantha and her sisters knew that Lara had a flamboyant personality that they didn't particularly like. In fact, they couldn't deny that they viewed her as a jester when they were feeling particularly bored.

Regardless, they were more than willing to use Lara as their spokesperson tonight!

Once Lara brought up this particular topic, Sophie immediately spoke coldly, "Impressive! Cheating on your spouse so soon?"

Moira, who rarely chimed in, couldn't help but say to Terence, "Dad, is this the man you chose for Mackenzie? Our family's reputation is ruined!"

Felicity was also disappointed in Emmanuel!

She had hoped to use him and Mackenzie to control the Quillen family. Unfortunately, this man had done something that not only embarrassed himself but also affected Mackenzie's position in the Quillen family!

Terence remained silent.

Firstly, he didn't believe Emmanuel was that kind of person.

Secondly, he was way past his prime. The relationship between Mackenzie and Emmanuel was something they needed to resolve themselves.

Besides, he had done what he needed to do and said what he needed to say to both Emmanuel and Mackenzie. What they did next was up to them!

“Don’t misunderstand Emmanuel. That was a business trip. He only did it because I told him to go!” Mackenzie was aware that she, as his wife, was the only one who could explain matters on his behalf. It wouldn’t work as well if it came out of Emmanuel’s mouth.

Indeed, her words were more powerful than a thousand explanations from Emmanuel.

What else could others say when the wife has made it clear that she had encouraged her husband to have an affair?

The Quillen family was speechless!

“That’s enough, Mackenzie. You don’t need to protect this scumbag anymore. Matters of the heart are complicated. We, as your family, understand what you’re going through!” Lara, who believed she had uncovered the truth, arrogantly declared, “As the heir of the Quillen family, your marriage is not just about yourself! Well, this is now a family matter. All of us have a say in your marriage. So, let’s have a vote! Those in favor of Mackenzie divorcing Emmanuel, please raise your hands!”

Chapter 1139 Bragging

Lara immediately raised her hand after making those outrageous statements.

Although Hannah didn’t say anything, she was the first to follow suit.

Sophie and the other women didn’t hesitate to raise their hands in support of Lara’s claim.

Samantha sighed before also doing the same.

Since they had already made their stance clear, how could their family members not follow suit?

Finally, Felicity, Terence, and Beatrix were left. It didn’t matter as it was no longer important. whether they expressed their opinion

“Mackenzie, look! No one in the Quillen family supports your marriage. You should go to the civil affairs bureau tomorrow and get a divorce!” Lara declared decisively.

If one didn't know, they would have thought she was the head of the family.

In reality, she was the youngest among the Quillens!

“Lara, that's enough!”

Mackenzie finally lost her temper. Her patience for Lara had reached its limit!

Lara, who had been causing a massive disturbance, trembled slightly under Mackenzie's icy gaze and dared not speak any further.

“My dearest family, didn't you promise me last time that as long as Emmanuel and I could resolve the Terence Group's crisis, you wouldn't oppose us being together? How can you go back on your word like this?!” Mackenzie rebuked harshly.

Samantha sighed and didn't respond.

Hannah finally snorted coldly and retorted, “Indeed, we did promise that if that man could resolve the Terence Group's crisis, we wouldn't oppose your relationship! However, did he actually accomplish that feat?”

Sophie also chimed in, “That's right! You negotiated the cooperation with the Chapman family personally, Mackenzie! Besides, it was the Quillen family that stabilized the stock market, along with that mysterious shareholder! As for the 10% increase in the company's profits... It was also thanks to your efforts, Mackenzie. What does this man have to do with any of it?”

Mackenzie fell silent.

Emmanuel could only smile in bitter resignation.

He was actually the one supporting the Quillen family behind the scenes, especially when it concerned the first two issues Sophie had mentioned.

The company wouldn't have made a single penny if he hadn't helped the Quillen family with the first two problems.

Unfortunately, he couldn't take credit for

This was extremely frustrating!

Although he was touched that his wife would stand up for him and confront the Quillen family, he was also saddened by it!

Now that Mackenzie had no words to say, he couldn't help but step forward and interject, "Everyone, what do I have to do in order to gain your blessing? What would it take for all of you to allow my relationship with Mackenzie to continue? Please state your conditions!"

He couldn't take it anymore!

This time, he decided to shoulder the responsibility and make some visible achievements to completely silence these women!

As expected, his words promptly silenced them.

It was Lara who spoke up again, smiling as she said, "Then, you should listen to Mr. Gautier's declaration of love first! Look at the vast difference between the two of you!"

After that, she immediately video-called her MIT senior.

Gautier was clearly well-prepared as he immediately made a solemn vow in front of the Quillen family, saying earnestly, "Mackenzie, as I have always said, I genuinely like you! If you marry me, our families

will join forces and surely dominate the Yeringham business world. I guarantee that the total assets of the Quillen family will increase by more than 30% within a year!”

The Quillen family members gasped in shock.

A 30% increase in total assets within a year? How ambitious!

“Did you hear that?”

Lara stared at Emmanuel as she curled her lips into a contemptuous smirk:

“You and Mr. Gautier are like night and day. He is a president with a net worth well above billions. What do you have? You’re just a scumbag who only knows how to seek pleasure in nightclubs!”

“Honestly, this is so upsetting. It seems that there was some truth when the others were saying that you lack a certain... je ne sais quoi! In my opinion, you’re so lacking that even a pig would make a better man than you!”

Beatrix didn’t know what Emmanuel was thinking. Right now, she was trying her best to restrain herself from slapping Lara silly!

All that money was wasted on her overseas education, yet all she learned was to be a brainless diva?!

Nonetheless, Emmanuel didn’t take Lara seriously. His focus was on Gautier as he wasn’t sure whether the man could follow through with his boast!

Still, he couldn’t just back down when he was in such a situation, right?

If he did, he would lose Mackenzie in minutes!

“30%? Isn’t that too little?”

“As long as I can be with Mackenzie, I guarantee that the total assets of the Quillen family will increase by 30% within six months. I can even ensure that it’ll increase by another 60% within a year!”

As Emmanuel spoke, the already astonished Quillen family members were even more dumbfounded. This time, they didn’t even bother hiding their disbelief under a polite mask as they exchanged looks in complete bafflement!

Were these men in a bragging competition? What were they thinking? Were they trying to outdo each other and win the woman’s hand that way?

Chapter 1140 Condition

After a while, laughter erupted from the crowd!

Hannah sneered, “The Quillen family’s current assets are about 1.7 billion. Are you suggesting that we’ll have 24 billion next year if we work with you?”

Everyone joined in the laughter.

The Quillen family, with only a few billion in assets, took a decade just to increase their net worth to 1.7 billion. Even so, they had faced bankruptcy risks multiple times along the way!

Yet, this man said he would get them up to 24 billion in just one year?

Did he really think that the business world was a game of monopoly? Or was he deluding himself that he was in a brainless novel where the dragon king would return and grant him billions upon billions at a whim?

“Well? What do you say, Ms. Hannah? Is that not enough?” Emmanuel responded seriously, “Do I have to ensure that the company is worth 30 billion to be considered a qualified son-in-law of the Quillen family? Then, let’s set the price at 30 billion!”

What?!

The women of the Quillen family, who were originally watching the show on the sidelines, almost exploded with anger.

Mackenzie also glared at Emmanuel coldly, wondering just what was going on in his head today. He didn't seem like his usual self!

Although she was angered by his impulsiveness, she also felt a bit pleased by his initiative.

This fool was now spouting nonsense after being provoked by Gautier. Nonetheless, it was still better than being a coward who only knew how to quail in his boots! Now, he had learned to fight back!

This proved that he felt a sense of crisis and would certainly not laze around from now on, right?

Sure enough, Gautier was momentarily scared into silence when Emmanuel said he would help the Quillen family reach 30 billion in assets!

In any case, that little bit of fear disappeared in a flash as he felt that he wasn't a worthless man like Emmanuel. He wasn't a man who was just all talk. Instead, he felt that he was different from Emmanuel Lowe. He was the president of the Verkade Group, and his promise was worth way more than just empty talk.

"Haha, good! Very ambitious!" Terence, who had been silently observing the interaction, finally applauded vigorously.

Even though his mentality was completely different after his trip from Anchortown, his vision and bias remained unchanged.

"However, 30 billion is far too high of a goal. I say that 20 billion is more than enough! Nonetheless, I do have an additional condition. You'll have to help Mackenzie and get the Quillen family into the National Chamber of Commerce within a year. You two will have to become one of the permanent members who can set the rules within the business world. What do you say?"

The Quillen family gasped in shock as soon as he made his terms clear

Mackenzie had initially thought Terence was going to help Emmanuel. Alas, she didn't expect him to make things even more challenging for Emmanuel!

The Chanaea Chamber of Commerce, as the highest authority in the business world, was composed of the top families and forces in the country. They were an exclusive group with only 20 members in total, including seven permanent members.

Therefore, they were involved in an unceasing fight for power and interests. The factions within this group were constantly engaged in intrigue in order to eliminate any form of dissidents. Hence, they would resort to any means necessary just to seal a deal. It was extremely difficult for external forces to join.

The Quillen family was only the leader of Yeringham, a second-tier city. Thus, just how many families and forces in the country would possess more assets and stronger influence than the Quillen family? There were more than 30 of those families!

As a result, Terence's condition of making the Quillen family gain a permanent foothold within the Chamber of Commerce within a year was as difficult as reaching the sky!

"Alright, it's a deal!"

Oddly, Emmanuel didn't even hesitate as he agreed without a second thought.

Only he knew deep down that Terence was secretly helping him.

Once this agreement was settled, Mackenzie would have to find a way to join the Chamber of Commerce as long as she didn't want to give up on Emmanuel Lowe. It didn't matter whether this was one of her goals for the year.

That way, Emmanuel didn't have to reveal his identity or confess his intentions to Mackenzie. Instead, he could still lead her in the direction he wanted.

The old fox still had plenty of tricks up his sleeve!

"Emmanuel, have you lost your mind?" blurted Mackenzie as she stared Emmanuel down.

"Mackenzie, trust me!"

Emmanuel quickly held her delicate hand. His eyes filled with confidence and dominance as he said, "I will do everything in my power to be with you!"

This fool...

Mackenzie's cheeks flushed crimson, unable to believe that this man would say such cheesy words in front of the entire family.

"Hehe, Emmanuel is so domineering!"

Beatrix was the most innocent one of the lot. She didn't care whether Emmanuel could achieve his goal. She was just happy to see this scene.

"Tsk, you're just trying to delay the inevitable!"

Lara didn't believe for a second that Emmanuel had such abilities.

The other members of the Quillen family didn't have any faith in the man either. Alas, they had no other choice but to keep mum on the matter since Terence had already given the green light.

"Hmph, this man has once again taken advantage of us!"

“He’s truly cunning!”

Hannah and the others sneered in disdain. Yet, nothing they say could possibly change the current situation.

Emmanuel had a trial period as the “son-in-law” and could comfortably stay as part of the Quillen family for at least six months or even a year!

On the other side, Gautier also ended the video call.