

Wrong Table 1141

Chapter 1141 Gautier's Plan

Winona expressed her discontent at the dinner table, lamenting, "Gautier, you have truly disappointed me this time! Have you forgotten what Mackenzie has done to Hubert? Yet, you still want to follow in his footsteps and become that woman's lackey?"

William was also puzzled as he furrowed his brows after hearing her words.

However, he had great trust in Gautier and knew that he was not as naive as Hubert. He must have had an ulterior motive behind his actions!

Gautier smiled gently and said, "Mom, it wasn't Mackenzie who caused Hubert's misery. It was Emmanuel! Isn't snatching his wife right under his nose and kicking him out of the Quillen family the best form of revenge against this commoner?"

When he explained his actions, Winona's anger subsided slightly,

Nevertheless, she continued, "Mackenzie is not just any woman. If she truly becomes a part of our Verkade family... Well, I will make her regret it! Hmph!"

Gautier stood up, walked over with a smile, and gently massaged Winona's shoulders. "Mom, don't get angry. I will find a way to marry Mackenzie into the Verkade family and let you teach her a lesson."

"Good. I'll hold you to that promise!"

Winona Zelinsky's eyes glinted with a brutal chill. She genuinely couldn't wait for Gautier to seek revenge for Hubert!

"Gautier, come with me to the study."

William placed his cutlery aside and rose to his feet.

Gautier nodded and followed him away from the dining table, heading toward the study.

“Did Magnus ask you to do this?”

Once they entered the study, William immediately expressed his concerns.

The father and son’s private conversation could never be overheard by Winona. She was a member of the Zelinsky family. So, it didn’t matter that they were family, as they were unsure of her true intentions.

In fact, William was also afraid that the Verkade family would follow in the footsteps of the Lenoir family.

Their families were similar. They both relied on the Zelinsky family as they rose to power.

However, the Verkade family was unlike the Lenoir family as they had gained a semblance of independence due to their position within the business world.

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On the other hand, the Lenoir family possessed nothing of the sort. Although General Lenoir was highly respected in the military, they were still puppets dancing to the tunes of their masters. They had no financial independence and were a genuine vassal family to the Zelinsky family.

He would have to obey any orders he received from the Zelinsky family. Hence, he was completely at the mercy of his master.

“Yes, but it could also not be.”

Gautier’s answer was ambiguous.

William couldn't force him to speak his mind by using his authority as Gautier's elder. Instead, he could only remind him, saying, "Magnus has always used us to deal with the Quillen family. I hope you can

see what has become of the Lenoir family and not follow in their footsteps."

After Quintus was transferred, the Lenoir family's company was promptly bought up.

Claudette lost her life.

Felicity completely lost any semblance of power she had within the Quillen family.

Quintus had been missing ever since he left the Lenoir family; his whereabouts were unknown.

The once revered Lenoir family in Yeringham had practically vanished into thin air. This was the tragedy of a vassal family—once they were of no value, they were treated as discarded pawns!

"Dad, I have a plan in mind."

Gautier smiled and said, "Isn't Magnus utterly powerless against the Quillen family? If I can actually marry Mackenzie, what can the Zelinsky family do against us within our home turf? We'd join forces, the Quillen family and the Verkade family. We'd be unstoppable here."

William also saw the ambition glinting in Gautier's eyes and patted his shoulder before saying, "You've always been far more outstanding than Hubert! You're always there to pick up the pieces whenever Hubert messes up. I believe that you won't disappoint me!"

Several members of the Quillen family left the estate with their families around 9 p.m.

Beatrix was prepared to return to her room to take a shower and sleep. However, someone blocked her path, causing her to almost run into a wall of flesh.

When she raised her head, she saw that the wall was none other than Lara.

The two had a significant height difference. Plus, they were in such close proximity that Beatrix had to tilt her head up to stare at Lara.

“What are you doing? Why are you deliberately blocking my way?!”

“Hey, Beatrix. I always thought you were the stupidest among us all. Still, I didn’t expect your taste to be as terrible as your intellect!”

“What are you trying to say here?”

Although Beatrix was smaller than Lara in terms of stature, she wasn’t about to back down without a fight. Instead, she stood with her hands on her hips, facing Lara head-on.

“It seems like you really adore your brother-in-law, huh? Don’t you think your taste is awful? How could he possibly compare to my senior?”

Chapter 1142 Child’s Play

Lara counted on her fingers and said, “Whether it’s wealth, knowledge, appearance, or family background, he’s a loser-”

“Stop!”

Beatrix didn’t want to argue with her about these things. She just smiled and said, “Lara, since you admire Gautier so much, why don’t you just marry him? Both of you are unmarried, so it’s a perfect match! Why bother bothering Mackenzie? Disgusting!”

“You...”

Lara was momentarily speechless.

Beatrix triumphantly pushed her, but unfortunately, there was a difference in body weight, and she couldn't push her away. Nevertheless, she proudly prepared to go back to her room.

Hmph, too easy! So what if you focus on the details? What's important is the big picture!

"Stop right there, you pipsqueak!" Lara refused to accept it. She could accept losing to anyone in this family, but she couldn't accept losing to Beatrix.

In a moment of desperation, she forcefully pulled Beatrix's clothes.

Little did she expect that she would pull too hard and tear Beatrix's suspender dress, revealing her pink bra.

"Lara, what are you-" Beatrix quickly covered her chest, turned around, and glared at Lara.

"Sorry about that; I didn't mean to." Lara casually apologized and turned to leave.

This time, it was Beatrix who wouldn't let her go. She pounced on her and held her back.

The two sisters had fought a lot when they were young because they were close in age.

Although they hadn't fought for many years, that familiar feeling the moment they started fighting hadn't disappeared.

Although Beatrix was a little firecracker, she was at a disadvantage in terms of physique. Moreover, Lara had spent several years practicing kickboxing abroad, so she was no match for her now.

In the struggle, she was knocked down by Lara. The already torn dress was even more damaged, leaving her somewhat exposed.

The servants who rushed over saw that it was the two young ladies fighting and didn't dare to interfere for fear of offending either side.

"You... You wicked woman! How dare you bully me!" Beatrix cried out in grievance, on the verge of tears.

"Come on, you were the one who started it. What's the point of crying here after losing? Loser!" Lara showed no remorse at all. She even seemed proud, thinking that her years of kickboxing training had not been in vain.

Hmph, this is for you, Beatrix! From now on, you'd better know your place in the family.

"What's wrong, Beatrix?" Emmanuel happened to be on his way to Mackenzie's room when he passed by and witnessed this scene, his face immediately turning cold.

He didn't know what had happened, but seeing Beatrix being treated so cruelly, he thought Lara had gone too far.

"Manuel, she attacked me for no reason and even tore my clothes!" Beatrix complained while Emmanuel helped her up, tears streaming down her face.

Emmanuel immediately turned serious and said to Lara, "I don't care about your conflicts, but we are all part of the Quillen family. No one is allowed to use violence at home, understand?"

Lara was taken aback for a moment, then sneered. "Who are you to lecture me? I don't recognize you as my brother-in-law!"

Emmanuel's face grew stern. "I don't care if you recognize me or not, but you must apologize to Beatrix right now!"

"Not a chance. Leave me alone!"

Lara coldly laughed and suddenly threw a punch at Emmanuel.

I haven't even settled the score with him for hitting Gautier at work. Perfect. I'll deal with him right now. Let's see how this kept man would react!

Little did she expect that Emmanuel, with his right hand still supporting Beatrix, would lightly slap her fist away.

Ouch! Lara was secretly surprised. I didn't expect him to be so skilled. No wonder Gautier, who is quite capable himself, couldn't react when he got beaten by him today.

But she didn't consider herself a pushover either and continued to throw punches and kicks at Emmanuel.

However, the few years of kickboxing she had learned were child's play in front of Emmanuel. He effortlessly blocked her attacks with just his left hand.

"Ahh!"

Suddenly, Lara kicked too hard, and after being slapped away by Emmanuel, she lost her balance and fell heavily to the ground.

Holding her head in pain, she looked disheveled and miserable.

Beatrix was delighted by this turn of events and quickly approached her, making a face, and saying, "With your skills, you can't even compare to a beginner in front of Manuel!"

Chapter 1143 I Trust You

"Oh, by the way, didn't you just ask me how Manuel is better than Gautier? His martial arts skills are far superior to

Gautier's, and he's much better than Gautier as a boyfriend. Hmph!"

Lara was furious and unable to respond. After struggling to get up, she snorted and left.

“If you dare to bully me again next time, I’ll have Manuel punch your teeth in! You violent woman, you have no understanding of elegance, hmph!”

Beatrix continued to mock her, reminding Lara of her place in the family and discouraging her from acting arrogantly.

Emmanuel sighed and ignored Beatrix, quickly walking back to Mackenzie’s room.

“So, did you teach Lara a lesson?”

Although Mackenzie didn’t leave the room, she seemed to have X-ray vision. As soon as Emmanuel entered, she could guess what had just happened outside.

“I suppose so.”

He shrugged helplessly.

Regardless, Lara was his sister-in-law, and it didn’t seem right to handle the situation this way. He was also afraid

that Mackenzie would scold him.

“Lara lost her parents when she was young. Sophie and Hannah were responsible for her education, but they weren’t as patient in teaching her as Samantha. So, Lara isn’t as well-mannered. But I’m sure

she doesn’t have bad intentions. Don’t take it too seriously with her.”

“Oh, I see...”

Emmanuel didn't expect Mackenzie to say such things at all. He was just worried that she would scold him, but he didn't expect her to defend him.

Now, he was starting to feel that Mackenzie actually cared about him the most!

“In that case, do you think Lara's return at this time might be orchestrated by someone?”

Emmanuel speculated.

Since his confrontation with Magnus, he had become very cautious.

Fortunately, Mackenzie was also a cautious person. When she heard him say this, she not only didn't scold him for making random guesses but also thought that he wasn't foolish.

“It might have something to do with Gautier,” Mackenzie guessed. “That man is much more difficult to deal with than Hubert. Now that he openly said he wants to pursue me he must be planning something against the Quillen family.”

Emmanuel immediately said, “No matter what his plan is, if he harms you or my family, I will never let him off!”

Bearing the name of Wolf Warrior, if you offend Chanaea, no matter how far away you are, I will find you and kill you!

This also applies to my family. Lay a finger on my wife, and you shall die!

Mackenzie suddenly smiled.

She no longer intentionally restrained her smile in front of Emmanuel, so she smiled like a blooming snowflower.

Emmanuel was momentarily stunned by her smile.

“Putting that aside, you idiot, why did you boast in public tonight?”

Mackenzie suddenly became angry and stared at him. “You promised to join the Chamber of Commerce and increase the Quillen family’s assets by 60 percent within a year. Who are you kidding?”

“I wasn’t kidding!”

Emmanuel turned serious as well. “Didn’t you see how Gautier provoked me? How could I not fight back?”

“What if we can’t fulfill the promise? Are you really planning to leave me?”

Mackenzie became nervous for a moment, disregarding the ambiguity of her words.

“We will definitely fulfill it. I trust you! Please trust me, too!”

Emmanuel gently held Mackenzie’s hand and looked into her eyes. “Let’s consider it as signing another marriage agreement. If I can’t fulfill it, I’ll leave.”

This fool!

Mackenzie’s body trembled slightly.

It was she who first proposed the agreement. She still remembered that night when she drafted the agreement and asked him to come and sign it.

After signing the agreement, she felt miserable and drank herself silly.

Little did she expect that after signing that agreement, she got herself involved in such a sticky situation. Now she had to sign agreements with this fool over and over again and fulfill new agreements together.

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After a moment of hesitation, Emmanuel gently embraced her waist.

Mackenzie was a bit lost tonight, but she couldn't help but think of the man from Yeternia.

The more she thought about it, the more troubled she became.

She felt guilty about Emmanuel for being kissed by another man during their marriage, so she wanted to make it up to him.

Emmanuel sensed her unusual behavior, just like that night when she returned from Yeternia.

But with his delicate and fragile wife in his arms, he gradually lost control under Mackenzie's influence.

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As Mackenzie prepared herself for whatever this man

After a while, Mackenzie opened her eyes.

“Mackenzie, you seem a bit tired today. Let’s rest early.”

Emmanuel sensed that something was off with Mackenzie today.

Furthermore, he hadn’t taken a shower tonight, and his wife was a neat freak. He was afraid that she would find fault with him if they became intimate later, which would be embarrassing!

Most importantly, he felt that he hadn’t gained the approval from all members of the Quillen family, and their marriage wasn’t stable yet. It wouldn’t be appropriate to rush into taking Mackenzie’s virginity, right?

In any case, tonight was not the right time.

“Okay...”

Mackenzie’s lips curled slightly, her thoughts appearing complicated, but ultimately, she remained silent.

The next morning, as Emmanuel dropped off Mackenzie at Terence Group, he received a call from Alessandra.

“Mom, did you say you gave the dowry to the Zimmerman family? And you’re going to help Ryder buy a house tomorrow?”

Emmanuel listened to Alessandra’s words and looked surprised.

Mackenzie, who had just stepped out of the car, also paused, and listened attentively.

“Alright, I understand.”

Emmanuel furrowed his brows slightly and ended the call. Only then did he realize that Mackenzie had returned to the car. She asked, “What’s wrong?”

“Ruby and Ryder are getting married. My mom gave the dowry to the Zimmerman family, but Ruby insists on getting a house before agreeing to marry!” Emmanuel summarized.

Mackenzie also furrowed her brows slightly. Ryder was clearly being manipulated by Ruby.

However, considering the care he had shown Emmanuel since childhood, as well as his honesty and how well he had been treating Alessandra, Mackenzie couldn’t just ignore him.

In the next moment, she took out a bank card and handed it to Emmanuel.

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“There are 750 thousand in this card. Use it to buy a house for Ryder so that he can get married without worries. But the property must be registered under Ryder’s name as pre-marital property!”

Mackenzie instructed.

She believed that Ruby was trying to deceive Ryder into marriage, but since things had come to this point, Ryder had to marry her. Even if they couldn’t retrieve the dowry, at least the house shouldn’t be taken away by her later.

“No, he’s my cousin. He’s getting married, and it’s my responsibility to help him...”

Emmanuel wanted to refuse, but when he saw Mackenzie’s determined gaze, he could only sigh and accept the card.

“Just let me know once you’ve made the purchase,” Mackenzie said and left, her expression cold and aloof.

Seriously, we just agreed to fulfill the promise together last night. Ryder is also my cousin, yet he’s still holding back with me! 750 thousand is nothing compared to having to raise 3 billion in assets.

Snap!

Little did Mackenzie know that her act of forcing money onto Emmanuel had been captured by Lara, who was hiding nearby.

“Hmph! Emmanuel, you pretty boy, always asking Mackenzie for money, huh?”

“No matter what trick you used on her, I will gather evidence and work with the Quillen family to kick you out!”

“Only Gautier is worthy of her!”

Lara hid in the car, watching the video and photos she had taken, and smiled with satisfaction. “Beatrice, you clueless girl, how dare you team up with this pretty boy to bully me last night? After I drive him away, let’s see who else you can rely on!”

In her eyes, Emmanuel was just a pretty boy, ignorant and only capable of taking advantage of women. He knew some martial arts but only used it to exploit women.

Worthless!

Useless!

Nothing but scum!

Pah!

Pah!

Knock, knock.

Just as Lara was muttering to herself, the car window was suddenly tapped twice, startling her.

To her surprise, it was Emmanuel. She quickly moved back, feeling panicked, and asked, "What... What do you want?"

"Why are you at the company? What were you secretly filming between me and Mackenzie just now?" Emmanuel furrowed his brows and questioned.

"Why do you care? This is my family's company. I can come whenever I want! You have no say!" Lara appeared flustered but pretended to be proud.

After saying that, she opened the car door and walked out grandly.

Emmanuel couldn't do anything about her. He couldn't possibly beat her up, could he? Hence, he could only remain vigilant and come up with countermeasures for the future.

Chapter 1145 Explosion

Suddenly, a deafening roar echoed from nearby!

Boom!

The entire world seemed to tremble as if a powerful earthquake had struck.

“Ahh!”

Lara lost her balance and instinctively reached out to grab Emmanuel, but then she realized he was her enemy!

Emmanuel saw that she was about to fall and prepared to catch her.

However, when he noticed that she was retracting her hand, he stopped himself.

Thud!

In the end, Lara fell heavily to the ground. Due to her plump buttocks, her body even bounced slightly.

“Hey, are you okay?” Emmanuel asked with genuine concern.

“D*mn it, why didn’t you hold me just now?”

Lara loudly blamed Emmanuel. If she had known it would hurt so much, she would have held onto him.

Emmanuel innocently shrugged. “You could have held onto me just now. Since you didn’t want to, why should I have held you?”

There is a saying: you can’t save someone who wants to die.

He didn’t want to help her and then be accused of being presumptuous!

He would rather do nothing and let her scold him if she wanted.

“Hmph, how ungentlemanly! Sc*mbag!”

Lara gritted her teeth and cursed.

Emmanuel paid no attention to her anymore. He just wanted to quickly figure out what had happened during the earthquake.

The explosion seemed to have originated from the R&D center building a few hundred meters away from the Terence Group building.

Not long after, a group of security guards rushed out of the building!

Sheldon and Ryder were among them.

“What happened?”

Emmanuel quickly stopped them. Judging from their hurried appearance, they must have received some news.

“I heard that there was an explosion in the R&D center. We need to go there quickly to assess the situation and provide on-site rescue!”

Just as Sheldon finished speaking, Emmanuel saw Mackenzie and Lexi hurriedly coming out, followed by a large group of people.

Even Mackenzie herself came out to take a look. It seemed that something significant had occurred.

Emmanuel quickly followed.

Soon, the group of people arrived at the R&D center, only to see thick black smoke billowing from the building.

The head of security at the R&D center rushed over in a panic and reported to Mackenzie, “Ms. Quillen, something terrible has happened! The development of our new product failed, and there was a major explosion in the laboratory just now!”

“Are there any casualties?” Mackenzie asked with a worried expression.

If there were casualties, not only would the experiment be halted, but Terence Group would definitely face serious consequences!

I knew we shouldn't have commercialized Heart of the Sun!

Dad has warned me countless times before that there would be significant risks in doing so. I shouldn't have succumbed to the pressure from our family.

“When the explosion occurred, there was no one in the R&D lab. Only Ms. Evan, the project leader, rushed over to assess the situation and was seriously injured in the second explosion.”

“Besides that, some of the nearby research personnel suffered minor injuries, but it shouldn't be life-threatening,” the head of security nervously explained.

“Take me there.”

Mackenzie didn't focus her attention on the research equipment but rather on the staff.

No matter the situation, human lives took precedence over inanimate objects!

Arriving outside the research lab, she indeed saw a young woman in work clothes lying in a pool of blood.

Her entire body was charred. It was horrifying!

The two medical personnel who were trying to save her were sweating profusely and looked extremely anxious.

Shortly after, Beatrix arrived and, upon witnessing the situation, immediately sneered at Lara. "It's all your fault! If it weren't for you inciting everyone to force Mackenzie's hand, she wouldn't have authorized the initiation of the research project, and today's incident wouldn't have happened!"

Lara, however, deflected the blame, saying, "Oh, please! What does this have to do with me? If Mackenzie wants to help the Quillen family increase its assets by 60 percent within a year, she must develop new products and explore new markets, right?"

Mackenzie listened to their conversation.

Indeed, she was a decisive and swift individual. Precisely because she wanted to achieve the 60 percent target with Emmanuel, she authorized the initiation of the new product research project overnight.

But who would have thought an explosion would occur when this experiment had been done before without any issues?

Chapter 1146 You Must Not Enter

At this moment, Terence received the news and called to inquire about the situation.

Before Mackenzie could say anything, the medical personnel rushed in anxiously and reported, "Ms. Quillen, we have bad news! The injured woman's bleeding won't stop. The ambulance might not arrive in time!"

"What should we do..."

Mackenzie began to panic.

“Mackenzie, put the research aside for now and focus on saving the lives of our employees!”

Terence was also very worried.

If there were casualties due to the failure of Terence Group’s research, once the media covered the news, the

Quillen family would once again make headlines, triggering a new crisis!

Lara, too, could hear how anxious Terence was and saw Mackenzie’s pale face. Only then did she realize the gravity of the situation.

“Lara, you seem to bring bad luck. Everything is fine when you’re not here, but as soon as you come back, chaos ensues!”

Beatrix kept scolding Lara.

She believed that this incident was caused by Lara, and she couldn’t believe how arrogant Lara was just yesterday!

Although Lara was frustrated, she didn’t argue.

“Let me try.”

At this moment, Emmanuel stepped forward and walked over to crouch beside the injured woman, Ms. Evan.

Everyone exchanged glances when they saw this.

“Hmph! Are you trying to cause more trouble, Emmanuel? If something happens to her, you will be held responsible!”

Lara was at a loss after being scolded by Beatrix. Now that she saw Emmanuel stepping forward, she looked down on him even more while secretly trying to shift the blame.

If the woman ended up dying, she could simply blame Emmanuel for hindering rescue efforts.

However, Emmanuel completely ignored Lara and carefully examined the condition of the injured woman.

Her condition is indeed critical.

However, he had seen many similar cases in the Northern Region before.

Many of his comrades had been injured in explosions on the front lines. As a result, he studied a set of acupuncture techniques for emergency treatment, which made him quite experienced.

At this moment, he consecutively pressed several acupoints on Ms. Evan’s body, then quickly rebandaged the wound. Everyone could visibly see that the bleeding from Ms. Evan’s wound significantly slowed down!

The wounds that were rebandaged with gauze no longer continued to seep blood.

Subsequently, Emmanuel used the Nine Yang Finger Technique to massage her chest area.

Gradually, Ms. Evan’s breathing became steady.

“Oh my god, how did he do that?”

“Yeah! What kind of amazing technique is this?”

Everyone was extremely shocked. Their eyes were filled with admiration.

Mackenzie was also surprised.

She knew that Emmanuel was skilled in medicine, but she didn't expect him to be so incredible!

Lara's face turned red and pale when she saw everyone applauding Emmanuel, and she didn't know what to do.

Emmanuel had become a hero in everyone's eyes, and not applauding would make her stand out and seem heartless.

But if she applauded, wouldn't she be humiliating herself?

She was a member of the Quillen family, the one who looked down on Emmanuel the most!

“Hmph! Do you now realize how much better Manuel is than Gautier? You blind woman!”

Beatrix taunted her again.

Lara snorted coldly, holding in her anger.

Soon, the ambulance arrived and took the injured, including Ms. Evan, to the hospital.

‘Don't worry, Mackenzie. They're not in any life-threatening danger.’

Emmanuel walked over to Mackenzie and comforted her softly.

Mackenzie breathed a sigh of relief but then became nervous again, instructing the person in charge, "I want to go into the laboratory and find out what happened. We must investigate and find out where the problem lies!"

Dad had already developed it once, even perfecting all the details. Now this new product is just a copy, following all the details from Dad's time. How could such a big explosion happen?

"No, it's too dangerous, Ms. Quillen!"

The person in charge quickly tried to dissuade her.

"Ms. Quillen, we are not sure if there will be a third explosion, and the laboratory has just experienced an explosion; it could collapse at any moment. You must not go in!"

Lexi also tried to persuade her.

"That's right, Mackenzie. You can just send someone in to investigate. There's no need for you to do it yourself!"

Beatrix advised her as well.

But Mackenzie still had no intention of giving up.

This R&D experiment was highly confidential, a core secret of the Terence Group. Not many people knew all the details, and Ms. Evan was one of them.

Chapter 1147 Men's And Women's Aesthetic Preferences

With Mackenzie injured and unconscious, she had no choice but to take matters into her own hands. Sending someone else would make it difficult to understand what was happening.

“Mackenzie, let me handle it!” Emmanuel volunteered once again.

“You?” Others looked surprised, and Mackenzie was also slightly amazed.

“Yes, I have some knowledge of machines. If I can’t figure it out, I can call you right away. You can go back to the office, take a break, or attend to other matters,” Emmanuel said reassuringly. “Don’t worry too much. We’ll sort things out quickly.”

Several young women nearby clasped their hands together, their eyes shining as they quietly discussed.

“How sweet!”

“I couldn’t agree more. He’s such a great boyfriend-saving lives with medical skills, resolving crises for his girlfriend, and now being so caring.”

“No wonder Ms. Quillen fell for him!”

Their words of admiration pleased Beatrix, and she nudged Lara on the shoulder, teasingly asking, “What about you? Everyone supports my brother-in-law and my sister being together. What will your senior, Gautier, who wants to steal Mackenzie for himself, do? You better come up with a plan for him quickly!”

Lara snorted and turned her face away.

Her impression of Emmanuel had also improved.

He doesn’t seem useless at all! He’s clearly a master of medicine, yet he insists on relying on Mackenzie. There must be something going on! Could he be a spy sent by an organization coveting something from the Quillen family? Yes, that’s highly likely!

“Alright, I’ll wait for you in the office!” Mackenzie indeed had many things to deal with; as the CEO, she had more than one important matter to attend to.

“Okay!”

After Mackenzie left, Emmanuel, along with the head of security from the R&D center, entered the laboratory.

The R&D laboratory was enormous, with numerous instruments, many of which were emitting smoke. The situation was far from optimistic, with the risk of another explosion at any moment.

The head of security dared not advance recklessly, let alone disturb the instruments by inspecting them.

Emmanuel, on the other hand, had experienced such scenes many times during his time in the Northern Region. Moreover, he had received training in military systems, making him quite familiar with heavy industrial machinery and their principles. So, he calmly inspected the scene alone

Unexpectedly, another woman entered the room the next moment.

“Ms. Lara, it’s dangerous here. Your identity is noble; don’t take the risk!” The head of security quickly advised her to retreat.

“Hmph, step aside!” Lara pushed him aside and strode in.

Emmanuel wanted to dissuade her but found that she was truly familiar with the instruments here. She was even

more proficient in some operational details than he was. Not only that, but she was examining some research

drawings, carefully sketching the key points, and discreetly taking them away.

He was somewhat surprised and even started to regard her in a new light. Despite Lara's outspoken and

A unpleasant personality, her research skills were quite impressive. No wonder she was an MIT student.

Emmanuel discreetly observed her, using her actions and points of interest to learn more about the secrets and details of the Heart of the Sun. Of course, he also monitored what she took so he could report it to Mackenzie later.

As they studied the situation in the R&D lab, there was silence for a while.

On the other side, Roselynn quickly received a message and a transfer from Emmanuel, who mentioned that he would be very busy these two days and asked her to use the money to help their cousin, Ryder, buy a house. He emphasized that the property should be in Ryder's name. If their mother was willing, she could also buy a comfortable place for herself.

Upon receiving this message and seeing the amount her younger brother had transferred, Roselynn freaked out.

Firstly, she was shocked by where Emmanuel got so much money. Secondly, buying a house for their mother and cousin was not an issue. The problem was that Ryder had actually decided to marry Ruby!

She couldn't help but wonder if a brick had fallen on Ryder's head.

At that moment, Roselyn glanced at Tia, who was busy in her shop. With her innocent appearance and fair beauty, in Roselynn's eyes, Tia was a million times better than Ruby. Why would Ryder give up pursuing Tia and choose to marry Ruby? Was there such a vast difference in men's and women's aesthetic preferences? Did men prefer women who were more assertive in bed?

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But Ryder, could he really be that kind of man?

"What's up, Roselynn?" Tia asked with a smile, feeling a bit awkward when she suddenly looked up and found Roselynn staring at her figure.

“Oh, nothing! I just think you have a great figure!” There were no customers in the store at the moment, so Roselynn spoke frankly.

“Why would you suddenly say that? Besides, my figure is certainly not as good as yours,”

Tia was not being modest. Roselynn, with her height of five feet six inches, had an attractive figure with long legs and a perky bum, making many people envious. It was no wonder Julian was infatuated with her. What man wouldn't like an attractive woman like her?!

“Hey, we each have our strengths! Either way, we both outshine Ruby Zimmerman!” Roselynn walked over and hugged Tia's petite waist familiarly.

Tia's gaze dimmed slightly at the mention of Ruby, and Roselynn quickly asked in a low voice, “Tia, do you consider me your sister?”

“Of course! You've been so good to me!” Tia quickly said excitedly.

Roselynn did indeed treat her very well. Putting the past aside, she now offered Tia a monthly salary of over ten thousand and even planned to focus on her development, grooming her to become the store manager with a long-term career plan! Considering that Tia used to work as a preschool teacher, earning just over three thousand, where else could she find such a wonderful sister?!

“In that case, I have a few questions for you, and you have to answer me honestly, okay?” Roselynn said in a sisterly manner.

Tia pursed her lips and nodded.

“Now, tell me. Do you like Ryder or not?” Roselynn didn't like beating around the bush; she preferred being straightforward.

“I...” Tia's body trembled, and it took a while before she said, “I don't know...”

Roselynn was taken aback. "If you like him, say you like him; if you don't, just say so directly!"

"Well... I guess it's a no." Tia sighed slightly.

"But there was a time when you two were close. I thought you might have a tiny bit of liking for him." Roselynn expressed a hint of disappointment.

"I'm sorry, Roselynn. I... I was a bit calculating. Actually, before, I considered being with him because you all treated me so well, and also... I..." As she spoke, Tia became hesitant and stopped, but Roselynn saw through it and said,

"Actually you like my younger brother don't you?"

"Huh, what? I..." Tia suddenly blushed.

"Oh, come on, no need to hide it. We actually all know. Your eyes revealed everything." Roselynn laughed openly.

As for Tia calling herself calculating? Other than the sweet, innocent, naive female protagonist in novels, no such girl existed in real life. Every woman had her own plans and dreams of marrying a suitable husband!

"Yeah." Seeing Roselynn being so direct, Tia became less hesitant. She honestly admitted, "I do like Emmanuel! Honestly, your cousin Ryder is hard to describe, and I really don't like him at all. I did

consider being with him before, just to have more chances to be around Emmanuel. But when I saw him with Ruby..."

"It's settled then!" Roselynn, in a decisive manner, patted her D-cupped chest. "If Ryder is going to disappoint and marry Ruby, that's on him. But you and I clicked instantly, right? We shouldn't let his choices affect our relationship."

Tia nodded, acknowledging.

“So, shall we become sworn sisters? From now on, you’ll be my sister, and my mom will be your godmother! How about that?” Roselynn asked warmly.

“Well... that’s absolutely fine.” Tia agreed.

She also knew she wasn’t worthy of Emmanuel. Being able to see her crush every day was a kind of happiness for her.

“Okay, it’s settled!” Roselynn was delighted and said generously, “Tia, you’re currently living alone, right? My mom is often bored at home alone. I’m planning to buy her a flat in the Cloud Bay community. You can live with my mom hen. How about it?”

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“What?! I-”

“Wonderful! That settles it, then!” Roselynn didn’t give Tia a chance to hesitate. She decisively finalized the decision.

Tia was speechless.

Since there was no room for resistance, and she didn’t want to continue living alone, Tia could only nod and say, “Thank you, Roselynn!”

“Hey, we’re sisters now. Drop the formalities.”

Done! Roselynn felt secretly pleased.

If Ryder wanted to marry Ruby, let him. If Ruby wanted to deceive her way into a house, let her. After all, the property wouldn't be in Ruby's name, and she could live there if she wanted. By then, when Ruby discovered that Tia was her next-door neighbor and if Ryder still had lingering feelings for Tia, she wondered how interesting the situation would be. Well, just thinking about it was amusing!

With the decision made, it was time to take action. The next morning, Roselynn arranged to meet up with Ryder, and they took a taxi together to the Cloud Bay residential area.

"Are you two married?" The middle-aged driver couldn't help but ask curiously on the way.

"Sorry? No, no!" Ryder quickly waved his hand.

"Haha, are you going to buy a house then?" The driver continued the conversation.

"Yes..." Ryder quickly replied, looking like an honest fellow.

"The houses there are not cheap. It's going to be your matrimonial home, isn't it?" The driver continued to inquire.

"That's right!" Ryder answered, always ready to respond, not caring that the driver was just a stranger with whom he hadn't even exchanged names.

Throughout the journey, Roselynn was nonchalant, thinking that the driver was quite talkative. Given Ryder's polite and honest nature, they could chat about anything. Little did she know that when they got out of the car, the driver took the opportunity to approach Roselynn and kindly warned her, "Hey, sweetheart, with your looks, it'd be a shame if you married him."

"What are you talking about?" Roselynn immediately furrowed her brow. No wonder the driver had chatted so much with Ryder earlier. It turned out he had ulterior motives.

"I'm just reminding you. Many men use the excuse of buying a house to deceive beautiful women! This kind of old and ugly man, if he deceives you, what are you going to do with him? I also have a house, and I'm in good shape—"

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Goodness me. This woman is pretty but fierce! No, no. She won’t do! The middle-aged driver quickly climbed into his car and drove away.

Passersby were a bit astonished. This woman is so fierce! But soon, someone recognized her as the ‘Demoness of Yeringham.’ No wonder she can put up a fight! All good, then

“I swear, you can find idiots everywhere!” Roselynn cursed and prepared to head to the real estate gallery with Ryder.

Ryder, however, looked embarrassed, lowered his head, and said self-consciously, “Roselynn, maybe I should check it out myself. If we go together, I’m afraid I’ll embarrass you. I’m too ugly!”

“Rydér, what are you talking about? I’m your cousin!” Roselynn not only refused his idea but even wanted to enter with their arms linked.

Still, Ryder let go of her hand, looking embarrassed. “But people don’t know that. They might think I’m shooting way above my league, and I feel uncomfortable, too!”

Alright, then... Roselynn knew that Ryder had some self-esteem issues and didn’t want him to feel uncomfortable. She agreed to split up. Ryder could choose which one he liked, and then he could fetch her to make the payment.

Ryder’s emotions were also complicated after entering the real estate gallery alone.

This was also why he chose Ruby and didn’t dare to continue pursuing Tia.

Tia was so good-looking; if he were to be with her, people would definitely gossip behind their backs. If he were truly wealthy and capable of making big money, that would be a different story. Unfortunately, he was only a farmer. and, currently, an intern security guard. How could he match someone like Tia?!

If it weren't for finding a mother for little Tommy, he wouldn't even consider a second marriage!

Inside the gallery, due to his rural attire and strong farmer vibe, plus wearing a security guard jacket, even the sales ladies were unwilling to assist him.

Chapter 1150 Seeing Abellyn Again

Ryder glanced at the young and attractive ladies who were welcoming everyone except him. Although he felt a bit uncomfortable, he didn't become angry.

"Blame yourself for your unattractiveness, Ryder, Sigh..." After forcing a bitter smile, Ryder examined the properties alone, feeling somewhat lonely and desolate

Cloud Bay was a high end real estate development in Yeringham. The sales gallery was sophisticated, featuring a spacious lobby with 3D models and 360-degree video displays for each property. Therefore, Ryder didn't need the assistance of the sales ladies, he could understand everything on his own.

As he entered a small duplex, he noticed a woman in a wine red silk dress also looking at the same property.

The woman had her back turned to him, so Ryder couldn't see her face. However, he had a feeling of familiarity, but couldn't recall where he had seen her before. Not skilled at starting conversations, he chose to stand behind the woman and observe the property. Unexpectedly, as the woman moved while looking at the model, her hip accidentally bumped into Ryder, who was equally inattentive.

Thump!

Her backside was soft, and Ryder was immediately aroused.

“Oh! Who?!” The woman quickly turned around, and upon seeing Ryder’s not-so-pleasant face, she froze, her eyes widening. “Ryder?!”

“It’s you!” Ryder had initially planned to apologize, but upon seeing the woman, he changed his mind. After all, it was Abellyn Sheppard.

He had to admit that she had become much more beautiful recently. And she had successfully lost weight, making her figure look quite attractive. No wonder he couldn’t recognize her immediately from behind.

“Is everything okay, Ms. Sheppard?” A saleswoman in her thirties, holding a glass of water, approached. Her name was Mildred Yule, and she had just been assisting Abellyn.

“Hmph, you came just in time. This pervert deliberately touched me inappropriately. Can you imagine how disgusting that was?! Quickly, tell the guards to teach him a lesson!” Abellyn pointed at Ryder with disdain, instructing Mildred to take action.

Since their divorce, Ryder had humiliated her in various ways, and she had long desired revenge. Little did she think that fate would bring him to her on this day!

“Abellyn, watch your language!” Ryder could tolerate other women, but he instantly became furious when it came to Abellyn. “You were the one who bumped into me. How could you twist the truth?! Besides, it’s not like I never touched you in the past. Do you need to behave like this?!”

“Huh, that was in the past! Now that you can’t have me, you can only secretly desire me. What? Have you regretted divorcing me? Do you think a lowly farmer like you can still have me? Huh, good luck!”

“You... That’s completely false!” Not as articulate as Abellyn, Ryder seethed with rage.

Meanwhile, Mildred quickly assessed Ryder and deduced that he was indeed a typical farmer, wearing a security guard jacket. She didn’t know where he was stationed, but one thing was certain: it certainly wasn’t their sales gallery,

“You, get out!” She immediately focused on Ryder, pointing towards the exit. “Our property doesn’t welcome people who come in just to enjoy the air conditioning and complimentary refreshments!”

“I...” Ryder panicked, but being clumsy with words, he couldn’t explain in time before Abellyn splashed the tea in her hand onto his face.

It was scalding!

Ryder yelled in pain, his face turning red and then grim. He wanted to retaliate against Abellyn regardless of the consequences. Unfortunately, two security guards quickly rushed over and restrained him.

Mildred shouted sternly, “Get out, or I’ll have the guards escort you to the police station!”

Ryder felt utterly aggrieved, but there was nothing he could do. Without money in his pocket and being restrained by the security guards, he couldn’t assert himself. He could only leave dejectedly.

Overjoyed, Abellyn reveled in Ryder’s misfortune. “Ryder, oh Ryder, you didn’t think you’d end up like this, did you? You must be regretting it so much now! Well, serves you right for humiliating me back then! Huh...”

Abellyn’s laughter echoed, each sound piercing Ryder’s eardrums and penetrating his heart.