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Chapter 1221 Embarrassing

Hattie spoke with determination.

“Miss, but this!”

Dominique wanted to say something more, but upon seeing Hattie’s expression, she swallowed her words.

The next morning, Emmanuel, exhausted from a night of labor, was awakened by the ringing of the phone before he could get a good sleep. “Hello, Mom. What’s up?” he asked sleepily.

“Emmanuel, where are you? Something significant has happened!”

“What happened, Mom!” Emmanuel immediately sprung up from bed.

Mackenzie, who had no plans to go to work today, was awakened by his movement.

“Tommy suddenly got a fever. He vomited and even passed out, but Ryder is in the hospital now.

There’s no one to take care of them!” Alessandra’s voice was filled with anxiety.

“Mom, don’t worry. I’ll be right-there!”

After hanging up the phone, Emmanuel quickly got out of bed to wash up. Turning around, he found

that Mackenzie had also woken up. “Mackenzie, I need to go to the hospital. My mom said Tommy was

sent to Beacon Hospital, too!”

“I’ll go with you.”

“Uh, okay! But don’t you have to work?” Emmanuel asked before realizing how foolish he was to ask the question.

And sure enough, Mackenzie glared at him coldly, as if she wanted to strangle him. He had been so rough last night, causing her so much pain, as if she were torn apart. How could she possibly go to work today? Well, visiting your cousin in the hospital would be a perfect excuse.

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Uh... Emmanuel's face turned slightly red. He hadn't expected that such a thing would have consequences. Should he admit it now? It was so awkward!

"What are you shy about? I'm your relationship strategist, so I should take some credit for this. You should treat me to a meal to thank me!" Rhea whispered quietly, sticking her tongue out.

"Okay, wait until my business is finished." Emmanuel quickly tried to change the subject. Otherwise, the more people knew about it, the more embarrassing it would be.

"Haha! Okay!" Fortunately, Rhea also knew when to stop and immediately shut up.

At this moment, Emmanuel heard Juan say with a sigh, "The bullet hit Ryder's seventh and eighth thoracic vertebrae as well as his spine. Although he is out of danger, he is likely to be paralyzed in the future." Then, he continued, "As for his son, after a detailed examination, I think he might have been poisoned. Unfortunately, our hospital's doctors lack experience in this area and are at a loss for the time being."

Mackenzie thanked Juan for his explanation, but she still wanted to visit Ryder and his son with Emmanuel.

“What did Rhea just say to you?” As they walked out the door, Mackenzie quietly asked Emmanuel, her eyes piercing. She figured that what Rhea had said must have something to do with her. This is so embarrassing! If this happens again, I might not want to do it anymore.

“N-Nothing. She just told me about Tommy’s condition. I have to go see Tommy first,” Emmanuel still had a will to survive, and this wasn’t exactly a lie. After all, Rhea did mention that Tommy’s condition was urgent.

Mackenzie shot him another glare and ceased discussing these personal matters. However, walking was painful for her as she experienced a burning sensation. I’ve long been aware that this kind of thing is not a good one. It is too detrimental to women; who would engage in it if not for love?

The four of them swiftly reached Tommy’s room. As the father and son were in separate wards, Alessandra was looking after Ryder. Surprisingly, Tia was the one attending to Tommy here.

“Ah, Mr. Lowe and Ms. Quillen, you’re here.”

Chapter 1222 Mackenzie’s Growing Suspicion

Upon seeing Mackenzie and Emmanuel, Tia quickly stood up, feeling somewhat humbled.

“Mm-hm. How is Tommy?” Emmanuel asked casually.

“He’s running a high fever and is probably feeling uncomfortable. He just managed to fall asleep after

being given a sedative,” Tia replied, looking at Emmanuel.

Meanwhile, Mackenzie was watching her intently. This woman’s eyes light up when she looks at my husband. Just how much does she love him?

Emmanuel, on the other hand, seemed oblivious to it, merely nodding and starting to examine Tommy.

Juan, like a young apprentice, waited for Emmanuel to finish his examination before immediately asking, “Emmanuel, how is he? Do you have a way to treat him?”

“I do have a way, but I can’t perform it right now,” Emmanuel shook his head with a bitter smile. In fact, he had long been aware of Tommy’s specific condition. The book ‘Divine Valley Medical Records’ also contained a lot of information about witchcraft poisons.

Since Juan asked, he did not keep it from him. “If I’m not mistaken, this is a type of witchcraft worm that can make people lose their minds. It’s extremely rare. I don’t know who went to great lengths to plant it in Tommy. Once this witchcraft worm parasitizes a human body, it won’t come out. To remove it, you must plant a corresponding witchcraft worm in Tommy. The two witchcraft worms will die inside Tommy’s body after mating. Then, they’ll slowly be excreted.”

“This...” After hearing this, even Juan found it somewhat unbelievable, not to mention Mackenzie, Rhea, and Tia. It sounded like a plot from a supernatural novel. However, no one doubted the truthfulness of Emmanuel’s words.

“Right now, all I can do is try to temporarily seal this witchcraft worm in a specific part of Tommy’s body, but it will still act up over time!” Emmanuel sighed. “To completely relieve Tommy from pain, we need to find the person who planted the witchcraft worm in him, or perhaps we even need to make a trip to Mysticwood!” After saying this, he began to use silver needles and the finger pressure technique to help Tommy recover for the time being.

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Unfortunately, Tia politely declined, “I’ll stay here and help take care of Tommy.”

“Fine then.” Emmanuel had no choice but to go to Ryder’s ward with Mackenzie.

“Emmanuel, Mackenzie, you’re finally here!” Upon seeing them, Alessandra, who had been keeping vigil in the ward, immediately stood up to greet them. She unconsciously held Mackenzie’s hand, her face filled with excitement.

“Mom, thank you so much,” Mackenzie said politely. After all, Ryder was injured because of her.

“Ms. Quillen, Emmanuel!” Seeing Mackenzie, Ryder, who was lying in bed and unable to move his lower body, tried to sit up with his hands.

Emmanuel quickly went over to support him. “Ryder, don’t force yourself!”

However, Ryder continued to force himself. It was only natural for an employee to feel a sense of awe in front of a boss.

It wasn't until Mackenzie said, "Ryder, you should lie down," that Ryder nodded and lay back down.

Emmanuel personally assessed Ryder's condition. It matched Juan's description, and he didn't have any immediate solutions. He could only consider returning to review the records to determine if there was any hope for Ryder's recovery.

"Emmanuel, what should we do now?" Alessandra asked, her face filled with concern. "There was no woman in Ryder's family to manage the household from the beginning. And now that Ryder is paralyzed, there is no one to take care of them!"

"It's not a major issue!" Mackenzie responded promptly. "I will hire a nanny for his family or arrange for two maids from the Quillen family to assist with their daily lives."

Chapter 1223 Getting The Wedding Done

Alessandra was taken aback by the suggestion. She had always been dedicated to hard work and had never considered the idea of having servants to take care of her.

After a moment, she shook her head and said, "This is not a sustainable solution. Why don't we help Ryder get married soon? I will only feel at ease when he has a wife to take care of him."

Her words made sense. Under normal circumstances, a wife would undoubtedly be more reliable than

any other woman.

Emmanuel actually agreed to the idea as long as Ryder was marrying Tia. However, if it was Ruby whom Ryder was going to marry, he didn't think it was a good idea. So, he remained silent for a while.

"Emmanuel, I'm going to talk to the Zimmerman family to arrange the wedding quickly. You and your sister need to find time to help Ryder!" Alessandra made the decision at once.

"Mom, is this really a wise choice?" Emmanuel was already against Ryder marrying Ruby. Now, with the hasty decision to get the wedding done, he opposed it even more.

"What's wrong with it? When you were kids, Ryder often took care of you! Now that he's in a difficult situation, is it a problem for you to help him?" Alessandra was becoming rather angry.

"Mom, that's not what I meant. I'm willing to help Ryder with his wedding, but--"

"That's enough!" Alessandra had made up her mind. She said, "I'm going to talk to the Zimmerman family now!"

She knew in her heart that both her daughter and her son were not happy about Ryder marrying Ruby, probably because they thought Ruby's background was not as good as Tia's. However, Ruby had been putting on a good show lately, especially in front of Alessandra. She had said all the right things, acted

virtuously and filially, and even secretly bought her gifts.

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“Sure! Just name the date, then!” Belinda said cheerfully.

“Hold on, Mrs. Zimmerman.” Although Alessandra was anxious to get it done, she still needed to consider Ryder’s condition. She turned around and asked, “Ryder, when do you think is a good time for the wedding? How do you feel?”

“Mom, I... I don’t know. I can’t stand up, but I can sit up with the support of my hands. You make the decision.”

Ryder’s biggest characteristic was his ability to endure pain and hardship with the strength of a bull.

However, he struggled with self-doubt and a lack of assertiveness. It was the same even when it came to his wedding; he made decisions on the spur of the moment, just like how he had decided to marry Abellyn back then.

“Let’s get it done in three days. The sooner, the better!” Alessandra was really anxious to get it done.

“Mom-” Emmanuel wanted to say something, but Mackenzie gently pulled him back, signaling him not to say anything more.

As the CEO of a publicly traded company and an outsider, she possessed a clearer perspective

compared to Emmanuel. Alessandra's perception and opinion of Ruby differed significantly from Emmanuel's and his sister's. Additionally, it was natural for parents to feel anxious about their children's marriages. Since she considered Ryder as her own son, it was only natural for her to experience nervousness.

Due to this, Emmanuel and his mother could never see eye to eye or reach a common understanding.

Engaging in arguments would only damage their mother-son relationship.

Furthermore, Mackenzie was well aware of two other peculiar ways of thinking. In the hearts of many elderly individuals, while they cherished their successful children the most, they were always most concerned about the one who achieved the least success!

Chapter 1224 Smarter Methods

It was common for parents to invest most of their energy and time in the child who seemed to have the least potential.

For instance, take William and his wife. Gautier was much more talented than Hubert, but Winona always favored her youngest son. William also tended to prioritize his youngest son, taking care of his problems and cleaning up after him.

Alessandra found herself in a similar situation now.

Emmanuel had started his own family, while Roselynn was focused on her business. As a result,

Alessandra devoted most of her attention to Ryder, doing her best to assist him with his family.

However, elderly individuals like her were susceptible to delusions.

After Emmanuel was stopped by Mackenzie, he had no choice but to let Alessandra take charge

instead of going against her wishes.

Furthermore, Ryder agreed with Alessandra, insisting that he could be discharged from the hospital in

three days. Consequently, the wedding was hastily scheduled for next week.

Leaving the ward, Emmanuel asked his wife, "Mackenzie, why did you stop me from persuading my

mom just now? Do you also want Ryder to marry Ruby?" This was a rhetorical question. Of course, he

knew that Mackenzie's judgment couldn't be wrong. He just wanted a denial in response.

"Of course not." As expected, Mackenzie denied it. "Your mother is deluded now; forcing her to change

her mind is not the best decision as it might backfire. We, as business people, need to use smarter

methods!"

"Oh? Smarter methods?" Emmanuel was intrigued. Since he had promised to help the Quillen family

increase their assets by 60 percent, he must enter the business world, so it was crucial for him to learn strategies from his wife now.

“That’s right. Internal factors often determine the external outcomes. Ruby hasn’t even come to take care of Ryder. What do you think she wants by marrying him?” Mackenzie asked in response.

“She’s after his money, of course!” Emmanuel answered straightforwardly.

“That’s it. We just need to highlight this flaw in Ruby’s family, and your mother will eventually notice it,”

Mackenzie analyzed. “Superficial efforts won’t last a lifetime, and inner thoughts are easy to bring to the surface. Your mother is deluded, but she’s not incapable of distinguishing right from wrong. As long as she sees Ruby’s true colors, she definitely won’t continue to push your cousin into a living hell!”

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Mackenzie's lips curled up slightly, but she didn't say anything for the time being.

After getting in the car, she called Lexi. "Lexi, investigate Ruby's entire family and try to provoke their obsession with money these days!"

"Huh? Okay!" Lexi was taken aback by the instruction. However, with her close relationship with Mackenzie, she naturally knew about the situation surrounding Mackenzie and had also learned about Ryder and Ruby's situation. So, when Mackenzie instructed her like this, she immediately understood.

After agreeing to it, she said, "Ms. Quillen, I can help with Emmanuel's cousin's situation, but what about my cousin's situation?"

Mackenzie immediately asked with concern, "You mean Julian? What happened to him?"

Emmanuel also perked up his ears. After all, he cared more about his sister's situation than he cared about Ryder's.

"Oh, Emmanuel's sister refuses to give him a chance, so he's been drowning his sorrows in alcohol

every day. His parents are very unhappy about this, and I'm afraid they will take their anger out on

Roselynn!" Lexi expressed her worries.

Julian was the sole heir of the Summerton family. Despite his previous disinterest in business, his

elders continued to indulge him as if he were a child. Now that he was drowning his sorrows in alcohol

and constantly inebriated, his elders were determined to hold accountable the person responsible for

his current state.

"If they have the audacity to do so, I will definitely not allow it," Mackenzie declared resolutely.

All Roselynn did was deny Julian an opportunity; she never toyed with his emotions. Why should the

Summerton family direct their anger towards Roselynn for this?

Chapter 1225 Love Can't Be Forced

Emmanuel shared the same sentiment, but they hadn't expected the situation to turn out like this.

However, he understood his sister's emotions. Perhaps there was truth in the saying that love couldn't

be forced. Their intentions were good, but their relentless pressure on their sister to go on blind dates

and find a man had only backfired.

After ending the call, Mackenzie took the initiative to suggest to Emmanuel, "Let's go visit our sister

together. I want to know what she's truly thinking." She was the one who had proposed the blind date.

Now that there was a problem, she couldn't simply ignore it. Since she had no plans to return to the company that day, it was a good opportunity to visit Roselynn and have a heart-to-heart with her.

The couple soon arrived at Quillenrose. To their surprise, the business was thriving, and there were two more employees.

"Mackenzie, what brings you here?" Roselynn, who was busy with work, spotted Mackenzie and, like Alessandra, eagerly approached to shake her hand, completely ignoring Emmanuel.

How embarrassing! Emmanuel thought. Like mother, like daughter. My wife is a favorite, while I'm just a nobody.

The customers and employees in the store were also excited by this scene.

"Wow, isn't that the esteemed Miss Mackenzie of the Quillen family?"

"As the Icy Female CEO Of Yeringham, she truly has impeccable taste in clothing.

"I'll go for the same items she'll purchase today. Don't compete with me, okay?"

The last time Mackenzie visited, she had made a name for this store. After all, she was like a star in

Yeringham. Many Yeringham locals who weren't fans of celebrities might not know today's top female

celebrities, but they knew Mackenzie.

Roselynn had even made a poster of Mackenzie and displayed it outside the store. As a result, many people rushed to buy the same items as Mackenzie did. Of course, she only dared to do this with the approval of her sister-in-law...

At this moment, witnessing such a scene, Emmanuel felt it was a bit excessive. Many female customers even requested to take photos with his wife and asked for autographs, and the usually aloof Mackenzie didn't refuse them.

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"Alright, let me know if you need anything." Emmanuel left the mall and drove to a private club near the police station.

Sage arrived at the same time. This time, he wasn't accompanied by Ashton, which surprised Emmanuel. However, it also put him at ease to avoid any embarrassment!

As Emmanuel's close friend, Sage understood what Emmanuel was thinking. After entering a private

room with Emmanuel, he immediately said with a chuckle, "Haha! No need to look around, Emmanuel.

I've sent Ashton to handle a few cases. She'll be busy for the next few days, so she definitely won't come today!"

"How's the progress on the case?" Emmanuel didn't beat around the bush; he came here to learn about the case's developments.

"The Holy Fire organization is indeed a major international organization. The individuals they dispatched for the mission were all diehard loyalists. Those who died are dead, those who escaped are on the run, and those who were captured committed suicide," Sage replied. He also concisely stated, "Their operation this time is headed by the Saintess of the organization. She has a high standing within the Holy Fire organization and can be considered the guiding light for hundreds of thousands of ordinary members. In all of Yeringham, perhaps only you can rival her."

He wasn't merely flattering Emmanuel. Even as a police captain, he had come close to losing his life in a confrontation with the Saintess. Only Emmanuel, the Wolf Warrior, had the ability to defeat her and thwart her plans. If anyone else were protecting Mackenzie and the Heart of the Sun, they would have

been killed and robbed long ago.

“What about Magnus?” Emmanuel immediately brought up another person he was concerned about.

“Didn’t you personally eliminate him, Emmanuel? His body hasn’t been found yet!” Sage replied. “I’ve heard that there has been a major upheaval within the Zelinsky family in Zovince. The Zelinsky family is furious and has vowed to avenge him. I’ve discovered that Magnus’ younger sister appears to still be in Yeringham, and she will surely come after you in the future. Be careful, Emmanuel!”

Chapter 1226 Diamond Titan Military Technologies

Emmanuel’s expression turned grim upon hearing the news. After a moment of contemplation, he finally spoke, “I cannot be certain that the man was Magnus! Although his voice and appearance resembled Magnus’, he was wearing a mask. I have a feeling that he had taken unnecessary actions and was easier to eliminate than I had anticipated.”

Sage also understood his point and exclaimed, “Are you suggesting that it was a stand-in? That Magnus is still alive?”

“It’s a possibility,” Emmanuel analyzed. “However, the Zelinsky family in Zovince is furious, and there is someone in

Yeringham attempting to assassinate me, so it seems likely.”

“Haha! Well, regardless of the truth, we will face whatever challenges come our way. I believe you will never be intimidated by the Zelinsky family of Zovince!” Sage spoke with confidence.

If it were anyone else, they wouldn’t have the courage to confront the wrath of the Zelinsky family. They were one of the Four Great Aristocratic Families of Zovince and one of the wealthiest families in Chanaea. However, compared to the Wolf Warrior, the title of the Four Great Aristocratic Families lost its luster.

“By the way, Sage, I have something unrelated to the case to discuss with you.”

“How intriguing. Emmanuel, I also have something unrelated to the case to discuss with you.”

“Oh, then you go first.” Emmanuel was also curious about what non-case-related matter Sage wanted to discuss., Sage didn’t keep him waiting and said directly, “Emmanuel, you must have heard of Diamond Titan Military Technologies, right?”

Emmanuel nodded. As the Northern Region Wolf Warrior, how could he not know about the company?

It was a long-standing top-three player in the global defense industry, and had even claimed the top spot in the past.

“This military-industrial firm is currently seeking a partner for a super engine project on a global scale. I

believe the Quillen family’s energy project might be a perfect candidate for collaboration,” said Sage

with a longing look in his eyes. “Who doesn’t know that partnering with Diamond Titah brings enormous

profits? Many entrepreneurs have become their partners and made it onto the global Forbes billionaire

list!”

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“Thank you very much. You truly are my savior.” Emmanuel patted his shoulder, feeling quite pleased.

He had made a promise to the Quillen family to help the Terence Group increase its assets by 60 percent and join the Chamber of Commerce, so he needed to act swiftly. This would save him a significant amount of time.

“But Emmanuel, although the Quillen family is a prominent force in Yeringham, it is not a military powerhouse. I’m afraid Diamond Titan will look down on them!” Sage expressed his concerns.

“That’s not a problem. I am here, aren’t I?” Emmanuel said confidently.

“Emmanuel, do you want to reveal your identity? Is that wise? It will alert the enemy and drag the Quillen family into the conflict completely!”

Sage was one of Emmanuel’s trusted allies and understood the bigger picture. Their goal was to bring down the chairman of Chanaea’s Chamber of Commerce, and they relied on the Quillen family to achieve that. However, if they were to reveal their identity prematurely, their mission would be doomed to fail. Once that happened, Teddy would undoubtedly spare no effort to suppress the Quillen family.

Emmanuel shook his head. “I cannot disclose my identity, but I am determined to assist the Terence Group in securing the collaboration. I will find a solution!”

As the marketing manager of M&L Group, Lauren Pennington was feeling immense pressure tonight.

Just moments ago, the general manager had informed her that their enigmatic boss had a project to negotiate and had entrusted her with the responsibility. The potential partner in question was the internationally renowned Diamond Titan Military Technologies!

Upon hearing this name, she trembled with nervousness. What's more, the boss had emphasized that they must succeed in this endeavor and that failure was not an option. Additionally, this situation was a double-edged sword. If they succeeded, she would earn a commission of 1 million, but if they failed, she would have to pack up and leave.

Chapter 1227 A Decent Job

To put it simply, for regular employees who still had aspirations to climb the corporate ladder, this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. However, for someone at a managerial level like her, it was rather disappointing.

She already had an annual salary of several hundred thousand dollars. A commission of 1 million was tempting, but it wasn't a game-changer for her. Even if she succeeded, could she expect the company to promote her to the position of general manager? Moreover, as a woman, she preferred stability, so she wanted to delegate this task to someone else.

However, she couldn't think of anyone capable of handling this responsibility. If she simply handed it off to someone and they failed, as the marketing manager, she would still have to take responsibility for it.

What a dilemma!

The next morning, she walked out of her neighborhood onto the street. Usually, she drove to work by herself, but because she didn't sleep well the previous night and had difficulty concentrating, she decided to take a taxi for safety reasons.

However, finding a taxi proved to be challenging, and someone hailed one before her.

Realizing that she was about to be late for work, and considering that the general manager had mentioned discussing the big project with her as soon as she arrived, she couldn't help but feel anxious.

Just then, upon closer inspection, she was surprised to see that the person who took her taxi was none other than Shane!

Shane's gaze traveled up from her black stockings to her ample bosom. After swallowing hard, he recognized Lauren. "Uh, Ms. Pennington, what a coincidence! Do you need a taxi too?"

"Yeah, what a coincidence." Lauren actually wanted to show her annoyance, but since he was a relative of the general manager, she decided to let it go. The general manager had made it clear that this guy was not his relative and had almost fired him, but that was just for show. Besides, he had personally invited him back later, hadn't he? All she could say was that the act was not convincing at

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“Well then, Ms. Pennington, you can take it. I’ll ride a shared bike to work!” Shane was very understanding. Of course. If the woman was not the stunning Lauren but someone unpleasant, he might not be so accommodating.

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Just as he was about to reach his office, he received a phone call. It was actually from Santiago.

"Shane, why did you spend so much money on alcohol for me yesterday? Are you involved in some shady business?"

D*mn it! Shane really wanted to curse. He would love to be involved in some shady business and have both money and women, but he needed the looks and the physique for that. On second thought, however, he felt much better; in the whole world, only Santiago truly appreciated him.

"Master, don't worry. I've found a respectable job. I just got paid yesterday, and I'll be earning even more next month! Haha..." Shane laughed smugly.

Santiago became very concerned. "You're illiterate, and you look unintelligent. What kind of respectable job can you find? Are you engaging in something illegal?"

D*mn it! Shane, who had just believed that Santiago was the only person in the world who treated him well, instantly became furious. "Master, I am currently employed in the marketing department of a large

company, earning a monthly salary of 2 thousand. Who do you think you're underestimating?"

"I still find it hard to believe. How did you manage to achieve that?" Santiago was very rational. Shane

had no diploma or connections, and he wasn't attractive. How could he have landed a job in the

marketing department of a big company? It didn't seem logical at all.

"Master, if you continue speaking like this, I will become angry! I obtained this position solely based on

my own abilities!" Shane was already angry.

"Alright, alright." Santiago didn't argue with him. He simply reminded him, saying, "Shane, remember

the principles of our sect! For over 100 years, we have been prohibited from owing favors to others. If

someone helped you secure this job, you must repay their kindness!"

"Yeah, I understand. Goodbye!"

Chapter 1228 A Way Of Thanking You

Impatiently, Shane hung up the phone. He was well aware of the sect's rules, but he had truly earned

his position in the company through his own merit. No one had assisted him in achieving it.

In this society, capability was everything. Take Frederick, for example. He was highly educated, taller,

and even slightly more good-looking than Shane... Well, maybe slightly less handsome. But what did

that matter? Wasn't Frederick fired shortly after joining the company?

In contrast, Shane was thriving in the company effortlessly.

When he returned to the office, his colleagues were all engaged in conversation.

“Have you heard? Our company is going to negotiate a partnership with Diamond Titan Military Technologies!”

“Oh my God! That’s a top international conglomerate! Do we have the capacity for that?”

“I’m not sure; it’s just a rumor. It’s something our boss is supposed to handle!”

“I heard that if this project is successful, there’s a commission of 1 million!”

Shane wasn’t interested in such hot topics. After all, he had been with the company for a while now and still had no idea what he was doing. In other words, he was just muddling along. However, he was intrigued by the million- dollar commission, but he also knew that such a significant task would not be assigned to a newbie like him.

“Hey, who put their breakfast on my desk?” Shane sat at his desk and found an extra breakfast on it.

Unlike the inexpensive breakfast Lola and the others usually brought, this was a luxurious and nutritious meal!

“Shane, that’s from Ms. Pennington. She said it’s her way of saying thank you!” Lola told him with a wink.

Shane felt somewhat flattered. Isn’t Ms. Pennington being too kind to me? A luxurious and nutritious meal just for letting her take the taxi?

“Haha! Thanks. I’m really flattered,” Shane said modestly, but he quickly devoured the meal.

However, recalling Santiago’s reminder, he felt that he owed Ms. Pennington a huge favor. “I have to repay her!” He sighed, worrying about how to repay the favor, when he noticed that Ms. Pennington had been in a meeting with Henry all day and hadn’t even had lunch.

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"Haha! Ms. Pennington, it's too kind of you to say that!" Shane laughed. "As I just said, my family has never liked owing favors for over 100 years. I let you have the taxi this morning to repay your previous favor, and now I'm repaying you for the breakfast you bought me!"

"Huh? But this—"

Before Lauren could say anything, Shane quickly left to avoid owing another favor, lest he had to repay it later.

He thought that would be the end of it, but an hour later, Lauren suddenly called a department meeting, which he also attended.

During the meeting, Lauren publicly announced, "Our company has issued a task. We need to negotiate a major project with Diamond Titan Military Technologies. If we succeed, the person in charge can receive a commission of 1 million, along with a job promotion and pay raise."

Whoa! The entire marketing department was thrilled. 1 million! Many workers might not be able to save that much. money in their lifetime!

Of course, everyone wanted to try their luck. If they failed, so be it, but what if they succeeded?

Much to everyone's surprise, the next moment, Lauren directly announced, "I'm planning to assign this task to Shane!"

"What?!"

The entire room fell into silence, struck by astonishment. It was unanimously believed that a project of such significance could only be entrusted to individuals of Henry's caliber or seasoned negotiators.

Who could have anticipated that the higher authorities would assign it to a newcomer? This decision simply defied all logic!

“Me?” Shane, too, was taken aback. Despite being prone to overthinking and indulging in daydreams, he had never

Chapter 1229 A Seemingly Generous Offer

“Yes. You,” Lauren said, adjusting her black-rimmed glasses. “The boss of Diamond Titan Military Technologies likes to do things differently, and we need someone of the same caliber to deal with him. After careful consideration, Shane, I believe you are the best candidate for this.”

These words were nothing but lies. In reality, she was wondering if Shane was related to Henry. If it worked out, she would take credit for her unique insight; if it didn’t, Henry would support Shane. So, she didn’t have to go out of her way to do it herself.

After making the announcement, Lauren walked over to Shane, patted him on the shoulder, and said, “Shane, I have high expectations for you. Don’t disappoint me!” While waiting for the other members of the department to applaud, she gently nudged him and whispered, “Consider this a return for your favor earlier. Oh, and I forgot to mention. My family hasn’t owed anyone favors for about 400 years.”

Wow! Your family stopped owing favors even earlier than my sect did?

At this moment, Shane was trembling all over, unsure of how to feel. He felt incredibly grateful towards

Lauren; she recognized his talent and potential. If this worked out, with so much money, he wouldn't

know how to spend it. Was he supposed to go to a nightclub and have fun with a dozen girls? He

wasn't that kind of person. Besides, the favor would be significant, and he wouldn't know how to repay

it.

Everyone was envious of Shane. They wondered if he was just lucky, but he somehow managed to

secure another major opportunity.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel and Mackenzie returned to the Quillen residence.

Although Mackenzie hadn't been to work for the past two days, she still had control over the Terence

Group's major affairs.

The second repair of Terence Tech Tower was underway, and although the new product had been

successfully developed, it still needed further refinement. Mass production would require the

establishment of a new production line. However, these were minor issues; the main challenge was

that the market wasn't fully developed yet.

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This demonstrated the power of prejudice.

“Mackenzie, we’re here to share some news.” Samantha approached the couple with a smile, gently holding Mackenzie’s hand as she spoke.

Felicity, upon hearing Mackenzie’s return, also came out to the front hall, arriving just in time to witness this scene.

In her heart, she felt a little uncomfortable. Ever since her relationship with Mackenzie improved, she had grown even more resentful of Samantha’s closeness with Mackenzie. That’s my daughter, not hers! This woman really has no shame.

“What news?” Mackenzie asked, playing along with Samantha.

“Mackenzie, let me interrupt,” Lara interjected just as Samantha was about to speak. “You haven’t been at the company for the past couple of days. Gautier couldn’t find you, so he asked us to bring you some business information. The Verkade family is interested in collaborating with us on the new energy product, and they will help us expand our market. Additionally, they have already secured orders worth 150 million. In this partnership, we will split the profits 30/70, with them receiving 30 percent and us receiving 70 percent.” She spoke with a wide smile, believing that these terms were very generous for the Quillen family.

Emmanuel couldn’t help but chuckle. Handing over the market development to the Verkade family? Wouldn’t that leave them vulnerable to the Verkade family’s control in the future?

“What’s so funny?” Lara felt offended by Emmanuel’s reaction, even though he didn’t laugh out loud.

Everyone’s attention shifted to Emmanuel, including Mackenzie’s.

Hannah and Lara even appeared angry

Therefore, Emmanuel had no choice but to speak his mind, “Why do we need to partner with the

Verkade family? We can establish our own production line and expand the market independently. Why should we give away 30 percent of the profit for nothing?"

Chapter 1230 Lacking In Foresight

This man is so greedy! Mackenzie thought, although what he said resonated with her.

"Humph! That's why I say you men are just greedy and ignorant!" Lara immediately retorted. "Do you think it's easy to enter the market? We'll have to start from scratch for this new energy market!"

Emmanuel was not intimidated by her. He immediately replied, 'Exactly, so there'll be no competition!

The new product has a broad market potential, as it can be used for both civilian and military purposes.

We don't really need to worry about a mere 150-billion order. Lara, you lack foresight."

"H-How dare you call me shortsighted!"

"I didn't say that. I'm just saying that you lack foresight."

"Why you! How dare you..." Lara was instantly infuriated, her face turning red. She pointed at him while breathing heavily.

"Haha! You're absolutely right, Manuel!" Beatrix, upon seeing this, applauded beside them. "If you can't broaden your perspective, how can you succeed in business? What's the use of good technology? Oh, wait, the technology isn't that great either. The experiment ended in an explosion, remember?"

“W-Why you!” Lara was so irritated by Emmanuel and Beatrix echoing each other that she felt an impulse to raise her hand against them. Unfortunately, she was no match for Emmanuel in this, or she would have done it already.

“Alright, that’s enough. Lara, Beatrix, stop arguing!” Mackenzie quickly intervened. She deliberately asked

Emmanuel, “You make it sound so easy. Do you have any confidence in entering the market?” After witnessing

Emmanuel’s capabilities, her expectations of him were gradually growing. A man with medical skills, martial arts prowess, and all kinds of strange knowledge often has powerful connections. Let’s see how long he can keep it hidden.

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“Haha! Well then, we’ll wait for your good news, Mr. Deputy Head!” Hannah immediately mocked.

“Don’t waste our precious time only to tell us later that there are no orders!”

“Ms. Hannah, if I can secure an order worth more than 150 million within a week, can you please shut up and stop trying to play matchmaker for that Verkade guy? Mackenzie is my wife!” Emmanuel retorted.

In the past, he might have tolerated her for the sake of family harmony. Family harmony was the key to everything this was what Alessandra had often taught him when he was little. However, he had found out by now that with women like Hannah, the more he tolerated her, the less she would take him seriously, so the only way to silence her was to prove his worth.

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"Alright, Emmanuel, don't let us down!" Samantha quickly stepped in. She actually had high hopes for Emmanuel; she had seen his previous performances and thought he was worth her expectations.

Then, she said to Hannah,

"Hannah, that's enough. Emmanuel is right. Mackenzie is now his wife. It's wrong of you to keep trying to set her up with Gautier."

Hearing her sister speak, Hannah merely snorted and crossed her arms without saying a word. She was just waiting for the day when Emmanuel couldn't secure a 150-million order after a week. Then, she would be justified in playing matchmaker for Gautier. I'll see what this useless man can do!

Felicity had been quietly observing Emmanuel as well. She used to hold the same disdainful view of him as

Hannah did, but now it appeared that she had completely misjudged him. She had to acknowledge that Terence, that cunning old man, was truly astute and perceptive. In the past, he had assigned Alfred to

protect the Quillen family, now that Alfred was aging, he had brought in Emmanuel.

It was no wonder that numerous families in Yeringham had succumbed to the storms, yet the Quillen family remained steadfast and continued to grow stronger. It was all thanks to this cunning old man.

After dealing with her aunts, Mackenzie returned to her room with Emmanuel. She closed the door and inquired,

“Emmanuel, you’re planning to leave Yeringham again, aren’t you?”