

The press conference soon officially began.

Celeste didn't look at Trevor again. She focused completely on answering the journalists' questions.

The conference drew huge attention both domestically and internationally.

The Locket family was also in the same line of business, so news about a major technological breakthrough was something Harvey and Luther would never miss—especially since this project came from Fleming Group. 2

Linda normally had little interest in such news, but when she saw it was related to Trevor, curiosity got the better of her. She clicked on the livestream only to see Celeste on the screen. 1

“It's her again! She's everywhere!” she snapped. ©

Lilian and Erin knew that Fleming Group's project was a collaboration with YodaVision.

But they had assumed that Matthias would be the one personally attending the press conference to handle the media.

After all, thanks to Fleming Group's earlier publicity, the event had drawn enormous international attention.

They hadn't bothered to watch it themselves. To them, it was

enough to know that Fleming Group had once again taken the lead in product innovation. 2

Only now, after hearing what Linda said, did they realize that Celeste had actually been the one representing YodaVision and speaking at the conference.

And from the way things looked, she had been the star of the entire event.

According to remarks from Fleming Group's Lazarus, this unexpected breakthrough owed a great deal to Celeste's contribution.

"How could she possibly be that capable? It must've been Matthias helping her behind the scenes," Linda said sourly. 5
Watching Celeste calmly and confidently discuss complex technical topics on-screen made her fume. 2

"She talks like she really knows what she's doing—acting like she's some genius! So shameless!" 5

"She's never made a single mistake in these kinds of public settings," Ruby said mildly, though she sounded unimpressed.
I'll give her that she does have some ability.

"But so what if she does? Even if she's been a big help to Matthias, what does she actually gain from it? Even if they're dating, YodaVision will never belong to her. No matter how

impressive she looks, she's still just working for someone else.

The company's profits have little to do with her.” 5

In truth, Lilian and Patricia felt the same way.

Sure, Celeste seemed to have a good relationship with Matthias.

With his and Zachary's help, her professional skills had improved significantly.

But so what?

Without Matthias, Celeste was just another talented AI specialist, and there was no shortage of those in the world. =

Being skilled didn't automatically mean turning that skill into

So, no matter how glamorous she looked now, the reality was that what she got out of Matthias was probably not even a fraction of what Wynn had. 2

Look at things that way, Celeste's apparent success and busy lifestyle seemed almost laughable. 2

While the others were talking, Wynn stayed silent.

Sensing the glances cast her way, she lowered her eyes slightly, her hand tightening around her coffee cup.

She hadn't watched the press conference because even without seeing it, she already knew that the project's success must have had something to do with Celeste. *

When Fleming Group had released its teaser earlier online, she'd

looked into it. And she'd had to admit—professionally, Celeste really was getting further and further ahead.

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The others had already moved on to another topic by then.

Only then did Wynn open the video of Fleming Group's press conference and start watching it.

At the beginning, aside from the host and those on stage, the camera also panned across the audience and media below.

Wynn immediately spotted Trevor.

She had known he would be attending the conference, but when she saw that he was sitting among the audience rather than on stage, she paused. 1

The camera only swept briefly past Trevor, yet with just one glance, she could tell he looked to be in a very good mood. 3

Perhaps it was just her imagination, but she couldn't shake the feeling that when he looked toward the stage, his eyes were fixed on Celeste. 7

Her fingers tightened slightly around the mouse in her hand. +

After the host finished speaking, the camera quickly shifted to the press conference's main focus—Celeste and her team.

Linda had said this press conference felt like Celeste's show, and now that Wynn was watching, she realized it was true. + Celeste was the absolute center of attention. She faced every technical question from the reporters with calm ease and total confidence.

As much as she hated to admit it, Wynn couldn't deny that with her striking looks, Celeste was captivating. 2

Wynn was watching the conference with the live comments turned on.

The screen was flooded with messages praising Celeste's looks and talent, people wondering who she was.

"Wait, this lady is the key figure behind Fleming Group's big breakthrough? Damn, she's gorgeous and brilliant! She'd be a star even in the entertainment industry. That's totally unfair!"

"Right? Does anyone know her background? She's so young, yet she's leading a major project in a company like YodaVision. She must have some serious backing, right?"

There were countless comments like that
Someone replied in the comments section.

"I'm not sure about her background, but I know she skipped three grades and got into Aurelia University early. She graduated at 18, top of her major all the way through. 1

"We all thought it was a pity she didn't go to grad school, but seeing her now, still so outstanding, makes me really happy for
"What the-18 years old and graduated from Aurelia University?
That's insane! No wonder she's so young yet leading projects at Fleming Group and YodaVision!" +

"I heard she's also dating Mr. Yoder. She published a paper recently that caused a stir internationally, making those big foreign tech figures try to recruit her to their companies. But she's Mr. Yoder's girlfriend, so of course they didn't succeed,
"Beautiful, brilliant, and dating someone equally amazing—she's literally living the dream! She's the boss!"

Wynn kept watching for a long time.

By now, the press conference was nearing its end.

When it wrapped up, the camera once again landed on Trevor in the audience.

He still had that faint smile on his face. 1

It was only then did Wynn realize something.

Even though Trevor had attended the event, the host hadn't mentioned him at all. 1

It meant that there had been no real reason for him to be there. 1

It was something he could have easily skipped.

So, why was he there? 5

Was it because he valued the project so much? Because he was pleased with Fleming Group's breakthrough?

Maybe both. Or maybe...

Maybe he had gone just to see Celeste. 7

The thought made Wynn's chest tighten abruptly.

Just then, her phone buzzed with anew message. 2

It was from Trevor. "Miles asked if we wanted to have dinner together. Are you free later?" 2

Wynn looked at the message, then at Trevor's smiling face on the video. 1

After a long pause, she replied, "I'm free." 1