

At that moment, Nathan approached Celeste and Matthias with a guest in tow.

"Mr. Yoder, Ms. Rodriguez, a friend of mine would like to discuss something with the two of you. Do you have a moment?" Nathan said politely.

The man was also in the AI industry and had a solid reputation overseas. After excusing themselves from Philip, Celeste and Matthias stepped forward and shook hands with him. "Nice to meet you."

Since the man was also a client of the Lackspur family, Narcissa had no choice but to accompany them.

Although she stood beside Nathan, she never took the initiative to speak. She looked at Celeste with a faint, mocking smile, her disdain completely undisguised.

Celeste didn't spare her a glance.

Earlier, while Celeste, Matthias, Trevor, and Philip had been talking, Kieran didn't join the conversation. Now that Celeste and Matthias had stepped away, he noticed that Celeste's drink was nearly finished.

Even though he saw Narcissa standing nearby, he called over a waiter and took a fresh drink that matched Celeste's preferences. Then he walked over and handed it to her before gesturing for her empty glass.

Celeste paused for a moment. "...Thank you."

Kieran smiled gently without saying anything. He simply placed her empty glass onto the waiter's tray.

Watching the exchange, Narcissa paused and shifted her gaze to Kieran.

Kieran noticed her looking at him but said nothing, his attention remaining on Celeste.

Narcissa then walked over to him, and they stopped a few steps away from Celeste and her group.

Glancing at Celeste, who was busy talking business with someone else, Narcissa let out a derisive laugh.

"She's already got Matthias wrapped around her finger, and somehow she's still got you hopelessly hooked. I have to admit, Celeste really knows how to play people."

Kieran flicked her a glance. "Are you done?"

Narcissa smiled. "What? Upset because I criticized her?"

She narrowed her eyes at him. "Have you forgotten what she did to Wynn? Have you forgotten why you joined YodaVision in the first place?"

She then scoffed. "You've changed pretty quickly."

Kieran looked at her in silence. He hadn't forgotten what had happened between Celeste and Wynn. Nor had he forgotten why he joined YodaVision.

It was precisely because he remembered that he had gradually realized something about the past that didn't add up.

People had claimed Celeste was nothing more than an

undergraduate. That she'd squeezed Wynn out of Yodavision by having an improper relationship with. Matthias.

But after joining YodaVision, he had seen with his own eyes that Celeste and

Matthias's relationship was completely normal.

There was nothing about it that was inappropriate.

Moreover, he'd only started seriously studying AI because of Wynn. He had improved quickly, and because of that, he had a clear understanding of abilities

It was exactly because he understood her capabilities that, not long after joining YodaVision, he realized Celeste was better than Wynn.

No, she wasn't just better than Wynn. She was even more capable than Matthias. That was why most of YodaVision's major decisions were made by Celeste.

If anything, Matthias was the one following Celeste's lead.

The longer he worked with her, the better he got to know her, the more surprises he discovered.

So, how could he not know exactly what he was doing? How could he not know what kind of person he had fallen for?

He might not fully understand

everything that had happened

between Celeste and Wynn Nor did.

he know all the details of Celeste's

past. But he knew what kind of

person Celeste was.

Narcissa had expected her words to make Kieran question himself. At the very least,

she thought he'd hesitate.

Instead, his gaze remained unwavering.

She laughed in exasperation. "What on earth did she do to you?"

Then she sneered. "Has she cast a spell over you?"