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While Robert and Rachel drove to the restaurant,

Charlie and Maria also traveled to the Bay Area with Steve.

On the way, Charlie and Maria randomly chose two aliases: he was Andy Chen, and Maria was Anna Chen.

Both were typical American Chinese names, retaining the pinyin of their Chinese surnames.

Chen is a common surname among Chinese people.

Searching for duplicates would likely yield thousands,

If not more, making it more discreet.

Because the restaurant is owned by the Routhchild family,

The selection process for its clientele is extremely rigorous,

Operating entirely on a membership system.

Furthermore, all applications for citizenship must be reviewed by the Routhchild family.

In other words, it's not simply a matter of money to dine here,

Nor is membership guaranteed.

Only those deemed worthy by the Routhchild family become members.

The biggest advantage of this is the highly controllable clientele.

It also allows the restaurant to leverage the Routhchild family's influence and resources to bring together a group of high-net-worth individuals.

Sharing connections and resources among guests can facilitate the exchange of resources and create more opportunities for collaboration.

Besides, there's another major advantage here.

A high degree of privacy.

What guests say and do here is virtually guaranteed to be confidential,

With no risk of being leaked by the restaurant or their companions.

If someone says or does something inappropriate to friends at another restaurant,

It might be deliberately exposed,

But that's impossible here.

Doing so would be tantamount to trampling on the Routhchild family's reputation.

Upon arriving at the restaurant,

Robert and Rachel were immediately led by the manager to a private room on the top floor.

This room, not open to the public, is the Routhchild family's private domain,

Where Steve was hosting his grandson Robert that evening.

Robert was familiar with the place,

But it was Rachel's first time there.

She looked around with curiosity,

A quiet excitement welling up inside her.

Even within her family, obtaining membership to the Routhchild family restaurant is extremely difficult.

Only two people in the entire Getty family hold membership.

The family head and the designated heir.

Rachel's father wasn't a core member.

He was a relatively marginalized family member.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have been allowed to marry a non-white woman.

However, recently, his status within the family has noticeably risen,

Mainly thanks to his daughter's success.

Although Robert hasn't officially introduced Rachel to his parents,

Their relationship has been publicly acknowledged at Stanford University.

Rachel's father has thus become highly sought after within the family.

If Rachel gets engaged or even married to Robert,

Her father's status will undoubtedly rise to third in the family.

If Robert's family is willing to provide resources to the Getty family,

Rachel's father might even replace his brother as the new heir.

Like princes in feudal times, the heirs of wealthy and noble families are subject to change until the very day they inherit the throne.

Rachel became a scholar primarily because both her mother and maternal grandmother were scholars,

Unlike most scholar families, where both parents were scholars.

This was done to ensure the family remained under control and eliminated the risk of leaks.

While this approach was prudent,

It had a significant drawback:

It hindered racial integration.

For example, Charlie's aunt and uncle,

Though scholars who bore children for the An family,

Didn't integrate for racial assimilation but rather to plant spies and threats within the family.

Therefore, they didn't risk passing on their scholarly identity to their offspring.

Charlie's cousins, despite having a scholar father and mother, were unaware of this.

Rachel's maternal family was different.

Their aim in approaching Western white aristocrats was racial integration,

So their children were raised as the next generation of scholars.

Rachel was instilled with the identity of a scholar by her mother from a young age,

And also had a special poison from the Warriors Den in her system.

Rachel grew up in a more open Western society and instinctively resisted this constraint.

However, her mother also told her that all of this was a helpless act,

And that resistance would be meaningless.

On the contrary, it might even affect her maternal grandmothers on both sides of the family.

Because once their identities were exposed,

Given the Warriors Den's style, they would start from her maternal grandmother's generation and eradicate that lineage.

At the same time, to protect their secret to the greatest extent,

The Getty family would also suffer a catastrophic disaster.

Rachel knew that her mother was not joking with her.

Although she hated the Warriors Den and her fate as a scholar,

She also knew in her heart that this was the reason for her birth.

Without the scholar plan,

Her parents could not have married,

And she could not have been born.