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Caroline's arrogance was palpable, and her implication was clear: These dishes were enjoyed even by the royal family of Eplistan. What right did Loraine have to criticize them, not being a member of the royal family or even a citizen of Eplistan? What authority did she have to speak before the princess, pretending to understand what she was talking about?

Mr. K maintained a gentle demeanor. He smiled and inquired, "Ms. Torres, are you not satisfied with the dishes I've ordered?"

Loraine responded with a light smile, "The dish itself is fine; it's the chef's culinary execution that falls short."

Caroline sneered disdainfully. "You're just spouting nonsense. If you're so knowledgeable, tell me what's wrong with this dish!"


Loraine returned her gaze calmly. "Regarding the issue with this dish..."

She cut a small piece with her utensils, inspecting it under the light. "The essence of this dish lies in its flavor. Inexperienced chefs often lose control of the cooking time in their pursuit of taste, resulting in dishes overwhelmed by spices and oils, losing their true essence and texture. Furthermore, it may contain traces of unhealthy elements that, if consumed regularly, could pose health risks."

Her explanation left everyone momentarily stunned. Caroline frowned deeply, searching for flaws in her words to challenge.

Mr. K set down his utensils, his smile significant. "That's my

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oversight, allowing you all to consume subpar food."

Loraine inclined her head gently, her tone apologetic yet firm. "It's not your fault, sir. The dish itself is made from high-quality ingredients and has the potential to be exceptional if handled correctly."

Mr. K, now visibly intrigued, stroked his chin. "I didn't expect Ms. Torres to have such a refined insight into culinary arts. In your view, how should it be prepared properly?"

After a moment of thought, Loraine responded confidently, "The ingredients could benefit from being vacuum-sealed before searing. This technique helps preserve the flavors while maintaining the integrity of the ingredients. The Geranium uses a similar technique for their main dish."

Upon hearing the mention of the Geranium, Caroline let out a scornful laugh. "Have you peered through the Geranium's kitchen window? Someone like you probably couldn't even step foot inside the Geranium, let alone taste the head chef's food. Besides, the chef here is close friends with Chef Odom. What right do you have to critique others' dishes with your limited knowledge?"


Loraine's smile remained polite but took on a subtle edge. "Actually, Chef Odom was my mentor for some time. We collaborated on developing that main dish together."

Caroline's face froze, caught off-guard by Loraine's revelation. As she fumbled for a response, Loraine added, "Your Highness, I believe you've met Chef Odom before, haven't you? Shall I call him now to confirm what I've said?"

Mr. K, observing quietly, knew from his prior investigations that Loraine spoke the truth.


Seeing Caroline visibly flustered, Mr. K intervened, "Alright, Caroline, how many times must I remind you? Keep a lid on

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that temper of yours."

Caroline shot a glare at Loraine before reluctantly settling back with a disgruntled expression.

Marco frowned, aware that Loraine had defended him and annoyed the arrogant Caroline. He glanced at Mr. K and said, "Thank you for your understanding, Mr. K. I don't believe these petty conflicts will impact our cooperation."

Mr. K responded with a subtle smile, gracefully lifting his glass in a silent toast of acknowledgment.

Marco continued, "As you may know, Loraine is my fiancée. Rest assured, both of us are committed to maintaining a professional approach in our cooperation, ensuring that personal dynamics do not interfere with our mutual interests."

"Of course, I've been aware of your commendable reputation," Mr. K replied with a knowing nod.

His acumen in business was evident as he effortlessly redirected the conversation back to the matter of cooperation, skillfully steering clear of personal frictions.

Throughout the discussion, Caroline found herself sidelined, occasionally glaring resentfully at Loraine, who deftly ignored her.

After reaching a tentative agreement on their partnership, Mr. K glanced at his watch. He rose with a polite nod, stating, "It's been a productive discussion, but I have important matters with your government officials to attend to. I have to take my leave now. Caroline and I will be staying in Kitay for some time. I hope this visit will foster a deeper bond among us, and perhaps we can explore the city together in your free moments. It would be wonderful if you could show Caroline around and ensure she enjoys her stay."

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As Marco and Loraine stood to bid their guests farewell, their minds echoed a mutual hope of sparing themselves further encounters with Caroline.

Yet, as Mr. K made his exit, it became apparent that Caroline had no immediate plans to depart.

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Before leaving the restaurant, Mr. K pulled on his white gloves, took his hat and cane from a waiter, and said to the woman standing behind him, "Kosha, go with Caroline. Help our princess pursue her crush."

The woman was none other than Kosha. She had previously been with Keely.

"Yes, sir," she replied with a respectful bow.

Meanwhile, inside the private room, Marco and Loraine tried their best to ignore Caroline, who was currently throwing a tantrum.

"Want to go for a stroll together later?" Marco whispered to Loraine.


Loraine bit her lip and nodded shyly. She felt there was still enough time in the day and the thought of stealing some time for a date amidst their busy schedule was oddly thrilling.

But when she remembered Mr. K's words, she couldn't help but glance at Caroline, and silently ask Marco with her eyes if it was a good idea to leave her like this.

Marco fell to thinking. Despite his initial suspicions, there were no visible signs during the meal suggesting anything was amiss about Mr. K, making it difficult for him to discern Mr. K's true intentions towards Loraine.


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be very cautious about everything related to Mr. K, especially Caroline, whom he was already inclined to avoid.

Seeing the look on his face, Loraine knew immediately what Marco was thinking. Both of them stood up together and quickly bid Caroline farewell, showing no intention of inviting her to join them.

Caroline stared at them in disbelief. It was evident that they intended to leave her alone. She couldn't bear it anymore, so she got up, went over to Marco's side and insisted, "Take me with you!"

"Sorry, business is over," Marco reminded her in a cold tone. "This is my private time. It has nothing to do with you."

Caroline didn't know what to say. She could only watch them leave and stomp her foot in frustration.

Just then, Kosha appeared silently like a ghost and tried to comfort Caroline, "Your Highness, I don't think you should bother to get angry because of those two commoners. They're not worth it at all."


Caroline immediately recognized her as one of Mr. K's people and she responded to her with a scoff.

Kosha bowed down even lower and continued, "Your Highness, no sane person in this world can ignore or reject you. Even the president of Kitay will have no choice but to give you respect. I believe you can just go after them. They wouldn't dare to object."

Swayed by this flattery, Caroline declared arrogantly, "Alright then. Take me to them. Marco has to understand that the fact that I want to go with him is an honor for him."

Before long, Loraine and Marco noticed that someone was following them. Given Caroline's poor tracking skills, it didn't take much effort for them to catch her skulking around.

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Caroline's face turned red in embarrassment when they caught her. Loraine asked with a significant smile, "Your Highness, may I ask what you're doing?"

Driven by her hatred for Loraine, Caroline snorted, "Mr. K said you were supposed to show me around. I'm a guest here. How can you just leave me behind?"

"That's for later," Marco said in an angry tone. "I've said it already, this is our private time."

But Caroline didn't care. She felt unjustly treated, and it made her feel very angry. "Marco, I'm a princess of Eplistan!" she shot back at him. "Since you've dared to neglect me like this, believe me, I'll complain to your government, telling them that you've been trying to intentionally damage the friendly relations between our countries! Let me tell you, the purpose of Mr. K's visit was to discuss diplomatic relations. If you ruin it, you'll be remembered as a villain forever!"


When Marco heard this, his face darkened immediately. Loraine was not happy that he was being threatened like this. But one thing she hadn't anticipated was Mr. K's involvement in diplomatic missions. She didn't want to ruin the company's partnership and the diplomatic relations between their countries. Taking a deep breath, she said to Caroline, "In that case, Your Highness, please come along with us. There's a night market nearby that's currently bustling with activity."

Now looking smug, Caroline happily joined them, and walked beside Marco.

At the night market, vendors shouted at the top of their lungs, and the crowds surged, creating a very lively atmosphere. The renovated market appeared clean and tidy, attracting many out-of-town visitors.


As soon as the three of them arrived at the market, the manager rushed over and welcomed them joyfully, expressing

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his gratitude to Marco and Loraine. This night market was a pilot project borne out of a partnership between Universe Group and the Cruz family. Eventually, more companies came in and it blossomed into a very lively and convenient night market area, directly boosting the local economy.

While Loraine was conversing with the market's manager, Caroline began to grumble, "How could you bring a princess like me to such a bunch of dirty and shabby roadside stalls? Oh my God, who in their right mind dares to eat what they sell here? It's all a pile of garbage!"

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