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The crowd buzzed, and some even wanted to go to the security guards to ask what was going on. Adeline was full of anger as well. Her Lamborghini that was worth more than 10 million wasn't allowed inside, but how could this Buick Excelle that was only worth a hundred thousand drive inside instead?

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At last, Maeve and Adeline were the ones left in the hall.

The turn of events had left Adeline dumbfounded as she never expected Lucien to ignore her and walk away with someone else.

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Lynn blushed fiercely like the other women when she saw him standing close to her. It was hard to resist the charm of an excellent man like him.

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At last, Maeve and Adeline were the ones left in the hall.

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Lynn's face flushed up at his advice, but there was sadness in her eyes.

Recently, the young masters of Eastshire had been pursuing her. This was something she had never dreamed of.

Among them, she liked Lucien the best. But she knew her status very well; their status disparity was too large, and she was not a good match for him.

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Everything went smoothly; all ten families were now subservient to him, and no one dared disrespect him even slightly. When Matthew had finished explaining some issues, he allowed Melvin to take care of everything else while he rushed back to Eastcliff overnight.

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