

## Chapter 40

After finishing their meal, Lindsay and the others took a stroll around the village before returning to their courtyard.

By that time, Alex and his group had also finished their meal.

Olivia had proactively washed the dishes and cleaned the kitchen.

Though she despised doing such tasks, she endured them to appear as the "angel" in the livestream, aiming to impress the audience.

Just as Olivia finished tidying up and stepped out of the kitchen, she saw Lindsay and her group entering, chatting and laughing.

Remembering the photos they had posted earlier, Olivia felt a sudden wave of resentment.

Why did she have to do all the work while Lindsay could go out and enjoy a meal with others?

After returning, Lindsay and her group sat in the courtyard, chatting and continuing to weave storage baskets.

Seeing this, Alex couldn't help but think of how they had been under the scorching sun all day.

He walked over and sat down near Lindsay.

He asked her, "The straw hats you wore today, did you make them?"

"Yes!" Lindsay knew immediately what he wanted.

He must be hoping she would make some straw hats for them too.



Sure enough, Alex said, "Can you make a few for us as well?"

Lindsay glanced at him. "Don't you have hands?"

She wasn't going to indulge him anymore. In fact, she wasn't going to indulge anyone in the Harper family ever again.

Alex felt embarrassed being rejected by his sister again. "Fine, if you don't want to help, then don't."

Lindsay nodded in agreement. "Glad you understand."

Alex was speechless. His sister was becoming more and more irritating each day.

Elric, seeing Alex's frustration, picked up his own straw hat from the table. Deliberately showing off, he asked Alex, "This hat looks nice, right? Big brim and is great for shade. Isn't it?"

Alex, with a dark expression, retorted, "What's your point?"

Elric grinned. "I'm saying that this is something you can only envy. Enjoy your time in the sun tomorrow."

Alex was speechless and he thought, "This guy was getting more and more annoying."

Seeing Alex trying to get close to Lindsay again, Olivia felt an indescribable sense of unease and annoyance. She put on a sweet smile and walked over.

"I'd like to learn how to weave straw hats too, so our group won't have to endure the sun tomorrow," she said.

She figured that if Lindsay and Wendy could do it, so could she.



Lindsay, knowing Olivia's possessiveness over Alex and her competitive nature, expected her to make such a request.

She chose not to respond.

The other three also remained silent, making the atmosphere awkward.

Olivia's smile was starting to freeze on her face.

Alex frowned. "Lindsay, Via is talking to you."

He added angrily, "If you're mad at me, take it out on me. Via is innocent. Can you stop being unreasonable?"

Lindsay gave Alex a cold look. "I've told you before, stop trying to provoke me. I don't want to have anything to do with you. Is that clear enough?"

Alex was taken aback. "You!"

Olivia didn't expect Lindsay to be so blunt. Though it was embarrassing, she was actually pleased by the situation.

Seeing this, Olivia thought the viewers would surely criticize Lindsay for being rude and disrespectful. She put on an innocent, remorseful expression.

"Please don't be like this, it's all my fault," she said, tugging at Alex's sleeve. "Brother, let it go. If Lindsay doesn't want to teach, then I won't learn."

Lindsay shifted her gaze to Olivia. "Do you think others won't know? I can't stomach your fake innocence."