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Colin truly didn't like Luna. That woman, though undeniably talented and a standout among the younger generation, carried herself with too much confidence.

When discussing issues with her, her tone always held a trace of arrogance, which left people uncomfortable.

Autumn, on the other hand, came across as calm and measured, never condescending. Talking with her felt natural and pleasant.

Luna and Autumn were two completely different types. Autumn was the kind who didn't flaunt her brilliance.

Discussing professional topics with her was like digging for treasure—he gained something with every question, and without asking, he'd never know what gems lay hidden.

Luna, however, relied heavily on Simon and Julian's endorsements, and her pride nearly overflowed from her eyes.

That wasn't entirely her fault—her family background was strong, and she herself was accomplished, so she did have grounds for pride.

But compared to Autumn's depth of expertise, Luna still had many shortcomings.

Autumn smiled at Colin. "Thank you for the compliment, Mr. Reed."

In truth, she disliked being compared with Luna, though she didn't let it show.

All her life, the Lewis family had loved comparing her to Luna, as if her only purpose was to serve as Luna's backdrop.



Luna was the obedient, accomplished one, excelling in her studies and now a PhD student at the nation's top university.

Autumn, by contrast, was rebellious from childhood, prone to lies, and always at the bottom of her class.

The Lewis family thought she was worthless, unable to bring them benefit, and often accused her of scheming against Luna, which made them dislike her all the more.

Colin glanced at Autumn, suddenly at a loss for words. He had met all kinds of women—polished, experienced career women, as well as seductive and delicate ones.

Someone like Autumn wasn't entirely new to him, but this was the first time he found himself genuinely intrigued. If she gave him the chance, he would likely pursue her.

Just then, Autumn noticed Ethan waving her over. She turned to Colin and said, "Sorry, Mr. Reed, but Mr. Sharp is calling me. I need to head over."

Leaving those words behind, she quickly walked away toward Ethan's side.

Ethan smiled at Autumn and said, "Autumn, Mr. Lee's speech is about to begin. Let's just listen from here."

Autumn nodded. "Alright."

Shawn also gave her a smile. "Autumn, I think if you take part in this submission, first place will definitely be yours."

Autumn only smiled at Shawn without replying, then turned her gaze and saw Colin walking over.

Colin greeted each of them before standing on Autumn's left side, right beside her.

From a certain angle, they looked perfectly matched, like a picture-perfect pair.

Not far away, Luna happened to hear Shawn's praise for Autumn, and she frowned in displeasure.

She knew Shawn was also one of Edwin's students, and a national-level researcher.

But what was Autumn compared to her, to deserve such praise? When she herself had just been chatting with them, Shawn hadn't said anything so complimentary.

She hadn't earned Shawn's praise, so why should Autumn? Just because she had a special relationship with Ethan?

With that thought, the contempt in Luna's eyes deepened. To her, it was nothing more than flattery gained through men, hardly worth anything.

Julian had also heard Shawn's words and instinctively turned his gaze toward Autumn. 2

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