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Angeline must admit that she is a girl who really enjoys being the center of attention. Like now, when Riki came to pick her up.

The handsome young man became the center of attention as he stepped out of his car.

He was wearing an expensive suit that fit him perfectly, giving off an air of charisma with a very strong aura.

Riki's natural good looks were the perfect complement, drawing all eyes to him.

People began to wonder, who was the lucky girl who had such a handsome young man?

Then, Angeline arrived dramatically. She wore a beautiful, simple baby pink dress. Elegant and graceful. With stunning hair.

A girl so beautiful and radiant.

People began to marvel, staring at the two of them in disbelief.

Had they just stepped into the world of a prince and princess fairy tale?

Riki extended his hand, and Angeline immediately took it.

"Are you ready to go to Skydine now?" Riki asked.

"Of course."

Riki opened the car door for Angeline, then closed it gently. Only then did he go to the driver's seat.

He didn't care much when people recorded them with their smartphones. In fact, if they could make him and Angeline go viral online, that would be even better.

"Do you really like that, Angeline?" Riki asked as they were inside the car.

Angeline nodded shyly with a smile.

Riki chuckled and said, "That's good, because the owner of Skydine said we'll be featured on TV later. It's rare for anyone to rent Skydine for a dinner date with their partner. I think we're lucky."

Hearing that, Angeline was very surprised, "Wait a minute! You rented Skydine? You mean just one table, right?"

Riki chuckled at Angeline's words, "Goodness, wasn't the point of your note to rent the entire place? I don't want to have dinner with other people; it's too noisy."

At that moment, Angeline was filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, she was so touched that she wanted to cry, on the other hand, she was so happy that she wanted to jump for joy.

But all of that was only in Angeline's mind; in reality, she was still shocked by Riki's words.

Until they arrived at the hotel where Skydine was located.

Skydine was a restaurant located at the top of the tallest hotel building. A luxurious restaurant that wasn't just open to anyone.

But could Riki afford to rent the entire place? What if Riki couldn't pay for it and ended up asking Angeline to cover the cost later?

Suddenly, fear crossed Angeline's mind.

Riki confidently took Angeline's arm and walked into the hotel building, heading straight for the elevator specially designed to go directly to Skydine.

Once they finally arrived at Skydine, they were greeted by large cameras.

They were instructed not to stare at the cameras and to act naturally. The cameramen would follow them wherever they went.

When the Skydine doors opened, the place was completely empty, with no other visitors there.

Even the place had been decorated according to what Angeline liked. It was filled with various types of pink roses, cute ribbons, and romantic-looking candles.

Angeline looked very moved at that moment, especially when someone brought her a large bouquet of pink roses.

Riki took the bouquet, gave it to Angeline, then knelt down on one knee and presented her with a pink diamond ring.

"I got the ring you wanted, Angeline."

"Oh my gosh, why are you so romantic, Riki?"

The girl was filled with joy as the pink diamond ring rested between her fingers.

It was absolutely beautiful.

Angeline immediately hugged Riki tightly, overflowing with happiness.

It all felt like a dream come true.

Angeline had always hoped for a prince to come and treat her like a princess, and now she had found her answer.

He was the young man everyone thought was poor and pitiful. Turns out he was the handsome prince on a white horse Angeline had always wanted.

"Let's start dinner, Angeline."

[You receive \$1,710,000 for renting Skydine for Angeline]

Spending money and getting more money? Why not?

"Order something you really want, Angeline, don't worry about the price," Riki said as they began looking at the restaurant menu.

"You won't split the cost with me, will you? Or do I have to pay for everything?" asked Angeline.

Riki laughed at her words, "You're good at joking, Angeline. Of course I'll pay. It's ridiculous for a girl to pay on a date, let alone split the cost, Angel. Don't worry, just order whatever you like."

Angeline began ordering the dishes she liked. She also ordered for Riki.

"Wait a moment, I'll pay for the food now, because my girlfriend is worried I can't afford it," Riki told the waiter.

"Alright, I'll calculate everything, sir."

Riki turned back to Angeline, smiling slightly. Still, the girl was worried that Riki couldn't afford it. If he had money, it must have been spent on renting the restaurant. The cost must be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"The total is 135,000\$ sir."

"I'll pay for everything, here."

Riki handed his card to the waiter, and the waiter processed Riki's payment.

"The payment was successful, sir."

Riki smiled even wider, "See? There's nothing to worry about when it comes to money."

[You received 405,000\$]

Whatever you want, Riki will get more.

"Alright, I can relax now. This restaurant is indeed very expensive, even though I wanted to be here, it wasn't necessary to be here."

"What are you worried about, Angel? Because I was bullied for being poor? I might have just been pretending to be poor all this time to fool you all."

Angeline sighed deeply, "Yeah, it still doesn't make sense."

Riki just smiled at her words. He couldn't possibly mention the system; he'd be thought of as crazy.

Their food arrived. Everything was luxurious and, of course, delicious.

Skydine was known for its delicious and luxurious food. Although the cost of entering the restaurant was separate from the meal cost, Skydine was still known for its high quality. Plus, while eating, they could enjoy the beautiful night view of the city.

That was the first luxury Riki had ever experienced. It was amazing, but Riki had to stay calm to look cool in front of Angeline.

The luxurious romantic date was a success. Riki drove Angeline back to her home in the upscale residential complex in the heart of the city.

Unexpectedly, the entire Angeline family came out to greet them.

With unfriendly glances.

Wait a minute, were they going to scold Riki for taking their daughter on a date without their permission first?

"Oh, here we go again. Can you handle nagging parents, Riki? They're too overprotective of me," Angeline said.

In fact, the girl sounded very frustrated.

Riki swallowed hard because his throat felt dry from nervousness.

Chapter 12: 12. The Harland family

[Your final mission today is to win over Angeline's parents.]

[You can use any means necessary, and your reward will be an S-level cooking skill.]

[There will be no punishment if you fail or refuse to complete this mission, but your reputation with the Angeline family will be severely damaged.]

Ugh, Riki didn't care whether he could obtain that high-level cooking skill, but he couldn't just ignore it either.

Actually, Riki is pretty good at dealing with parents or children. But they are a wealthy family. They live in a different world from Riki before.

Of course, Riki isn't confident in handling them this time.

However, he can't just back out either. His good reputation in Angeline's eyes will drop drastically. After all, Angeline has seen him as a good young man.

Angeline's parents approached the car when neither Riki nor Angeline had gotten out yet.

Reluctantly, Riki got out of the car. With a mix of emotions, he opened the door for Angeline.

Angeline's parents seemed to soften when they saw Riki's gentlemanly behavior toward their daughter.

Carefully holding Angeline's hand, Riki approached Angeline's parents and smiled warmly at them.

Riki hoped they didn't hear his heart pounding from nervousness.

"Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. Harland... I'm Riki—"

"How dare you take our daughter out for such a romantic dinner?" Angeline's father said.

Angeline's mother nodded, "Yes, we were surprised to see the live broadcast. You two are indeed romantic, but we don't even know if you're suitable for our daughter yet."

"You should have invited us too; I also want to have dinner there!" interjected a young man—was he a man?

Though he had the physique of a typical young man, this young man had a beautiful face. With feminine facial features, he had a body like a man.

Riki was confused about what to do at that moment. Angeline's parents and siblings seemed unwilling to let Riki go anytime soon.

"Angelo! Why would I bring my family on a date? You're so annoying. Riki is a good young man who won't disappoint you guys. Don't you want a son-in-law who's wealthy and hardworking? A polite and handsome son-in-law? I've already brought him to you, and you're still like this?" Angeline said, clearly very annoyed at that moment.

But from her words, Riki realized that Angeline's sibling was a young man with a beautiful face. And Riki also realized that when Angelo smiled at him, it wasn't an ordinary smile.

It was a terrifying smile.

Beautiful and psychopathic were the two perfect words to describe Angelo's smile.

Riki felt a chill run down his spine.

Angeline's family stared at Riki, sizing him up from head to toe.

Everything was luxurious—Riki was handsome, he could afford to rent the entire Skydine, and he had given her a rare pink diamond ring.

"But... seeing his fair skin even though we live in a tropical country, I can't believe he's a hard worker," said Angeline's father.

Riki was surprised to hear this, then looked at his own hands.

Damn.

He had the same skin as his mother. Skin that turned red when exposed to the sun instead of tanning like other people's.

And people's perception of a hard worker is someone with a tan, since they're in a tropical country.

"Dad—"

"Shh! Let your boyfriend answer that, Angeline."

Riki swallowed hard because his throat felt extremely dry.

He then thought for a moment and responded to Mr. Harland's previous statement.

"I have a skin type that turns red when exposed to sunlight. So, I've spent most of my time indoors. However, I've also worked under the scorching sun. I think the definition of a hard worker isn't always judged by skin color. Because there are many people who work hard but stay indoors." Riki said.

His heart was racing from nervousness, but Riki tried to stay calm and smile.

Suddenly, Angeline's father burst into laughter. He also patted Riki on the shoulder. Angeline's beautiful mother joined in the laughter, as if Riki had just made a joke.

"You're so funny, young man. What's your name—oh, Riki? Hahaha, sorry for startling you. We were just surprised that our beloved daughter was dating a young man we didn't know. Especially since it was shown on TV, we thought it was just a prank, hahahaha!"

Though Angeline's father's pat was quite hard and felt painful, Riki just laughed awkwardly.

[You've won over Angeline's parents!]

[Your reward is S-rank cooking skill, the highest level. No matter what you cook, even if it's just thrown together, your food will still taste delicious.]

Well, cooking skill might come in handy for Riki later.

"But we haven't even cooked yet, and our personal chef is on vacation... at least you should take responsibility." Angelo said.

The pretty guy gave Riki a sly smile, sending a chill down his spine again.

"Oh, if my future son-in-law could cook, that would be better," replied Angeline's mother.

It seems Angelo's nature comes from his mother—both beautiful and cunning. Riki is lucky that the beautiful Angeline has her father's nature.

"That's not a problem; I'd be happy to cook a delicious meal for you. If you're willing to try my cooking. I used to work at a restaurant," said Riki.

Angeline nudged Riki's side with her elbow and whispered, "Don't mess around, because my family is very picky about food. They don't have any particular likes or dislikes, but—"

Riki smiled at Angeline and replied, "You just need to trust me this time, Angel."

Angeline could only surrender at that moment. Even though she was afraid Riki might not please them. In fact, they had a personal chef they had brought all the way from Japan. Because they were very particular about good food.

With confidence, Riki cooked at Angeline's house. All the ingredients and cooking utensils were complete.

With his S-level cooking skills, Riki easily knew what to do with each ingredient. When he picked up the fresh chicken, he could already imagine what dishes he could make with it.

The Harland family watched Riki as if they were watching an interesting show. Riki looked like a professional chef at that moment, truly surprising.

"Where did you find such a young man, Angeline?" Angeline's mother whispered.

"You might not believe it, but just a few days ago, he was still being bullied at university. He was also called a 'poor loser.' I didn't expect anything when I accepted his date, but he surprised me. He took me to the most expensive salon, The Queen Crown. He also took me to Skydine and gave me a pink diamond ring. This was truly a surprising experience for me," said Angeline.

They couldn't believe it—the Angeline they knew was so picky, yet she said all that with a wide smile.

Angeline is ordinary girl that could fall in love after all.

Chapter 13: 13. Supermarket

Riki opened his eyes as the morning sunlight peeking through the gaps in the window curtains greeted him.

There were no morning classes today.

No appointments either.

Riki wanted to stay in the apartment all day.

But... would the system still assign him a daily mission?

[Of course]

Riki nearly jumped when the system screen suddenly appeared in front of him.

He growled in frustration at being startled by the system.

"I'm not used to this yet," Riki muttered, then sat up.

[You will still receive missions, and besides, there are some missions you can complete while staying at home]

[So, don't worry]

Well, that actually made Riki worried even more. What kind of missions would the system give him if he was just at home?

Since his level was still bronze, he thought it would still be easy, right?

[Oh, you're almost ready to move up from bronze to silver, master]

[You've been very diligent in completing missions]

Riki furrowed his brow, then raised one eyebrow, "Weren't you the one who threatened me with this and that punishment if I didn't complete them?" Riki asked.

[That's true, but there are some missions that don't have punishments, right? You can refuse them if you want]

The problem is, Riki gets attractive rewards for completing them. How could he refuse?

But Riki even got around eight missions yesterday. No wonder he'll be promoted to Silver soon.

"You're making me feel trapped," Riki complained. He was about to lie back down and sleep again, but his stomach suddenly growled loudly.

He was starving.

"I must be really tired; I'm already hungry this early in the morning—" Riki picked up his advanced smartphone. He was surprised to see the clock showing 10 a.m.

He had overslept.

Unusual.

But his bed was so soft; he couldn't get up from his extremely comfortable bed. Back then, Riki only had a hard, uncomfortable bed. Even because Riki hadn't had time to clean his room for over a month, bed bugs suddenly appeared on his mattress.

That terrible life, Riki wouldn't repeat it again.

Never.

He would take on seven, eight, or more missions, as long as he didn't end up in poverty again.

Whether he likes it or not, Riki has to cook today so he can eat sooner.

But unfortunately, he forgot there were no ingredients at all in the refrigerator in his kitchen.

Riki closed the refrigerator again with a frustrated expression.

It's pointless if the refrigerator is so advanced but can't restock itself.

[Your first mission is to spend 300,000\$ or more on your needs at the nearest supermarket; the amount cannot be less than that.]

[Your reward is a fivefold cashback of the amount you spend.]

"No need, I can just order food from the nearby restaurant," Riki refused.

But it seems the system really wants Riki to shop.

[If you refuse this mission, your funds will be reduced by three hundred thousand dollars.]

Riki's eyes widened in disbelief.

"This is clever; you always force me and make me follow those missions!"

[You have one hour from now!]

Riki growled in frustration, but his feet had already hurried back to his room to put on his gray hoodie.

Reluctantly, he stepped out of his comfortable, luxurious apartment.

The weather in the equatorial region and its surroundings hadn't been good lately.

Especially in the major cities with limited greenery.

It was scorching hot!

Even though the supermarket was across the street, Riki was still too lazy to go out. Besides, he didn't have to work as hard as he used to.

Covering his head with a hoodie, Riki stepped out of the apartment building.

The scorching heat immediately greeted him.

Riki couldn't open his eyes because it was too bright.

He walked quickly, using his long legs.

A sense of relief washed over him as he stepped into the air-conditioned supermarket.

It was the nearest supermarket and also the largest one there.

"Shopping up to 300,000\$, huh? I think that's pretty easy," Riki muttered.

He headed straight to where the expensive meats were kept.

A place Riki had always avoided before. He bought expensive meats like Wagyu A5 and other meats he liked, such as chicken, lamb, and others. Riki also took the most expensive lobster, large shrimp, vegetables, spices, and anything he thought he needed—or didn't need.

But unfortunately, when it was all added up, it only came to \$2,600.

Riki was sure he had brought the most expensive meat there, weighing one kilogram.

How could Riki have spent \$300,000 there? Why was the amount so high? And why at the supermarket?

Riki was confused because there was only about twenty minutes left.

Wait a minute! The system didn't say that spending 300,000\$ was specifically for Riki alone.

He could spend it on others too, right?

[You can do that, master, but you don't have much time left]

Riki immediately approached the supermarket employee who was promoting new products with a microphone. He grabbed the microphone and said.

"Because I'm in a good mood, I'll pay for all your groceries here! And I'm serious!"

The people there started to pay attention to Riki. Some of them immediately recognized Riki as the young man who had been on a date at Skydine the night before. Because the TV station had chosen to broadcast it live.

Since people love freebies, they immediately started shopping wildly and taking whatever they could get their hands on.

Riki was lucky because it was the largest supermarket, so there were many people shopping there every day.

The supermarket manager quickly arrived due to the commotion.

Riki quickly handed over his card as payment.

The manager took Riki's card without saying much.

The cashiers there continued to count the customers' purchases.

Riki waited while casually eating ice cream.

The line of people waiting was quite long. But he didn't mind that; he just wanted to know if he had enough time to reach the 300,000\$ target?

[Time's up!]

[Your total purchases amount to 256,000\$ and do not meet the agreed amount]

"I don't agree with anything," Riki muttered, annoyed at feeling tricked by the system.

[The system gives another chance, but the 300,000\$ is still taken]

[The first mission is reopened; you can wait until the queue is finished and receive a fivefold reward for what you spent]

Riki furrowed his brow; it seemed the system didn't want him to lose out. His spirits returned, though not as high as before.

"Excuse me!"

Riki turned to a middle-aged woman holding a small child. The woman and her child looked very simple. They were carrying a lot of groceries and toys for the child.

Riki smiled at the child; he liked cute little kids.

"Are you the one paying for everyone's groceries? Thank you, young man, you're so kind! Without you, our family might have only been able to eat five packs of instant noodles for the week. Thanks to you, we can eat well. We promise we'll work harder so we can be like you someday." the woman said.

Riki was moved by the woman's words. Then, he looked at the long lines around every cash register there.

Many of them looked simple, and some were clearly from underprivileged backgrounds.

It seemed Riki didn't need to be upset that his mission had failed.

Seeing the people being helped with the money he had obtained made him very happy.

"If you're happy, I'm happy too. May your family eat well," said Riki.

[Because of your sincere heart to help others, your reward will be multiplied!]

[You will receive ten times what you spent at the supermarket]

Chapter 14: 14. Cooking for Liz

[Your first mission for today has been completed!]

[You have spent \$565,000 on the people around you]

[You have received a cashback of \$5,650,000]

[You have received an additional reward of +5 for reputation and charm]

[6 points have been added to your account]

[Since you have earned 30 system points, you only need 20 more points to advance to the Silver level]

[Here is your status for today]

[Name: Riki Khaizer]

[Age: 21 years old]

[Level: Bronze]

[Nickname: Generous young man]

[Points: 30]

[Intelligence: 14/100]

[Charm: 24/100]

[Influence: 14/100]

[Reputation: 25/100]

[Strength: 20/100]

Riki couldn't stop smiling as he looked at all the notifications from his system. He had earned over five million dollars by spending just five hundred thousand dollars.

That's incredible!

Now Riki was back in his cool and comfortable luxury apartment. It wasn't scorching hot like it was outside.

Riki's sensitive skin could burn easily. And when he sweated, he could easily feel itching on his skin.

Back then, when he worked hard, sweating was common. And it was also common for Riki to suffer from his sensitive skin.

He used to think he'd get used to it, but he didn't.

He was frustrated because his body, which was better suited to luxury, ended up working hard outdoors. Dealing with the blazing sun or heavy rain every day.

To move to a country with four seasons, Riki didn't have the money.

But after joining the system, Riki thought, living luxuriously in his own country was a beautiful thing.

He could easily make money, and easily get a very beautiful girl—wait, no.

Getting Angeline wasn't easy.

Riki had to face Kaivan, who was even more aggressive than Angeline's own family.

And Angelo... the 17-year-old boy who always stared at Riki as if he ready to kill him at any moment.

Yet Angelo's face was very sweet and beautiful for a man. Angelo was like a man with feminine features or a man with an androgynous face.

While Riki was busy cooking the Wagyu beef he had bought into a classic steak with his own special seasoning, his smartphone rang.

Riki quickly answered the call, still keeping an eye on the meat in the non-stick pan.

"Hello? What— oh! Sorry, I forgot. Where do you want to meet? Hmm..."

Riki turned off the stove and listened carefully to Liz's call.

Riki suddenly remembered that he and Liz had a task to complete. Liz wanted to do it today since neither of them had any plans.

However, Liz didn't want to do it at a café or public place because she felt uncomfortable.

"If you don't want to meet at a café... how about my apartment? I did a lot of shopping today. It's almost lunchtime anyway, so we can have lunch together."

[Today's second mission is to cook Liz's favorite meal and make sure to prepare her favorite dessert as well]

[Your reward is +10 to all stats]

Just as Riki finished speaking, the system had already given him a new mission.

It suddenly appeared right in front of Riki's face.

Even though the reward was only extra status points, it was still a big bonus.

Liz sounded very hesitant on the phone about coming to Riki's apartment.

Well, no wonder.

What woman would trust a man who lives alone?

"If you agree, I'll cook your favorite meal and dessert too!" said Riki.

He thought Liz would be thrilled to hear Riki was going to make her something.

But Liz's response was...

"I'm on a diet, Riki..."

"Diet? But— please... I promise I won't cook anything high in calories, okay? Besides, a diet is better if you eat a lot of protein; I'll make you steak too." Riki said, not wanting to miss the chance to gain an extra 10 points for all stats.

"I really want to diet."

Ah, damn...

"What if we exercise together after eating? I'll accompany you to exercise so your diet succeeds... please?"

Liz remained silent for a moment, making Riki afraid she might refuse.

However, Liz's next response made Riki very happy.

"Alright, Riki. But my favorite food is fried minced meat with breadcrumbs wrap it. For dessert, I like pudding and ice cream." Liz said shyly.

"Noted! I'll cook for you and won't make you regret it, okay?"

The call ended.

Riki sent Liz the address of his new apartment.

Oh, Riki almost forgot.

He had to inform Angeline, as she had asked for photos of Riki's activities during his free time.

That day, Angeline had a class schedule and also a photoshoot to model for one of the most famous cosmetic brands.

Well, Angeline was indeed very famous. Her face often appeared as a model for beauty or skincare products. In fact, Angeline was now also a model for a clothing line targeting young women.

Riki understood why so many people recognized him just from appearing on TV once. It was because Angeline's face was already well-known.

No wonder Riki's nickname had changed.

"The generous young man" was a decent nickname.

"Time to cook for Liz!"

Riki cooked according to what Liz told him. That is, minced meat coated with egg, then breadcrumbs, and then fried. Since Riki didn't know what kind of meat Liz liked, he made it with Wagyu beef, chicken, and lobster.

Riki also made milk pudding and chocolate pudding. For ice cream, he already had various flavors in his fridge.

Everything was ready.

Riki stored the food, then cleaned up and changed his clothes.

The doorbell rang.

Riki hurriedly opened the apartment door.

Liz was wearing a baby pink dress with a lilac-colored knitted cardigan. She looked adorable with a pink ribbon clip in her long hair.

Riki couldn't understand why such a cute sweet girl would bother dieting.

"Can I come in?" Liz asked nervously.

Riki nodded slowly and snapped out of his daydream.

"Oh, sure... come in. We can have lunch first, since I'm actually hungry. After that, we'll start working on the assignment, okay?"

Liz nodded and entered Riki's apartment.

She was amazed by the neatness of Riki's apartment. Everything was tidy.

In Liz's imagination, a man's apartment or a man's room would be messy. Just like Kaivan's room.

But it was actually very neat. It also smelled fragrant, like vanilla, lily, and jasmine.

Riki's body scent was the same.

Liz really liked that soft, fragrant scent.

"Let's eat here."

Liz was surprised to see the dining table filled with delicious food and some arrangements of roses and lilies there.

"I thought women liked flowers, and I wanted you to relax here. So, yeah... I looked at the dining table with flowers. Do you like it?" Riki asked.

Liz bit her lower lip, unsure how to respond.

"Y-yeah... it's okay," Liz said.

But she actually wanted to say,

"Yes! I like it, I love everything, including you, Riki!" but of course, Liz only dared to scream it in her head.

"I'm glad that you like it."

Chapter 15: 15. Helping people

Riki stretched his stiff muscles after sitting for a long time doing his homework with Liz.

They finished quickly because Liz was very serious. Riki was lucky to have a partner like Liz.

"Since everything is done..."

"I'm going home." Liz quickly interrupted Riki.

Riki's eyes widened, "Go home? Why so soon—what if we do something? Didn't I promise to accompany you to the gym?"

Liz sighed heavily, then looked away from Riki.

Being near Riki would only make Liz like him more. However, Riki was dating Angeline, Liz's very beautiful cousin.

"I'm not ready yet, let's exercise tomorrow..."

"Alright, where do you want to exercise? Would you like to go to the Arcelia River? We can walk around there. If you don't want to go to a crowded place, we can go to the gym." Riki said.

Liz bit her lower lip while thinking. At that moment, she didn't realize she was biting her lip too hard, causing Riki to worry she might hurt herself and bleed.

Then, Riki reached out his hand, stopping Liz from biting her lower lip.

"Don't do that to your beautiful lips; they'll bleed."

Liz's heart was racing at that moment as Riki gently wiped her lip with his thumb.

This time, Liz couldn't take her eyes off Riki's handsome face.

Back when Riki was dating Hannah, Liz thought she'd never be able to get Riki. But then suddenly Riki started dating Angeline. Liz's hopes were shattered.

However, suddenly she was this close to Riki. Though it was pointless if Riki was dating her cousin.

"Liz?" Riki's deep, sexy voice snapped Liz out of her thoughts.

"Oh, that... I don't mind going to the Arcelia River. The view there is very beautiful. And I can look at the roses sold at Little Heaven," said Liz.

The Arcelia River is the largest river in the city. Its water is very clear. People often go to the river, whether to walk, ride bikes, or do other things.

Since the river is so popular, there are many shops there. And there are many popular shops in that area, such as Little Heaven.

It is a large shop that sells plant or flowers, and is most famous for its roses. There are various types of roses sold there, at various prices.

Riki once worked at Little Heaven, though only as a temporary replacement. Riki worked there as a flower delivery courier for only one month.

"Do you like flowers?" Riki asked, finishing the last of his drink.

Liz nodded, "I love them! At home, I make small gardens. There's an orchid garden, a bougainvillea garden, and the one I'm currently working on is a rose garden. So, I might pick out some roses at Little Heaven."

"Then I'll pick you up tomorrow morning, okay?"

Liz nodded enthusiastically. She really wanted to go out with Riki and pick flowers with him—oh, right, Riki was Angeline's boyfriend now.

"But what about Angeline?" Liz asked.

"We can bring her along if you want, Liz. She'll be happy."

No, that's not what Liz wanted. But Liz had to be realistic.

Riki couldn't possibly like a chubby girl like her, could he?

"That's good, invite Kaivan too."

Riki complained afterward, "Why does he have to be there?"

That night, Riki was busy playing games on his new computer that had just arrived. Riki bought a high-tech computer so he could play games freely.

After making a lot of money, he should buy whatever he wants, right?

Riki has even purchased clothes from luxury brands online. He easily became a VIP customer with the help of Zeno, his wealthy and kind friend.

As a result, Riki can easily buy any clothes, shoes, or bags from those luxury brands without having to wait long.

In fact, everything was delivered to Riki's apartment tonight.

Boxes from those luxury brands are still scattered on the apartment floor.

Riki doesn't care; he just wants to play games tonight.

Exactly at ten o'clock at night, Riki realizes he's hungry.

"Should I cook? But I'm too lazy to cook; I'll just order something instead." Riki muttered, grabbing his smartphone and starting to browse for food delivery options.

[Your third mission today is to leave the apartment and buy food on the street]

Riki furrowed his brow.

After the second mission, he thought there were no more missions left.

"Do I just have to buy food on the street?" Riki asked.

[Of course not, you must buy food and then distribute it to passersby]

[At least buy ten packets to distribute]

[If you succeed, you will receive a 30x30-meter vacant lot near the Arcelia River and +3 bonus to all stats]

[If you refuse to leave the apartment, the system will deduct 15 points from each stats]

Riki growled in frustration.

He didn't want to go out, but the system always wanted Riki to leave his comfortable apartment.

"Alright, if that's what you want," Riki muttered. He had no choice but to go out.

Since the night wasn't hot, Riki didn't mind going out at night.

Getting a piece of land near the Arcelia River was an extraordinary opportunity. Because Riki could build a new business there. Even though he didn't know what kind of business he would build yet.

The streets were still bustling tonight, as if people didn't need any rest at all.

There were always many people on the streets in a big city, even though it was already midnight. Activities in a big city never stopped.

Wearing a black hoodie covering his head, Riki began to scan the streets with his eyes.

With his sharp hunter's eyes, Riki could clearly see several starving people on the streets.

Some of them had no homes. They usually lived under bridges. The reason they were out at night was to find work to earn money so they could eat.

It was truly unfair that Riki could earn money easily, but they struggled to find a single meal.

"Can I help you?" asked the fried rice vendor by the roadside.

Riki nodded, "I'll take ten packets of fried rice."

Then Riki turned to the fried noodle vendor next to him, "I'll also take ten packets of fried noodles."

"Coming right up, sir!"

Next, Riki ordered several drinks in cups. He also bought some snacks that were available there.

After an hour, ten packets of fried rice, fried noodles, and other items were ready.

"What are you going to do with all those packets?" someone suddenly came and helped Riki carry his food.

Riki turned to the person, "I'm going to distribute them to—"

Riki fell silent after realizing who was talking to him.

"Where will you distribute them?" Evan asked.

"Give them back, I can do it myself." Riki tried to take the packages Evan was holding.

But Evan didn't give up so easily.

"I'll help you, Riki. Is this your new job?" Evan asked.

"None of your business, traitor!"

Evan, the tall, handsome senior at Riki's university, laughed at Riki's words.

"So, I'm a traitor in your eyes now, Riki?"

With eyes full of anger, Riki snatched the package from Evan's hands and walked away.

"None of your business, you bastard!"

Chapter 16: 16. Old friend

[You have successfully completed your third mission today, and you have earned a 30x30 meter plot of land near the Arcelia River and a +3 bonus to all stats.]

Riki looked at Evan, who was helping him distribute the food and drinks he had bought to those in need.

The people smiled and thanked Evan and Riki.

After finishing, Evan approached Riki and put his arm around his shoulder.

"You're getting taller, Riki, even taller than me!" Evan said with a wide smile, which quickly faded afterward.

Riki immediately avoided his senior at the campus by moving his shoulder to make Evan's hand slip off him.

"Why are you still angry with me, Riki? I've apologized to you so many times, haven't I?" Evan said.

Riki turned around, glaring at Evan with an annoyed expression.

"Do you think it's easy for me to forget what you did to me? You know I hate Anton, but you still chose Anton back then, Evan! And do you think I don't know that you introduced Hannah to Anton, right? Are you happy now? The only person I trusted and considered my own brother chose Anton, and then my girlfriend also dumped me and chose Anton too. So why are you here? Now that you know I have money, you're coming back to me?"

"Riki—"

"Shut up! I don't need your explanations. We're strangers now. Don't come near me again."

Riki turned around and left Evan.

However, Evan chased after him with his long legs.

"Alright, forgive me, Riki, and I'll be honest with you now! Anton threatened me!"

Riki stopped, turned around, and glared at Evan with anger in his eyes.

"Huh, you're saying that so I'll trust you again, right? That's a pretty good trick, Evan."

Evan ruffled his hair in frustration, "Aargh! Look at all this! Proof of my chat with Anton, I even recorded our phone conversation so you'd believe me."

Actually, Riki was very reluctant to trust Evan again, because such evidence could be manipulated.

However, Riki knew, deep down in his heart, he still missed Evan. The only good friend who embraced him when he was in trouble. Even Evan used to help him find good jobs so Riki could earn money to pay off the debts left by his older brother.

If Riki could get a second chance from the system, why wouldn't Riki give Evan a second chance too?

Riki took Evan's old smartphone, which had a nearly cracked screen.

Evan didn't come from a wealthy family. His parents were farmers in the village, and Evan lived in the big city with his uncle. Evan himself often worked part-time at various places. The difference was, Evan worked for himself, had no debts, and didn't have a girlfriend. So, he was more relaxed than Riki.

Riki carefully read the messages from Anton from a few months ago.

It was true.

Anton threatened Evan to harm Riki if Evan refused to leave Riki. Anton also said he could get Evan's uncle fired from his job.

There were also other chats after Riki and Evan's friendship ended.

Anton threatened Evan not to approach Riki again. If Evan continued to approach Riki, Anton would make Evan's uncle lose his job. Anton also said he wanted Evan to introduce him to Hannah.

Riki knew Evan couldn't refuse Anton because Evan was in the same position as Riki.

A loser with no power at all.

Riki returned the nearly broken smartphone to Evan.

"Alright, I trust you. But why did you come to me now? You know I'm going through a tough time with Hannah and Anton—oh, forget it."

Evan patted Riki's shoulder, "Sorry, Riki, I just returned to my village. My parents passed away."

Riki was very surprised at that moment.

"Really?"

Evan smiled bitterly, "Yeah... I'm alone now. But they left me a piece of land, so I can use it. Since I can't manage the land, I sold it. I got a good price, so I might be able to start a business with that money. Do you want to help me, Riki?"

[Your fourth mission is to help Evan find a suitable business for him]

[Your reward is one random skill that is very useful for you and also +3 to all stats]

[Your deadline is until 5 AM; if you fail, you will spend the day with Anton and Hannah]

Riki felt nauseous just thinking about what the punishment would be if he failed.

Who would want to see Anton and Hannah's faces for a day? Besides, he had a date with Liz, Angeline, and Kaivan tomorrow.

"Of course I'll help you. Oh, have you had dinner yet, Evan? Want to eat at my apartment?"

Evan nodded, "Sure, I haven't eaten yet."

"Do you want fried rice with shrimp?"

"Sure!"

To be honest, Riki was happy that his friendship with Evan was back to normal. Because before, before Anton meddled in everything Riki did, Evan was the friend who always helped him, even though he was older than Riki. Evan also often taught Riki many things, because Evan was someone who could learn things easily and master them quickly.

The older brother figure Riki always admired.

After buying shrimp fried rice and sweet martabak for a late-night snack, they returned to Riki's apartment.

"You're such a mess, Riki!" Evan was surprised to see Riki's apartment filled with large boxes or paper bags scattered on the floor.

But he was quickly distracted by Riki's new, state-of-the-art computer.

"Wow! Did you buy this? But where did you get the money, Riki?" Evan asked.

Riki swallowed hard as his throat suddenly felt dry. He didn't know what to say at that moment. His forehead began to sweat.

"It-it..."

"Could it be that you also received an inheritance like me?"

Riki quickly nodded his head, "Yes! It suddenly came out that my father had been saving an inheritance for me. So, I was able to pay off my debts, and I could buy all of this."

"I'm happy for you, Riki. Finally, you're not suffering anymore. Your father is really amazing."

Riki smiled faintly. If only Evan knew that what Riki had received wasn't from his father.

In fact, Riki still didn't know who had caused his father, mother, brother, and himself to suffer. The person who had accused his father of corruption in the past.

"Let's eat while we figure out a good business for you, Evan. I'm hungry." Riki said, changing the mood to make it warmer again.

"Oh, sure! I'm hungry too."

Chapter 17: 17. Business opportunity

"Riki, wake up! You said you had an appointment with someone, right?"

Faintly, Riki could hear Evan's voice nearby. His brow furrowed in confusion—how could Evan be there? Oh, he hadn't gone home last night.

Riki reluctantly got up.

He looked at the digital clock on the nightstand, which still showed 5 a.m.

"What are you doing? You woke me up this early!" Riki protested grumpily.

Evan just chuckled and rubbed his stomach, "I'm hungry."

Riki sighed lazily, then lay back down and pulled the blanket over himself.

But Evan pulled the blanket again to wake him up.

"Come on, Riki! Waking up early is good for your health!"

Riki, still annoyed because Evan hadn't taken him seriously at all the night before when Riki had helped him look for a new business opportunity, now sat up and glared at Evan.

"It's still very early, and besides, why don't you just buy a house with all that money you have? Why are you still renting an apartment that's shared by three people?"

"There are four people there," Evan corrected.

Riki rolled his eyes in annoyance, "Well, that's even worse."

"Riki, even though that money seems like a lot, it still won't be enough for business capital if I take some of it to buy a house. Renting an apartment is obviously much cheaper for me. Since it's my parents' inheritance, I can't just spend it carelessly, can I?"

Evan's words made sense.

Unlike Riki, who would get more money as long as he completed missions, Evan only had that money for himself.

He couldn't just waste it carelessly.

"Alright, but come on... we can't waste time relaxing, Evan. We need to find a business idea soon. What do you think you can do right now?"

Evan sat cross-legged in front of Riki, trying to think of an answer to Riki's question.

"Well, I'm not really good at selling anything. But I can't be a farmer like my parents either. I'm not good at growing vegetables, rice, or fruits. If it's about planting something, I might be able to do it with flowers. Do you think I could sell flowers?"

Evan's answer only frustrated Riki.

Moreover, the time was up.

Riki was doomed.

[Your mission has failed]

[You will spend the day with Anton and Hannah]

[Please enjoy your punishment, master]

Damn it.

"Riki? Why do you look more frustrated than me? This is something I have to figure out on my own," said Evan.

Evan's innocent gaze made Riki even more annoyed. But Riki couldn't get angry. Because back then, Evan was much more patient in dealing with Riki. In fact, Evan was one of the reasons Riki could cope with the ruin of his life.

Compared to losing Hannah, Riki was more depressed after losing Evan.

But Riki wouldn't tell Evan that, so Evan wouldn't get a big head.

"Of course I'm frustrated! I really want to help you, but you— ugh, never mind. Let's go downstairs and have breakfast first. I have to leave in an hour and a half."

Riki got out of bed, washed his face first to get rid of his sleepiness, then went to the kitchen.

Evan just followed Riki like a chick following its mother. Back then, it was Riki who followed him like that. And Riki was still small and short back then.

Suddenly, he's grown into a handsome, tall, and muscular young man.

Evan is about 183 cm tall, but Riki is taller than him.

"You've grown well, Riki," Evan suddenly remarked as Riki took the chicken out of the fridge.

Riki furrowed his brow in surprise, "Why did you suddenly say that?" he asked, then chuckled softly.

"Well, you've suddenly grown this tall after I've been away for so long. By the way, I took a day off from school yesterday, so now there might be some classes I have to take with you. That's good, right?" Evan said.

Riki chuckled again at his friend's silly remark.

"What's good about repeating a class, Evan? You're crazy."

Evan chuckled, then helped Riki prepare breakfast.

"Wait a minute, why are you bringing so many ingredients?" Evan asked.

Riki nodded, "Yeah, I'm going to make different kinds of sandwiches to take with us. We're coming to Arcelia River, right? People usually have picnics there, it'll be fun."

"Aren't you going to exercise? I'm going to exercise, not picnic."

Riki gave an odd smile, which made Evan shudder in horror. Then he heard Riki's shocking words.

"My girlfriend, Angeline Harland, will definitely be picnicking there. She's a sweet and lovely girl. She'll definitely love the strawberry sandwiches I made for her."

Angeline Harland and... Riki?

"You're joking, right, Riki?"

"Unfortunately not."

Evan was speechless when they arrived at the Arcelia River. Angeline was really there, wearing a cute baby pink chiffon dress and carrying a wicker basket that obviously contained picnic supplies.

"Are you sure you'll wait here while we jogging, Angel?" Liz asked.

Angeline was already sitting prettily on the ivory-colored carpet Riki had prepared.

"Of course. I did pilates yesterday, so I don't need to exercise anymore. Enjoying the beauty of the river is what I want to do this morning. While reading a book." Angeline said, then she showed off her fashion magazine.

"Let her stay here with me; I need to play a game, so the three of you go ahead," said Kaivan. He was already sitting on the grass, leaning against a mango tree, engrossed in a game on his smartphone.

Evan still couldn't believe it when Angeline kissed Riki's cheek before Riki, Liz, and Evan went jogging around there.

"The air is so fresh!" said Liz. The girl looked so enthusiastic this morning. She looked fresh in a white short-sleeved T-shirt and black sports pants. She looked beautiful with her hair tied in a ponytail.

"Evan, don't just stand there, let's go over there!"

Evan, who was thinking about unnecessary things, was startled when Riki and Liz suddenly ran quite far ahead of him.

Though it was called jogging, Riki and Liz looked like they were in a race.

"Hey, wait for me!" Evan complained.

Riki and Liz slowed down after seeing something, and Evan almost collided with Riki's back if he hadn't had good balance.

"What's going on?" Riki asked one of the employees at Little Heaven, the large flower shop Liz had wanted to visit earlier.

"Today we're having a massive sale because our boss is closing the business."

[Your first mission today is to buy Little Heaven]

[The reward you will receive is a magical shop system and one million dollars]

[If you refuse, you'll lose a great business opportunity]

Riki smiled widely.

That meant if he took over Little Heaven, there would be a profitable business opportunity there.

Riki turned to Evan and dramatically patted his shoulder.

"I've got the answer to your doubts, buddy. Let's buy this store and start a business together."

Evan stared at Riki as if Riki had said the most ridiculous thing in the world.

"Did you take the wrong medicine this morning, Riki?" Evan reached out to touch Riki's forehead, but Riki quickly pushed his hand away.

Chapter 18: 18. New business

Riki grabbed Evan and Liz's hands and approached the store.

"Excuse me, we want to buy this store, so can we meet with your boss?" asked Riki.

Both Evan and Liz were very surprised by Riki, who seemed so confident in his decision. There was no doubt in his mind.

"Wait a minute, Riki, why so suddenly—"

"It's not sudden," Riki interrupted Evan. "I've thought it through carefully," he continued.

"Coincidentally, our boss is here, but he's still having breakfast. Would you like to wait while looking around?" the employee asked.

They waited while looking around the large store.

The store was the largest there; if it weren't a flower shop, it could fit three more stores. The prices were probably quite expensive.

"Look at that, there are so many big roses!" Liz quickly walked, almost running, toward the section where the roses were.

"All the flowers here are well-cared for," Evan said. Riki could see his friend was delighted, staring at all the flowers.

"So, you can take care of flowers, right? Then, we can sell them. Liz can help you because she loves flowers. She even wants to create a rose garden at her house," said Riki.

Evan turned to Liz, who was busy taking photos of the roses.

"I can also make gardens. We can hire a few more people and offer garden design services," said Evan.

"Do you really like flowers, buddy?" asked Riki.

Evan laughed, then gently pushed Riki's shoulder, "Why does that sound like a joke? I like flowers, I like taking care of them too, but my parents don't like flowers. They say flowers don't produce anything, they're just decorations."

"But the fact is, this store is so big because of selling those flowers. They sell them from seedlings, to young plants, to mature ones. It's just a difference in perspective with your parents. They're gone now, so you should dare to do whatever you like, buddy."

Evan smiled upon hearing Riki's words. He knew Riki was right.

If Evan kept procrastinating about starting any business, all opportunities would be lost.

Now, there's an opportunity right in front of him; he must seize it immediately.

"Alright, let's buy this place and make it even bigger." said Evan.

"That's the Evan I know! But you don't need to buy the whole thing; I'll help with the rest. You can use some of your money to buy your own apartment. I also have land suitable for a store; we can open a branch later. The point is, let's just go for it; there's no time to hesitate." Riki's words made Evan proud of him.

Riki had grown up well, even though he used to be like a cute little duckling following him everywhere he went. Now he had transformed into a handsome and charismatic young man.

"I'll help too! I have a lot of money, so I can be a shareholder here too," Liz chimed in.

Evan laughed; he was happy to have both of them there with him. Even though Evan had only just met Liz, he knew she was a very kind and trustworthy girl.

Soon after, the owner of the place approached them. He warmly welcomed their intention to buy the store, especially if they planned to continue running it.

The purchase of the store was quickly handled by Evan. So Riki and Liz went back to exercising.

"The store will soon be ours, right?" Liz asked, jogging along the riverbank with Riki.

"Of course. Evan said, he can also provide landscaping services."

"What if we start by making a garden at my house, record the process, and then use my garden for promotion. I can help with promotions on social media," Liz said.

Riki chuckled at how enthusiastic the girl was.

"I know you're this enthusiastic because you can take care of the flowers with Evan, right?" Riki asked.

"Hahaha, I love roses, I also love chrysanthemums, Peony, bougainvillea... I love all flowers! Though lately I've been loving roses."

"What kind of roses do you like, Liz?"

Hearing that, Liz became even more excited, and her answer left Riki dizzy.

"There are so many! I like Piere de Ronsant, Queen of Sweden, Spirit of Freedom, Minerva, Alnwick, Cool Water, Eden, Ocean Song, Princess Alexandra of Kent..." They continued jogging while Liz listed all the types of roses she liked.

Riki only then realized there were so many types of roses. And Riki couldn't even remember them all one by one.

Liz finally stopped talking about roses after they were close to where Angeline and Kaivan were.

Angeline and Kaivan were still in the same positions as the last time they saw them.

Angeline was busy with a fashion magazine, and Kaivan was busy playing a game.

[Your first mission has been completed; you've obtained the system store!]

[Two points have been added]

[Now you can purchase anything in the system store, either using money or system points]

System points? So, the points are collected not only to increase his level, but also as a form of payment?

Riki was curious about what the system sold in the system store. He wanted to see it right away, but he would look strange later. He had to be patient for now.

"You guys are here, so I can eat now, right?" Kaivan asked.

Angeline gave him a annoyed look, then opened the lid of the large food container Riki had brought.

"Eat up, you sound like someone who hasn't been fed in a week," Angeline commented, though bluntly, Kaivan and Liz were used to it.

"Why not just eat it right away?" Riki asked.

"This silly witch forbade me, saying I'd eat it all by myself," protested Kaivan.

Liz burst into laughter, "Isn't that true? You always do that at home."

"Look who's talking, you eat a lot too!" retorted Kaivan.

Riki just smiled slightly at the argument between the not-so-similar twins.

Wait a minute, something feels off. What is it?

Slowly, Riki turned to the couple picnicking not far from them.

"Oh my gosh!"

Riki was shocked to see Anton and Hannah there.

He had forgotten that he was supposed to meet them all day.

[They've been there the whole time; you were just too focused on Liz, Evan, or Angeline.]

Oh.

"What are you looking at?" Angeline asked. "Do you know them?" she added.

Finally, Liz turned to look in the direction Riki and Angeline were staring at. The girl was shocked to see who was there.

"Don't you know them, Angel?" Liz then whispered something to Angeline.

After learning who they were from Liz, Angeline sat closer to Riki.

"Your ex is ugly, Riki, so there's no need to think about it," Angeline said.

Riki shook his head, "No, I don't have any feelings for her anymore, but still..."

Hannah finally looked around and was also surprised to see Riki there. Especially with Angeline, Kaivan, and Liz.

"What are you looking at, babe? Look, I bought your favorite food, it's very expensive, so—"

"Look who's there," Hannah interrupted Anton.

Anton turned to look in the direction Hannah was pointing. He saw Riki, along with Kaivan, Kaivan's twin sister, and their cousin, Angeline.

"They're probably just enjoying the river view like us, honey," Anton said.

Hannah shook her head, "No, let's go over there and embarrass Riki."

Anton looked at Hannah in disbelief, "You still like him?"

Hannah laughed, "Hahaha, of course not. But I don't like that jerk living happily. If he still has all that money from his father's inheritance, why is he pretending to be poor when he's with me? I can't accept that, Anton! That pink diamond ring he gave Angeline should have been mine, not hers!"

Anton felt like a loser just hearing Hannah's words.

"So, what I gave you wasn't enough?" Anton asked.

Hannah smiled, then took Anton's hand and held it.

"Darling... I just can't accept that he's living happily, that's all."

Anton sighed heavily, "Alright, let's go meet them."

Hannah and Anton stood up and approached them.

Riki's mood grew worse at that moment. He knew Hannah would say more annoying things.

"Good morning," Hannah greeted them, pretending to be very sweet at that moment.

Just seeing her made Riki sick.

"Hey, bro!" Anton greeted.

"Hmm," Kaivan replied, still busy with his sandwich and game.

"What are you guys doing here? If you're just here to cause trouble, then—"

"Come on, Riki, I just wanted to say hi to your new girlfriend... your name is Liz, right? You're perfect for Riki. I know you've liked Riki for a long time. Are you okay? Because Riki doesn't acknowledge you as his girlfriend, but he tells everyone that his girlfriend is Angeline. But anyone can see that you're more suited for Riki. A loser and a fat girl are a perfect match." Hannah said. She didn't feel the slightest bit guilty after saying such hurtful things.

Liz remained silent, holding back her turbulent emotions. She was angry, she was sad, she wanted to hit someone, but she was weak.

"It seems you've misunderstood here. Riki's girlfriend is me, Angeline Harland. Liz never liked Riki, and you're just making things up. Aren't you ashamed of doing all this, Hannah?" asked Angeline, her voice soft but piercing. It made Hannah extremely annoyed.

"What did I do? I'm just stating the facts! While Riki was dating me, Liz already liked Riki! Should I show you the video, Liz?"

"NO!! Please... Riki is happy with Angeline," Liz shouted.

However, Hannah refused to listen.

She took out her smartphone and showed an old video.

The video showed Hannah getting angry because Liz had written a diary about her feelings for Riki. Then in the video, Hannah read Liz's diary aloud.

Chapter 19: 19. Choose!

[Choose!]

[1. Hit Hannah 2. Destroy Hannah's cell phone]

[If you do one of the options, you will receive a reward of \$500,000]

[If you don't, you will get into big trouble]

Riki swallowed hard. He knew he couldn't just stand by in a situation like this. Riki didn't care about Hannah, but he had to protect Angeline or Liz's feelings.

Still, Riki couldn't bring himself to hit a woman under any circumstances.

So clearly, Riki chose the second option.

Without further ado, Riki snatched Hannah's smartphone, which was displaying the video recording of Hannah bullying Liz. Then, Riki deleted the recording and tossed the phone into the Arcelia River.

"RIKI!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" Hannah screamed, shocked and furious at the same time. She approached Riki, intending to slap him. But Angeline grabbed her hair first.

"You dare to bully my precious friend and show it to me? You must be crazy, Hannah." Angeline pulled Hannah's hair harder and threw her onto the grass.

After that, Angeline hugged Liz and calmed her down.

"Anton, don't just stand there, help me!" Hannah shouted again.

Anton, who knew he was no match for Kaivan, couldn't move as Kaivan glared at him sharply. With that gaze, Kaivan seemed to be saying that he wanted Anton to stay silent and just watch.

"Help her, or I'll never help you again," Kaivan muttered. "Let her deal with the problems she created herself," he added.

Anton, who was sick of Hannah's constant need for validation from others, could only tune out the sound and close his eyes.

Hannah trembled in fear as Riki approached her. Riki looked extremely angry. Something Hannah had never seen since she first met Riki.

Because the Riki she knew was a gentle young man who was always weak to anything Hannah said. Riki didn't even dare to force Hannah or touch her without permission.

Riki had never looked at Hannah as if he was ready to pounce on her. Not in a sexual context, but in a more dangerous one.

"Ri... Riki..."

"Isn't that the phone I gave you after working so hard? I saved up that much money and went hungry just to give you that expensive smartphone. But you used that smartphone to record your wicked deeds? You can be jealous of others, but hurting them like that

isn't the right thing to do. You said you don't need me anymore, right? I haven't made any effort at all, have I? So just let go of that worthless smartphone and ask your wealthy boyfriend to buy you one. Or should I buy it for you again? First, ask Liz for forgiveness, and I might buy you a phone like that again, or even a better one... on the condition that Liz forgives you."

Hannah bit her lower lip, then turned to Liz, who was still crying while being comforted by Angeline.

Then, Hannah's gaze fell on Angeline, the beautiful girl staring at Hannah with a look of pure anger. Though Angeline remained graceful and elegant, it was clear she was furious at that moment. As if, if Hannah approached, she would immediately scratch Hannah's face until it was unrecognizable.

"L-Li... Liz, I... I'm sorry, I just... just..."

"You're only apologizing because Riki promised to buy you another phone, so go ask your loser boyfriend to buy it for you," Angeline interjected, even before Hannah could finish her sentence.

[You have completed the second choice, so your 500,000\$ reward will be sent to your account]

Of course, Riki was thrilled to see the amount of money awarded to him. However, wait a moment—where did Riki put his smartphone?

Riki had placed the phone himself in a safe spot, and that safe spot was near Kaivan and Anton.

Upon hearing the beep beep sound, Kaivan and Anton turned to the phone lying near them.

Both were surprised to see the 500,000\$ notification appear there.

Riki immediately grabbed his smartphone and looked at Kaivan and Anton in surprise.

"What are you looking at? You better take your girlfriend away, she'll just cause trouble here," said Riki, looking at Anton with a lazy gaze.

"Did you hear that? Go away," added Kaivan.

Anton stood up and pulled Hannah away from there.

"Let's go! You'll only embarrass yourself more if you stay there."

"Why are you just standing there and not helping me at all?"

"I can't. Don't you know who Kaivan and Angeline are? Why are you picking a fight with them? Liz is Kaivan's twin sister. Are you crazy for bullying a girl like Liz?"

"What? Since when is Liz Kaivan's twin sister? They don't look alike at all."

"Shh! Be quiet, I only found out yesterday. And I almost got beaten up by Kaivan because I and my friends usually bully that girl. We can't make things more complicated, do you understand?"

Hannah bit her lower lip, holding back her frustration because she suddenly found herself in a disadvantageous position. She had dated Anton to be on top, but it turned out the opposite. Now Riki was on top, and she was even lower.

This is so frustrating.

"If you want to live peacefully, don't bother them anymore, okay?" Anton said after they returned to their previous spot.

Then they saw Evan walking toward where Riki and the others were.

Hannah removed Anton's hand from her shoulder and glared at them with a annoyed expression.

"If only I hadn't accepted you, then I'd be the one there now!" Hannah said.

Anton's eyes widened in disbelief.

"What did you say? Just because he's richer than me, you're saying that? You know, I spent my money to make you happy back then. I rented an expensive nightclub for you, I even hired people to get rid of Riki so you'd be satisfied. But after Riki showed his true colors, you want to go back to him? You were the one who tempted me first, Hannah!"

Hannah rolled her eyes in annoyance, "Come on, Riki was probably just testing me. He must still love me. I just have to tease him again, and I can go back to him." Hannah said confidently.

Anton stared at Hannah, unable to believe that the girl was making him look like a loser now.

"What about me?"

Hannah smiled widely, "Of course you'll still be with me, babe... just imagine. If I manage to get close to Riki again, I'll get a lot of money for us to have fun, how about it?"

"Are you sure?"

Hannah nodded happily, "Of course! Getting close to Riki again is easy; I've known him longer. We have to take advantage of him, right?"

Anton smiled, "That's a brilliant idea."

"I'm sorry, Angeline."

Angeline sighed heavily; she had already heard Liz's apology several times that morning.

Now, they were in Riki's car, and Riki was about to drive them home.

Actually, Angeline had originally come with Kaivan because she needed more time to get ready that morning. And now, Kaivan had to go home first because he had some business to attend to. Coincidentally, the place Kaivan was heading to was in the same direction as the apartment Evan was renting with a few others.

So now it was just Angeline and Liz with Riki.

"There's no need to apologize; that's the past. And back then, I didn't even know Riki yet. Besides, Riki and I just started dating. I'm really not angry about it, Liz... you're entitled to like whoever you want. The one at fault is Hannah, why did she bring up the past?" Angeline said, for the umpteenth time.

However, Liz still felt guilty toward Angeline. Because up until now, her feelings for Riki remained the same.

Riki, who was driving in front of them, could hear everything they said.

He was confused because it was his first time in such a confusing situation. But there was also a sense of joy knowing that Liz had liked him all along. After all, Riki had once felt unworthy of approaching a wealthy girl like Liz.

Riki dropped Liz off first. The girl dared not look at Riki at all. She just got out and said nothing.

Perhaps Liz needed some time alone.

"Are we going straight to your house?" asked Riki.

Angeline suddenly got out of the car, startling Riki. But it turned out the girl just wanted to sit next to Riki.

"You should have just said so, I would have opened the door for you," said Riki.

"It's okay, Riki. I just want to sit next to you like this," said Angeline. She hugged Riki's arm and rested her head on his shoulder.

Riki drove the car through the upscale neighborhood where Liz and Kaivan's house was located. Meanwhile, Angeline's house wasn't far from there, in the same neighborhood, but a little further away.

It took about eight minutes by car.

"We're in front of your house, Angeline," said Riki.

However, Angeline didn't release her embrace from Riki's arm.

"Angel?" whispered Riki.

Angeline finally looked up at Riki and gave him a small smile. The beautiful girl suddenly grabbed Riki's neck and kissed him.

Of course, Riki was surprised, but he enjoyed it afterward. Angeline's kiss was very gentle, and her lips tasted sweet.

Riki felt happy, but there was still something odd. He felt empty in the kiss. There was only desire there.

Riki broke the kiss and stared at Angeline's face for a while.

There was no denying it; Angeline was very beautiful.

"Riki, do you really like me?" Angeline's simple question made Riki feel uncertain.

"Why do you say that?"

"I just feel like you're dating me out of obligation. Like it's not coming from your heart. You know, this is the first time I've liked someone like this. But I don't want it if you're only doing it out of obligation. It's okay if you admit that you're dating me just to make Hannah jealous. It's okay at all. You just have to be honest with me."

[Choose!]

[1. Angeline 2. Liz 3. Hannah]

[You can only choose one now, and you can't be indecisive]

[If you choose wrong, you'll regret it forever]

Why did it suddenly become like this?

Chapter 20: 20. The price increased

Riki lay down on the sofa in the living room of his apartment.

His eyes closed as he enjoyed the breeze blowing in from the wide-open balcony door.

There were so many things happening that morning. It seemed never-ending. When did his life become so full of drama? If Riki thought about it, maybe it started when his father was accused?

After his father was accused and died, Riki's life slowly turned into a living hell. Even after the system's assistance arrived, his life was still far from easy.

But... of course, it was easier than before. Having many problems while holding onto a lot of money was far better.

[Since you refused to choose between Angeline, Liz, and Hannah, you must reconsider your choice.]

[You have plenty of time to decide; there's no need to rush.]

Riki furrowed his brow, displeased with what the system said. No, it wasn't the part about having to choose, but...

"Come on, remove Hannah's option there; I won't choose her no matter what. I have my pride; why would I go back to her? Even if she's not at fault, I won't go back to her. It's like eating your own words, right?" Riki muttered to himself in the apartment. He felt crazy for complaining, but there was no one else there with him.

He wasn't used to the system yet.

[Just consider it a formality]

"But you're the one who directed me to date Angeline, so why do I have to choose now? What's the point of that?" Riki asked. He just felt it was unfair. Because he had previously been given the mission to date Angeline, but now he suddenly had to choose again.

[As Angeline said, she doesn't want to date a young man who doesn't like her. It might seem trivial to you, but for Angeline, it would hurt her heart]

Riki was surprised to hear that. Why hadn't he thought of that? Well, he couldn't understand women's feelings. Wasn't that why Hannah cheated?

"Then I'll think about it again..."

After that, Riki was speechless, though in his mind, there were many things he was thinking about right now.

On one hand, he was happy about starting a business with Evan. On the other hand, he was sad about what Liz was going through.

If only Liz had said earlier that she liked Riki... no.

How could Riki expect Liz to express her feelings first? Riki was truly out of touch if he expected something like that.

"Oh, by the way, you mentioned a system store earlier? What's that?"

[Opening a system store]

[You can purchase anything available in the system store using system points or money]

Riki stared at the system screen seriously. Looking at each item for sale there, he became confused.

There didn't seem to be any human-friendly items for sale there.

Healing potion?

Blue rose potion?

Antidote potion?

[You can touch the item if you are confused, there will be an explanation there]

Riki touched the blue rose potion because it was very unique. There was a picture of the item on the system screen, complete with its price, one system point, or \$100.

The blue rose potion was in the form of a glass bottle shaped like a rosebud, containing a sparkling light blue liquid.

The blue rose potion is made from blue roses that grow on the Fairitopia continent. It has beauty benefits, such as brightening and nourishing the skin when used for bathing. When consumed, it helps reduce unnecessary fat in the body.

After carefully reading about the blue rose potion, Riki purchased ten bottles.

[You have purchased ten bottles of blue rose potion. This is your first purchase!]

[The store system is gifting you two bottles of strength-enhancing potion for free!]

Riki's eyes widened. He had no idea there was such a thing as a strength-enhancing potion. But after he found it, it turned out to be locked.

What a bummer.

However, Riki could see the item's information.

The strength-enhancing potion is a potion that can be used by anyone without any side effects. It can be drunk normally, but it's more effective if taken before exercising.

Very interesting, Riki will use it later or tomorrow.

Then... Riki will send the blue rose potion to Liz. Coincidentally, Liz likes roses, right?

Oh! Should Riki give her roses too? But instead of a bouquet, it's probably better to send live flowers.

The fatigue that had previously come over him vanished instantly. Riki was busy preparing the gift he would send to Liz.

One hour passed.

[The second mission has arrived! Do you want to take it on?]

Riki glanced at his system screen and asked, "What mission? Don't make it too difficult, okay?"

[The system cannot guarantee that a mission system found it easy will also be easy for you]

Riki felt offended by the system's response.

After placing the special spicy chicken curry he had made for lunch on the table, he sat down calmly at the dining table.

"Alright, what's the mission?"

[Sell some of your Vircoins now! Remember, you can't sell all of them]

Riki furrowed his brow, "Won't you said earlier if the price goes up later?" Riki asked.

Despite that, he was quite relieved to finally be rid of the Vircoin burden. He didn't particularly like digital coins like that, as most were scams.

But when Riki was about to sell half of his coins, he was quite surprised.

"What's this? Why is the price—it's impossible!"

Riki was sure the Vircoin price was still \$0.5 yesterday, but now it had changed to \$60! It was completely unreasonable.

Of course, Riki was very happy!

"Will it go up again?" Riki asked.

[Didn't the system say it would rise until next year?]

"But why should I sell it now? Why not just keep it?"

[If you sell it now, you'll receive a business skill bonus. With this skill, any business you run will succeed, even if you don't understand business at all. You'll also get an additional +5 to all stats]

[But if you don't sell it, you won't receive any penalties.]

Wait a moment... it seems this mission is a test for Riki.

If he doesn't sell the Vircoin, he might gain even greater profits in the future. But for him, the most important thing right now is the business skill.

Riki doesn't fully understand business, but he can run a business without fear if he has the business skill.

"I'll sell it..."

[A wise choice!]

With trembling hands, Riki sells 30,000 Vircoin.

He feels regretful, but he must obtain that business skill.

[You've completed the mission! You've obtained business skills! And +5 to all stats has been added]

[You've also gained 5 points]

Those 30,000 Vircoins have now turned into 1,800,000!

But Riki still feels regretful; he should have been able to get even more later.

But it's okay.

Money can be regained because Riki still has his system.

"LIZ!! OPEN THE DOOR!" Kaivan's shout, banging on Liz's door, sounded very loud.

Liz, who was lying down at the time, still feeling upset about this morning's incident, had no choice but to open her door. If she didn't, Kaivan might break down the door and damage it.

Kaivan's sour face was immediately visible as soon as she opened the door.

"What's wrong?" Liz asked.

"There's a large package for you outside, from Riki."

Liz furrowed her brow, "Riki? Why is he sending me a package?"

Kaivan sighed lazily, "How should I know? Maybe he feels guilty toward you. Besides, why do you even like him? You know you're not as beautiful as Angeline—"

SMACK!

Kaivan's eyes widened in disbelief as Liz slapped his cheek. Kaivan remained silent, seeing how angry Liz was at that moment.

"I was just joking..." Kaivan muttered, not expecting his sister to take his joke seriously.

"Kaivan, there are many things that cannot be used as jokes, and you have to consider the situation first. I am very offended by what you said. It's not that I hate Angeline, I love her, but I don't like being compared like that. You wouldn't like it if I said Zeno was much better than you, would you? Never mind, I'll go downstairs first."

Kaivan remained silent as his sister descended the stairs. He felt very guilty toward Liz.

After all, he had only wanted to tell her that Angeline and Riki had decided to stop dating. Though Kaivan didn't know the reason, he thought it would make Liz happy.

But it turned out that Kaivan had already messed things up before he could even say anything.

Liz saw a large cardboard box on her front yard.

The housekeeper came with a box cutter so Liz could open it.

Once everything was open, Liz was very surprised to see a large pot of roses, complete with Lilas roses inside.

The roses were in full bloom, a light purple color, more like lilac. They were absolutely beautiful.

Besides the roses, there was also a small box there. Liz picked it up and opened it slowly.

Her brow furrowed as she saw the cute little bottles shaped like rose buds, containing a shimmering light blue liquid.

There was also detailed information about the bottles there.

"To reduce fat and can be used for soaking?" Liz muttered in confusion.

Then she turned to her servant, "Please take this rose pot to the rose garden, okay? Don't place it in a sunny spot; put it in a shady area."

"Yes, ma'am."

Liz returned to her room. Kaivan had already left.

But Liz didn't care; she wanted to use the bottles right away.

Riki had written in his notes that they could only be used twice a day.

So, since it was already afternoon, Liz would use them for her bath. And she would drink them before going to sleep later.

The girl didn't know that she would wake up with a new body the next day.

"AAAAAAA!!!! W-what is... this... me?"