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Chapter 14 Shadows of Influence: Tessa and the Alpha's Intentions

After everyone left the office, Nathaniel immediately made a call.

"Hello, make sure the Zane family is out of Navoris within three hours."

Mrs. Zane finally realized the gravity of the situation. Her legs wobbled as she barely managed to stand.

"Who... who are you people?" she stammered.

Nathaniel smirked. "Who is he? He's the Landon you just mocked! Asking his niece to apologize? You've got some nerve!"

"Landon? That was Landon?" Mrs. Zane collapsed onto the sofa, stunned. She replayed everything she'd said and realized just how much trouble she'd caused.

"Mr. Quade, the Thorne family wants Ysabel's identity to remain private. Not a word of this incident is to leave this office, Nathaniel warned sharply.

"The Thorne family?" Mr. Quade's voice shook as he processed the information. "Understood, not a single word.

The Thorne family, with their immense influence, had always wanted Ysabel to live a simple life, away from unnecessary attention.

Nathaniel turned back to Mrs. Zane. "As for you, I suggest you leave Navoris as quickly as possible. Don't doubt the alpha's words."

With that, Nathaniel strode out of the room confidently. Though his words were firm, he knew the alpha's main reason for being here wasn't Ysabel—it was Tessa. Ysabel had faced minor issues before, but Landon had never personally intervened. Could the alpha really care this much about Tessa?

Ysabel, meanwhile, was ecstatic that her uncle had come to the school to help her.

"Uncle, thank you! Please don't tell my dad about this, or he'll kill me!" she pleaded.

"Understood," Landon

aid with a nod.

"Uncle, this is my classmate and new best friend, Tessa. She only got involved with Yara because she was standing up for me." Ysabel beamed at Tessa.

"Have you eaten?" Landon asked, noting the time.

"Not yet! Uncle, are you taking us out to eat? Great! I want Lunar Harmony House's special dishes!" Ysabel exclaimed excitedly.

"Fine, Landon agreed.

"Really? Uncle, you're the best!" Ysabel hugged his arm but immediately let go when she caught his icy gaze. She'd forgotten how much he disliked being touched.

"Tessa, I have something to do. I'll leave now," Tessa said, trying to excuse herself.

Before she could leave, Ysabel grabbed her hand and led it tightly. "Tessa, you have to let me treat you! If you don't come, it means you don't consider me your

end."

Ysabel's earnestness and playful pout were impossible to resist.

"Fine." Tessa relented. It's just one meal, she reasoned.

At Lunar Harmony House, the manager had already prepared the best private room for Landon's party.

Ysabel eagerly pulled Tessa to a seat. Landon, without esitation, sat beside Tessa, much to Ysabel's

surprise.

"Tessa, let me introduce you properly! This is my uncle Landon. From now on, you can call him 'uncle' too—just like me!"

Nathaniel, sipping water, nearly choked at her suggestion.

"Mr. Thome," Tessa corrected firmly. She had no intention of forming such a close relationship with him.

"Tessa, don't be so formall What's mine is yours. My uncle is your uncle!" Ysabel teased.

"Ysabel," Landon cut her off with a stern glance. The familial leap she was suggesting was too much.

Feeling Landon's sharp gaze, Ysabel quickly quieted down.

"Tessa, where are you staying? Can I come visit you?" Ysabel asked, changing the subject.

"I'm at a hotel for now. I'll find a place soon," Tessa replied. She had no plans to stay with the Sinclair family.

"You're looking for a place? Let me help!" Nathaniel jumped in enthusiastically, picking up on Landon's subtle interest in Tessa.

"Yeah! Let Mr. Frost help. It'll be so much easier," Ysabel added.

"There's no need. I can manage," Tessa insisted.

"It's no trouble at all. Helping a beautiful young lady is my honor," Nathaniel said, leaving her no room to argue.

As the food was served, both Ysabel and Landon began placing dishes onto Tessa's plate Ysabel couldn't believe her eyes—her uncle had never done such a thing for anyone, not even her.

After lunch, Landon personally drove both girls back to school. Later that evening, he even came to pick them up after their night classes.

Ysabel was overwhelmed with gratitude, thinking Landon was going out of his way to comfort her after the Incident.

After dropping Ysabel off at the Thorne family estate, she turned to her uncle. "Uncle, you better make sure Tessa gets home safely. Don't you dare bully her! you do, I'll... I'll.." She faltered, realizing she couldn't bring herself to threaten him. "Never mind. You wouldn't bully her anyway

Once Ysabel was inside, Landon turned the car around Without Ysabel present, Tessa dropped her