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Looking at his watch, belt, wallet and outfit, Cooper's attire was indeed too ostentatious today.

Nevertheless, his outfit conformed to his aura, as it greatly displayed the virtues of a middle-aged handsome man. With this attire, people would hardly notice his age and only focused on his charm.

To someone who was good-looking, age was merely an add-on.

Cooper even requested for a styling, which made him more dazzling.

His presence would surely leave his fellow males speechless and cause the females to fight to take pictures with him.

Before departing, Harry wanted to give Carmen a cuddle. However, Carmen was still mad and refused to be hugged.

After finishing dolling up, the family hopped into their respective cars and left to the venue.

Sophia and Michael were in one car, Harry and Sarah were in the other while Linus, Cooper and Nate were in the last car.

The happening of Ronney Fashion Week in Bayside City, Cethos was an event that was highly anticipated, especially by the fashion communities around the world. Today, the entire Bayside City was star-studded.

The eminent state guesthouse in Bayside City, which was used to receive foreign dignitaries in the past, was now opened up in conjunction with the fashion week to receive the socialites and celebrities in Bayside City. The guests who were invited to the event were truly the cream of Bayside society.

Meanwhile, the cars had arrived at the state guesthouse and were waiting for the event to start. Sophia took out her phone to read the news, and she noticed some newsflashes had already been published on the web. Indeed, there were a number of big shots who were going to show up today.

A few members from Adams Family, including Bailey, Betsy and Tiffany, were present too, whereas Callum and Cade represented the Yards.

Sophia glanced toward the outside of the building. Though it was the dead of winter, there were still a number of fashionistas who wore very few layers and were posing in the snow so that the photographers could take pictures of them.

Other influencers and fashion bloggers who did not receive an invitation would pretend to walk around the entrance to attract those photographers who were similarly not invited. Everyone attempted to ride on the fashion week's coattails, hoping to grab a chance to become famous overnight. Well, there were indeed some individuals who went viral by doing so.

Nonetheless, this group of influencers were truly dedicated as they were wearing very few layers even in such cold weather.

These fashionistas were indeed not scared of the cold!

Even with the winter wear that she was dressed in, Sophia would not be able to resist the frost, and the thought of it was enough to leave her shivering.

In fact, most winter clothes by the luxury brands were not designed to allow the wearer to be exposed in the cold for a prolonged period. After all, those who could afford these clothes would be those from the upper class. As such, these winter clothes would be thinner than the usual ones as they were designed for the purpose of attending social events such as dances and meetings.

After getting out of the car, the guests would still have to walk the red carpet before they could enter the building, after which they would not feel cold anymore.

Even with the heating facilities at the red carpet area, it did not change the fact that it was freezing cold at the start of the year, and the snow had yet to melt.

Soon, Sophia's car had arrived at the entrance of the venue. The red carpet had been rolled out and countless cameras were ready to capture the scene as Sophia was about to get out of the car. Comparing her stockings and high heels to the down jackets which the photographers were wearing, Sophia couldn't help but shiver. She was even getting a runny nose.

It was indeed impressive that some female celebrities, despite being dressed provocatively, were still able to smile naturally at the photographers in coats.

All of a sudden, a down jacket was laid on Sophia's shoulder as she felt a touch of warmth.

"Hubby, where did you get this from?"

Putting on the coat, Sophia rubbed her nose as she stared at Michael with teary eyes.

Michael tucked her in the coat and zipped it up. "We'll walk straight into the building after leaving the car," Michael said as he got out of the car.

Sophia mumbled, "How am I supposed to walk the red carpet with this down jacket?"

But still, she did not want to remove the coat.

Michael cooed, "It's okay."

With that, he alighted from the car.

"Taylor Murray is here!"

His appearance caused an uproar within the photographers as they quickly directed their cameras at Michael and took a series of snapshots of him. Besides being the only Cethosian actor who won the Oscar twice, he was also the husband of Sophia, one of the organizers of this fashion week at Bayside City. As such, everyone had expected him to show up at the event.

After that, the crowd witnessed Taylor walking to the other side of the car, opening the door and reaching out his hand. Then, a fair and tender hand stretched out to take his.

On both hands, there was a sparkling ring on the fourth finger.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Murray appeared together! Time to snap pictures!

However, to their surprise, they only captured Sophia in her down jacket. Standing beside Taylor, this puffy lady did not seem to match him.

Sophia's stiletto heels landed on the red carpet firmly after she got out of the car. An icy blast of air hit her face while her legs were numb with cold. Nevertheless, she resisted the cold and put a warm smile on her face as she would not allow anyone to capture an unglamorous picture of her.

It wasn't that the fashionistas were unafraid of the cold, but they stood against it. All that the audience could see were the appealing pictures of these celebrities, but not the snot that was dripping out of their noses.

The weather was so frigid that the bitter wind sneaked beneath Sophia's down jacket, and it felt as if countless icy-cold hands were caressing her body. Nonetheless, she could not show the slightest tinge of discomfort, and she displayed the perfect smile which she had been practicing for a long time.

From head to toe, her entire body was freezing cold. This year, the winter in Bayside City was extraordinarily harsh, and it was negative ten degrees Celsius even after new year. With that, Sophia could barely feel her ears anymore.

"Are you ready?" She felt Michael's warm breath on her ears.

It was so chilly that even Sophia's brain was nearly frozen as she prepared herself to walk against the piercing wind.

"Huh?"

Before she could realize what had happened, her body fell backward into a pair of warm arms all of a sudden. Following that, she was lifted from the ground and could thereafter hear the howling wind and the crowd's exclamation. When her feet touched the ground again, she was already in the building.

With sufficient heating facilities, it was lively and warm inside the building. Sophia had come back to life the moment Michael took off her down jacket. It was only then did she realize that Michael had carried her into the building with lightning speed.

On the first day of Ronney Fashion Week, no one managed to capture a perfect full-face picture of Taylor Murray, the best actor. All they had were blurry snapshots and pictures of him striding away with a woman in a coat in his arms.

Conventionally, the red carpet was the celebrities' favourite spot and they would attempt to linger at that area until the security guards came to usher them into the venue. Michael was the only one who carried his wife and sprinted across the red carpet.

"It's so embarrassing!"

Clenching her fist, Sophia hit Michael in his shoulder and thereafter buried her face into his chest.

Michael gently cuddled her and gave her a reminder. "There, there. Everyone's watching us!"

Despite being avid for the warmth from Michael's body, Sophia was aware that they were public figures and excessive public displays of affection would be inappropriate. With that, she held Michael's hand and entered the show hall.

Outside the building, Harry got out of the car and was left gaping when he saw Michael carrying Sophia and entering the venue in a hurry.

What on earth is that?

"Old Wolf..."

Tugging at his shirt, Sarah stared at Harry eagerly.

"Dad, we're going in first."

Linus said as he and Nate strided toward the building. Nate walked the red carpet in a composed manner. Despite his young age, he had been taking part in the family's business management and was gradually rising to fame.

On the other hand, Cooper did not walk the red carpet and enter the building upon getting out of the car.

Instead, he was waiting for someone

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Stanley came alone and found Cooper standing aside waiting for someone the moment he got out of the car.

“Grandpa Cooper, you’re waiting for someone, huh?”

Cooper casted a glance at Stanley. Dressed in a customized suit supplied by his godson, Stanley gave off an aura of a professional businessman. The suit was not even launched in the market yet. Nevertheless, the beanie, which he wore to cover his frozen bald head inherited from the Fletchers, was an eyesore; he looked rather antic in it.

“Mm-hmm.”

Noticing that Sean was absent, Cooper subconsciously asked, “Where’s Sean?”

Stanley shivered in the cold as he replied, “He left early in the morning to get his hair done.”

With that, he rushed into the building. His body trembled again when he saw the female celebrities walking the red carpet in provocative dresses.

Indeed, these fashionistas are unafraid of the cold at all.

Almost freezing to death, Stanley quickly crouched down and sneaked off while the other photographers were busy taking pictures of the celebrities’ sexy boobs. As he was scurrying away, he accidentally stepped on a celebrity’s dress and caused the lady to wail in shock.

“My apologies. I’m sorry!”

He made a casual remark and left without turning back.

All of a sudden, he heard someone calling him from behind. “Snow Fox!”

Stanley turned around and caught a glimpse of a stunning face. However, the face disappeared instantly as the scene was too crowded and chaotic.

The show had not started when he entered the show hall. Normally, these events would reserve some time for the guests to greet and take pictures with each other, and the actual show would only last around half an hour.

There, Stanley bumped into several acquaintances. As one of the organizers, Sophia had deliberately arranged the seats in such a way that the guests could sit close to their acquaintances. After all, they were all from similar circles.

Being in good spirits, Stanley was about to go greet his friends when someone tapped him on his shoulder from behind. "Snow Fox!"

He turned around and saw a beautiful, adorable girl calling out to him. She was probably an actress who was cast in some random shows as Stanley thought she looked rather familiar. Nevertheless, he could not recall her name.

"You are... ?"

Pleasantly, the girl introduced herself, "Hi! My name is Christine Bishop. I'm an actress, and I'm a fan of yours!"

Christine was stirred up as she met her idol. "I used to be a gaming competition commentator in the past. I'm an avid gamer of Swordsman Game and I've been playing it for ten years! I once participated in your team audition, but alas, after passing the technical tests and adding each other on Skype, you said I'm not a suitable candidate because I was too young back then and I had to sit for my midterms, so I was eliminated."

"Later when my college entrance exam ended, I represented Swordsman Game in the Esports World Championship and was awarded the first prize in the group competition."

"I'm an expert player in the games launched by Plum Technology. Besides, I'm currently the official streamer and spokesperson of several other games."

She rattled on about her background. A few moments later, Stanley finally recalled her.

"You're Chrissy!"

He wouldn't know who Christine Bishop was but he had heard of the name 'Chrissy'. She was a popular game streamer turned influencer due to her competent skills and lovely appearance. As the spokesperson of numerous games, she was even invited to act in some TV series which were based on video games, and the shows had eventually achieved high ratings. As such, she had gone viral beyond the gaming community and was now a pretty well-known celebrity.

Stanley had once played against her in a game, and he had recognized her extraordinary skills. But unfortunately, he had not seen her in person before.

Staring at her in shock, Stanley exclaimed, "I'm sure you're doing pretty well! You've even gotten an invitation to Ronney Fashion Week. Good job!"

Cheeks flushing, Christine smiled bashfully. "I'm just lucky."

Then, she pulled out her phone and said, "Mr. Snow Fox, let's take a picture together!"

"Sure! Also, let's meet online in the game if you're free tonight. It has been awhile since I played against someone," Stanley replied.

"Alright!"

Just as the two had finished taking a couple of pictures, Sophia walked past them from the back and yanked off Stanley's beanie, which was a real eyesore. "The beanie is too ugly. You should retake the pictures!"

Seeing that Stanley was finally engaged in a talk with another girl, Sophia had no intention of interrupting them, but she just couldn't stand him being this old-fashioned. How could he take a picture wearing a beanie?

"Give it back to me!" Stanley yelled as he ran after Sophia for his knit cap. Nevertheless, he still turned around and said to Christine, "I'm going to my seat now! I'll see you tonight in the game!"

Nodding, Christine blushed in excitement after having met her idol.

Meanwhile, Stanley caught up with Sophia and snatched back his beanie. "Give it back to me. Sean bought this for me! You're going to spoil it!"

He grumbled while beating the dust off the beanie dearly as if its thread was going to come loose.

Speechless, Sophia stared at him.

What's wrong with this stupid dog? What's going on between him and Sean?

Sean's lips are sealed while this guy here is playing dumb.

They have even adopted a child and are staying together now. Why haven't they made any progress yet?

Minutes ago, he was chatting enthusiastically with a girl but now, he is holding Sean's beanie so dearly. What on earth is on his mind?!

"Don't bother about this stupid dog anymore. Let's take a seat first," Michael said as he gave Stanley a strange glance, then walked away with Sophia with his arm around her waist.

Thinking that Sophia was being ridiculous, Stanley sat down and started scrolling on his phone. He texted Sean to ask when he was arriving but did not receive a reply even after a while. Scrolling through Twitter, Stanley searched for 'Chrissy' on a whim and found out that she just posted their selfie.

Christine was among one of the few who expanded their career beyond the gaming community and had successfully risen to fame in both fields. She was a popular star at the moment, and her fans actively commented on her Twitter posts. Without hesitating, Stanley liked their picture and followed her account. It was only then did he realize she had started following his account long ago.

On the other hand, Michael received multiple calls moments after Stanley liked the post.

"Mikey, who is the girl in the picture with Stan?"

"How old is she? What is her job? What do her parents work as? Which stage are they at now? Have they kissed?"

Michael was left speechless.

He glanced at Stanley who was sitting in the row behind him. Looking down at his phone, Stanley was totally unaware that the Fletchers were keeping him under close observation.

Meanwhile, Michael looked around for Christine and found her near the last row. It seemed like she was just an insignificant celebrity and was not that well-known after all.

Tickets for Ronney Fashion Week's product launching show were non-existent. One could only attend the event via invitations from the media, merchants, organizers or designers. An

ordinary person would not be able to receive an invitation. Even so, there was a clearly established pecking order among the guests.

The closer they sat to the stage, the greater was their status.

Seated in the first row would be the bigshots in showbiz such as Nicole Walker, who was also an honorable patron of the luxury brands. The fashion industry's top designers like Russell Simmons and Kenny Blair would secure their seats in the first row too. Besides, affluent ladies in Bayside City, such as Sophia and Sarah, who could easily afford a whole collection of luxury items, would also be arranged to sit in the VIP row. Last but not least, the handbag carriers in human form, namely Michael and Harry, who accompanied these affluent ladies to the show, were also seated in the same row.

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The rows behind the VIP row consisted of celebrities, actors, buyers, fashion bloggers and magazine editors in all levels of fame.

In the very last row were famous internet influencers and self-media who fought their way in to take advantage of the exposure the red carpet would give to them. Their main tasks were posing for streetwear photos and hyping themselves up on social media, as well as shamelessly taking photos with famous fashion stars. By doing that, they could enhance their fashion image and increase their worth so that their endorsement fees would increase too.

After boasting to Old Master Fletcher, Michael ended the call.

He wondered if someone had told the girl that she was wearing a knockoff design.

Christine was still immersed in the joy of meeting her idol, so she didn't realize that the atmosphere around her had become weirder.

It had been difficult for her to get an invitation and as an actress who was far from being an A-list celebrity, she could only sit in the last row and even had to cooperate to pose for photos. Most importantly, not only did she have to shamelessly request to take photos with the people in the first row, but she also had to boast about her relationship with that famous person online after she got back although she was reluctant. To be honest, it was extremely exhausting, but this trip was worth it since she met her idol whom she had admired for many years.

Unexpectedly, she found that Stanley followed her back on Twitter shortly after she posted the selfie. She was over the moon that all her dreams came true today.

Beside her sat many D-list celebrities like her, who were also here to take advantage of the benefits of attending the red carpet. Those who were fluent in English and had great professional skills already went to get a photo with famous figures in the first row while the rest of them, who didn't know English, were left in the last row to stare at them in jealousy.

Seeing that Christine was giggling at her phone, they couldn't be more jealous that she managed to get a photo with Stanley, who was the CEO of Plum Technology. They thought that she was punching above her weight.

"What a courageous woman. She should've looked at herself in the mirror first!"

"A wealthy dandy like Mr. Fletcher must have countless people chasing him. If he were to marry a celebrity, an A-lister like Miss Bethany would be a good choice. Why would he be interested in an internet celebrity who is not even that famous?"

"After all, he's the president of a listed company, and I heard that he's also Taylor's nephew. That means he is a legitimate Fletcher. How can a mere online influencer be a match for him?"

Christine knew that they were gossiping about her and it ruined her mood. Bowing her head, she pretended to scroll on her phone but the truth was, she felt extremely down-hearted.

But the next second, she cast all her negative emotions aside and thought, Geez, I mustn't get beyond myself and overthink just because my idol took a picture with me!

Suddenly, the group of D-list celebrities looked in a certain direction simultaneously and gasped, "Wow, look at that woman. She's so tall!"

“She also has an extraordinary temperament!”

“She must be one of the models that will walk the runway tonight. Look!”

Christine looked in that direction eagerly as well and saw a tall woman in a red dress walk in from outside. They could only see a slender and graceful back, but not her front. With her height of 1.8 meters, those eye-catching long legs were probably at least 1.2 meters, which was incredible.

Even her back seemed so alluring, so she must be even more charming if they saw her from the front!

When the woman in the red dress appeared, everyone was amazed. Even many of the famous figures in the front rows turned to look at her.

However, that woman walked straight to the second row and gently placed her hand on Stanley’s shoulder.

“It turns out she’s Mr. Fletcher’s partner!”

“Look at her graceful bearings! How amazing. She’s obviously not from our profession and she must be a young lady from a wealthy family or a top-notch international model, at least!”

“A handsome and rich man like Mr. Fletcher should indeed have a noble lady like her as a partner.”

The group of D-list celebrities started to gossip in jealousy again. On the other hand, Christine pursed her lips while looking at the woman in the red dress while a tinge of envy and gloominess could be seen in her eyes.

In the front row, Stanley, who felt down-hearted because Sean hadn’t appeared, suddenly felt someone tap his shoulder. Looking up in surprise, his sadness and anxiousness disappeared in a split second when he saw the tall woman in the red dress standing in front of him. She had fiery red lips and a pair of mesmerizing deep-set eyes, and she looked alluring and sexy.

Stanley was first confused but the next second, he gasped in astonishment. “Sean!”

In a woman's dress, Sean tilted his head to the side and smiled while saying, "Stan, excuse me, please!"

It was only then did Stanley come back to his senses and move to the side, freeing up a seat so that Sean could sit beside him. At the same time, he couldn't stop gawking at Sean.

He didn't expect that Sean would dress up in a woman's attire today!

In the front row, Sophia kept turning back too, amazed at how beautiful that dress looked on Sean.

After Sean and Stanley settled down, Stanley got his hands all over him while praising, "You're so daring to wear such a thin dress. Bro, you're impressive! By the way, how did you squeeze into such a tiny dress? That's so cool!"

Sophia rolled her eyes.

Oh lord, what an unromantic fool!

Sean had dressed up splendidly today, but he didn't expect to receive such brotherly praise from Stanley, which left him disappointed and depressed. Since the show hadn't started, he took out his phone and scrolled through Twitter. Suddenly, he came across a photo posted by an influencer that Stanley had liked. In that photo, Stanley was with the girl from earlier.

Noticing that Sean was looking at that photo, Stanley bragged proudly, "A girl struck up a conversation with me just now. How cool is that? Look, that girl is sitting behind us. She's an actress who was once an Esports streamer. In the past, we've even played against her in games. Look, that's her! She must have over-edited her photo because she doesn't look like that in real life. She's much prettier in real life! In the past when she was still a streamer, she requested to compete against me. I thought she was a guy so I completely knocked her out in the game. I heard that she cried during her streams because of that! Besides that, she's the ambassador of a few games from our company and even sang a game theme song. Isn't she impressive? She can act, sing and play games. I'll introduce her to you later!"

Seemingly to have realized something, Sean stared blankly ahead for a few seconds before slowly turning his head to glance at the girl, whom Stanley couldn't stop talking about. She had big eyes and white teeth. Undeniably, she was stunning.

When he turned back around, the dejection in his eyes seemed to have disappeared and he forced a smile. "Let's invite her to play games together at night then!"

Upon hearing their conversation, Sophia had the urge to take out a bunch of lipsticks from her bag and throw it at that fool!

She also couldn't help but turn back to look at that girl from time to time. Indeed, she was pretty with her big, cheerful eyes. She thought, It might be good if Stanley, that fool, got together with the girl. By that time, Sean would give up and leave that idiot. He'll surely find a better person in the future.

They had always been by each other ever since they were young. In the past, Sean grew up wearing female attires with Stanley. When they became adults, he changed into a suit and worked hard with Stanley to build their business.

They had been together as they changed from wearing nappies to school uniforms, and from school uniforms to suits. It had been so many years.

Sean couldn't stop turning back to look at that girl too. In his mind, he questioned, Why am I not a girl?

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The show hadn't started and guests were arriving one after another. Soon, a famous actress dressed in branded clothes came in and she sat in the first row. Judging from her fluent English, she seemed to have a powerful public relation force as her backing. In addition, she seemed to have great professional skills since she got along with the top-notch celebrities and took photos with them as soon as she arrived. However, that actress didn't dare to approach Michael and to even give him a glance.

At the side, Sarah saw that actress and whispered in Sophia's ear, "That's Bethany, the current superstar. She's extremely wicked and in the past, she fabricated stories about Taylor molesting her during the filming of a movie. When the truth came out, she didn't even apologize, causing Taylor to be criticized for a long time. Now, someone decided to make

her famous, so she rose to fame in just the blink of an eye. Even without any acting skills, she became an A-lister. Besides, her fans are just as wicked. They'll pick fights with Harry's fans whenever their opinions clash."

Sophia gave the actress who was sitting beside Nicole a few glances. Yet, she didn't dare to talk to her. She indeed looked alluring, but she had ordinary features that were commonly seen on televisions. Compared to Nicole's outstanding features, she was completely outshone.

That's her? Michael wouldn't even be the least bit interested in molesting her!

Suddenly, Sophia felt that her clothes seemed familiar. Upon closer observation, she realized that she was wearing the exact same dress as the girl who talked to Stanley earlier. They were wearing the same outfit!

Wearing the same outfit at this kind of big-scale fashion event would definitely be extremely embarrassing to both parties, especially to the one who wore it worse. Obviously, that girl from earlier didn't look as stunning as Bethany.

Sophia prayed for that girl to remain unnoticed by Bethany. However, things didn't turn out according to her wish because the next second, the group of D-list celebrities who were sitting in the last row swarmed up to flatter Bethany. Among them, the girl wearing the same clothes was pushed toward Bethany too and she looked horrified. It seemed like she had realized what would happen next.

Christine had been pushed by the others toward Bethany. They wore the same outfit but obviously, Bethany wore it better and looked more majestic. After all, she had been put through the mill in the entertainment industry for years so naturally, she had cultivated her confidence and could control her aura perfectly. Therefore, a newbie like Christine was no match for Bethany.

Besides, Bethany was the ambassador in Cethos of a luxury brand under Ronney Group, so she was seated in the first row today. On top of that, several famous figures had asked for selfies with her as soon as she arrived, so she definitely had the confidence.

When Sophia got nearer to them, she realized that Christine wasn't wearing genuine branded clothes. There were traces of alterations and the quality was a far cry from the genuine ones. In the usual days, it could deceive the eyes of laymen, but when it was worn in front of the experts today, it was only natural that everyone noticed it was a knock-off, not

to mention when it was worn next to a genuine one. Evidently, Christine looked horrible like a bumpkin standing in front of a princess.

On the other hand, Bethany showed no signs of surprise and even questioned loudly, "Christine, your clothes must be a knock-off, aren't they? How can you wear a fake Ronney dress when it's Ronney's press conference today? How ridiculous!"

As a newbie, Christine had never experienced this kind of situation, so she was completely stunned. Bowing her head and looking at her clothes, she finally realized that she was wearing a knock-off. No wonder it had an unpleasant smell when it was handed to her and didn't fit her.

Everyone stared at Christine in suspicion and contempt, and this was the exact moment that the other D-list celebrities were waiting for. At this moment, they were laughing smugly as Christine made a fool of herself.

"I-I didn't know..." Terrified, Christine took a few steps backward. "The dress was given to me by the company. I didn't know that it was a knock-off. 'I'm sorry!'"

With great disgust, Bethany sized her up. "What an embarrassment. You should excuse yourself from here!"

However, Christine didn't dare to leave now because this was a task from her company. She had to watch the entire show and get a few photos with the famous figures so that she could be hired in many blockbuster films in the future.

The group of D-list celebrities then shouted at Christine, "Get out now. Didn't you hear what Bethany said? Don't make a fool of yourself here anymore!"

"This is Ronney's new product launching ceremony. How can you wear a fake Ronney dress? What are you trying to do? Are you trying to ruin this event?"

"Where's the security? Someone, chase this woman out! She's wearing a fake!"

The group of people were pushing and shoving her. At the same time, someone even shouted for the security. On the other hand, the other people from the fashion industry turned a blind eye to this commotion and no one tried to stop it. After all, wearing a fake was one of the biggest taboos in the fashion industry.

Being pressured, Christine choked up and tears rolled down her face. Some media even took the opportunity to snap ugly photos of her. At fashion week, which was crowded by a legion of fashion figures, wearing imitation clothes was a crime that was the most detested by fashion figures and the offender might be shut out from the fashion industry forever. She wouldn't receive any endorsement jobs from now on and might even be thrown out of this venue a moment later.

Michael witnessed this incident from the side but he wasn't planning to interfere. He knew that this was a common trick in the entertainment industry and it seemed like Christine had offended Bethany, so Bethany was deliberately picking fights with her.

Since the start of this industry, all kinds of cunning tricks had appeared one after another. Evidently, Christine was deceived because normally, these not-so-famous celebrities couldn't afford high-quality, tailor-made branded gowns, which could only be worn one time. Their agency definitely wouldn't buy it for them either. After all, a dress like that would cost over a hundred thousand to ten million. While famous actors could rent it from the brands, the D-listers didn't have that privilege and could only rent it from costume companies.

Sophia once sold a rack of gowns which she wore in the past to earn money. To her surprise, just a few days later, she saw a group of female celebrities repeatedly wearing her gowns to all kinds of events. It was only then did she realize that the gowns were highly sought after. Previously, an actress was reported to be utterly embarrassed for wearing a high-quality imitation. Truth was, she was fooled by the costume company.

By now, many people had noticed the commotion, including Sean. He witnessed how Christine was besieged by the crowd and how helpless she was as she cried. Since they had played games together in the past, he didn't want to turn a blind eye. Therefore, he deliberately nudged Stanley, who was scrolling on his phone beside him, and said, "Stan, look. Christine is being bullied. You should save her."

Stanley lifted his head and looked in that direction. It's Bethany, that b*tch, again!

Stanley was extremely annoyed at Bethany, who had poor acting skills and horrible temper but demanded a high pay. In the past, when she was invited to be the ambassador of their game, she even acted arrogantly and unreasonably at the scene. During prime time, she and Harry would appear in every channel on the television.

Stanley also knew that she had made up the story of being molested on the film set, which caused Michael to be criticized and cursed. In the end, she even pretended to be cute and innocent in order to dodge the blame. Since Sophia hated Bethany the most, she became

Bethany's professional hater and even specially created another account on social media to curse Bethany every day. Sometimes, when she wasn't satisfied with cursing Bethany alone, she would instruct Stanley and Sean to join her and this went on for many years.

How dare Bethany bully an introverted gamer? This is unforgivable!

Christine was a newbie but since she had accumulated a lot of fans from being a streamer in the past and was even a champion in the international team competition, her fame skyrocketed when she debuted as an actress in a drama. On top of that, she had once replaced Bethany in an endorsement, which Bethany was looking forward to. Since then, she was hated by many and countless people tried to suppress her.

Step by step, Christine shrank backward but the taunts and mockeries didn't stop. At that moment, she wished she could stay at home and play games. She should've continued her career as a skillful Esports streamer. In the games, she was the king and she could even make a living by playing games while streaming. Most importantly, she would be living a carefree life. If she hadn't come to Bayside City to develop her career, she wouldn't have had to experience these frustrating and cunning fights. Moving her feet backward, she planned to flee.

Unexpectedly, a man's voice suddenly rang. "Well, well, well. If it isn't Miss Bethany who was molested a few years ago!"

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Stanley didn't want to scold a woman, but this woman was getting on his nerves so he decided to publicly bully her.

Upon hearing the word 'molested', Bethany's smugness immediately disappeared.

That was her taboo, which involved her embarrassing past that even she found it hard to talk about.

Stanley deliberately raised his voice while saying, "A few years ago, Bethany was molested. I wonder if the culprit has been captured after so many years. Do you need me to report that incident to the police for you?"

Those who knew the truth showed an intriguing smile, including Michael who was at the side.

Even Sophia smiled cheerfully because she knew what had happened back then. As someone who bore grudges, not only did she remember it, but she even specially recorded her grudges in a notebook. In that notebook, she listed down all the celebrities that had secretly criticized Michael.

Back then when Bethany said that she was being threatened and led everyone to believe that Michael was the culprit, it caused a huge splash. Half of the celebrities in the entertainment industry stood out to support her, clamoring to fight against evil forces and the latent rules involving sex. As a result, Michael was criticised and cursed for a long time. In the end, she glossed over that incident by saying it wasn't Michael.

She didn't even apologize nor clarify it. Hence, up till now, some people on the internet were still insinuating that Michael had molested a new actress before, and some even said that he had forced Bethany to clarify the incident. After all, Michael was a significant figure whereas she was just a newbie with a weak foundation back then. Therefore, she didn't dare to oppose the evil forces. Even worse, her fans described Michael as an unmentionable devil from an evil force.

These few years, Bethany was doing great and even became Ronney's new ambassador this year. She managed to clear her past records but those who remembered it would engrave it in their mind.

When that incident was brought up now, Bethany's expression turned grave. She then fiercely shot daggers at Stanley, who had poked his nose in her business, before averting her gaze to Michael subconsciously. Coincidentally, Michael glanced back at her at the same time and at that moment, an icy beam appeared in his eyes, which immediately made Bethany shrink.

Even so, she was determined to make a fuss today because if she failed to make a huge commotion, she wouldn't be rewarded!

“Mr. Fletcher, this incident has nothing to do with you. I advise you not to interfere in this matter.” Bethany forced a smile.

When Stanley stood up for her, Christine seemed like she had finally found her backing and subconsciously hid behind him.

Stanley replied, “Why is it none of my business? She’s my friend, whom I have played games with for many years. I will definitely interfere in this matter since you’re bullying my friend!”

He was actually answering perfunctorily but little did he know, his words instantly lit up Christine’s eyes, who was hiding behind him. At the same time, a string in her heart was strummed.

With a snort, Bethany raised her voice and said, “So she’s your friend! Mr. Stanley, you must be extremely proud to have a friend who wears fake designer dresses to fashion week. Doesn’t she know that wearing high-quality imitations to this kind of event is a humiliation to the entire fashion industry? May I ask all of you to comment on this? Does someone who wears a fake designer dress deserve to attend fashion week?”

Christine couldn’t stop sobbing and her tears even messed up her makeup.

Obviously, Stanley was no match for Bethany in a woman’s fight. Therefore, Christine said softly to him from behind, “Mr. Snow Fox, forget it. It’s my fault anyway. Let’s not make a fuss...”

She had decided to leave even if she had to abandon the task given to her by her company. Even so, she was over the moon that Stanley supported her this time, and she would cherish it for years.

Seeing that Stanley lost the argument, Sophia, who was at the side, stood up and approached Christine to inspect her clothes. She then came to a conclusion that it was indeed a high-quality imitation, which was completely outshone by the genuine one.

However, this event was the fruit of her and Lucy’s painstaking effort, so she didn’t want any unpleasant incident to ruin it. Therefore, she tried to mediate the dispute. “Judging from the quality of the clothes... Hmm... I know! This is made by a studio that specially produces high-quality imitations. Not only are their products high-quality, but it even costs the same as the genuine one. Most importantly, it has a receipt so it can easily be confused with the

real one. Young girl, you should be more careful when you buy clothes next time. Even if they cost the same, they might not be genuine.”

Christine was stunned for a while before it dawned on her that Sophia was saving her from an awkward situation.

Her clothes were actually rented by her agency from a costume company. Naturally, she wasn't the one who picked the clothes, but when her agency rented a high-quality imitation, she was the one who would be publicly humiliated. Sadly, she didn't have the chance to explain herself so she could only swallow her grievance. She sobbed, "I didn't know. My agency picked these clothes for me..."

Sophia took the opportunity to say, "It's alright. Don't be sad. Nowadays, high-quality imitations are everywhere, and you were just a victim."

Upon hearing Sophia's words, the other people in the fashion industry chimed in to express their disappointment and detest toward high-quality imitations. They even began to pity this young girl since she was just a victim, who wasn't aware that her clothes were imitations and wore it to this event.

Finally, this dispute was settled. Bethany shot daggers at Sophia, only to receive a glare from Sophia in return.

For some reason, Sophia felt that there was something fishy in Bethany's glare.

Is it such a big deal that I ruined her act of suppressing her competitor?

Does she have to feel so angry that her eyes become bloodshot? She's acting like her parents were murdered and her loved ones were abused!

Perhaps there was an inside story to that which she wasn't aware of, and it so happened that she got involved. However, she had put in a lot of effort to bring about today's fashion week, so she wouldn't allow anyone to ruin the cheerful atmosphere. Even if there was an inside story, she had to ruin it because she wouldn't allow anyone to make a ruckus during her event!

No matter how unhappy Bethany was, the act came to a close so she could only return to her seat and continue requesting for a photo with those significant figures from the first row. On the other hand, the other D-list celebrities retreated as well after Edwards Group and

Plum Technology interfered in this matter because they didn't dare to get involved in that commotion.

"Thank you, thank you!"

Christine repeatedly thanked Sophia.

Seeing that Christine's clothes were imitations and her makeup was ruined, Sophia was worried that someone would take photos of her, which might taint her event's reputation. Therefore, she suggested, "Your clothes are indeed unsightly. Why don't you follow my assistant backstage? She'll get a dress for you to change into and you can fix your makeup."

Today, the state guesthouse was rented by Ronney Group for the morning while Edwards Group rented the venue for the evening. Since all the clothes had arrived at the venue, they had plenty of clothes.

Christine immediately waved her hands and said, "It's alright. I'll be going now!"

Sophia bet that it must be extremely tough for a young girl like Christine to achieve what she had today by playing games. Besides, she must have gone through hardships to get the invitation and since someone gave her the invitation, there must be numerous tasks that she needed to complete. It would be bad if she left just like that. Besides, she was such a punctilious girl. Therefore, Sophia said, "You were probably not invited by the brands. Well, that's actually a good thing because we have some clothes from Edwards that aren't available yet in the market. I'm sure you understand that since we're a local brand that has just been established, we're not as famous as Ronney Group. We aren't well-known so we hope that celebrities like you can help us advertise our brand. I know that we need to pay the celebrities for their endorsement fee, but I'm hoping that you'll wear our clothes to take some photos and post it on Twitter to advertise it as an appreciation to me since I got you out of a fix just now. In return, I'll give you the clothes for free as your endorsement fee."

Considering that, Christine felt that Sophia's suggestion was reasonable. By doing that, she could help Sophia and repay her kindness. Therefore, she stopped standing on ceremony and agreed enthusiastically. After that, she followed Sophia's assistant backstage so that she could change her clothes.

Finally, the commotion was settled so Sophia sat down and talked to Michael while waiting for the show to begin. Suddenly, she noticed Callum, who was not far away, winking at her. Therefore, she took out her phone from her bag, only to find a message from Callum.

'Bethany ate 'sandwiches' with my brother so you should put your guard up.'