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As he suppressed his inexpressible emotions, Lucas went to the Langston Residence with lots of healthcare products in his hands, upon which the house's servant had him wait in the living room. Meanwhile, Heather couldn't wait to go downstairs when she heard in the study that Lucas had arrived. After all, she really had something important to discuss with Lucas.

Seeing how impatient Heather looked, Robert said to her nonchalantly, "Don't be hasty. Just let him wait for a while."

Heather looked at Robert puzzledly, for she couldn't tell what he was going to do this time. Was he actually going to test Lucas out as if the latter was his future grandson-in-law? "It's almost time for our date. It's a bad thing to keep someone else waiting!" She could only try to reason with Robert since it was really difficult to read an old man's mind.

Robert wouldn't let another man win Heather's hand easily, though. "What's wrong with letting a man wait for a lady?" To him, a man should at least undergo several tests to do so.

"I have work to discuss with him, Grandpa," Heather replied in resignation. Even she couldn't stand Robert's waywardness.

However, Robert, whose wisdom and experience grew with his age, floored her in just one sentence. "Tell him to go back if you'll only be discussing work with him. You're on leave today, so you won't be discussing any work-related matters."

"Please give me a rest, Grandpa." Heather was both amused and annoyed. Why was Robert so unyielding? She felt as though she probably got her stubbornness from him.

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Robert looked stern at once. “Focus on your drawing. Look at what you’ve created!” Heather could only listen to his admonishment as he suddenly got back to talking about her drawing. Heather glanced at the drawing she made, and it looked very ugly indeed. Since her mind wasn’t on drawing at all, the lines she drew were crooked and misshapen. This came as a terrible blow to her, for it astounded her that there was something she couldn’t master.

Just then, Robert put down his charcoal and gave her a threatening glare. “I’ll go downstairs for a while. Keep working on your drawing, and don’t leave the study if you mess up even a single line.”

Heather looked aggrievedly at Robert from behind as the latter left the room. She was in no mood for drawing; she picked up her charcoal, but she had no idea how to start. Myra and Tony’s problem hadn’t been solved perfectly, so she needed to discuss this with Lucas, but Robert pulled such a move just when she was about to do so. Heather was thoroughly disappointed with herself—she felt that all she did on this day were stupid things. At this moment, Robert had already gone downstairs to get familiar with Lucas, so she hoped that Lucas could act according to the circumstances.

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When Robert slowly came down the stairs, Lucas was sitting ramrod straight in the living room with an expression that one couldn’t tell was either strained or serious. The instant he saw Robert, he became nervous. Moreover, Robert was wearing a stern look on his face, so Lucas was puzzled about how he had displeased Robert. “Hi, Old Master Langston,” he greeted politely. Then, he pushed the healthcare products placed before him toward the old man and said, “This is my first visit, so I brought you some presents as a little token to show my respect to you.” Since he had never experienced such a situation, he was inwardly a bundle of nerves.

When Robert glanced at the healthcare products’ packaging, he recognized at a glance that these were high-end healthcare products. It seemed that Lucas was quite thoughtful. “You shouldn’t have brought me these. You’re just paying a visit.” His expression softened somewhat, but it still had a distant air to it.

Lucas didn’t know how to make conversation with Robert. He felt like he was meeting the parent of a lady he loved, so he wanted to make a good impression on Robert. “This is what I ought to do.”

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Robert noticed how nervous Lucas was, and he was satisfied with the latter at first glance. After all, a man whom Heather found to her liking mustn't be ordinary. At first glance, Lucas was likely also from a wealthy and influential family, for he was dressed in expensive clothes. However, he thought that Lucas wasn't clever enough. At the very least, he was timid and not manly enough when speaking to him. "Heather is a bit under the weather." Robert mentioned Heather on his own initiative.

"How is she?" Lucas asked, his face full of concern.

"Did Heather not tell you about that?" Robert kept on observing Lucas while a plan brewed in his mind.

Meanwhile, Heather could hardly stay a second longer in the study. As she tried hard to calm herself down, she decided to draw a quick sketch and showed it to Robert directly—with that, she would use this excuse to see Lucas. However, the more impatient she was, the worse she got at drawing, so she took a deep breath to calm her restlessness. When she completed a fairly satisfactory quick sketch at last, she immediately left the study.

Heather was still upstairs when she saw the two men conversing in the living room. As she came up to Robert quickly, she interrupted his conversation with Lucas in a clear voice and said, "Look at my sketch, Grandpa. What do you think of it?" She smiled like a little girl while waving the quick sketch in her hand with a proud expression.

Lucas had never seen Heather behave like this before. He was momentarily stunned, and Robert noticed this as well. "Who let you come out?" Robert's face hardened as he didn't expect that Heather would be so headstrong. Was she trying to stop him from talking to Lucas because she was worried about something?

"Grandpa, didn't you say that I could leave the study once I finished a drawing?" Heather couldn't be bothered about the presence of an outsider. She acted like a spoiled child directly in front of Robert, and this completely stunned Lucas.

"Are you calling this a finished drawing? Look at your sketch—it doesn't look like a drawing at all!" Robert rebuked. He had pretty high standards, so Heather couldn't possibly reach them in a short time.

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Just then, Lucas couldn't help but interject from the side and said, "It looks pretty nice." However, his remark drew a stern stare from Robert. Even though he was defending Heather, Robert didn't like him cutting in on their conversation. As a result, Lucas lowered his head in embarrassment under Robert's stare; he felt that he had become a helpless victim at somebody else's mercy ever since coming to the Langston Residence.

"Draw it again," Robert said in displeasure.

However, now that Heather had come out, she would definitely not go back into the study. "I have something else to do, Grandpa. I'll practice drawing again when I'm free," she pleaded while shooting glances at Lucas.

Lucas wanted to say something in support of Heather, but before he could do so, he was shot a warning glance by Robert—the old man clearly saw the interactions between them. "No," he stated stubbornly, causing Heather to almost go insane.

Lucas looked at Heather sympathetically as he could only bow to 'the forces of evil.' Just when Heather and Robert were caught in a deadlock, another man came in from the outside and approached them. Heather furrowed her brows; she didn't expect the person to be Matthias, and his presence gave her a bad feeling.

"Hi, Old Master Langston and Miss Heather," Matthias greeted warmly in an easy and relaxed manner with no signs of fright.

"Why are you here?" Heather snapped. She didn't expect that Matthias would come to the Langston Residence in pursuit of her. Is he here to raise a ruckus this afternoon? she thought to herself.

On the other hand, Robert watched in secret without answering Matthias. He wasn't optimistic about the relationship between Matthias and Heather because of Matthias's special identity, but he had discovered long ago how differently Heather treated Matthias. He was worried about this, so he hoped that she would find a more outstanding man as soon as possible. However, upon comparing Matthias with Lucas, he felt that Matthias was a much better match for Heather.

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“How could you forget about the car accident in the morning so soon?” Matthias raised an eyebrow at Heather. Now that Heather had made them reach such a point of no return, how could he take this lying down?

Robert’s expression changed when he heard the words ‘car accident,’ and he gave Matthias a dirty look. If Lucas hadn’t been present, he would’ve probably lashed out at Matthias right away.

When she saw how sullen Robert looked, Heather immediately took Matthias to one side. Then, she lowered her voice and whispered to him, “Watch your mouth!” How could she have expected Matthias to visit the Langston Residence directly in search of her? Robert was already displeased with the car accident in the first place, so Heather would definitely be skinned alive if he learned the story behind it.

“Don’t avoid me.” Matthias softened his voice. Heather kept evading him, and it made him feel deeply uncomfortable. What he wanted wasn’t much, for he just wanted to take a look at her.

“What mischief are you up to again?” Heather looked at Matthias suspiciously. At this moment, she really wished she could throw him into outer space right away.

“Please give me some time. There are some things that I’d like to make clear to you, so let me do so, okay?” Matthias asked in an imploring tone, but he was obviously threatening Heather by doing so.

“Okay, but not today.” Heather hated Matthias’s guts deep down inside, but she could only compromise at this moment. Matthias was obviously driving her away from him because what he was doing right now would only make her loathe him even more and destroy the good impression she had of him back then.

Robert frowned; he thought it was rather impolite of Heather to talk to Matthias like that in front of Lucas as if no one else was present. Lucas didn’t seem to understand what was going on, but he seemed sensible enough to refrain from doing anything.

Even though the way Lucas conducted himself this day made Robert think that he wasn’t courageous and upright, in reality, Lucas was a truly courageous and upright man. He

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appeared unusually passive because this was the first time he had ever faced such a situation.

It wasn't until Robert hemmed twice that Heather and Matthias split up. "Haven't you two had enough of chatting?" Robert asked in displeasure, upon which Heather smiled with embarrassment. After pointing at Heather and Matthias, he then continued, "Can any of you explain the car accident to me?" No matter what, he wouldn't let Heather gloss over the incident.

Meanwhile, Heather and Matthias looked at each other before she nudged him. Since Matthias was the one who caused this, he should be the one solving it.

"Well, Old Master Langston, Miss Heather had a minor car accident this morning. Since she had something urgent to do and wanted to leave, I had her car towed for repair." Matthias' explanation was brief and to the point, and he seemed polite all the time with a smile on his face.

Robert didn't believe Matthias' story at all, though. When he looked at Matthias suspiciously, Heather hurriedly joined in and said, "Yeah, that's precisely what happened. He's here to deliver the repair order to me," she said with a smile so broad that a clueless person might think that she was talking about something worth celebrating.

Matthias cooperatively produced the repair order and handed it directly to Heather at once. "I had the car sent to the usual place for repair, and you can pick it up tomorrow."

As he spoke, he specifically snuck a glance at Lucas. He remembered this man—he was the best man at Myra's wedding, whereas Heather was the bridesmaid. Unexpectedly, he saw him here at the Langston Residence right now. Hence, it seemed that this man's relationship with Heather wasn't simple. The issue with the mixed-race person isn't over yet, and now a best man pops up, Matthias thought to himself. Although he knew that Heather was well-liked by men, he didn't expect her to be so well-liked. This put him under tremendous stress.

"You two are doing a pretty good job of echoing each other." Robert saw through their little games, though. Even though Lucas was right beside him, he would never allow them to fool him in such a way.

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Matthias immediately explained, “Old Master Langston, you have a pair of perceptive eyes that show keen insight into everything. How could we have the nerve to lie in front of you?”

Robert thought that Matthias was getting increasingly smooth-tongued. This man must be a successful businessman, but he was never telling the truth. At the thought of this, however, Robert found him a perfect match for Heather. After all, she was a cunning lady full of deceit and no better than Matthias.

Robert couldn't imagine what it would be like if Heather and Matthias got together, but he somehow wished that the two people would become a couple. Perhaps because he didn't get to be together with the woman he loved back then, he had been unable to rid himself of this regret. Since he loved Heather so dearly, he naturally wished that she could find someone she loved. On second thought, Matthias' identity was so complicated that Heather might suffer endless hardships if they actually got together. Robert knew a bit about the Locke Family, and it was, in any case, a very complicated family. Moreover, Matthias was currently the Locke Group's managing director. With such a controversial identity, Matthias was probably involved in many power struggles within his family.

On the other hand, Heather didn't want Matthias to keep on staying here, so she immediately pretended to recall something. Then, she said to Matthias, “Don't you have a board meeting to attend at your company? Hurry up and go back.”

They looked just like a young couple; it made Lucas feel awful, for he could tell without his intuition that Heather's relationship with Matthias was special. Lucas felt like an outsider as he was probably the only person who felt awkward in the face of the situation before his eyes. He couldn't cut in, but remaining silent would make him appear useless. All in all, he only felt that Heather was so far away from him.

“Yeah, I have something urgent to do at the company, so I'll be leaving after I deliver the repair order,” Matthias replied while looking at Robert.

It was good for him to leave earlier since he was quite stressed out while facing Robert. At the very least, he had achieved his objective on this day, for he didn't expect that Heather would agree to talk to him so readily. As such, he looked forward to the next day. In one moment, he hoped that the next day would arrive sooner as he couldn't wait to profess his love to Heather, but in the next moment, he wished that the day would arrive more slowly since he hadn't prepared himself enough.

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This day was a frightening and thrilling day, and after some strenuous effort, Heather finally managed to see Matthias off. When she came back, she saw Lucas saying goodbye to Robert. She looked at Lucas in a baffled manner, whereas the latter spoke politely. "Miss Langston, you should get more rest at home since you were just involved in a car accident. We can discuss the matter on Messenger," he said while holding up his cell phone. He showed no signs of displeasure, but his words sounded off to Heather.

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In an instant, silence returned to the Langston Residence. After Lucas left, Robert took Heather back into the study, this time with an even uglier look on his face. Not knowing how she had displeased him again, Heather looked at him with an innocent expression.

"You were screwing around!" Robert rebuked angrily.

Heather looked at Robert in puzzlement. She didn't know in what way she had screwed around, so she wondered if Matthias's arrival had displeased him. "Are we going to continue drawing?" she asked with a serious look on her face. At this moment, she'd better divert Robert's attention immediately, or Robert might give her another dressing-down.

"Don't change the subject." Robert wouldn't play Heather's game, though. He felt powerless at the sight of Heather, for her relationships were in a total mess.

"I know my faults now, Grandpa. I'll draw an excellent picture to make you satisfied." Heather unwaveringly guided the conversation to the subject of drawing, but Robert shot her a fierce glare instead.

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“What does Matthias have to do with the car accident?” Robert asked. He simply couldn’t understand why Matthias would always get involved in Heather’s affairs, nor could he understand what the two of them were fussing over. Heather and Matthias must be very close in private, but he couldn’t meddle too much in this. After all, he couldn’t force them to sever their ties with each other.

“It’s just a coincidence,” Heather replied guiltily. In fact, there were many coincidences about Matthias. However, Heather didn’t dare to let Robert know the truth behind the car incident, for she feared that he would ground her as a punishment.

“Are there so many coincidences?” Evidently, Robert was displeased with Heather’s answer; he thought she was just saying that to pacify him.

Heather nodded repeatedly and replied, “That’s just how it is.”

“I have to go out this afternoon, so stay in the study and reflect on your mistakes.” Robert glanced at the clock on the wall. It was time for him to attend his appointment since it was getting late.

Upon hearing this, Heather was overjoyed at once, for she had some stuff to take care of that afternoon. If Robert kept an eye on her all the time, she would be unable to do anything else that day. “Okay, I’ll keep practicing and wait for you to come back. By then, you can inspect my drawings,” she promised readily as she had to show her obedience at this moment.

Robert didn’t believe Heather at all, but he really had no time to waste. He was going to meet a big shot this time, so he mustn’t make any mistakes.

Once Robert left, Heather had an illusion that she regained her freedom in life, and she instantly found the study a lot more adorable. She carelessly made a few brushstrokes with a faint smile on her face, for it was only at this moment could she draw freely in a jaunty manner.

When she recalled what Lucas had said, she opened her Messenger immediately. Heather saw a clear and concise message from him as expected. It read, ‘Send me the photo.’

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Perhaps Lucas is such a lofty and distant man in real life! Heather thought to herself. As she thought about Lucas' temper, the corners of her mouth turned upward—Lucas seemed much more interesting than he appeared to be.

She sent him the photo without further delay, upon which he replied, 'Thanks.'

Meanwhile, Heather felt quite helpless since she didn't know what to say to him. She had always been a conversation killer on social media, but she didn't expect that he was a better conversation killer than herself. She wondered if she should exchange courtesies with him, but she thought better of it in the end. How boring it would seem if she responded to the word 'thanks' with the phrase 'you're welcome'!

Meanwhile, Lucas also didn't know what to say to Heather as he looked at his Messenger. He seemed to have presented himself badly that day, so he pondered if he should talk to Tony about this. It was his fault for being too impulsive that things turned out this way, and he was already regretting it. How could he leave so suddenly? He wondered what Heather would think of this. He wanted to find some topics to chat about, but he had no idea what conversation he should initiate. As he held his cell phone in vexation, he suddenly found himself very useless.

Meanwhile, Matthias texted Heather on Messenger shortly after Lucas stopped doing so. Heather took a glance at the message Matthias had sent; he had been quite abnormal last night, so she was curious to know what on earth he was up to, but she wanted to stay away from him even more.

'Are you there?' His message was so simple that Heather didn't want to reply to it at all.

Since she gave no reply, he sent another message five minutes later. 'Are you there?'

Heather stared at the message in contemplation before deciding to ignore him again. After some thought, she simply deleted the message Matthias sent her. To her dismay, Matthias sent her an identical message every few minutes, forcing her to text him back against her will.

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Matthias pressed in on Heather so hard that she almost had an overwhelming desire to delete him from her Messenger. However, she decided that she might as well text him back after some hesitation. She texted perfunctorily, 'I'm busy.'

Matthias was elated upon seeing Heather's message. He knew that she was only brushing him off, but it was good that she finally paid some attention to him. He asked caringly, 'Did your Grandpa give you a hard time?'

Looking at her cell phone in bafflement, Heather didn't understand what Matthias meant and why he would suddenly care about her. She always believed that every word he spoke and everything he did had a purpose, so she only assumed the worst about his actions. 'No,' she replied coldly, but she felt very uncomfortable. She wanted to figure out Matthias's purpose for approaching her, but she didn't know where to start. This made her a little anxious.

'That's good. Where are you? Are you still at home?' The tone of Matthias's message became increasingly gentle, but this reeked of conspiracy to Heather.

As the saying went that an angry fist didn't hit a smiling face, Heather couldn't be unfriendly toward Matthias, so she chatted with him one minute and was quiet the next. 'I'm in the study.'

'What are you doing in the study? Are you reading?' Matthias tried hard to strike up a conversation as he had really made up his mind this time. He kept pestering Heather in every way possible, and this took her by surprise. 'I'm drawing.' Her sullen face softened somewhat.

Matthias was good at making conversation, so he kept dragging her into the conversation until she found it rude to ignore him. She wanted to directly tell him to stop, but before she realized it, she had spent a long time chatting with him.

Surprisingly, Heather and Matthias complemented each other in this aspect. Since she kept killing the conversation, he kept looking for new topics to talk about. Heather had to admit that she was impressed, for she could actually chat with him over such a long time this way. After all, she rarely chatted with someone on social media for such a long time.

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“Could you record a short video and send it to me? I’d like to see your drawing,” Matthias pleaded. Right now, he found everything about Heather very interesting.

Heather glanced at the drawing tools on the table before turning her gaze back to her cell phone. She hesitated for a moment, but she eventually consented to his request. She painted with one hand while recording the short video with the other, but she found it hard to paint in this way.

Since she was recording a video for Matthias, she had to be careful with each stroke—she couldn’t let Matthias look down on her. After recording a few videos, she was finally satisfied; only then did she let go of the record button and send the video. However, there was no response from the other end, and this made her nervous. Since he was a very nit-picky person, she was afraid that Matthias would notice some flaws in her drawing.

After not seeing the words ‘Matthias is typing...’ for a long time, she decided to toss her cell phone aside right away. Just then, she received a message. Matthias sent him an emoji depicting a person constantly giving her the thumbs up.

‘You’re amazing. It’s a nice picture. Can you draw a picture for me next time so that I can hang it on the wall in my office?’ Matthias texted her with a smile.

Heather burst out laughing, for she didn’t expect Matthias to say something so flattery. His words look so hypocritical, she thought to herself.

Matthias felt very relaxed while chatting with Heather, and he guessed that it was because he loved her.

‘Your flattery is so exaggerated. I was given a dressing-down by my Grandpa for this picture just now.’ As she tapped away on the keypad with a smile, Heather forgot how she was particularly sick of Matthias before. Perhaps Matthias had the ability to make her forget her distaste for him; there were many times when Heather was amused despite him doing something bad.

Then, the smile on her face slowly faded. Heather didn’t like the way she was right now since this felt very strange. It was as if Matthias reflected her fickleness as a woman, for

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she could snap at him one moment and laugh while chatting with him on Messenger the next.

She massaged her temples while thinking about how strange this felt. To be honest, she actually enjoyed chatting with him. If there weren't so many problems between them, she would probably have lots of fun chatting with him. After all, Matthias kept making conversation. Heather liked this in particular, for it was precisely due to her lack of such ability that she loved to see such a quality in others. This was especially the case when she was chatting on social media. She always found herself passively going along with whatever somebody else said, and this was completely different from how she behaved in real life.

She could guide the conversation and draw people into the subject she was talking about in real life, but she was abnormally passive on social media despite her eloquence.

This was likely because she didn't like communicating in text. On the contrary, she preferred talking to someone face-to-face in real life, for she could adjust to changing circumstances by watching the hardly noticeable details about the other party's behavior. On the other hand, words were inadequate for her to figure out what mood the person on the other end was in. Whenever she thought of this, she found the idea of texting someone unappealing.

Now that she could actually have a nice chat with Matthias, she was very astonished. In fact, she found it much more comfortable to chat with him in such a way instead of talking to him face-to-face. This was the first time she found that it was nice to chat with someone on social media, and she even looked forward to what Matthias was about to say next. When she saw the words 'Matthias is typing...', she felt somewhat relieved.

On the other hand, Matthias put down the documents occupying his table; his mind was full of his conversation with Heather at this moment. He also looked forward to seeing the words 'Heather is typing...'. Sensing acutely that Heather also looked forward to this, he texted her and said, 'Can't you leave the study?'

'I'm not going to tell you about this,' Heather texted back in displeasure. Matthias was really very clever, for he was able to infer what had actually happened from her message alone.

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'All right. You don't have to talk about it if you don't want to.' Matthias skipped the topic directly. Since Heather disliked this topic, he'd better replace it with another immediately. Right after that, he sent another message. 'Are you bored with staying in the study alone?' he asked even though he already knew the answer. Why would Heather keep responding to his messages if she didn't feel bored?

Heather wouldn't admit that she was feeling bored, though. 'It's okay, I have a lot of stuff in the study. There are also lots of books, so I can spend a pleasant afternoon reading.'

'That sounds nice. Your words make me want to be confined in the study with you.' Matthias texted a suggestive remark in a hardly noticeable way.

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