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Her sudden announcement had caused Leon and Matthias to look at each other in confusion. Both men didn't think there were any business matters to discuss at this time. Initially, Matthias felt that Heather was only using Leon as a pretense, so he didn't think much about their trip. Now that Matthias heard her mentioning work with a solemn expression, he was stunned.

On the other hand, with a bright smile on his face, Leon answered, "Heather, you didn't inform me beforehand that we're going to talk about work." He was still secretly helping Matthias this time, causing her to roll her eyes at Leon.

A grateful Matthias glanced at Leon, thinking that he was indeed a loyal man. As the two of them made eye contact and exchanged a few knowing glances with each other, she felt the urge to kick the door down and leave the room.

"You kept mentioning the launch of the company yesterday. Isn't that a business matter?" Heather reminded Leon. Since she came looking for him today, she already had her set of rhetoric figured out.

"Didn't you already make up your mind and there's no point in me persuading you?" He continued to ridicule her. With regards to his refusal to cooperate, she assumed that he was still angry with what had happened yesterday.

"If you don't want to talk about it, I can leave now," Heather responded in a threatening tone, hoping that Leon could stop being carried away by his temper.

In helplessness, he looked at her. If he continued to act against her principles, she would definitely not spare any mercy on him in the future. Since he had no choice, he hopelessly nodded.

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“No, Heather. I still want to talk about the company launch.” Now that Heather had made herself so clear, there was no way Leon could act boldly anymore. After all, he still feared her in his heart.

Not knowing what was happening, Matthias gave a blank expression. He had no idea about the company launch at all. Upon noticing the confused expression in his eyes, she secretly smiled in her heart.

“When are you planning to launch the company?” He forcibly interrupted the conversation.

She did not reply. Instead, Leon answered, “On New Year’s Day.” There was nothing but a strong hint of helplessness in his tone.

“You’ve delayed the launch until the New Year’s?” Matthias expressed his opinion, which caused Heather to frown a little.

It was then that Leon became excited. With a slightly raised voice, he responded, “Don’t you think it’s taking too long? The company can be launched within a few days. Yet, she wants it to be on New Year’s Day and that was different from what she promised me.” The moment he had an outsider supporting him, he started to get bolder with his thoughts.

“Launching the company is a big thing. There’s no use launching it in a hurry.” Heather made her grandiose explanation. Leon had not mentioned the reason behind the postponement because it was not convenient for him to talk about it in front of Matthias. At least, he was still aware of that point.

“I heard you mention the company launch before and it’s already been delayed for half a year from your original plan. If you don’t launch it as soon as possible, it might not be a good move.” It was surprising that Matthias’ memory was not bad. She had once told him that she wanted to start her own business and even shared her plan with him.

Even though she couldn’t remember when it happened, he could remember every detail about it—a rather impressive feat to both Heather and Leon.

“Thoughts will change as time passes. Changes always occur to plans.” She had insisted on launching it on New Year’s Day and even got into a fight with Leon because of this yesterday.

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If it hadn't been for Matthias today, Heather wouldn't have brought up the matter and landed herself in this situation. However, she did have her own reasons—she really wanted to persuade Leon into accepting her opinion.

It was just that she wasn't expecting Matthias to express his thoughts at that time. And what was more shocking was the fact that she had once disclosed her business plan to him. Now, she knew that she was in trouble.

Undeniably, Leon was indeed annoyed with Heather yesterday, but he was not the kind of person who would hold a grudge against someone. Now that she had mentioned it again, he didn't have any complaints about it. He was just surprised that Matthias was actually on his side, which made things more interesting.

Ever since she met Matthias, many embarrassing things that happened were all related to him. Sometimes, she wondered whether he was her calamity.

Suddenly, the lady boss' words popped up in Heather's mind—that she and Matthias were a match made in heaven. Yet, why did she feel that it sounded so ironic at this moment?

However, Heather knew that the lady boss was indeed proficient in metaphysics. For some reason, her words had Heather feeling a little excited. Although Matthias was always causing her troubles and embarrassment, he happened to be the one that could bring her happiness.

Even Myra thought that it was a wonderful thing. When Heather chatted with her a few days ago, Myra had even brought this up.

The emotions in Heather's gaze had frequently changed from one to another that Matthias was feeling strange. Was there something on his face?

"I'm just expressing my thoughts. If you've made up your mind, you don't have to care about what others think," Matthias responded from the bottom of his heart. He was willing to support Heather in whatever she wanted to do.

Here came another plot twist! Leon instantly felt betrayed by his ally. In anger, he glanced at Matthias and regretted his decision for helping Matthias. In the end, Matthias would always stand on Heather's side.

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Upon hearing Matthias' words, Heather could feel warmth filling her heart. That sounds just about right! If he dared to say anything that made her upset, she would definitely not see him again during this time.

Despite the overwhelming happiness in her heart, she was still not going easy on him. "On one hand, you told me not to care about what others think and on the other hand, you're expressing opinions that contradict with mine. You're indeed a contradictory person."

A sympathetic Leon cast a glance at Matthias. Pleasing Heather would not guarantee a positive outcome. Look what happened now? Now that he was looking at Matthias' defeated expression, Leon gloated a little in his heart as he regarded it as Matthias' karma for betraying him.

"Everyone has the freedom of speech. I can express my opinion openly and you can choose to ignore it as well. Do I have to keep quiet just because my opinion contradicts yours?" Matthias refuted. Since she was going overboard, he would not be polite with her either.

On the side, Leon was dying to applaud Matthias for his ability to silence Heather. Sure enough, he was a talent in eloquence.

Then, the debate continued. As the two of them continued to argue with one another, Leon found the scene rather interesting. He was initially growing bored in the hotel, but these two came to look for him today and enacted such a great show to help him pass the time. For that, he was grateful to them.

Now that the situation was getting chaotic, he couldn't miss the chance of making it worse for the sake of his own pleasure.

"That's right, Heather. You have to fix that chauvinism of yours. You can ignore our opinions, but you can't tell us to shut up. We support freedom of speech!" Leon emphasized the last sentence with a raised tone. That triumphant expression of his really pissed Heather off.

"Please pay attention to the words you use. Do some research and figure out what chauvinism is before labeling it on me." Heather expressed her dissatisfaction while Matthias also took a glance at him. It was true that Leon really made a mistake in his word choice this time.

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“Hey, since you insist on launching the company on New Year’s Day, then we shouldn’t talk about it anymore. It’s not a big deal to postpone the launching anyway. We can even make use of the auspicious signs of the special day.” Leon hurriedly appeased Heather. He was too full of himself earlier and shot himself in the foot. It would be the worst thing on earth if he had actually offended her.

It seemed that he was not that difficult to deal with as compared to Matthias. Leon had actually compromised with ease, but it was expected because he really shared the same fate with Heather.

“Now that we have finished talking about work, is there anything else that you want to talk about?” Leon couldn’t wait to get over this topic. Knowing Heather’s personality, he knew that she wouldn’t change her mind once she had something decided. So, why should he bother to waste his effort and time arguing about the launching?

“I have,” Matthias suddenly interrupted.

Leon curiously shifted his gaze to Matthias, wondering what quote Matthias was coming up with this time. After being bullied by Heather for so long, Leon finally saw a glimmer of hope in Matthias. It seemed that the day where he could turn the tables around was not far away.

“What is it? Tell me.” Leon and Matthias started to sing the same tune, leaving her aside.

“Since the weather is so nice today, do you want to go for a picnic?” Matthias was still thinking about the picnic until now. He had been waiting for a chance to bring it up all along.

Upon hearing that, Heather held her forehead with her hand. Why was Matthias so stubborn? She shouldn’t have brought him here to visit Leon. Now, they were birds of a feather flocking together.

“Picnic? That sounds like a good idea!” Leon agreed with an eager expression since he had always liked outdoor activities.

“Then, you’ll have to persuade Heather for me. She has rejected me earlier.” Matthias gazed at her. As expected, she was looking a little gloomy at that moment.

“Heather, a picnic is good for our body and mind. Why did you say no?” Leon started to throw the question at Heather. As if Matthias was not enough to make her life difficult, there

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was Leon doing the same thing. It was then that Heather realized she really made a serious mistake.

“I don’t want to go. I’m not interested in being self-sufficient.” She threw a death glare at Matthias as she answered. At the thought of his proposal, she couldn’t help but roll her eyes.

“Self-sufficient?” Leon was a little puzzled. With doubts written in his eyes, he looked at Matthias. Of course, she wouldn’t bother to explain to him, so he could only pin his hope on Matthias.

When he heard Leon’s question, Matthias explained in a serious manner, “Since we’re going for a picnic, of course, we will have to make our own food. I plan to bring a pot with a soup base and look for a beautiful place in the mountains. Then, I’ll be in charge of fishing while she harvests the wild vegetables. By doing so, we’ll get to enjoy the most authentic delicacy of nature.” Matthias portrayed it as vividly as possible and it made Leon excited just by listening to it.

An eager Leon kept nodding his head as if he really wanted to give it a shot. However, Heather didn’t seem to have the slightest interest written on her face.

“This is an awesome idea! What are we waiting for then?” Leon skipped Heather’s opinion directly; he was dying to be there at this moment.

“Since both of you like the idea, then you should go together. Don’t drag me along.” Heather couldn’t wait to return to the Langston Residence. There was no way she would spend her time with these two childish men.

“No way. We have to work together so that we don’t exhaust ourselves. If Matthias and I go for a picnic on our own, others might get the wrong idea. For the sake of our innocence, you must come with us.” Leon was intimately addressing Matthias, making it seem like he was really planning to form an alliance with Matthias.

“Oh,” she replied coldly with an indifferent expression. While looking at her, Matthias and Leon couldn’t make sense of her reply. Did she agree to it or...

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Heather could only agree to the proposal of a picnic as they would not give up in their pestering. As much as she thought that it was a stupid idea, Leon and Matthias were utterly excited about it. Not understanding the reason behind their excitement, she just hoped that they could get this outdoor activity over with.

As the three of them hopped into the car, Matthias was a step ahead and occupied Leon's front passenger seat. Knowing Matthias' intention, Leon subconsciously moved to the backseat without another word.

It was a terrible day for her. She ignored the two childish men next to her and focused on the road. On the other hand, Leon chatted about his plan for their upcoming picnic and it was surprising that Matthias was patient enough to listen to him.

"Heather, it's been so long. Are we not there yet?" Leon wondered. It had been 40 minutes, but they had yet to arrive at their destination.

"Bradfort City is bigger than you think. It takes at least an hour to get from the city center to the suburbs," Heather replied contemptuously. She really wished that she could drug him at the moment so that she didn't have to listen to him and his nonsense.

A second later, he looked out of the car window with disinterest. Although the scenery was remarkable outside, he didn't enjoy the feeling of staying in a constrained space for too long as it would make him uncomfortable.

"I'm bored." Leon complained. "The journey is too slow."

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“Can you shut up? I can’t focus on driving because of you,” Heather snapped. She was already irritated at the fact that they had forced her to come along for the picnic. Now that he was whining and getting impatient, it caused her mood to turn even worse.

He instantly zipped his mouth and dared not utter another word in the fear that she would turn her car around if she became agitated.

While staying quiet on the side, Matthias finally figured out the relationship that Heather and Leon had. It turned out that her treatment of him was already considered cordial compared to the way that she treated Leon. When it came to Leon, she seemed relentless.

Soon, the road ahead of them was getting narrower. It seemed that they were about to drive up the mountain road. While Matthias had a perfect place in mind for their picnic, Heather was still moving forward without a specific direction.

In a low voice, he whispered the direction of the destination in her ear, causing her to frown every now and then. “That road is too difficult to pass through. I’m not going there.” He didn’t specify the location beforehand and as soon as he finished speaking, she immediately opposed his words.

In fact, he had expected her to say those words, which was why he did not tell her the specific location before they made it here. And now that they were getting closer, he believed that he and Leon could continue to persuade her.

After noticing their exchange at the front, Leon leaned forward as he added, “Heather, you can’t give up halfway. We’ve made it this far. We’ll be arriving in just a bit.” Although he didn’t know the exact location, he guessed they should be arriving at their destination soon.

Matthias soon added, “We’re just 3 kilometers away. Hang in there.”

At their words, Heather gradually tightened her grip on the steering wheel. She was a little hesitant on whether to continue moving forward or to turn the car around. One thing was for sure—she did not want to disappoint them. Even though she was reluctant to come along before this, she had made it this far anyway. It wouldn’t be polite of her to leave at this moment.

“Your turn to drive,” she told him. Upon seeing that the road was too difficult to pass through, she figured she might as well let him take the wheel.

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Upon hearing that, Matthias smiled triumphantly. “No problem.” Initially, he wanted to offer to drive, but since it was Heather’s car, he didn’t take the initiative to mention it.

Then, she pulled over to the side of the road and exchanged seats with him. He had always been a skilled driver who drove through even the bumpiest roads. Even though it was a difficult road ahead, he did not have any intention of slowing down. Instead, he floored the accelerator and sped up.

At the same time, Leon cheered in his seat, “Hooray! Speed up! Faster!”

An annoyed Heather turned to glare at Leon as if she was looking at an idiot. Immediately, he smiled and pointed at his own mouth as he acknowledged, “I’ll zip my mouth and shut up now.”

Whenever he was with Heather, Leon would be restrained in all kinds of ways. Meanwhile, after hearing Leon’s words, Matthias stepped on the pedal even harder. Looking at them, Heather was sure of one thing—she could not allow Leon and Matthias to stay close to each other.

It might seem to be a world of difference between Matthias and Leo, but, in fact, they were the same—something that she should have noticed a long time ago.

The biggest mistake she had made today was to bring Matthias along to visit Leon. However, there was nothing she could do with their sort of people. The shamelessness of Leon and Matthias had far exceeded her imagination.

And the most troublesome thing was that their skills in pestering were totally out of the world. Even Heather’s stubbornness was not a match to them at all.

As the car sped along the bumpy road, she felt the urge to throw up. On the other hand, Matthias was driving like a professional racer with eyes that were filled with madness.

“It’s rare to come across such terrain these days. It’s been a long time since I’ve been able to freely drive.” Matthias actually regarded places like that as a good choice for car racing. It seemed that he was a little crazier than Leon.

Even Leon, who was sitting in the back seat, felt sorry for Heather. It was definitely not easy for her to sit in the front passenger seat, but luckily she was a stronghearted person.

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On the other hand, there was no seatbelt at the backseat. Sometimes, when the car passed through larger bumps, it would cause Leon to jump from his seat. And, it was then that he realized three kilometers was a long way to go.

It had been a long time since he last rode in a bumpy car. He somehow felt like he was an action movie star desperately escaping for his life. The short five-minute journey almost had him puking in the car.

When the car finally came to a stop, Leon hurriedly alighted from it. To Leon's surprise, Matthias' expression didn't change even the slightest bit after the ride. It seemed that the gradient level was not a big deal to Matthias at all.

A second later, Heather also slowly got out of the car. Her movements were slower and calmer as compared to Leon's. It was better to be slower for the nausea to sink in. In fact, she seemed relatively fine. Judging from how everyone looked, Leon seemed to have suffered the most.

Since he had left the car in a hurry, the nausea had hit him harder, causing him to have a stronger urge to puke. Heather faintly scanned his distressed expression. Upon seeing that he was trying his best to resist himself from vomiting, she flashed a bright smile. When she thought of the alliance between the two men, she felt that it was the best punishment for him.

Besides, she was still waiting to see Matthias' disappointed expression. One thing that she clearly remembered was the camp stove with a pot and the soup base.

Since the two of them were busy persuading her to come for the picnic earlier, they had completely forgotten to swing by the grocery store along the way. Of course, she didn't want to remind them either. After all, she was waiting for this moment to arrive.

They should never doubt how vindictive a woman can be. Heather pretended to be nonchalant as she asked, "So, what are we going to do next?"

A moment later, Matthias looked at her before he shifted his gaze to Leon. Suddenly, a thought came to his mind. I need a fishing rod to fish. They seemed to have forgotten to swing by the grocery store before they came. She quietly stared at him, carefully observing the changes in his expression.

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“Did we forget about something before we came?” Matthias asked awkwardly.

“Huh?” Heather looked calm on the surface while she gloated in her heart.

Who would’ve thought that the Director Locke would be a clumsy man who could forget about such a simple thing? He was so confident and convincing before this, yet he turned out to be a birdbrain after all. Heather secretly looked at him with contempt.

“We didn’t buy a fishing rod,” Leon responded as he suddenly remembered. They came in such a hurry that they didn’t prepare any tools at all.

“Camping stove with a pot and the soup base. We have none of these either.” Heather rubbed it in their faces.

Feeling defeated, Matthias looked at her. He could clearly see the triumphant smile on her face. At the same time, Leon also gazed at him while feeling sorry. They had actually forgotten such an important matter.

“So, how are we going to have our picnic then?” she asked with a hint of mockery.

Leon and Matthias looked at each other. One couldn’t make bricks without straw. As much as nature was rich in resources, they had no cooking utensils.

“Open the trunk,” Matthias told Heather. “There may be some tools in the trunk that we can modify.”

As he arrived at the back of the car, he pushed the trunk open only to find out it was empty. Heather proudly wrapped her arms around her chest and smiled. “I’m sorry. I never place anything in my trunk.”

She didn’t even have a spare tire in it. He helplessly glanced at her since it was rare to come across a woman like her these days.

Leon also entered the car as he tried to locate something usable for the picnic. To his dismay, there was nothing but a box of napkins. There wasn’t even a lighter in the carriage.

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It seemed that they had no choice but to cancel the picnic and return home, which was the outcome Heather wanted. However, he suddenly suggested, "Since we can't have hotpot, we can have a barbecue then."

Leon's words had immediately attracted Matthias. After carefully thinking about it, Matthias agreed. "That's right! There are many ways for us to create fire and the sun is bright today. It's not going to be a problem at all."

While listening to their conversation, Heather looked at them incredulously. They were going to use the wild man's method to have their picnic. Isn't this getting a little too absurd?

"Let's get started then," Matthias instructed Leon before looking in Heather's direction.

Swiftly, she had already hopped into her car and closed the window as if she was determined to isolate herself from the outside world. Then, Matthias came knocking on the window lightly as he cajoled, "Heather, come down. We need to work together and divide the jobs."

In the car, Heather wore her earphones as she completely ignored Matthias. Yet, he had no intention of letting her get away with it. At last, she had no choice but to wind down the car window as she answered, "Since both of you are so motivated, you should work more then. I'm not interested at all." Suddenly, she took out a bag of potato chips from nowhere. She would rather have this snack as her meal than associate with them out there.

"Is this enough for you?" Matthias asked, pointing to the bag of potato chips.

"I don't have a big appetite," Heather replied.

He tried to persuade her. "Then, I'm going to catch a game. There must be something delicious here that you can't get in restaurants."

At his words, Heather waved her hand at him. "There should be a lot of protected species here. Don't lay your hand on the wrong ones. You know the consequences for breaking the law."

"Don't worry, I still have this bit of common sense within me." Matthias was not polite either. There was no way for them to get along with each other at all. It seemed that it was their daily routine to argue with one another.

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Watching as he turned around, Heather cast a disdainful glance at him. Anyway, it was a totally different kind of enjoyment for her to savor her potato chips in the wild.

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