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Maria had previously asked Franklin for Gary's number. When the latter answered, she rudely snapped, "Do you know the time now? How much longer do you want me to wait? You don't even care about punctuality! Don't forget that it's your family begging me for a favor! Yet, you want me to wait?"

She hung up right after saying that without giving Gary any chance to respond. Meanwhile, Gary was stunned for a long while after the phone conversation ended. Embarrassment showed on his face, and he felt chagrined at having been lectured by the young Maria at his age. But recalling that Kai had to depend on her to recommend him a job, he endured the humiliation.

"Who was that on the phone, Dad?" Kai queried.

"It was Maria. She's already waiting downstairs, so hurry up and go down. Remember to speak nicely to her."

Gary started urging him to go downstairs.

After Kai went downstairs, he saw Maria waiting at the entrance. Hence, he went over to her and murmured apologetically, "I'm sorry to have kept you waiting."

The moment Maria spotted him, she promptly barked with fury etched on her face, "If it weren't for my father's orders, I wouldn't have come to pick you up! Look at your dressing! What era is that suit from? How dated!"

Kai's brows furrowed slightly, but he suppressed his anger and explained, "I bought it three years ago, but I've never worn it, so it's still new."

"New my foot! No young man in this era would wear such an old-fashioned suit!"

Maria curled her lips derisively.

"T-Then, should I go back up and change?" Kai questioned.

"Forget about it! There's no time for that when it's already late now! Hurry up and get into the car!" Maria opened the car door with a frosty expression and climbed into the car unceremoniously.

Kai wanted to sit in the passenger seat, but Maria snarled at him when he opened the car door, "Sit in the back! Do you think you're worthy of sitting in the passenger seat?"

At that, Kai frowned again though he did as ordered and slipped into the back seat. Without even waiting for him to settle, Maria floored the gas pedal. It was fortunate that he knew martial arts, or he would have slammed into the front seat.

"Remember that you can't mention anything about being acquainted with me when we arrive at the office! Also, I don't care whether you pass the interview. Don't expect me to help you either! It's already benevolent of me to recommend you for an interview..."

Maria rambled on and on during the drive, mainly forbidding him from saying that he knew her because she was afraid that he would embarrass her.

"Okay." Kai merely gave her a placid one-worded reply.

In no time, they arrived at Maria's company. It was a corporate group with more than a dozen floors in the entire building.

"Sentiment Chemical Limited? This company belongs to the Sullivan family?" Kai stared at the gigantic signboard of the company with his head lifted, a frown marring his countenance.

If my memory serves, Sentiment Chemical Limited belongs to the Sullivan family. I remember Josephine saying that William established it on her birthday as a birthday gift for her!

Indeed, Josephine was the Chairman and legal person of that company. However, she didn't participate in its management and rarely visited the office.

"Yes, this company belongs to the Sullivan family, the wealthiest family in Horington! It's a great honor to be able to secure a job here. The pay and benefits are far better than other companies!" Maria declared proudly.

Kai merely smiled without commenting further. He then followed her into the building.

As soon as they reached the entrance, they saw a tall and handsome young man in a suit standing by the door. That was none other than Maria's boyfriend, Zayne Carlson.

"Why are you so late today, Maria?"

When Zayne caught sight of Maria, he immediately went up to her with a bright smile.

"Ugh! Did you have to remind me of that? My father asked me to pick up his comrade's son, so I'm running a bit behind."

Maria pouted, making it clear that she wasn't in that great a mood.

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Zayne cast a look at Kai behind Maria, upon which a glimmer of disdain flashed across his eyes. Then, he took Maria's hand and started striding forward. Kai could only trail behind them while Zayne and Maria whispered among themselves.

"If you don't want him to work here, I'll just fail him during the interview later. Anyway, I'm doing the interview today," Zayne murmured.

"Don't make it too obvious. Otherwise, my father is going to take me to task again if he complains to his father. He had just gotten out of prison, so turn him down on that basis," Maria instructed in hushed tones, leaning close to his ear. They were afraid that Kai would hear them, but unbeknownst to them, Kai caught the entirety of their conversation. After all, his hearing was far superior to the average person then.

Behind them, the man chuckled coldly. I don't give a whit whether I can pass the interview! I'm just going through the formalities.

When they had reached the floor where the sales department was located, Maria pointed at Zayne and said to Kai, "Go with him. And remember what I told you—don't tell anyone here that you're acquainted with me!"

Kai nodded in acknowledgment before following Zayne to the office where the interview would be held. By then, a crowd was already waiting outside, all there for an interview. Since it was a corporate group, it paid well and offered great benefits. For that reason, many people wanted to join the company, including graduates from prestigious universities.

"Wait outside. Someone will call you later."

Zayne strode into the office after saying that. Kai, on the other hand, plopped down onto a chair.

"Are you here for an interview as well, bro?" a bespectacled young man sitting beside him asked.

"Yeah." Kai nodded.

"Which university did you attend? I know many of the interviewees this time are graduates from renowned universities. Look at that girl in a dress. I heard that she's from Quartz University. Meanwhile, that man with a backpack graduated from Moana University," the young man jabbered with envy written all over his face.

"I attended Bay Coast Business School." Kai flashed him a faint smile.

Taken aback, the young man exclaimed, "You're a graduate from Bay Coast? I really laud your courage for coming here for an interview when you attended that institute! It's even worse than me being from Blue Sky Vocational School!" The look in the young man's eyes was smug when he gazed at Kai. Finally, I've found someone whose academic qualifications are beneath me!

Kai merely smiled without saying anything.

Right that moment, a young lady in professional attire walked over and said to everyone, "Please hand me your resumes. Later, I'll call you for the interview according to order."

Upon hearing that, everyone swiftly submitted their meticulously-prepared resumes. Only Kai sat there motionlessly.

"Excuse me, sir, but where's your resume?" the young lady inquired when she noticed Kai's inaction.

"I didn't prepare a resume," Kai answered nonchalantly.

A flash of surprise flittered across the young lady's eyes when she heard that, but she then asked, "May I know your name, then? It's so that I know how to address you later."

"My name is Kai Chance," Kai replied.

Nodding, the young lady spun around and walked into the office.

Everyone eyed Kai as though he was an idiot. How could he possibly be recruited when he's wearing such a dated suit and failed to even prepare a resume for the interview?

Only the young man who had been talking to him regarded him strangely. Out of the blue, he whispered, "Do you have connections here, thus going through the back door, bro?"

Kai was startled, at a loss as to why he was asking such a question.

"You must be going through the back door. Otherwise, why wouldn't you have prepared a resume? Also, I could tell at a single glance that the person who brought you here earlier is a high-ranking executive in the office. No wonder you're so calm!" With an ingratiating smile on his face, the young man took out a box of chewing gum from his pocket and offered it to him.

Kai accepted it without hesitation and threw a piece into his mouth.

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"Bro, if you really have connections, do you mind putting in a good word for me? If I'm hired, I'll treat you to a meal at a hotel!"

The young man gazed at Kai expectantly.

In response, Kai chuckled softly. "Sure! If I get the job, I'll put in a good word or two for you!"

"Thank you, thank you! You're too kind..." The young man kept thanking him, his face shining with exhilaration.

Shortly after, the interview started. Interviewees after interviewees entered the office nervously, only to walk back out despondently. Even those few from prestigious universities didn't manage to get the job.

When the young man beside Kai saw that the graduates from the renowned universities had failed, he grew all the more apprehensive. His hands curled into loose fists, and his palms grew damp with sweat.

"Next, Kai Chance..."

Kai's turn came in no time. When Kai stood up, the young man beside him abruptly grabbed him.

"You've got to put in a good word for me, bro. I'm pinning my hopes on you," he implored anxiously.

Kai nodded before stepping into the office. The instant he did so, he was greeted by the sight of three people sitting behind a table and the young lady who collected their resumes earlier standing at the side.

Zayne sat in the middle, making it abundantly clear that he was the chief interviewer that day while the men on both sides of him were only sitting in. In other words, a single word from the former determined whether one passed the interview.

Looking at Kai, Zayne ordered with a calm and unruffled gaze, "Please introduce yourself."

Just as Kai was about to speak, one of the interviewers sitting beside Zayne chimed in, "As you have no resume, you have to tell us about your working experience after graduating from university."

Nodding in acquiescence, Kai briefly spoke of his working experience after graduating. Of course, he also told them about him having been to prison. He didn't hide anything, nor was there anything to hide.

Surprisingly, none of them were astonished when he admitted to being an ex-convict. The reason for that was plain as day—Zayne had told them about it earlier.

After listening to him, Zayne closed his eyes and crossed his arms as he reclined in his chair, uttering nary a word. Seeing that, the young lady at the side hurriedly stepped forward and massaged him gently.

"Do you know what company this is? And are you aware of who the owner is? You're just an ex-convict who had just gotten out of prison, yet you dare come here for an interview?" one of the interviewers drawled with a bark of derisive laughter.

"Why not? Is there a policy in this company stipulating that people who had been to prison can't come here for an interview? Besides, what's the huge deal about that? Is an ex-convict necessarily evil?" Kai countered with a faint smile.

"While there isn't such a policy, you will affect our company's image if you join us since you're an ex-convict. I believe that other companies won't employ someone who served a prison sentence like you either. You'd best have some self-awareness. If I were in your shoes, I would be too ashamed to leave the house!"

The interviewer eyed Kai smirkingly. It seemed that he was deliberately humiliating the latter. That aside, his voice was particularly resounding.

As a result, the interviewees outside could hear every word loud and clear. They were all surprised. The young man talking to Kai earlier, in particular, was deeply shocked.

"Damn it! It turns out that he's an ex-convict! That was a waste of my chewing

gum! What bad luck!"

He then quickly rushed to the restroom to wash his hands.

In the office, Kai didn't get up in arms. Instead, he riposted smilingly, "If I were in your shoes and couldn't get it up at all, I would be too ashamed to sit here.

You've got dark circles under your eyes. Did you have a sleepless night because you couldn't do anything though your wife was right next to you?"

The interviewer jolted upon hearing that, and he stared at the man with horror in his eyes. I don't get it! How did he know that I'm impotent?

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That's my secret, and I've never told anyone about it. In other people's eyes, I have the perfect family in addition to a loving relationship with my wife. Only I myself know that I'll plunge into deep despair whenever night falls!

The interviewer went through the roof, the veins on his forehead popping out as Kai struck a raw nerve.

"Nonsense! You're the one who can't get it up! I've got a wife and a child, and we're a happy family!" he bellowed.

He purposely emphasized having a child as a comeback to prove that Kai was spouting nonsense.

In response, Kai snickered. "Even if you have a child, that isn't your biological offspring. You either adopted, or your wife got pregnant from another man because you've been impotent ever since childhood. Furthermore, it's a result of an accident, so you became impotent due to external forces."

Bam!

Right after Kai's words rang out, the interviewer slammed his hand on the table and shot to his feet. Shooting daggers at the man, he snarled, "You had me investigated, kid?"

Indeed, it was because he was kicked in the crotch by a donkey when he was a child that he became impotent. In truth, he merely adopted a child after getting married.

No one in Horington knew about that other than those in his hometown. For that reason, he intentionally stayed away from his hometown. Unexpectedly, Kai exposed everything that day.

"You're not worthy to have me investigate you!" Kai scoffed.

However, the interviewer's question also confirmed that Kai was speaking the truth. All at once, his colleagues there regarded him with a peculiar look in their eyes.

The interviewer seemingly realized his slip of the tongue and immediately went ballistic, gearing up to charge at Kai.

Seeing that the interview was about to turn into a fight, Zayne roared, "That's enough! Sit back down!"

The interviewer shot Kai a glare before he plopped back into his seat.

Zayne merely wanted his subordinates to insult Kai for a bit before he informed the man that he wasn't suitable for the position. He never expected things to end up in such a mess. Thus, fury deluged him.

"Kid, you're not suited to work in this company. In fact, you're not even qualified to be a security guard outside the entrance! Therefore, please leave and don't come back in the future!" the other interviewer chastised when he noticed the rage staining Zayne's face.

"This is a big company, yet there are awful employees such as the lot of you. There really should be a restructuring."

With a sneer, Kai got to his feet and strode out. After all, he didn't really want to work there anyway.

But a mere second after he stood up to leave, a tall and aloof young man in a suit walked in.

The young man exuded authority, and he swept his gaze over Kai as soon as he entered the room.

Kai glanced at him as well but continued walking out.

Unexpectedly, the young man stopped him. "You're Kai Chance?"

Kai studied him in slight puzzlement, nodding slightly. He had no idea who the man was.

But if his parents were there, they would certainly recognize him as the man who went to Dragon Bay and kicked them out back then.

"Mr. Jennings!" Zayne instantly trotted over ingratiatingly when he saw the man, explaining, "This is Kai Chance. He's here to apply for a job, but we turned him down because he doesn't match our company's requirements."

"Employ him."

After saying that, the young man scrutinized Kai once more before he whirled around to leave.

"Mr. Jennings, b-but he's an ex-convict who had just gotten out of prison!" Zayne protested.

The young man slowly turned around and stared at him icily. "Are you trying to teach me how to do things?"

Terror struck Zayne when he heard that, and he shook his head profusely. "No, no..."

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The young man spun on his heels and left. Meanwhile, Zayne and the other two interviewers were all stumped, gaping at Kai incredulously. They couldn't figure out how the man got acquainted with their general manager.

"How did you get to know Mr. Jennings?" Zayne demanded with mystification written all over his face.

"Is he some high-ranking executive here, perhaps the general manager? I don't know him." Kai shook his head in denial.

He wasn't acquainted with that young man, nor had he ever seen him. On the contrary, that young man had seen him before and even witnessed him being all touchy-feely with Josephine.

The young man was named Xavier Jennings, and he graduated from Silverleaf University abroad. After joining Sullivan Group, he advanced through the ranks. He also fancied Josephine and had been pursuing her, but the latter wasn't

interested in him.

After William gifted the company to Josephine, he transferred Xavier over to Sentiment Chemical Limited to be the general manager, putting him in charge of the operation and management of the company since Josephine didn't want to oversee things.

Xavier indeed had some capabilities, for he successfully straightened out the company in short order and even turned it into the most profitable company under Sullivan Group.

The reason for his diligence was none other than to have Josephine fall for him. But when he learned that she was associating with Kai, who had been to prison, he had a drastic change of heart. He then vowed to snatch her back from Kai.

Since Kai had come to the company for an interview, he naturally had to seize that opportunity. As long as the man remained there, he had thousands of ways to have him back down while also sowing discord between him and Josephine.

"This is strange..." Zayne frowned, but he didn't dare go against the general manager when he was merely a department manager.

Hence, he said to Kai, "Go and get the onboarding procedures done. I'll send someone over to give you a tour later."

He didn't dare pick trouble with him for the time being as he was uncertain about the man's exact association with Xavier.

Kai was likewise baffled.

I don't understand why that man known as Mr. Jennings wanted to employ me, but he seemed to know me. Could it be that Josephine learned that I was coming to her company for an interview and purposely told him to keep an eye out for me?

As he pondered upon that with a frown, he followed the young lady in the office out to complete the onboarding procedures.

"Damn! It turned out that you're an ex-convict. How unlucky of me to have chatted with you for such a long time! What a bummer! Someone like you will never get the job!"

Right after stepping out the door, the bespectacled man earlier tore into Kai. Nonetheless, Kai merely cast him an airy glance. I initially felt that he was pretty decent, but I never thought that he's also the kind of person who looks down on others!

"Please come with me, Mr. Chance. An ID card is required for the onboarding procedures. Do you have it with you?" the young lady who walked out with Kai asked the latter.

"Yes, I do." Kai handed his ID card to her and flashed her a grateful smile.

He knew that she asked that on purpose, and her words were actually meant for that young man.

Sure enough, the young man's eyes went wide when he heard that Kai passed the interview, and disbelief showed on his face.

However, Kai ignored him, merely snorting before leaving with the young lady.

While he was handling the onboarding procedures, Maria questioned Zayne furiously in the manager's office of the sales department, "What's wrong with you? Didn't you say that you're going to fail him? Now that he's gotten a job here, I'm going to be doomed! My father will definitely order me to give him a ride every day!"

"That's not my fault! He is somehow associated with Mr. Jennings! It was Mr. Jennings who employed him directly, so I can't do anything about it!" Zayne retorted in chagrin.