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The receipt was the only way that he could get his reimbursement.

Because of this, Jeff was very angry when he heard that Charlie had already taken the receipt away.

He had been waiting for this receipt in order to claim for a reimbursement from his company. If Charlie refused to hand the receipt over to him, then he would not only be unable to earn money from this meal, but he would also lose one hundred thousand dollars. Wouldn't he be making things worse in an already bad situation then?

As he thought about this, Jeff hurried back to the table angrily. When he saw Charlie, he quickly asked, "Charlie, did you go to the front desk to secretly issue a receipt for yourself? Hurry up and give me the receipt now!"

Charlie replied indifferently, "This meal was paid for by the two of us. What is wrong with me asking for a receipt from the front desk? After all, I paid one hundred thousand dollars for this meal. Did you forget that?"

"You..." Jeff choked as he was completely speechless. After a short while, he said angrily, "You do not work or have a company of your own. So, what are you going to do with a receipt?"

Charlie smiled before he said, "Don't you know that many restaurants nowadays deliberately refuse to issue receipts to guests? If the restaurant does not issue any receipts, then the state's tax authorities would not be able to find out exactly how much money they make. If that is the case, they won't be paying their taxes and they won't be contributing to the country then!"

As he spoke, Charlie looked around the table before he said to everyone, "As law-abiding citizens of our country, it is our duty to pay our taxes according to the law. It is also our duty to ensure that restaurants pay their taxes in accordance to the law. Don't you all agree with me?"

Everyone nodded.

Lisa said, "Some restaurants are really sneaky. If you don't ask them for a receipt, then they won't pay for their taxes at all. Therefore, we have to ensure that these restaurants issue receipts in accordance with the law so that they can pay their taxes to the state treasury."

Caleb also agreed as he said, "The catering and food industry is really very profitable. It would be impossible for them to justify a tax evasion if they make such a huge profit."

William laughed at the side before he said, "You can also talk to the person-in-charge at the restaurant. If they don't issue you a receipt, then you can ask them for a discount or a drink or something like that. If a restaurant that I'm dining at does not want to give me a receipt, I'd usually ask them to give me a coke in return. Anyway, I can't suffer a loss and allow them to take advantage of me."

Charlie snorted as he said, "William, oh William. You're really intelligent! I really want to learn more from you!"

William thought that Charlie was complimenting him. Therefore, he snorted before he said, "Let me tell you, this is the wisdom of life."

Jeff looked at Charlie and his expression darkened before he said coldly, "Don't talk about all that useless rubbish with me! It's useless for you to keep the receipt anyway. Give me the receipt!"

"Why?" Charlie asked coldly. "Why is the receipt useless when it's with me but why wouldn't it be useless in your hands then? All of us are enjoying a dinner here together tonight. Don't tell me that you are planning to take the receipt because you want to claim reimbursement from your company?"

Jeff was stunned when he heard Charlie pointing out exactly what he was planning to do. He was a little flustered as he said, "What nonsense are you talking about? I have the same thought and mentality as you. I wanted the restaurant to issue a receipt so that the restaurant can pay their taxes in accordance with the law!"

Charlie nodded and he gave him a thumbs up before he said, "Jeff, I really did not expect you to be such a responsible citizen too! Not bad. Not bad at all. Let me give you a thumbs up."

As he spoke, Charlie took the receipt out of his pocket before he said, "The receipt is issued under my name. This means that this receipt can no longer be used for any reimbursements. However, as long as the receipt has already been issued, then the restaurant will have no choice but to pay their taxes. Jeff, you don't have to worry about it. The restaurant will have

to pay the appropriate taxes for the two hundred thousand dollars that we've paid for this meal."

Jeff was a little anxious and he blurted out, "Who asked you to issue the receipt under your name?"

The receipt has already been issued under someone else's name. Even if Jeff got hold of the receipt, he would not be able to use it to get any reimbursement at all. Jeff felt as though his lungs were about to explode as he thought about this.

At this time, Charlie smiled before he said, "You didn't tell me not to issue a receipt anyway. Besides that, I had already mentioned this earlier. We're splitting the bill for dinner tonight anyway, so either one of us will have the right to take the receipt from the front desk. It's just a matter of who asked for the receipt first anyway."

After he spoke, Charlie had a magnificent expression on his face as he said, "Why don't we do this then? We shouldn't be arguing over a trivial matter such as who had asked for the receipt or who did not ask for the receipt. Anyway, we're the ones treating everyone to dinner tonight. It's not as if we are going to go back to our company to ask for reimbursement after we're done with dinner tonight anyway. So, I'm going to tear this receipt in front of everyone so neither of us will have the receipt then. Will that be alright with you?"

Before Jeff could even respond, Charlie had already torn the receipt apart.

When Jeff saw Charlie tearing the receipt apart, he could feel blood dripping from his heart.

It was over. It was all over. The one hundred thousand dollars that he had paid for this meal was gone!

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He was originally planning to make one hundred thousand dollars. Unexpectedly, he had lost one hundred thousand dollars tonight instead. He had really made a big loss because of this meal!

Jeff had the desire to die in his heart. He was initially doing quite well. He had bought a new Mercedes-Benz and he was pretending to look proper and decent. However, he really did not expect to lose so much money after meeting Charlie today.

Therefore, he really could not wait to stab Charlie to death so he would be able to relieve his hatred.

Charlie intended to provoke him even further at this time. Therefore, he poured him a glass of champagne as he held it out to Jeff before he smiled and said, "Come, Brother Jeff, let me give you a toast!"

Jeff replied angrily, "I don't want to drink with you!"

Charlie smiled before he said, "Don't be so angry. After all, you paid for this champagne with your own money too. Don't you think that it would be a waste if you don't drink it?"

Jeff trembled with anger when he heard this.

Charlie was right. This champagne was indeed bought and paid for with his own money. He had just spent one hundred thousand dollars on this meal!

He had already lived for so long but when had he ever spent so much money on a meal?

This was simply the rhythm of turning into a bankrupt!

As he thought about this, Jeff held back his tears as he took the wine glass before he finished the glass of champagne in anger and despair!

He should drink more of the wine and champagne since he had paid for it with his own money. Otherwise, he would only be letting others take advantage of him then.

However, he had an even bigger problem in front of him. How was he going to make money?

If William listened to his own advice and went home to take out a loan with all the online loan platforms, then he would be able to borrow at least four to five hundred thousand dollars. If he added his own savings to the money that he borrowed, it would not be an issue for him to raise six hundred thousand dollars.

As for whether he would be able to fool William's future mother-in-law, Jeff did not have any idea at all.

He could only hope and pray that William would be fooled by him!

After making Jeff pay for the meal, Charlie could not be bothered with him anymore. After all, this meal had cost him one hundred thousand dollars. He should be feeling the pain for a long time and he would not dare to be pretentious in front of anyone else for the time being.

As he recalled the scene in the orphanage earlier, Charlie could not help but ask Mrs. Lewis, "Mrs. Lewis, how is the current situation in the orphanage now?"

When he mentioned this topic, Mrs. Lewis looked a little upset. She sighed before she said, "The situation isn't that good at the moment. This is mainly because there are more and more children in our orphanage now. Therefore, we're facing increasing pressure in our finances."

After that, Mrs. Lewis sighed as she said, "Some time ago, the police officers in Aurous Hill successfully uncovered many cases of child trafficking and they had rescued many children who had been abducted. Many of them are left under the care of the orphanage because the police could not find their biological parents. Since they're all under the foster care of the orphanage, this has added a lot of pressure to the orphanage. However, there is nothing else that we can do. After all, it is also our responsibility and obligation to rescue and look after these abducted children. The only problem is that the cost of formula for these children is really expensive. The employees at the orphanage had put together a few thousand dollars to support and pay for these expenses as we are currently applying for funding..."

Charlie could not help but feel a little distressed when he thought about the children that he had seen at the orphanage earlier in the afternoon.

Those children were in a much more pitiful situation compared to any ordinary orphans because they had been abducted and sold by human traffickers. Therefore, Charlie planned to donate a sum of money to the orphanage so that they would be able to deal with these children.

At this time, Charlie opened his mouth as he said, "Mrs. Lewis, we should think more about the children at the orphanage. So, I would like to personally donate one million dollars to the orphanage first!"

Everyone was stunned as soon as Charlie said this!

One million dollars? This was an astronomical figure for the people at the orphanage!

After that, Charlie looked at Jeff who was dumbfounded at this time before he said, "Jeff, since you're doing so well now and since you own a Mercedes-Benz and a Phaeton, you shouldn't forget that you were raised and brought up in the orphanage. Shouldn't you be donating some money to the orphanage now?"

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When Jeff heard that Charlie was going to donate one million dollars to the orphanage, he naturally did not believe it at all. He sneered before he said, "Charlie, you're really good at bragging. You're actually saying that you can donate one million dollars to the orphanage? You're really trying hard to keep up your appearances to cover up your own predicament. Can you even afford to bring out a million dollars?"

Charlie replied lightly, "Since I've said it, I'll definitely honor my words. I won't act like you and find a place to get into a car accident just to go back on my words!"

When Jeff heard Charlie's words, he knew that Charlie was deliberately ridiculing him. When he thought about the car crash earlier, he really hated Charlie to the core.

If he had known that all of these would be happening, he would not have gone back on his words at all. It would have been better for him to donate his car. After all, it would be better for him compared to the situation now.

Just look at the heavy losses that he had suffered!

However, Jeff did not believe that Charlie could afford to donate one million dollars to the orphanage.

Therefore, he sneered before he said, "Don't think that I don't know your predicament now. You are just a live-in son-in-law who is living off his wife. How would you possibly be able to get so much money? Are you going to rob a bank?"

At this time, Harry also chimed in to help Jeff. "Charlie, you should stop trying to impress others by feigning and pretending to be someone that you're not. What do you stand to gain by being so pretentious anyway? You should just act within your own capabilities. You shouldn't make yourself bankrupt just because you're trying to impress us. After that, you'll just blame us for it."

Charlie smiled indifferently before he said, "You don't need to care if I'm going to rob a bank or do anything else. No matter what it is, I'll still be able to donate one million dollars to the orphanage. On the other hand, if I can donate one million dollars, how much will you be able to donate then?"

Jeff laughed before he said, "If you can afford to donate one million dollars, then I'll be able to donate ten million dollars! Anyway, who wouldn't be able to brag about this, right?"

At this time, most of the people sitting around the table were laughing loudly.

This was because all of them thought that Charlie was simply trying to save his own face.

They would actually have believed it if Charlie said that he was going to donate eighty thousand or one hundred thousand dollars. After all, his wife was still driving a BMW anyway. Therefore, his family was obviously not short of money.

However, it seemed a little unrealistic for Charlie to say that he was going to donate one million dollars. After all, he would not even be able to raise that amount of money even if he sold off his wife's BMW.

Among these people, the only ones who really trusted Charlie were Mrs. Lewis, Lisa, and also his wife Claire.

Mrs. Lewis and Lisa both knew and understood Charlie's character and personality very well. He would never say something that he would not be able to do.

As for Claire, she was already used to it.

After all, Charlie would always be able to earn one or two million dollars by looking at someone's Feng Shui for them. Therefore, she believed that it would be a breeze for Charlie to donate one million dollars to the orphanage.

At this time, Claire asked Charlie in a low voice, "Charlie, are you secretly going behind my back to look at other people's Feng Shui again?"

Charlie nodded before he smiled and said, "Yes. It's Aunt Matilda's son, Paul! Didn't he move his law firm to Aurous Hill? I went to take a look at his Feng Shui for him because he asked me to."

Claire asked embarrassedly, "You're even cheating our close acquaintances? Is that appropriate?"

"How can you possibly say that I am cheating him?" Charlie replied earnestly, "We were both willing parties!"

Claire felt very helpless and she could only ask, "How much did you ask from him?"

Charlie smiled as he said, "One million dollars."

Claire rubbed her temples as she said, "You're so wicked...you had actually asked for so much money from our own close acquaintance..."

In fact, Claire did not know that Paul actually gave Charlie ten million dollars in total.

However, he was paying Charlie the ten million dollars in two instalments.

The first check was for one million dollars.

He would write him another check for nine million dollars.

Charlie had originally thought that he would not mind it at all even if he had to donate the entire ten million dollars to the orphanage.

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However, the point was that he could not bring out ten million dollars in such a rash manner. After all, it would be really difficult for him to explain himself since there were so many people watching him.

Moreover, it would not be easy for Charlie to explain himself to Claire. After all, this was an astronomical figure. Therefore, Charlie felt that one million dollars was a much more reasonable amount of money.



Charlie looked at Jeff before he smiled faintly and said, "If I can really afford to donate one million dollars to the orphanage, then will you really donate ten million dollars to the orphanage?"

"Yes!" Jeff replied without any hesitations at all. After that, he said arrogantly, "If a pathetic jerk like you can afford to donate one million dollars, then I won't even have a problem donating one hundred million dollars to the orphanage!"

Charlie nodded before he smiled and said, "Wait a minute. I'd like to take a video as proof of our agreement!"

After that, Charlie smiled before he said to everyone, "Please take out your cell phones and take a video as proof of our agreement!"

When the group of people heard that there was such a good show, they hurriedly took out their cell phones before they turned on the video recording function on their phones.

Charlie said calmly: "I, Charlie Wade, voluntarily donate one million dollars to the Aurous Hill Welfare Institute. As long as I donate this one million dollars to the orphanage, then this man beside me, Jeff Mowry, will donate ten million dollars to the orphanage. Everyone present here today will be a witness to our aforesaid agreement. If either one of us goes back on our word, we will be spurned and despised by the people of this country!"

Jeff sneered before he said, "Okay, but you'll have to take out the one million dollars first. As long as you can take out the one million dollars, then I'll definitely donate ten million dollars to the orphanage immediately!"

Even if anyone were to kill Jeff, he would not believe that Charlie would be able to take out one million dollars.

Jeff assumed that the one hundred thousand dollars that Charlie used to pay for the dinner earlier was probably the hard-earned money that he had spent several years saving up.

At this time, Charlie took out his worn out wallet from his pocket before he looked at the two checks that Paul had given him.

This time, he was very meticulous. He looked at the check to confirm that the check he was holding was in fact the check for one million dollars before he took it out from his wallet.

After taking the check out, Charlie handed the check directly to Mrs. Lewis as he said, "Mrs. Lewis, this is a cash check for one million dollars. You can bring it to the bank to exchange it for one million dollars at any time. Please accept it."

Jeff curled the corner of his lips as he sneered and said, "You're simply taking out a piece of torn paper and saying that it is a cash check for one million dollars? Are you kidding me?"

Charlie smiled before he asked, "You don't believe me? Why don't you check the cash check for yourself if you don't believe it?"

Jeff sneered as he said, "Of course I don't believe you. I had also played Monopoly when I was young. I know that each banknote in the Monopoly game is also worth several million dollars. Should I take a few banknotes from Monopoly and donate it to the orphanage too? Besides that, I'm not a banker, so how would I know how to verify the authenticity of a check?"

Charlie smiled helplessly before he nodded and said, "Since you refuse to admit defeat until you're faced with the grim reality, then I will fulfill your wish."

After that, Charlie took out his cell phone before he called Paul.

When Paul answered the phone, he said respectfully, "Master Wade."

Charlie smiled before he said, "Paul, I'm sorry but I'll have to trouble you with something."

Paul hurriedly replied, "Master Wade, please just tell me what you need."

Charlie replied, "I seem to have misplaced the one million dollars cash check that you gave me. I might not be able to exchange it for one million dollars then. Could you transfer the one million dollars to me directly? I will return the cash check to you when I find it."

Paul smiled before he said, "Yes of course. Give me your bank account number and I'll transfer it to you immediately. You also do not have to return the check to me once you find it!"

Charlie smiled before he said, "Paul, you're really very efficient in what you do. I really admire you very much."

Paul smiled before he said, "Master Wade, you're being too polite. Give me your bank account and I'll transfer the money to you immediately."

Charlie replied, "You can look for the bank account number for donations to Aurous Hill Welfare Institute and you can transfer the one million dollars directly to that account."

Paul asked in surprise, "Master Wade, are you going to donate the money to the orphanage?"

"Yes." Charlie replied lightly, "I grew up in this orphanage."

Paul immediately said, "Oh, I see! Don't worry, Master Wade. I'll transfer the money over to the orphanage right now. In fact, I'll transfer two million dollars to the orphanage. The extra one million dollars is just a small token from me!"

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Charlie really did not expect Paul to be willing to donate another one million dollars to the orphanage when he heard that Charlie was making a donation to the orphanage.

He wanted to tell him that this would not be necessary. However, Paul had already hung up the phone on the other end of the line.

When he realized that the phone call had already been disconnected, Charlie had no choice but to put away his cell phone in a helpless manner. At the same time, he felt that this young kid, Paul, was really an upright person. If he had the opportunity, he would like to guide him in the future.

After hanging up the phone, Charlie said to Mrs. Lewis, "Mrs. Lewis, my friend will be transferring the money to the orphanage's bank account immediately. Please inform the accounts and finance department at the orphanage to pay attention to the transfer. However, the amount will not be one million dollars."

Jeff did not wait for Charlie to finish speaking. He started laughing as he said, "Hahaha! Charlie, is this your confession? Are you going to tell us that your friend is only going to transfer ten thousand dollars to the orphanage? You're really embarrassing yourself! Don't forget that everyone is still recording this right now."

Charlie sneered before he said, "Can you stop being so anxious? Why don't you wait for me to finish talking before you speak up?"

Jeff waved his hand before he said loudly, "Speak, you can go ahead and speak. I'll let you speak. Speak out loud and clear so everyone can hear you!"

Charlie ignored him but he simply looked at Mrs. Lewis before he said seriously, "Mrs. Lewis, the amount will not be one million dollars but it will be two million dollars instead. This is because my friend decided to donate another one million dollars to the orphanage because he heard that I'm donating one million dollars to the orphanage."

Everyone was surprised!

What kind of friend was this? He heard that his friend was making a donation of one million dollars to the orphanage and he was also going to donate another one million dollars to the orphanage too?

This person was probably insane! Otherwise, he was simply too rich and had nowhere else to spend his money!

Or, Charlie could be bragging.

Jeff laughed as he said, "Charlie, I am really starting to admire your bragging ability more and more. You can actually keep a straight face and maintain your countenance despite all of this. You're really the kind of person who can do great things!"

Charlie laughed before he said, "You shouldn't be so anxious to draw your conclusions about anything. Otherwise, how are you going to step down when the money arrives in the orphanage's bank account later?"

Jeff replied coldly, "Forget it! Your arrogance will not last too long. Where are you going to hide your face if you can't afford to take out the money later?"

As soon as he was done speaking, Mrs. Lewis suddenly received a phone call.

When she saw that it was a phone call from the person-in-charge of the accounts and finance department, she hurriedly said, "It's a phone call from the accounts and finance department of our orphanage. Could it be that we've already received the money that Charlie has donated to us?"

"Pfft!" Jeff sneered as he said, "His donation is probably in the bank account by now but it would probably only be about ten to twenty thousand dollars at most and not anything more than that."

Mrs. Lewis answered the phone before she put the phone on speaker as she asked, "Hello, Miss Cherry, is there anything wrong? Why are you calling me so late at night?"

Miss Cherry's voice sounded from the other end of the line. She was very excited as she said, "Mrs. Lewis, I've just received a text message saying that someone has made a two million dollar donation to the bank account of the orphanage!"

Mrs. Lewis exclaimed, "The money is here so soon?"

Miss Cherry hurriedly asked, "Mrs. Lewis, do you know about the two million dollars? Who is so generous? Who donated so much money to us?"

Mrs. Lewis replied excitedly, "It's Charlie! Charlie from our orphanage. Do you remember him?"

"Charlie?" Miss Cherry exclaimed, "Is this sum of money really donated by Charlie? Oh my god! Charlie is such a promising young man now!"

Mrs. Lewis said with great satisfaction, "Charlie heard that there are many new children who have recently arrived at the orphanage. He knows that we are facing some financial difficulties, so he decided to donate one million dollars to the orphanage!"

"His friend has also decided to donate another one million dollars to the orphanage because he was giving Charlie face!"

The other party said excitedly, "Oh, we can finally relax now. We can buy some delicious food for the children and finally buy some new clothes for the children when winter is here. We can also change all the toys and facilities in the playground at the orphanage! After all, all of those facilities are already very old and they have already been used for so many years now!"

At this time, everyone present was stunned at the news.

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Jeff was even more stunned.

What was happening? The two million dollars had arrived?

Wasn't Charlie, this pathetic jerk, simply a live-in son-in-law who was living off his wife? How did he get so much money?

The others also realized that they had underestimated Charlie previously. They really did not expect Charlie to be so capable even though he was simply a live-in son-in-law.

He did not only donate one million dollars as he said he would, but when his friend, who had no connection to the orphanage, heard that he was donating one million dollars to the orphanage, he was also willing to donate another one million to the orphanage. What kind of friend was this? How could he be so awesome?

At this time, Charlie stood up before he looked at Jeff, who had a shocked and flustered expression on his face, before he said, "Jeff, everyone here might still be recording a video right now. Since my one million dollars have already arrived, where is your ten million dollars then? When will you be donating it to the orphanage?"

Jeff was completely defeated at this time. How could he possibly be able to donate ten million dollars to the orphanage today when he might not even be able to raise one hundred thousand dollars now?

Most importantly, he still had a big hole that he has to fill in now. If he did not fill in this big hole, then he might get ripped apart into pieces.

As he thought about this, Jeff knew very well that he would not be able to win today. He was already deemed to lose face today and he would not be able to save his face even if he continued acting pretentiously.

Therefore, he could only glance at Charlie as he said, "Charlie, since you're so rich, why don't you take out some of your money and allow me to manage your finances for you then? I can help you double your investment in one week!"

Charlie smiled and asked, "What? Aren't you donating the ten million dollars anymore?"

Jeff replied embarrassedly, "Are you kidding me? Even if I'm doing well, I won't possibly have so much money! I was blind to have failed to recognize your talents. Please forgive me and do not hold it against me."

The others sneered before they said, "Jeff, you are too much. Charlie has already donated one million dollars and his friend also donated another one million dollars on his account! Don't you think that you should be honoring your promise? Even if you don't have ten million dollars, you should at least donate one million dollars then! That would be fair enough!"

The expression on Jeff's face was very ugly. However, even if he felt very embarrassed right now, he did not dare to continue being pretentious.

After all, these people were still recording videos on their cell phones. If he continued being pretentious, then he would really lose face in future when these videos were released.

At this time, he had no choice but to slap himself in the face a few times before he said guiltily, "I admit it. It's all my fault. I was being pretentious. I don't have that much money and yet I was seeking to impress everyone by pretending that I had that ability. I'm sorry!"

Jeff was very depressed when he said this.

He felt that William and one or two of his orphanage friends, who had been planning to talk to him about his own financial investment funds, would have seen right through his act now. Since he had already been exposed, none of them would want to invest in him anymore.

If that was the case, he really did not know where he was going to find the money to buy a Phaeton for Caesar.

As he thought about this, Jeff did not have the face to continue staying here anymore. He stood up in a hurry before he said anxiously, "Sorry, everyone. I will leave first because I have something to do now..."

After he was done speaking, Jeff got up and ran out of the restaurant.

Everyone felt very disgusted when they saw him running away. He had been so pretentious earlier, but now he was running away like a coward! Moreover, he did not even donate any money to the orphanage at all! This was really hateful!

When Caleb saw Jeff running off, he could not help but sighed as he said, "Charlie, you shouldn't have let him run away! You should have held him back here and forced him to donate the money!"

Charlie smiled indifferently before he said, "Then, wouldn't I have become the wicked person? It's okay. Let him go. The wicked will be harassed by another of their ilk."

William, who loved to take advantage, felt a little tense when he saw Jeff running away. He was filled with fear that he would not be able to marry his girlfriend. Therefore, he hurriedly stood up and chased after Jeff.

As soon as he left, Harry, Jeff's lackey from before said contemptuously, "I finally see through Jeff for who he really is! He's such a pretentious person! He was kneeling down on the ground and begging like a dog when he hit someone else's Phaeton. After that, he even had the face to say that the Phaeton belonged to him. He's really full of crap! I really have to draw a clear line from this stupid guy in the future!"

Everyone was shocked and they hurriedly asked, "He hit someone else's Phaeton? What happened?"

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When he saw that everyone was very interested about Jeff's collision with the Phaeton, Harry eloquently told everyone about Jeff's car crash.

When everyone heard this, they were all too shocked to speak.



Everyone could not imagine that Jeff would be so thick-skinned! He obviously hit someone else's car but he could actually hold someone else's car key in his hand and boast about the fact that he owned a Phaeton.

This incident subverted everyone's views and impressions of Jeff.

However, William, who ran out to chase after Jeff, missed out on this wonderful story.

He chased Jeff all the way out of the restaurant. When he saw Jeff walking towards the parking lot, he hurriedly chased after him.

Jeff did not know that William had been chasing him all the way. At this time, he angrily opened Caesar's Phaeton before he sat inside the car.

At this time, a figure suddenly appeared outside the car window.

Jeff was taken aback. However, upon taking a closer look, he realized that it was William, who had a flattering smile on his face.

He rolled down the car window before he looked at William coldly as he asked, "What do you want?"

William smiled before he said, "Brother Jeff, when you arrived just now, you were driving a Mercedes-Benz. How did it suddenly become a Volkswagen? Is this the Phaeton? The interior of this car is really very luxurious!"

Jeff replied, "Didn't I tell you that I got into an accident on the way here? I can't drive the Mercedes-Benz anymore. Therefore, I had to ask my driver to drive my Phaeton over here."

William gave him a thumbs up as he was filled with admiration for him. After that, he said, "Brother Jeff, you are really amazing! All of us at the orphanage are really too ashamed to show our faces in front of you."

After that, he continued praising, "Brother Jeff, you are indeed a great person who is capable of doing big things! You're a very flexible person unlike Charlie, that stupid idiot who threw away one million dollars because of a gamble! He must have some brain disease!"

At this moment, Jeff felt like this was a fantasy.

He thought that he would have exposed himself in front of all of his friends after he lost the bet with Charlie.

However, he really did not expect William to continue following him and to continue licking his boots.

It seemed as though this buddy of his was really very determined to depend on him to make more money for himself.

Jeff finally heaved a huge sigh of relief. He felt as though he had retained his last ray of hope. Everything depended on William now!

So, Jeff said, "Do you still want me to help you invest your money?"

William nodded hurriedly before he said, "That's for sure, Brother Jeff. Whether I'll be able to marry or not depends entirely on you!"

Jeff nodded before he said lightly, "Get in the car."

William asked in surprise, "Where are we going?"

Jeff said, "Didn't you say that you did not bring your identity card out with you? I will drive you back to your dormitory now so that you can get all your loans sorted out as soon as possible. After that, I will help you to invest your money in the morning tomorrow."

William was overwhelmed with excitement when he heard this and he blurted out, "Brother Jeff, you're really interesting!"

After he was done speaking, he immediately ran around to the co-driver seat before he opened the door and got into the car.

Jeff started the car. After that, he drove towards William's dormitory under William's guidance.

William worked in a printing factory in the suburbs. His job was very difficult. He worked six days a week and he earns a monthly salary of a little more than three thousand dollars a month.

Since he could save more than one hundred thousand dollars when he was earning such a small salary, this only proved that William was in a dire financial straits.

After Jeff arrived at William's dormitory, William invited him to sit on the only chair in the dormitory. After that, he hurriedly took out his identity card before he opened the online loan platforms to upload his personal information and proceeded to apply for the loans.

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He realized that the interest rates for the loans from these online loan platforms were all very high. Some of the interest rates were simply insane. If he were to take out a loan of seventy thousand dollars from them, then he would have to pay back a hundred and thirty thousand dollars after just one week!

The interest rate was nearly doubled! At this time, William could not help but asked Jeff with a worried expression on his face, "Brother Jeff, the interest rates on these loan platforms are simply too high. It's almost equivalent to the amount of money that I can make from investing my money with you. If I were to borrow money from them to manage my financial affairs, then wouldn't I be indirectly helping these online platforms to make money?"

Jeff waved his hand indifferently as he smiled and said, "Don't worry. These loan platforms that I've recommended to you are all operated by my friends. It might seem as though the interest rate is really high but they would be able to waive the interest rate entirely for you as soon as I give them a call."

After that, Jeff said, "The reason why such a high interest rate is displayed on the loan platform is because they have to ensure that all the users appear the same on the surface. However, the actual operations behind it all is much more complicated than this. If you don't understand, you can just listen to my arrangements then."

William had been a pathetic jerk for more than half of his life. He has never seen or encountered much money in his life and he has never seized any opportunity to make much money in his life. Therefore, he could only regard Jeff as his lifesaver now.

He wanted to hold tightly onto Jeff and he did not doubt his words at all.

Under Jeff's supervision, William took out a loan of almost five hundred thousand dollars from more than a dozen online loan platforms.

He did not even calculate how much interest he would need to repay for this loan.

This was because Jeff told him that he would not need to pay any interest at all for all these loans.

After that, William transferred the money from the loans that he had taken out and from his own savings, which came to a total of six hundred and twenty thousand dollars, over to Jeff.

This person who would usually rather die than be taken advantage of, really did not expect that he had fallen into a trap because of his love of taking advantage of everything.

Jeff was very excited when he received the six hundred and twenty thousand dollars from William.

However, this money was not enough for him to solve his troubles.

This was because he already lost one hundred thousand dollars because of the meal today. Therefore, he still had a shortfall of about five to six hundred thousand dollars.

So, he immediately told William, "Hurry up and give your girlfriend a call now. Tell her that you have been given the financial opportunity to earn a twenty percent profit in one week! Ask her if her mother would be interested to invest some of her money with you."

William nodded hurriedly before he called his girlfriend.

As soon as the call was connected, William said excitedly, "Juanita, what are you doing?"

His girlfriend, who was on the other end of the line, made a weird humming sound before she said, "I...I...I am at home. Ahh...Why? What's wrong? Ahh..."

When William heard the strange noises, he felt a little surprised. At this time, he subconsciously asked, "Juanita, what's that noise over there?"

William's girlfriend replied, "Oh, my...my back is aching and I feel very uncomfortable because of my backache. I'm training my back and twisting it on bed to feel better..."

As she spoke, Juanita suddenly uttered a soft sound denoting pain and pleasure.

William hurriedly asked with concern, "Juanita, are you okay? If your back is injured, you shouldn't be twisting or stretching it anymore. It will be very troublesome if your injury gets worse."

There was a constant creaking sound over the other end of the line and it seemed as though the mattress was constantly being hit.

Jeff was extremely shocked.

He could immediately tell that something was not quite right with the other party's voice. He knew that there was a ninety-nine percent chance that Juanita was having an affair with another man at this moment!

However, why did it seem as though William did not sense anything at all when he is already being made a cuckold?

Wasn't he aware of it at all?

Although this person was very greedy and would always want to take advantage of all the small and petty gains, he would not be so lacking in IQ, right?

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At this time, on the other end of the line, Juanita suddenly let out a very strange scream. This made Jeff feel as though all the blood in his body was rushing straight down.

This sound was very familiar to him. Wasn't this the sound that a woman made when she was at her happiest because she was experiencing an orgasm?

William felt very distressed at this time and he said, "My dear, you should stop twisting your body since you're feeling so much discomfort now. You should stop practicing now. I will feel very distressed if your injury gets worse."

Juanita groaned unbearably before she hurriedly asked, "William, is there anything else? If there's nothing else, I'm going to hang up now. I...I'm still practicing and I can't pause because I am at the most critical moment right now. Otherwise, everything would be in vain if I stopped right now..."

William hurriedly said proudly, "Juanita, I want to tell you a piece of good news! A good friend of mine is helping me to make some money. He can introduce me to a wealth management fund which will be able to generate twenty percent of profits in one week. Do you want to ask your mother if she would be interested to invest in this?"

Juanita blurted out, "William, are you stupid? What's the current economic situation right now? The annualized income is less than three percent a year and you have a friend who can actually channel a profit of twenty percent for you in just one week? How is that possible?"

William became very anxious when he heard this and he blurted out, "Juanita, my friend is really amazing. He drives a Phaeton! Do you know that the Phaeton is Volkswagen's most expensive car and it is worth more than two million dollars? Furthermore, he even paid one hundred thousand dollars to buy us a meal today."

Juanita scolded him contemptuously, "Do you think that I will believe that a person like you can actually know a rich person who can spend one hundred thousand dollars on a meal? Do you think that I'm a child who would believe you?"

William hurriedly said, "Juanita, I'm telling you the truth! Let me tell you, I'll be able to afford to pay your mother the dowry soon. I'll be able to make a lot of money soon and you won't need to continue selling those cigarettes or e-cigarettes to your circle of friends anymore! I'll definitely treat you well in the future. I'll support you and make sure that you live a good life."

When the other party heard this, she said angrily, "What? Why do I feel as though you're looking down on me? What is wrong with me selling cigarettes and e-cigarettes? I can easily earn about five thousand dollars a month. When I occasionally meet a generous customer and please him well enough, I can easily make more than ten thousand dollars a month! You barely draw a salary of about three thousand dollars a month, yet you're still bragging about supporting me and giving me a good life?"

William was very emotional as he said, "Juanita, I'm not looking down on you at all. I just feel that it isn't a solution for you to continue selling smuggled goods in the long term. What am I going to do if you are arrested by the police one day?"

Juanita replied angrily, "Stop cursing me! Get out of here!"

After she was done speaking, Juanita hung up the phone immediately.

William looked at Jeff with an embarrassed look on his face as he blurted out, "I'm sorry but my girlfriend seems a little unconvinced. I don't think that she believes you but it's probably because she hasn't met you yet. If she meets you, she would definitely believe you! Why don't we make an appointment to meet up tomorrow instead? I'll bring her out to meet you and you can talk to her personally!"

Jeff waved his hand before he said, "Forget it. Forget it. There is nothing more to talk about if she doesn't believe me. Anyway, this only proves that she has no fate with the money then. We shouldn't force things to happen."

In fact, Jeff knew very well that it would not be easy for him to deal with Juanita simply by listening to William's conversation with her over the phone.

She could cheat on her boyfriend with another man while answering a phone call from her boyfriend. Moreover, she was even scolding and cursing at her boyfriend like he was an idiot over the phone. Would any ordinary person have such sturdy and fearless gameplay? This proved that this girl was simply very capable!

The words that came out of her mouth alone could already achieve a score of ten!

If he had really met up with her and if she found out that William had given him six hundred and twenty thousand dollars, then she would definitely try her best to get that money back from him.

Therefore, he cleared his throat before he looked at William with an awkward expression on his face as he asked tentatively, "Well, William...how long have you known your girlfriend for?"

William hurriedly replied, "We've known each other for three years and we've already been together for two years now."

Jeff asked again, "Then, how did you two meet each other?"

William smiled before he said, "At that time, I wanted to join a company but I needed to ask someone to help me to do something so that I can get into the company. However, he wanted me to bring him two Treasurer Gold premium cigarettes."

"I found out that the Treasurer Gold cigarettes are really expensive. One of it would already cost a few hundred dollars and two of the Treasurer Gold premium cigarettes would already cost me more than one thousand dollars. Therefore, I decided to search online to see if I could find anyone selling it at a cheaper price. Who would have known that I would really find someone selling those cigarettes at a cheaper price! It was Juanita! She sold her Treasurer Gold premium cigarettes for only two hundred dollars each!"

Jeff could not help but feel extremely awkward after listening to William's explanation. After that, he asked him, "William, let me ask you something. Where is the Treasurer Gold cigarettes made?"

William subconsciously replied, "China!"

Jeff nodded before he asked again, "Why are you still able to purchase smuggled Treasurer Gold cigarettes when these cigarettes are originally made in China anyway?"

William frowned before he said, "Hey, Brother Jeff, what you've said is really very interesting. I really don't understand the reason either. Perhaps Juanita has some other way to get her hands on these cigarettes?"

Jeff sighed before he asked, "Let me ask you again. After buying these two smuggled Treasurer Gold premium cigarettes from your girlfriend, did the other party end up helping you in the end?"

"No." As soon as he thought about this, William felt a little distressed as he said, "I did not receive any information or hear anything else from that person after I had passed him those two cigarettes. I called him to ask him about it later but I realized that he had already blocked me. I can still remember everything clearly until this day! Every first and fifteenth day of the month, I would buy two dollars' worth of hell money to burn on the side of the road so that I can curse that fool who cheated me out of two cigarettes to die earlier!"



“You really are incredible...” Jeff rubbed his temples in distress. He finally understood why William was such a pathetic jerk.

At this time, he asked again, “William, you said that you have already been together with your girlfriend for two years now. So, did you two have sex yet?”

William blushed as he replied shyly, “I wanted to but it hasn’t happened yet. Juanita told me that she wants to save her virginity and keep her most precious and sacred first time for the day of her wedding. I fully respect her decision.”

Jeff scratched his head as he asked, “Then, didn’t you hear all the sounds she was making when you called her earlier? Under what kind of circumstances would a woman actually make such sounds? She wasn’t only moaning but there was also the sound of the mattress squeaking beneath her. Think about it carefully. Think about some of the movies that you’ve seen, especially those scenes with very few people. Besides that, there’s usually only one man and woman in that particular scene.”

Jeff was initially thinking of giving William a hint. He felt that it was completely impossible for William not to understand what he was hinting at when he had already made things so clear.

However, after he was done speaking, he really did not expect William to have a serious expression on his face as he said, “She’s home alone so she’s naturally just twisting her waist. If she’s practicing and twisting her waist on her bed, her mattress would naturally produce a squeaking sound.”

William continued saying in distress, “It’s a pity that my dormitory is really far away from her house. Otherwise, I would have bought two packs of medicinal plasters for her instead.”

Jeff sneered as he said, “Why are you buying medicinal plasters for her? Why don’t you buy two boxes of Plan B instead? Otherwise, there might really be an accident.”

“What?” William hurriedly asked, “What’s Plan B? Is it for back treatment? Is it expensive? How much does a box cost?”

“Forget it.” Jeff waved his hand as he said, “You can just stay at home first. I have to go now. I will help you invest your money in the trust fund. If nothing else comes up, you’ll be able to get your money back in one week!”

## Chapter 991

When the heartless Jeff left William's dormitory, he suddenly felt a little guilty towards him.

He felt that even though people like William were really hateful, he was also very pitiful at the same time.

He was an orphan with no father or mother. Moreover, he had not achieved anything in his life even after working hard for so many years. In the end, he had even found a girlfriend who was nothing but a shrewd woman.

What would William feel if he found out that his girlfriend was actually enjoying sexual intimacy with another man when she scolded and cursed at him when he called her earlier?

Moreover, William has just handed all of his assets over to Jeff.

He even took up a loan of more than five hundred thousand dollars from loan sharks who practiced usury.

In one week's time, William would have to repay at least one million dollars for all of his loans.

After a month, he would be owing them several millions in debt.

When that time comes, he would certainly be very desperate with nowhere else to go, right?

However, he was also in trouble and he could not guarantee his own safety at this time.

There was nothing else that he could do. If either one of them had to perish, then he hoped that the other party would die instead.

Moreover, he had not gone ashore yet.

If he wanted to go ashore, he would have to raise a few hundred thousand more dollars.

As he thought about this, Jeff no longer sympathized with William.

He could not be bothered about him anymore. He should think of how he could survive first.

At this time, at the dining table at the Hyatt Hotel, Jeff has already become everyone's target.

Even those of them who used to be his lackeys started to hate him and despise him, one by one.

As everyone was looking down on Jeff, they could not help but start to feel a lot of admiration for Charlie at the same time.

After all, he could afford to donate one million dollars to the orphanage with just a snap of his fingers. Everyone believed that Charlie certainly had more than one million dollars.

They realized that they had seriously underestimated Charlie in the past.

The few of them continue saying kind words to him, giving him toast after toast, complimenting him, and some of them were even trying to lick his boots just to curry favor with Charlie.

Though Charlie was not arrogant, he was also not very humble at the same time. He maintained a very calm and composed attitude. This made everyone feel that there was a profound and mysterious aura around him.

Caleb waited for everyone to finish drinking with Charlie before he took a glass of wine in his hand as he said seriously, "Charlie, thank you for everything that you've done for this orphanage. I would like to dedicate this toast to you!"

Charlie looked at him before he nodded lightly.

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Aside from Lisa and Mrs. Lewis, Caleb was the first person who gave a toast to Charlie to thank him for the donation that he made to the orphanage.

The other people were all only toasting him, not because of the money that he had donated to the orphanage, but simply because they had found out that he seemed to be a wealthy person.

These were two completely different starting points. Those who rushed forward to toast him for the donation that he had made to the orphanage really cared about the orphanage. On the other hand, those people who were simply giving him a toast were only doing so because they wanted to build up a relationship with him.

After all, for all these people here today, anyone who could easily donate one million dollars to the orphanage at will would not be any simple or ordinary person. This has already far exceeded their understanding.

Charlie and Caleb drank the glass of wine together. Caleb signed sincerely as he said, "Charlie, I'm really very happy to see how you've turned out today! I've always felt that you were different compared to the rest of us even back then. I don't know why I've always thought that you were a great person who would be promising in the future! I really did not expect you to turn out doing so well in life!"

Charlie smiled indifferently before he said, "When we were both sleeping on the construction site together in the past, we would be very happy if we had enough food to eat every day. When we received our pay every month, we would spend a little more extravagantly. We would buy two more extra dishes and a few bottles of beer and at that time, I thought that it was really a great satisfaction to be able to drink in the shed on the construction site."

After a pause, Charlie continued speaking, "Because of that experience, I don't expect much materially now. Even if I'm eating better food, wearing better clothes or living in a better house, that doesn't really make much of a difference to me."

Caleb nodded earnestly before he said, "Brother, I understand what you are trying to say. We were both working at the same place and earning the same amount of money at that time. However, I would always save up all of my hard-earned money for myself because I had always been hoping that I would be able to turn my life around with this capital. On the other hand, you've always donated all of your hard-earned money to the orphanage. At that time, I had already felt that I could never be compared to you in this life because you're so much better than I am!"

After that, Caleb sighed softly before he laughed and said, "Facts have clearly proven that I'm really nothing at all."

Charlie replied solemnly, "Brother, do not undervalue yourself at any time. As long as you can act in a way that is worthy of the world, worthy of your conscience, and worthy of yourself, then you'll still be a very happy person even if you do not have a lot of material possessions in your hands."

After that, Charlie continued speaking, "Just look around in this world. How many wealthy people have made their money by doing bad things and completely disregarding their own conscience? How many people are deliberately thinking of ways to steal, take, cheat, or occupy things from other people? There are seriously too few people who have a clear conscience!"

Claire had been silently listening to Charlie's words throughout this whole entire time. She suddenly felt that the image of her husband has suddenly become very radiant in her heart at this moment.

Claire has already been impressed from the minute he decided to donate his money to the orphanage to the moment that he said a statement like this.

Caleb had already drunk quite a bit of wine and the alcohol had already clouded his mind. He acted a little impulsively at this time. He held Charlie's hand as he said with red eyes, "Charlie, I've been living a muddled life for more than twenty years now. I finally understand the meaning of life now. Now when I think about it, I shouldn't have left in the first place. The reason why I went to Lancaster is because I thought that I'd be able to make something out of my life. I thought that I would be able to make a fortune and build a good life for myself. In the past few years, I've never thought about actively giving back to the orphanage where I had grown up in. I really feel a little guilty looking back at my life now..."

Charlie smiled slightly as he said, "Caleb, we have to take care of ourselves first before we can take care of others. If you can't even take good care of yourself, I don't want you to donate the limited amount of money that you have to the orphanage. So, you have to take good care of yourself first. All of us have already endured a lot of suffering in the past and we have no family nor anyone else that we can depend or rely on. The only person that we can rely on is ourselves. At a time like this, you have to treat yourself better and be nicer to yourself, and let yourself live a little better first."

Caleb burst into tears and he choked as he said, "You're persuading me like this but why don't you do the same for yourself then? I know that when Mrs. Lewis had fallen ill, you raised money desperately and you gave all the money that you could find to Mrs. Lewis so she could get treatment for herself. At that time, why didn't you focus on treating yourself better and giving yourself a better life first?"

Charlie replied embarrassedly, "We're both in completely different situations after all. I'm already a married man while you aren't."

After he spoke, Charlie held Claire's hand before he said to Caleb, "Everyone in Aurous Hill knows that I am the famous live-in son-in-law who is living off my wife. My wife provides me with food, drink, and even a roof over my head. I don't need to spend a single penny at all to eat, drink, or keep myself warm because I have such a good wife. Therefore, it would be useless for me to have a lot of money anyway."

When Charlie suddenly held her hand, Claire became a little restless.

When she heard Charlie's words, she suddenly felt very touched.

She felt as though she was starting to understand her husband a little more at this time.

At the same time, she also felt that her husband was a complete stranger to her.

In the past, she had always thought that her husband was a hopeless and useless person who had no ambitions at all. She thought that her husband was a good-for-nothing person who did not even dare to fight back after getting scolded or beaten up.

But now, Claire suddenly felt that her husband was even more unfathomable and profound than she had thought.

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When Caleb saw that Charlie was showing his affection for Claire by holding her hand, he felt very gratified for his good brother.

Therefore, he hurriedly poured another glass of wine for Charlie before he said, "Come, my dear brother Charlie, let me offer a toast to you two. I hope that both of you will be able to have a better and even more loving relationship! I wish for both of you to have a child soon!"

Claire started blushing all of a sudden and she felt very embarrassed when she heard Caleb asking them to have a child soon.

Charlie smiled before he said, "Thank you, brother! I will definitely work hard!"

Claire felt even more embarrassed at this time. She continued holding Charlie's hand with one hand before she placed one hand under the table as she pinched Charlie's inner thigh.

Charlie winced in pain but he did not dare to scream out loud. So, he hurriedly picked up his wine glass before he said to Caleb, "Come, let's drink this glass of wine together!"

After drinking the glass of wine, Charlie suddenly recalled that Caleb was working in Lancaster at this time. He asked, "By the way, Caleb, which company are you working for in Lancaster now? What kind of industry are you in? What's your position in the company?"

Caleb explained, "I work at a company specializing in the production of lighting equipment and devices in Lancaster. I am a sales executive and my company is owned by Lane Group."

"Lane Group?" Charlie frowned before he asked, "The boss of Lane Group should be Travis Lane, the richest man in Lancaster, right?"

Caleb nodded before he smiled and asked, "You know who Travis Lane is too?"

Charlie smiled before he said, "Not only do I know who he is, but I've also met him before."

"Really?" Caleb said in surprise, "Chairman Lane is always very secretive and mysterious in his movements and whereabouts. Only people from the main group headquarters have ever had the opportunity to meet him. People from the smaller companies like us have no opportunity to meet with Chairman Lane at all."

Travis was basically a sovereign king in Lancaster. He had many companies and industries under his name.

The lighting equipment and devices company that Caleb was working at was actually just a small industry under Travis. Aside from Caleb, even the person-in-charge of the company only had the opportunity to meet Travis a couple of times.

Therefore, Caleb was very shocked and curious when he heard that Charlie had met up with Travis before.

He asked, "Charlie, how did you meet our Chairman Lane?"

Charlie smiled before he said, "A friend of mine hosted a gathering and I attended the gathering. I happened to see him at the gathering too."

The first time that Charlie had ever seen Travis was when Jasmine invited him to take a look at a piece of jade. At that time, Travis was also interested in the piece of jade. He had even brought a master along with him to help him to take a look at the jade. As a result, Charlie had helped him expose the fake master who was nothing more than a scammer.

After that, when Charlie struck Jack Yalman to death with thunder and lightning, Travis was also there. Although he did not have a strong friendship with him, Travis had always treated Charlie with respect.

After all, he was the supreme leader in the metaphysics circle.

Since Caleb was working in a company owned by Travis, Charlie could speak up for him to help his friend.

So, Charlie told Caleb, "Well, let me give Travis a call and ask him if he could arrange for a new job and position for you."

"What? You know Chairman Lane personally?" Caleb asked as he looked at Charlie in shock.

He had initially thought that Charlie simply had the opportunity to meet up with Travis at the gathering but both of them did not have any chances to build up a relationship or connect with each other.

It wasn't that he despised or looked down on his own brother. The main point was that Travis was simply a very noble man. After all, he was the richest man in Lancaster. In Caleb's opinion, Travis was simply an eminent and unapproachable figure.

The other people were also shocked when they heard Charlie's words.



All of them had heard of Travis Lane, the richest man in Lancaster. Even though he was not as powerful as the Moore family was, he was still a very rich and wealthy man with a net worth of tens of billions of dollars.

They really did not expect Charlie to be acquainted with such a powerful and influential man!

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If this had happened half an hour ago, everyone would have thought that Charlie was simply bragging.

However, at this time, everyone knew that this matter was probably true since Charlie said so.

Charlie smiled indifferently before he told Caleb, "Although I don't share a deep friendship with Chairman Lane, we're still acquaintances after all. I believe that he'll definitely give me face on account of that."

After that, Charlie took out his cell phone before he looked for Travis's phone number and called directly.

After a short while, the phone call was connected.

Travis was very surprised when he answered the call. He said, "Master Wade, why are you so free to call me today?"

Charlie smiled lightly before he said, "Chairman Lane, it has already been a long time since we've seen each other."

Travis hurriedly replied, "Oh, I haven't been back to Aurous Hill at all during this period of time. Otherwise, I would definitely have come over to say hello to you, Master Wade!"

Charlie smiled slightly before he said, "Chairman Lane, you don't have to be so polite with me. The reason why I've called you today is because I would like to ask for your help in a certain matter."

Everyone around the table held their breath as they looked at Charlie. They were all looking forward to this moment where they would be able to witness a miracle!

After all, all of them were orphans. They had never had the opportunity to meet a rich or wealthy man who had tens of millions of dollars, let alone a wealthy man who had a net worth of tens of billions of dollars.

Travis hurriedly replied at this time, "Master Wade, you can give me any orders and instructions as you please. I'll definitely do my best for you!"

Charlie replied, "I have a buddy who grew up with me. I just found out today that he's actually working for a company under Lane Group. Chairman Lane, I would like to ask if you could arrange for a more promising job and position for him?"

Travis was shocked!

He would never have dreamt that Charlie's good brother would actually be working for his own company.

Therefore, he hurriedly asked, "Master Wade, what's your brother's name? Which company is he working for? Could you give me all of these details? After this, I'll make a call to arrange for a personnel transfer immediately. I'll transfer your good brother over to our group's headquarters."

Charlie replied, "My brother's name is Caleb Morales and he's currently working for the lighting equipment company under Lane Group."

Travis hurriedly replied, "Master Wade, give me a moment. I'll make a phone call to ask about this matter now!"

After hanging up the phone, Travis immediately called his secretary to ask her to verify Caleb Morales's identity in the shortest possible time.

As soon as the secretary reported that there was indeed a person named Caleb Morales working for the lighting equipment company, Travis was overjoyed.

In fact, he had always wanted to look for an opportunity to get closer to Charlie but he had never had the chance to do so.

After all, Charlie was really incredible and even the awesome Jack Yalman did not stand a chance at all when he had a face-to-face encounter with him. Moreover, the large and prestigious Moore family was also very polite and respectful towards Charlie. Therefore, he knew that he did not have much opportunity to try and get closer to Charlie.

He really would not have dreamt that this opportunity would just fall right into his laps. Charlie's good brother was actually working in his own company. Wasn't this a godsend opportunity?

Travis immediately called Charlie back as he asked, "Master Wade, I want to transfer your good brother over to the company's headquarters to become my assistant. I'll give him an annual salary of one million dollars. Oh no, make that two million dollars. Are you satisfied with this arrangement?"

Charlie knew that a two million annual salary was nothing more than a drop of water in the bucket for someone like Travis.

However, for Caleb, it would take him at least ten to twenty years of struggle and hard work to finally make that amount of money in his life.

Charlie hummed in satisfaction before he said, "I'd have to trouble you for this matter then. Chairman Lane, it would be best if you could send a notice to my brother now just so he can be happy even sooner."

Travis did not dare to disobey Charlie's command and he said respectfully, "Master Wade, please rest assured that I'll arrange for my personnel manager to send him an employment notice immediately!"

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After hanging up on Travis's call, Charlie told Caleb who was standing in front of him, "I've already greeted Chairman Lane on your behalf. He told me that he'll transfer you over to the company headquarters to become his assistant."

Caleb and their table full of friends were all stunned.

Everyone has already heard Travis's name before. He was a super rich and wealthy man who had a net worth of more than ten billion dollars!

Moreover, becoming the assistant of a super wealthy man with a net worth of tens of billions of dollars was not just an ordinary job. It was completely impossible for any ordinary person to be given this extraordinary opportunity.

At the very least, the person would have to graduate with a PhD from a prestigious university or even have similar work experiences in many large companies and corporations to even be considered for the position by a wealthy man such as Travis.

Everyone knew of Caleb's situation and background very well.

Both Caleb and Charlie were only high school graduates at the very beginning. This was because the orphanage had only taken care of them until they were eighteen years old. At that time, they went straight into society to start working as soon as they graduated from high school.

Charlie was a little better than him. This was because Lord Wilson had actually sent him to Aurous University to study for a year because he wanted him to cultivate and build up a relationship with Claire at the beginning of their relationship.

However, Caleb has already started working ever since he was eighteen years old. He had been working on the construction site for a few years before he went to Lancaster to work for a few years.

To put it bluntly, Caleb's situation was not much different compared to the uncles or migrant workers who worked on the construction site. The only difference between them was the fact that he was younger than they were.

So, no matter how anyone looked at it, it was very magical for someone like this to suddenly work as an assistant for the super wealthy Chairman Lane.

Caleb could not believe his own ears either. He was not only in disbelief, but he also felt that he was not worthy or capable of being the chairman's assistant.

It would be great enough if he could become a team leader in the company that he was currently working for.

At this time, Caleb's cell phone suddenly rang.

When Caleb saw that it was a phone call from an unfamiliar number, he connected the call before he asked, "Hello, may I know who this is?"

The other party replied immediately, "Hello, is this Mr. Caleb Morales? I am the personnel director of the Lane Group. I am calling you to inform you that you have now been transferred over to the company's headquarters to work as the chairman's assistant. Chairman Lane will give you one week to prepare yourself for the job. After that, you can come and report for work directly at the headquarters."

Caleb was stunned and he blurted out, "You...are you kidding me? Are you really asking me to become Chairman Lane's assistant? I did not even go to college..."

The other party smiled and said, "Chairman Lane specifically told me that you are to become his assistant no matter what your academic qualifications are. You are not required to have any special skills as long as you can drive. However, even if you cannot drive, the company can pay to send you for training."

Caleb hurriedly replied, "I have a driver's license! I have owned a driver's license for more than three years now. Besides that, I had also previously worked as a cab driver in Lancaster for a short while."

The other party laughed before she said, "That's good. If so, you can just drive Chairman Lane around first. If Chairman Lane has any other work or request for you, he will tell you what to do then."

After that, the other party said again, "By the way, your salary is two million dollars per annual. This is your basic salary and it does not include your year-end bonuses and commissions."

"How...how much?" Caleb was in utter disbelief! He thought that there was a problem with his hearing. How could he possibly earn two million dollars in a year?

At his current level, it would already be very impressive if he could earn one hundred thousand dollars a year. Even in his wildest dreams, he would have never dreamt that he would ever earn an annual salary of two million dollars.

When the other party saw that Caleb did not seem to have heard her words clearly, she repeated herself earnestly as she said, "Mr. Morales, the basic salary for your position is two million dollars a year..."

Caleb shuddered in fright as he blurted out, "Isn't two million dollars a year a little too much?"

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This sentence shocked everyone on the spot.

An annual salary of two million dollars a year? How is that any different from robbing the bank?

Besides that, was Charlie really this capable? He could actually turn Caleb's annual salary to two million dollars with just one phone call?

At this moment, the other party smiled over the phone before she said, "This was decided by Chairman Lane. Since he decided it like this, then he must have his reasons for doing so. I believe that Chairman Lane does not think that this salary is too high for you."

After she was done speaking, the other party said again, "Mr. Morales, I will see you next week then. This is my cell phone number. Please give me a phone call when you come to report for work and I will come and receive you myself!"

After that, the other party hung up the phone when she was done speaking.

Caleb held his cell phone in his hand with a blank expression on his face. He felt as though his brain had just been electrocuted.

Harry was filled with envy, jealousy and hatred at this time. He blurted out immediately, "Caleb, is your company really going to give you an annual salary of two million dollars?"

Caleb came back to his senses and he nodded blankly as he said, "The person who called me earlier is the personnel director. She was the one who told me about my salary."

Harry was extremely jealous at this time. He really did not expect Charlie to be so powerful and capable. If he had known that Charlie was so capable, then he would not have stuck up to Jeff instead! He would have just knelt down in front of Charlie and licked his boots instead!

At this time, Caleb was already in tears. He looked at Charlie before he choked and said, "Charlie, you've really done too much for me. How can I actually be worthy enough to become Chairman Lane's assistant?"

Charlie smiled indifferently before he patted Caleb on the shoulder before he said earnestly, "You're definitely worthy of the assistant position that Chairman Lane has arranged for you because you're my good brother."

Caleb felt very touched at this time. However, he was still not confident of himself and he said, "Charlie, I know that you've always regarded me as your own brother but to be honest, I know my own ability and capability. How can I possibly be worthy of earning a two million dollars salary a year?"

Charlie smiled before he said, "It isn't up to you to decide whether you're worthy or not. Since you're my brother, then you're definitely worthy enough to earn a basic salary of two million dollars."

After that, Charlie said seriously, "So, make sure that you follow and serve Travis in a steadfast manner in the future. You have to prove yourself and show those who looked down on you in the past that you're no longer the same person you were before!"

Caleb burst into tears as soon as he heard this!

After they had both left the orphanage, Caleb had always been looked down upon because he was young and had no mother or father. He was also constantly bullied by the other workers when he was working on the construction site.

He had already been working in Lancaster for so many years but other people were still looking down on him. Even his own girlfriend looked down on him and left him because of that.

Therefore, Charlie's words ignited the fire and self-esteem in his heart.

He clasped his fingers together as he formed a fist as he said with great gratitude, "Brother, thank you very much. From now on, my life is yours!"

Charlie waved his hand before he laughed and said, "What would I do with your life? You should just live well in the future and make sure that you treat yourself well. I'll be very relieved as long as you can make something out of yourself."

At this time, Charlie said again, "By the way, I only have one request for you."

Caleb hurriedly said, "Just say it. No matter what your request is, I'll definitely fulfill it!"

Charlie replied seriously, "After you become Travis's assistant, you must not agree to get back together with your ex-girlfriend even if your ex-girlfriend and her mother come and beg you to take her back. You aren't allowed to get back together with her even if you still love her deep down in your heart! This is because from now on, this kind of snobbish woman isn't worthy of my brother!"

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At this moment, Caleb suddenly realized from the expression on Charlie's face that he has already undergone an earth-shattering change in his life.

He was no longer the pathetic jerk that did not attend school, had no father and mother, and was also despised by everyone around him.

He was now Charlie's brother and the assistant of the chairman of the Lane Group.

Moreover, he was now drawing an annual salary as high as two million dollars!

If his ex-girlfriend were to find out that he had already gotten such a good job and position, her snobbish mother would probably kneel down in front of him to beg him to reconcile and get back together with her daughter.

However, Charlie was right.

From now on, that family was no longer worthy of someone like him.

This was not because Caleb was very full of himself. However, this was simply because Caleb knew that the reason why he could enjoy this good fortune was entirely because of his childhood brother, Charlie.



He did not only want to thank him, but he also did not want to embarrass him in any way.

At this time, everyone around the table was staring at Charlie as though he was an immortal.

He had donated one million dollars to the orphanage with just one phone call. Moreover, his friend had also donated another one million dollars to the orphanage because of him.

After that, he even called Travis Lane, the richest man in Lancaster!

He managed to get Caleb a new job and position with an annual salary of two million dollars with that phone call.

This kind of energy and power far exceeded the imagination of everyone here!

However, Claire was not surprised at all. She knew that Charlie specifically looked at Feng Shui on behalf of the rich and wealthy people. Therefore, it was not surprising for him to know Travis.

The other kids did not know this. Many of them had already begun to move and they had already picked up their wine glasses as they looked at Charlie.

They were all preparing to give a toast to Charlie in hopes that they would be able to get closer to Charlie. At that time, they would also like to try their luck to see if Charlie could also arrange for a better job for them.

At the moment where everyone has already raised their wine glasses, Claire suddenly received a phone call.

It was a phone call from Elaine, Charlie's mother-in-law. As soon as she answered the call, Elaine cried out on the other end of the line, "My dear daughter, you have to come home soon. Your father is going to divorce me. I don't want to live anymore! If you don't come home now, you can only wait to collect your mother's dead body then!"

Claire started panicking immediately. She really did not expect trouble to start brewing at home when her mother had just returned home today.

Therefore, she hurriedly said to Charlie who was sitting next to her, "My parents seem to be arguing at home. We should go home soon."

When Charlie heard this, he nodded immediately. After that, he picked up his wine glass before he said, "Mrs. Lewis and my dear friends, I'm really sorry but something urgent has cropped up at home. Claire and I will have to leave first. We will get together again when we have time in the future!"

Mrs. Lewis hurriedly said, "Both of you should hurry home and deal with your serious matters first. Please don't be delayed because of us."

However, those people who were still waiting to gain some sort of benefit from Charlie were very disappointed at this time. Some of them said, "Brother Charlie, I didn't even have the opportunity to drink with you...why don't you drink two more glasses before you leave?"

Charlie replied lightly, "I'm not drinking anymore. Maybe next time. I have to leave now because I have some family matters to deal with at home."

After he was done speaking, Charlie raised the wine glass in his hand before he said seriously, "I'm going to down this glass of wine."

As soon as his words fell, Charlie finished all of the wine in his wine glass before he held Claire's hand and left the restaurant.

Since Charlie had been drinking during dinner, Claire was the one driving today.

On the way home, Claire said anxiously, "I think that my dad is tempted because he's still attracted to Aunt Matilda. That is probably the reason why he wants to divorce my mother. I'm really very worried about this matter. Can you help me to find a way so my father will change his mind?"

Charlie replied, "How can we interfere in this kind of matter? If Dad really no longer has feelings for Mom, then it would only be more torturous and upsetting for us to force both of them to stay together."

Claire sighed as she asked, "Then, do you mean that it would be better for them to separate because short-term pain is better than long-term pain?"

## Chapter 998

Charlie smiled before he said, "Don't you know what kind of person Mom is by now? Even if she is really in pain right now, she'll turn it into a momentary pain. At the same time, she will also turn a short-term pain into a long-term pain. Even if Dad is planning to divorce her, I am afraid it will not be that easy for him to do so."

Claire was taken aback at this time. She suddenly felt a little enlightened.

Based on her mother's temper and character, it would be very difficult for her father to get what he wanted even if he wanted to divorce her.

As she thought about this, Claire suddenly realized that her mother was only putting on an act when she said that she did not want to continue living anymore.

After that, she felt much more relieved.

As soon as they drove the BMW into the villa, they could hear Elaine cursing out loud: "Jacob Wilson, you old bastard! Don't you have a conscience at all? I've already suffered so much because of you and you are still trying to divorce me?"

Charlie and Claire got out of the car. As soon as they entered the door, they saw Elaine standing in the living room as she cursed endlessly at Jacob.

Because Elaine's two front teeth were still missing, she would speak indistinctly because of her missing front teeth. Whenever she got agitated, there would not only be air, but she would also be spitting out saliva when she yelled.

Jacob was deliberately keeping a distance of more than five meters away from her at this time. He said angrily, "Don't bring up all those useless things with me now. There aren't any more feelings or affection between us now! There's no other choice for us but to get a divorce!"

Elaine replied, "You scumbag! Stop dreaming already! Let me tell you, I won't divorce you even if I were to die!"

Jacob said angrily, "You can just wait then! I'll go to court and file for a divorce with you tomorrow!"

Elaine yelled angrily, "Are you trying to bluff me? Do you think that the court is your house? Do you think that you can go and file for a divorce whenever you feel like it? Let me tell you something! I've already inquired about this matter a long time ago in an effort to stop you from doing something like this! As long as I refuse to divorce you, then the court won't grant us a divorce for no reason at all!"

Jacob said angrily, "We both no longer have any feelings or affections for each other anymore. The court will definitely approve of a divorce if they realize that this is a marriage without any feelings or affection at all!"

Elaine replied triumphantly, "So what if there is no feelings or affection between the both of us? Let me tell you something. There are provisions for all the relevant laws. Even if you're going to file for a divorce on the basis that there is no feelings or affection between the both of us, we have to be separated for at least two years before the court will grant us a divorce!"

Jacob was taken aback. He was very angry and he stomped his feet as he said, "Then...then...then I will separate from you from now on! In two years' time, even if you refuse to divorce me, the court will also grant me the divorce!"

Elaine curled her lips before she said, "You want to be separated from me, right? Let me tell you. If the two of us live in the same house but are sleeping in separate rooms, this is not considered a separation at all. If you really want us to be separated, then you can just move out of this villa at Thompson First then! Don't live in the same house as me!"

After that, Elaine said, "You can move back into our old house alone!"

"I will go if I have to!" Jacob gritted his teeth as he said, "As long as I can get rid of a shrewd woman like you, I'd even be willing to sleep in a hole under the bridge for two years!"

Elaine waved her hand before she said, "Go! Go! You can get lost now!"

After she was done speaking, Elaine threatened, "As soon as you step out of this villa, I'll chop up the Lexington sofa set that your father left behind and I will burn it!"

"You..." Jacob trembled in anger. "What's the difference between you and a beast then?"

Elaine hummed, "Why do you care so much? Aren't you going to move out? Hurry up and leave! You should leave right now!"

Jacob was dumbfounded.

He had really wanted to be separated from Elaine but he really felt very reluctant to leave the villa at Thompson First.

It was so cool to live in a big villa with an elevator. After moving and living in this villa, their old house looked like a small chicken coop.

However, since Jacob has already been staying here for a few days, he really felt a little reluctant to move out of the villa.

Claire watched as the both of them continued arguing and talking back at one another. When she saw that they were going to continue arguing with one another, she helplessly said, "Dad! Mom! We haven't even enjoyed some good days living here together so why are both of you quarreling again?"

Elaine replied, "I want to enjoy a good life here but it seems as though your father doesn't want to do so."

Jacob blurted out, "I won't be able to enjoy a good life with you anyway! Both of us can no longer stay together anymore!"

Charlie knew very well in his heart that the old man was ready to get together and spend all of his time with Matilda. However, his thoughts were simply too beautiful. Didn't he know how difficult and unreasonable his wife could be?

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When Elaine saw that Jacob was so decisive, she replied angrily, "Okay, you can no longer live with me anymore, right? Alright then. We can both be separated for two years first. After that, we can go to court and file for a divorce then."

After she was done speaking, Elaine snorted before she said, "But Jacob, let me tell you I advance that I am a very narrow-minded person. If I find out that you're living a better and

more comfortable life compared to me after our divorce, then I'll definitely feel very uncomfortable!"

"You should understand better than anyone else the kind of things that I'll do when I feel uncomfortable. I'll definitely make you feel even more uncomfortable than me! That is the only way that my heart can finally be balanced!"

"In other words, if you dare to go out and find a vixen outside and secretly enjoy life with her in the future, then I will definitely destroy your good things! After that, I'll pester you every day and I'll also follow you around like a shadow even if I become a ghost! You will never be able to get rid of me!"

When Jacob heard these words, he was suddenly very frightened and spooked out of his mind!

According to Elaine's words, even if he endured her for another two more years and even if he could finally divorce her and dissolve his marriage with her, she was never going to let him go...

If Elaine found out that he was together with Matilda at that time, then wouldn't she go crazy?

Elaine was already haunting and pestering him every day even though she did not know that Matilda was back.

If she were to find out about Matilda, or if she were to find out that he was together with Matilda, then wouldn't she take a knife to hack him to death?

Moreover, Elaine would not only refuse to let him go, but she would also go after Matilda then.

After all, she had always regarded Matilda as her worst enemy for decades.

How could Matilda possibly be her opponent, given Elaine's personality as the number one vixen in the entire Aurous Hill?

When that time arrived, Elaine would definitely try to hurt Matilda as soon as she was done hurting him. It would definitely be a terrible mess then.

As he thought about this, Jacob was anxious that he was about to cry.

He desperately asked himself in his heart, "Can't I, Jacob be together with Matilda in this life? Can't I, Jacob, find and enjoy my own happiness? Will I, Jacob, have to continue living with this kind of bitch for the rest of my life?"

As he thought about this, Jacob really felt like dying.

Elaine had a victorious expression on her face as she said triumphantly, "Let me tell you, Jacob. You will never be able to get rid of me in your lifetime unless I die before you! However, even if I were to die before you, I'll make sure to drag you along with me! I'll make sure that you die with me. I will never leave you alone in this world!"

Jacob trembled in anger and he could not stand it anymore. He roared with great indignation, "Elaine, you...you...you stinky bitch! You are worse than a beast! How could there possibly be such a brazen person in this world like you?"

"What?" Elaine raised her brows as she said, "What's wrong with someone like me? Isn't someone like me married to you in the end? Didn't we have children together too? Do you think that I, Elaine, am someone that you can just dump whenever you want to?"

Jacob was so angry with Elaine that he burst out in tears. He choked as he cried, "The one thing that I regret the most in my entire life is marrying you! If I had known that you were such a shrewd woman, I would never have married you and brought you into my family even if you had put a knife against my neck!"

Elaine sneered as she said, "Oh, so what has regretting your decision to marry me got to do with whether I'm a shrewd woman or not? Do you think I don't know the real reason why an old man like you regrets marrying me?"

"Aren't you regretting it just because of Matilda? Do you regret not chasing after Matilda and trying harder to restore your relationship with her back then?"

"You're the one who isn't content with what you already have and you're the one with the wandering eyes. Now, you're saying that you regret it because I'm a shrew? Now that our

daughter is also here, why don't you touch your own conscience and tell me whether you are really this shameless?"

"You..." Jacob felt as though he was about to suffocate.

Elaine had this kind of ability. She could accurately point and find the most hurtful words to launch the most vicious attacks on her opponents under any circumstances that she was in.

Jacob realized at this time that he really was not this shrew's opponent at all.

As he thought about how gloomy and miserable his life was, and how it seemed like he would not have any bright happy days in the future, he fell to the ground as he started crying like a child.

However, the way that Jacob was crying was completely different to how Elaine would cry when she was throwing a tantrum. Jacob's tears were so heartbreaking that a listener would also want to weep with him.

Chapter 1000

It was obvious that Jacob was very desperate at this moment.

When Elaine saw this, she felt even more victorious. After that, she said contemptuously, "Jacob Wilson, you damn old man. Why are you acting so pitifully right now? Are you trying to gain our daughter's sympathy? Do you want me to bring up all of your previous love affairs in front of our daughter?"

After that, before Jacob could even say anything at all, Elaine sneered as she said, "Jacob, you used to be so famous in school back then. Moreover, everyone in school also knows about the relationship between you and Matilda. However, even though you already have a girlfriend, you're still being a womanizer. After that, you took advantage of me and ruined my innocence! I've been suffering and I've wasted half of my life because of you. Now, you're actually thinking of divorcing me? There are so many scumbags in this world but none of them will ever be able to beat you!"

Jacob felt as though his heart had been violently hit by a train.

At this moment, Jacob finally realized that he would never be able to defeat this woman in his whole life.



As long as she was still around, then it would be completely impossible for him to ever find any true happiness in his life.

Therefore, Jacob changed from sobbing slowly to crying out desperately at this time.

Claire was also very depressed when she witnessed the scene before her.

She suddenly realized that she had never wanted her parents to divorce before this. However, if both of them did not get a divorce, then the end result would be endless quarrels such as this.

This way, neither one of them would ever be happy.

If they would have to continue living like this in the future, then the future seemed really bleak...

At this time, Claire suddenly received a text message from Loreen, which read: "Claire, I went back to the villa at Thompson First earlier. However, before I entered the house, I heard Uncle and Aunt arguing. It seemed as though they were having a very fierce argument. Do you want to go home and take a look?"

Claire hurriedly replied: "I'm already home."

Loreen replied again: "That is good then. I think that it would be better for me to stay at the hotel in the next few days. Otherwise, it would be really embarrassing and awkward for me."

Claire felt very sorry at this time.

She had originally planned to invite her best friend over to live in her own house so that she would not have to live in the hotel alone.

However, who would have expected that her father would entertain his first love at their house as soon as they moved here?

Moreover, after he was done entertaining his first love, her mother had suddenly disappeared.

Now that her mother was finally home, the both of them started fighting and arguing again. If she was in Loreen's shoes, she would also hide as far away as she possibly could.

As she thought about this, Claire sighed as she sent Loreen another message: "I'm sorry, Loreen. You can come back here when things calm down a little at home."

Loreen hurriedly replied: "You don't have to worry about me now. You should focus on taking care of your family affairs."

In fact, Loreen had always been jealous and she had always envied Claire in the past. After all, she could find a good man such as Charlie.

However, at this time, Loreen suddenly did not envy her that much anymore.

This was because Loreen felt that Claire's family was really too dysfunctional. If she were to continue living in such a weird family atmosphere, she would have collapsed a long time ago.

At this time, Jacob had already stood up and went back to his room as he continued crying. When Elaine saw him escaping, she also lost all interest in continuing the argument. She said triumphantly, "Oh, I'm going to soak and enjoy a good time in my big bathtub now. I am finally going to sleep at the villa at Thompson First tonight! Hahaha!"

When she saw that her parents had already returned to their respective rooms, Claire said to Charlie in a frustrated manner, "Ahh. I'm really very tired. My head is also hurting now. I'm also going back to the room to take a bath. Otherwise, I'm really going to collapse..."

When Charlie thought about the fact that he would be upgraded to the bed tonight, he hurriedly followed behind Claire with a smile on his face...