There was an obvious trace of arrogance and superiority in her voice. No one could blame her since it was indeed difficult to apply for a membership card at Shanghai Nights, and in Eastshire, having the membership card was a symbol of status!

However, she didn't know that both Matthew and Sasha each had a Supreme Card and Diamond Card. So how could these waiters stop them at the door?

Still, Sasha didn't think much of it and smiled while walking into the restaurant with Penny. In the restaurant, a Caucasian man was seated casually in one of the booths, and when he saw Sasha, his eyes lit up and he sprang up from his seat. "Penny, who's this beautiful lady?" he asked in a foreign language smugly, as if speaking in this language made him more superior.

"She's a good friend of mine!" Penny replied in the same language with a smile. Then, she turned to Sasha and said, "I'm sorry, Peter just came here and can't speak our language too well." Turning back to him, she continued, "Peter, you'll have to adapt since not everyone is highly-educated in this country!"

An arrogant look appeared on Peter's face. "That's a shame! Our language is used worldwide and one can only integrate into the civilization of the world by mastering this language!"

He was implying that one couldn't integrate into the world civilization without knowing his language and Matthew snorted, thinking that Peter was too proud. Didn't he know that the biggest part of the world was using the language from Matthew's country? Moreover, Peter's country only had a history of a few hundred years old, but he actually had the guts to bring up the topic of world civilization. The civilization here was the oldest and most widespread!

But Penny simply smiled, as though she was agreeing with Peter. "Let me introduce everyone! This is my fiancé, Peter, and this is a good friend of mine, Sasha Cunningham!" she said with a smile, completely ignoring Matthew who was standing next to Sasha.

"Beautiful lady, it's my pleasure to meet you!" Peter extended his hand, took Sasha's and bent down to plant a kiss on the back of her hand. Matthew furrowed his brows and swiftly stood in front of Sasha while pushing his hand away. With a frown, Peter cast Matthew a disdainful look and said, "Excuse me, sir. In my country, it's considered very rude to cut off a gentleman's kiss on a lady's hand!"

Matthew replied coldly, "In my country, you're considered a rogue for grabbing a lady's hand and kissing it without first asking for her permission!"

Penny's face turned stone cold and she said in a low growl, "What did you say, Matthew? Do you know that in Peter's country, it's considered a form of respect to kiss a lady's hand? You're a filthy person and so are the thoughts in your mind. Such a gentlemanly gesture has turned into a roguish act in your eyes. I think you're the thug here!"

"I don't know if this is a form of respect in his country or not!" Matthew scowled. "But doing this in our country is disrespectful to the ladies!"

Annoyed, Penny retorted, "Peter isn't from our country, so shouldn't you respect his customs?"

"Since he's here in our country, shouldn't he respect our traditions then?" Matthew shot back.

"You—" Furious, Penny had no rebuttals and could only curse at him angrily instead. "I can't communicate with an uncultured person like you! Sasha, why did you bring this useless bum here for a meal? Are you trying to spoil my appetite? Tell him to go home so as not to affect our mood!"

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Sasha felt awkward. "Penny, don't be angry. We haven't met in such a long time, so don't be angry over such a small issue. And Matthew, don't fight with Penny anymore. Come, let's have dinner first."

After much pleading and persuasion, Penny finally sat down in a huff.

Soon, dinner was served and everything was Western cuisine, like steaks and such. The cutleries given were forks and knives, but there was also a pair of chopsticks on the table should the customer want to use it

As Matthew was not used to using forks and knives, he picked up the chopsticks and started eating.

When Peter saw it, he immediately exclaimed in an exaggerated tone, "Sir, this isn't how you should eat Western cuisine. You have to use a fork and knife instead. How are you any different from a barbarian with the way you're eating now?"

His loud voice attracted the attention of the people nearby and they sneered.

"Oh dear, this is the first time I'm seeing someone eat a steak using chopsticks!"

"What's so weird about that? Just grab any one of the uncouth men working at the construction site near my place and he'll definitely be eating a steak with chopsticks too!"

"How could an uncouth person enter such a high-end place like Shanghai Nights?"

"It's obvious that the tall, handsome and rich man seated across him is treating him to the meal!"

"I think this is the first time in his life he's ever been to such a high-class place!"

Penny also had a look of disgust. "Sasha, why did you bring him here? Nobody eats Western cuisine with chopsticks. The civilized way to eat it is to use a fork and knife! What he's doing now is really ungentlemanly and uncivilized! He's a disgrace to us!"

"Why is it a disgrace to eat with chopsticks?" Matthew asked with his lips pursed. "You've been eating with chopsticks ever since you were young. Do you also find yourself a disgrace? I just don't understand how something left behind by our ancestors from thousands of years ago is a disgrace.

According to your logic, are you saying that the tradition of our country, which is thousands of years old, is uncivilized?"

Penny swiftly retorted, "I didn't say that it was a disgrace to use chopsticks, but it depends on the situation! Why are you using chopsticks when you're eating Western cuisine? Using a fork and knife when having Western dishes is the civilized method! The way you're eating now is ungentlemanly! If you want to use chopsticks, shouldn't you go to a Chinese restaurant instead of coming to a Western restaurant?"

"If you wanted to have Western cuisine, why are you having it here instead of aboard?" Matthew asked.

Flabbergasted, Penny stuttered, "H-Having Western cuisine here is a cultural exchange between two countries. Why can't we have Western cuisine here?"

"Since it's a cultural exchange between two countries, why can't I use chopsticks for Western cuisine in this country?"

Penny was suddenly tongue-tied and she exclaimed furiously, "Are you even a man? What else are you good at besides being unreasonable? Forget it, I don't want to argue with you anymore, lest it makes me appear ill-bred."

Giving a tit for tat, Matthew said, "Just because you say you're classy, it doesn't mean that you are because actions speak louder than words. It's my business what I'm eating and how I'm eating it. Don't you know that minding your own business is good manners as well?"

"You!" Penny was so angry that she didn't know what to say.

"Guys, forget it." Sasha hurriedly tried to make peace. "Penny, Matthew doesn't like to use forks and knives, so just let him be. And Matthew, stop arguing with Penny."

Matthew nodded with a grin and continued eating with chopsticks while Peter cast a look at him from across the table and muttered under his breath, "Barbarian!"

Unwilling to show any sign of weakness, Matthew shot back, "Nincompoop!"

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Peter was startled. "What does that mean?" His English level was not enough to comprehend what the words meant.

Matthew quickly replied, "Nothing! We're complimenting you!"

Sasha chuckled as she secretly reached over and softly pinched Matthew's back. Without turning around, Matthew grabbed Sasha's hand and she immediately blushed.

Penny was frustrated. After eating for a while, she suddenly said, "Matthew, how's your job at the

hospital? Your education level is so low that I had to specially ask my cousin for help in order to get you a job there. I heard from my cousin that you're cleaning toilets for a living now, and I think it's the most suitable job for you. After all, you don't need a degree to clean toilets! You better work hard and cherish this hard-won job!"

Matthew instantly frowned. Penny's cousin was Jeffrey Zimmerman. Back when Matthew got a job in the hospital, it was Sasha who pulled her connections to help him get it, whilst Penny did nothing at all. She even instigated Jeffrey to bully Matthew many times. It could be said that Penny was one of the driving forces behind Matthew being assigned as a cleaner. It was obvious that the reason Penny was mentioning this was to humiliate him.

Sensing that Matthew was offended, Sasha hurriedly held his hand and smiled as she said, "Matthew is planning to quit his job at the hospital and work with me in the pharmaceutical industry."

"Really?" Penny sneered. "Matthew, I used to think that you at least had some conscience to work and earn money by yourself. How is it that you've changed so much in just a year? Is it true that it's addictive to live off of others? I can't believe that you're completely relying on Sasha now. Can you still call yourself a man?"

A cold expression appeared on Matthew's face and just when he was about to rebuke her, Peter raised his glass and interrupted him, "Miss Cunningham, are you working in the pharmaceutical industry?"

Sasha nodded and replied, "My family has a pharmaceutical company. It's called Cunningham Pharmaceuticals."

"Really?" Peter grinned and added, "In that case, we're working in the same industry."

Sasha smiled politely in reply, not planning to continue the conversation with Peter.

However, Peter was unwilling to give up. "I'm the new CEO of the Carlson Group and I'm mainly responsible for the company's affairs. Miss Cunningham, since you have a pharmaceutical company, you can work with us. Why don't you give me your number so we can talk more about our business cooperation?"

Sasha couldn't help but frown. You're asking for another woman's number in front of your fiancée. How can you be such a scumbag?

Speaking on Sasha's behalf, Matthew said, "I'm sorry but Cunningham Pharmaceuticals has been so busy lately that we can't accept other orders."

Hearing this, Penny was instantly infuriated. "Matthew, what are you implying? Sasha and my fiancé are talking about business. Since when are you qualified to speak?

Do you really think you are now the decision maker of the Cunningham family and you can interfere with the Cunningham family's businesses? Besides, even if you really are in charge of managing Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, you have to put the company's interest first. I've never heard of a company rejecting business before!"

The people at the tables around them started whispering and all of them thought that Matthew was

bragging. Every company would find as much business as they could and they have never heard of a company that didn't need business! However, they didn't know that Matthew was telling the truth.

Cunningham Pharmaceuticals just received a 3-billion order and these orders were enough to keep the company busy until next year. How would they have the time to accept more orders?

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Peter glanced at Matthew mockingly before he turned to Sasha and said, "President Cunningham, if you're interested, I can call the shots and give you an order worth 50 million!"

Penny nodded vigorously and said, "Peter has a lot of authority in the Carlson Group. Sasha, Peter is helping you because you're my friend and he wouldn't give such a high offer to anyone else. You should hurry up and thank him!"

Peter grinned as he looked at Sasha, his gaze as fiery as before.

However, with a cold expression, Matthew refused them. "Don't you understand what I just said? Cunningham Pharmaceuticals has been really busy lately so we won't be accepting any new orders for now."

Furious, Penny yelled, "Matthew, what are you trying to do? Why are you stopping us from giving Sasha more business orders? I know that you feel comfortable staying at home and leeching off of Sasha, but do you know how exhausted Sasha gets from running around and looking for orders all day? It's fine if you can't help her, but you shouldn't drag her down either! Why is Sasha so unlucky that she married a loser like you?!"

Matthew was immediately infuriated. Seeing this, Sasha hurriedly said, "Penny, don't say that. In fact, Matthew is right. Our company is really busy dealing with the business we have and don't have time to accept new orders. Thank you for your kind offer."

Peter frowned while Penny quickly yelled, "Sasha, you're too kind! I can't believe that you're giving up business in order to protect this loser! Do you know how many people are begging to take our order? However, you refused our help just to protect this loser's ego!"

Looking embarrassed, Sasha mumbled, "I..."

However, Peter interrupted her and coldly said, "Miss Cunningham, since you look down on Carlson Group, I've decided that from today on, Carlson Group will not do any business with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. After all, I don't think Cunningham Pharmaceuticals need us!"

Sasha couldn't help but feel startled. She never thought that this would become so serious. Just then, Matthew sneered, "Peter, are you sure you can make decisions on behalf of the Carlson Group?"

With a triumphant look on her face, Penny said, "Of course! My fiancé is the CEO of the company and he could stop all business with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals with a simple command. Matthew, all this

happened because of you. Would you be able to bear the consequences?"

The people around them started whispering.

"They lost orders worth millions just to save face. This man is really vain!"

"He's the kind of man that I hate the most. Not only is he not capable, but he also drags people down with him!"

"You're right. If he is capable, he wouldn't have let his wife work so hard."

"A man should at least be responsible. It's obvious that he's not manly at all."

Hearing the whispers made Sasha feel embarrassed.

"Penny, I'm telling you the truth! We have our hands full with work already!"

Sasha deliberately raised her voice so that other people could hear. That way, she could help Matthew save face.

However, Penny didn't believe her and she looked disappointed. "Forget it, I got the message! Sasha, you've always been like this ever since you were a kid! However, is this loser really worth it? How can you be so silly?"

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Everyone around was looking at Sasha mockingly. In their eyes, Sasha was just saying these things to save Matthew's dignity! However, in the adult world, efforts like these were the most shameful.

In the adult world, interest came first. Giving up such a huge deal in order to save face was the most idiotic thing to do! Just when Sasha was about to explain, a group of people suddenly entered.

The person leading the group was no other than Daniel Edwards. He walked in surrounded by a group of people and he looked extremely domineering. The people around him were big shots in the medical industry in Eastcliff and some of them often appeared on the news.

Everybody's attention was attracted to those people because they knew that this group of people were all important people in the society, especially Daniel, who was in the middle. Even though not many people recognized him, his domineering aura said it all.

All of a sudden, Daniel spotted Sasha and he was overjoyed. He quickly strode over and looked delighted as he said, "President Cunnigham, nice to see you here! I never thought I would bump into you here!"

Sasha got up and greeted him. "Hello, President Edwards."

The two of them exchanged pleasantries for a while before Daniel asked, "President Cunningham, I have to entertain a few friends so I won't be disturbing you any longer. I just want to ask, when can you start shipping my 500-million order?"

As soon as he finished speaking, everyone at the scene gasped in shock.

Who is this man? He speaks about a 500-million order so casually!

Sasha seemed embarrassed as she replied, "I'm sorry, President Edwards. I'm afraid that we won't be able to start shipping until next month. Please forgive me!"

Everyone was once again astonished. Has Sasha gone crazy? This man must be an important customer to be able to make an order worth 500 million. Companies should satisfy their important customers' orders first whenever they have stock. However, she just said that she can't ship out his order until next month. Is she purposely trying to offend him?

However, Daniel wasn't the slightest bit angry. Instead, he smiled and said, "No worries, I understand! I heard that Cunningham Pharmaceuticals received a total of 3 billion worth of orders. You probably have your hands full for the whole year. However, President Cunningham, I have a favor to ask. Whenever you have stock, you must ship 30% of it to me first. Is that okay?"

The corners of Sasha's lips immediately curled into a smile. "President Edwards, you can be rest assured that whenever I receive stock, I'll definitely ship your orders first!"

Daniel was delighted to hear this. "Well then, thank you! President Cunningham, have a delicious meal. I'll be leaving now!"

With that, Daniel clasped his fists, turned around, and led his friends upstairs. Everyone else was dumbfounded.

No wonder Sasha said that her company has been busy recently. She wasn't kidding! Her company may not be even able to finish a 3-billion order in a year. How can she accept new orders?

Just then, a girl dressed in branded clothes said mockingly, "Where did she find these unprofessional actors? I can't believe she hired people in order to brag. Doesn't she feel ashamed?"

Everyone immediately turned to look at the girl. The man sitting opposite her couldn't hold back and yelled, "Zip your mouth! Do you know who that is? That man is Daniel Edwards! He has the largest pharmaceutical company in Eastshire and he's also the most influential man in Eastshire's medical industry. Compared to him, Carlson Group is not even worth mentioning! How dare you say that he's just a hired actor?"

Everyone was stunned. Even though most of them didn't know Daniel Edwards, they had heard of his name before!