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Melissa said, "You may not know this, Levi Garrison, but Mr. Atkinson has decided to increase all the employees' salary since he acquired the company. I will be receiving a thirty percent increment as the vice-president of the company. You can calculate the additional amount yourself!"

"That's right! Look at how generous Mr. Atkinson is. Don't you feel ashamed by how petty you were?" Others mocked Levi.

Levi put on a wry smile. How can I be oblivious to this? I was the one that made the arrangements, after all.

Melissa lifted Levi's chin daringly. "My beloved Mr. Garrison, I am not embarrassed to say this. You rejected me when I confessed to you when I was still working as your personal secretary. Do you regret your decision now? Do you still think that Zoey Lopez is better than me?"

Levi beamed at her. "That's a given. Zoey is and always will be better than you."

Melissa laughed out loud. "You're a fool, Levi Garrison! That woman is close to announcing bankruptcy!"

"But she had received the necessary investment." Levi firmly believed in Zoey's capabilities. He knew she merely lacked the opportunities to prove herself. So he gave her the opportunity she needed the most.

"Hahaha..."

Everyone inside the room burst into laughter after listening to Levi.

"You're hilarious, Levi Garrison! Don't you know which company was the one that invested in Zoey's company?"

"It's our company, Levi Group, that provided her with the capital!"

"Although Mr. Atkinson proposed to invest in her company, most of the procedures are handled by us! Ms. Floyd has to sign the papers, and the investment has to go through the Director of Finance Department, Mr. Snyder! They are the people who will decide the fate of that money now!" Everyone sneered.

Melissa pointed at Levi. "To tell you the truth, Levi Garrison. We have the authority to decide whether Levi Group will invest in Zoey's company. We can always pull out of the deal or postpone the date to transfer the money to them. Perhaps I can pull some tricks so that Zoey has to compensate us in return for violating the contract!"

William patted Levi's shoulder. "Did you hear that, you arrogant scum? We are the ones that are in control of you and Zoey Lopez's fates!"

"That's right. You have to follow our orders obediently, Levi Garrison! Otherwise, we will force you and Zoey to the brink of desperation!" Kennelm laughed wickedly.

"Are you threatening me?" Levi could hardly contain his urge to laugh. I planned to expose these traitors tomorrow at the company. Well, they certainly saved the trouble by surrendering themselves now.

"Of course! Levi Group will pull out of the deal immediately with a single order from me! I will also include Zoey's company on the blacklist. No one will dare to invest in Imperial Meadows after that. All she can do by that time is to wait for bankruptcy to knock on her door!" Melissa boasted.

"Then what should I do for all of you to let Zoey off the hook?" Levi asked.

Melissa straightened herself and walked toward the cart filled with numerous bottles of champagne. "That's easy. We will let her off the hook if you obey our orders!"

Melissa Floyd grabbed a bottle of champagne after she spoke.

Bam!

The cork popped open all of a sudden as Melissa aimed the bottle at Levi.

Whoosh...

Levi was doused by the jet of champagne.

Everyone followed Melissa's action.

Each of them took a bottle of champagne.

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

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The corks of the bottles popped open after they shook the bottles vigorously. Then they sprayed the champagnes in Levi's direction.

Levi was thoroughly drenched in the champagne shower.

He finally knew the reason behind the large amount of drinks. They wanted to humiliate me with the bottles of champagne.

"Hahaha..."

Whoosh...

Sounds of their evil laughter were mixed with the splashing sound of champagne...

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All of them vented six years' worth of pent-up resentment in their chests at Levi. He was put to shame by everyone.

Soon, they wasted every bottle of champagne on Levi.

Levi did not care about the treatment. He merely acted as if he took a shower with the champagne. I will let them pay the price for what they did and what they are doing to me now tomorrow. They will taste cruelty at its finest tomorrow!

Kennelm was not satisfied. He shouted at Levi, "Get over here and lick my shoes clean!"

Leroy, Barclay, and the others mimicked Kennelm as well.

Levi ignored them.

William jeered at Levi. "You should take a look at yourself in the mirror now! How can you become so useless to the extent of not putting up any resistance? Weren't you a domineering boss six years ago? Where did that attitude of yours go? I can't even bring myself to insult you further after looking at how pitiful you are!"

Talia smirked. "If you kneel and let me ride on you while you crawl around the room, I will promise not to trouble Zoey in the future, Levi Garrison!"

Levi stood still.

Everyone thought he was hesitating.

"Kneel down right now! Don't you care about Zoey Lopez at all?"

"Know your place, Levi Garrison! You only deserve to live a lowly life like this from now on!"

Everyone hurled insults at him.

Melissa crossed her arms in front of her chest and sized up Levi proudly. "Do as I say immediately!"

Melissa could only be satisfied when she gets to step on Levi literally.

After all, she was a mere secretary in the past and was fired by Levi Garrison.

"That's enough!" A girl stepped forward and stopped everyone at that moment.

Levi recognized the girl. She's the intern I selected back in the day, Elena Holmes. I remember her for her professionalism.

Elena was one of the team leaders in the Finance Department now.

Inwardly, she was always grateful toward Levi.

"How can all of you forget about Mr. Garrison's kindness? Do you think you will be where you are now if he didn't hire you in the past? Moreover, he did not do anything wrong, so why do you hate him so much?" Elena raised her voice.

"Hmph! What are you doing, Elena? Don't you hate him? Do you think you will accomplish your current success with him managing the company? Are you betraying us? Fine! You don't have to come to work starting tomorrow. Hand in your resignation letter to the HR department tomorrow!" The director of the finance department, Bob Snyder scolded.

"That's right. You're fired!" Melissa spoke as well.

Elena broke down in tears. I was merely expressing my thoughts. Why am I fired?

Melissa said coldly after Elena began to cry. "Damn it! You've ruined the atmosphere. Let's go back now. I need to prepare for tomorrow's name-changing ceremony anyway!"

She sneered at Levi before leaving, "Don't worry, Levi Garrison. This is not the end. I will mess Zoey Lopez's life up if you do not obey me!"

Eileen took out two stacks of cash and tossed the money in Levi's face. "Pay the bill later. You can keep the change, you filthy beggar!"

"Hahaha..." Everyone laughed. They felt contented after venting their anger and resentment.

Levi and Elena were left alone inside the private room.

"Do you regret what you did?" Levi asked.

Elena wiped the tears off her face and shook her head. "No! They've done some pretty despicable things to achieve their current success. I have wanted to part ways with them since a long time ago!"

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Levi nodded, satisfied with Elena's determination. "Don't worry. No one will fire you. Come to work

as usual tomorrow."

At that moment, Elena thought he saw glimpses of the thriving Levi Garrison from six years ago.

"Alright, Mr. Garrison. I will do as you say!" Elena answered.

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Melissa and the other executives were filled with exhilaration after leaving the hotel.

"This is awesome! I still can't believe we really toyed with Levi Garrison earlier!"

"That's right. I can't even find words to describe this amazing feeling!"

Melissa reminded them, "Alright, settle down. It's time to go back and prepare for tomorrow's name-changing ceremony. Levi... Morris Group will become a corporation worth over ten billion starting tomorrow. We are all going to have a better future going forward!"

"Understood!"

Everyone began to imagine how their lives would prosper.

Zoey's heart ached when she saw how Levi looked when he returned home that night.

"I know everything. They sent me the video!"

William and his friends recorded the scene where Levi was showered with champagne and deliberately sent the video to Zoey earlier.

Tears welled up in Zoey's eyes as she witnessed Levi's helplessness.

"I heard you suffered the humiliation on your own accord because of me. This is all because of my incompetence. I can do nothing because Levi Group happens to be the investor! They are in control of my life now." Zoey was filled with guilt.

Levi smiled. "It's fine, dear. They will face retribution. I'm going to take a shower now. Help me prepare a set of fresh clothes. I will attend the name-changing ceremony for Levi Group tomorrow."

"Okay!" Zoey stared at Levi's figure from behind while thinking to herself. I will not let him suffer anymore in the future. I swear!

The next day, at Levi Group's building.

Elena went to work as always.

But someone from the HR department handed Elena a discharge letter the moment she walked through

the door. "You can leave this place after you receive your salary from the finance department. Elena Holmes, You're hereby fired!"

Elena was stunned. She thought Levi had made the necessary arrangements for her. I guess he was only comforting me. Moreover, he can't even protect Zoey Lopez since he was released from prison recently, it's a given he won't be able to protect me too. But I do not blame him and I will never regret the words I said last night!

Elena went to the finance department to receive the rest of her salary. Then she went to the HR department to deal with the discharge procedures.

People pointed at her and whispered among themselves wherever Elena went. Not only was she fired by Melissa and her gang, but they had also spread baseless scandals of Elena fooling around with aged men that has cost the company's reputation.

"Girls like her may appear to be pure and innocent on the surface, but who knows? she might have slept with countless of old men!"

"That's right! She's always pretending to be innocent when in truth she's just a slut..."

"I also heard that she gave birth to children for three aged men at the same time! She's shameless!"

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Unbearable insults and abusive remarks rang beside Elena's ears on her way out of the company.

She could no longer contain herself as tears streamed down her cheeks uncontrollably.

At that moment, Melissa and the other executives saw the scene near the elevator. They sneered, "This is the repercussion for disobeying me!"

The other executives laughed smugly.

Elena ran out of the company with her head lowered.

Bam!

She bumped into someone.

Elena looked up only to see Levi Garrison in front of her.

"What's the matter? Did they fire you?" Levi asked.

Elena nodded.

"Alright. Follow me. I will seek justice for you."

Elena hesitated.

"Do you have faith in me?" Levi looked at Elena in an assertive manner.

"I do!" Elena decided to risk everything. I have nothing to lose anyway. What if this turns out to be a success?

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The name-changing ceremony was scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

However, the new owner of Levi Group, Neil Atkinson, hosted a meeting for all members of Levi Group's senior management at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Melissa and the others were waiting impatiently inside the meeting room.

She took out a compact mirror to check her makeup. "Do you think there's anything wrong with my outfit?" She asked Eileen Barn to help rearrange her clothes.

The others were tidying up their appearances as well.

After all, it was their first meeting with their new and mysterious boss. So they wanted to leave a good first impression.

Melissa was even prepared to offer her body. I will conquer the new owner of Levi Group! I did not climb so high up the corporate ladder with my capabilities alone. I'd achieved my current position because I've slept with Howard Corbyn, Oswald Rogers, and many other influential men. This is my go-to method to receive promotions, after all.

Over a hundred members of Levi Group's senior management had arrived inside the meeting room as they waited in silence.

They tensed up the moment they heard footsteps rang in the hallway.

A young man wearing sunglasses entered the meeting room while being surrounded by multiple assistants and secretaries

Everyone hurriedly stood up.

Kirin's appearance surprised everyone after he removed his sunglasses. He's so young! I heard there are rumors saying that he is Morris Atkinson's uncle, but he's clearly more suited to be his younger brother!

Indeed, Kirin was only twenty years old at that time.

Melissa's eyes gleamed. I did not expect our new president to be a handsome young man. I can easily handle someone like him. I am sure he will succumb to my allure if I put in just a little effort.

Despite Kirin's young age, his domineering presence was distinguished. Everyone felt chills traveling down their spines when his gaze swept across the room.

"Everyone, please take a seat. Let me introduce myself. My name is Neil Atkinson, and I recently acquired both Levi Group and Garrison Group from the Rogers family. I am currently the acting president of these two corporations."

Melissa said immediately after Kirin introduced himself, "May I know what's the agenda for today's meeting, Mr. Atkinson? Please provide us with further instructions!"

Everyone was not enlightened of the reason behind the sudden meeting hosted by Kirin.

Kirin smiled. "Let's be patient and wait a little longer."

Melissa asked curiously, "Are we waiting for someone else? Do you mean there's another person who is going to attend this meeting, Mr. Atkinson?"

Kirin nodded. "Of course! Did I not make myself clear earlier? I am only the acting president. That means that I am only in charge of showing my face in public when dealing with all company-related matters."

Kennelm Pitt from the legal department raised a question. "Are you saying the real owner of Morris Group is another person and is making all the decisions from behind the scene?"

Kirin smiled. "Yes. You're right. To put this into simpler words, I am only working for my master."

Everyone gasped in astonishment. Neil Atkinson is already capable of taking control of the Rogers family's possession. How much more powerful can his master be?

Melissa responded instantaneously, "So what you're saying is that we are waiting for the real owner of the company?"

"Yes. That's right! He's the one that convened this meeting, and he will be here soon." Kirin answered.

Everyone felt more anxious than before. Who is the new owner of Morris Group?

Time seemed to crawl slower as every minute felt like a century.

Everyone inside the meeting room straightened themselves in their seats when they heard footsteps reverberated in the hallway.

The door to the meeting room was pushed open.

But the person who entered the room was Elena Holmes.

Even Kirin was momentarily dazed. Who is she?

All the executives were enraged to see Elena, especially the director of the finance department, Bob Snyder. He chided at once, "What are you doing here, Elena Holmes? This is an exclusive meeting room for the senior management of the company. You're already fired, so why are you here?"

Melissa was angered too. "Yeah, what are you doing here? Do you think you are qualified to be here? Tell me, who permitted you to come in here?"

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"I'm the one that permitted her to enter!" A man's voice was heard at that moment.

Levi made his appearance as everyone inside the room stared in his direction. He entered the meeting room together with Elena.

"What is the meaning of this, Levi Garrison? You do not belong here! Melissa rebuked him in rage. Then she pointed at the director of the security department. "What's the matter with you? Why did you allow a scum like him to enter the building? He even managed to come all the way up here!"

"That's right! What are you doing here, Levi Garrison?"

"Do you think Levi Garrison can support you, Elena? He's just a piece of trash!"

Leroy, Kennelm and the others were hopping mad at the moment. What will happen if they offend Mr. Atkinson?

But something unbelievable and unimaginable happened the next moment.

Levi walked toward the front of the meeting room where Kirin was seated.

Kirin regarded Levi with admiration and offered him the seat politely. "You're here?"

Levi took the seat and crossed his legs on the tabletop. He answered cheerfully. "All of you were asking me for a reason behind my appearance. Well, I am here to attend the meeting!"

Kirin reported next to him. "Sir, all 107 members of Levi Group's senior management is here. Please provide us with further instructions!"

Boom!

Kirin's words hit everyone inside the room like a ton of bricks.

Boom, boom, boom...

Everyone was shocked to their cores. They were in utter disbelief. Levi Garrison is the owner of Levi Group?

Elena frowned as her mind went completely blank.

Melissa, who was closest to where Levi was seated, felt her heart stop beating altogether at that moment. Her breathing ceased, and her face turned paper-white like that of a lifeless body.

Barclay Burns, William Hanks, Eileen Barn, and Leroy Bird were petrified.

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Everyone inside the room was dumbfounded.

No one expected the new owner of Levi Group to be Levi Garrison. Wasn't he released from prison a short while ago? He should be penniless, so how is he capable of acquiring Levi Group?

At that moment, clarity washed over Melissa and the others. Neil Atkinson is not related to Morris Atkinson. Levi Garrison wants to commemorate Morris Atkinson, so he's changing the company's name to Morris Group! He's also the reason why Morris's parents can stay in that luxurious villa. Levi Group is determined to invest in Zoey's company despite the ban ordered by the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce because Levi Garrison is still in charge of the company!

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All the questions troubling their minds were resolved in that instance.

The thought of Levi Garrison being the new owner of the company never crossed anyone's mind because Levi was totally out of their considerations.

Levi glanced at Melissa and her friends. Then he beamed at them. "Hello everyone, we meet again!"

Kennelm Pitt, who was relatively aged, passed out on the floor with a thud when he was reminded of the insults he directed toward Levi last night.

Barclay Burns and William Hanks trembled frightfully. They felt a hot and humid sensation trickling down their legs as a pool of steaming liquid formed where they stood.

They literally peed in their pants out of fear.

Leroy Bird, Bob Snyder, and the others slumped into their seats as their legs turned to jelly. All their strengths appeared to have seeped away from their bodies.

Eileen Barn cried in terror.

Melissa crumbled under the overwhelming pressure as she saw that Levi was staring at her the entire time.

She felt like puking a mouthful of blood.

Bizarre reactions were observed on those who participated in the gathering last night.

Everyone was confused by that peculiar scene, including Kirin.

Levi slowly took out a cigarette and Kirin hurriedly lit the cigarette for him.

Everyone felt restless and uneasy.

After taking a puff of his cigarette, Levi said. "Tell me, what should I do about what transpired last night?"