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Jasper did not expect that this was what had caused Charlie to frown and stammer for such a long time.

Jasper did not know how he should react to that.

“Uncle Schuler is very easy-going, and he doesn’t have much of a temper. He’s a very nice person, so we can be more relaxed. Else, we’ll appear to be overly formal.”

However, Jasper did not think that Charlie would glare at him when he said that.

“Nonsense! We must be polite. Although we aren’t going to ask for her father’s blessing this time, it’s still the first time both side’s parents are meeting. How can we treat this casually?”

Upon realizing that Charlie was going to take this extremely seriously, Jasper said helplessly, “Perhaps we could prepare some gifts?”

Charlie pinched his chin and raised an eyebrow before saying, “He’s a tycoon and has probably received all kinds of expensive presents before. If we gave him wine and tobacco as we usually do, he would probably just laugh at us... Never mind, I’ll consult the elders and see what I should do in such situations.”

Jasper sighed and said, “Dad, what are you so nervous about? Uncle Schuler might be one of the richest people in the province, but I’m not that far behind either. We’re not trying to claim connections with him. There’s no need to be so nervous.”

“What? He’s the richest person in the province?!” Charlie immediately ignored everything else when he heard that, and his eyes widened as he spoke.

Charlie, who had been a farmer for most of his life until Jasper made it big, had rarely even seen a large stack of cash with his own eyes. The richest man in the province was on the same level as a king to him... They were all legends he had never heard of before.

“That was in the past. Right now, it’s probably me, your son.” Jasper grinned as he spoke and tried to ease Charlie’s stress and nerves.

However, Charlie glared at Jasper and said, “You’re still young, so don’t become cocky after a few accomplishments. He has been working hard all his life, do you think he’ll be easily defeated by you?”

Jasper had no way of convincing Charlie if he did not believe him.

If he combined the cash he had in both his personal property and real estate, Jasper felt that not only could he be named the richest man in the Southeast Province, but he could even be listed as the top three richest men in the country.

However, one should not reveal their wealth. It would be better for him to keep a low profile.

“Dad, I’m serious. There’s no need to be this formal. Just act as if I were introducing you to a friend. There’s no way he’ll look down on you because you’re a farmer, and you don’t have to restrain yourself just because he’s the richest man in the province. Do whatever you’re supposed to do,” Jasper advised.

Charlie did not say anything, but there was a stony expression on his face. Finally, he said, “You make it sound simple... Never mind, I can’t come to any conclusions with you. I should talk about it with your mom and then consult the elders back home.”

“Does my mom and the elders have experience befriending the richest man in the province and becoming family with them?” Jasper grinned as he asked.

Charlie took out a box of cigarettes and tossed one over to Jasper with natural movements. "I'll call your uncle and have him bring over the 100-year-old ginseng from home. You can't just buy stuff like this on the market, so it should be suitable."

"That's a family heirloom of theirs. Is Uncle willing to give it up?" Jasper asked cheerfully.

"Why wouldn't he be willing?" Charlie glared at him as he said, "You single-handedly helped his son's career. It's just some mountain ginseng, and it's not like we won't be paying for it. What is there to be unwilling about? I'll take care of this. You don't need to worry."

"Dad, who was the one who taught me to never expect anything in return when we do good deeds when I was younger?" Jasper asked as he crossed one leg over the other.

The expression on Charlie's face darkened as he raised his voice and said, "How is that the same? We're going to meet your future in-law! We have to adapt to such matters. Time is of the essence, and we can't consider that now."

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While Jasper and Charlie were talking, at the west of Tefa City in Walmart.

Wendy and Sally talked and laughed as they picked out items while Julian stood near them and stared at everyone who got close to them.

The second time he managed to scare a little girl to tears, Wendy turned and said helplessly to Julian, "Julian, can't you have a kinder expression on your face? Look at how scared that little girl was."

Julian said innocently, "I didn't mean to scare her on purpose. I just took another look at her because she seemed cute."

"You have no idea how scary you appear when you look at people," Sally said as she laughed. She picked up a foam pillow, which had just started gaining popularity in a small part of the country in recent years.

"Wendy, do you think these pillows are useful? Jasper's dad has some neck problems, and the normal pillows don't allow him to get a restful sleep. I heard that these pillows are quite useful in allowing restful sleep."

Wendy asked in surprise, "Charlie has neck problems? Has he gotten it checked out at the hospital?"

Sally smiled as she said, "There's no need to have it checked. He's had that problem for many years now because of his work. Back then, we had to plant several hectares worth of rice in a day, and we spent all that time hunched over working in the fields. It's not odd that we have problems with our necks and backs. It can't be cured."

Wendy picked out the best foam pillow and placed it in the cart. "Let's just buy one for the time being. I have a friend overseas, and I can get her to send one that was manufactured there to me."

"No need to go to such trouble," Sally hurriedly said.

Wendy smiled and said, "It's just a small matter. There's no need to be so formal with me."

As Sally gazed at the racks of goods in the supermarket, she asked naturally, "Do you need anything back home? Let's buy some for you to bring back home."

Wendy smiled as she said, "No need, Sally. I have everything. I don't need anything else."

Sally disagreed as she said, "I heard from Jasper that your mom passed when you were young, and your dad raised you alone. He's a man, and you're a girl who hasn't done any household chores in her life. There's no way the two of you would know if anything is lacking from the cupboards.

"I'll buy some things for you two. Both Christmas and New Year's are approaching. You should take this opportunity to replace some things."

Startled and touched, Wendy took Sally's hand in hers as she said, "Thank you."

After so many years, Wendy had already grown used to life without her mother taking care of her. However, she now got to feel the love and care her father could not provide from Sally.

It was the kind of gentleness only a mother possessed.

This sort of tenderness toward the smallest detail was the most touching to Wendy, who had lost the love of her mother more than ten years ago.

Sally patted Wendy's palm gently as she said softly, "From today onward, I'll be your mom. There's no need for us to be so polite ever again."

"Alright!" Wendy nodded and smiled happily as she answered.

When the two pushed their trolley to the check-out counter and stood in line, Wendy realized that a man in the other line was staring at her.

"Are you... Wendy Schuler? Is it really you? I didn't dare say hi!" the young, handsome man said excitedly to Wendy.

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In contrast to the surprise and excitement on the man's face, Wendy only had confusion written across hers.

The man did seem familiar to her, but she had forgotten who he was.

When the man saw that Wendy was not going to say anything else, he pointed to himself and said, "It's me, Jeremy Morris! I was a couple of months your senior back when you first started work at Commercial Bank. I taught you most of the ropes."

Not even in his wildest dreams would Jeremy have imagined he could meet the woman he had yearned for day and night again.

He had been doing well in his career lately, having secured a large project in the province. Now that he had been reunited with the girl of his dreams, Jeremy's eyes shone as he took pride in his success in both his career and relationship.

Wendy exclaimed, "Oh, it's you, Jeremy! Fancy meeting you here. It's such a small world."

Jeremy chuckled and gave up his spot in line. As he walked toward Wendy, he said, "Wendy, so many of your colleagues were sad when you resigned. I resigned as well a week after you left."

Wendy said courteously, "You're a highly competent man, Jeremy. I'm sure you'll do well wherever you go."

Jeremy chuckled and said gleefully, "It's not much, but I'm doing alright. My family is in engineering, and we managed to secure a huge deal in the province through some connections and contacts. I'm currently in charge of that project.

“Wendy, I’m not sure if you’ve heard of it or not, but it’s the Southface River project back in the province. The company where I work as a general manager is in charge of constructing a pedestrian greenway. It’s an investment requiring tens of millions of dollars. We’ll be able to earn quite a bit of money from it.”

When Wendy heard that Jeremy was one of the many contractors involved in the Southface River project, her liking toward Jeremy increased a notch. After all, he was working for her man.

“I heard that the outlook on the Southface River project is quite good,” Sally said as she smiled.

Jeremy pretended to smile humbly, but he then said with unmasked glee, “Yeah, did you know that the largest project in the province is currently the Southface River project? Whoever gets involved even the slightest with the project will be guaranteed an earning.

“So many people were fighting for the chance to build that pedestrian greenway. Thankfully, my family had some connections to one of the managers at the real estate agency. It’s how we managed to nab that deal.”

Jeremy did not mean anything by what he said, but those listening heard a deeper meaning in his words.

Wendy knew that Jasper placed a strong focus on the company’s integrity. He had emphasized in multiple meetings that no one was allowed to pull any strings.

All the company’s projects would be subjected to public bidding before they could proceed to the next stage.

However, from what Jeremy had said, he seemed to have gotten the project through the backdoor because of his relations?

That was unusual.

The expression on Wendy's face darkened slightly. She was about to try and find out who Jeremy was in contact with when Sally spoke first.

"You got this project through the backdoor?"

Sally knew that her son was in charge of the Southface River project, but she did not know how important this particular project was.

When she first heard from Jeremy that he was a contractor for a sub-project within the Southface River project, her liking for this person who was working under her son had increased, just like Wendy. However, she immediately became unhappy the minute she heard he had gotten the project through the backdoor.

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Any project that was obtained through the backdoor was not a good project to her. She might not know anything about buildings, but she knew that jerry-built building projects would only harm her son.

The expression on Jeremy's face darkened when he heard what Sally said. Frowning, he turned to Sally and said, "Who are you, old woman? What gives you the right to ask about how and where I got my project?"

An angry expression appeared on Wendy's face. "Jeremy Morris, watch your words! She's my friend's mom!"

"Friend?" Jeremy narrowed his eyes slightly.

It was nearing the end of the year now. Most people would be shopping for Christmas presents now if they were out.

The contents of Wendy's shopping cart proved that.

“Boyfriend or girlfriend?” Jeremy asked, his jealousy apparent.

Wendy replied coldly, “That’s none of your business.”

Wendy’s attitude proved Jeremy’s suspicions to be true. He had just been feeling euphoric and thought that his days of being successful in both his career and his relationship had started. Jealousy coursed through him when he learned that Wendy already had a boyfriend.

“Wendy, you know how I’ve always liked you since the day you joined Commercial Bank and we got to know each other. I still like you to this day. How could you have just found yourself a boyfriend like that?”

Jeremy frowned. His voice was filled with obvious contempt as he said, “I’ve taken up a project in the Southface River project. I’ll earn millions of dollars through this project. Where does your boyfriend work? Can he even earn a million dollars in his entire lifetime?”

“Wendy, times are different now. Only the rich can survive in today’s society. You’re so pretty, why should you find yourself a random man and suffer for the rest of your life with him? Why don’t you get together with me? Ignoring other things, at least you can enjoy a life that’s a cut above others.”

Wendy was shocked by how shameless Jeremy was. She scoffed and said, “A cut above others? How is it a cut above others? Is money that important to you?”

“Of course, money is important.” Jeremy pursed his lips and said earnestly, “You haven’t gotten to know the harsh realities of the world’s evils yet. I’m older than you by two years, and I’ve seen more things than you. You have to trust me. You’re no one if you’re poor, and you’re king of the world if you’re rich.

“Especially for a beautiful girl like you. If you don’t get a rich boyfriend like me, who else could possibly be a match for you?”

Then, Jeremy pointed at Sally and snickered as he said, "Look at your boyfriend's mom. Look at how she acts and dresses. She's no different from the farmer wives in the country. How could a family like that produce any riches?"

"Shut up!" Wendy was raging when she interrupted Jeremy and said, "Don't think you can humiliate anyone you like just because you've scored some wins! Do you think you're such a big deal just because you've got some money in your bank account? I don't care for it at all!"

Jeremy laughed as he said, "That's why I said you've never been out in the real world and don't understand just how cruel it is out there. But never mind, you'll slowly understand that in the future. But now, I can't stand to see you get fooled by the sweet nothings of another man."

As he spoke, Jeremy glared coldly at Sally and said, "Hey, old hag, go back and tell your son that he's an idiot to take Jeremy Morris' girl from him."

"Have him go take a stroll and learn about me. I, Jeremy Morris, have gotten to know many people through my projects in the province. I can quash your entire family by just calling up a few of my contacts. You'd better f\*ck off while you still can!"

"You!" Sally was shaking from anger. Although she had been born on a farm and spent more than half her life in a shabby shack, she did not have the typical shrewdness of a farm woman. Conversely, she rarely got into a fight with anyone.

Sally had been alive for almost 50 years, but she had never been humiliated this way. She was so angry that she nearly passed out on the spot and could not even form a sentence.

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“What about me?”

Jeremy scoffed and said leisurely to Sally, “You’d better be careful, you old hag. Don’t make me angry. It’s almost Christmas now. I would consider myself unlucky even if you don’t think it’ll dampen your spirits.”

“Or do you want to squander my money? That’s fine too. If you get your son to f\*ck off, I can give him tens of thousands if I’m in a good mood. That would be much better than him working his socks off and earning so little, right?”

Wendy gritted her teeth in anger as she looked at the gleeful expression on Jeremy’s face.

“Julian!” Wendy called out.

Julian, who had long since been unable to stand him, immediately appeared. He stared unblinkingly at Jeremy.

Jeremy, who had been wild with glee, sensed the unmasked hostility from Julian when he appeared. Jeremy frowned.

“Where did this idiot come from? F\*ck off, can’t you see I’m talking?”

Jeremy had just finished speaking when Julian picked him up by the collar. He was raised several feet off the ground.

His shocking strength caused everyone who was watching to cry out in surprise.

“I’ll make you shut up forever if you say another word. Do you believe me?”

That one sentence was enough to shut Jeremy up.

Julian had already proven that he had the strength to do what he said he would do. The look in his eyes proved to Jeremy that this man, who had appeared out of nowhere, had the guts to do so as well.

“Julian, I don’t want to see him anymore,” Wendy frowned as she spoke.

Wendy might have an intense hatred toward Jeremy, but she did not get Julian to do anything extreme. After all, they were in a supermarket, and there were lots of eyes on them. Things would become difficult if any accidents happened.

Julian seemed to understand that too. Huffing, he tossed Jeremy aside. He landed sprawled on the ground.

“It’s best you f\*ck off now, or I won’t let you be sprawled out so comfortably the next time,” Julian said coldly.

Jeremy scrambled to his feet and adjusted his collar. The fall had him grimacing in pain.

“Alright, just wait and see!” Jeremy glared evilly at Wendy and Julian before he turned and left.

“Sally, are you alright?” Wendy grasped Sally’s hand as she asked.

Sally waved a hand and sighed. “One can really meet all sorts of people these days. I’m fine, don’t worry. I was just so angry I couldn’t catch my breath just now. I feel much better now that I’m not so angry anymore.”

“Don’t worry Sally, people like him won’t remain gleeful for long,” Wendy said.

“Ms. Schuler, Mrs. Laine, I’ve already contacted Jasper. He should be here soon,” Julian said as he walked over.

Wendy said in surprise, “When did that happen? What did you call him for? It was nothing.”

Julian scratched his head and said, “I messaged Jasper when I saw him speaking rudely to Mrs. Laine... Did I do something wrong?”

Wendy shook her head. “You didn’t do anything wrong. You were just carrying out your responsibilities, and you were worried about us. I just think that we might be making a big deal out of nothing.”

Julian chuckled naively but did not say anything else.

Either way, he would still let Jasper know immediately if anything similar happened in the future.

As Jeremy grumbled and walked out of the supermarket, he thought about the incident and could not stand what had just happened to him. Fishing his phone out of his pocket, he began calling the people he knew.

Taking Julian’s terrifying ability into consideration, Jeremy made a couple of extra phone calls. When he finished his calls, Wendy and Sally were walking out of the supermarket. Julian was behind them, a large bag in his hands.

When Jeremy remembered that his men were almost there, he became gleeful again. Walking over to Wendy, he gritted his teeth and said, “Stop!”

Wendy frowned at Jeremy and said impatiently, “Why won’t you leave us alone?”

Jeremy gave a twisted smile and said, “Did you think you could beat me up and be done with me? How would I, Jeremy Morris, continue doing business if that was the case?”

Julian was just about to speak when a car’s headlights shone in their direction.

The bright light caused everyone to squint and look toward where the light was coming from.

Jeremy watched a car drive toward him and stop right in front of him.