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The next day was the weekend.

Celia had originally planned to sleep in, but she was woken up by Mindy early in the morning.

"Mom! What's wrong? Can't you let me sleep in a little more on the weekends?" Celia asked blearily.

"Get up, Celia! There's something I need to ask you!" Mindy said urgently.

"What is it, mom? Can't it wait until I wake up again later?"

"No! Get up right now!"

A moment later, Mindy pulled off Celia's blanket.

She had waited the entire night to interrogate Celia. If not for Jon, she would have come and asked her questions the previous night itself.

"Get down there! Your dad and I are waiting for you downstairs!" Mindy said before she left.

With her blanket uncovered, Celia had no other choice but to crawl up from bed sleepily. After slowly washing up, she went downstairs and saw her parents sitting on the sofa.

Neither of them had slept last night, only taking a small nap when it was almost dawn. Both of them looked far from well-rested, as if something huge had happened.

"Mom, Dad, what happened? Why did you wake me up so early today?" Celia sat on the sofa and asked.

"Celia! I wanted to ask you something. Do you know someone called Hank Chasez?" Jon asked.

"Hank Chasez? Never heard of him, don't know him," Celia replied after some thought.

"Are you sure?"

"I really don't know him. But there is this student in Greenwood called Hanley Chasez. They've got the same surnames but I don't know if they're related," Celia replied.

Hanley Chasez?

Hank Chasez?

Jon and Mindy's chests tightened when they heard the name. They had a gut feeling that those two men were related.

"Could you tell us more about this Hanley Chasez?"

"He's just a male student that's been pursuing me for quite a few years, but I never agreed to be his girlfriend. I don't talk to him much, and I don't know much about him," Celia replied.

"Pursued you for quite a few years? How's his performance at school? Do you know anything about his family?"

"He's not a bad student. I heard that the other students in Greenwood call him one of the Fantastic Four or something, so his family should be pretty powerful I guess? Why, Dad? Why ask about him so suddenly?"

Jon and Mindy shared a look.

"It's nothing. Don't worry about it, go back to sleep. Your mom and I have something to talk about," Jon said.

"I'll be going up, then. Don't come and bother me, let me sleep."

"Yeah, go ahead."

Celia went back upstairs.

"Jon! I feel like this Hanley might be involved in this," Mindy said.

"Not might, I'm certain he is. There's a possibility that Hanley is an alias Hank's using, either that or the two of them are brothers. Hanley's been pursuing Celia for years and yet nothing has happened. If he's only targeting us now, then it might be because he saw Celia fetch David from school yesterday. Love can turn into hate very easily, and he might be taking revenge on Celia and David," Jon deduced.

Having worked so many years among officials, Jon could not have kept his job if he could not make such a simple analysis.

"Yeah! It's got to be that! So all of this is David's fault, then!"

"Don't say that. This has nothing to do with David. If anything, it's our daughter's fault for being so outstanding," Jon chuckled wryly.

Despite knowing the reason now, Jon still had no solution for a hatred stemming from unrequited love and jealousy.

This was unless Jon decided to split his daughter and David apart, then arrange for his daughter and Hanley to be together. Unfortunately, he did not have it in him to do such a thing.

Yet, there was no other solution to this problem.

Jon sighed.

It seemed like he was doomed to live in seclusion in a rural house. Jon looked at Mindy

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Only to see a conflicted expression on her face.

Evidently, Mindy had found the key to the problem.

It was a choice to sacrifice one of the two, their daughter's happiness or the luxury they currently enjoyed.

There was no third option.

"What do we do now, Jon?" Mindy asked.

"What else can we do? We have two options, either we sacrifice our daughter's happiness for everything we have now, or we give everything up and leave Capital City for Shu City in South River Province with our daughter and David. It's a choice between the potential of reaping profits as the Chasez family's in-laws, which means better business for you and more promotions for me, or an ordinary life in the county."

"I..." Mindy did not know how to reply for a moment.

If she told her daughter to leave David and be with that Hanley person, she knew there was a chance her daughter would comply but also never forgive Mindy for suggesting such a thing. Mindy only had one daughter and she was reluctant to do this to her.

However, she was also reluctant to give up everything she currently had, since she had worked hard for more than half her life to get to where she was now.

She did not know what to do and what choice to make.

"How about we ask Celia what she thinks, then," Jon suggested.

"How? If Celia learns about this, she might choose to leave David for the Chasez boy to save the family," Mindy argued.

"It's good to know that that's what you think. And here I thought you were going to ignore her happiness and force her to leave David!"

"Jon! Is that what you think of me? Yeah, I might like fame and fortune, but I love my daughter more!" Mindy shouted at Jon.

"Alright, alright. I'm sorry, I was just trying to remind you," Jon quickly apologized.

"Hmph! As if I need you to remind me of that!"

"Alright. Go call Celia down, I'll ask her what she thinks. Don't say anything."

Mindy got up to call Celia.

Not too long later, she came back downstairs with Celia in tow.

"Mom! Didn't I ask you not to wake me up again? It's only been a few minutes and I haven't even gotten to fall back asleep yet!" Celia complained as she walked.

"Your dad was the one who called you down. Go complain to him!"

"Dad! What's going on? Can't you just compile all your questions and ask them in one go?" Celia sat down and asked.

"I promise I won't ask you any more questions again after this!"

"Ask away, then."

"Celia, I want to know how you would feel if one day we all have to move to the county, all three of us and David. That means no more villas and luxury cars."

"Sure! The country's nice! They've got nice fresh air and I get to keep all kinds of pets!" Celia replied.

"So you really don't care about the convenience or benefits of large cities like Capital City?"

"Dad, I'm fine with anywhere as long as the family's together. Actually, I'm quite envious of people in rural places, how the men farm outside while the women sow at home."

"Alright, then. Go back to sleep."

"As if I can go back to sleep now. Mom, Dad, what's wrong? Why are you suddenly asking me these strange questions?" Celia asked.

"It's nothing. I just wanted to see if you were willing to suffer for love. After all, David came from a small county and you two will be returning to that county after you get married. Don't come back crying if you can't take it then!"

"I won't! David and I can both work! Even if we have to go back to the county, I promise I'll never regret it! But didn't you say David was going to stay with you guys in Capital City yesterday?" Celia asked.

"I was just asking. I wanted to know how much you liked him."

"Mom, Dad! So you're acknowledging our relationship?"

"As if not acknowledging is a choice, think about how you two act around each other! Sigh, you're already on his side and you two haven't even gotten married yet!" Jon sighed.

"Don't say that, Dad! I'll always be your daughter no matter where I am!"

"Yeah, yeah, I know! I'm just saying. Go back upstairs, your mom and I need to talk."

"Oh, okay!"

Celia went back upstairs again.

Jon said, "Let's deal with this, then. We'll try to leave as much as we can for them to alleviate a

s much financial pressure from them as possible." "Yeah." As reluctant as "Mindy was, she had no other option but to do as Jon said.

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On Saturday, David finally saw the message Celia had sent him the previous night.

After some consideration, David sent Celia a reply to go on a date since he was rather free these days.

Naturally, Celia was elated when she saw the message and almost jumped up in happiness.

After asking Celia those questions that morning, Jon and Mindy had both quickly left the house.

With that, the younger couple agreed to meet in the largest forest park in Capital City.

Then, Celia brought David around to play.

The sun was scorching but it did not hinder Celia's steadfast pace at all as she walked around the park over and over again with David.

She made sure to pick spots that did not have many other people as well since she liked the feeling of spending time with David alone.

While it might seem like Celia was bringing David around, the truth was that David was spending time with Celia as the latter did the things that she liked.

Just like that, the two of them spent the whole day at the park.

Celia was reluctant when they had to part ways in the evening, and she asked if David would bring her out again the next day.

However, David quickly said that he was busy tomorrow and offered to meet again another day.

It was not that he was unwilling to go on a date, but rather because he did not want to exhaust Celia.

He himself was fine since his body was now stronger than an ordinary person's. He could go out every day and he would not feel tired at all.

The same could not be said for Celia, though.

While Celia was energetic, he did not know if her body could endure going out every day in the hot sun. He did not want her to get heatstroke.

In the end, David had no choice but to promise to bring her out again when the weather got better.

Meanwhile, Jon and Mindy spent the whole day dealing with the company. They were trying to sell their shares as quickly as possible and then bring Celia and David away from Capital City.

Now that they had made an enemy of the Chasez family, the Youngs had no footing left in Capital City.

However, things were much more complicated than they expected.

Despite being the largest shareholder of her company, Mindy only held 46% of the company's shares. The other investors held the remaining 54%.

The retail investors had also signed agreements to transfer ownership of their shares and sold them to the Chasez family at the lowest price.

They had no other choice. The Chasez family was targeting the Beautylish Group, and their shares would only lose value if they continued to hold it. Moreover, keeping their shares would also make them an enemy of the Chasez family.

In other words, this meant that the Chasez family currently owned more shares than Mindy did, and was now the largest shareholder in the Beautylish Group.

Mindy had no one to sell her shares to since no one dared to buy from her.

There was no point in keeping the shares either, as various products of the Beautylish Group were currently under fire. Not only did they fail the tests, but a large number of product users had also come to ask for compensation and sue the group, claiming that the Beautylish Group's products had resulted in various ailments.

This was all because of the Chasez family's influence. In the blink of an eye, Mindy's Beautylish Group, which she had fought tooth and nail to establish for more than half of her life was now facing bankruptcy.

Mindy and her husband could do nothing.

They did not expect the Chasez family to move so quickly and cruelly.

Not only could they not get a dollar back from their shares, but they were also faced with the risk of falling into a huge debt.

In a day, a company worth billions of dollars was about to go bankrupt, eventually being forced to close down hundreds of branches.

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The employees were asking for their pay and the product users were suing and seeking compensation

This was the terrifying power of a first-rate family in Capital City.

The chairman's office, Beautylish Group headquarters.

Despite it being the evening, Mindy and her husband had yet to leave.

After a whole day of hard work, not only had they not managed to make a single dollar from selling their shares, but they were now in a huge amount of debt as well.

Both of them felt despondent about the future.

Their initial desire to lighten Celia's future financial burden was no longer possible.

Not only that, but they were under more financial pressure now.

The damages owed to the various clients, compensation for product users, and wages due to the employees all far exceeded Beautylish Group's existing funds.

Not even by filing for bankruptcy or selling the office building could they repay everyone.

By the end of this all, the 46% of shares in Mindy's hands would become a huge financial burden.

"What do we do, Jon?" Mindy asked, feeling wronged.

She was still the chairman of a company worth billions of dollars, and now she had become a poor woman with a huge amount of debt.

This was a harsh blow to someone like Mindy who valued how people thought about her.

Her only hope now was that her husband had a good plan.

She was fine with not having any money, but she did not want to be in such huge debt. She could not imagine the life she would have to live owing other people so much money.

Jon did not know how to reply to his wife either as he did not have a way out of this.

The Chasez family had a deep influence in both the judical and business industries, they were not a figure the Youngs could fight against.

The old senior officer had called him today as well and told him to be prepared as the Chasez family seemed aggressive and would not back down so easily.

"Calm down first! The Chasez family will look for us since they bought 54% of Beautylish Group's shares. They have no need to buy these shares if their goal is to end us. Let's just wait and see what they have to say first," Jon consoled.

Just as the two were lost for what to do, the office door was pushed open from the outside.

Entering the room was a young man in his twenties, Elmer, the Chasez family's butler, and the general manager of the Beautylish Group.

"Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Young! I'm Hanley," The young man introduced himself.

"You're Hanley? You're the one behind all this? We've done nothing to you, why are you doing this to us?" Mindy got up and questioned agitatedly.

"Calm down first, Mrs. Young. I came here today to make my stance clear. As to what happens next, that will depend on your decision," Hanley said.

"Go ahead, then," Jon said grimly.

Hanley slowly began, "Celia and I became schoolmates three years ago. I've always liked her and I've never thought to stop pursuing her, not even when she rejected me time and time again. I've never used the Chasez family's name to force her because I truly believed that she would be moved by my genuine feelings.

"But I was wrong. Not too long ago, pictures of Celia and another man started to spread on Greenwood University's forum. That man is David Lidell, the exchange student from another university. I'm sure you've met him before as well, Mr. and Mrs. Young. I refused to believe anything at first, but I had no other choice but to trust the rumors when I saw Celia drive to school and fetch David yesterday.

"I cannot accept the fact that the girl I've been in love with for the past three years now belongs to another man. That's why I planned all of this using the Chasez family name, and I hope that you can understand where I'm coming from, Mr. and Mrs. Young! There are two options for you.

"Option one, you make Celia leave David for me. Not only can I revive the Beautylish Group, but I can also give you the 54% of the shares I have back to you for free. With this, the Beautylish Group's market share will double very quickly, and Mr. Young will be able to achieve greater heights in his career.

"Option two, you continue supporting the two of them. If that's the case, then I'm afraid not only will you lose everything you have, but you'll also be in too much debt and your career will be over. I'm certain you'll make the correct decision, right, Mr. and Mrs. Young?"