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After David brought Lily and her roommates out of the KTV, he realized his sports car could only fit two people. What would he do with the other three?

Finally, David could only take them to a nearby hotel.

He wanted to book a room for each of them, but in the end, they were scared so they wanted to stay in the same room. In the end, David booked two suites, one for them and one for himself.

After he settled them down, David went back to his room to take a shower.

When he lay on the bed and recalled what happened earlier, he was still feeling a little scared.

Thankfully, his sister was fine. If not, he would feel remorseful for the rest of his life.

If he did not join SCC today and met Andy, he might not be able to take care of this matter so easily.

So, he had thought it through. Since he might never be able to finish his money and he needed the lavish points, he would spend the money to make some friends.

The more friends you had, the more options you had in life. He might need help from one of them one day, just like in today's incident.

After David thought this through, he called Andy.

"Dave, is your sister okay?" Andy asked over the phone.

"She's fine. Thank you so much for today, Andy. From now on, if you need anything, just tell me."

"You're too polite, Dave. I'm also responsible for what happened today. It's my place after all. I've wronged your sister."

"This has nothing to do with you. She's not vigilant enough. Right, Andy, next time if you ever need money for any project, you can come to me. I'll invest in it, but I promise I won't try to participate in the management. I'll only be a shareholder."

When Andy heard that, he was thrilled. This was the reason Andy got close to David.

Since David could immediately donate 11 billion to SCC to upgrade his membership, then it was easy to understand how loaded his family was.

This was not a normal wealthy family anymore; this was the ability only a super-rich family or a consortium could have.

Naturally, mingling with someone like this only had advantages and not disadvantages.

"Since you think so highly of me, I do have a project right now. There will be a charity dinner in Lake Heart Club tomorrow night, and we can meet up and talk about it. What do you think?"

"Alright, I'll see you tomorrow."

Andy hung up the phone and hummed a tune. He was feeling great.

When the B-list actress who was massaging him saw this, she asked, "What made you so happy, Mr. Lewis?"

"I met a money god. Do you think I should feel happy or not?"

The actress was stunned.

Mr. Lewis was their money god, so who could become Mr. Lewis' money god?

She could never get into contact with a lot of this stuff with her status.

After David called Andy, he called Hugh.

He told Hugh the same thing he told Andy and said if Hugh needed an investor, he should come to him.

Hugh also invited him to the charity dinner the next day.

In another suite.

After the girls finished showering, they had started to recover slowly.

However, even though they were still scared of what happened just now, they were still simple-minded little girls.

They lay in bed and started gossiping.

"Lily, the person who saved us was your cousin, right?"

"Yeah, what do you think? My cousin's pretty great, right?"

"He's not just great. He's like my idol now!"

"Didn't you say he's very pitiful? His parents passed away when he was young, and his uncle was bad to him. He even stayed with your family for two years. You told us all this."

"Yeah, it should be that way."

"However, didn't you see what happened just now? The manager of Dazzling was so polite to him, and he even called him Mr. Lidell. What kind of place is Dazzling? Didn't you see those scumbags slapping themselves in front of the manager? Your cousin must be hiding a lot of things from you."

"I don't know what happened either. I'll ask him tomorrow."

"Right, does he have a girlfriend?"

"Yeah! Her name is Sarah and they've been together since senior high. What's wrong? Are you into my cousin? Do you want to be my sister-in-law?"

"Shut up!"

The next morning, Lily's roommates called a car and went back to campus.

"Dave, I have something to ask you!" Lily asked when she saw that her roommates had left.

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"I know you have a lot of questions now, so come, I'll take you to a quiet place to talk."

David brought Lily back to the parking lot of Dazzling KTV.

"Get in." David took out the car keys and unlocked the Bugatti Veyron as he said to Lily.

When Lily saw the flashy car in front of her, she could not think straight for a moment.

"Dave, is this your car?" Lily stammered and asked.

"Yeah, it's mine. Get it." After David said that, he got into the driver's seat.

"Oh, okay... Okay!" Lily got into the car in a daze.

Then, David took Lily to the beach.

While they were driving, everyone on the road would turn their heads to look at the car.

Too many people were staring at them on the way.

While they were on the road, the other cars would stay more than ten meters away from them. They would do the same even when the light turned red.

Obviously, David was not someone to be messed with.

The two of them found a quiet place by the beach. Then, they leaned against the railing, allowing the sea breeze to blow past them.

"Lily, I know you have a lot of questions. So just ask whatever you want to know," David said, looking at the ocean in the distance.

"Dave, is that your car?" Lily asked.

"Yeah, I bought it yesterday in Lake City. The reason I came this time is to visit you and also to buy the car."

"How much was the car?"

"80 million."

"H-How much?"

"80 million."

"Where did you get so much money? Did you rob a bank?"

"If I did, do you think I'd be able to sit here and talk to you? Also, do you think I could get 80 million from robbing a bank?"

"Then, where did you get the money?"

"I made the money."

"How?"

"I can't explain to you in just a few sentences. I've not done anything illegal, and you only need to know that your brother is a true nouveau riche now."

"Does my mother know?"

"No."

"How many people know?"

"I think so far, only you."

"Really? How much money are you going to give me so I'll shut up?"

"As much as you want."

"You're not sincere at all!"

The two talked about a lot of things.

Even though they had not seen each other for a long time, the two did not feel distant at all.

Today, David brought Lily to all of the malls in Lake City and bought her a lot of expensive clothes and makeup.

Lily did not go easy on him at all.

This was her brother, so of course, he would need to spend his money on his sister.

At 5 p.m., David brought Lily to Lake Heart Club in his Bugatti Veyron.

After he parked the car and got out, they still had to take a boat to the gathering spot in the middle of the lake.

When they got to the side of the lake, there were a few boats ready to fetch the guests.

The two got on one at random and the person driving the boat drove straight to the middle of the lake.

David leaned against the railing of the boat and looked at the clear lake water below. He then murmured in his heart that these rich folks really knew how to enjoy life.

"Dave, why did you take me here?" Lily's voice sounded from behind him.

"I'm taking you to a gathering to get to know two people. When I'm not in Lake City, you can ask them for help. One of them is the boss of Dazzling."

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David and Lily arrived in the middle of the lake.

After they got off the boat, they were led to the second floor of the building by an attendant.

"Here you are."

The attendant opened the door of the hall on the second floor and said to both of them after gesturing to them.

David and Lily entered the hall on the second floor.

In that instant, they felt as if they had entered another world. This hall was at least 5000 square feet, and it was luxuriously decorated with shiny lights. There were over a hundred people there and they gathered in groups as they chatted.

More than ten tall good-looking attendants were holding trays with alcohol and food as they walked in and out of the crowd.

This was the first time Lily visited a place like this, so she was nervous. She gently tugged David's shirt.

"Don't be scared. Relax, just take whatever you want to eat," David patted Lily's shoulder and comforted her.

To be honest, he had never seen this kind of scene before and was pretty nervous himself.

However, he remembered that he was the richest man in the world and that everyone else should be nervous, not him.

Then, the two walked into the hall.

When David walked past an attendant, he took a glass of wine.

After he took a sip, he found it pretty tasty.

On the other hand, Lily was much more reserved.

"Dave, you're here!" Andy walked over with a glass of wine.

"Andy, sorry for the long wait. Let me introduce you, this is my cousin Lily and she's attending university in Lake City. Please take care of her in the future, Andy."

"What are you saying, Dave? Isn't your cousin also my cousin? Just contact me whenever you need anything, Lily. I have some reputation in Lake City."

After Andy finished talking, he handed Lily a gold-plated name card.

"Thank you, Andy," Lily said softly.

"Lily, you should hang out by yourself first. You can eat anything you want and treat this as your home. I need to talk to Dave about something."

"Alright, go ahead."

Andy then brought David to a private room on the third floor.

When David entered the room, there were already two people inside.

There was a man and a woman. The man looked like he was in his forties and he appeared cultured and refined.

The woman should be in her thirties. She had light makeup on, and had the charm of a mature woman.

"Dave, I'll introduce you guys. This is Mr. Josh Thomas and Ms. Holly Sheffield.

"This is my friend David Liddell, and he's the fourth shareholder."

Andy briefly introduced both sides.

After David shook hands with Josh and Holly, he sat down.

At this moment, Andy started to tell them about the project.

To put it simply, Andy had a contact and managed to get himself a diamond mine in Safari Land. He had been to the place to look at it and the quality was top-tier. The total investment was about 15 billion to 20 billion.

Andy was prepared to invest 5 billion for 40%, and he would let the others invest in the other 60%, which was valued at 10 billion.

Because he still had to go through various formalities and established contact between all parties, he needed to have more of the shares.

This meant that David and the other two would need to invest 10 billion and account for 60% of the shares.

Both Josh and Holly contributed only 2.5 billion, with each person holding 15% of the shares.

What remained was 30% of the shares, which was 5 billion.

"Dave, if you don't think you can handle that, we'll get another shareholder. I've inspected the mine myself and it's definitely a new one," Andy told David.

Could not handle it?

David felt that this amount was too little.

It was only 5 billion.

"Alright, I'll invest 5 billion and have 30% of the shares."

"Alright, it's decided then. I'll send the information to you all later. Here, let's have a toast."

After David left, Lily started wandering around the hall and slowly relaxed. No one was paying attention to her, so she was happy.

When she was at the place where they served food, Lily stopped walking.

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All of the desserts here looked delicious.

"Wow, this is so sweet!

"This is so crispy!

"This smells so good!"

"This is so soft!"

Lily ate the desserts one after another as she stacked the treats she liked on her plate.

"Hey."

Lily spotted someone and quickly ran over.

"Are you Marie Kent?"

Marie was talking to a senior in the movie industry when she heard a voice interrupting her.

Marie looked over and saw that it was a young girl in her twenties.

"Hello, I am Marie Kent."

"Wow, you really are Marie! I love your movies. Can I take a picture with you? My roommates love you a lot," Lily said in surprise.

"Thanks for the support! I will definitely take part in more good movies!"

After the two of them took the picture, Marie walked away.

Then, Lily posted the picture on her Instagram with the caption, 'Do you know who this is?'

Then, she put her phone away to look for her next target.

"Oh my, isn't that the popular celebrity Kevin Corden?"

"Gosh, isn't that the Empress Elsa Winter?"

With that, someone who had a plate of dessert in her hand and her phone in the other going around looking for celebrities to take pictures with appeared in the hall.

All of the celebrities would take pictures with her because only reputable people would be allowed to enter this place today.

Even though this young girl was good-looking but also did not seem so intelligent, no one could guarantee that she was not brought here by some big shots.

Lily was looking for celebrities to take pictures with and was very excited. She already had seven to eight pictures and they were all taken with popular stars of the times.

If she took this back to her university, her classmates would be so envious of her.

"Lily Greg?"

As Lily was lowering her head to look through her phone, she heard a voice.

When Lily lifted her head, she saw a young girl with heavy makeup on her face who was holding the arm of an old man with a beer belly.

"Jessica Morgans?" Lily asked,

This person looked like Jessica from her class, but since there was a lot of makeup on her face, Lily could not be sure.

"It really is you! How did you sneak in here? This is the most high-end gathering in Lake City. Oh, I know, you must be a part time attendant, right?" Jessica said sarcastically.

"No, I came with my brother," Lily answered.

"Your brother? Is your brother the security guard? Does he want to lose his job? How can he bring random people in here?"

"Jessica, I will not allow you to talk bad about my brother!" Lily said angrily.

"Jessy, why don't you introduce this pretty girl to me?" The old man next to Jessica said.

"This is Lily Greg, from my class," Jessica introduced reluctantly. Of course, she knew what the old man's intention was.

"Hello, Miss Greg." The old man reached out his hand to shake Lily's hand.

"Jessica, is this your father?"

Jessica, "..."

The old man, "..."

Her one sentence successfully angered two people.

"Lily, stop talking nonsense. If you do, I'll... I'll rip your mouth off of your face! This is my boyfriend!" Jessica said, flustered and exasperated.

The old man spoke as well.

"Miss Greg, if you apologize to me now, give me your contact details. and make sure you come out when I ask you out, I'll let you go today. If not, not only will you be kicked out of here, your brother will also lose his job."

Clearly, he believed what Jessica just said and he really thought Lily's brother was a security guard here.

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Boyfriend?

Lily was stunned.

Oh no, she said the wrong thing!

It was mainly because Jessica was always acting like she was the daughter of a rich family in university. She would always carry branded bags, branded clothes, and she would also be picked up and dropped off in luxury cars.

'Who would think that she'd have a boyfriend like this? This is so disgusting!

'But whatever, I'll just be wrong.

'Who asked you to talk bad about Dave?'

"I'm not apologizing to you! Hmph!" Lily was about to turn around and leave after she said that.

However, Jessica grabbed her hand.

After Jessica grabbed Lily, she started screaming at the top of her lungs.

"Where's the organizer? Where's the organizer? This person snuck in to steal free food and she's even taking pictures with celebrities to show off. Is no one going to do anything about this?"

"I didn't! Get your hands off me!"

Lily was struggling with all her might.

The two's dispute garnered the attention of some people.

More and more people were gathering around them now.

After all, there were not a lot of people who dared to make a scene at a place like this, so everyone was curious.

At this moment, the staff walked over.

"What's going on?" A staff member asked.

Jessica pointed at Lily and said, "It's her! She snuck in here to steal food and she even went around to take pictures with celebrities!"

"Please show your invitation card, miss," the staff said to Lily.

Since the organizer booked the Lake Heart Club to host this charity dinner, the more powerful big shots in Lake City would have gotten invitation cards.

They should have shown their invitation cards when they entered the clubhouse but since David's car was too cool, no one dared to stop him.

"I-I don't have one!" Lily was about to cry. There were so many people looking at her.

"See? I told you she snuck in to steal food. You failed as organizers too, how can you allow irrelevant people to sneak in here?" Jessica said in an extremely arrogant tone.

"Security! Security!" The staff member called out.

Soon, a few security guards came over.

"Please escort this lady out of here," the staff said to the security guards.

However, when the security guards were about to go up to her...

"Wait!

"Wait!"

Two voices said at the same time.

One was Empress Elsa Winters, and one was Marie Kent, one of the four rising stars.

"I brought her here. She's my temporary assistant," Elsa said.

"Yes, I can prove it too," Marie chimed in.

Elsa liked this cheerful and adorable little girl. When she saw that Lily was being isolated and feeling helpless, she felt pitiful, and wanted to help this girl out of compassion.

It was just a small matter to her anyway.

When Marie saw Lily's encounter, she remembered what happened to her yesterday. She was lucky she ran into a good person so that she was able to escape that calamity. Hence, she wanted to help Lily too.

When the two celebrities were able to testify for Lily, the security guards did not dare to do anything anymore.

At this moment, the man next to Jessica spoke.

"Guys, don't simply take responsibility for anything. You'll have to bear the consequences of your actions."

Tristan Collins knew the two celebrities.

However, he was a big boss with a net worth of hundreds of millions. Even though there were a lot of people in the hall who were much more powerful than him, he was sure these two were not.

Celebrities?

To normal people, they were celebrities.

However, to a big boss like him, they were just jesters.

Jessica interrupted at this time, "You're lying. Lily is my classmate and she's still in university. How can she be your assistant? Also, she said her brother brought her here and her brother is definitely a security guard here."

"Miss, what's the name of your brother?" The staff member asked.

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"My brother is David!" Lily muttered indignantly.

"David? Is there a David among you?" The employee turned to the security guards and asked.

The security guards shared a look and replied, "No."

Marie's heart shuddered when she heard Lily's claim about being David's sister.

'Is that the same David that saved me yesterday?'

Just as she was about to say something, Lily spoke up again.

"A man called Andy came and took my brother with him just now! He said that they were going to discuss business, and they went to the third floor."

Andy?

Everyone in the crowd was shocked.

'There was only one Andy in Lake City, and it was Mr. Lewis.

'He had the highest social standing here in Lake City.

'If her brother is discussing business with Andy, then her brother must also be someone prominent as well!'

The employees and Tristan started to feel uneasy.

Mr. Lewis was not someone they could afford to offend.

Mr. Lewis was well known here in Lake City.

If he saw you as his friend, he would treat you undeniably well.

However, if you were his enemy, then he would do everything in his power to get rid of you for good.

There had been too many little businesses in Lake City that had fallen victim to his various schemes to count.

As such, a saying began to circulate in Lake City.

"It's alright if you can't be Andy's friend, but never be his enemy."

Tristan's train of thought stopped here.

He started breaking out in a cold sweat.

His net worth of a few hundred million was nothing in comparison to Mr. Lewis, and the latter could easily make him bankrupt at any moment.

Just at this moment, David and Andy had finished discussing their business and come downstairs.

David's eyes swept the area and, instead of finding Lily, he saw a large group of people gathered in the middle of the hall.

David quickly walked over and broke through the crowd.

Only to see Lily currently being grabbed by the arm by a young woman with heavy makeup.

Lily looked like she had been wronged. She tried but could not seem to struggle out of the other woman's grasp, and the corners of her eyes were slightly wet.

"Lily!" David shouted.

"Dave!"

Jessica's grasp loosened instinctively when she heard Lily call out for David, allowing Lily to run over and hug David.

"It's alright now! It's alright," David comforted.

"What's going on?"

Andy walked over to ask.

'It's over!'

Tristan felt his head swell when he saw Andy, and his feet almost gave out, causing him to almost fall onto the ground.

The employee wiped off the cold sweat that beaded on his forehead and relayed the general situation to Andy quietly.

"Who is he?" Andy pointed at Tristan and asked after listening to the employee.

"Mr. Lewis, that's Tristan Collins, the owner of Auspicious Clouds Real Estate!" Someone from the crowd suddenly said.

"Mr. Collins, was it? You have three days to gather your things and get out of Lake City. Either leave yourself, or I'll make you leave."

"I'm sorry, Mr. Lewis! Please let me go! It's all that woman's fault, she's the one behind this!"

Then Tristan slapped Jessica across the face. The strength behind the slap had Jessica falling to the floor, confused and dazed.

Meanwhile, Tristan fell to his knees and started to beg.

Dying would hurt less than leaving Lake City in three days,

He might have a net worth of a few hundred million, but it was all in terms of assets. He would not mind leaving Lake City if he had a few hundred million in cash, since he could just start a business from scratch again.

His fixed assets worth a few hundred million would have to be sold at a much lower value if he had to liquidate them within three days.

Not to mention that no one would dare to buy his assets since Mr. Lewis had made his distaste clear tonight!

He had also invested quite a bit of money into a recent project as well. If he left now, he would have to pay a lot of money for breaking the contract.

It was very likely that he was going to go from the owner of a big business worth a few hundred million, to a bankrupt man owing a bunch of debt. He still had a few mistresses and two illegitimate sons to take care of!

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"I do not want to repeat myself!" Andy stated expressionlessly.

Tristan was already in despair.

Until another voice rang out from the crowd.

"Andy, are you bullying some poor fellow again?"

Hugh walked over.

"Mr. Greene! Save me, please! We've worked together before! I'm Tristan from Auspicious Clouds Real Estate!"

Tristan grabbed onto Hugh like the latter was his savior.

If there was anyone in Lake City who could help him, Hugh Greene would be one of them.

As the second son of the Greene family, he was supposed to be the second in line to inherit the family business.

However, Hugh had managed to turn the tides around and fight on an equal footing with his older brother. The elders in his family had yet to decide who would truly inherit the family business.

Thus, the elders decide to give both of them a sum of money for them to use and develop to their best capabilities for ten years. The son with the best results would then be chosen as the heir.

Five years had already passed, and Hugh clearly had the upper hand.

"Greene! Who said I was bullying anyone? He was the one who bullied David's cousin, what else was I supposed to do?" Andy pointed at David and protested.

Hugh turned to look at the young lady David was hugging.

"Oh? You bullied Dave's cousin? You're bold, I'll give you that," Hugh turned to ask Tristan.

"Huh?" Tristan felt confused.

"What do you plan to do, Andy?"

"I gave him three days to get out of Lake City!"

"Three days? That's too long! I think one day is more than enough."

Tristan fainted once he heard Hugh's words.

There was no chance for him to turn the tables around now that two distinguished figures in Lake City were targeting him.

Blood rushed to his head, and he fainted.

"Throw him out and call him an ambulance. If he doesn't wake then leave him be, but if he does wake up, tell him that he has one day left," Andy told the employee.

"Yes, Mr. Lewis!"

A few security guards carried Tristan and ushered Jessica out.

Now that the situation was dealt with, everyone turned to look at David with curiosity.

This man's status had to be terrifying, considering he was friends with two bigshots in Lake City.

Marie's heart soared when she saw David. She did not think she would get the chance to meet him again because of her identity.

She did not expect to see him again today after parting yesterday, though she did arrive at this place bearing some hope today.

"Since everyone's here, I'll make this clear now. David is a good friend of mine, so his cousin is my cousin as well. Anyone who dares to bully her in the future will face my wrath," Andy shouted at the crowd.

"Mine too!" Hugh added.

"Thanks, bros!" David replied.

David felt that he was close enough with Hugh and Andy that he could refer to them so intimately.

"You're welcome, Dave!"

"Alright, everyone. Time to go back!"

The crowd slowly dispersed.

Marie walked over to David and said, "We meet again, Mr. Lidell!"

"Hello, Ms. Kent!"

Lily had also calmed down by now. She looked between David and Marie and asked, "Dave, you know Miss Marie?"

"Yea! I do!"

"Miss Marie, thank you for helping me just now. Miss Elsa too, thank you!"

Elsa was about to leave when she heard Lily call out to her. She walked over.

"You're welcome, Lily!"

"Thank you, both of you!" David said.

"You're too kind, Mr. Lindell!" Both celebrities replied at the same time.

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River City.

South River International Residence.

Pearl walked through the entrance with 911 dialed on her phone.

She did not realize that there was a taxi following close behind.

Excluding the driver, there was also a young man and woman in the taxi.

"Where is this place, Sir?" The young man asked.

"This is River City's wealthy residential area, son. This is as far as I can go. That'll be fifty bucks," The driver said.

"So expensive?" The young man asked.

"Time is money! I waited for a long time."

"Alright, then! Thank you, Sir."

The two paid and got out of the car.

They made their way to the entrance of South River International Residence.

They were about to take a closer look when the security guard stopped them.

"Hey! What are you two doing here? Move along, this isn't a place you people can enter."

"Can I ask who that red Porsche that just drove in belongs to?" The young man asked.

"Who? A tenant, of course! Who else's can it be? Yours? Go away!"

"It must be pretty expensive living here, right?"

"Are you from the rural villages, sonny? Let me put it this way, the houses here cost at least two hundred thousand per square meter, and each house is at least fifty million each. You tell me whether it's expensive here or not!"

"What? So expensive? What if someone's just renting a house here, then?"

"Is something wrong with you? Why would anyone spend fifty million on a house and lease it to someone else? And if someone has the money to live here, you think they'd need to lease a house out for rent? Just get lost already!"

"Alright, alright! I'll get going now. Thank you!"

The young man left with the young woman in tow.

The two found a cheap motel and decided to settle there for the moment.

Only after entering the room did the woman speak.

"Sam, can't we just look for your sister directly?"

The young man was Sam Warner, Pearl's younger brother, and the young woman was Minnie, his girlfriend.

However, Minnie's family was against this relationship because Sam's family were farmers while they lived in town.

Thus, Sam and Minnie decided to secretly come and seek Pearl's help.

Only for Sam to realize that Pearl had lied to their parents.

Pearl said that it was difficult making money in the city and that she had to pay rent and afford her living expenses.

Yet, Sam saw Pearl drive a luxury car and live in an expensive house.

"No! We'll go look for her once Mom and Dad are here. I've always been terrified of Pearl, and only Mom and Dad can keep her in line. I'll go call my mom first."

Sam pulled out his phone and made the call.

"Where did you go, brat? Come back here right now!" A middle-aged woman's voice rang out from the speakers.

Mom, I'm already at River City now! I'm not going back!" The young man said.

"You brat! You ran off with someone's daughter, now her family has come to ask us where she is! Get back here right now!"

"Mom, listen to me! I found Pearl, she's rich now! She's driving a car worth millions of dollars and living in a house worth at least fifty million! Come over and look for yourself!"

"You've gone mad!"

"It's real, Mom! I'm not lying! I found where Pearl works yesterday, and I saw her drive a red sports car worth millions after she got off work."

"And then?" Asked his mom over the phone.

"I didn't follow her yesterday, but I called a taxi today to wait at the entrance. I saw her enter a residential area and I asked the security guard about it. He said that the housing there cost two hundred thousand per square meter, that's enough to buy a whole house back home. Every house in that area costs at least fifty million."

"Are you sure? You didn't mistake her for someone else, did you?"

"Why would I lie to you? And that's my sister, as if I wouldn't recognize her."

"Alright, I'll come with your dad tomorrow morning. This stupid girl, how dare she send us only twenty thousand each month when she's driving a sports car and living in an expensive house in the city!"

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"Minnie, you should call your parents to come here tomorrow too!" Sam told Minnie after ending the call with his mom.

"For what? So they can drag me back? They've never agreed to our relationship to begin with."

"Are you silly? Your parents don't agree because you live in town while my family farms in the village; My family isn't as wealthy as yours. But now that my sister made a lot of money, I'm sure your parents will agree to us being together, and we won't have to date in secret anymore!"

Minnie thought about it and agreed with Sam.

Thus, she called her parents.

Her mother immediately started scolding the two of them, but she did promise to come to River City the next day.

Sam laid in bed with Minnie in his arms as he said, "Minnie, let's never go back. We can stay here in River City, I'll have my sister buy me a nice car and house, then we can drive it and enjoy the view every day!"

"But will your sister buy them for you?" Minnie did not believe him.

"Not if I ask, but she will if my parents ask her to. That's why I called them over! Don't worry, my parents have always been on my side, they leave the best things to me because I'm the only son. As far as they're concerned, my sister only exists to serve me."

"Okay! I want a car like your sister's too! It's so pretty! It's a dream to have something like this!"

"Alright! Then we'll get you one too! We can have one each!"

The two fell asleep as they fantasized about a great life together.

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Lake City.

Lake Heart Club.

Tonight's charity auction was already in progress.

Everyone was seated in the hall on the first floor.

Hosting on stage was the main rising star of Lake West Province Broadcasting Station, Ida Rice.

"Good evening, esteemed guests!"

"Welcome to Lake City's Third Charity Auction."

"Today is a day of love, care, and harmony."

"Today is also the day where we show the people worldwide our spirit of giving and universal love."

The large display started playing the video once the host finished her opening speech.

The video showed some remote mountainous areas, where some students had a lot of trouble going to school. Some even had to walk through two or three hours of mountain road to get to school.

As a result, children end up spending five to six hours a day walking to and from school.

The conditions in the schools there were pitiful as well. The desks and benches at school were all donations from the students' homes, and they looked old and worn down.

Many of the students' parents had to leave the area and work far away to make a living, leaving the young students at home with their old grandparents.

These children have had to mature and become responsible at a very young age, some even exceptionally skilled at doing the laundry, cooking, and other household chores.

These children have a strong desire to learn as they wish to see the world beyond the mountains they live in.

The video ended here.

Ida continued her speech, "Everything auctioned off tonight will be donated to the children in the video. The money will be used to fund a new school for them, with new desks, new chairs, new school bags, and new clothes."

"Now, let us begin with our first item of love."

"The first item is a new song from Empress Elsa."

"The auction begins! There's no starting price, feel free to call any price."

"One hundred thousand!"

"One hundred and fifty thousand!"

"Three hundred thousand!"

"Five hundred thousand!"

"Nice! Guest Seventeen called five hundred thousand! Is there anyone else?"

David took a look at the card in his hand. Number seven.

He raised it and said, "Five million!"

Many heads turned to look at David when they heard him call for five million. They were curious which bigshot had called such a large value.

"Five million! Guest Seven called five million! Is there anyone else?"

"Calling once! Calling twice! Sold!"

"Let's give a round of applause of Empress Elsa's new song!"

Elsa got up on stage.

She did not expect her song to be auctioned for a price as high as five million. Not that she could enjoy a cent of it anyway, since it was going to be donated fully.

Still, she was very happy as more children from the video could be benefitted from a bigger donation sum.

Empress Elsa finished singing.

The second item was a piece of art from a great master.

In the end, the artwork was taken home at a final price of eight hundred thousand, even though it was only worth one-eighth the price.

However, this was a charity auction, after all, so such greatly overstated value was understandable. As items continued to be auctioned off, David did not raise his card again that night.

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That was, until Marie.

She was auctioning off a dance.

Like Elsa's song, Marie's dance was also sold to David at five million.

This was how David was, he was the kind of person that would repay kindness others had shown him tenfold.

Those two had helped his cousin Lily tonight, so it was only right that he offered a higher price to buy their performances.

Soon later.

The auction event was about to end.

After the last item of love had been auctioned off, the banquet was about to end as well.

Just then, David raised his card and spoke.

"Ms. Rice, I'd like to donate a song!"

Ida was about to read the closing speech when she saw David offer to donate a song.

David had spent ten million at the auction today, so it would not be right to refuse him.

Ida allowed David to come up on stage.

"Mr. Lidell wishes to donate a song, is anyone willing to buy it?" Ida asked.

"Uh... I'd like to buy it myself if that's alright?" David asked.

"You want to buy your own song?"

"Yes!"

"Of course. Since Mr. Lidell wants to buy his song back, then let's listen to Mr. Lidell sing! Mr. Lidell, how much are you calling?"

"One hundred million!"

"H-How much?" Ida stuttered.

"I'm offering one hundred million to buy my song!"

Ida was stunned, and so were the hundreds of guests sitting below the stage. Excluding Hugh and Andy, everyone was shocked by what they heard.

'Buying your own song for a hundred million?

'Isn't he essentially just donating another hundred million?

'We've never heard anything about this David in Lake City before!

'Not only is he close friends with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Greene, he also just donated a hundred million.

'There are no bounds to how wealthy this man is.'

David walked over to the piano and sat down.

"The song I'm singing tonight is called Snail. With it, I hope that the children in the video can only find their own place in the world."

With that, David started to sing.

A slow melody drifted from the piano.

"Should I take off my heavy shell,

"And search for the blue sky.

"The gentle wind blows as I dance softly in the skies,

"The hurt I experienced before feels like nothing no more.

"Step by step, I make my way up,

"And await quietly to watch the sun shine.

"A sky so small holds a dream so big.

"A slight desire hides in a heavy shell.

"Step by step, I make my way up,

"And on the highest point, I soar through the skies on a leaf.

"A sky so small holds past sweat and tears.

"There will be a place for me."

The song was finished.

Thunderous applause erupted below the stage.

The children in the video were just like the snail in David's song, how they wanted to experience the world outside and find a place for themselves in the world.

"Mr. Lidell, did you produce this song?" Someone from the audience below asked.

"I did," David replied.

"You're so talented, Mr. Lidell! So handsome!"

Marie looked fondly at David, who was on the stage. This was the man she admired.

Elsa looked at David with shock as well. He was not like other men.