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Right after Linda left, William hugged Laura gently and said with a smile, "Best wishes to us working together."

Laura, who was still immersed in anger, was stupefied when William suddenly took her in his arms.

She turned scarlet.

This b*stard!

He said he did not care about her looks!

An hour had yet to pass and he was already touching her.

Laura was about to hit William but she heard him say, "Don't move."

She stopped for a moment.

After three seconds, William released Laura and said to her, "You can go now."

Flames of anger licked through her as she stomped her feet.

What was wrong with him?

He had just felt her up and now, he asked her to leave!

Did he regard her as a sl*t?

Laura was about to question William before she

suddenly changed her mind.

The hug earlier...

William only put his hands on her shoulders; he did not lean in at all.

Well, could she say that he was taking advantage of her?

For a moment, Laura was at a loss, wondering what this guy was up to.

She went back to her office in a daze, trying to digest everything that happened a while ago. It felt a bit like a dream.

Meanwhile, Linda went to the basement parking lot alone, furious. She was going to leave this place at once.

Right then, she suddenly heard a faint grunt from a corner not far away.

She walked over and took a look, immediately immobilized by terror.

A man with a swollen head covered in bruises was on the ground, groaning.

She was so scared that she was about to turn around and leave. Suddenly, she heard the man shouting weakly, "Linda? Help me. Help me."

Linda was taken aback. After a closer look, she recognized this man right away.

Was it not Darren?

She hurried over and helped Darren up. She asked, "Darren, what happened to you? Who beat you up?"

Hearing this, Darren's glassy eyes twinkled with a hint of insidiousness. He gnashed his teeth and hissed, "William! It's William, that b*stard! He actually asked someone to beat me up and threw me here. He clearly wanted everyone from the company to see what a fool I make of myself! He just made me his forever enemy!"

Linda's expression turned sullen upon hearing William's name. She cursed, "It's him again!"

She thought, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

Linda sent Darren to her car and took him to the hospital hurriedly.

Along the way, Darren was in so much pain that he continued to cuss, "I will definitely not let William go! I'm going to kill him!"

Linda asked, "Do you really want to kill him? Shall we team up?"

Surprised, Darren parroted, "Team up?"

Linda simpered ruthlessly. "Yes! Team up! I happened to have the evidence of that b*stard getting cozy with Laura!"

Energized instantly, Darren cheered excitedly, "Really? D*mn! I have always felt that

there's something going on with the two of them!
It's great that you have evidence!"

Linda nodded. "As solid as they come! However, both of us have been driven out of the company now. I'm afraid it's a bit difficult to bring him down."

Darren smirked and snorted. "There is another person who should be able to help us!"

"Who?" Linda asked.

"Martin!" Darren answered as Martin's face flashed across his mind.

Martin was obviously also trying to unseat William. Otherwise, Martin would not have chosen not to report their success of securing the negotiations the other time.

In this case, Darren and Linda could make good use of Martin's power to depose and vanquish William!

Linda's face glowed with a hint of joy. "This is perfect! I want to bring both William and Laura to their knees!"

Meanwhile, after William shooed Laura away, he called Janet to his office.

Janet asked indifferently, "Yes?"

Her tone did not reflect what was expected out of a typical secretary.

William instructed, "Do two things for me. Help me

collect the personal information of all well-known Chinese medicine experts across the country. I want the most updated and detailed information, especially those in Qena City. The chairman of the Qena City Pharmaceutical Association is an expert in Chinese medicine, isn't he?"

A thought flashed across Janet's mind. She asked, "Are you going to bribe them and let them participate in our new movie to help us out?"

Well, this was the only plausible explanation. After all, the new movie had a medical theme. William seemed to want these experts to speak up to support this movie.

This guy always opted for these shabby methods!

William did not answer but repeated, "Just do what I said!"

"Okay, got it. This is not difficult. I should be able to check it through the National Pharmaceutical Association system. I just want to remind you that we don't have a lot of funds, and the funds should be used in the right way."

William nodded and continued, "Next, help me get the script of the new movie right away."

Janet was stunned for a moment. She asked, "What are you going to do?"

"Edit it," William answered.

Janet frowned. "This script was written by a well-

known screenwriter. Are you sure you want to edit it?"

William nodded. "Yes."

Janet sighed. This guy was really asking for trouble.

What he was doing was completely unnecessary. He could have spent more time getting down to actual business.

Why would he want to edit the script? How could a layman like him be better than an expert scriptwriter?

Anyway, he was about to be dismissed. She should just let him cause as much trouble as he pleased.

Janet walked out of the office after William gave her his instructions.

She did not want to stay in William's office for a minute longer.

She went to get those done right away.

While she was instructing her subordinates to settle these two matters, Martin's phone rang.

His spy had reported these two matters to him immediately.

After hearing about it, Martin could not help but guffaw. "I don't expect this idiot to employ this method. He actually wants to bribe the medical experts! Very well, I shall help him out! I'll see how

he is going to deal with the problems later on!"

He took out the phone and once again set a trap to foil William's plan.

He was overjoyed!

William had no idea what was waiting for him.

Martin could know every move William made without exposing himself.

Besides, he could even set traps based on the information he received.

William was definitely going to suffer!

After Martin finished the call, he put on an angry face and went to William's office.

As William was making tea, he walked over and stated angrily, "Director Lu, we are in trouble again."

William took a sip and asked, "What's the trouble?"

Martin reported in a deep voice, "As we only have a budget of 10 million yuan, I personally made a lot of calls to some influencers. All of them refused to participate in our movie."

He paused for a while and added, "That being said, we have no actors for our new movie!"

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After Martin said this, he was secretly observing William's expression.

He initially thought that William would be frightened and panicked.

However, he was disappointed at William's response.

All William did was chortling as he replied, "I thought it was something more serious. If we can't get influencers to show up in our movie, can't we just use the artists we already have in our company? We should always keep the good ones to ourselves, no?"

Martin was dumbstruck for a moment before he answered, "The artists in our company? But all of our artists, except Laura, are not well-known. Also, Director Lu, those artists are very difficult to communicate with. Artists these days are very snobbish. They always want us to pay them exorbitantly to play in the movies. Since we have so little funds, I am afraid that they will not be willing to—"

William frowned and interjected, "In this case, we can pay them something else. Perhaps some other benefits."

Martin looked puzzled. He could not keep up with

William's thought process.

William continued, "For example, we can promise them that as long as they are willing to be part of this movie, we will sign a long-term contract with them. Make the penalty for a breach of contract 50 million yuan per person. That should be slightly higher than what we usually set. This can also reflect our company's sincerity to them. Well, if it's still not enough, we can arrange for them to travel abroad for free after the filming is done. The company will bear the expenses."

Martin almost burst out laughing listening to William's suggestion.

What an idiot!

This silly move could not be more brilliant!

Martin could not wait to see William pushing himself into his own grave!

Hahaha!

William probably did not know that he was setting himself up for trouble!

He not only offered to renew the contract for those small-time artists but also with such a high penalty fee? If the shareholders learned about it, wouldn't they be furious again?

He really knew nothing about how the entertainment industry worked!

For a celebrity like Laura, the penalty fee would go

up to 60 million yuan at most.

This brat had actually offered 50 million yuan for each artist in their company! There were at least 10 artists in their company!

Was he going to treat these small-time actors like superstars?

This was fascinating.

He even offered them to travel abroad!

What a brainless move!

His silliness had made Martin on cloud nine!

Martin responded immediately, "Alright, then I will tell the artists as you said. It might work. But should we inform the shareholders—"

"No need. You're fully in charge of this matter. If anything happens, I'll take full responsibility. I believe in you," William spoke.

William's reply rejuvenated Martin and made his blood boil with excitement!

What an idiot!

William did not even know that he was going to be double-crossed!

This movie was going to be fun!

They should wait and see!

Martin went out to settle this matter immediately.

He had great authority and prestige in the company. No way that those little artists, who

were on the brink of being laid off, would turn his offer down.

However, Martin had other plans.

He called his confidant and ordered, "Go to the office and find ten small-time artists for me."

When the man was about to nod, Martin suddenly showed a sullen smile and added, "These ten people must have the most terrible acting skills. Their characters and reputations should be of the worst as well. A person who can't recite lines and has exaggerated acting skills is exactly the candidate we are looking for. It would be a plus point if he or she is arrogant."

Martin's confidant was stunned. He asked, "Mr. Zhang, these people will be fired at any time. Why would you—"

"Just do whatever I said!" Martin yelled, irked.

The man went out in a respectful manner to execute Martin's order.

After that, Martin hummed a song with his legs crossed.

He thought, "William, oh, William. I guess you wouldn't have thought that the quality of the people I found for you would be so bad, wouldn't you? Hahaha!"

How spectacular would the movie be with such actors involved?

The shareholders would watch the movie and realized that William had renewed these lousy artists' contracts with such a sky-high penalty fee. On top of that, William even arranged for them to travel abroad for free. The shareholders were surely going to blow up.

What made Martin happier was that this idiot was practically serving himself on a silver platter to him.

From now on, these ten people were going to be so grateful and loyal to him.

He'd gain so much from all of it. He was definitely going to win this race!

Right then, Martin received another call.

It was Darren!

After listening to Darren's words, Martin could not help but burst into laughter in the office.

Oh, William. What did he do? Everyone was turning their backs against him.

Everyone was waiting to ruin him.

Martin was convinced that he was going to win and take over William soon!

"Darren, I know you've worked hard in this. I will repay you well when the time comes," Martin said. He had once again mastered another trump card, and for a while, he did not know which method he should use to destroy William.

When William went back that night, he threw the bag of fine-quality Sakura Tea on the table.

When he returned to the room, he found that Felicity had fallen asleep.

She took over Steven's company recently; it must be really tiring to juggle everything.

Steven's company was full of his cronies so it was not so easy for her to handle it.

William slept through the night. When he woke up, he went out to have breakfast.

But in the living room, he met an unexpected guest.

It was Kaleb.

Kaleb seemed to have been very close to Rebecca these days; he actually appeared at their home early in the morning.

When Felicity saw William walk out of their bedroom, she greeted him with a dejected expression and told him to come over to the dining room for breakfast.

Kaleb nodded to William indifferently.

He looked down on such a person who had no loyalty like William.

Besides, William even slapped Rebecca three times in public two days ago.

He was never going to let William off the hook.

At this time, Rebecca came out of the kitchen with two dishes in her hand.

When she saw William, her face turned cold instantly. However, she did not make any mean remarks this time.

"Kaleb, dig in. I will serve the herbal tea eggs immediately," Rebecca said to Kaleb gently.

Kaleb seemed to enjoy Rebecca's hospitality. He replied to her with a smiling nod.

After a while, Rebecca brought out a plate of herbal tea eggs.

Felicity took one for William and one for herself.

After a bite, Felicity asked, "Mom, the herbal tea eggs you made today have such a strong aroma."

William took a bite too, but frowned.

Rebecca pointed to the bag of tea leaves under the table and answered, "Oh, I ran out of tea leaves. I happened to see a bag of teas left on the table in the morning, so I used it to make herbal tea eggs. I've put more tea leaves this time, so I guess it will have a richer taste."

William responded calmly, "That bag of tea is mine."

Rebecca sneered. "So what? You have been having free meals at my home for ten years. Are you going to be calculative with me for using 20 sachets of your tea leaves?"

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William decided to let it pass. However, Kaleb chimed in coldly, "Rebecca, I don't want him to use this matter to make you give in to him in the future!"

With that, Kaleb took five hundred yuan from his pocket and threw it to William. "Take it. It should be more than enough to buy your 20 sachets of tea leaves."

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William sniggered at the sight of the five hundred yuan.

Was Kaleb trying to buy 20 packets of Sakura Tea with five hundred yuan? Ridiculous.

With five hundred yuan, Kaleb could not even afford the residue of the tea.

Sakura Tea cost 300,000 yuan per catty.

There were a total of sixty packets per catty. That meant a packet cost five thousand yuan.

The reason why Sakura Tea was so expensive was that it was produced in small quantities.

Therefore, it was sold at an exorbitant price for its rareness.

The previous day, William heard from Tigger that the production of Sakura Tea this year was collected from the old tea trees. Together with the climatic changes, it had the lowest production this year.

Klutz took so much effort to buy such a catty.

It was estimated that there were no more Sakura Tea leaves in the entire Qena City.

Five hundred yuan. Interesting.

However, Kaleb frowned and sneered when he

saw William not replying to him. "What? Too little? Hmph. Dude, you're quite greedy. I'll give you another five hundred yuan to buy the remaining packets. You'd better watch yourself."

He took out another five hundred yuan and chucked it to William.

William did not pick up the money. Instead, he replied, "Keep the money to yourself. I will ask you to pay for it soon."

Kaleb glanced at William disdainfully and mutely.

He put the remaining Sakura Tea sachets into his briefcase.

Coincidentally, he was going to meet a very powerful person in a few days. He thought it would be good to bring some tea leaves along.

After William had his breakfast, he bid goodbye to Felicity and went to Lunanica Media.

In the office, Janet put a thick pile of documents in front of William.

Janet followed William's instructions and detailed in these documents all the background information on the current well-known Chinese medicine experts across the country.

The first profile belonged to a person named Frandick Hoo.

Frandick was the chairman of the Qena City Pharmaceutical Association; he was going to

retire next month.

William flipped through the information of these people, ignoring Janet.

Janet stood there for a while and could not stand it anymore.

She thought to herself, "This brat is too much."

He asked her to get this information, but he didn't say a single word to her. On top of that, he even ignored her!

What a rude imp!

"Hey, when are you going to start shooting the movie?" Janet asked disrespectfully.

William answered without raising his head, "Wait until I finish reading these materials and edit the script. We should be able to start in the afternoon."

Janet was shocked.

In the afternoon?

That was a thick pile of scripts!

It was going to take a few days to go through all of it. Did she hear it wrong? Did he say that he would be able to start in the afternoon?!

What about editing the script?

Exasperated, Janet's chest was throbbing in pain. She could not stay in this room with him any longer, thus, she stormed out angrily.

After Janet left, William made a call. "Vinson, did you find the information I asked for? Send an email to me in the morning. Thank you for your hard work."

William spent the entire morning studying these materials. He went to take the script at noon. He edited a few parts of the script before he reprinted it and replaced the edited segments.

In the afternoon, when Janet received the script, she flipped through it instinctively. However, she did not see any changes.

The story of the script remained the same. Janet could not be more familiar with the story.

She was positive that nothing was altered nor modified!

"Have you edited it?" Janet could not help asking.

William nodded. "Yes. I rephrased some words."

Janet rolled her eyes.

She thought that William was going to make major edits. It turned out that he only rephrased a few lines.

He was too d*mn free!

"Tell everyone that we will start shooting tomorrow. Since we are short of funds, we shall finish the shooting in twenty days. You get that?" William asked.

When Janet heard this, her head was about to

explode in anger.

Twenty days?!

Was he f*cking kidding her?

She could no longer speak to this moron!

Didn't he know that movies took months to shoot and produce? Yet, he actually wanted them to wrap up the movie in twenty days!

How good could the movie be if they were to finish it in twenty days?

"Go to hell!" Janet cursed him and left without looking back.

Meanwhile, Martin had received the news about the shooting. At this moment, a thick document was seen on the table.

This document was the exact list of Chinese medicine experts that William had.

Martin could not help guffawing again when he heard William's request to finish the shooting in twenty days.

Then, he told his confidant, "Ask those ten artists to work with him. They must finish the shooting within twenty days. As for the acting skills or whatever it is, hahaha, don't worry about it."

Martin had written William off as dead.

All of William's tricks reflected his ignorance and stupidity. He was planning for his own destruction!

The location to film this movie was a quaint village in Qena City.

When Laura arrived in the village the next day, she received the list of actors involved.

When Laura saw this list, she blew up.

Who were these actors on this list?

From one glance, none of them looked so unprofessional.

The men were smoking, while the ladies were lying on the chairs and grumbling.

When Laura heard the film director say that the funding was only 10 million yuan and the shooting duration was only 20 days, she was flabbergasted.

She was filled with rage!

She was fooled!

She was fooled by that b*stard!

She endured his humiliating treatment, but what was it all for?

For her to make a name for herself through this movie!

But now he actually arranged these brainless actors to play the movie with her!

Furious, she took her phone and called William.

But at this time, something even more frustrating happened. She discovered that her phone did not

have a signal in this deserted village!

D*mn it!

She swore in her heart and flung herself down on the chair in despair.

What a terrible environment with a terrible team of actors and crews!

Everything seemed to be telling Laura that this movie was going to fail.

She looked at her surroundings desperately and felt like crying all of a sudden.

All the hard work she put in to get such a movie...

Was it worth it...

Just then, the assistant director assembled the actors to start filming.

Laura was about to pass out in exasperation at the first dialogue of the scene.

The actress who was working with her for this scene was a young coquettish lady with heavy makeup.

However, Laura could not help but smolder in rage when the actress started reciting her lines.

What an exaggerated acting!

Had anyone seen such a self-centered actress?!

Laura called to cut straight away. When she asked the actress to try again, the actress blew up.

"Why should I? This is the way I perform. If you do

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not like it, replace me," she retorted.

Laura felt dizzy.

One of her temporary assistants could not help but pull Laura aside and whispered, "Sister Koo, these people have just renewed their contracts with the company, and the penalty amount is similar to yours. That's why they are not afraid of you anymore. Besides, Director Lu requested to finish the shooting in twenty days. Where could we get a replacement at such short notice? Sister Koo, please bear with it. I'm sorry that you have to go through this for the next twenty days..."

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