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Zelda Maine smiled. "The strongest man?"

Chuck Cannon blushed. That was his goal, but Zelda and Queenie both actually knew if he was actually strong or not...

Chuck drove along and stopped talking about it. Zelda said seriously, "Chuck, you have to be confident. You have too little experience with girls, which explains why you didn't last very long. I believe that with your hard work, you will indeed become the strongest."

Chuck was touched by her words and encouragement. It meant a lot to him.

"Thank you, Zelda," Chuck said.

"For what?" Zelda shook her head, but when she saw that Chuck's legs were shaking, she laughed and asked, "Do you want me to

drive?"

Chuck nodded. He had done too many squats yesterday, so his legs were numb now. If he continued training like that, it would most definitely produce good results.

The two of them got out of the car and changed positions. However, just as Zelda was about to sit down on the driver's seat, Chuck reached out to take his cell phone on the seat...

Chuck could feel that he had touched some cotton fabric. Zelda's face suddenly turned red. She knew that Chuck didn't mean it...

"I'm sorry, Zelda." Chuck pulled back his hand. The feeling was really hard to describe.

"It's okay."

Zelda calmed herself down. As she drove, she bit her lip and said, "I can't help you now

because you are training, so you can't give up all your previous efforts. But if you really can't suppress it anymore, you can still touch me. I don't mind..."

"It's fine." Chuck quickly shook his head. He already felt guilty towards Yvette for coming out with Zelda today. If he touched her, that would be even more wrong.

"Okay then." Zelda was a little disappointed and sighed in her heart.

How should she put it? Although she knew that they would never be together, she still couldn't help herself. After all, Chuck already had a place in her heart.

Even though they were not meant to be, but if Chuck was willing or still needed it, she wouldn't refuse him.

Thinking of this, she felt even more disappointed. She stopped talking and

continued the drive to her home.

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Opulence Retreat was a very famous restaurant. It was extravagant like a holiday resort.

Manny Liu had many relatives here, and she had specially invited them all. Zelda said that she would bring Chuck back over the phone the day before, and she was thrilled. She wanted to introduce Chuck to every one of them.

After all, now that both of them were living together, they should be planning to get married soon.

Her relatives were all rich, especially Zelda's cousin. They were the owners of a furniture store and were extremely rich.

"Auntie, this is my boyfriend..." Zelda's

cousin, Rainie Lowe introduced.

Manny was surprised. Rainie's boyfriend was tall and handsome, and judging from his temperament, he was not from any ordinary family.

"Not bad," Manny said with a smile.

"Yeah, he came out to start a business by himself. Now, his company is worth around three hundred million dollars," Rainie said.

"What a remarkable man!" Manny was surprised. It was not easy for a startup company to have such a high market value!

Manny's expression made her boyfriend, Wallace Hanne, look proud. He enjoyed their admiration very much.

"Yeah, we plan on getting married next month." Rainie smiled.

"Congratulations!"

"By the way, where is Zelda? Didn't you say that she would be bringing her boyfriend here today?" Rainie asked curiously.

"Yes, she's bringing him here."

"What does he do?"

"I don't know the specifics, but I think he has a plaza. He's the owner of a plaza," Manny said.

"The owner of a plaza?" Rainie was surprised. Did Zelda really manage to find such a wealthy husband?

"Yes."

"That square must be very big, yes?"

"It's not really that big actually." Manny said. Chuck's square was actually really small, at least that was what she thought.

"Even if it's not that big, it should still be

valued over a hundred million dollars."

"That's not necessarily true. If it's not really that big, then not many owners make a lot out of them. Some even record losses." Wallace shook his head.

Manny shook her head and didn't say much.

"That's right. I heard that someone has opened a plaza for over half a year now. There weren't many people there, so not many shops were rented out. If this goes on, the owner would soon go bankrupt" Rainie added.

This was true. She had a friend who ran a shop in the plaza. She said that the plaza owner was planning to ditch the whole thing, and the employees at the plaza still haven't received their paychecks yet. Things were not optimistic for them.

"That's not necessarily true. I think Zelda's

boyfriend's plaza is pretty profitable," a woman wearing hot pants, who had gone there with Manny, came over and said.

The woman wearing a pair of tight jeans also came over.

"Well, that's what you think. But only he is clear whether or not he is recording a profit." Rainie was unhappy. She was not too fond of the two ladies. Still, they were Manny's best friends, so she couldn't say much about them.

"You'll know if you go and have a look for yourself," said the woman in tight jeans.

"If he's so wealthy, then I really want to see what Zelda's boyfriend looks like." Rainie curled her lips.

"Well, Zelda is coming." The young woman in hot pants said.

They looked over and found that Zelda was



driving over. Rainie curled her lips. "Isn't that the car that Zelda bought? He doesn't even have his own car and needs to take hers. I'm guessing that his plaza isn't doing so well and will close down soon enough."

Chuck and Zelda walked over.

Manny and her two best friends were happy, but when Rainie saw Chuck, she shook her head.

He wasn't as handsome as her boyfriend, and what was wrong with his legs? He couldn't even walk properly! Were they doing it last night?

What a useless man!

Such a weak man wouldn't be good for their future prospects!

Some other relatives also came over to take a look at Zelda's boyfriend. But upon seeing

Chuck, they shook their heads.

First of all, he didn't have a car. He wasn't walking naturally, could it be that they were doing it last night? Not only was he poor, but he was also incapable in bed. How did she find a boyfriend like him?

Perhaps he was a staff member of some company earning a meagre salary but was lucky enough to meet Zelda...

He must be taking advantage of her!

They were surprised and felt that it was necessary to remind Manny or Zelda to reconsider this guy.

"Chuck, did you two..." Manny was shocked and surprised. Seeing Chuck's trembling legs, did this mean that there will be good news from them?

Her two best friends also laughed.

"Mom, don't think so much. Chuck just..."  
Zelda blushed. Why did her mother have this look on her face? He just trained too much last night!

"I've been there done that, my child. I understand... Everyone, this is my daughter's boyfriend, Chuck Cannon!" Manny smiled happily.

She was confused by the frowns on her relatives' faces. What was wrong?

"Is he really Zelda's boyfriend?" One of the relatives asked. They thought that Chuck wasn't a decent boyfriend for Zelda.

"Yes." Manny nodded.

"He doesn't seem as capable as Rainie's boyfriend. Rainie's boyfriend owns a company and is really rich. Zelda's boyfriend, on the other hand, doesn't seem that good! But at least they look good together."

"How you could just settle so easily? You can't settle for a man like this for the rest of your life, could you?" A middle-aged woman came over. "Zelda, what does your boyfriend do?"

"Well, let's ask him." All the other relatives also said. After all, they liked Zelda, and didn't want her to suffer in the future. This person she brought over clearly didn't match well with her.

As her relatives, they really must remind her.

"He's still a student," Zelda said confidently.

"What? A student?"

"No wonder he doesn't even have a car."

"He can't be with her! He's too young, and he might be up to no good!"

"I don't think it's a good idea either."

Manny was unhappy to hear that. "My daughter's boyfriend is still studying, but he has a plaza under his name."

"A plaza? Is he from a wealthy family?"

"Looks are deceiving, is it a ruse?"

"I think it's possible. It's not easy to operate a plaza nowadays, a lot of them are recording losses. How is his plaza doing?" A relative asked her.

"Pretty good," Zelda said. She could tell that the foot traffic at the plaza was picking up, and that was a good sign.

"Pretty good? Then it must be just average."

"Maybe it's not even profiting."

They all started to whisper around. Owning a plaza at such a young age? He was doomed to fail! They all felt that Manny was saying this for the sake of her daughter, but looking at

Chuck, they couldn't believe that he was the owner of a plaza.

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All her relatives looked down on Chuck Cannon, making Manny Liu extremely angry and embarrassed. Why did they all think that Chuck was so incapable?

Everyone thought that Chuck's plaza was fake, and that he would definitely be recording a loss?

Manny sighed and didn't know how to explain.

"Uncles, please don't say that. Zelda's boyfriend's plaza is doing really good." Manny shook her head.

"Yeah, the three of us went to see it last time. It's not big, but it is still pretty impressive for such a young man like him. He not only owns a plaza, but also..." The woman in the tight jeans said. She suddenly realized that she was about to bring up the last time she broke

the vase. It was too embarrassing, so she quickly shut up.

"What else?" A relative asked.

"Well, he's not bad anyway. He can settle many issues with just a phone call." The woman in the tight jeans curled her lips.

"Settle many issues? Like what?"

"He settled..." The woman in the tight jeans hesitated. It was embarrassing for her to say it.

The young woman in hot pants immediately used her hand to cover her mouth. Manny's face was unusual too. She didn't want to bring up the previous incident.

The three of them did not speak.

Were they at a loss for words?

These relatives shook their heads. They all



had connections too, and making a few phone calls to settle issues were not considered an exceptional ability.

At most, he was just lucky enough to know a few people.

Alas, Zelda Maine had such good qualities, why did she find such a useless boyfriend like him?

Such a pity.

He did not deserve to be with her at all.

"Does he really own a plaza?" A relative asked. The three of them couldn't even explain properly, who would believe them?

"Yes, it's true." Manny said in a hurry.

"Come on now, we are all relatives, and we are all looking out for Zelda. There's no need to lie to us." One of the relatives sighed and shook his head.

They were all family, so why did she have to lie for the sake of her reputation?

She couldn't even continue her lies now.

They all sighed and looked down on Chuck even more. He was clearly taking advantage of Zelda. It was such an embarrassment.

Manny was anxious. How did things get to this point?

"My daughter's boyfriend really owns a plaza. It's just next to his school, I went there last time..."

"It's alright. You don't have to say anymore, Manny. We believe that he owns a plaza!"

"Yeah. We all believe it."

They all sighed and shook their heads. In truth, they didn't believe it at all. For Manny's sake, they just pretended to.

Manny became even more anxious, and her two best friends were helpless.

The atmosphere became awkward.

Rainie Lowe and her boyfriend Wallace Hanne looked at each other, then smiled. Wallace felt so proud of himself now.

Zelda felt sorry for Chuck. She brought him here today to pretend to be her boyfriend. But she did not expect her relatives to all look down on him.

She looked at him apologetically. He was just a student but he was looked down on by her relatives.

Chuck didn't care. He was going to leave after completing his job of pretending to be Zelda's boyfriend. He was looking forward to buying that car for Yvette.

"Alright, everyone, enough talking. We know

him now. Let's eat! I'm famished." A relative proposed. He wasn't interested in discussing about Chuck.

"Yeah. There's nothing to talk about. Let's eat."

The other relatives also said so. Manny sighed and arranged for her relatives to all sit down.

"Chuck, let's eat," Zelda whispered. She wanted to comfort him by holding him in her arms. After all, she was ten years older than him.

She felt that she should do this, but there were so many people around. Could she do this?

"Sure." Chuck nodded. He had not eaten anything in the morning, and he was already really hungry.

Everyone took their seats.

Zelda asked her mother in a low voice, "Where is Dad? Is he not here at such an important occasion?" Manny then told her that he was out for important business negotiations.

Zelda nodded.

The dishes were soon served, and they all looked appetizing. They were ready to eat.

At this moment, Rainie said, "Wallace has a friend who owns a French chateau. He gave him three bottles of Lafite from 1982. It's a special occasion today, so he brought one here. Please have a try."

Wallace took out the wine bottle from his bag. It was exquisitely packaged and looked very vintage. Before he even opened the wine bottle, a wine fragrance had wafted into the air. It was really the Lafite 1982!

"Wow, I'm so lucky today."

"Wow, I've wanted to try this wine for so long now. The wine I usually drink is fake. If this really comes from a French chateau, then it should be the real deal!"

"Rainie, your boyfriend is really something!"

Several relatives immediately became excited. Rainie smiled, and Wallace opened the bottle. With a pop, the fragrance of the wine permeated the air.

"Dear uncles and aunts, please wait for a moment. It'll taste better after we let it breathe." Wallace said.

The relatives present all couldn't wait any longer. This authentic Lafite was hard to come by.

After letting the wine breathe, Wallace smiled as he poured the wine for everyone. When he poured it for Zelda, Wallace said, "Please have some, this wine is really good."

"No thank you. I'm going to drive later, so I can't drink." Zelda shook her head.

"Well then, how about your boyfriend try a little. This kind of wine is not something you get to try often," Wallace looked at Chuck and said, pouring out a bit for him.

Zelda frowned. What did he mean?

"This wine is really smooth. It's good!" A relative said.

"Wallace, thank you for letting me drink such good wine today."

Several relatives were very happy and felt that this trip was already worth it. After all, they had a chance to taste such fine wine.

Manny felt so embarrassed now. Everything was crumbling right before her. She wanted to introduce Chuck to them, but she never expected them to all look down on him like

that. And now the spotlight was even taken away by Rainie's boyfriend.

She was so ashamed that she quietly ate her food.

It was even more difficult for her two best friends to say anything.

"Chuck, right? Let's have a drink!" Wallace raised his glass.

Chuck nodded and the two of them clinked glasses.

"How is it?" Wallace asked with a smile.

"It's very delicious and sweet," Chuck said. He had never tried a wine that tasted so good before. He had some other wine before, but this wine was really good. Even he couldn't deny that.

All the relatives at the table laughed, but it was out of contempt.



Did he even know how to drink wine? A Lafite from 1982, and he dared to say that it was sweet?

Wallace smiled, it was such a pity to waste such precious wine on him.

"Since you think that it's sweet, you should drink more then," Wallace said.

Several relatives shook their heads and looked down on Chuck even more now. How could he claim to be the owner of a plaza when he didn't even know how to taste wine? Such bullsh\*t.

He was definitely saying this to save face. After all, he was nothing but a poor student.

Manny's face turned red. "Let's eat, or else the food will get cold."

"By the way, Chuck, what's the name of your plaza? I know some bosses, so I might know

which," Wallace continued. The relatives on the table all praised him even more.

"It's just a small plaza, you wouldn't know." Chuck shook his head as he ate. He just wanted to finish his meal quickly and go back.

"Just tell me. We are all family. Come on. Maybe next time we will all go to your plaza to have some fun!" Wallace continued. The other relatives felt pity. He couldn't continue with the lie, could he?

Everyone looked at Chuck, guessing that he would not be able to say the name of the plaza since he was making it all up.

"City Square," Chuck said.

"Ocean City's City Square?" Wallace suddenly smiled with a strange smile.

They were all curious. What was wrong?

"That's correct." Chuck nodded.

"I happen to know the owner of the square. I went there once last year, but the owner doesn't seem to be you. Harold Wendel is the owner of City Square!" Wallace said with a smile. What a coincidence. Chuck had lied about something that he was aware of. How unlucky!

"What? So it really doesn't belong to him?"

"Did he really have to lie?"

"Young people nowadays are full of lies!"

All the relatives at the table all sighed and shook their heads. They even felt a little angry. Why should they eat with a liar like him?