

Can't Win 1081

Chapter 1081

Alyssa kept her family company. She brought Winston for his medical checkup. While doing that, she secretly deployed the subsequent plan.

They couldn't neglect Winston's illness. So, Alyssa and Winston's three wives contemplated long and hard before deciding to inform Jonah and Silas to return and see Winston. After all, Jonah and Silas were the eldest sons in the family. They had to take up this

responsibility.

Then, Mandy asked Julien to come over and manage Winston's medical condition.

Alyssa was an excellent surgeon. However, Julien was an expert in neurology.

After a series of checks, Julien held the CT scan and patiently

explained it to Alyssa and the rest. The Taylors surrounded him and listened to him attentively.

Jonah was the only one standing furthest from the group, up tall. He glanced lightly at Julien in a white coat, explaining with a straight face to the patient's family.

A subtle gleam sparkled in his eyes, and a faint smile adorned his lips, reminiscent of a beautiful quarter moon.

Julien explained with fluency and with charisma. When he raised his gaze, he looked precisely in Jonah's direction. The both of them exchanged glances.

Jonah found himself struggling to breathe, so he quickly averted his gaze. His expression remained unchanged, but his heart was beating wildly.

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Julien chuckled secretly. Then, he turned his gaze back and said, ' Don't worry, everyone. Mr. Taylor's condition may have deteriorated in the past two years, but it is not as serious as you think it is.

"He requires regular monthly checkups, constant care to ensure he's never left alone without assistance, and timely medication.

"With these measures, his condition can be effectively managed. Keep his diet light, avoiding oily, salty, spicy, and sweet foods. Preventing blood thickening will help reduce the risk of worsening his condition."

When the lady chef of the house, Lyla, heard everything, she kept nodding in agreement. She silently thought of a new menu as Julien spoke.

"Goddamn it. These are Dad's favorites."

Silas laughed wryly. "If he hears this, he will be so speechless. He had the biggest appetite."

"He will need to get used to it fast. That man is already in his 60s and doesn't know how to take care of his health. I caught him eating cake secretly in the kitchen twice in the middle of the night. He isn't behaving like someone who owns the business world at all." Alyssa crossed her arms and shook her head angrily.

"Also, the most important thing is to keep the patient as calm as possible and make sure he doesn't get too worked up. Getting worked up will worsen his condition and affect his liver," Julien said seriously.

A look of understanding was evident on everyone's faces.

However, Alyssa blended into the crowd like a shadow, She lowered her head. She unconsciously tightened the grip on her chest. An inexplicable feeling of pain slowly oozed from her heart.

After Winston's checkup, the Taylors returned to Heightsnew Villa.

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In the living hall, everyone surrounded Winston like a child. They watched him as he took his medication. Then, they stared at him eating the oatmeal Lyla made.

"Can you add more seasoning to this, please? It's tasteless." Winston

felt as if he was swallowing a candle as he ate the oatmeal. Hel preferred his food packed with flavor.

Everyone said it at the same time, "No! You can't have too much. seasoning!"

Winston felt so helpless.

During dinner, Winston told Mandy gently, "Mandy, please go to the horse race with me over the weekend. I will ask Neil to bring some gowns to your room. You can take your pick. If you don't like any of them, I will ask someone to send more to you."

"Winston, do you really want to go?"

Mandy looked worried. "Your condition had only stabilized not long ago. Julien said you should rest more. Let's forget about the race this year."

"No, I have to go."

Winston was open to compromising his diet but not his business. The KS Group might be the cream of the crop in Belbanks, but we have yet to do the same in Solana City. KS Group's standing in Solanal City is less secure than the Beckett and the Schmidt Group.

“So, this is a rare opportunity to show up. I must take it. Plus, I’ve already told Vic I’m coming. I can’t back out now.”

Winston could become the richest man because he was an absolute opportunist.

Alyssa had perfectly taken after her father’s strengths.

She could have been famous for being Jasper’s ex wife Yet, she swept everyone off their feet by being the Queen of Pseudonyms. “Winston, I have something to talk to you about

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Alyssa casually took a sip of water and suggested, “Why don’t you attend the horse racing event with Lyla?”

Caught by surprise, Winston had not anticipated the request from his daughter. Lyla immediately explained as she blushed in nervousness, “L-Lyse, I turn down these social events because they give me the jitters. I’m not good at small talk and might make blunders. It might be better if Mandy attends. Colene could be an excellent choice as well.”

Alyssa poked through the lie, “But you seemed quite happy when your attended mass. It was crowded there, too.”

“I ...” Lyla pressed her lips until they paled.

“Winston, bring Lyla with you. I can’t possibly attend the race with your every single year. The media will make an issue out of it again,” Mandy advised after seemingly catching onto Alyssa’s plan.

Winston furrowed his brows and looked at Lyla deeply. He inquired in a hushed voice, "Lyla, are you upset?"

Lyla shook her head vehemently.

He gently took her trembling hands under the table and clasped them. "You have always refused to attend public events. I never insisted on it because I thought you disliked socializing. I didn't want to burden you. Just tell me what's on your mind. I'll try my best to fulfill your

wishes."

"Winston, I have nothing in mind," Lyla replied, tears brimming in her

eyes.

Winston felt sorry for Lyla's helpless response. He thought he had

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traumatized by what happened decades ago.

All the while, she had pretended to be fine to spare him the worry.

Finally, Winston decided to attend the horse racing event with Lyla. For that, he instructed Neil to prepare a suitable outfit for her over the night.

Everything seemed to be proceeding smoothly according to Alyssa's plan.

“Lyse!”

After everyone left the dinner table, Lyla ran after Alyssa. After some hesitation, she asked meekly, “Why... Why do you want me to attend the horse race this year?”

“Lyla, you can’t hide away forever like an invisible figure. That is utterly cruel and unfair to you. You used to be this lovely and dazzling beauty. Have you forgotten how the media hailed you as the number one bombshell?” Alyssa remarked, fixing her gaze on Lyla.

She couldn’t help but feel a twinge of bitterness for Lyla, who had enjoyed great fame as a beautiful actress only to be reduced to a humble housewife.

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To Lyla, Winston was her savior, and she appreciated the Taylor family for accepting her as one of their own. As a result, she willingly sacrificed for the family without a word of complaint.

Lyla managed a wry smile. “That was in the past. My boss had crafted my image. I never thought I was better than anyone else. All I could do was sing and act. I was no different than any employee at

work.”

“Regardless of the past, you shouldn’t be haunted by it. It’s time to

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be a good role model for her!”

Lyla was touched by Alyssa’s advice. At the thought of Tatiana, Lyla experienced a newfound strength in her body, which lifted her mood.

She smiled with guilt. "That's right. I've been too weak. As a mother, I need to be strong."

Alyssa took her hand and chuckled by her ear. "There's more to come. Just look forward to a special gift from me on that day."

Meanwhile, Jasper discreetly positioned his men in Solana City to monitor the movements of the maid who was responsible for Anne's death.

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On the other hand, Jasper suppressed news of Jeffrey Snyder receiving medical treatment, and the prisoner who had attacked. Jeffrey was under arrest as well.

Not long after, Xavier received a call from the warden, who exclaimed, "Mr. Beckett's foresight is amazing! I've had people secretly poke

around about Jeffrey Snyder these two days. I did what Mr. Beckett instructed and released the news of Jeffrey Snyder's death from the prisoner attack."

"That's great. Thank you for your help. Mr. Beckett will reward you handsomely for it," Xavier replied, after which he relayed the updates to Jasper.

Sitting in his office, Jasper was lost in thoughts while he stared at his lock screen background, which he had set to a photo of a bare-faced Alyssa sunbathing on the balcony when they were living together

He couldn't help but smile tenderly as he traced her profile.

"Wow! Madam is so pretty. No one would be able to resist her

Xavier craned his neck and admired Alyssa's photo with excitement in his eyes.

“Yeah. She’s so pretty...” Jasper muttered before suddenly slammin his phone on the table. “Did I permit you to look at it? Move.”

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“He-he! Aren’t we all attracted to beauty?” Xavier replied while straightening up and scratching his head awkwardly.

“Oh, you’re talking about attraction now?” Jasper’s expression hardened as he gave Xavier a death glare.

“Ahem, I only have admiration and respect for Madam,” Xavier

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Jasper finally relented. “What’s the matter?”

Xavier silently groaned. It appeared that Jasper had missed everything he said from the start. He had no choice but to repeat himself.

Upon hearing Xavier’s report, Jasper remained unfazed because everything was under his control. He mused, “The only way Sophia would drop her guard is when she believes Jeffrey Snyder is dead. Only then will she let down her guard and slip up.”

Xavier nodded vehemently in agreement. After some hesitation, he wondered aloud, “Mr. Beckett, why don’t you visit Madam in Belbanks if you miss her so much? She’ll see you if you show up. I believe she misses you as well.”

Jasper had been consumed by his longing for Alyssa. He had the

urge to immediately meet up with her at that moment, but he held it back and shook his head. “It’s alright. She rarely has family time. I don’t want to take away what little time she had with her family.

“Besides, Mr. Taylor will know it if I visit her in Belbanks. I think... he

doesn't want to see me at the moment.”

Xavier felt sorry for Jasper but couldn't find the right words to console him. However, Jasper took a deep breath and, seemingly comforting himself, rolled his fists and muttered, “It's okay. I'm sure Lyse and I will overcome any challenge. We have time.”

Upon learning about Jeffrey's death, Betty started dancing wildly in the villa out of joy. Upon seeing that, the maids were shocked, wondering if Betty had also inherited her mom's craziness.

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bedroom and turned off the lights as they excitedly chatted in the

dark like two rats in the gutter.

“What? Is Jeffrey Snyder dead?”

“Yes! It came from the warden’s mouth, so it must be true.

“That’s great news!”

Chapter 1084

Sophia stroked Betty’s hand, praising her, “You’re the best. You did well in this matter. I will have to thank you.”

Betty’s voice turned icy. She wondered, “Mom, do you remember your promise to me?”

After a pause, Sophia groped her way to the drawer by the headboard. in the dark and took out a leather envelope, which she tossed to Betty.

Betty immediately picked up and held the envelope to her chest, asking, “Mom, what’s this?”

“Take a look after this.”

“I can’t wait any longer!” Betty shot up and left the room without another word.

Sophia suddenly stopped her. “Wait.”

“Anything else?”

Sophia shot her a disdainful and confused look. “I do not understand why you’re hell-bent on ruining your sister’s marriage. Is it to get back at Landon because he’s not into you? Even if you ruined their

relationship, he will not take an interest in you. Don't ever dream of marrying him."

"Yeah, you hit the nail on the head. All I wanted was revenge." Betty clutched the envelope tightly as a scowl crept onto her face. "Isn't that what everyone strives for? To not be looked down upon? Am I wrong in doing so?"

In her eyes, Lauren and Landon were in the wrong.

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Back in her room, Betty immediately took out the item in the envelope. A glint appeared in her eyes, and she cackled while staring at the document, which carried the diagnosis of Lauren's autism.

The document was once regarded as the top secret of the Beckett family, who wanted to keep Lauren's disability a secret from the public to protect their image.

If the Harpers were to learn about the diagnosis, Lauren would never be able to marry Landon. After all, Landon was Cornelius' only grandson and the future heir. It was unlikely that Cornelius would allow Landon to marry a disabled woman.

Hands trembling, she made a call to Zoe. Zoe picked up and,

sounding like she was applying a facial mask, drawled, "What's wrong. again?"

Betty grinned and said, "Are you free tomorrow? Let's meet up. I have something to show you. It will crush Lauren's hope of marrying Landon."

Zoe taunted her, "Gosh, you're working hard to wreck your sister's happiness, aren't you? It's true that I hate Lauren, but I don't want you to marry Landon either. Look at you, scheming against your birth sister. What if you try to get me in trouble one day when you're angry at me? That's pretty scary."

"You're no better than me, and I'd fear for my life if you were to be my sister-in-law. Anyway, I'll take that as a compliment," Betty snapped and rolled her eyes.

"Putting aside Lauren and Landon's marriage, let me tell you this-I'll be your sister-in-law pretty soon." Zoe hummed a tune, seemingly in a good mood. "Get ready to buy that wedding gift."

"Are you really going to marry Jasper? Is he willing to marry you?" Betty expressed her doubt.

"You'll be at the horse racing event, won't you?" Zoe chuckled mysteriously. "You'll know when you're there."

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Finally, it was the day of the annual horse racing event. Every year, the members of esteemed families from across the nation would

congregate at the event, which would be live-streamed on national TV stations. Even foreign royalty would be in attendance, further adding to the merriment.

Each year, a selected distinguished family would host the event, and it was the Schmidt family's turn this year.

The venue was set to be Eastbrooke Racecourse, built just half a year ago. Victor couldn't contain his excitement at the prospect of the racecourse holding its inaugural large-scale event even before its public opening a good omen and brilliant marketing for the

racecourse.

On the other hand, Newton Beckett had skipped events like these due to his old age. Javier was attending with Sophia this year. Meanwhile, Jasper would arrive at the event separately.

When it was time to leave, Betty hurriedly strutted out in her high heels while clad in a sexy bodycon pink dress. Her inappropriate and attention-grabbing attire prompted a glare from Javier. He shook his head, commenting, "The racecourse is an open-air venue. That mini skirt will be a problem for you with the wind."

With that, he entered the car without waiting for Sophia and Betty. Betty seethed but concealed her anger. After all, the chance to attend the event was hard to come by, and she wouldn't want to upset Javier

further.

Before Sophia joined Javier in the car, Betty pulled her aside and whispered, "Mom, did you ... put that thing on?"

"Yeah." Sophia appeared flustered. It took her ages to bite the bullet.

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sanitary pad, but she was consumed by shame.

As Javier Beckett's wife, she couldn't believe that she had to use an adult diaper at her age. It was such an embarrassing matter.

"Mom, did you bring more? Your leakage is getting serious. One won't be enough," Betty voiced her concern.

"And how am I supposed to bring a few more with me? How am I

going to carry them around? It's easy for you to say!" Sophia hissed, her cheeks flushed. "The ladies are only bringing a clutch. I'll become a joke if I show up with a backpack. One is enough. Worse comes to worse, I'll just refrain from drinking water. Besides, I won't need to wear this stupid thing anymore after today."

After Sophia snapped at Betty, she entered the car. Betty took another car while replaying Sophia's words in her mind. What did Sophia mean about not having to wear the diaper anymore after today?

Suddenly, things clicked in her mind.

By 10:00 am, Eastbrooke Racecourse was teeming with The crowd was double the amount of last year's, which exceeded host's expectations.

The best VIP seats on the second floor were reserved for members of the four distinguished families—the Becketts, the Schmidts, the Harpers, and the Taylors.

The young ladies of esteemed families glanced at the VIP seats enviously through their binoculars. Some had attempted to sneak into that area, but the security was tight. Those who were not from the four distinguished families or guests of the four families were not allowed in the area..

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“Betty Beckett and Zoe Harper lucked out in the birth lottery. Their looks and class don’t match up to Jameson Schmidt and Jasper

Beckett.”

“I agree. Among all the ladies, I only have respect for Alyssa Taylor.”

“That’s true. Not only does Alyssa Taylor hail from a distinguished family, but she’s also the CEO of a hotel and a globally renowned jewelry designer. What else can Betty Beckett and Zoe Harper do besides showing off?”

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“They’re nothing without their families. They cannot hold a candle to Alyssa Taylor at all!”

One married lady suddenly interjected sarcastically, “What’s the point of having multiple careers? At the end of the day, Alyssa Taylor is nothing more than a divorcee who’s dumped by Jasper Beckett.”

Two young ladies, who had been chatting with each other, rolled their eyes at the married woman. “Ms. Alyssa is the only daughter of Winston Taylor with his first wife. She’s the real princess of the Taylor family. I guess you’re just envious of her.”

“What type of outdated mentality was that? A divorced woman is not worthless. I’d even say that marriage is just a burden for rich and powerful women.”

“Absolutely! By the way, didn’t you watch the interview last time?”

Jasper Beckett admitted that he had cheated on Alyssa Taylor. So why would she keep a cheater around? She must have dumped him over the affair.”

Upset, the married woman held her tongue and seethed in silence

without another word.

After going through ups and downs, Alyssa had amassed a growing group of fans in Solana City. It did not come as a surprise, given her talents, kindness, and beauty.

As the host, the Schmidts were the first to enter the venue, followed

by the Becketts.

It had been a while since Javier and Sophia appeared in public,

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Trailing behind her parents, Betty looked arrogant and energized. Every time there were cameras around, she’d make a lot of expressions as though she was a celebrity on the red carpet.

Alas, none of the cameras were focused on her. Instead, the reporters focused more on Javier and Sophia. Despite Betty’s best efforts, she did not come anywhere close to Sophia’s infamy. Betty, neither known for good nor bad deeds, failed to capture the media’s attention.

“What? Is Jasper Beckett absent? I’ve been waiting all this while for nothing!” A female reporter, clearly a fan of Jasper, grumbled.

“He couldn’t possibly skip the event. Let’s wait for a bit more.”

“The four distinguished families will be at the event. Wow, isn’t it going to be a battlefield?” Another excited reporter adjusted his camera position, preparing to capture every explosive interaction. That means Alyssa Taylor and Zoe Harper will both be here.

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“What will Jasper Beckett do when his ex-wife and rumored lover confront each other? Damn, I have goosebumps all imagining it. So much second-hand embarrassment.”

“Didn’t Jasper Beckett announce in front of the media that Taylor’s man at that maid’s funeral? Wasn’t that already a confession?”

“Did you take his words seriously? Is he even that trustworthy?”

“Men are liars. He’s probably rebuilding his image after having an affair. How is he going to explain his meetup with Zoe Harper at the hotel late at night?”

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“If Alyssa Taylor makes the stupid decision to get back together with him after all that had happened, she’d lose my respect.”

After the Becketts made their entrance, the Harpers arrived at the

arrival matched the high-profile fashion of the Harper Group.

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The bodyguards opened the car doors. Preston emerged, followed by Penelope and Zoe.

“Dad, take your time.”

“Grandpa, I’ll give you a hand.”

Preston and Zoe supported Cornelius as they showed up in front of the media as a harmonious family.

Cornelius, who usually looked stern, appeared relaxed and cheerful. Stopping in his tracks, he scanned the surroundings and asked in shock, “Where’s Landon? Why isn’t he here yet?”

“Landon will never skip the event. Something’s held him back. I think he’ll arrive a little later,” Penelope quickly defended her son.

“Did something or someone hold him back?” Preston joked.

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“And who might that someone be?” Cornelius asked, his brows furrowing with discontent.

“Who else can she be? It’s Sophia Kirkman’s second daughter, Lauren Beckett,” Zoe grabbed the chance to tell on Landon.

She casually teased, “Landon hasn’t been home lately. He’s built a love nest with Ms. Lauren out there, where they spend most of their time. The last time Mom was sick, I was the one who got her to the hospital. I guess Landon’s put his family behind even before marrying Ms. Lauren.”

“Zoe, can you please stop?” Penelope mumbled, not because she wanted to protect Lauren. She worried that Cornelius might be upset. at Landon.

Preston grinned, remarking, “Ms. Lauren must be a stunning beauty. Knowing Landon, he’s never been so serious with any woman. From the sounds of it, Ms. Lauren has won his heart.”

“My grandson falling for Sophia Kirkman’s daughter? Ridi Nostrils blaring, Cornelius tapped his walking stick on t Why are they living together before marriage? Is that how a lady should behave? Indeed, an indecent woman like Sophial will never raise her daughter right!”

“Dad, you need not worry too much about Landon. He’s a grown and won’t let himself be taken advantage of,” Preston reassured Cornelius with a playful chuckle, much to Penelope’s relief.

Meanwhile, a malicious smile played on Zoe’s lips. Landon might be head over heels for Lauren and intend to marry her, but the family would never accept Lauren solely because she was Sophia Kirkman’s daughter.

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At that moment, the reporters gasped. “Jasper Beckett has arrived!”

“It’s him! Jasper Beckett’s here!”

All attention shifted to Jasper’s direction as the shutters clicked away. Hearing that, Zoe perked up and cast an expectant glance at the other end of the red carpet.

There, she found Jasper clad in a black suit, wearing an aloof expression on his face. His eyes exuded the same arrogance, and each move exuded an imposing presence.

His cool demeanor had captivated the interest of many females, including Zoe.

Penelope had to tug at her daughter and whispered, "Zoe, let's move. What are you standing here for?"

"Mom..." Ogling Jasper, Zoe nearly salivated at his handsomeness. "I love Jasper so much. How I wish I were his woman."

She had been fortunate enough to embrace Jasper in the dimness of a hotel room that night when she was undressed. Through his suit, she felt his toned body and went numb at the sensation.

Since that night, she couldn't help but fantasize about how it'd feel to be underneath him as she pictured them making love. She was driven. crazy by her desire for him.

"You need to pull yourself together or risk becoming a joke. A young lady should behave with decorum," Penelope complained.

"Decorum is worth nothing. I would give up anything to be with Jasper Beckett," Zoe muttered under her breath as she eyed Jasper..

Penelope failed to hear Zoe's words. With a frown, she questioned, Zoe, what was that? Why were you talking to yourself?"

"Mom, go ahead without me. I'll wait for Jasper and enter with him."

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As calculative as ever, Zoe would never give up any opportunity to be seen with Jasper. If she made her entrance with Jasper, she would cause a commotion and be the object of envy.

More than everything, she would be mistaken as Jasper's plus-one. Jasper had never graced any social events with a plus-one, even in the three years he was married to Alyssa.

If Zoe could take advantage of this opportunity and make herself appear as his plus-one, she could prove her special place to the media. After all, actions mattered more than words..

The misunderstanding would eventually turn Jasper and Alyssa against each other, thus creating an opportunity for Zoe to work her way into the relationship.

While strategizing in her head, she noticed Jasper approaching her. Heart racing, she blushed and purred, "Jasper..."

To her dismay, Jasper treated her with his usual indifferen expression hardened as he stared through her as if she wa

Gritting her teeth, she held the hem of her dress and marche him indignantly. It was that time when someone yelled, "The are here!"

Jasper immediately perked up, and his eyes lit up with anticipati

A Lincoln stretched limousine rolled to a stop by the center of the rec carpet. The door opened, and Jonah, clad in a morning suit, glided out gracefully. He courteously held Alyssa's hand and guided her into the public's eye.

Even though the two were siblings, the spectators couldn't help but

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could easily transform a candid shot into a timeless photograph.

At that moment, the world seemed to hush for Jasper. He only had eyes on Alyssa. Staring blankly at them, he bitterly battled his jealousy toward Jonah, longing for the day he could hold Alyssa's hand and show their love in public.

Alyssa's outfit was a breath of fresh air. Departing from her usual style of bold red lips and chic pantsuits, she donned a cornflower blue chiffon dress and a floral fascinator for the special occasion, exuding an elegant yet youthful air like that of an aristocrat.

She was as bright and cheerful as the hue of her outfit. She smiled gently. Her eyes carried a friendly twinkle.

"Woah, how lovely! She's as graceful as a duchess!" The reporters sighed and exclaimed as Alyssa approached them.

Another chimed in, "Mr. Jonah and Ms. Alyssa are dressed

appropriately for a horse racing event. That's how the Grunslanish monarchy dresses for races. You could tell that the Taylor re detail- oriented and knowledgeable.

"On the other hand, you have Betty Beckett and Zoe Harper cumbersome floor-length dresses. They have clearly never a

horse race before."

"Now that you mentioned it, the difference is quite clear. Ms.

is the winner of this round."

Zoe fumed when she overheard the gossip among the reporters. Despite spending weeks selecting the perfect outfit for the occasion she lost out to Alyssa.

Worse, Jasper had wandered toward Alyssa, to her disbelief.

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Jasper, who had given Zoe icy stares just moments ago, immediately warmed up at the sight of Alyssa.

Zoe had known Jasper for years. He treated her kindly when they were younger but always devoid of passion. His reaction to Alyssa proved that Alyssa was special to him.

Green with envy, Zoe watched as Jasper approached the lady of his dreams and the love of his life.

Naturally, Alyssa noticed Jasper walking toward her. His towering height made him hard to overlook, drawing attention along the way.

Jonah whispered into her ear, "Lyse, he's coming." Usually stern, he seemed to be teasing her at that moment.

"Why pay him any attention? Just pretend he's not there." Alyssa pouted, though her heart raced. "I've made him promise not to interact with me at the event, as I don't want trouble. Why isn

"He promised to listen to me, but he's not keeping his w "she cursed.

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Filthy liar? Jonah had to stifle a laugh. It appeared the couple preferred expressing their affection through banter.

Meanwhile, Winston and Lyla stepped foot on the red carpet, a arm, under the astonished gaze of the public.

Lyla was dressed in a similar cornflower blue outfit that Alyssa had arranged for her. The outfit, a prim and proper power suit, was tailored to Lyla's fit. A chiffon-layered fascinator obscured her face, adding an otherworldly charm.

“My God, isn’t that Winston Taylor? He might have aged, but observe

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behind.”

“He must have been a super hot guy 30 years ago, maybe even better looking than Jasper Beckett. Besides, his genes are so powerful-his children are his carbon copies.”

“Indeed...”

“Lyla Nelson is so lovely. I’m mesmerized!”

“There’s a reason she beat Sophia Kirkman to be the queen of TS Network back in the day!”

“What a pity! You youngsters have no idea how popular Lyla Nelson was. If it weren’t for that incident, she wouldn’t have retired and given up opportunities to Sophia Kirkman. Sophia Kirkman owes her career success to Lyla!”

The onlookers nodded in agreement. Lyla, having overheard the conversations, embarrassedly clung to Winston’s arm.

He teased her softly, giving her a boost of courage, “You have nothin to be afraid of when you’re beside me. Look, they’re all praising you Besides that, no one would dare to gossip about my wife. They’ll only get into trouble.”

Lyla choked up as she gazed into the eyes of her husband. She muttered, “I-I’m just worried I’d embarrass you, Jonah, and Lyse.”

Holding his breath, Winston held her hand. "That's nonsense. Don't overthink. In fact, I feel that you're too good for me."

Lyla stared at her feet and shook her head. She was fully aware that she'd never be Winston's only love or claim his full attention. Despite that, she did not feel bitter about marrying him. Without Winston, she wouldn't have survived until today.

Chapter 1090

Lyla was grateful for her life, even though she thought that she didn't deserve her luxurious life at times.

The arrival of the Taylors marked another climax of the event.

Jasper's walk toward Alyssa became the media's focus once again as the shutters clicked in a frenzy.

Winston, shooting daggers at his troublesome ex-son-in-law, fumed. and resisted the urge to punch him in the face.

Jasper gazed into Alyssa's eyes with sincerity, his heart racing. "Mr. Taylor, may I have your permission to make my entrance with your daughter? I would love Alyssa to be my plus-one."

Hearing that, Alyssa bashfully pressed her lips. It was rare to see her flustered.

"Mr. Beckett, I believe there are many who wished to be your plus-one. Why does it have to be our Lyse?" Winston cast a pier Jasper without any attempt to play nice.

"Yes. It has to be Lyse," Jasper confessed.

Taking a deep breath, he reached out a hand to Alyssa. "I her by my side. I'll always keep a place for her."

The onlookers gasped and marveled at his tender and sweet

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Although Zoe could not make out his words due to the distance, she fathomed it wouldn't be anything good, judging from the excitement on the reporters' faces..

Winston turned to Alyssa with a glum expression. Alyssa, preferring to keep a low profile and still harboring some lingering grudge toward

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Midway through her speech, she was shocked when Jasper reached out to hold her hand in public. Her breathing intensified when he pulled her closer without giving anyone a say, as though he wanted to lay claim to her. He wanted to make it known to the world that Alyssa Taylor belonged to him..

"Lyse, let's go." Jasper held her hand firmly, his eyes full of affection.

Blushing, she protested in a hushed voice, "Damn it! You're being unreasonable."

"I'm not. I'm merely creating opportunities for myself," he replied with a grin.

Then, he whispered in her ear, "You must have realized by now my clingy nature."

The good-looking couple vanished from the red carpet under the envious eyes of the public. Even the huge screen at the racecourse entrance gave them a close-up.

“Look at them, Winston. What a match made in heaven!” Lyla help but exclaim.

“It doesn’t appear like that to me!” raged Winston. “The audaci that little prick to snatch Lyse in front of my eyes!”

“He’s not snatching your daughter from you. They’re in love, and I believe Lyse willingly followed him,” Lyla advised, “Winston, you’ve been through the same thing. You should know better. Nothing could stand in the way of two lovers.”

“I don’t know about that! All I know is that one should never repeat the same mistake!” Winston shook his head disapprovingly, “If we truly love Lyse, we should point her down the right path and stop her from making more mistakes.

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“I spoilt her too much years ago, and she ended up suffering because of that. I will never repeat the same mistake in the future!”

Lyla fell silent. She was at a loss for words, fearing that she might be accused of not caring for Alyssa’s welfare if she held her stance.