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When Easton heard that, he panicked and hurriedly explained, “Jada, I swear to you, I’ve never tricked you or told you a lie before! My wife can bear witness too!”

Lucy was just as afraid of offending the Stones, so she raised one hand and swore, “That’s right! He’s a nobody, and I know him very well. Their family didn’t have much money in the past, and I chose to be with Easton because I hated how poor Severin was. And he only got out of prison a few days ago!”

When Jada saw that the two of them seemed to be telling the truth, she nodded and said, “Alright. I believe you. If that’s the case, then he only knew Henry and Larry within a couple of days. I don’t believe their relationship would be. Since we have just met for a short time, I’m guessing their friendship doesn’t run too deep!”

Victor shook his head. “That might not necessarily be the case. Look at how Larry treated him earlier. If we target Severin again, I don’t think Draco Hall will just let it slide!”

Jada thought for a moment and smiled coldly as she said, “We might be afraid of Draco Hall, but there are certain second-tier families who don’t fear them!”

Victor’s heart skipped a beat and he immediately asked, “Do you mean the Horsfields? And more specifically, Edward Horsfield?”

Jada nodded with a wicked smile. “Easton once told me that Edward offered one and a half million dollars to the Shanahans as dowry for Diane. There’s only one explanation for his willingness to give such a large sum—Diane still holds an important place in his heart. If we want revenge, our only option is to pit Edward against Severin!”

Her suggestion made Easton’s eyes light up. “You’re right! Why didn’t I think of that? Not even Draco Hall would dare to offend the Horsfields, and if Edward can help us kill Severin, wouldn’t that be considered revenge already?”

Victor pondered over the suggestion and gave his opinion. “That’s one way to do it, but Edward is an incredibly arrogant character, and he does things very recklessly too. Since he’s not a good person, it would serve you well to be more careful if you decide to get in touch with him.”

“Don’t worry, Dad! Just leave this matter to me! The Liberty City project is looking for investors soon, right? You should focus on that!” Jada smiled with confidence.

“Sure. I’ll leave this matter aside for the time being and trust in your ability!” Victor could see that his daughter was becoming more and more sensible, and he finally felt less worried about her. However, he thought over the suggestion again and left one final word of advice for them, “By the way, you need to let Edward figure out what to do by giving him hints, rather than taking an active role in this issue. He’ll likely be unhappy if he feels that he’s being used by us.”

“Relax, Dad,” Jada assured. “I’ve got this!”

Beside them, Lucy frowned in deep thought before finally saying, "We need to make sure that our plan isn't discovered by Draco Hall. They might be afraid of the Horsfields, but they sure aren't afraid of us!"

"Indeed!" Victor glanced approvingly at Lucy. "That's a very insightful observation!"

At that moment, Judith had just finished her meal at the villa and was feeling a little worried. "Why isn't Severin back yet?"

Diane immediately came forward to comfort her. "Don't worry, Mom. He went to treat a patient. Larry wouldn't have been that polite to him if not for that!"

Judith expressed her concerns. "We can't say for sure, though. I'm worried that his medical skills might not be good enough, and he ends up not being able to cure Larry's mother. What if the treatment fails and her illness acts up even more? Worse still, what if she dies from his treatment? Severin will be in trouble if Larry gets angry!"

Diane began to feel worried too when she heard Judith's concerns, but she still smiled and said, "I believe in Severin. He'll be back soon enough!"

At that moment, a car drove into the yard and stopped outside. Severin, Larry, and Blade had finally returned.

"Severin! You're back! How did it go? Is his mother cured now?" Judith ran over to Severin and held his hand as soon as she saw him return.

Before Severin could answer, Larry spoke ahead of him. "Not to worry, ma'am, it's all cured. Mister Severin truly is a miracle doctor. My mother's illness will be gone in no time with the help of some more medications. It's all thanks to Mister Severin!"

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Severin had a polite expression as well. "I didn't know how to thank you both for Blade's help last night and your help today too!"

"Haha, you're more than welcome. I'll treat you like my elder brother from now on. After all, you've treated my mother, and that's more important than anything else!" Larry chuckled heartily.

"You're too kind, I say. Too kind! Let's continue to help each other in the future!" Severin smiled.

Maurice stood there with a look of relief on his face. His son has been shown to be capable and promising, and there was no need for anyone to be worried that Easton might come to cause trouble with them now that Severin got acquainted with someone like Larry.

"Alright then! We'll be excusing ourselves now!" Larry and Blade bid Severin's family goodbye and drove off.

"Did you drink?" Diane could not help but ask after walking over and catching a faint whiff of alcohol on Severin's body.

Severin smiled. “Yes, Hall Master Larry was too polite, and I told him that it’s fine not to pay for the medical expenses, but he insisted that I drink with him, and he also insisted on driving me back! I felt bad if I were to refuse his gesture!”

Diane was glad to hear that. “Why do you need to refuse? It’s a good thing that you got the chance to know them better. After all, they helped us a lot today, and even if he doesn’t buy you a drink, you should be the one to buy them a drink as a token of thanks!”

Severin chuckled. “All’s good as long as my wife doesn’t get angry at me for having some drinks!”

Diane rolled her eyes at Severin but it gave off a rather coquettish vibe. “What are you talking about? It’s not like I’m a tigress. You don’t expect me to control your every move and stop you from going out for a drink, right? I’m fine as long as you don’t go out drinking with other women”

“Other women? Certainly not! I have such a gentle, virtuous, generous, and kind-hearted wife. Other women can never compare to my wife!” Severin bragged about how proud he was of Diane.

Diane’s felt all sweet in her heart but she still rolled her eyes bashfully at Severin. “Oh, quit your nonsense. I’m not that good?”

“Haha, but he’s right though. You are a good daughter-in-law!” Maurice chuckled at one side.

“My mom’s super beautiful too!” Selene looked up at Diane with a proud expression.

Diane did not know whether to laugh or cry. She glared at Severin, and said softly, “Your daughter’s taking after all your traits, Severin. She’s even learned how to sweet talk like you!”

“But I’m telling the truth!” Severin laughed.

At the end of the night, however, Severin was surprised to see six sexy, stylishly-dressed women appearing at their door all at once.

Their long, curly-haired leader was the most beautiful one of the six. She wore a pair of white casual shoes and short jeans that revealed two sexy long legs, while the rest of her get-up consisted of a white shirt, a pair of sunglasses, and two big earrings.

Diane was playing with Selene in the yard, and she frowned as soon as she saw all those women appearing before her.

“And you are?” she asked.

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“You must be the missus, right?” The woman stepped forward and smiled at Diane. “We’re the bodyguards Mister Severin hired!”

“Bodyguards?” Diane had a contorted expression on her face when heard that. Those women all had good figures—some had the girl-next-door look, some had a cold character, and others were very sultry. They were the complete opposite of how bodyguards were supposed to look.

“Severin!” Diane gritted her teeth and could not resist yelling out loud.

“What’s the matter, honey?” When Severin rushed out, he was stunned to see several sexily- dressed women. “Uhh...who are they?”

“Oh? Aren’t these the bodyguards you hired? Are you seriously telling me you don’t know them? Who are you trying to fool?” Severin’s bewildered face angered Diane even more. She suspected that he had been searching for lovers instead of bodyguards, and they looked like women who were just waiting to be taken care of rather than women who were capable of taking care of others. In her mind, Severin was already straying away. She was fine with living in a big villa and having insane amounts of cash in hand, but searching for women and hiring them as ‘bodyguards’ was something she could not accept. After all, who knows what intentions he had in private?

“The bodyguards I hired?” Severin frowned and felt a headache coming on as he looked at those women.

“Yes! Warren sent us here!” One of the girls stepped forward and said with a smile. She looked relatively young, and exuded a youthful air all over her.

Severin finally understood what was happening and explained to Diane with a smile. “Oh yeah! I called a friend to get me some bodyguards after the Stones come to cause trouble with us today. I was worried that the family might be in danger, hence why I decided to hire a few bodyguards as protection!” At that juncture, Severin scratched his head in embarrassment, and continued, “I didn’t expect my friend to hire an all-female team of bodyguards!”

“You can’t be thinking about asking to leave, right?” The girl suddenly had a pitiful look on her face.

“Yeah! Do you know how difficult it was to get someone to hire us? Just do us a favor and accept us!” Another woman also stepped forward.

Some distance away, Judith and Maurice came out and tried to find out what was going on there.

“These are the bodyguards you hired, Severin? They’re all girls! Will they be competent at their job? And how much did it cost to hire them? We don’t need these bodyguards, do we?” Judith came over and asked. She was clearly concerned about the money that would be used on them.

“Ma’am, this friend of our boss has already paid our wages. To be precise, we’ve been paid ten years of wages upfront!” A woman with permed hair smiled slightly and continued, “And besides, you can’t look down on women. We can go up against a hundred men without any problem!”

Severin was speechless. He was well aware that Warren hired a group of skilled individuals, but there was no need to specifically choose beautiful women. He surmised that Warren was unaware that he had a wife and a daughter, or else six men would have been sent over instead of

six women.

“Ten years’ of wages...paid upfront?” Judith frowned, looked at Severin, and asked, “Severin, what’s your relationship with that friend? How is it that they could afford to pay so much money?”

“Our friendship is one that’s built on fate!” Severin could only say.

“You have the final say, honey! If you want to chase them away, then I’ll chase them away. If you want to keep them around, then we’ll do just that. I’m sure they’re strong enough either way!” Severin looked at Diane and added, “Then again, I think having female bodyguards are a good

have a thing. They won’t look out of place if they go shopping with you, and I’d be worried if you group of handsome men by your side all the time as your bodyguards.”

Diane rolled her eyes at him when she heard that. “Hmph, it’s not like I’d know whether or not you deliberately told your friend to choose beautiful women as bodyguards.”

Severin immediately cried out, “You’re not being fair to me! I never had that sort of idea at all! All I requested was for him to find some bodyguards for me to protect my family!”

Diane could not help herself from laughing. “Okay, okay. Since your friend already paid for them, we might as well just accept them?”

After she finished speaking, she looked at the six beautiful women in front of her and said, “But I think you girls brag a little too much. Are you sure you can face off against a hundred men single-handedly? Can one of you demonstrate your strength right now?”

The youngest-looking girl in her late teens walked over and looked at the stone lion near the door that was as tall as a man. She then squatted down and lifted it with one hand. “How’s this?”

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The young girl smiled slightly and asked Diane if she was satisfied.

Diane’s red lips parted open slightly and she covered her mouth. “You’re...you’re too strong!”

“Goodness me.” Maurice gulped. “Your strength is just...out of this world. Your salary must be very high too!” He previously also felt that they all looked too pampered to be bodyguards, but their show of strength really did scare him.

“Don’t you worry, Dad. They’ve already been paid. It’ll be much safer now that they’re here to tag along with you whenever you go out in the future. I can finally rest easy now!” Severin said with a smile.

A dull thud was heard as the girl put the stone lion on the ground. It felt as if the ground had shaken slightly.

She dusted her hands, walked over, and smiled at Diane before saying, “Ma’am, I’m the weakest among the six. If you don’t believe me, you can ask one of them to give you another demonstration!”

“I’ll do it!” Another woman stood up and was about to walk over.

“No, no, no! I trust you!” Diane was frightened stiff. As soon as she snapped out of her shock, she smiled awkwardly. “Who hired you, by the way? It’s amazing that he could find bodyguards as strong as you people!”

The prettiest one smiled and said, “Him? He’s someone who ranks at the top of this world. He’s very strong!”

“Is that so?” Diane was skeptical. While those women did have skills, they were also exceptionally good at bragging.

“By the way, let me introduce myself! My name is Wendy Newman!” Their leader came forward and introduced herself.

“Mine is Lillie Sloan!” The girl in her late teens smiled sweetly.

“My name is Kiera Redmond!” said the curviest woman of the lot.

“I’m Abigail Reid!”

“And I’m Bailey Wilde!”

“My name is Naomi Jenson!”

All six of them stepped forward and introduced themselves.

*As for your rooms, there are plenty of empty ones upstairs and downstairs. Feel free to choose whichever one you like!” Diane told them. “Make yourselves at home. You can also join us for breakfast, lunch, and dinner if you want!”

“Thanks for the offer, but we’re just bodyguards. We’ll be fine with settling our meals by ourselves.

‘Lillie smiled.

“That works too.” Diane agreed when they insisted.

After Severin gave some more thought to his situation, he told his parents, “Mom, Dad, since we have bodyguards now, I might as well hire some servants tomorrow. We’d need people to clean the house and cook for us. There’s a row of houses at the back that are specifically for servants, and it’ll be such a waste to just leave the place empty!”

Judith rolled her eyes at Severin. “It’d be such a waste of money to hire so many people!”

Severin said with a smile, “But having more people around would be good too. It will be far below normal living standards if we didn’t hire any servants for such a big villa. Besides, we’re rich now too!”

“Alright, you make the call. I guess I’ll just enjoy my life in the future!” Judith said in a pleased and grateful tone.

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The next morning, Severin was about to head out and see if he could hire some servants when Felicia, William, and Megan showed up unexpectedly.

“Oh, it’s our in-laws! Come and have a seat!” As soon as Judith saw them, she immediately stepped forward and greeted them enthusiastically.

Although a quarrel ensued the last time that their in-laws came, they were still technically family. Maurice then immediately greeted him with a smile. "Hello, Felicia. We went out yesterday and bought some good tea. I'll make some for you in a bit!"

"There's no need to be so polite. We're all family, after all." Felicia felt a little embarrassed when Maurice said that and immediately replied courteously to him.

At that moment, six beautiful women came out of the house behind Diane.

"What's the deal with all these women, Severin?" Megan questioned Severin before Felicia could say anything else. She looked at all those women and saw how good of a figure they all had. Some looked like absolute sweeties, but all of them were equally as attractive.

"We hired bodyguards!" Severin smiled awkwardly, and he had a slightly odd expression too. Those women did not look like bodyguards at all. They were all extremely youthful and energetic, with a couple of them wearing short jeans that revealed their long, slender, and fair thighs.

"Bodyguards? Not bad. You have money to hire bodyguards?" Megan folded her hands over her chest and sneered. "Why are they all women though? Are they even capable of fighting when they look so delicate?"

"Don't look down on them, Megan. Do you see that stone statue of a lion at the entrance? Any one of them can lift that statue with one hand. Does that sound strong enough to you?" Diane said with a smile.

Megan turned around and saw that the statue was taller than her by about one head. Clearly, she did not believe it.

"Hehe, I didn't know you were such a braggart too, Diane! I don't believe it one bit!" Megan snickered and said to the youngest-looking girl. "Go there and show it to me!"

Megan had a very nasty attitude at that time, which upset Lillie greatly. She put her hands on her chest and smiled disdainfully. "Why should I do as you say? You're not my boss. I only answer to my boss and his wife. I don't have to listen to your demands!"

"You...ugh!" Megan gritted her teeth angrily, glared at the young bodyguard in front of her, and lambasted, "You're just a bodyguard! How dare you talk to me like that?"

"I'm a bodyguard, but I'm not your bodyguard. I can choose to ignore your requests if I want!" Lillie shot back.

Megan was speechless. In the end, she could only look at her sister, and complain, "Look! Can't you see the kind attitude your bodyguards have? Are these the kind of people you want to be hiring? You should've hired older guys! At least they won't be as disobedient as these girls here!"

To her surprise, Diane smiled softly and said, "I think Lillie is right, though. She's the bodyguard that Severin and I hired, so they have no obligation to listen to you. That's why they're our bodyguards and not the Shanahans' bodyguards."

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Megan was speechless. She gritted her teeth angrily and did not know how to refute Diane. All she could say was, "Hmph, if you ask me, they probably suck at their job and are just scared to show their skills. Even if they learned a thing or two, it's probably just all for show. The way I see it, Severin hired bodyguards who look good but can't do a thing. You need to be careful too, Diane. Severin might just be having an affair with these beautiful bodyguards!"

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"What nonsense are you talking about? Lillie was furious. She and her other five comrades were not some random people on the street, but junior generals who contributed a lot to their country during the war.

Had Warren not personally come to them, they would never have decided to serve as someone else's bodyguards. Moreover, Wendy the most beautiful of the six and also their leader was none other than the granddaughter of Hciace Newman, one of the Four Great War Heroes. After Wendy learned that her grandfather wanted to marry her off to a young man, she was intrigued by who that young man was. Unfortunately, that young man rejected her grandfather's gesture and refused her outright even though he had never even met her before! Wendy could not come to terms with that and felt very uneasy when that happened.

As soon as she was told that the same young man needed a bodyguard, Wendy approached Warren without a second thought and declared to him that she wanted that position.

In truth, Wendy only decided to take up the job just to get a glimpse of that near-divine existence whom even her grandfather and Warren valued and respected tremendously. In addition, she also wanted to test whether someone as attractive as her could sway the young man's heart.

Once Wendy arrived there, she was left utterly speechless when she discovered that the young man had a wife and even a child! It was all wishful thinking on her part when she considered seducing him.

Severin showed little enthusiasm toward the six of them when they came, which meant that Severin must love his wife very much.

For the record, a lot of people had contributed greatly to Darshia during the war, and those who contributed were divided into certain levels according to their merits and combat ability. Generally speaking, being appointed as a junior captain or a senior captain was good enough as the positions were treated as a symbol of glory. Those who are stronger than that of a captain were junior generals and senior generals. Above the generals were war chiefs, and such people were very few. There was another category that was stronger and more authoritative than a war chief, and those were the Four Great War Heroes, also known as war gods or the Four Great War

Gods.

Of the six women who were working as bodyguards for Severin, Wendy was the only senior general and the other five were junior generals. Had they not worn ordinary clothes, put on makeup, and changed their hairstyles to avoid being recognized, it was easy to tell that they were of much high social standing than most people.

When Megan slandered Lillie and the others for having affairs with Severin, it was natural for the six of them to be unhappy.

“What’s the matter? Cat got your tongue? I hit the bullseye, didn’t I?” Megan felt even prouder when she saw Lillie getting angry.

Lillie clenched her fists. If Megan was some random person, she would have knocked them on the ground and beat them to a pulp. However, she knew that their boss was no ordinary person, and that the woman slandering her was the boss’s sister-in-law. Those reasons compelled her to hold back the anger in her heart.

“Enough with your wild accusations, Megan. I will have you kicked out of here if you keep making baseless slander!” Diane could not stand her sister’s mean words anymore.

Severin then chimed in. “Did you people come here just to talk bad about my bodyguards? Even though I hired them as bodyguards, that doesn’t change the fact that they’re human beings with dignity. I hope you’ll watch your words so as not to cross the line with what you say.”

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“There’s no harm in keeping quiet, is there, Megan? Why are you getting all angry with the bodyguards?” Felicia chided when she saw that Diane and Severin were not very pleased with what happened.

She smiled at them, recalled the reason for their visit, and said to Severin, “I’m sure you remember the bet we made, right?”

Severin had a grin on his face as he answered immediately, “Of course. But it’s only been two or three days though. Are you all getting overly anxious? I’ve assured you that the seven-and-a-half million dowry will be ready for you within a month!”

In response, Felicia hurriedly said, “No, no, that’s not it. We didn’t come here to rush you. There’s just one other thing that we need to tell you!”

“And what’s this ‘other thing’?” Severin frowned and was slightly puzzled.

Felicia paused briefly before saying, “Our previous bet remains the same, but we’re adding another extra condition!”

“Another extra condition? What do you mean by that?” Severin’s face soured. “A bet takes effect when both parties accepted the initial conditions, and no changing of the terms is allowed. Are you guys deliberately trying to make things difficult for me because you know I’d win?”

Diane felt that they were being very unjust toward Severin and immediately said to Felicia, “You can’t just change the terms as you please, Mom? The agreement was seven and a half million. Are you now telling us that it’s too little?”

“Hehe, not at all. Seven-and-a-half million is plenty! I would never dream of having so much money!

Felicia chuckled. "The extra condition that I wish to add is that you're not allowed to sell this villa to raise money for the dowry. Is that fair?"

"I'm not allowed to sell the villa?" Severin had a puzzled expression on his face. He never intended to sell the villa at all. It was a very good piece of property that was located in a strategic place and was also relatively quiet. There was no reason for him to sell it, especially since it was given to him by Henry as a token of appreciation. If he sold it off, then it would be tantamount to a massive show of disrespect. Should that happen, then other people might think of him as someone who likes to take advantage of others.

"That's right!" Felicia immediately reasoned. "Where are you going to live if you sell it? Mister Henry gave it to you as a gesture of thanks. Selling it is like slapping Mister Henry in the face! Besides, I don't want my daughter to live in a run-down house after marrying you. You need to give us the dowry without selling this villa!"

"Yes. If you want to win the bet with me, you'll have to fork out more money!" Megan said triumphantly. "If you can't, you'll leave Diane so that she can be with a rich kid like Edward. Even though Edward didn't offer as much money as you did for the dowry, but he can always take out more if he wants. You, on the other hand, are probably just bragging! More importantly, Edward is the Horsfields' only son, so I take it you're smart enough to know what that means."

Felicia, "Why should I when this place is so comfortable to live in? If I sold this place off, where will my family live in the future? I don't want my wife to stay in a place that's worse than here! Don't worry about the money for the dowry. You'll get it."

Felicia was starting to lose her composure a little when Severin said that. Although she lived in a villa with her husband and her daughter, it was just a small townhouse that paled far in

comparison to Severin's villa.

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Severin only made such a remark out of love for Diane. Felicia could not get angry at him for that, and she could not find a reason to refute it either.

"Easy for you to say! Where are you going to get all that money without selling off the villa? And didn't you also say that you wanted to organize a grand wedding for my sister in the future?" Megan sneered. "I think you're just deliberately making excuses to drag this further. I'm sure you'd be more than happy to drag this out as long as you can since there's still more than twenty days remaining."

Diane did not wait for Severin to say anything further and took the initiative to respond. "You don't have to worry so much, Megan. Mom will get the seven and a half million that Severin promised. Not a cent less! All you need to do is wait. The money will be transferred to Mom's account later. She just needs to give him the account number!"

"Does he really have that much money?" Megan became a little flustered when she saw Diane's confident expression. After all, Diane was far too calm, and she probably would not make such firm declarations if Severin had no money!

“Of course. Don’t underestimate my husband!” Diane smiled, walked up to Severin, and hooked her arm around his. “In my eyes, Severin is a million times better than Edward!”

Severin was overjoyed, no doubt because it was the first time Diane took the initiative to hold him by the arm and address him as her husband. At that moment, he felt that happiness could sometimes come little by little, then all at once.

Judith and Maurice, who were standing at one side, smiled and exchanged glances with each other after bearing witness to what happened.

Wendy, on the other hand, frowned a little. Diane was indeed a good woman, and especially notable was her gentleness, magnanimousness, and that particularly charming smile she had. Though Wendy still did not completely get over the fact that Severin had rejected her through her grandfather, she had begun to accept it and was feeling a little calmer in her heart.

“Really?!” Felicia was ecstatic and immediately took out one of her bank books. She then took out a pen, wrote the account number on a piece of paper, and handed it to Severin. Then, her view of Severin seemed to have changed completely. “Oh, my dear son-in-law! I’ll wait for your good news! There’s still another twenty days to go, so I hope you can prove yourself instead of letting me down!”

Severin had no choice but to endure Felicia’s gold-digging attitude. He answered her with a faint smile, “Relax. I am a man of my word.”

“Okay. I believe you! Don’t let me down, okay!” Felicia nodded. “Even though that was the main reason we came here, there’s something else we wanted to talk about. It’s regarding the Liberty City project. Stanley said he can handle it, but I’m hoping he can’t!”

“Liberty City?” Severin frowned in confusion and had no idea what was going on.

At that moment, William took a step forward and told Severin everything about Liberty City. After that, he explained, “That is the reason why we’d prefer it if Stanley meets with failure in his

attempt to secure a quota. If he can’t get it done within the week, then my mother would naturally turn to you. She hopes that you can help the Shanahans by virtue of your relationship with Mister Henry. If

you’re able to, then she’ll appreciate you more, and she might also appreciate Diane more too. She may even eventually let Diane resume working at the family company!”

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Severin could only frown when he knew what Felicia and William were thinking. In truth, he could never spend all the money he had even if he never went to work again for the rest of his life. He did not want Diane to work again because she had suffered so much for him in the past years.

Had he not been afraid of scaring Diane with the knowledge of how much money he owned, he would not have shown her just thirty million to prove to her that he had the money. He only showed her that amount to reassure her of his ability.

He remained silent for a few seconds and then asked William, "Were you hoping that Diane would go back to work?"

Upon hearing this, Megan, who had been stifling her anger in her heart, said directly, "Duh! Can you afford to take care of my sister if she doesn't go to work? We want to live a high-class life, not an ordinary life! And on that note, having too much money isn't a problem, right?"

Severin glanced at Megan and could not be bothered to entertain her stubbornness. Instead, he looked at Diane and said, "Do you want to get on the old lady's good side so you can go back to work?"

Diane pondered over his question. "Getting on the old lady's good side is something I've never considered. The wound from my past is still fresh. But regarding work...I actually do want to go back to work, if only to get back at Stanley!"

"Right!" Megan immediately said. "The company has been mismanaged after Stanley became the general manager. He replaced some of the lower-level people with his guys, who are mostly all bootlickers who know how to brag but can't do a good job at work!"

Felicia was angry too when Stanley's name was mentioned. "He's always been eyeing snatch Diane's position, and he's worried that Diane would inherit the Shanahans' property. To make matters worse, he used to rub salt in the wound when Diane was chased out of the family and often cooks up some random excuses to deduct the monthly allowance given to us by the Shanahans. Diane's father was even transferred to the warehouse, and his salary has been

reduced a lot too!"

After William heard that, he smiled wryly and said, "That's not the end of it. We can turn a blind eye to all his snide remarks to us, but the worse thing he did was privately tell some of his friends from the same industry to avoid employing Diane after she was kicked out of the family. That was why she could not find a decent job and had to resort to delivering food! Surely, you can see how despicable he is!"

When Severin heard that, he finally understood why Diane wanted to go back to work.

First of all, she was still undoubtedly part of the Shanahan family. Although the old lady was very angry some years ago and kicked her out as a result, Diane might no longer be that angry at her anymore if too many years have passed.

Second, if Diane chose to go back, her main reason was to target Stanley, her cousin. He had used all sorts of dirty tricks to give Diane's family, and Diane especially, a bad life. It was therefore natural that Diane would hope to go back and vent her anger

int Stanley and take revenge on

him for what he did.

Diane said insipidly, "I don't hate Grandma all that much, to be honest. While she was ruthless back in the day, I admit that I disgraced the Shanahans when I became pregnant out of wedlock. Our company is going downhill, and it will meet its demise sooner or later if Stanley is allowed to continue. I don't want to see our company ruined like this. It was born from Grandpa's blood, sweat, and tears!"

“Yeah. Your grandfather adored you most, but, unfortunately, he passed away due to sickness. It’d be great if he was still alive!” William lamented. “The old lady tends to favor boys a bit more. As soon as you were kicked out of the Shanahans, she immediately made Stanley the general manager.”

“I get it now!” Severin nodded. “If you want to go back and work at the company, then you’ll just need to find a way back in. But I’m guessing that the old lady still wouldn’t put you in the general manager position even if I can help the Shanahans secure a quota in the Liberty City project.”

“Being a normal manager is fine too. It’s better than the current situation, at least. As long as Diane has a say in the Shanahans, Stanley would never dare to push us around like this!” Felicia said directly.

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Severin, however, shook his head. “If she wants to go back to the company, the only way is to become the general manager. Being just a manager will give Stanley all the authority to make things difficult for you with the ultimate aim of firing you!”

“You’re right. He is a very sinister man!” Felicia nodded in approval, but soon frowned and said. “But the old lady probably won’t agree!”

“Haha, she’ll have to agree if she doesn’t have a choice!” Severin said with a chuckle and added. “Don’t worry. Just leave it to me!”

“Hehe, easy for you to say. Stanley’s no idiot. Grandma said she’ll give him a week. If he doesn’t secure the quota yet, then she’ll come to you for help. You do understand what that means, don’t you? She values Stanley more. You’re just a last-ditch option!” Megan snickered. “Besides, Mister Henry doesn’t owe you any more favors after giving you the villa. The quota for Liberty City is very precious and far from being just simply projects. God knows how many million each quota is worth. It’s the prospect of future development that everyone is considering. Do you even understand that? I don’t think Mister Henry will even bother to entertain you!”

Megan’s sensible observation made Felicia feel as though Severin’s hopes were very slim, but she still said, “It can’t be helped. We have no choice but to just give it a try. If Stanley can’t get it done, then allowing Severin a crack at the opportunity is better than not trying at all! What if we get lucky and Mister Henry takes a fancy to Severin?”

“Are we really going to put hope on a lost cause?” Megan chuckled. She was clearly not optimistic about Severin’s chances.

“By the way, since you’re both here today, you might as well have lunch before leaving. I feel bad when you all left without eating the other day.” Severin said awkwardly when he thought of how he pissed Felicia and others off the other day.

“Hehe, okay, okay. Now that I think of it, you haven’t treated us to a meal yet!” Felicia laughed. Since Severin had taken down the bank account, she felt that there was still hope yet for the seven and a half thousand.

After all, although Edward’s family was rich, he did not have a good character. More importantly, he always had an air of superiority whenever he met them. Another point of note was that Selene-

daughter that Diane gave birth to-was already around four years old. If Severin could come up with the dowry, she felt that Severin was a very good choice too.

“Wait!” All of a sudden, Megan smiled slyly. “You have a daughter with my sister, so if you can fork. out that dowry, you’ll end up being my brother-in-law anyway. Since this is the first time that you’re treating us to a meal, you can’t possibly be thinking of cooking at home, right?”

“We’re eating out! That’s a must!” Judith immediately took a step forward and said with a smile, Megan is right. It’s your first time treating your in-laws to a meal, so eating out is the way to go!”