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Mick knew he would not be able to persuade Severin once the latter had made up his mind, so he said to Candy, “Candy, take some men to go back with you and Mister Severin back to Must Hall. After he had freshened up, you can all follow him to Brookbourn. I and the rest of the men will take care of the other strongholds. We’ll find the time to visit you and Mister Severin. once things have stabilized, which I’m guessing would take around two days’ time.”

“Yes, Father. Don’t worry. You can leave it up to me!” Candy said with a smile.

“Good girl.” Mick nodded. Then he apologetically turned to Severin, and said, “Mister Severin, I apologize for not being able to personally send you back. There are still things I need to do here.”

Mister Severin smiled. “Nonsense. We have all the time in the world to catch up later.”

“Let’s go, Mister Severin!” Candy immediately led the way, and several of Mus Hall’s escorted Severin to leave the place first.

After Severin left, Mus Hall’s Great Elder said, “Mick, having Mister Severin on our side is at game-changer! It took him less than five seconds to kill all three of Blood-Drinker Gang’s great-elders. I won’t be surprised if his attainment is at the level of a warrior king. Moreover, it might not be level one warrior king, but either level two or three warrior king!”

“He’s right. We’re lucky, Mick. Good thing he’s the enemy of Blood-Drinker Gang. We should throw a party for him in the near future. We won’t have to fear anyone or anything with him. as our friend!” declared Second Elder loudly in hopes of others hearing.

After all, only the higher-ups in Mus Hall knew what Severin’s real identity was.

All of the men from Mus Hall broke out in a grin and chorused, “Yes, this is awesome! We’ll make sure to treat our new friend well.”

“Let’s

go take down the other strongholds now. By tomorrow morning, all the other forces in Riverson will know not to mess with us Mus Hall any more!” Micky smiled lightly even though he was mentally jumping for joy. Mus Hall’s days of being kicked around were finally. over!

Not long after, three cars slowly made their way toward Riverson. The car in front was tasked with opening up the way, while the car in the back was tasked with protecting the procession, and this put Severin in the car in the middle.

Although Candy was a little sleepy, she still insisted on driving, so that Severin could take a nap in the back of the car. While driving, she could not help but smile and look at him in the rearview mirror.

“Why isn’t Severin back yet? He’s been out the whole night! Where do you think he went? Doesn’t he know that we need to go back to our place?” Diane asked and angrily stomped her foot when she saw Severin had not come back yet.

“Diane, what should we do now? Should I give him a call and ask him to hurry back?” asked Judith.

Diane was carrying Selene and after giving it some thought, she replied, “I think we should just let it be. It’s useless to hurry him if he’s busy. Besides, he knows he has to go to the

Shanahans’ after coming back here. In fact, he might already be there. Let’s have breakfast outside and after that, we’ll drive to the Shanahans to see whether he’s there.”

Judith nodded. “Let’s head out then.”

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Both Judith and Diane knew Valerian would be visiting the Shanahans that day, though they did not know what time. The two of them had never met an important figure before, so they decided to dress up and drop by the Shanahans to see what the fuss was all about.

They estimated Valerian would arrive around eleven o’clock in the morning, and not earlier. than that since he was planning on having lunch. It was already a little past nine o’clock in the morning by the time they arrived at the Shanahans’.

“Grandmother, you look absolutely well!” Diane was happy to have received two-hundred- and-eighty-five-thousand dollars as a reward from Catherine. It was, after all, a kind of acknowledgment.

“I’m glad you noticed. It’s true what they say, how a person will look well when good things. are happening. I never dreamed an important figure like Mister Valerian would ever grace our home with our presence. The others must be green with envy at our good fortune,” said Catherine with a chuckle.

“I know, right? I saw all the valuable gifts brought by all the wealthy merchants in the city,” said Diane with a smile. However, after taking a closer look, she noticed Severin was nowhere to be found.

“Diane, where’s Severin?” Megan asked when she saw Severin did not come with Diane.

“I have no idea where he is. He went out last night after telling me he had some important stuff to do. He was still not back by the time we came here so I thought he would be here. Well, I guess I was wrong,” lamented Diane.

“How rude of him! Mister Valerian might not be happy if he found out not all of us are here to welcome him,” exclaimed Stanley angrily.

“He has no respect for the elders at all. What could be more important than Mister Valerian’s visit? He should have put aside whatever matter he is dealing with for a day like today!”

remarked George.

“Maybe he thinks he’s more important than Mister Valerian,” said Cherise provokingly.

Catherine had been quiet until then. Honestly speaking, she was just as unhappy as any of them at the fact that Severin did not come back since last night.

“Don’t say things that are not true. It’ll be disastrous for us if someone overheard us and passed on the message to Mister Valeria with a few exaggerated details,” chided Catherine when she heard what Cherise said.

After a pause, she added, “Severin is no fool. I trust that he won’t be late. In fact, he might already be on his way here.”

Another pause. “Diane, call him and tell him to hurry up. If he can’t make it on time, ask him to come sneak in from the back door. That way no one will see him. And oh, we should all go out in a big group to welcome Mister Valerian so that it’ll be hard for him to notice if Severin isn’t there.”

“You’re right. However, at the end of the day, Severin isn’t related to us by blood. He’s only the husband of one of the many grandkids. I’m sure Mister Valerian would never notice a nobody like him being absent,” Cherise said with a smirk.

“Announcing the arrival of Mister Valerian and Mister Zachariah!” boomed the butler outside.

The time showed nine o’clock in the morning.

“Oh shit! He’s already here. I didn’t even have the time to call Severin yet,” Diane exclaimed with a darkened face.

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Felicia jumped up in fright, and hurriedly asked, “What should we do? The fact that Mister Valerian is here earlier than expected means he really holds us in high regard. He’ll surely be displeased if he finds out not all of us are here yet!”

Catherine, however, was strangely calm. “There’s no need to panic. It’s not like Mister Valerian is very close to Severin. With such a big group like ours, it’ll take him some time to notice Severin isn’t among us. We’ll just pretend Severin is already here and go out to welcome Mister Valerian for ten seconds or so. Then we’ll scatter around once we all come back inside. I’m sure he won’t even notice Severin’s absence if we just do what I said.”

“Mother, don’t worry. Take some deep breaths. Grandmother is right. Things will work out. Mister Valerian will be too busy to take notice of Severin’s absence. We’ll call Severin once we’re back in the house and tell him to sneak in from the back door,” Megan said to Felicia.

“Let’s go. Mister Valerian is waiting for us,” said Catherine. Then, she led the whole outside.

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“The Ballards have given a gift of a gold statue, a gift of a classical painting, a gift of...” The Shanahans were halfway outside when they were shocked by the gifts given by the Ballards. All the gifts combined were worth more than any of the gifts given by the other prestigious families.

‘It seems like it’s our family’s fate to be wealthy,’ thought Catherine.

“We respectfully greet you, Mister Valerian,” chorused the Shanahans, bowing down to him in perfect unison. They dared not raise their heads until given the signal to do so.

“Thank you, thank you. You may all rise,” said Valerian with a smile. Then he waved his hand, signaling them to do so.

Catherine immediately sighed with relief after everyone had stood up. The Shanahans could all scatter now and by that time, no one would ever notice Severin was not there.

“Huh? Grandmother Catherine, where’s Severin? Why don’t I see him here?”

Catherine was totally speechless because Sheila had chosen that very moment to pipe up after failing to find Severin.

Every face in the Shanahans darkened while both Felicia and William broke out in cold sweats.

“Hey, she’s right. Severin isn’t here at all. Where is he exactly?” Valerian asked with a frown. After all, Severin being the master of Warren, one of the Four Great War Gods reason he was able to come here to pay a visit to the Shanahans.

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Severin was also the reason Warren snuck out. He had the utmost respect for his master and wanted to spend some time chatting with him.

Valerian would have knelt down before Severin if it was not for the fact that Warren warned him not to expose Severin’s identity as the Supreme Leader.

Catherine who had faced many storms in the past – was so frightened, she did not know what to say. In fact, she was so frightened that all the color had drained out of her face.

“No way! Is Severin really so brazen as to not greet Mister Valerian when he has taken the time to visit?”

“Why, this is as good as giving Mister Valerian a slap on the face.”

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The wealthy merchants standing by the side started gossiping amongst themselves when they realized Severin was, indeed, missing.

In fact, some of the wealthy merchants were inwardly rubbing their hands in glee at the turn of the events as they were jealous of the Shanahans’ meteoric rise to success. They had been waiting for the Shanahans to make one wrong move and were sure no one would be willing to work with them once Valerian had shown his displeasure.

Zachariah must have sensed something was not right and he quickly signaled Sheila to be quiet with his eyes. It took her a while to get what he was hinting but once she did, her face immediately fell as she lowered her head. It was then she knew she had caused some trouble. ‘Looks like Severin is really not here. Otherwise, he would have come out to welcome us,’ thought Sheila. She recalled how Valerian

immediately came to Severin's rescue with just one call and hoped that they would continue to have a good relationship with each other after all the dust had settled on this matter.

Fortunately, Stanley was quick to react. "Mister Valerian, I do apologize. He had a sudden onset of diarrhea and had no choice but to rush to the toilet. We didn't expect you to arrive so early so we didn't ask him to join us."

"Haha, all good, all good," said Valerian with a reassuring smile. He did not really mind one way or another.

The Shanahans sighed with relief when they realized Valerian was not angry at all.

However, at that moment, a car drove in and stopped in an empty field some distance away. Who should alight from the car but Severin?

"Oh shit! I'm done for!" exclaimed Stanley when he saw Severin walking toward them. A second ago he was still mentally patting himself on the back for his quick thinking but Severin's appearance meant that his lies had been fully blown apart.

The crime of lying to Valerian was even worse than the crime of being late.

As expected, one of the wealthy merchants sarcastically pointed out, "Hey, isn't that Severin? When you said he was in the toilet, did you perhaps mean he was in the car?"

"That is Severin alright. Perhaps he was in the toilet outside of the mansion but that can't possibly be. How can a mansion as big as this not have a single toilet inside?" remarked another wealthy merchant quietly.

"Tsk tsk. How brazen of them to lie to Mister Valerian. It's definitely game over for them," said someone else.

Catherine's forehead was slick with sweat. Once again, she had been rendered mute with fright.

Then she quickly blinked at Stanley, and asked, "What's going on here, Stanley? Didn't you say Severin is in the toilet? Why would he be coming in from the outside if that's really the case?"

Stanley knew Catherine wanted him swiftly to think up a good excuse to defuse the situation. His mind began to spin rapidly, and it took him a while to finally explain with a sad face, "How should I know, Grandmother? He was the one who told me he would be in the toilet. I'm just

as surprised as any of you to see him getting out of the car."

Then, to make it more believable, he immediately approached Severin and questioned him, "Severin, didn't you go to the toilet? How can you only come back from the outside after Mister Valerian arrived ages ago?"

However, Severin was not afraid to offend Valerian at all. He simply smiled and cupped his hands in a salute. "Hello, Mister Valerian. I'm sorry but I had to attend to some urgent matters. I hope you can forgive me for my tardiness."

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“Holy shit! This kid has balls. Not only did he lie about going into the toilet but he dares to speak to Mister Valerian like they’re friends?” said someone after witnessing the latest development.

The Shanahans were shocked too. Stanley had already hinted to Severin only to be completely ignored. ‘Why won’t Severin take the hint? I can’t believe he actually told Mister Valerian he had some other urgent matters to attend to!’

They could not help but wonder whether Valerian would get angry at Severin.

However – out of everyone’s expectation – Valerian only smiled and said, “It’s fine. You may take the time to finish whatever you were doing. Besides, it’s my fault for coming here so early and for not confirming the time of the visit with you all. I’ll be sure to be more considerate next time.”

Everyone was struck dumb. Not only was Valerian not angry but he actually sounded a little apologetic.

“Haha, don’t worry about it. You’re more than welcome to drop by for a few drinks anytime you want,” said Severin.

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who was standing behind Valerian – was a little taken aback. ‘Looks like Severin and Valerian are really close to each other. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have spoken so informally with each other,’ he thought.

“Haha, very well then. Be sure to sit next to me later so that we can enjoy a few drinks together,” said Valerian.

“It’ll be an honor for me to drink with you!” Severin then bowed slightly and cupped his hands in a salute in order to make sure his real identity stayed hidden.

However, a startled Valerian would have none of it. He quickly supported Severin up while saying, “No, no. There’s no need for this.”

“No need for this?” Everyone was stunned. ‘What’s going on? It’s only right for Severin to salute Mister Valerian for being late. Why does Mister Valerian seem so shocked by it? Not only did he support him up but he actually told him there’s no need for him to do that?’

It was as if Severin was of higher ranking than Valerian.

Diane and the rest of the Shanahans knitted their brows in consternation and exchanged glances with one another.

“Ahem!” Warren – who was standing next to Valerian – coughed as a reminder to him.

Valerian immediately caught on and realized his mistake. He quickly plastered a smile on his face, and said, “What I mean is there’s no need for us to limit ourselves to a few drinks. In fact, we should drink till the crack of dawn. And your punishment for being late is to knock back three drinks first!”

“Ohhh, so that’s what he meant!’ thought everyone.

“Haha, of course, of course. I deserve it for being late,” said Severin good-naturedly.

Most of the people there were staring at Severin with jealousy in their eyes. After all, Valerian had offered to sit at the same table as Severin and knocked back a few drinks with him. Good fortune like this doesn't fall out of the sky often.

"This way please, Mister Valerian," said Catherine quickly. Her heartbeat finally returned to normal when she realized Valerian was not angry at all.

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The rest of the Shanahans could finally breathe a sigh of relief, and the crowd soon dispersed. Once everyone was gone, Felicia chastised Severin, "Where did you run off to, Severin? You're lucky that Mister Valerian is a magnanimous person, otherwise, we'd be in trouble if he's offended!"

Severin said nonchalantly, "Relax, he's a big shot who once led thousands of troops to war. Why would he be unhappy over such an insignificant matter? It's fine, so don't worry!"

Nevertheless, Felicia rolled her eyes at Severin. "Just because you say it's fine doesn't mean it is! You shouldn't have been so rude, you know? Did you think about the repercussions our family would have to suffer if he'd been a petty person?"

Diane persuaded. "There's no need to worry so much about it, Mom. Isn't everything fine right now? Besides, Mister Valerian even said that he wants to sit at the same table with Severin and have some drinks with him!"

Severin smiled. "By the way, could you join me later, Diane?"

"Me?" Diane was a little startled. She smiled awkwardly and said, "Maybe not. There are other people from first-tier families who would have to sit there, and I don't think it'd be appropriate for me to share a table with them!"

"Come on, it'll be fine! It's not inappropriate at all, and I'd go so far as to say that it couldn't be more appropriate for you to sit there because you're my wife!" Severin smiled and assured her.

"All right then!" Diane nodded. At that moment, Zenoah brought over Keagan and Linette, and the two immediately knelt in front of Severin.

"Thank you for helping us, Mister Severin. My sister and I would be goners without your kindness!" Keagan kowtowed to Severin after kneeling.

"Thank you for your help, Mister Severin. You are our savior!" Linette added.

"Please get up, you two..." Severin felt a little awkward that the two of them knelt before him. In front of so many people, so he immediately helped them up and said, "It wasn't a big deal. For me at all, so don't think too much of it!"

Zenoah, on the other hand, protested earnestly, "But this is a big deal, Mister Severin. You've saved the lives of my two children, so you're a savior for our family!" He then took out a small jade pendant and could not help but say, "Mister Severin, I'm sure you're aware that I'm unable to repay you for your kindness after my overseas business went bankrupt. However, I have a jade pendant that I've always

worn, and it has been passed down through generations. within our family. I wish to give it to you as a token of my gratitude, and I sincerely hope you'll accept it!

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Severin's eyes lit up instantly when he glanced at it, for he could tell that it was no ordinary jade pendant it was a small jade plaque that was made into a jade pendant. The jade pendant. looked rather antique, and it was reasonable to expect that a skilled individual with high attainment might have hidden some of their powerful techniques or training exercises within. That was why some people could inherit the teachings after dripping their blood over a broken jade pendant.

One could liken it to a vessel.

Naturally, Severin's decently high attainment allowed him to feel a faint and weak fluctuation. of energy from within, which was a sign that there had to be some form of inheritance within. the pendant. His heart began beating faster as a result.

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"But I can't possibly accept that, Zenoah. After all, it's a very precious item passed down within your family!" Though Severin knew deep down that it was a genuine treasure worth. taking, he remained courteous and humble despite wanting to take it immediately.

After all, it would make him look greedy if he were to take a family heirloom without the slightest hesitation.

Felicia, who was watching from one side, had a glimmer in her eyes as she took out it from Zenoah. She then rolled her eyes at Severin and said, "He's offering it to you out of sincerity, so you can't just refuse it like that! Otherwise, they won't be able to live with themselves if reject it!"

Zenoah was unaware of the enigma contained within the jade pendant, so he nodded in agreement. "Yes, Mister Severin. I'd feel bad for the rest of my life if you won't accept it!" "I understand. Thank you very much for your generosity then!" Severin could only smile awkwardly and say yes.

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"Thank you, Mister Severin!" Zenoah and the others looked gratefully at Severin and went to one side.

After they left, Felicia held up the jade pendant and began looking at it. After a while, she could not help but remark, "This should be an antique. He said it was passed down from his ancestors, so I think it's very valuable!"

Severin immediately stretched out his hand and smiled awkwardly. "He gave it to me, so shouldn't you return it to me?"

Felicia, being the gold-digging greedy woman that she was, would never give something so exquisite to Severin after getting her hands on it. She put it into her pocket directly and said, "I thought you didn't want it? You don't seem interested in it, so what's the harm in letting me have it? I am your mother-in-law, after all, and it shouldn't be an issue for you to give me at jade pendant that you don't want."

Severin was completely speechless. Had he known that Felicia would take it, he would have done away with all the courtesy and just accept it outright earlier. Now that Felicia had stuffed the pendant into her pocket, he could not possibly reach in there and take it out!

“Sure.” Severin could only muster a deflated smile. He agreed to it for the time being, knowing that the opportunity for him to take it back from her would come sooner or later. Having sensed that there must be some kind of inheritance stored within, Severin surmised. that it could be a martial arts technique or something similar. Such treasures could never be bought, even if one were to spend several million.

“Ah, glad to see you could make it!” Felicia immediately went over to greet some guests.

Diane pondered about a few things and soon went to greet the other guests, though it was not before long that she went up to Keagan.

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“Miss Diane! Is there something I can help you with?” Keagan smiled and asked when he saw Diane coming over to him.

“Wasn’t it Mister Valerian who led a team of people to rescue you and your sister? Why did you have to kneel and thank my husband? Could it be a misunderstanding?” Diane asked him. Keagan replied with a surprised expression, “Don’t you know, Miss Diane? Your husband seems to be a rather good friend to Valerian. When we were held hostage by one of Falcodom’s powerful organizations, it was a phone call from Mister Severin that led Mister Valerian to bring his people and investigate the situation before rescuing us and wiping out that. organization!”

There was a surge of tumult in Diane’s heart as soon as she heard that, since she had never expected something like that to happen.

Keagan noticed her surprised look, so he glanced at his surroundings before whispering, Miss Diane, my father told us that Mister Severin is one of those quiet, low-profile, godlike savants. I believe he’s never told you anything about that, judging from how surprised you look. You have nothing to worry about with a man like him as your husband!”

Diane eventually nodded. “I guess Severin and Mister Valerian probably go a long way back. No wonder he was so nonchalant when he spoke with Mister Valerian earlier. Now that I think about it, Severin’s probably the reason Mister Valerian accepted my invitation and came to visit our family. He never told me anything at all, and you don’t know how worried I was earlier that Mister Valerian would get angry at him!

Keagan could not help but laugh when he heard her complaints. “Haha, perhaps there are certain things that Mister Severin wishes to keep from you because he’s afraid of scaring you

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find out. I would think that most people would either not believe him or accuse him of lying if he were to tell them that Mister Valerian was his friend!”

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Diane smiled. "That's true. Who would've thought that an ex-convict would know someone as untouchable as Mister Valerian? Even I feel like I'm dreaming after hearing what you said!" She then ended the conversation there and said, "All right, I'll leave you to enjoy yourself now. Make sure you eat and drink your fill later!"

After walking several steps, Diane looked at Severin from afar again and could not help but think to herself, 'Didn't think you'd be keeping such a low profile. I wonder if there's anything else you're hiding from me? Didn't you say you'll give me a wedding that will cause a sensation throughout Brookbourn and even in the entire south county? Now I'm getting more excited for it!"

The thought of that left her smiling sweetly. Considering that there were more than 100 cities in the entire south county, she was always under the impression that Severin was simply trying to brag.

Knowing that Severin harbored certain secrets made Diane look forward to the wedding even more, and she genuinely began to feel that Severin could live up to his promise. After all, it would not be too far-fetched given that he knew Valerian..

Be that as it may, she was also very puzzled as to how someone who had been in prison for several years know a war chief like Valerian. Someone who was at war on a battlefield could.

not have known a person who had been imprisoned, and there was no plausible explanation for how they met. Curious though she was, she felt that there was no need to question Severin about it

because she trusted that Severin would reveal what was necessary to her when the time came. If he did not tell her anything yet, then Severin must have felt that the time was not right. Asking him at the wrong time was undoubtedly not a good idea.

'Wait. I remember him telling me that a savant gave him so much money that he would have no problem buying the entire city of Brookbourn!' Something came to Diane's mind again and her heart skipped a beat.

However, she called Severin a braggart when he said that to her at the time. Severin later said that he had only about fifteen million, which he later showed to her.

'Does he really have more than that? Could he have told me that it was fifteen million because I didn't believe him, and he was afraid of scaring me?' Diane gulped in shock when she thought of that. 'If what Severin said last time is true, then just how many billions does he own?'

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Severin's attention remained on the jade pendant. He was confident that there was something desirable contained within, and though he did not know its exact contents, he was.

nevertheless certain that it would be a waste to let Felicia have it.

As he pondered over his options, he spotted Megan having some tidbits alone. An idea popped up in his mind and he began walking toward her.

"Megan, can I...umm...ask for your help?" Severin walked over and asked her with a smile.

When Megan heard that, she returned the smile. "What do you need me to do, Brother-in-Law? I'll do it as long as it's within my ability!"

Megan's attitude toward Severin had changed completely because he had shown himself to be rich and incredibly capable. She felt that the Shanahans' had prospered in recent times due in no small part to Severin, and things would certainly not have been that good for them had it not been for him. Her dreams of driving a luxury car and buying whatever she wanted could not have been realized without Severin's help.

Severin was overjoyed to hear that and his eyes lit up at once. "Really? Well, I'm glad to hear that! Your mother took away the jade pendant I was given earlier, and I feel bad asking her for it. My only choice is to ask you for help in taking it back!"

Megan was surprised to hear that. "You don't need to be so petty, do you? Isn't it just a jade pendant? Many of our guests today gave us jade pendants, and I can always bring you to choose them later."

Severin was speechless for a moment and could not help but say, "It's not the same even though they're all jade pendants!"

Megan was not an idiot, so she smiled cunningly when she heard that and said softly to Severin, "Are you suggesting that the jade pendant is more valuable because it's the Ballards' heirloom?" She then asked greedily, "How much do you think that jade pendant is worth? Could it be worth tens of thousands, or maybe even higher?"

Severin was speechless at her reaction. After thinking for a moment, he explained, "This isn't a matter of value, Megan. They wanted me to have it, so it's important to honor their intention. And besides, you said it yourself that there are a lot of jade pendants, so Mom is free to choose whichever she wants!"

Megan rolled her eyes at Severin. "But Mom's not stupid. She knows that the Ballards' heirloom is valuable. How do you expect me to ask her for it? You know that money is the only thing on her mind. Do you really think she'll return what's already in her hands?"

Severin could not help but smile. "Well, of course she'll say no if you ask her for it. You need to find an opportunity to steal it! Find out where she puts it and then take it secretly from her before giving it to me!"

Megan looked at Severin strangely and said, "I never thought you'd teach me to steal! I'm sorry, but I can't help you. I've never done something like that before, and I'm worried I'll get caught! It'd be so embarrassing if that happens!"

Severin's expression sank in an instant. "Didn't you just say that you'll help me if it's not too difficult? Why are you refusing now?"

Megan smiled wryly. "This is stealing! I've never done it before!"

Severin immediately offered, "I'll give you fifteen thousand if you can secretly get it for me. How does that sound?"

"Fifteen thousand?" Megan's frown remained as she repeated, "I'm not that kind of person!"

Severin immediately changed. "How about a hundred and fifteen thousand dollars? Just get it for me when Mom is asleep, or when she changes her clothes. If she can't find it, she'll just think that she lost it."

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"A hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, you say? Well, since you are my brother-in-law, I'll go all out for you! After all, it was Mister Zenoah who gave the jade pendant to you in the first place, and it's not right for Mom to take it away!"

Megan immediately changed her tune when she heard Severin's improved offer, and she was all smiles as she agreed to Severin's request.

When the two of them finished chatting, Sheila walked over shyly and lowered her head. Like a misbehaving child, she said to Severin, "I'm sorry, Severin. I asked you where you were without thinking too much because I didn't know you weren't at the Shanahans."

Severin smiled. "Don't beat yourself up about it. Mister Valerian didn't blame me, did he? And besides, I'm sure you didn't mean it."

"Hehe, I knew you would forgive me!" Sheila giggled and a smile appeared on her face. She then grabbed Severin's arm.

"Take it easy with the body contact, Miss Sheila." Severin felt embarrassed and immediately pushed her hand away, saying, "Some of those rich guys over there seem very interested in you. Why don't you go over and chat with them?"

Sheila immediately rolled her eyes at Severin. "But I don't like chatting with them! They're such a bore! I only want to talk to you!"

Megan covered her mouth and giggled from the side.

"I won't bother the two of you anymore, then. Have fun getting to know each other more! Our family supports you!" Megan smiled and walked away with a bounce.

"Megan sure knows how to talk nonsense!" Severin was speechless for a moment and finally remarked with a gloomy expression.

"I think she's right. We should slowly get to know each other better. I mean, look at me! It's only been a day since I last saw you, but I've already started to lose weight!" Sheila stared at Severin like a lovestruck fool and had a seducing smile on her lips.

Severin did not know whether to laugh or cry, but he had to admit that her actions were the epitome of shameless. He had already made his feelings-or rather, a lack thereof-very clear, but she still did not give up and frequently looked at him with that infatuated smile. It made him feel uneasy and embarrassed all the time.

"The food is being served! Time to eat!" Severin saw that the food had been brought out and used it as an excuse to leave.

“Hmph!” As Sheila looked at Severin scuttling away, she could not help but clenched her fists. and say, “You’ll be eating from the palm of my hand sooner or later, my handsome Severin! I won’t give up that easily!”

At that moment, a middle-aged man with a mustache came to the ward in a hospital and looked at Cain lying on the bed. His expression turned sour as he asked, “Who did this to you? They have a death wish if they think they can go against the Slasher Gang!”

Cain gritted his teeth. “Theo? I’m so glad you came!”