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When Severin heard that, he could not help but frown. “Rufus does seem a little overly enthusiastic about getting revenge. I didn’t expect him to come looking for us after I taught him a little lesson earlier!”

Stanley was overjoyed when he heard that and immediately said, “You’ve screwed up big time, Severin, The Chavezes are a second-tier family, and Rufus is the eldest son of their patriarch. Who are you to teach him a lesson? Are you trying to get yourself killed?”

“Seriously, Severin? Of all the people you could’ve provoked, did you have to choose him? Our family won’t be able to help you anymore!” William added.

Felicia was also shocked to see Rufus’s appearance, but she remembered that Severin only beat Rufus because Diane allowed him to. Besides, Felicia was earlier irked by him too. After thinking about it for a bit, she stood up for Severin. “Mom, you have to protect Severin. It was Rufus who crossed the line when he picked on us while we were buying cars. Severin only beat him up after having enough of him. And to make things even worse, we were already about to leave when Rufus ordered his bodyguards to stop us from leaving!”

“Yeah! You need to help Severin! He’s part of the Shanahans now, isn’t he?” Judith was also startled by the sudden development and urged Catherine anxiously.

“Think about it, ma’am. If something happened to Severin today, there won’t be anyone else left to be your intermediary with Mister Henry. I heard that the Liberty City project is priceless, and annual profit would probably cost tens of millions a year!” Maurice then said.

The old lady looked at the two of them and then said calmly, “Let’s head over and have a look at the situation. I will most certainly help him if it’s within my ability to do so.”

It could be seen from her remark that she did not plan to abandon Severin like that.

Diane breathed a sigh of relief after hearing what her grandmother said, but she knew very well that the old lady’s willingness to help Severin was out of a desire to secure the Liberty City project and not because Severin was the son-in-law of the Shanahans.

Everyone proceeded to walk out, and there, they saw the Shanahans’ bodyguards confronting the Chavezes’ bodyguards at the main gate. Some of the other family members who heard the news had also rushed to the gate and were frightened by the spectacle.

The head of the Chavezes brought more than two hundred people there, and among them were several highly-skilled individuals.

“Is Severin here? Hand him over right now! If you don’t hand him over today, we’ll take Felicia and Megan away until he offers himself!” Manuel, the head of the Chavezes, yelled loudly. He seemed to be a rather intimidating person.

After all, he might be more than forty years old, but he learned martial arts from several powerful fighters in his family. He was a trained fighter with a relatively strong body, and he looked very energetic for his age.

“I was the one who beat your son up, and I will take sole responsibility for my actions. Don’t you think you’re crossing the line by taking my mother-in-law and sister-in-law hostage because you can’t find me?” Severin came out with his family and replied from a distance after hearing what

Manuel said.

“You’re Severin?” Manuel glanced at Severin and could not help but smile coldly. “You’re a brave one, kid. How dare to beat my son up?”

“He’s Severin? Some guts he has!”

“Yeah! I heard that he caused trouble at Eastor’s wedding a few days ago Something about Easton’s fiancée being his ex-girlfriend! I’m not too sure though.”

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*Tsk, tsk. The Chavezes are miles ahead of the Loughs, and yet Severin offended the Chavezes by beating up their patriarch’s son! What a troublemaker!”

“Hehe, Diane’s no better. She waited for all these years for that same troublemaker, and it seems to me that Severin would at least end up crippled, if not dead, today!”

Many of the Shanahans’ relatives or servants stood on one side and whispered to each other. Even though their voices were very soft, Severin still heard every single thing.

“Oh, Diane. Your husband sure is something else! I didn’t think he’d go so far as to beat up Mister Rufus! Tsk, tsk. I must admit, his courage is admirable. He’s like a lion amongst sheep! Your taste in men is quite unique.” Maryam, who had been holding in her grudges before, was also there. When she saw Diane and Severin coming, she immediately walked over, folded her hands over her

chest, and made some sarcastic remarks.

She believed that the old lady would not help Severin at that juncture because he was an outsider and not a true member of the Shanahans. Offending the Chavezes for Severin’s sake would not be worth all the trouble.

Thank you for your compliment!” Diane smiled unexpectedly, and her reply left Maryam both speechless and angry.

Severin looked at Manuel, and said, “It was your son who tried to harass my wife and me, so I retaliated in kind. You of all people should know what kind of character your son is.”

Manuel knew his son’s character well, but he still remarked coldly, “Who are you to control what my son does? You’re the son-in-law of a third-tier family, and even Stanley shows the utmost courtesy whenever he meets my Rufus. What gives you the right to discipline my son?”

“Yeah, Severin, you’re too impulsive! Can’t you look in the mirror for once and understand your status in society? How could you beat Rufus up?” Stanley added fuel to fire from one side. At that moment, his greatest wish was to see the Chavezes’ bodyguards beat Severin to death. After all, Severin had used the Liberty City project to threaten the old lady into letting Stanley make way for Diane to take over his position as the Shanahan Corporation’s general manager. If luck was not on Severin’s side and he ended up dead in the Chavezes’ hands, then Stanley would have greater security in his position as the general manager of the Shanahan Corporation..

Rufus smiled coldly. “Do you know how powerful my family is now? You must be stupidly brave when you decided to hit me!”

“I hope you won’t accuse me of not being courteous, Catherine, because I’m being more than courteous already. Hand him over to us, and we’ll take care of the rest. You don’t need to worry about anything else after that!” Manuel said directly.

“Grandma...” Diane looked at Catherine in a plea for help, as did Felicia and the rest of Severin’s family.

“He brought this upon himself, Grandma. He also said he’ll take sole responsibility for his actions earlier. Just let them take him away!” Stanley persuaded. “Besides, even if Severin is beaten to death, Diane wouldn’t need to worry about remarrying because she’s beautiful enough. Edward is still waiting for her!”

“Yes, that’s right. There’s no need to worry about remarrying You can always marry me. Mies Diane. I’m more than willing to marry her Rufus’s small eyes lit up. Tve admired you for a long time, Miss Diane!”

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“Keep dreaming, Rufus!” Diane replied coldly as soon as she heard that.

Manuel’s complexion turned ugly in an instant, and he said to Diane, “Why would you say that, Diane? We are a second-tier family. You’ll be one step up the social hierarchy if you marry my son. You should’ve been grateful that he still fancies you even though you’ve been married once and had already given birth to a child. Where did you get the nerve to say tell my son to keep dreaming

”

After making that remark, Manuel turned his head to Rufus and said, “You’re a disappointment, Rufus. You could’ve chosen any woman in the world, and you just had to choose her. You’re my son, after all. Don’t you have hordes of women to choose from?”

Rufus pouted. “But Dad! The woman I truly like is Diane! It just has to be her!”

Catherine thought for a while before taking a step forward and saying to Manuel, “Severin did beat your son up today, but I trust that Severin wouldn’t’ve gone so far as to hit him if your son didn’t cross the line!” She then paused briefly before continuing. “Your son is alive and well. He doesn’t seem to be seriously injured. On that note, we can’t let you go off empty-handed either. How about you give us a number, and we’ll reimburse you with some money for you to use on your son’s recuperation?”

“Grandma...you...” Stanley nearly fainted when he heard that. Diane, Judith and everyone else was overjoyed. As long as the old lady was willing to stand up for Severin, then things would not turn out so bad after all. Rufus was not seriously injured anyway, and Severin did make a point to hold back when he retaliated.

“Money? That’s interesting!” Manuel laughed. ‘My son was beaten and you’re here talking about money?’ He gestured with his hand and said, “Fair enough. Let’s make it fifteen million!”

“Fifteen million!” Judith nearly fainted when she heard how much Manuel was demanding.

“Fifteen million!” Other members of the Shanahan family gasped too because they did not expect that Manuel would name fifteen million as his price.

Catherine’s mouth twitched slightly and then she looked at Manuel. “This is excessive, don’t you think? You’re demanding fifteen million? It’s not that easy for even a third-tier family to get that kind of money!”

Manuel, however, laughed. “Haha! We don’t lack money, Catherine. A couple of million is peanuts to us. My son spends several million monthly, sometimes even up to ten million. Is fifteen million a lot to you? Well, you only have yourself to blame. You’re the one who willingly asked me to raise the price!” He then paused briefly before continuing, “If you’re reluctant to fork out that money, you can always let us take Severin away with us. That’ll be problem solved! Honestly, if I had such a useless son-in-law like you, I’d just let him be taken away. Think about it, he wouldn’t have gone to jail if he was good for anything. Why bother going to such lengths to protect a son-in-law like him?”

“Grandma,” Stanley began to protest. “That’s too much money. If we spend all that at once, there will be problems with the company’s turnover! Just let them take him away, Grandma. They’ll probably spare his life since he’s the Shanahans’ son-in-law. The most they’ll do is probably break

one of his limbs. That’s not so bad, is it?”

Maryam also folded her arms over her chest and said, “His life is not worth fifteen million!”

“We’ll give the money!” She finally decided to take a gamble after thinking about it for a long time. As long as Severin was able to help their family secure the Liberty City project, then the Shanahans’ future would look very positive, considering that the value behind the project was worth more than fifteen million. In light of that, she decided to hedge all her bets on Severin.

Though it might take some effort, the Shanahans did have the financial ability to come up with fifteen million.

Severin, who was standing on one side, remained silent throughout the situation. He wanted to see the old lady’s stance, and whether she would help him or feed him to the dogs. Her eventual decision satisfied him greatly.

“Haha, that’s mighty generous of you, Catherine!” Manuel was stunned for a moment before joy began to creep in. Fifteen million was no small amount, and he was surprised that he could get such a large amount of money from the Shanahans.

Severin came forth and said, "You don't need to do that, Grandma. Like I said, I should be solely responsible for this!"

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"You're refusing my help?" Catherine was taken aback. 'What is Severin thinking?! The Chavezes brought so many people here, and all of them were skilled fighters. Even if Severin can fight, he'll have to go up against many people!

"Severin, you..." Judith was just as surprised, and she did not know why Severin would say something like that so suddenly.

"Don't worry, Mom. They wouldn't dare to do anything to me!" Severin smiled slightly. He then took two steps forward and said to Manuel, "Are you sure you want to go up against Draco Hall?"

"Draco Hall?" Manuel frowned the second he heard that. "What do you mean by that? Do you think you can call Draco Hall's people to come and help you? Hehe, I'm not afraid of those thugs under Draco Hall. I won't show any courtesy to their second-in-command, Blade. Unless you can call Larry here, I won't show any courtesy to you either!"

"That has to be a joke." Someone sneered after hearing Manuel's remark. "Does Severin really think that he can call Larry?"

Everyone knew that Larry was the head of Draco Hall, one of three underground forces in Brookbourn. A person like that would never be on Severin's beck and call even if Severin

"Who are you trying to fool, Severin? You think you can scare Mister Manuel?" Maryam felt that Severin was bluffing and decided to expose Severin's lies.

Severin looked at her and asked, "Care to bet? If I can get him to come over, then you'll have to kneel and call me 'sir.'"

"You..." Maryam was speechless with anger,

Haha, give them a call then, Severin! If Larry personally comes over, I'll bring my men away immediately! But think twice before you do. I'll give you one hour. If he's not here by then, I'll cut off your tongue and break your legs! That'll teach you not to bluff all the time!" Manuel laughed out loud and did not believe Severin's nonsense one bit.

Severin smiled, took out his cell phone, and dialed Larry's number.

"What's up, boss? Need anything from me?" Larry answered excitedly on the other end of the line. At that moment, Draco Hall's people had already taken over the Cedar Gang, thus cementing themselves as the dominant force in the underground. Moreover, many of the Cedar Gang's members had been recruited by them their power had been doubled, and there was nothing more for them to be afraid of in the future!

"High, someone's causing trouble again, as usual. They brought a lot of people here, and I wanted to beat them all up, but I don't think that's a good move because it's my first time at my in-laws' place. They said they'll leave if I can get you to come here in an hour!" Severin sighed and explained the situation.

“At the Shanahan estate, is it? I’ll come over right away. Man, these dimwits must be itching to have one foot in the grave if they dared to cause trouble for you.” Larry then assured, “Not to worry, boss. We’re not that far away, and I estimate that we’ll be there within twenty minutes!”

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As soon as Severin ended the call, Judith stepped forward anxiously and asked, “How did it go? Is Larry coming?”

Severin smiled. “It’ll be fine, Mom. I helped him in the morning, didn’t I? He’ll be here!”

Judith breathed a sigh of relief after receiving Severin’s assurance.

“Keep bragging, kid! You have only one hour. If he doesn’t come by then, you’ll be in for a treat!” Manuel smiled coldly and did not believe Severin’s words at all.

Severin paid him no mind and walked to one side to smoke a cigarette.

“Look, Stanley. I bet Severin is smoking because he wants to relieve his anxiety right now!” Maryam walked up to Stanley and whispered to him.

Stanley nodded. “You’re right. He must be the kind who wants to smoke whenever he gets a little nervous. Doesn’t he know who Larry is? This is Draco Hall’s big shot we’re talking about! Why would Larry even entertain him?”

Time ticked by, and by the ten-minute mark, a few cars drove over and parked at the gate. Many of Draco Hall’s men then came down from the vehicles.

Larry walked in front of all his men, and to everyone’s surprise, he had brought a significant number of people more than two hundred men.

“No way! Larry came here in person?!” Stanley gulped and his expression soured when he saw who was leading the charge. If Severin could get someone like Larry to come over with just a phone call, then the old lady would probably value Severin even more.

“Oh! So, it’s you, Manuel!” Larry could not help but sneer when he came. There were traces of disdain in his eyes and hints of ridicule in his words.

“Hehe, what’s the meaning of this, Hall Master Larry? Did you rush here simply because the Shanahans’ loser son-in-law requested you to?” Manuel was shocked that Larry came, but he was not afraid of Draco Hall at all. They might be powerful, but their overall strength was about par with that of a second-tier family. Besides, the Chavezes had some skilled fighters too. Generally speaking, only wealthy business families like the Loughs, or third-tier families like the Shanahans,

would be afraid of Draco Hall.

That being said, the Chavezes did not dare to offend such forces on a whim, because it would end up being a cruel and merciless fight if it came to that.

“Haha, it’s worth my trip!” Larry smiled again, but he felt a little helpless because Severin did not let them reveal his identity. Therefore, he needed to find an excuse as to why he came. After giving it some

thought, he said again, "Mister Severin is very skilled in medicine. He treated my mother's stubborn illness and is my benefactor. Her illness isn't completely cured yet, and it only improved a little compared to before. I would very much appreciate your help to prescribe some medications to her so that she might recuperate better, Mister Severin!"

Severin walked over and played along politely as he said to Larry, "I'm really sorry you had to come all this way, Hall Master Larry!"

"Haha, you're too polite!" Larry laughed.

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Manuel's heart skipped a beat. It appeared to him that Larry was only willing to go there because his mother's illness had not been cured, and Severin's help was thus needed for

any follow-up treatments. In all likelihood, Larry was probably afraid that they would beat Severin to death and no one would prescribe the medicine for his mother.

Severin looked at Manuel, and said, "Mister Manuel, you just said that you'd bring your men away if I'm able to get Hall Master Larry to come here, and that you'll write off the matter of me beating your son up!" Severin then paused for a moment and continued, "I trust that someone with your reputation in Brookbourn would be a man of your word."

Manuel was furious, but he could only smile politely at Larry. "Alright. We'll have to show some courtesy now that Hall Master Larry is here."

After finishing his sentence, Manuel brought Rufus and the Chavezes' bodyguards away.

"Thank you very much for your help, Hall Master Larry, sir! Since you're here, why not come in and have a seat?" Catherine had wanted to curry favor with a force like Draco Hall in the past because they were all very capable fighters despite not having as much money as them. Since there were many benefits to building a good relationship with a force like them, it was only natural for Catherine to seize the chance to express her gratitude.

Larry smiled awkwardly at her and said, "Haha, that won't be necessary. I'll visit again when I have the time, and besides, it's not ideal when I brought so many people over today. I still have a lot of things to take care of later this afternoon!" He was telling her the truth instead of merely making an excuse. He was very busy with the takeover of the Cedar Gang's property, and manpower was needed to take care of the property too.

"Well then, since you're busy, we can always do so another day. Do come and visit when you're free!" The old lady smiled, but deep down, she was a little embarrassed. Larry was being courteous not to her, but to Severin.

"Thank you for this, Hall Master Larry. Let's have some tea another day if you're free!" Severin smiled and tried to act polite.

"Sure thing, Mister Severin. We'll be off then!" Larry nodded and left almost as quickly as he came. They drove off in their cars and disappeared from sight.

“I was wondering why Larry rushed over here, but now I realize it’s because his mother’s illness hasn’t been cured yet! He’s worried that no one will prescribe any medicine to his mother if Severin gets beaten to death!” Maryam made a sour remark after Larry left.

-“Yeah, it’s all just a matter of luck that he happened to be treating Larry’s mother. He’d be finished if it wasn’t for that!” Stanley said the same thing.

They obviously did not think that the relationship between Severin and Larry had reached a level where Severin could just call him on a whim.

Severin, meanwhile, could not be bothered to explain anything to them. After all, he did not want anyone to know that Larry was his underling.

However, Catherine had noticed something. As soon as Larry came, he repeatedly called Severin Mister Severin’. Most of his words and actions undoubtedly hinted at some sort of respect toward Severin. Most people might not notice that, but she was not most people. She guessed that Larry’s relationship with Severin was not as simple as it seemed on the surface.

After pondering over what happened, the old lady smiled at once and said to Diane, “I’ve decided. Our family has been slipping down for the past few years, and although you’re married to Severin now, you’re still undoubtedly part of us. The Shanahan blood flows in your veins, so, starting tomorrow, you’ll be reappointed as the general manager of the Shanahan Corporation. I hope you’ll be able to lead our family back to its glory days

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“But, Grandma! Are you sure you want Diane to resume her position as the general manager of the Shanahan Corporation?”

Stanley looked at his grandmother in surprise. His face was full of disbelief and he could not believe what he had just heard. Catherine seemed to have completely forgotten what happened five years ago, to the point of asking him to make way for Diane to resume her position as the general manager.

The old lady smiled indifferently, and said to Stanley, “Do you think I’m the type who likes jokes?”

George, who was standing on the side, had a sour expression and he did not know what to say. Since the old lady had already made her stance known, there was obviously no room for further discussion on that matter.

On the other hand, Felicia had a look of joy and said excitedly, “You’re a wise matriarch, Mom. You can rest assured that Diane will definitely lead our Shanahans to glory again. Meritocracy is the right way to go. Stanley’s been working in that position for a few years already, and the company is regressing instead of improving. If he continues like this, the Shanahans will lose everything sooner or later.”

“What nonsense are you talking about, Felicia? The Shanahans are doing just fine! What do you mean the Shanahans will ‘lose everything’?” Upon hearing her remark, Stanley clenched his fists, took a step forward, and glared viciously at Felicia.

Felicia was taken aback by his reaction and could not help but take two steps back. After all, she and her family had been oppressed by him for so long that she could not help but develop an inexplicable fear of Stanley. However, she steeled herself when she thought of her daughter once again resuming the position of general manager in the Shanahan Corporation. She could not help but point out, "Hehe, I'm just telling the truth. Everyone's watching, you know. Are you going to hit me? What kind of a person would you be if you do something like that? Aren't you afraid of being laughed at if word gets out?"

"Enough. Stop arguing, you two. I've already decided that Diane will resume the position of general manager starting tomorrow. Stanley will be the manager of the business department!" The old lady said after some thought.

"Business department?" Stanley nearly fainted when he heard that! Aside from being the most tiring and low-paying position, it was also very difficult to get any kickbacks in the business department. That would only worsen if Diane became the general manager. His situation would be a little less difficult if he were to join the human resources department or the finance department.

"That's decided then!" The old lady nodded, glanced at Severin beside her, and said to him, "I hope you won't let me down, Severin. I'll leave it to you to secure the Liberty City project. My decision to let Diane resume her position as general manager comes with a two-month probationary period. Have I made myself clear?"

The corners of Severin's lips could not help but twitch a few times after hearing that. She was a sly old fox, and he knew that it would not be that easy to put Diane back as the general manager.

Her meaning was obvious if he could help the Shanahans get in on the Liberty City project, then Diane would have no problems passing the probationary period. On the flip side, if Severin failed, then it was obvious that Diane would be replaced at any time.

Severin was not at all worried about his chances and merely smiled as he said to her, "You can relax, Grandma. I'll handle it. It's only about twenty days since, right? Don't worry, there will be a spot for the Shanahans!"

Catherine was overjoyed to hear Severin's affirmation and nodded contently. "You're a part of the Shanahans now, so I hope you can live up to our expectations and contribute a little something to the family."

"We'll take our leave for now then!" Severin smiled and soon followed Diane's family as they happily went back to Diane's family villa.

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Stanley felt annoyed as he watched Severin and the others leave. He could not bear it any longer and said to his grandmother, "Don't you think you're being too hasty, Grandma?"

In response, Catherine rolled her eyes at Stanley and said, "You're an idiot, you know that? There is more to Severin than meets the eye. His relationship with Larry must be deeper than it looks since he could get Larry to come over with just a phone call," Having pointed that out, the old lady paused for a moment and said again, "Besides, we won't stand to lose any money now, right? We'll be making a lot

of money if he can secure the Liberty City project. If he can't do that, then I can. always get Diane to relinquish her position when the time comes."

"Okay then." Stanley accepted it on the surface, but he was still a little upset because he did not want Diane to be above him.

"That felt good! Haha! I can't believe I'd ever see the day when Stanley would be so deflated! His face turned ashen earlier!" Megan said with a smile after returning to their residence.

"I couldn't agree more! It feels like I've finally let my anger out!" Felicia was also feeling buoyant.

William, however, did not seem to share much of their enthusiasm. "I'll admit that it felt good, but Stanley's the kind who is naturally vengeful. We might have the upper hand this time, but what we did was practically offending him!"

Upon hearing that, Severin said disapprovingly, "You shouldn't think that way. There have been many occasions when we think that it's best to just give way, but is it really the best option? None of you have ever offended him in the past, and yet he continues to oppress you like nobody's business. If you don't resist or fight back, he'll treat you like pushovers and keep oppressing you even more!"

"He's right, Dad. If we don't fight back, our enemies will treat us as easy targets." Megan sided with Severin and felt more amiable to him. After all, he had given them a luxury car and vented their anger on their behalf. In the past, they were oppressed by Stanley very often, yet they were unable to fight back and could only keep their anger in their hearts.

Diane was the only one who had a prominent frown on her face. "Stanley's not that big a problem because he's from our family. The most he'll do is use some petty little tricks to make life difficult for us. What I'm worried about right now is Rufus."

"Him? Really? Don't you think you're worrying too much, Diane? They brought all their people here only to leave with their heads down because they didn't dare to offend Draco Hall!" Megan had a different view compared to Diane.

Diane smiled bitterly. "He was being courteous to Larry. Didn't he promise to bring his men away if Severin could call Larry over? He kept his word so as not to ruin his reputation. But that doesn't change the fact that both father and son are sinister individuals who are not to be messed with. Besides, he only helped because he needed Severin's help to treat Larry's mother. That can't be the case every single time in the future."

"You're right. That does sound troublesome!" Megan looked at Severin a little more worrisomely after hearing Diane's analysis,

"Haha, don't worry, you two. If it wasn't because I felt bad to get blood everywhere on my first visit to my in-laws, I wouldn't have bothered to call Larry at all! The Chavezes' bodyguards are like ants before me!" Severin chuckled nonchalantly.

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Diane exchanged glances with Megan and they were both utterly speechless. With more than two hundred people there and several among them who could hold their own against a dozen or even several dozen men, it was appalling that Severin could even make a statement that the bodyguards were 'like ants'. He could bluff without batting an eye and without the smallest ounce of shame.

"Well, we have nothing more to worry about now that Diane will finally continue working at the company," Felicia said with a smile. "After you become the general manager, you can't continue to let your father remain as an ordinary warehouse manager with a deducted salary, right?"

Diane smiled softly in response and said, "Of course not!"

Felicia's eyes lit up and she looked eagerly at Diane. "Can he get a promotion or something of the sort?"

"Absolutely not." Diane shook her head. "I plan to fire him."

"WHAT?!" Felicia nearly vomited blood. "What do you mean, Diane? You're going to fire him? How could you be more ruthless than Stanley? Do you want him to completely lose his job?!"

Her mother's excited look elicited a chuckle from Diane as she covered her mouth and laughed. "Don't you think you're getting too riled up, Mom? Even Dad is calmer than you are." After a pause, Diane continued, "I was just joking, Mom. I don't mean to fire Dad. I just want him to retire early. The company allows two or three people to get early retirement every year, right? I'll make sure Dad gets one! Once he stops working, the monthly dividends given to retired employees by the company are about two or three times more than his usual working salary. That should be better, right?"

"That's more like it! You scared me to death earlier!" Felicia's grief turned into joy.

"You finally came through, hub!" Megan was also a little excited. "I still remember how you wouldn't protect your family using your power."

Diane smiled wryly. "I guess I sort of understand now. I used to be afraid of all the things people will say to me behind my back, and I never promoted Dad even if I had the opportunity to do so.. Now that I think about it, why should I care about other people's opinions? When Stanley was the general manager and laundered the company's money to spend on himself, Grandma just turned a blind eye to it. Dad isn't young anymore, so why can't I do a little something for him?"

She then looked at William, who was noticeably older than five years ago, and said, "And besides, this benefit is utterly insignificant compared to some of the things Stanley has done!*

"Haha! Then I'll look forward to getting some rest at last!" William smiled, knowing that his daughter had grown a lot in the past few years and became a much stronger person than before. It was heartening to see that she would no longer be bullied that much anymore.

Elsewhere, Larry frowned after leaving the Shanahans' estate.

"You alright? You don't look so happy. Didn't you get the chance to show a bit of might earlier?"

Blade could not help but ask curiously when he saw his superior like that.

Larry smiled bitterly, and said, "I'm now worried that our supreme leader will call me for help out of the blue!"

"Why should you be? He's our supreme leader! If it weren't for him, we'd all be dead by today. He saved our lives, and our lives belong to him! I'd do anything he asks me to, even if it means going through a mountain of swords and a sea of flames!" Blade was even more puzzled at Larry's reply and did not know why Larry would say something so unlike him.

"Sigh, I'm more than happy to work hard for him, but the tricky thing is when he asks me to help without letting me reveal his identity. I can use the excuse of seeking his help to treat my mother's illness, but what about next time? My mother can't just be sick all the time, and I can't use that excuse all the time either!" Larry said.

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After hearing that, Blade could not help but nod in agreement. "You're right. That is quite difficult indeed. Coming up with a good excuse is rather troublesome too."

He put some thought into the matter and finally said to Larry, "How about we use the excuse of having him treat my mother next time?"

"..." Larry facepalmed.

"Curses! Some luck this Severin has! I wanted to end his life today, but I didn't expect Larry to stand up for him!" Rufus, who by then had returned to the Chavezes, was still cursing angrily and had nowhere to vent his rage.

On one side, Manuel said, "Hehe, just forget it. We have to show some respect to Larry, and I did make that agreement with Severin before too. Since he did manage to get Larry over with just a phone call, I cannot possibly break my word as the head of the Chavezes."

After finishing speaking, he looked at his stubborn son and said, "You are not to provoke Severin in the coming days, at least for this period. Larry will need Severin's help to cure his mother's illness."

"Okay, but I don't want to see him again in the future, or else I won't let him off the hook!" Rufus clenched his fist and added viciously, "If he hadn't slept with my dream woman and got her pregnant with a child, she might have married me! He's the reason I have to marry a non-virgin even if I do get Diane to marry me."

Upon hearing that, Manuel's face turned gloomy for a moment and he stared straight at Rufus. "I didn't think you were aware that she's already used goods? You're my son, the future heir of the Chavezes.

Have you been coveting a woman who's been used even after so many years? You're truly a disappointment."

Rufus had a bitter expression on his face. "But Diane is so good-looking! I think she's getting more and more beautiful as the years pass. There's an air of maturity and femininity to her! I just can't help myself from liking her."

Manuel was speechless, but he could not refute it because Diane was very attractive! Her figure and her appearance lured him to take a few more glances at her even though he had seen.

countless women before.

Later in the evening, Felicia and the others were in a good mood and decided to have dinner with Severin's family before leaving. Once dinner was done, Severin drove his family back home in the newly bought luxury car worth more than nearly two-hundred-and-five-thousand dollars.

As they were about to reach home, Severin spotted a struggle under a big tree. Three men grabbed a young woman and dragged her to a small bamboo forest not far away.

"No! Let me go, you animals!" The young woman in a miniskirt had a very sexy figure, and she was being targeted by three thugs. As much as she tried struggling, it was useless and she ended up being carried into the forest.

"Those monsters!" Severin gritted his teeth, parked the car on the side of the road, and said to

Diane. "You saw that too, didn't you, honey? Those hooligans are going to do something to her!"

Diane understood what he meant and nodded. 'Go ahead' But be carefull

"I will" Severin nodded and rushed into the bamboo forest as soon as he received Diane's permission.