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When Severin woke up the next morning, he realized that Diane had kicked off her blanket at some point during the night and draped her sexy fair leg over him. She was such an unruly person in her sleep that one of her arms was draped over Severin's neck as she slept on her stomach. She seemed to be the person who tended to move around when she sleeping.

Severin's heartbeat quickened as he looked at her sexy thighs. As much as he was able to resist. temptation, he could not control his thoughts from running wild when he was in such an inviting

situation.

At that moment, Diane's beautiful eyes opened slowly and she discovered something.

"Ah! W-what are you doing?!" Diane was startled to see Severin, but she then remembered having allowed him to sleep in the room the previous night. Her cheeks turned red at that moment, and she hurriedly removed her hands and legs from him. She then pulled her nightgown because it had ridden up her thighs, all while wondering if Severin had seen anything.

Severin was speechless too and smiled bitterly. "Shouldn't I be the one asking you that? I had a very good night's sleep last night, and I woke up to see you hugging me. You're rather wild when you're asleep, aren't you?"

Diane, however, blushed coyly when she heard what Severin said. "L...how am I wild? For all I know, you could've hooked my leg over there! You should go back to your room right away! I need to change my clothes."

"Okay." Severin had no choice but to nod and walk out when she saw Diane's shy demeanor.

"Phew!" Diane breathed a sigh of relief and touched her hot cheek after Severin walked out.

"You just got up?" Queenie asked as soon as Severin went out, catching him by surprise. She had just exited her room in the opposite corridor, and there was a knowing smile on her face when she saw Severin in pajamas.

"Yes!" Severin smiled, then went back to his room to change clothes. When he was done, he went downstairs and then said to Queenie who was sitting on the sofa, "Let's go. I'll go with you to return the money."

"Okay." Queenie had been pushed to the limit by her creditors and she felt relieved that the opportunity to pay off the money had finally come.

Before long, Severin drove Queenie to a villa.

"The name of the guy who lent me money is called Hugh. He's their leader. Those people aren't to be messed with, so you need to be polite to them." Queenie reminded Severin as soon as they got off the car.

Severin smiled wryly and asked, "His subordinates just tried to assault you last night, and you want me to be polite to them?"

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"There were only three of them last night, and there are many other young and trained subordinates here inside. Hugh is not the kind of person that should be provoked. He is a skilled fighter, and he has a strong behind-the-scenes supporter. That's the reason you should be more

polite to him. I'm worried we won't be able to leave this place if you end up offending him!\* Queenie said.

To avoid worrying Queenie any further, Severin could only nod at her and say, "Understood, Queenie. I'll talk to them nicely!"

As soon as they arrived at the gate, the two men who were guarding the door started ogling her right away.

"Queenie! It's you! You look smokin' hot today!" One of the guys looked at Queenie's thighs with a wretched expression and said while licking his lips. Evidently, they knew who she was because it was not her first time returning money to them.

"I'm here to pay back the money. Can you let us in?" Queenie smiled flatteringly. As a girl, she did not dare not offend any of those people. Though they tended to ogle her all the time when she came, they did not dare to do anything funny on Hugh's turf without receiving any directives from him. Moreover, Hugh was the kind of person who was most welcoming and polite to those who came to return money.

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At least, that was how it used to be.

"We have no problems letting you in, but we don't know who this guy is, so I'm afraid he can't bel allowed to go in with you!" The other guy said as he smiled and looked at Severin.

"He's my cousin, I went with him to withdraw the money earlier so we can pay back the money. He's here to help me!" Queenie immediately explained.

"Cousin, eh?" The man looked at Severin again and saw that Severin was carrying a black bag that probably contained money. However, he still said, "No can do, Queenie. Cousin or not, he's an outsider. We can't let him in, so tell him to wait for you outside!"

Queenie frowned and her expression turned gloomy. "Why not? This rule never existed before!"

"Hehe," the rule came into force today. Got a problem with that?" The man smiled wickedly.

Severin instantly sensed something was wrong and stepped forward to say, "Sorry, but we're here to pay back the money. Let us both go in. I'm worried that my cousin won't be safe by herself!"

"You're worried she won't be safe? Chill, dude. She'll be safe!" The man had an evil grin as he said, -That's the rule here. You're only allowed to wait outside!" Queenie's expression became increasingly sour because she seemed to sense that something was amiss. It was likely that the three guys from last night complained to Hugh about what happened to them, which was probably why she was only allowed to go in by herself.

However, there was no other option left for her because she still owed them nine thousand dollars, and she wanted to settle that debt as soon as possible so she did not have to worry about that dastardly

interest. With that goal firmly in mind, a hint of determination appeared in her eyes and she turned around and took the bag of money from Severin's hand. She then said to him," How about you just wait for me outside? Don't worry, all I'm going to do is pay the money back. I'm sure they won't do anything to me once I'm in there. It'll take only about ten minutes at most!"

Severin frowned but eventually nodded. "Okay. Be careful then!"

Queenie also nodded in response and turned around to walk to the villa gate. The two blonde men who guarded the door had wicked smiles as they looked at Queenie's rear figure.

After pondering over his options, Severin pretended to leave, but as soon as he was outside the wall on the other side of the villa, he leaped up in the blink of an eye and crossed over the nearly two-meterhigh wall with ease. Once he got on the other side, Severin found himself in a small forest, where he watched Queenie walk into the villa gate.

A few seconds later, Severin observed that no people were patrolling, so he dashed in a flicker and left an afterimage as he appeared suddenly at the gate of the villa.

"In the middle of breakfast, Hugh?" After Queenie entered, she saw Hugh sitting on the sofa and enjoying his food. She raised the money in her hand and said to him, "I'm here to return the money!"

"Hehe, return the money you say?" Hugh chuckled. "How much do you plan on returning this time?"

"Nine thousand! I plan to pay everything off today!" Queenie said directly.

"Pay it off, huh? Can you pay it off though? You caused my subordinate to get beaten up yesterday. How are we going to settle that debt?" Hugh put his cup of milk down and stood up slowly.

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Queenie's face soured as soon as she heard that. She looked at the three people standing behind Hugh and saw that they were none other than the three guys who were beaten by Severin the previous night. At that moment, the three of them were looking angrily at her.

Johnny took the initiative to take a step forward and say, "I didn't expect us to meet so soon, Queenie. Hehe, our boss Hugh told us that we can't just let you off the hook so easily after you beat us up!"

Queenie immediately looked at Hugh with a pleading expression and said, "I didn't beat them up. last night! They got beaten by someone else because they were trying to force themselves on me. How can you blame me for that?"

Hugh said nonchalantly, "And why shouldn't we blame you? You owe us a lot of money, and you kept dragging the payment. My guys are getting fed up with having to look for you and ask for the money to be returned. I don't think it's out of line for them to want to get something out of you."

He then continued, "Besides, no one would rush in to save you if you didn't keep yelling last night, and then my men here won't get beaten. Now try and tell me that this doesn't have anything to do with you.

"How can you be so unreasonable? Your interest rates are so high, and I've worked so hard just to pay you back, but my debt increases instead of reduces! How can you blame me for dragging this. out too long? Besides, you should know that the five percent interest rate that was initially agreed upon in the contract was secretly changed to a higher amount!" Queenie gritted her teeth angrily. Her eyes were a little red, and she nearly cried because of how badly they were bullying her.

After thinking for a moment, she put the black plastic bag on the coffee table and opened it. Here's nine thousand dollars. The money I owe you is supposed to be a little under nine thousand; but I'll give you nine thousand in total. That should be enough for me to clear my debt to you from now on! Please

excuse me!" Queenie knew that the other party had nefarious thoughts, so she turned around and prepared to leave as soon as she said that.

"Where are you going?"

"Trying to run?"

The three men who were beaten up the previous day rushed over immediately and blocked Queenie's way.

"Hugh..." Queenie turned around and looked at Hugh, who unfolded his crossed legs and remarked with a cold smile, "Did I say you could leave? You owe us more than just the nine thousand dollars. That man beat up three of my men, so you'll have to pay for the medical expenses. That'll be fifteen thousand per person, totaling forty-five thousand for all three!"

"Forty-five thousand?!" Queenie exclaimed as her face turned pale with fright. She pleaded with Hugh, "I'm sorry, but I won't be able to give you forty-five thousand dollars even if you sell me off! Please just let me go!" Queenie was speechless. To think that she had to apologize to them even. though she was being pushed around!

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T\*ck off I've taken a liking to her now, so you should just the frok out of the way Don't you feet ashamed for even thinking of that when the three of you got beat up by ona damn guy" Hugh lambasted Johnny and then said to Queenie "So, have you decided? Just take your clothes off and be done with It?'

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Queenie knew that High was an evil man, and if she did take off her clothes that day and did it with him, she could not guarantee that they would not cause trouble for her again in the future. Furthermore, it was her first time, and one's first time was very important to girls.

"Hahaha! You're just bluffing! Where are you going to get forty-five thousand?" Johnny broke out in laughter. "You probably borrowed that nine thousand from someone. Do you think you can fool us by saying you can get forty-five thousand dollars? I bet none of your relatives will lend you that much money. I think you're just trying to use that as an excuse to get out of this place!

"Now take your f\*cking clothes off! My patience is limited!" Hugh cut straight to the chase. Queenie was becoming more and more attractive, and he felt increasingly drawn to her when she said that she would rather give him forty-five thousand dollars than sleep with him.

"Hurry up!" Johnny said.

"Hurry up!" The second of the trio urged.

"Hurry up!" The final person demanded.

All three had an excited look in their eyes. Even though they could not get a taste of her body, it would still be fun to watch their boss get it on with her. More importantly, a hidden camera had been installed, and Hugh could use the video to threaten her into satisfying his lust every day in the future. If she refused, he could ruin her reputation with the snap of a finger.

"Like hell if you think she'll take her clothes off!" Severin was so enraged that he could not stand it anymore and barged in immediately after kicking the door open.

"Who the f\*ck are you?" Hugh's expression soured as he looked at Severin. "How dare you barge. into my villa?"

"Backup needed! Backup needed! Someone broke in! What are those patrol guys doing?" A blonde guy immediately ran out to call for someone.

Johnny was frightened by Severin's sudden appearance. He recalled what happened the day before and inhaled sharply as he said to Hugh, "I know who this guy is! He... He's the kid who beat us up last night! It's him!"

"Cousin? Why are you here? Didn't I tell you not to come in? This is bad... now neither of us will be allowed to leave!" Queenie shouted at Severin in horror.

"What? He's your cousin! I thought he was just some stupid young kid who tried to be a hero. I didn't expect him to be your cousin!" Johnny was stunned for a moment. "I knew that there couldn't be someone that nosy. It turned out to be your cousin!"

Queenie immediately shut up and realized that she had gravely misspoken.

"Don't worry, Queenie. They can't stop us from leaving today!" Severin's expression was frigid, and there was a sort of iciness in his eyes. That group of people were outright monsters who secretly changed the contract, charged such high interest, and forced Queenie into working at a bar just to repay the money. Unfortunately for her, the debt was never reduced even after she paid all that money back.

Severin was incredibly angry because of all that, but he did not want to cause any trouble and decided that paying back the money would be fine since it was only about nine thousand dollars. He did not think that Hugh and his men would be so despicable. They should no intention of letting Queenie go at all, and it was as if they would only be satisfied if they milked Queenie dry.

"How confident!" Hugh smiled coldly. "Look behind you. There are more than twenty people here, kid. I have to admit though, you're pretty brave to break in here alone!" He paused for a moment and then continued, "But you've pissed me off, and this is as far as you'll go!"

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Severin's expression was still surprisingly indifferent as he turned around to glance at the 20 people behind him. "Twenty men? That's all? And they're just all low-level gangsters. I can barely. get a proper warmup if I fight them."

Queenie nearly fainted when she heard that and immediately chastised him, "Why are you still pretending to intimidate them? These guys don't get scared so easily. Let's just beg Hugh!"

"Beg him?" Severin was stunned for a moment. "Do you think you'll get anything if you beg ant animal like him?"

Queenie was speechless. Severin's remark had rendered it useless to kneel or kowtow to Hugh because it would have already offended Hugh beyond the point of redemption.

"Alright then, kid. Shoe me what you got!" Hugh waved his hand to give his subordinates the signal

to act.

When Severin saw those gangsters rushing up with clenched fists, a trace of disdain appeared in his eyes and he darted toward them in a blink of an eye. At that moment, he seemed to have transformed into a martial arts master, delivering punches and kicks at lightning-fast speed, sending his opponents flying several meters back.

Without needing to deal more than one blow to each person, he kicked and punched more than twenty people and left them helpless on the ground in less than twenty seconds. The three men whom he beat up the previous night received special treatment though – Severin made sure to kick their legs so forcefully that they would end up spending their entire lives in a wheelchair.

When Hugh saw what happened, he was so overwhelmed by fear that cold sweat broke out on his forehead. For the record, he was one of those people who could hold his own against ten men, but dispatching twenty people with such ease and swiftness was simply something he could not

# achieve.

"Whoa! You're f\*cking awesome! This is the first time I have seen someone who can fight like that! "Queenie was stunned silly, and it took her a while before she had the frame of mind to run to Severin's side. There, she looked at him with adulation.

Severin smiled wryly. "Could you be a little less crass in your words? It'd sound nicer if you avoid using the F-word. Girls should watch their words. Don't go around dropping F-bombs everywhere."

"But it's the truth! You ARE f\*cking awesome!" Queenie rolled her eyes and looked at Hugh again. She was no longer afraid of him at that moment. "Do you know how powerful my cousin is, now? Can you let us go then?"

"Okay. Okay!" Hugh raised his hand, wiped away the cold sweat from his forehead, then stretched out his hand again to indicate that they could leave.

Queenie heaved a sigh of relief after finally getting the chance to leave safely.

To her surprise, however, Severin remarked, "Leave? Why should we? We haven't settled scores yet!" After saying that, he walked right to the sofa and say down by imitating Hugh.. "You cheated my cousin out of so much money, and I originally wanted to just stick by my decision to avoid any

conflict. I never wanted to hold it against you, but I didn't expect you to bully my cousin repeatedly and humiliate her. How much do you think you should pay her for what you did?"

Hugh wiped off his cold sweat again, but he still said to Severin, "Think twice before you do anything, kid. If you leave right now, you'll have my respect for being a good man and I'll just forget about what happened today. If you try and extort me, then I won't just let this matter end here!"

"Arghh!" Johnny and the rest of them who were on the ground were wailing in pain, but Johnny endured the pain and said, "Don't cross the line, pal. Do you have any idea who Hugh is? The only reason we're not telling you is because we're worried that you'll be scared to death!"

Severin said nonchalantly, "I'm not the kind to cause trouble, but I fear nothing once I make my move. Come at me with all you've got! But if you don't pay up and compensate my cousin for the mental distress that you've caused her, I'll kill you right now Hugh, or whatever your name is!" He had an indifferent look, almost as if he was talking about the most trivial of things.

However, Queenie's lips twitched a few times and she was frightened by Severin's pretentiousness. I already told him that Hugh has a strong supporter, so why does Severin have. to try and act bold? She smiled awkwardly at Hugh, then approached Severin and said, "Let's go, Severin. I'm not in any mental distress right now, so they don't need to pay for that. Didn't you also say that you'd much rather avoid any conflict?"

"Well, the conflict has already happened. I don't have any other way!" Severin smiled slightly.

stretched his waist, and said, "They only have themselves to blame for angering a beast like me!"

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Hugh gritted his teeth and his vision turned sharp in an instant. He rushed out all of a sudden, then raised his leg and swiped a kick at Severin. He was someone that no ordinary person would dare to provoke, and his combat strength was quite formidable too, despite being frightened by

Severin's attack earlier.

However, Severin would not be able to fight back that easily from the sofa, so Hugh launched at surprise attack. He believed that Severin would be done for if he could just land a strong kick.

"A sneak attack?" Hugh's speed was fast, but he moved like a snail in Severin's eyes. With a slap of the hand, he smacked away Hugh's oncoming kick and raised his leg again to kick Hugh's crotch.

"Arghh!" The next second, Hugh flew backward and fell to the ground with a thump. His hands were covering his nether regions as he uttered an agonized wail. He could clearly feel that his wiener was becoming useless!

"Graaah! You'll regret this!" Hugh glared at Severin, and veins were bulging from his forehead as he was in severe pain.

Severin stood up slowly, walked up to Hugh, and looked condescendingly at him. "Do you regret. trying to sneak an attack on me earlier? I only wanted you to pay a hundred and fifty thousand to her, but I'm afraid that won't be enough now. You'll have to pay four-hundred-and-fifty-thousand

dollars!"

Queenie covered her mouth in surprise and could not believe what was happening before her. It never crossed her mind that Severin would dare to beat Hugh up like that. In addition, he wanted Hugh to pay

four-hundred-and-fifty-thousand too! Judging from how things were progressing, the person supporting Hugh would be pissed for sure!

"I'll give you ten seconds, or else you'll be dead!" Severin said calmly, but the threat in his tone was

evident.

"I, Hugh Tanglewood, am not afraid of death. You should think twice before you provoke the forces behind me. Do you think you can afford to anger them?"

Hugh raised his head, glared at Severin, and wanted nothing more than to tear Severin into a million pieces.

"Ten, nine, eight..." Severin began to count down from ten without even bothering to look at the other party.

"You..." Hugh was speechless for he had never seen such a bold person before.

"...five, four..." Severin lifted a leg as soon as he uttered 'four'.

"Wait!" Hugh was scared at last. He could sense an overwhelmingly murderous aura and endured the pain. "Give me the bank account number. I'll transfer the money to you!"

Severin turned to Queenie and asked, "Do you have your account number with you?"

Queenie was dumbfounded and helpless at that moment because she was shocked by the aura coming from Severin. She took out her bank account details and then stretched out her trembling

hand to hand it over to Hugh.

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Hugh gritted his teeth and endured the agonizing pain as he finally transferred the money to Queenie's account.

"I received it!" Queenie's voice trembled as she looked at the number displayed on her phone. She had never seen such a huge sum of money in her life!

"Haha, wonderful! Let's go!" Severin laughed and left with Queenie.

"Hugh...Hugh...you need to let 'them' know. That f\*cker....he crossed the line." One of the guys crawled over to Hugh.

Hugh glared angrily at the other party and yelled, "You dumbf\*ck! Do you know what's the most. important thing we need to do right now?"

"What?" That subordinate had been beaten up so badly that all he thought about was revenge.

Hugh gritted his teeth and winced in pain. "Call an ambulance and have me sent me to the hospital, you f\*ckwad. I don't even know whether or not my wiener is still working!"

"Oh, yes, that's right! We need to go to the hospital!" the guy came to his senses and agreed.

At that moment, Severin and Queenie had walked out of the villa and toward the Audi A8 that was parked on the street. When they got into the vehicle, Queenie was still in a daze and felt unable to calm herself down.

After a few seconds, she tugged on Severin's arm and said, "We need to run. It has to be as far away from here as possible! Hugh won't let us go that easily now that you've extorted forty hundred and fifty thousand from him! Bring your family, and I'll bring mine too. Both our families. will run away together

and leave this place! We don't need to worry about money now that we have forty hundred and fifty thousand!"

Once she made that remark, she seemed to think of something and said, "You...you shouldn't have asked for the money. We should've just left when they let us leave! We stand to lose so much more even if we run away right now. Your villa is worth millions, and it's not like you can bring it with you! There won't be enough time to sell it either!"

Severin chuckled heartlessly when he saw Queenie being so nervous. "Don't you think you're being too much of a scaredy cat? I remember you fighting those bullies who picked on me when I was still a kid. We grew up together, you know. Why are you getting less and less courageous the older you get?"

Queenie rolled her eyes at Severin. "I'm not a scaredy cat. Hugh just has a strong backer, and I don't think we'll have the chance to escape if we don't escape now."

"Does it matter if he's got a backer? Just relax, okay? I wasn't scared of him when I beat him up earlier, and I'll do the same if he comes to cause trouble again!" Severin smiled slightly and seemed nonchalant about it.

Queenie was speechless for a moment. "You say that like you're invincible. Who do you think you are? Are you one of the four legendary war gods?"

Severin smiled and said, "Hehe, nah, the war gods aren't that big of a deal. They're all my apprentices!"

"Pfft!" Queenie nearly vomited blood when she heard that. "You've honed your bragging skills in the few years that we haven't seen each other. Are you sure we don't need to run away?"

"Of course not. Don't worry so much!" Severin smiled and said, "By the way, don't say that I extorted the other party for forty hundred and fifty thousand. It makes me sound horrible. I'm not that sort of

person, and it's not like I wanted that puny sum" Severin paused briefly before continuing to explain, "I came to pay back the nine thousand you owed, and that sum has already been paid, which was why I didn't ask for the same sum when I left. As for the four-hundred-and- fifty-thousand dollars, it's their compensation to you for causing you mental distress. You are obliged to take it because it's compensation. Understand?"

"Compensation?" Queenie smiled wryly. "Why do I feel that this money is more like a hot potato. than money?"

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Severin smiled. "Let's go. Your next step should be to resign from your job, don't you think? You have a lot of cash now, after all. If your parents ask where you got it from, just tell them that I returned it to your family. That'll spare you from having to explain the full story to them. Anyway, we'll view some homes once you hand in your resignation"

"View some homes?" Queenie was speechless. That damn Severin had caused so much trouble, and yet he was somehow thinking about going house-viewing. However, when she saw that Severin had no plans to run away, she had no choice but to cancel her plans in the hope that Severin would have a few tricks up his sleeve and not fear Hugh's backer.

Severin drove the car and arrived outside a bar. After parking the car, Severin and Queenie walked into the establishment, where Queenie had a word with the manager.

"I'm quitting, Paul!" Queenie said as she looked at her manager, Paul. "Could you pay me the rest of my salary? I haven't worked much this month, but the commission on drinks adds up to more than seven hundred dollars."

"You're quitting?" Her manager froze for a moment and his expression seemed to sink. Queenie was good-looking and had a stunning figure, so it was no surprise that a rich kid named Gareth had fallen in love with her recently and wanted to make her his.

Gareth had already discussed that with Paul and even offered several thousand dollars to Paul in private so the latter would tamper with the drinks. His plan was to have Paul arrange for Queenie to keep him company at one of the private rooms, and when the time was right, Paul would privately pass the tampered bottle of wine to the rich young man. What happened next between the rich kid and Queenie later on was none of Paul's concern, since he already had the money in the bag.

Little did he expect that a problem would pop up not long after he took the money in exchange for agreeing to help Gareth. He would stand to lose a lot if Queenie quit her job! When that happened, the money would have to be refunded, and Gareth would certainly be unhappy enough that he might even slap Paul a couple of times. He knew that he could not mess with a rich kid.

Paul was stunned for a moment, but he immediately smiled and said, "Why would you resign so suddenly when you've been doing such a great job all this while? This is too sudden. What am I going to do once you're gone? And besides, didn't you say you needed money?"

Queenie smiled embarrassedly. "I don't lack money anymore, Paul, and a place like this just isn't suitable for me. I've decided to quit, so I hope you'll approve my resignation!"

Paul frowned and had a troubled expression on his face. He looked at Severin, who was standing beside Queenie, and frowned when he saw that Severin was dressed rather stylishly. He could not help but ask, "Did you get a rich guy to take care of you now? Is that why you're not short of money and plan to quit?"

Queenie glanced at Severin and realized that Paul had misunderstood her situation. She explained hurriedly, "You're mistaken! This is actually my cousin. He owed my family some money, and he finally returned everything to me. I was able to pay Hugh everything I owe him, so now I can finally quit my job!"

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"You're the best, Queenie! Remember to come to work tonight. It's only for a few hours anyway, and you'll get your pay as soon as you clock off!" Paul looked gratefully at Queenie and heaved at sigh of relief.

"Okay. Please excuse me for now then!" Queenie nodded and quickly walked out with Severin.

As soon as she walked out, Severin said to her, "Why do I feel that there's something fishy with your manager? Judging from how he acted earlier, it seems like it's very important to him that your come to work tonight!"

Queenie did not read too much into it. "Two of the girls couldn't come, so they're short of people now. He just wants me to help cover for them tonight. I'll just do it since it's only one night. I can. still quit once my shift's over."

"I still have the feeling that he has something ulterior motive!" Severin insisted on his point of view.

"That's unlikely. Paul is a very nice person, and if a customer wants to bring us away with them, he'll explain to them that we only keep the customers company at the bar and that we never spend the night with them. If they insist on having a girl for the night, he'll direct them to the other girls who specifically play that role." Queenie smiled and said to Severin. "You shouldn't have such a negative view of everyone!"

"Okay. Now that you've already explained your perspective, I guess I was just mistaken then!" Severin smiled, drove the car, and soon came to a newly-launched property. "What do you think of this place?"

"It's nice, and the layout is impressive too, but it's a bit expensive because it's located in the city center. An ordinary three-bedroom apartment costs nearly two hundred and sixty thousand dollars!" Queenie

then smiled and remarked, "Hold on. You already have your big villa, so why are viewing homes?"

"For you to buy!" Severin said straightforwardly. "You and your mother are still living in a lessdeveloped part of the city, and I heard that your houses are a little old. Don't you want your parents to have a better life?"

"Of course, I do! I just never had the money." Queenie sighed. "I tend to look at all sorts of property on the internet during my spare time. This place is great because of its spacious rooms and large balconies. I've seen their listings before, but when I look at the price, I feel like it's something I can never afford for the rest of my life."

"Don't you have four hundred and fifty thousand right now? What are you waiting for? Let's get that house!" Severin said immediately.

Queenie smiled wryly and said, "But, the money in my account belongs to Hugh, and it was practically robbed from him. I'm worried that they might try and cause trouble, so I'm afraid to spend the money. What if I have to return it later?"

Severin was a little speechless at Queenie's timidness. He took back the bank card from her hand and said, "If you say that the money in it was robbed, then strictly speaking, I was the one who robbed him. Now it's mine, so I'll use that money to buy a house for your family. Does that sound.

better? I owe your family big time after what you did to help us all these years!"

After speaking, Severin got out of the car with the bank card.

"Wait!" Queenie got out of the car too. She did not expect that her anxiety would make Severin unhappy.

The two of them soon entered the sales department and looked at the floor plans. In the end, Queenie could not help but suggest to Severin, "Why don't I buy a smaller one? Perhaps a two- bedroom one? They have two-bedroom units that are much cheaper than other units!"

"No can do. Two-bedroom houses are too small. You need at least a three-bedroom house. I think this one is pretty good. Why don't you choose which floor you prefer?"

"You have a good eye, sir. Three bedrooms are the minimum nowadays. After all, wouldn't you want a baby in the future?" The female saleswoman echoed in agreement from one side as soon. as she heard that.

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baby?" Severin was speechless. He shot back coldly, "Don't be ridiculous! She's my cousin!"

Jeenie felt embarrassed and blushed.

h, I'm so sorry! I thought you were a young couple who were planning to buy a house to stay ter marriage! I'm really sorry for the misunderstanding!" The female saleswoman realized that e had used the wrong line on them and smiled awkwardly as a result. "You're both very tractive, and you look like a couple at first glance, which is why-"

Iright, we get it!" Severin stopped the saleswoman and smiled. "Anyway, can you bring us to one the show models?"

h, that's right! Let's have a look!" Queenie agreed.

ueenie? Is that you? It is!" All of a sudden, a man in a white suit walked over with a young woman ilding his arm. Queenie's expression turned sullen when she saw that the person was her college

assmate.

s name was Ferid Bennet, and Queenie had rejected him after he tried to win her heart back. iring their college days. After graduating from university, he continued to stalk her for some ne but his efforts failed in the end too. Eventually, after he found out that Queenie became a B- rl, he began to demean her in an unnerving way, saying stuff like she was an indecent person and at she probably took that job because she wanted to get a sugar daddy.

owever, Queenie chose to turn a blind eye to his remarks, and she felt lucky that she did not get gether with a man as petty as him. Her life might be much worse in the future if she ended up ith him. She just did not expect to meet him there.

re you here to view the fora house?" Queenie frowned but still greeted him nonetheless.

rid put his arms around his young female companion and then said proudly, "That's right. We're !re to view the house, or more accurately, buy one. We just paid the deposit!" After Ferid said at, he sneered, "Although we only paid the deposit, we're grateful that we're able to buy a house. re, especially since it's in the city. Our downpayment is about a hundred and sixteen thousand. ollars, which means we only need a loan of about forty thousand to sixty thousand dollars!"

Jon hearing that price, Queenie smiled and said, "It's great that you can have your own house. >w. Although it's just a two-bedroom one, it's good enough to be able to afford a house in this art of place. And besides, you only need a small loan, so there's no pressure on your finances!"

If course, there's no pressure! We wouldn't have been in such a hurry if Faye and I weren't about get married, but the date's already been chosen. But at least we'll be able to repay the loan in ivance of two or three years. Once that's out of the way, we can live a good life without having

worry about the mortgage!"

erid felt extremely proud. After all, he had just graduated from university a few years ago, and he ad it quite good considering the amount of savings he managed to get.

erid, is this the woman you tried to woo for several years but didn't manage to win her heart?" he young woman folded her hands on her chest and said, "Are you also here to view a house? Is

it a two-bedroom one? How much down payment do you plan to pay? Forty thousand? Fifty

thousand?"

"Haha, come on babe, the definitely didn't come to buy a house She's just here to view them! If the can afford to buy a house. I'll spell my name backward and call myself Derif! She's a B-girl now, and I heard

she still owes a lot of money. Do you expect her to be able to afford a house?" Ferid laughed and began to mock Queenie again.