

After Prison 191

[Chapter 191](#)

Edward looked at Diane leaving while feeling dumbstruck.

After a while, he finally got his senses back but Diane was already gone. He shook his head and looked at Felicia with disbelief. "Missus Felicia, what did I just hear? What is the meaning of that? Diane said you guys have accepted Severin? And Missus Catherine too? How's that possible?"

Felicia frowned, She knew she has to explain everything to him. "Mister Edward, it's better for you to let Diane go. There are many girls that are better than Diane and you can get them easily with your identity. Why should you insist on having her?"

She paused. "In the beginning, all of us did not approve of Diane marrying Severin. I mean he's an offender that got sent to jail and also a poor guy without money and power. There was no way we would allow Diane to be together with him. Even when he went to screw up Easton's wedding, we didn't help him."

"Then why the change of mind now?" Edward asked angrily. He gritted his teeth and was unhappy with the turns of things. Felicia was never shy to accept gifts from him. She even promised that she would help to persuade Diane to marry him. How could she accept Severin so easily now?

Felicia answered, "Selene has grown up now. Now that we know Severin is not totally useless as he has superb medical skills. Plus he now owns a villa and promises to give me seven million dollars of dowry. Look, he even bought us two cars and treated Diane so well..."

"Seven million dollars of dowry! Do you really believe that?" Edward was speechless. "He must be cheating you guys!"

"Diane said Severin is really going to keep his promise. I don't really believe in him but I believe in my daughter. Most importantly, our family is in need of help from him. That's why Catherine has agreed and even let Diane go back to work," Felicia said.

"That's right. Mister Edward, look at you. You're handsome and young. There are many women out there and I'm sure many women are fond of you. It's meaningless to insist on marrying my sister." Megan also tried to convince him.

"What the hell do you guys know?" Anger rose in him like a tide. He gripped his fist tightly and gave Felicia and Megan an angry look. "Do you think that imbecile is better than me? I don't believe Severin is really that good! Why should I give up the woman I like to him? Tell Diane that she better know what's good for her!"

With that said, he turned against them. "And you two! Shame on you! What did you promise me before? Didn't you guys say you will help me? After all the gifts I gave you two, you ungrateful and cruel people!"

This was the first time Felicia did not dare to get angry after being scolded. She smiled embarrassingly. "Umm.. Mister Edward, please calm down. We know you love my daughter. But there's nothing we do anymore. Don't worry, we will return all the gifts you gave us."

“Yes, yes, yes! We will return it back!” Megan also adhered.

“B*llshit!” Edward cursed coldly. “Do you think I care about the money? My reputation is what i care about! You guys make me look bad! Don’t regret it in the future!

[Chapter 192](#)

After venting it out, Edward tried to suppress his anger. “What did you guys say just now? You are asking Severin for help? Is Missus Catherin sick and needs Severin to save her? Or she will die?”

Felicia said, “No, no, no! That’s not it. Catherine is doing fine and very healthy. Do you know about Liberty City? We don’t actually have a chance to participate in it. But Severin has a good connection with Mister Henry. So we hope Severin could put in good words for us to get us to take part in the project. Severin assured us he can do that.”

Edward’s face looked sullen after hearing that. “He did save Mister Henry last time. But Mister Henry has already rewarded him with the villa and he probably received money from Mister Henry too. Otherwise, he won’t have the money to buy cars for you guys. I think that reward is more than enough to cover the medical bill. Shouldn’t he be content with that? Hmph! I don’t think Mister Henry would agree to it!”

He continued angrily. “He is so shameless! Does he think Mister Henry should help him out every time just because he saved Mister Henry once? Mister Henry will never like a person who doesn’t know his station!”

“Yes, I understand. But Missus Catherine runs out of options and decides to let him try. Who knows if it will succeed? We are also hoping he could succeed!” Felicia said.

She looked at him tentatively. “Mister Edward, why don’t you go home and think about it? You don’t really have to insist on marrying Diane. Isn’t it just nice if you two are just friends?”

“I don’t want to be just her friend!” Edward yelled out angrily and left.

When he was in the car, he thought deeply. Later he called Easton. “Have you guys finished eating? I’m coming back!”

He started his car engine after he hung up the phone and went back to the hotel.

“Mister Edward. How was it? Did you succeed?” Lucy asked hopefully when Edward was back.

On the other hand, Easton quickly pours a glass of red wine for Edward. “I’m sure it’ went smoothly. It definitely works when we have the photo and Mister Edward exposing Severin’s real personality. Here you go, Mister Edward. I know you come back to celebrate with us.”

Edward was boiling with anger and wanted to come back to vent it out by drinking. What Easton said only added flare to his irritation.

He accepted the red wine and poured it on Easton’s head. The red wine flowed down from Easton’s head to his body.

“Mis-mister Edward, you-” Easton was dumbstruck.

Edward smiled coldly. "What kind of sh*t photos did you guys give me? You guys didn't check it through. I was so embarrassed! That woman is Severin's cousin. Diane was so angry at me after she saw it. She even said I was meddling in her relationship with Severin and said she hates me more!"

He went to his seat, poured himself a glass of red wine, and finished it in one go. Despite that, his edge irritation was still there.

This was the first time Easton felt so humiliated. Although he was running on sheer anger, he did not have a choice but to suppress it because he could not afford to offend Edward.

He wiped off the red wine on his face before going over to Edward. "Mister Edward, we never thought that woman could be Severin's cousin. I really thought she was some indecent woman based on what she wore. Her attire could easily create a false impression."

Edward remained quiet. After a while, he gritted his teeth. "The Shanahans have now accepted Severin. They approve of him as Diane's husband. I must get rid of him. Or Diane will never be with me!"

[Chapter 193](#)

After what happened today, Edward finally realized he could not count on Felicia and Megan to persuade Diane. Not when the Shanahans were expecting Severin to get along with Mister Henry and maintained a good relationship with the Longhorns.

Diane had explicitly said that she would never give him a chance too. If that was the case, there was only one option left if he want to have Diane – kill Severin. Once Severin died, he would take the opportunity to console Diane when Diane was heartbroken and gained her affection.

Jada, Easton, and Lucy were thrilled to hear that. They had been desiring to kill Severin but they did not have the power to do so. The reason they were seeking help from Edward was they hoped Edward would do it. They would only rejoice once Severin is dead.

"Mister Edward, you're right. Without Severin in the picture, everything will be solved. Diane would surely fall in love with you!" Easton said quickly.

Lucy also shared her opinion. "We women know each other the most. Most likely, Diane chooses to be together with Severin because of her daughter. She doesn't actually have much feelings for him. The kid is just a product of their one-night stand. Once Severin is dead, Diane doesn't have any other choices. Even if she does, you are the best choice!"

Easton nodded. "Hell yeah! You are the only son and the only heir to your family. You're handsome and a gentleman. Without Severin in the picture, even an idiot knows it is better to choose you!"

Edward thought of it and said, "But we can't do it so obviously. If Diane knew I was the one who did it, I won't get her heart when Severin is dead. So I need to hire an assassin!"

"An assassin?" Easton was stunned but not for long.

His eyes brightened up. "You have the contact?"

Edward smiled. "Haha. I have a bodyguard who knows a friend from a killer organization. The killer organization is very reliable. But the only bad thing about it is their fees are very expensive!"

"Geez, it's just money. It's nothing to you." Easton smiled and filled up his wine glass. He raised the glass and prepared to toast with Edward.

However, Edward scoffed. "Wait a minute. You guys come to me because you want Severin dead. So you guys should be the ones who pay for the fee. I already did my part by contacting the killer organization."

Easton's mouth twitched. He was speechless. "How stingy can he be? Does he really need to do this?"

Jada did not say anything because she knew Edward was not a good person either. She was however surprised to see Edward was still thinking of taking advantage of them when he was obviously one of the people who dread to see Severin die.

She smiled and filled up her glass too before raising it. "It's a small matter. Not a big deal. Just tell us how much it is. After all, Easton and I are the ones asking for help from you. It doesn't matter if we need to pay to have Severin dead!"

"Yes, yes, yes! That's right. Miss Jada, what about we split the fees in half? If it's too expensive, I don't think I can afford it!" Easton nodded and suggested that.

He was just a normal businessman. The Stones were a third-tier upper-class family. If Jada decided to ask him to pay by himself, he had no choice but to be a fathead. Since it was inevitable that he had to pay, the least he could do was get Jada to pay half of the fee.

Jada smiled and understood what Easton was trying to say. She replied, "Sure. Let's toast!"

They raised their glasses and made a toast.

After that, Edward continued, "Severin is not weak, A normal assassin is not going to be able to kill him. We need to hire at least a higher rank assassin. I know the assassin in the killer organization is ranked by their stars. Those who have more stars are more powerful. Of course, more expensive too!"

He paused a while before continuing, "I think we should hire a three stars assassin. What do you guys think?"

Easton frowned. "How-how much will it cost?"

Edward stretched out two fingers and said, "This price!"

Easton frowned again. "Thirty thousand dollars?"

[Chapter 194](#)

However, Edward remained quiet without saying anything.

Three hundred thousand dollars? Is it really that expensive?" Easton asked.

had never gotten in touch with any killer organization before so he did not know the market price. From where he sees it, he thought he could hire an assassin for less than a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It shocked him to know it was going to cost three hundred thousand dollars.

How ignorant can you be? It's three hundred thousand dollars!" Edward gave Easton an impatient

look.

The combat power of a three star assassin is like the common assassin. They are powerful fighters. Do you think it's going to be cheap?" he said.

Isn't it a little too expensive?" Jada frowned.

It really cost the amount Edward said, it meant Easton and her needed to pay a million dollars

1. It was a lot of money even for a young miss from a reputable family like her..

Easton smiled embarrassingly. "Mister Edward. I'm from a normal wealthy family and not even an upper-class family. This is too expensive. Is there any cheaper alternative?"

Edward's face became sullen. "It's cheaper to hire two star assassin. The price is 750,000 dollars. But they are not as good as the three star assassin. Think about that."

Easton and Jada exchanged looks with each other and nodded.

Easton said, "We'll hire two star assassin. I think we can still afford seven-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars. Jada and I just need to pay three-hundred-and-seventy-five-thousand dollars

each."

"What do you mean afford? It's not a big problem to me!" Jada stared at Easton angrily. 'Does he know how to use his words? she thought.

I'm sorry. I mean me!" Easton smiled awkwardly.

Tomorrow. I will get my bodyguard to contact the killer organization when I go back. I hope a few years later, we will see Severin's death news! Let's toast to celebrate in advance!"

Edward stood up and toasted with the others again. After they were done eating, Easton received a call to tell him he needed to attend to a matter in the company. Thus, he left by himself and asked Lucy to grab a cab back.

Jada went to pay for the meal and left too.

Lucy and Edward were standing outside the plaza of the hotel. She smiled, "Mister Edward. We're counting on you. We're really happy that you are willing to help us."

Edward looked at her sexy body. Her dress had nicely embodied her booty. Under the influence of alcohol, he swallowed his saliva and said, "Lucy, why don't I send you back?"

Imm...I don't think that's appropriate. I better take a cab." Lucy was shocked.

Especially when Edward's background was far superior to Easton's.

“Are you sure you want to turn down my offer?” Edward pretended to look angry.

“Alright then. Thank you, Mister Edward,” Lucy accepted his offer embarrassingly.

When they were in the car, Edward placed his hand on Lucy’s leg. “Hey Lucy, Since I’m helping you guys to get rid of Severin, isn’t it unfair for you to pay nothing when Easton and Jada have to pay half of the fee?”

Lucy got a scare. Her face blushed and pushed away his hand. “Mister Edward, I have no idea what you are talking about.”

[Chapter 195](#)

The rosy cheeks on Lucy’s shy face attracted Edward even more

‘She’s not prettier than Diane but damn, her body is a bomb Just look at how big her boobs are, Edward thought.

He smiled evilly. “Haha Miss Lucy, we are not a child anymore. Do you really don’t understand what I said? Don’t worry. I’ll definitely not tell Easton about this.”

“But-but it’s not right. Mister Edward, I think we shouldn’t do it. I’m not that type of woman!” Lucy claimed.

She looked at Edward’s handsome face. The thought of how Easton was unable to fulfill her hit her. She was starting to incline to Edward’s suggestion.

However, she was afraid Edward would think she was too easy to get. Thus, she pretended to be restrained and reject him.

Edward saw right through her and knew she was just pretending. He started his car engine and said, “I know there’s a five stars hotel around here. I heard their bed is really very nice. Let me. show you...”

“Mister Edward...” Lucy frowned but did not actually reject it.

Soon, they arrived at a high-end hotel. Edward pulled Lucy into it. After they booked a room, brought her to take the lift.

he

“Mister Edward. I don’t think we should do this. If Easton finds out about this, he is going to kill me. He’s not easy to mess with,” Lucy said as she pretended to feel troubled.

When they were at the door, she continued to pretend that she did not want to go in.

Edward sneered. ‘She’s already here and yet, she still pretends that she doesn’t want this.’

If Lucy was unwilling, she would never come to the hotel and allowed Edward to bring her to the room. Now that they were here, she was still acting.

‘This woman is very scheming,’ he thought.

The thing that he despised the most was how she slept with Easton when she was still with Severin. Who gave her the nerve to act pure now?

However, he could not be bothered to expose her real thoughts. He opened the door and pushed Lucy into it.

As he walked inside, he said, "Don't worry. No one will know if either of us says it. Besides, what's so good about Easton? He's just from a normal rich family. Do you know his father has to come to please my family in order to win some projects? His family is nothing to me!"

Right after that, he wrapped his hands around Lucy's waist. The moment he felt Lucy's soft curves, he started to breathe heavily.

"Ahh!" Lucy yelled out shockingly.

It was not news to Lucy as she had known Edward was a lustful person before. She just did not expect him to be so audacious as to bring her to a hotel in the middle of the day.

The soft shriek Lucy let out was melodious and alluring to Edward. He pressed his lips against Lucy's neck.

"No-" Lucy pretended to push him away but obviously, she used minimum strength to do it.

Seeing how pretentious she resisted him, Edward sneered and carried Lucy to the bedside. He pushed and threw himself at her on the bed.

"Mister Edward, no, no..."

"We're already here. Why can't we?" Edward said.

"Mister Edward...you..."

"Don't worry. I guarantee you I'm better than Easton!"

[Chapter 196](#)

"Be gentle, Edward. How am I going to face Easton if you're rough with me?"

Lucy and Edward exchanged a few words, and before they knew it, there was a pile of clothes and shoes on the ground.

Elsewhere, at the Shanahan Corporation, Stanley felt extremely upset after being demoted.

Previously, he had the luxury of doing whatever he wanted when there was no work to do. He tended to enjoy himself outside of the company and was rarely in since he had told the company employees to call him in the event that something required his immediate attention.

However, things had since changed because he had been removed from his position as general manager and demoted to being a manager of a department. Furthermore, it was Diane-the one person he hated most-who had taken over his duties as general manager. If she found out that he had snuck out to enjoy himself, she would probably give him an earful again.

"Tch, it irks me that someone like her was given such a powerful position!" Stanley lamented while walking and eventually found himself arriving at the warehouse. He stopped to think of a moment before deciding to walk in. As soon as he entered, he discovered that there was a noticeable absence of Diane's father William among the warehouse managers.

"Where's William? It's way past punch-in time. Why hasn't he shown up at work yet?" Stanley was very angry to begin with, and William's absence immediately gave him an opportunity to vent his anger. Since he was unable to oppress Diane, his next best option was to deal with the honest

William.

However, a warehouse manager ran over and said, "Ah, it's you, General Manag- I mean, Manager. Didn't you know? William has worked in the company for so many years and he's not young anymore, so our general manager Miss Diane has already approved his early retirement!" "Early retirement?" Stanley's face soured. There were a few quotas every year for employees to take early retirement, but in the past, he usually requested some sort of monetary benefit in exchange for approving such requests from employees.

He did not expect that Diane would let William have early retirement on her first day of work! In a fit of rage, he stormed angrily into Diane's office without even knocking on the door.

"What are you doing here, Stanley?"

Diane, who had just rushed over from home, had been upset because her mother and sister did not believe in Severin and made her waste her time to go back home. It hardly occurred to her that she would have to meet someone she loathed as soon as she returned to her office.

Stanley smiled coldly and said, "I didn't think you'd make use of your authority in the company so soon. It's only your first day, and you already gave your father early retirement! I'm telling Grandma that you're abusing your power for personal benefit!"

"Oh, really?" Diane stood up, crossed her hands over her chest. "Are you seriously trying to accuse me of abusing my power for my personal benefit? Do you think I don't know about what you've

done in the company during these past few years, and how much money you have caused the company to lose? You're well aware of all that, aren't you? I hope you don't get the impression that I won't be able to dig up anything just because I haven't been in the company for five years. If I really wanted to do a proper investigation, I'll check each and every one of the previous accounts. Do you think I won't be able to find out what you did if I put myself to that?"

"You..." Stanley immediately lost his confidence when she said that because he knew just how capable she was. If things between them soured even more, he most certainly could not afford to bear the consequences.

Stanley's silence had all but confirmed Diane's suspicions that he must have embezzled the company's money in the past and doctored the books. She smiled and said, "Don't worry. As long as you do your job well and avoid making trouble for me, I'll learn to turn a blind eye just like Grandma. Is it wrong for me, as the general manager, to secure a small benefit for my father? It's nothing compared to some of the things you've done before!"

Diane paused for a moment before adding, "Besides, my father has worked here for so many years, and I'm sure he's contributed greatly to the company too. It's only right that he's given the chance to enjoy such benefits!"

[Chapter 197](#)

Stanley was incredibly angry, but he could only suck it all up when facing an intimidating Diane. After all, he knew that it would be of little benefit to him if he caused any trouble.

"Yes, ma'am. You have the final say now that you're the general manager!" In the end, Stanley could only grit his teeth and swallow his anger.

"I'm glad you're aware that I'm the general manager! Remember to knock on the door the next time you wish to come in!" Diane remembered as she watched Stanley turn around and prepare to leave.

Stanley walked to the door, turned around, and shot Diane a cold look. "Don't be so smug, Diane. I trust that Grandma adores me more than you. Besides, the launch of the Liberty City project is in a few days' time, and if Severin hasn't secured anything for the Shanahans by then, do you still think your position as the general manager will remain secure?"

"I have nothing to worry about because I believe in my man!" Although Diane was not very confident that things would work out, she still said that with conviction in order to keep the momentum going at that time.

Stanley walked out and slammed the office door shut to vent his anger.

"You bought a nearly-completed unit, so it looks like the keys will be handed to you in about a month. Congratulations!" Severin said to Queenie while they were looking at some cars in a car showroom.

Although Queenie still has about a-hundred-thousand dollars left, she had decided to spend no more than thirty thousand dollars on a car. As for the rest of the money, she planned to use it to renovate the house and start a small business along the way.

"I never thought there'd be a day where I'll own a car and a house! Still, I don't feel completely happy just yet, because I'm worried that Hugh might cause trouble again. I have no idea who his backer is, but I heard that they're super scary." Queenie was still very worried after buying her car.

Severin said nonchalantly, "Relax. I was the one who beat him up, not you! If you're still scared, you're welcome to stay at our place for a few more days. There's plenty of rooms anyway, so you'll definitely be comfortable there. Plus, I'm also on good terms with Henry and the Longhorns, and they're a first-tier upper-class family! There's no need for you to worry so much, okay?"

"You know the Longhorns?" Queenie knew that the Longhorns had a lot of assets and felt a little more relieved to hear that Severin knew Henry. "Okay, I won't worry so much. Thanks again for buying me a car and a house. We only lent your family eight thousand dollars, but you returned so much more than that to us! I don't know how else to thank you. How about you let me treat you to lunch?" Queenie suggested as she looked at Severin in appreciation.

Severin smiled. "It's no big deal, Queenie. You have no idea how worried I was about my parents when I was in prison. I felt helpless because there was nothing that I could do to help them. Your family isn't rich, and yet you've been helping my family when I wasn't around. All this money I've given you is not even enough to repay the kindness you and your parents have shown!"

After saying that, Severin became a little emotional. "Tch. I still remember Lucy telling me that she'd wait for me to be released from prison. I can't believe I trusted her. I thought she'd take care of my parents, and I foolishly believed that they would at least get by until my release because her family was more well-off than us. It was only when I was released that I realized how miserable my parents have been during those past five years!"

Severin clenched his fists tightly as he thought of how his parents had been subjugated to a life of worry and fear in all those years. He gritted his teeth angrily and said, "But it's fine now. I won't let

Easton and Lucy off so easily for all the hurt they caused. I'm going to take my time to deal with them and let them understand the meaning of regret. Killing them right away is much too merciful a punishment for them!"

Queenie could not help herself from getting goosebumps when she felt the suffocating murderous aura from Severin. She did not expect his body to emit such a terrifying aura, and it was something that could only be felt instead of seen.

[Chapter 198](#)

At that moment, Severin's reaction was like that of a despotic warrior who had experienced countless bloody fights.

"Those two people are despicable to the core!" Queenie smiled awkwardly, and then changed the subject. "But you now have a young and beautiful wife, a well-behaved daughter, and you live in such a big villa! It's something many people dream of but can never get!"

Severin smiled unconsciously when he thought of Diane and Selene. "Yeah, I didn't expect God to give me such a wonderful surprise. I never thought that a drunken mistake on that fateful night. would end up giving me such a good wife and a lovely daughter!" His smile grew wider and he felt a warm fuzzy feeling in his heart as his entire body softened.

"Drunken mistake? What do you mean by that? Are you saying that Selene really is your daughter?" Queenie froze for a moment before asking confusedly.

"Of course! Whose daughter did you think she was?" Severin answered without hesitation.

"Wait a second! Five years ago, I heard that the Shanahans' eldest daughter got pregnant after sleeping with some random man, and she was then kicked out of her house after she refused to -tell anyone what happened!" Queenie brows furrowed and began to analyze what Severin had just said. After a while, her eyes lit up, and she exclaimed in surprise, "That random man back then was you!"

Severin was speechless. He glared at Queenie and said, "What do you mean 'random man'? It makes me sound bad. I got scared after smashing a beer bottle over Easton's head, so I hid in a bar and drowned my fear with some drinks. Diane was probably in a bad mood at that time too and got drunk at the same

bar. We both got wasted in the end, and when we next opened our eyes, we were already on a hotel bed.”

“I see! I thought you got together with a divorcee who had a child, but the truth is, Selene is your child!” Queenie became a little excited as she giggled. “In that case, it’s great that you’re Selene’s biological father!”

“Of course!” Severin said proudly. “What do you think? Does my daughter look pretty?”

“She’s a gem! She’s both beautiful and cute!” Queenie said with a smile. “I’m sure she’ll be a beautiful woman when she grows up. Now that I think about it, you and Diane seem to be fated to be with each other! There’s no hiding from God’s plans!”

“It’s almost time for lunch, so let’s go find a place to eat!”

The two of them drove away and went to have lunch at a restaurant. After lunch, Queenie went back to her place, while Severin decided to pay the Longhorns a visit.

After all, the opening ceremony of the Liberty City project would be held in four days, and he had to ask Henry whether it would be possible to secure a spot for the Shanahans by that time.

At the Longhorns, one of the old servants went up to Henry and Charmaine while exclaiming anxiously, “Something huge happened right here in Brookbourn!”

[Chapter 199](#)

“What’s going on? This anxious behavior is unbecoming!” Henry looked at the man in front of him and asked impatiently.

In his opinion, anyone who was part of the Longhorns-even the servants-should keep their calm at all times. They were a first-tier family, after all.

“Our people just got news that the people from Draco Hall are taking over the Cedar Gang’s property. Had we not investigated further, we wouldn’t have found out what really happened. Apparently, the Cedar Gang had initially set a trap for Larry and Blade of Draco Hall by inviting the two of them to a meal. In a sudden twist of events, all of the Cedar Gang’s strongest men were killed by Draco Hall!” The man then said.

“Are you saying that the Cedar Gang had been subsumed into Draco Hall?” Henry stood up as soon as he heard that. “This is quite huge indeed, so much so that it will usher in a change in Brookbourn’s landscape!”

Charmaine frowned and could not help but mutter, “Draco Hall won’t do anything to Severin, will they? I remember that time when the Loughs called Blade to help deal with Severin. It was only after we came that Blade left!”

To her surprise, the servant then said, “They won’t, that’s for sure. I heard that Severin went to meet the Cedar Gang with Larry and Blade that day. There were not a lot of Draco Hall’s people there, but they were still able to kill the Cedar Gang’s strongest man even when they were under siege, and Draco Hall was able to retreat without any casualties!”

"I see, I wonder how Larry and Blade managed to win against all those people in the Cedar Gang. They were at a huge disadvantage there!" Charmaine remarked.

Upon hearing that, Henry smiled cryptically. "It appears that Mister Severin was the one who did the honors. Since they were seen together and even went to the Cedar Gang's place for a meal, it's quite likely that there's more to the relationship between Mister Severin and Draco Hall!"

Charmaine looked at the servant and waved him off. "You may leave now. We get the gist of it!" Once the servant was gone, Charmaine asked Henry, "What do you mean by that, Grandpa? Is Severin really that strong?"

Henry nodded. "Severin's relationship with Draco Hall most certainly runs deep. You are to appease him always, and never offend him!"

"Is that guy who went to Easton's wedding and made a big fuss really that powerful?" Gideon frowned, evidently because he did not believe in Severin's ability and felt that his father was merely exaggerating.

Henry nodded. "The Cedar Gang aren't weaklings, and Draco Hall was able to retreat unscathed even though they did not have a lot of people there. They've also taken over the Cedar Gang too. As it stands, Draco Hall is already as powerful as Brookbourn Mansion. Who can say for sure what lies ahead for Brookbourn's change in landscape?"

Aside from the three first-tier families in Brookbourn, there was another bigger force known as Brookbourn Mansion. Although the people in Brookbourn Mansion were very low-key, there were plenty of highly-skilled people within their fold and no one dared to provoke them

Although the underground forces like Draco Hal and the Cedar Gang wars slightly inferiores the first-tier families, their merger had put them on the same level with Bronkbourn Mansion of course, the number of skilled individuals they had might still pale in comparison with #rocktioun Mansion, but they could not be much worse than the latter in terms of manpower and assets

"All you have to do is listen to me The relationship between Severin and Draco Hall is far from simple, and moreover, I'm sure you heard that the Cedar Gang has been subsumed into Draco Hall. We need to make preparations!" Henry recalled

Although Gideon did not have a good impression of Severin, he had always believed in his

[Chapter 200](#)

All of a sudden, a bodyguard ran in and said to Gideon, "Sir, some guy named Severin Feuillet wishes to see Miss Charmaine and Mister Henry!"

"Hehe, speak of the devil!" Henry chuckled. He then said to the bodyguard, "Let him in!"

"Understood!" The bodyguard ran out again and led Severin in after a moment.

"Mister Severin! To what do I owe the pleasure?" Henry immediately greeted Severin politely when the latter entered. "Have a seat, Mister Severin. This is my son Gideon, by the way!"

Severin looked at the dignified middle-aged man in front of him and cupped his hands in a gesture of greeting. "Pleased to make your acquaintance, sir!"

"Hehe, you may spare the pleasantries. A lot of things have been going on in our family, and thanks to you, my father's life was saved. I didn't get the chance to convey my appreciation to you, but my plans to visit you were delayed time and time again by our family's affairs..." Gideon said with a smile and sat down on one side. "Sigh, the opening ceremony of the Liberty City project is upon us, and the announcement of those merchants who have been given the opportunity to participate will be made soon. I simply have been too busy recently!"

"You're too kind. Saving your father's life was a piece of cake, and he's been super kind to me too. You could consider us friends!" Severin smiled slightly, and said in a manner that was neither too humble or overbearing. "I hope you don't mind me being frank with you, but I'm here precisely for the quota in the Liberty City project. I can't help it, since my wife is from the Shanahans."

"The Shanahans?" At that moment, Charmaine chimed in. "I'm sorry, Mister Severin. Stanley had approached me before, but I rejected him because I was under the impression that you had a bad relationship with them because the Shanahans disowned Diane in the past and merely stood by and watched when you caused trouble at the Easton's wedding in the past!"

She paused before continuing, "I didn't know that you'd have such a good relationship with the Shanahans, to the point where you'd actually help them secure a spot in our project!"

Severin smiled. "To be honest, Miss Charmaine, you were right to reject Stanley. He's not a good person, and he's the reason that the Shanahans have been slipping down for the past few years and lacked a competitive edge." After a pause, he continued, "And to top it off, it's a good thing that you rejected him, but the Shanahans welcomed Diane back home and reinstated her as the general manager of the Shanahan Corporation in the hopes of having me curry favor with your family. They even accepted my relationship with Diane now!"

After hearing that, Charmaine covered her mouth and laughed. "Guess I did the right thing and somehow managed to help you unintentionally!"

Gideon understood Severin's reason for coming there and said directly, "You wish to secure a spot in the project for the Shanahans, yes? My doubt over their abilities have been allayed now that Diane is in charge of the Shanahan Corporation. How about I offer you two spots for the Shanahans?"

"Two?" Severin was overjoyed when he heard that, "How could I possibly accept that? One spot is more than enough, especially since I've heard that it's very precious! I think you should reserve the second spot for a more suitable family!"

Gideon chuckled. "Haha, Mister Severin, you don't need to be that polite. We just hope that you'll come to our aid if our family ever needs your help in the future!"