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[Eight days from now? Awesome! I'll be there!] Horace was excited after seeing the news.

[Haha, we'll have to raise a glass to our master, because we wouldn't be where we are today without him! Let's bring glory to him!] Warren said excitedly.

They all had a great time chatting and it was one of those rare times where the group was so lively.

"Haha, it's so amazing for us that The One And Only was sold to South Link City's South County Mansion!" At that moment, several members of the Sanchezes had big smiles all over their faces in a mountainside villa.

However, their old patriarch Sergio Sanchez, had a frown as he said, "Even though we've earned an extra forty-five thousand, I still feel sorry for our client in Brookbourn. We can't change the fact that they made the appointment well in advance!"

At that moment, his son Carlito Sanchez smiled and said, "You're overthinking, Dad. We're businessmen, and the job of a businessman is to make money. Besides, Brookbourn is small, and even though it's against principle for us to break a sales contract, we can't offend South County Mansion either, right? If we can establish good connections with them at the time, we may be able to ask favors from them in the future if we need any help!"

Another middle-aged woman also immediately said, "That's right, Dad. Integrity and principles are very important when doing business, but this time's different because we're in a very unique position."

Sergio smiled. "Our hands are indeed tied in this situation, but anyway, let's all come and drink! The One And Only is a very valuable set of jewelry, so make sure to send a couple more of our elite people to escort it by air tomorrow. We cannot afford to let any mistakes happen!"

All of a sudden, the general manager of the And Only Jewelry Corporation's headquarters rushed in. "We have a situation!!" The man-who seemed to be in his forties-was known for being composed in carrying out his work duties, which made it all the more surprising that he was flustered and did not say anything. Moreover, he appeared to be so frightened that cold sweat was dripping down his forehead.

Carlito, as the head of the family, frowned immediately when he saw the man. He then remarked in a somewhat irate manner, "Our family is regarded as one of the top ten most influential families in Dracodom's business world, Uncle. Why are you, the head of our company's headquarters, so anxious? Don't you know that we should always remain calm in any situation?"

The man immediately said, "But I can't calm down because we have a very serious situation on our hands!

"What is it?"

Sergio sensed that something was wrong and asked immediately.

The man replied, "War God Beryl has demanded to meet our person in charge!"

## "What?"

Everyone in that room had high status, with subordinates who managed countless industries spread throughout the country. They could all be regarded as bona fide business tycoons, yet they were all terrified when they heard what the general manager told them.

"You're not kidding, right?" Carlito could no longer stay calm.

"Do you think I'd ever be in the mood to joke with you about such serious matters?" The middle-aged man picked up the wine on the table and took a sip to try and calm herself down.

Carlito frowned and said, "Beryl lives in Drackham, and she's the kind of person that everyone in the city wishes to please. However, she is also an extremely aloof woman, and few people have the opportunity to interact with her. Our family doesn't have even the slightest chance of currying favor with her, so why would she request us to meet her?"

Sergio said gloomily, "She didn't request us to meet her. She demanded it. Don't you know what the word' demand' means?"

Everyone else's faces turned blue with fright when they heard that.

Carlito panicked too. "But that can't be! We wouldn't dare to offend her even if we had the courage of a million lions! We didn't offend her, did we? Why would she demand to meet us?"

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Sergio racked his brains to try and figure out when did his family offend someone like Beryl.

"Dad, what, what should I do?" Carlito, who had initially thought that he could take charge of everything, was so frightened that he was at a loss as to what to do. In the end, he could only wipe off his cold sweat and look at his father for directions.

Sergio said, "What else can we do? They demanded our presence, so what other choice do we have

except to go? Heck, I think we should be heading there as soon as we can!" After a pause, he added, "I hope it's just a misunderstanding, and that she mistook one of our family members for someone else who offended Beryl."

"Yeah! Perhaps it was just a misunderstanding! We're not idiots who would offend her willy-nilly. Besides, didn't you already instruct us to keep a low profile and be more mindful of the way we carry ourselves?" The middle-aged woman from before echoed Sergio's sentiments after some thought.

"Hey, you guys carry on with your meal. I'll head there and come back in no time!" Carlito sighed. helplessly and could only pray in his heart that Beryl had made a mistake.

"I'll go with you!" After further consideration, the old man decided to accompany Carlito because he still felt very worried. They were both silent on the way to Beryl's mansion, but they shared the same thoughts as each other and wondered the same thing-'How did we offend Beryl?'

Alas, they could not figure out what happened even when they had finally reached the gate of Beryl's mansion. Finally, a servant led them both over to Beryl.

"Greetings, esteemed war god!" After the two of them were brought to her, they glanced at each other before immediately bowing at ninety degrees to greet her. Even so, they were more nervous than they

had ever been.

"Straighten up!" Beryl looked at the two of them, walked to the seat opposite her, and sat down.

Though there were two seats beside her, Beryl did not grant them the luxury of sitting, which made both Carlito and Sergio even more scared. Beryl's cold face had already left the two of them sweating profusely from their foreheads.

"Ma'am, may we kindly ask why you called us for an audience?" After gritting his teeth, Carlito finally mustered up the courage to ask.

"Hehe, why, you ask? Are neither of you aware of your recent actions?" Beryl chuckled, and asked the two of them, "Let me ask you both something. What's the most important quality a businessman should have?"

"Integrity!" The old man answered without being prompted.

Beryl nodded in satisfaction. "Bingo! If you know how important integrity is, then why would you withhold your product from the person who ordered it in Brookbourn? Is that what you call 'integrity"?"

Both father and son looked at each other in a daze, wondering why Beryl would care about such trivial matters. After all, it was a business matter involving the Sanchezes, so there was no reason why a war god would care about it. In addition, they were also puzzled as to how she found out about that incident. when so few people knew about it!

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Sergio and Carlito were completely speechless. They never would have thought that Beryl would get. upset because of that incident. Moreover, she even knew who it was that paid the deposit first, which was even more appalling to them.

"Ma'am, the main reason is that the son of South County Mansion also happened to be getting married on the same day. They took a liking to that same ring and necklace too!" Carlito said with a bitter face.

"We're afraid of offending those at South County Mansion!" Sergio then added.

After Beryl heard that, she smiled and said, "Your family is rather influential, so what's there to be afraid of them? The way I see it, you were probably under the impression that the buyer from Brookbourn is a nobody, so you chose the option that benefits you best." After a pause, Beryl continued, "You don't have. to worry. Just send the ring and necklace to Brookbourn tomorrow. There's no need for you to explain. why to South County Mansion. If they aren't happy with you, they're free to take it up with me."

"Yes, ma'am!" Carlito and Sergio uttered in unison after wiping away cold sweat.

"You may both leave now," Beryl said while waving her hand.

When the two men finally walked out of the Beryl's Mansion, their knees were already super weak. After getting in the car, Carlito finally said, "Dad, it looks like there's more to this Brookbourn buyer than we first thought. He probably has a very good relationship with Bery!!"

Sergio nodded and said, "Yes, he could ask her directly for help and she could get angry over something like that, then they probably have an incredibly good relationship. Let's notify our people right away and have them send both the ring and necklace over to Brookbourn!" Having said that, he

thought for a moment and added, "We've made Madam Beryl unhappy, so we need to figure a way to make it up to her!"

"How?" Carlito frowned and asked, "We've already offended her, and she's already unhappy. What else. can we do to make it up to her? You're not seriously trying to think of a way, are you, Dad?"

Sergio thought for a moment and a hint of wisdom flashed in his eyes as he explained, "We do have a way. Even though we can't please the esteemed war god directly, we can please our buyer in Brookbourn. Once the necklace and ring are delivered there, we will give them to him free of charge and ask our sales staff to return the deposit to him! He can treat it as a congratulatory gift!"

As soon as Carlito heard that, he had a weird expression. "We won't be making any profit at all if we sell it for thirty million, so it'll be an even bigger upfront loss if we just give it away for nothing! We might be rich, but thirty million is no small number!"

Sergio was unhappy at his son's remark. "Why might you be so money-minded? Making that guy happy is the only way we can make amends. If he can casually help us to put in a good word in front of Madam Beryl, then it'll be very beneficial for our prospects." Then, Sergio paused and added, "That county mansion can never compare to a war god, do you understand?"

"I do." Carlito nodded.

Back at Brookbourn, Phoebe gritted her teeth and stormed angrily into the store with a petulant expression. "That darn pervert pisses me off!"

When the beautiful store manager saw her coming, she immediately ran over and asked, "Is something the matter, ma'am? You don't look too happy."

Phoebe looked at the person and said, "Which one of you told that guy that I was staying at the

Bloomington Hotel? I'm so mad at that son-of-a-b\*tch!"

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The store manager lowered her head and said, "It...it was me. I had no choice because he said that he'll kill me if I don't tell him!"

Phoebe was speechless for a moment, but soon gritted her teeth and said, "That pervert! He probably thinks he can do whatever he wants, but he's dreaming if he thinks he can take the necklace and ring from South County Mansion!"

All of a sudden, she received an unexpected call. After answering it, she stood rooted to the ground like a

statue.

"Is something the matter, ma'am?" the store manager asked.

Phoebe then explained, "I've received a call from headquarters saying that the ring and the necklace will be delivered to Brookbourn tomorrow morning. They want us to meet them at the airport, after which we will have to deliver them to our customer as quickly as possible!" She gulped and then added in disbelief," Moreover, they insisted that I offer a sincere apology to the customer and give them the pieces for free as a congratulatory gift from the Sanchezes. Even the deposit needs to be returned!"

"That's insane!" The store manager opened her mouth in surprise and wondered if she had misheard.

Phoebe was stunned for a while too, after which she said, "What's the deal with all this? Why did they suddenly change their stance, request me to apologize to the customer, and have the pieces given to him for free? These items are worth about thirty to fifty million!"

The store manager was just as confused. "Exactly. I thought they wanted to please South County Mansion?"

Severin had already returned home by then.

"These advertisements are a bit much, Severin, but it's a good thing that the Shanahans will finally get the chance to be proud!" Maurice smiled and praised Severin after seeing the latter arrive home.

"Yes. Diane has suffered so terribly in the past, and it's only right that we give her a proper wedding!" Judith was feeling emotional too, for her son was showing great promise..

At that moment, Megan and Felicia appeared with smiles on their faces.

"Severin! You're back!" Upon seeing Severin's return, Felicia immediately greeted him with a smile. "You've gone all out with the advertisements, Severin, and there's even a countdown! Won't it cost a lot of money for them to change the advertisement so frequently?"

Severin smiled and said. "This money is but a small price to pay for this grand wedding. Didn't I say that I wanted this wedding to send shockwaves across the entire south county? How am I supposed to do that without all these grand gestures?"

"Yes. It's all important!" Felicia was so happy that she was grinning from ear to ear.

"You're amazing, Brother-in-Law!" Megan smiled before asking Severin, "By the way, where's the necklace. and ring? Weren't you going to pick them up today? Where are they? Show us!"

Severini's lips twitched a few times as he heard that. As it turned out, their main purpose there was to see the diamond ring and necklace that was worth 30 million! He could not help but smile awkwardly as he replied, "I didn't get them. Someone else bought them from under my nose."

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The smiles on Megan and Felicia's faces stiffened, and Megan even said, "But how? You're kidding, right? I bet you're just joking with us. Come on now, hurry up and show us the ring and necklace!"

Felicia also said, "Yeah. Now's not the time for jokes. The Shanahans are one of the best in Brookbourn when it comes to status. Who would dare to snatch something from under your nose? Besides, didn't you. already pay the deposit yesterday? Since you have, then you're legally the buyer! They can't just sell the item to anyone else!"

Their surprised looks elicited a bitter smile from Severin as he said, "They're from South County Mansion. It just so happens that the leader's son is getting married on the same day as I am, and he had his eye on the same necklace and ring too!"

"South County Mansion!" Megan and Felicia were shocked once more.

Megan frowned. "Guess we'll just have to give in. This is a county mansion we're talking about! We won't be able to do anything, and it's not like we can snatch it back from them!"

Felicia also had a gloomy expression. "Diane is so unlucky! You've already reserved the necklace and ring. and still those people snatched them from you just as you were about to pick them up from the store."

The next second, however, Severin smiled again. "Don't worry. I'll get it back!"

Felicia was utterly stunned at that moment and warned hurriedly. "You can't be so impulsive, Severin! You're dealing with the South County Mansion here! They're the strongest force in the entire south county, and you can't offend people like that!"

Megan also added, "Unless you have a death wish, you'd be better off not provoking them. Snatching the necklace and ring from their scion will only anger them all. When that happens, you're not the only one who will end up dead! We'll be dragged down the mud too!"

"Hehe, relax, you two! It'll be fine! I'm confident that the store manager will send it to me tomorrow!" Severin chuckled and said nonchalantly.

"Why would they? Aren't the And Only Jewelry Corporation's people afraid of the South County Mansion?" Megan frowned in confusion..

Meanwhile, Felicia persuaded, "Let's just leave it be, Severin. I care about my reputation a lot, and I sincerely hope that my daughter can wear 'The One And Only'. But when this is related to our lives, we must remember to place life above all else. Besides, we can use still find pieces worth one and a half million. There's no need to insist on getting it back from them, understand?"

Severin saw how scared they both looked and immediately brushed them off with a smile as she said, "I understand."

"I'm glad to hear that. Remember not to mess around with them!" Felicia breathed a sigh of relief after seeing Severin agree to them.

Megan, who was beside her, said, "Don't be too worried, Mom. South County Mansion probably has a lot. of strong people, so I don't think Severin will be able to take it from them even if he wanted to. He's just. joking with us!"

The two of them felt a little disappointed that they were not able to the ring and necklace. In the end, they did not stay around to have a meal with Severin's family and left soon after.

The next morning, Phoebe went to the airport with the store manager after nine.

At that moment, an old man was carrying a box in his hand, and beside him were more than a dozen bodyguards in black suits escorting the box.

"The general manager came here!" Phoebe's mouth widened in surprise when she saw that the person. who came was the general manager from the And Only Jewelry Corporation's headquarters. She even doubted whether she had mistaken someone else for him when she first saw him arrive. After all, the general manager who was responsible for managing the And Only Jewelry Corporation- one of the most. important industries under the Sanchezes-was Carlito Sanchez's maternal uncle.

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A character like him would naturally be subject to the ingratiation of many in the business world, yet he came to Brookbourn in person with the sole purpose of escorting the ring and necklace.

"Have you found out where Severin lives? We're here today to visit him and apologize in person!" The man, Dietmar Hoarke, walked up to Phoebe and asked seriously.

In response, Phoebe said, "I've already gotten that information, Mister Dietmar. We've prepared several cars specifically to pick you up!" After saying that, Phoebe could not help but ask tentatively, "What's going on, Mister Dietmar? Wasn't this originally supposed to be given to the South County Mansion today? Why did you suddenly change their mind and have it sent to Brookbourn?"

The store manager also asked, "Could this Severin person also be a big shot that we can't afford to offend?"

Dietmar smiled wryly and said to the two of them, "I am in no position to reveal certain matters, so I hope you won't pry anymore. All you need to know is that we cannot afford to offend such people. By the way, have you already refunded the deposit to him?"

Phoebe could tell from Dietmar's words that there was more to Severin than she first, thought. She said to him, "Yes. The refund process has already been initiated, and it's expected to enter his account soon."

"Let's head to his residence right away. We'll apologize to him and tell him that we won't charge him for the items. It shall be our gift to him as a congratulations on his wedding!" After Dietmar finished speaking, he could not help but lament. "We can only hope that he won't hold a grudge against us, otherwise the And Only Jewelry Corporation's future would be very bleak!"

Severin had just stepped foot in the courtyard when he received a text message. He took out his cell phone, looked at it, and immediately pulled a long face. "These guys from And Only Jewelry Corporation are asking for it, aren't they? They even refunded the money to me! Are they that insistent on not letting me have the jewelry?" As soon as he ended his sentence, he frowned and said, "But that doesn't make any sense. Didn't I tell Beryl to help me with this? They couldn't have gone so far as to show such disrespect to a war god!"

"War god? What war god?" Diane could not help but ask Severin. She had accidentally heard him mutter to himself when she walked out of the house.

Severin smiled faintly. "Hehe, darling...I was saying that it'd be great if a war god attended our wedding! The Shanahans would have so much more reason to be proud!"

Diane could not help but roll her eyes at Severin and say, "What are you fantasizing about? It's already good enough if Mister Valerian attends, and the Shanahans would be proud enough already. Were you expecting the war gods to come too? It's impossible! They are all busy people! And besides, why would someone of their stature come to our wedding?"

Severin smiled and said, "It's just a passing thought. "What if, am I right?"

"That's a lot of 'what ifs." Diane rolled her eyes at Severin again.

At that moment, several cars had driven over and stopped near the house. Dietmar carried a box out and brought Phoebe to the villa with the store manager.

"Who are these people? Are they going to cause us trouble again?" Diane saw some unfamiliar faces and became nervous right away. After all, behind those three people were more than a dozen burly men, and all of them had a very imposing bearing.

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Severin looked at those people and was just as confused as to why they were there. After all, he did not understand why they would show up at his home after returning the deposit to him, especially since he had seen Phoebe in only her innerwear the day before. He figured that she would have wanted to strangle him to death at that moment!

"It'll be fine. I'm here, and none of them are a match for me!" Severin said with a nonchalant smile.

His six beautiful bodyguards immediately came over and stood behind him after seeing what was happening.

"I am And Only Jewelry Corporation's general manager, Dietmar Hoarke. I brought the south county's chief regional manager here to congratulate you, Mister Severin!" Dietmar stepped forward and remarked respectfully as he bowed slightly.

"Congratulations? What for?" Severin frowned. Judging from the way they carried themselves in front of him, they came there not to cause any trouble.

Dietmar chuckled and said, "You're getting married in a few days, and our boss sent me here to deliver a congratulatory gift in advance. We present to you... The One And Only!" He then nodded to the burly man who stood beside him while carrying a box.

The man immediately walked up to Severin and opened it.

"Whoa! That looks beautiful!" Abigail and the others could not help but exclaim when they saw it.

The sunlight refracted off the diamond ring and necklace, and the shimmer was so eye-catchingly beautiful.

On one side, Diane's jaw dropped slightly in surprise, because the pieces were both very beautiful. It was none other than the super expensive ring and necklace that Severin had mentioned.

The man closed the box, held it up with both hands, and bowed slightly while extending his hand forward.

Severin nodded, and Lillie immediately walked over to take the box.

He then smiled and asked again, "I'm curious to know what's with the refund?"

Dietmar immediately looked at Phoebe, who stepped forward and apologized sincerely, "I'm sorry, Mister Severin. We offended you because we weren't aware of your situation before. Our headquarters have now decided to present this to you as a congratulatory gift, and we're happy to offer you our utmost well wishes on your wedding!" After saying that, she paused for a moment and continued, "Since this is a gift, we won't charge you for it and we'll also refund the deposit you paid. We sincerely hope that you won't take offense to my past ignorance, and that you can find it in your heart to forgive us."

"Indeed, Mister Severin," Dietmar added in with the utmost sincerity, "we are here to apologize, and we sincerely hope that you won't take to heart what happened in the past."

After Severin heard that, he chuckled and said, "Don't worry about it. I just hope that your people won't be so snobbish in the future and underestimate your customers. The past in the past!"

Once he ended his sentence, he said to Diane beside him, "Since they've brought the gifts to us in advance, I think we should extend our wedding invitation to them and leave it to them to plan their schedule and attend."

Diane nodded, ran in immediately, and then took out an invitation card, which she handed over to Dietmar. "You're more than welcome to attend our wedding if you have the time!"

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"Thank you for your magnanimity, Mister Severin. We'll be most happy to attend your wedding if we have time to spare." Dietmar accepted the invitation and said with a bow, "Please excuse us for now then, Mister Severin. Thank you again!"

Severin waved his hand to indicate that they were free to leave.

"Isn't it beautiful, ma'am? Is this The One And Only? We heard that this was the only one that existed in this entire world!" Abigail and the other girls looked enviously at Diane.

Diane felt sweet in her heart and nodded with a smile.

Severin took the box, smiled at Diane, and said, "Come on, honey! Let's go upstairs and give it a try!"

Diane felt incredibly happy as she nodded. "It still makes me a little nervous to think about wearing such a precious item!"

Severin could not help but laugh and say, "Why should you be nervous? Your husband is rich, and I don't think it's expensive at all. I couldn't be happier to see something so beautiful being worn by my wife!"

After ending his sentence, Severin happily went upstairs with Diane, who then put on the ring and necklace. The pieces were both exceptionally beautiful to begin with, and they looked even more

remarkable on a woman as beautiful as Diane. She and the jewelry complemented each other's beauty perfectly.

"Honey! You look like a goddess!" Severin was mesmerized as looked at Diane's beauty..

Diane had a bashful smile on her face as she said, "Oh, stop it! Don't you think you're exaggerating a bit?"

"It's not an exaggeration at all. I'm more than happy to have such a good wife." Severin said happily.

At that moment, Dietmar brought his people back to the store to try and figure out what was going on at Brookbourn. Phoebe still could not come to terms with what happened and said to Dietmar, "What's up with Severin, sir? The One And Only is a two-piece set that is worth at least twenty to fifty million! How could our boss bear to give it to him as a congratulatory gift?! This guy must be hiding something!"

Dietmar knew that Severin had connections with Beryl, otherwise she would not have been that angry. However, he decided against saying anything more because it involved the war god.

He merely smiled and said, "The headquarters have already made their decision, so it's clear that he's someone we can't afford to provoke. I never would have thought that there would be someone so strong yet so low profile in Brookbourn."

Phoebe remembered the invitation and could not help but say, "We've incurred such huge losses because of that guy, so I don't suppose anyone from HQ will be attending the wedding. Will they send me to represent them?"

Dietmar thought for a while and said, "You? I'm afraid you're not qualified enough. You're just the regional manager of Nanjun County. If anything, it'll either be me or one of the Sanchezes who would attend. I'll give Mister Sergio a call and ask him for his opinion!"

Although Phoebe was a little speechless after hearing that, she was just as shocked to know that she was not qualified enough to attend. That response seemed to suggest that the Sanchezes had begun to hold. Severin in higher regard.

Over at South County Mansion, a middle-aged man in with a square face and short hair seemed to be very restless. He said with a frown, "It's already past ten. Why isn't the jewelry delivered yet? Weren't we informed that someone would be sent here to deliver the pieces to us today morning?"

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The man, Mason Neely, frowned after sensing that something was not quite right.

An old man then came up to him and said, "Don't worry, sir. The And Only Jewelry Corporation wouldn't dare to offend us. After all, they have much to gain from having a good relationship with us!"

Mason nodded. "Indeed. After all, they've already agreed to sell it to us instead of that guy Brookbourn!"

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"Hey, Dad, don't you think Rachel is going to look beautiful with that necklace and ring?"

At one side of the room sat a greasy-lipped fat man who had just bitten down on his huge chicken drumstick. That man was Mason's eldest son. Sitting beside Horus was Mason's second son, Yoel, who could only smile wryly and sigh. He disapproved of his father's approach, but he did not dare to object. because Mason doted on Horus more.

Yoel and Horus were half-brothers, and Yoel's mother-despite her dislike of Mason-was forced to marry him some years ago. She continued to date her lover despite being married, and since no secret could be kept hidden forever, Mason eventually found out about her illicit affair. He later kicked Yoel's mother out of the home, and the woman died in a traffic accident in less than a week. Yoel had always suspected. Mason of hiring someone to kill her.

Although Yoel was Mason's son, the affair that Yoel's mother had driven Mason to never look at Yoel the same way again. He disliked his son so much that he even reduced Yoel's status in the family.

The phone rang all of a sudden, and Mason frowned before answering the call. After a while, he hung up. and clenched his fists angrily. "The Sanchezes are pretty brave to be going back on their word."

"What do you mean by that, Dad?" When Horus heard that, he was so frightened that the chicken drumstick slipped off his hand and fell to the ground as he stood up abruptly and said, "What happened? Aren't they going to bring us the ring and necklace? My woman must be given the best things in life, and besides, I've already told Rachel about it!"

Yoel had a surprised look on his face and he could not help but remark, "But how? Why would they go back on their word all of a sudden? This is extremely unethical!"

Mason finally said, "I was informed that they have decided to send the pieces to Brookbourn to uphold their business's integrity. They also mentioned that they were willing to compensate us for it, as if my family would want that puny little sum!"

Horus then stomped his feet in anger, "They've gone too far, Dad! The necklace and ring can only belong to Rachel! Only my wife is worthy of such beautiful items!"

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Yoel said, "But the folks behind the And Only Jewelry Corporation are the Sanchezes, and it's not like we can mess with people like them. They have many strong fighters in their family, and they're quite far from us too! These people won't be easy to deal with!" After a pause, he continued, "Why did they change their mind at the last minute, Dad? Could the person who ordered the item from Brookbourn be more powerful than us? Are the Sanchezes more worried about offending them compared to offending us?"

Mason frowned too. "This is very strange indeed. I asked Carlito about it earlier, and all he said was to forget about the two pieces. He told me that the person in Brookbourn was the one who paid the deposit. first and that neither we nor they are in a position to offend that person. I was asked to just give the matter a rest, and we will be allowed to choose other products from their store with a complementary forty percent discount!"

"I don't care about the discount! I want that thing!" Horus immediately threw a tantrum in front of Mason." Don't you love me the most, Dad? My wedding is the most important day of my life. You have to get justice for me and take those two pieces back for me!"

Yoel persuaded Horus, "Maybe you can just let this one go, Horus. The Sanchezes knew that we might be unhappy, yet they still chose to send it to Brookbourn. This can only mean that the person who bought it is not to be messed with. There's plenty of other products you can choose from!"

Horus smiled coldly for a moment and said, "Hehe, you just want to see me make a fool out of myself, don't you? I've already told everyone about it, and I even asked my good friends to come over at noon to admire The One And Only's beauty and splendor. Do you expect me to just forget about it? We are South County Mansion! Did it not occur to you that it is a massive disrespect to our family when something that I reserved for my marriage was robbed by someone else?"

Mason had a gloomy expression, and after a brief pause, he finally said, "This matter is an embarrassment to our family, but we need to consider that the Sanchezes' were more inclined to offend us and send the item to Brookbourn. I'm sorry, but I think the buyer isn't someone to be messed with!" He then pondered over the only available option and persuaded Horus, "Why don't we pick from the other products on offer? You'll only be marrying a mistress, and it's not like this is your first time getting married. What do you say?"

"But...but I can't accept that! Rachel finally said yes to me, and choosing other jewelry will only bring shame to our family!" Horus was still insistent. After thinking for a moment, a sudden thought appeared in his mind and his eyes lit up. "I know what happened, Dad. The Sanchezes might have changed their stance because they felt embarrassed to go against business ethics-after all, the buyer from Brookbourn did pay the deposit first. Another possibility is that the buyer might have increased the price later. We offered forty-five million, and maybe the other guy offered seventy-five million! Besides, all these businessmen are money-minded fellows. They'll be more than happy to sell their products to whoever. offers them more money!"

After hearing those reasonings, Mason nodded as well. "That isn't entirely impossible. I am a person who values dignity, and the Sanchezes are aware that I would never fall out with them due to this matter. Moreover, even we can't afford to mess with the Sanchezes!"

Horus became increasingly confident in his reasonings and began to analyze further. "Think about it. If the person from Brookbourn is more formidable than we are, then the Sanchezes would not have agreed to sell it to us in the first place! That guy paid the deposit first and offered to buy the pieces for three million, but as soon as we offered a higher amount, they agreed almost instantly!"

Mason nodded again. "That makes a lot of sense. You're getting smarter and smarter, Horus! A war chief or someone of similar stature could not possibly exist in a small place like Brookbourn. We already know

all the people whom we cannot afford to mess with Following a short pause, he continued, "Carlito hasn't been honest with us, it seems. The other person must have offered a higher price and persuaded him to send the pieces to Brookbourn, while Carlito protected the buyer by using the excuse that they can't afford to provoke the guy. Did he expect me to be so easy to fool?"

"Well, since they won't send it to us, then we might as well snatch it from them! I'm not even going to pay for it anymore! I'll just take it and see if anyone dares to try and take it back from me! Horus said viciously in the end.