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“What do you think you’re doing?” The security guard confronted the robbers but was quickly whipped unconscious with a gun.

The crowd got even more petrified when they witnessed the scene.

“Stay down and take out your phones and wallets! I’ll shoot the hell out of anyone who dares to call the police!” A brute warned the crowd as he looked down sternly at them.

The other robbers walked up to the counters and shouted at the already horrified staff members, “Pack the money and throw them out here!”

The employees were trembling as they quickly nodded before packing the money as ordered.

Kate was afraid that the robbers would open fire so she hid behind Alex. He could feel how scared she was as she grabbed his shirt tightly.

On the other hand, Elsa was beyond furious. As a police officer, she would not allow these robbers to get away with it.

Unfortunately, there were at least seven or eight armed robbers so Elsa was obviously outnumbered and outgunned. She had no choice but to put her phone on the floor as ordered.

“I will bring these social parasitism to justice soon,” exclaimed Elsa with her teeth clenched.

“Shall we go stop them then?” Alex joked under his

breath.

“Are you crazy? They’re armed!” Elsa was shocked as she thought Alex was being serious but he was just trying to remind her not to play the hero.

Alex was relieved to know that Elsa was not planning to do anything reckless.

I know I can take care of myself against these armed robbers but what about Kate?

And what about the other innocent people? Who’s going to protect them?

One of the robbers walked around and was satisfied with everyone’s willingness to cooperate. When he walked past Elsa, his eyes sparkled as he waved at her and smiled deviously, “You, come here.”

How can I let such a beauty go to waste?

I'm going to enjoy myself with her tonight.

Elsa was stunned and everyone else looked at her.

Their eyes were filled with sympathy but none dared to make a move.

Elsa looked at Alex and whispered, "Don't do anything stupid!"

Then she got up and walked over with her hands raised.

As Elsa was moving away from Alex, the brute noticed a pair of fair legs hiding behind Alex. So he pointed his gun at Alex and gestured for him to move aside, "You, piss off."

Alex moved aside and Kate became visible in sight.

The brute's eyes sparkled again as he was also attracted to Kate. I've just hit the jackpot. Tonight's going to be one hell of a night!

"You! Come over here too, girl." The lecherous brute waved at Kate.

Kate shouted and held onto Alex subconsciously. She was terrified and wanted Alex to protect her but to her disappointment, he remained still.

What a coward! How can he disregard my safety especially when I'm having his child?

Seeing how Alex remained unmoved, Kate had no choice but to stand up and make her way over, trembling.

Tina and Bruce looked at Alex with disdain. He did nothing to save his wife? What kind of a man is this? But then again, these robbers were armed with AK47, so I guess he had no choice either. If he makes a move at a moment like this, he will definitely be killed.

Alex remained still because he knew it was not the right time to make a move yet.

He wanted to save everybody but he was not going to be reckless about it. Even if he managed to dodge the bullets himself, somebody else might get shot if he acted impulsively.

Suddenly, a robber at the counter roared, “Damn you!”

It turned out that a female worker had activated the alarm to alert the police. Now, she was being held at gunpoint and fearing for her life.

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“I-I’m sorry... I’m sorry... P-Please don’t kill me... I-I beg you...” The female worker was so terrified that she was stuttering.

“You idiot! How dare you alert the police?” The brute scoffed at her before readying his finger on the trigger.

Everyone held their breath and only the sound of the female worker’s teeth chattering could be heard in the bank.

The brute lifted his gun to aim at the woman's head and everybody closed their eyes as they were sure she was going to be killed.

These robbers are outlaws so why would it bother them to take a life?

A few timid ones had already passed out as the female worker continued to beg for her life.

Just as the brute was about to pull the trigger, someone yelled, "Stop!"

Elsa, who happened to be the closest to the brute, suddenly jumped up and tackled him.

Elsa managed to ram into him the moment he pulled the trigger and the gun fired off at the ceiling.

The brute was badly hurt by Elsa when his lower back hit the counter and he collapsed.

Another robber reacted to Elsa's action and took a shot at her.

Elsa was petrified as she thought she was going to get shot for sure but then Alex finally made a move.

In a split second, Alex charged at the robber to grab hold of his wrists and pushed them upwards before three consecutive shots hit the ceiling.

Then, with a great force, Alex broke his right arm and he went down rolling on the floor in pain.

“Damn it!” The other robbers tried to fire at Alex but they were not fast enough. Before they could even lift their weapon, Alex had already fired several times at them.

He was not that good with guns but he knew all he needed to do was strafe the robbers with the AK47.

As he expected, the robbers all collapsed to the ground after being hit by the bullets.

Suddenly, one of the robbers pulled the trigger at Alex.

He was about to move when he realized that Kate would be shot if he got out of the bullet's way.

Alex remained where he was and as the bullet was darting towards him, Elsa could be heard shouting at him, "Look out!"

Given his skills, Elsa was sure that Alex could save himself.

Kate watched as the bullet blasted towards her the moment Alex turned sideways. At that point, she was left with only one thought in her head, I'm dead!

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Just when Kate thought she was going to die, Alex, who was supposed to be out of harm's way already, turned his body and caught the bullet with his shoulder.

Alex was pushed a few steps back by the impact when the bullet hit him. Blood spurted out from his shoulder instantly after the shot.

In that split second, he decided to take the bullet for Kate and everyone was stunned by what happened.

Was he not afraid to die when he chose to take a bullet for his girl?

What a man!

Kate's eyes were wide opened with surprise as she never thought Alex would actually take a bullet for her in the heat of the moment.

Where did he find the courage to do that?

Alex clenched his teeth and took deep breaths as he started to feel the pain.

A shot from the powerful AK rifle could be devastating even to someone close to being a grandmaster at

martial arts like him.

Elsa then took the opportunity to take down the robber and the outlaws. All of the robbers had collapsed to the ground and it was not known whether any of them were dead or alive.

Alex breathed a sigh of relief as he tore off his T-shirt to bandage himself.

The people around looked at Alex and Elsa with respect and gratitude, especially the female worker who knelt down to Elsa to thank her for saving her life.

“Please get up. I’m a police officer and it is my duty to protect the citizens. If you really want to thank somebody, you should thank him. We’d all be dead if it weren’t for him.” Elsa then pointed to Alex.

The people were thoroughly impressed as they

nodded in gratitude. So she's a police! No wonder she's so courageous!

The female worker approached Alex and wanted to kneel down to thank him.

"Don't mention it. I only did it to protect myself," responded Alex humbly.

"Thank you for saving my life. If it weren't for you and the officer, I'd be dead. You're my savior!" Despite Alex's effort to stop her, she knelt down and kowtow anyway.

Alex didn't have the strength to stop her anymore as he was in so much pain. So, he focused on bandaging his wound.

The female worker gave three kowtows before she stood up and called the police once again.

Soon, the police siren could be heard right outside the bank.

As it turned out, people on the outside called the police when they realized something was wrong.

The armed police rushed into the building and were shocked to find eight of the robbers lying in pools of blood.

They turned around to see several people standing at a corner and one of them was shot so they instinctively pointed their gun at Alex.

“He’s not a robber,” explained Kate after she came to her senses and stood in front of Alex.

She did not know why she did that either but it was probably because he took a bullet for her just now.

“He’s the one who saved the day. Now take him to the hospital,” added Elsa as she walked up to the other officers.

“Captain Sawyer!”

The police officers put their gun away and saluted Elsa.

“If it weren’t for our hero today, we’d have all been killed here. Split up and take these robbers away, and then send somebody to get him to the hospital,” ordered Elsa.

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It was supposed to be Elsa's day off. She just wanted to make a withdrawal and go have fun but she did not expect something like this to happen.

Fortunately, she ran into Alex and was once again saved by him. Elsa was more than grateful for what he had done.

Alex wanted to take care of the wound himself but the police wanted his statement so he had to go to the hospital with them.

When they reached the hospital, Kate kept quiet while she stayed by Alex's side.

It was time to remove the bullet so the nurse brought the anesthetic, to which rejected politely, "I'm fine

without it.”

For someone who practiced martial arts, the nervous system was essential and anesthetics would only serve to bring more harm than good.

“But it’s going to hurt really bad,” explained the nurse.

“It’s fine. Just bring it on.” Alex smiled at the nurse to assure her that he was ready to take the pain.

She was troubled by the request but could only agree to it and proceeded to remove the bullet without any anesthetic.

The bullet had dug in pretty deep and the nurses could almost feel the pain themselves as the pliers went in.

Alex clenched his teeth in pain while Kate turned

away as she could not bear to look. Why did he have to play hero and reject getting anesthetic?

The nurses were skillful enough to remove the bullet from Alex within a few minutes before stopping the bleeding, suturing the wound, and quickly bandaged it up.

When it was all done, Elsa brought a few officers along with her into Alex's room.

Looking at his bandaged shoulder, Elsa teased him, "I guess now you can finally tell me your name."

Alex chuckled and joked in response, "The name's Alex and I don't ever want to see you again."

Elsa was startled as Alex continued, "Because bad things always happen when I meet you."

“That’s because you’re riddled with bad luck.”

Elsa was laughing before she remembered that she was there for official business. She then coughed softly before making her request, “Your ID, please.”

Alex took his ID out and handed it over to Elsa.

“So you’re not from Nebula City. I’d never have guessed it from the way you speak,” joked Elsa.

“It’s alright. I have been around for almost ten years now,” responded Alex.

“Now I just need your phone number and we’re done.” Elsa returned the ID back to Alex and he gave her his number.

“Thank you for what you’ve done today. You have a good rest,” Elsa bid her goodbye and was ready to

leave with the other officers.

“Officer, are the robbers dead?” asked Kate suddenly before Elsa left the room.

Kate saw six of the robbers dropped onto the floor after Alex fired at them and she was wondering if Alex would be guilty of murder if they died.

“They’re lucky enough to still be alive but even if they manage to recover, they’ll get nothing short of a death sentence for the crime they’ve committed,” answered Elsa before walking out of the room.

Kate breathed a sigh of relief to hear that but she had no idea why she was worried for Alex.

“Sorry, I was supposed to go to your check-up with you.” Alex apologized to Kate when the others left.

“It’s okay. I can go on my own. You just take good care of yourself.” Kate left the room as well after she was done speaking.

Alex did not go after her because the wound on his arm still hurt so he continued to lie on his bed.

A moment later, Heather appeared at the door and Alex was so surprised to see her that he was left speechless for a while.

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The two stared at each other for a moment before Heather finally broke the silence, “Is it bad?”

After all, Heather still cared about Alex.

“It’s fine. Nothing to worry about.” Alex gave her a soft smile as if he were not bothered by it at all.

“Were you planning to keep me in the dark had Kate not called me?” Heather was staring down at Alex as she interrogated him.

“It’s just a minor injury. Nothing worth skipping your work for, really. Besides, the chairman just offered you 10% of the shares. You should really work harder and make more money to please him.” Alex casually reasoned with Heather but her expression suddenly changed as she thought he was trying to insinuate something else with his words.

“What the hell does that mean?” Heather’s face darkened as she looked daggers at Alex.

“What?” Alex was puzzled at her response, “Nothing! I was just trying to remind you to make the most out of this rare opportunity. What else did you think I was trying to say?”

Alex was not trying to make fun of Heather at all.

Heather scoffed at him before changing the subject.

“Maybe you should think about your son first before you try to play hero again next time. I’m sure you enjoy being the hero but one day your son may just lose his father!”

“I know. I wouldn’t have done that if I weren’t sure that I could pull it off,” Alex explained himself.

“If you were so sure then why are you hurt now?”

Heather jabbed at Alex, “If the bullet somehow landed on your head or your heart instead of your shoulder, would you still be so sure of yourself?”

Alex shrugged his shoulder to indicate that he was not interested in continuing on with the subject.

“You should go pick him up soon.” Alex tried to change the subject.

“I know. I don’t need you to remind me,” Heather scoffed at him again.

Alex pouted as he did not know how else to respond.

“Have you had anything yet? Should I get you something to eat?” asked Heather.

“No. Just leave me be. I don’t feel like eating.” Alex shook his head in response.

“Have it your way,” Heather scoffed one last time before leaving the hospital.

Alex rested until 5.30 pm before requesting to be discharged as the wound was nothing to him. All he had to do was to utilize his inner energy to heal himself back at home and he would be good as new in a few days.

After a few days of recovery, along with the help of some traditional Chinese medicine that Alex prepared himself, his shoulder was almost healed up completely.

Alex wanted to go to the office today but Heather just told him that her cousin, Harper was engaged to Henry so she needed Alex to send a gift over to them

as she had to attend to some business.

“You piece of trash, why are you only here now?”
Uncle Lucas yelled at Alex when he saw the latter walking in casually.

Alex frowned but decided to ignore Lucas as he handed the gift to Carmen.

Carmen took over the gifts with displeasure written all over her face. “What took you so long? You only had one job, yet you can’t even do it well!”

Shrugging his shoulder in response, Alex decided to just ignore Carmen.

Carmen got even more upset when she noticed the crumpled T-shirt Alex was wearing. “Are you dumb? Don’t you know what day it is today? Are you trying to embarrass our family by dressing up like that?”

“Alright, that’s enough. Everyone knows how useless your family’s live-in son-in-law is. Nobody will give him a second thought.” A middle-aged woman interrupted and she turned out to be Harper’s mother, Lucy.

Alex thought Lucy was trying to speak out for him but it was not until she finished speaking that Alex realized she meant otherwise. Who knew sarcasm can be this creative.

What Lucy said only served to intensify Carmen’s disappointment in Alex.

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“Uncle, you’re here. You really didn’t have to bring anything. Come, have a seat.”

“This is just too much. How will we ever repay you for your generosity?”

Lucy and her family were greeting the guests warmly and they were delighted to receive one expensive gift after another.

“What is this gift of yours?” Carmen frowned at the gift box she received from Alex.

“A watch. The kind that’s worth a little more than a hundred,” replied Alex.

“What the hell were you thinking? Harper is your cousin and this is her big day, And all you have to give is a watch that’s worth only a little more than a hundred?” Carmen was so furious that she lifted the gift box and was ready to throw it at Alex.

“Don’t say that I didn’t warn you beforehand. If you break it, you’ll have to get another one yourself,” scoffed Alex.

Knowing that she would not have the time to do that, Carmen had no choice but to lower the gift box. She was still raging, however.

“How are you not ashamed of yourself for gifting a watch that cheap? You’re a good-for-nothing and I just don’t understand why my sister still keeps you

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“You useless scum, what are you talking about? Do you have a death wish, huh?” Jacob growled, raising a hand to hit Alex.

Alex caught his wrist and held it firmly as Jacob struggled to break free from his grip.

“Sometimes, I really do wonder how your sense of logic functions,” Alex said in disdain. “If I give Harper a normal watch, it means that she’s a whore. So if Henry gives her a branded watch, does it mean that she’s a super whore?”

This family was impossible to deal with.

Initially, Alex had no intention of buying her a present at all. It was upon Heather’s insistence afterwards that he simply picked out a gift from a nearby watch stall.

The watch looked like it was worth only about thirty.

Seeing Alex coming in a luxury car, the storekeeper proceeded to call a price of hundred at once. Alex didn't bother to haggle with the storekeeper either. If he did then he would probably be able to save at least forty or so.

“You think you can compare to Henry? Why don't you take a closer look at the trash you've given me? I can't believe you actually have the gall to show up with it!” Harper shrilled loudly while glaring at Alex. She flashed the luxury watch glittering on her wrist at him. “Look at this! Now this is a fifty thousand watch! Can you afford it? Get out of my sight with this piece of trash!”

The attendees could only sigh in admiration when they saw Harper's branded watch.

These days, the Hale family was much more influential in Nebula City than the Jennings family. As

such, Harper marrying into the Hale family was seen as bringing honor and glory to their family. Henry Hale would make a wonderful son-in-law.

And yet, Alex was also a son-in-law of the Jennings family. But there was no competition.

Henry was the young master of the Hale family, while Alex was the live-in son-in-law feeding off scraps from the Jennings family. Honestly, it was just embarrassing to watch.

“Who is causing such a commotion? Have you no respect for any of our traditions?” A strident voice asked. It belonged to an elderly but dignified lady who was currently walking over with a frown on her face. It was Demi Jennings, matriarch of the Jennings family.

“Granny!”

“Mother!”

“Grand dame!”

The Jennings’ in the crowd all approached the old lady and greeted her respectfully.

Demi glared sternly at the crowd. “Today is Harper’s big day. Why is there a ruckus? Do you all want the Jennings family to become the joke of the town?”

“Granny!” Jacob latched onto the old woman immediately and said pitifully, “Today is my baby sister, Harper’s big day and everyone was happy until Alex showed up and implied Harper was a whore. Isn’t that the biggest joke anyone can make about us Jennings’?”

A frown clouded Demi’s face instantly. It was more than evident that the comment had struck her anger

point directly.

“Granny!” Harper cajoled. Her eyes were hateful as she regarded Alex. “We should throw him and his family out! They’re just an embarrassment to us.”

Looking at Harper, Demi immediately made a sound of agreement without any hesitation. “Send them away.”

Out of so many of her grandchildren, only Harper was capable of bringing honor to the Jennings family thus far.

Currently, the Jennings family only owned 39% of shares in Jennings Inc. In other words, Jennings Inc. was no longer under the control of the Jennings’. The head of the family had been thinking of selling off their remaining stocks and start up a new business venture.

But if they wanted to strike out on their own, they would definitely need the support of a family as powerful as the Hale family. That was why Demi had to look out for Harper and side with her no matter what.

Upon hearing Demi's declaration, Carmen almost exploded in rage. This is so humiliating!

The moment her gaze swept across the nonchalant Alex, she itched to kick the man out of the room herself. If it weren't for her good-for-nothing son-in-law, she would not have to suffer such an embarrassment.

"You worthless piece of trash! I'll take care of you when we get home." Carmen hurled viciously at Alex, pointing a shaking finger at his nose. She growled and turned to stalk out of the room.

Before she could exit the room, however, two police officers entered through the door.

Shock spread through the crowd as they got engaged in whispers. They had no idea what was happening. The Jennings' were especially surprised and anxious at the sight of the officers.

Although they had not done anything illegal, but it was Harper's big day today. If words got out that there were police on the scene, it would be the talk of the town.

While everyone was caught in confusion, one of the policemen asked, "Is Alex Jefferson here?"

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“This is Alex!” Jacob said immediately, pointing at Alex. Jacob breathed a sigh of relief. The police could do whatever they wanted with Alex so long it did not trouble his family.

Ever since Jacob tricked and scammed Kate, he had been living in worry that one day Kate would appear to get her revenge on him.

“You’re Alex Jefferson?” The policeman asked.

“I am.” Alex nodded his head indifferently.

“I’m going to need you to come with us to assist on an

investigation,” the policeman said. They proceeded to lead Alex out without another word.

Seeing Alex being taken away, the crowd let out a sigh of relief.

“Oh dear, Aunt Carmen,” Jacob mocked loudly, “I’m afraid your live-in son-in-law got himself into trouble with the law this time. I saw a news report two days ago that a woman was stalked by an unknown man. He assaulted her and then raped her. Who knows? Maybe Alex is that unknown man.”

“Of course, why else would the police detain him?”

“Exactly! He’s nothing but a useless junk who feeds off scraps. Why would they take him away unless he did commit such a grave crime?”

“It’s a shame, really. The fellow always looked very

honest. Who would have expected him to do something so horrible and disgusting?”

Whispers raced through the crowd as everyone hurried to put their two cents into the discussion. Nobody explicitly mentioned the Jennings family in this case, but the Jennings' all felt the building shame and embarrassment Alex had brought onto them.

“Granny, Alex had just tarnished our family’s name thanks to his actions,” Jacob said suddenly. It had occurred to him that this was the perfect chance to finally get rid of Heather and her family. The opportunity was too appealing to pass over. He suggested, “Why don’t we just cast him and his family out of the Jennings family? It will prevent anyone from making fun of our family too.”

“Yeah, granny,” Lucy agreed. “Not only is Alex a crook, but he’s also now guilty of being a rapist! If we

don't expel his entire family, us Jennings' are going to be the laughing stock of the town forever."

Demi's face looked thunderous by now. Anyone who knew her understood very well that the old lady concerned about the Jennings family name more than anything else.

She levelled a cold look at Carmen and Lucas, saying, "Have you got anything else to say for yourselves?"

"Mother, that's Alex's fault and it has nothing to do with us!" Carmen shouted, but her voice was wavering. If they were banished from the family, it would be a debt Carmen could never repay to her dead husband. If the news of them being struck from the family records made it out to the public, her son and daughter would be targeted for an endless cycle of scorn and ridicule.

“Granny,” Lucas pleaded with the old lady. “Please! We’ll kick that useless scum out of our home immediately and make sure he never returns!”

Jacob just made a scornful sound. “The police have already taken him away and he’s going to be rotting in jail soon. How can he even return back to your home?”

“Enough,” Demi said with a damning sense of finality. She raised her voice, “As the matriarch of the Jennings family, I hereby announce that Adrian Jennings and all of his descendants are struck from the Jennings family record. From this moment onwards, these people have nothing to do with the Jennings family!”

The old lady was angry enough to slam her walking stick onto the ground to emphasize her statement.

Adrian Jennings was not only dead but Demi Jennings' own son by blood. Seeing that Demi was willing to go to such lengths to protect the Jennings family name that she would not even show any mercy for her dead son, the crowd could only sigh sympathetically.

Feeling the blood drain from their faces, Carmen and Lucas were thunderstruck.

After they had been banished from the Jennings family, the first thing Carmen did was to go to the company where her daughter was working in.

“Heather!” Carmen exclaimed when she saw her daughter. She sighed. “I told you to divorce that good-for-nothing lump ages ago, but you wouldn't listen to me. Look what happens now. Our family is ruined!”

“Mother, what’s wrong? What happened?” Heather frowned at her mother’s sudden spiel. She was just about to go out and meet a client.

“You probably still don’t know about it, sis, but just now that useless piece of trash just got himself arrested by the police on suspicions of being a rapist,” Lucas said grimly. “Granny said he tainted the Jennings family name so she decided to cast all of us out of the family!”

Heather felt the world shatter in front of her. Trembling uncontrollably, her face turned pale.

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“T-that bastard! And to think I still held out hope for him...” Heather staggered suddenly, the folder in her grip slipping free to land on the ground.

To tell the truth, while she did prefer men like the Director, but Alex was still her husband and they had a son together.

Stanley was already four years old. So naturally, she was hesitant in her choice to divorce her husband.

Whenever she threatened Alex that she wanted a divorce, although it looked like she was serious, she was actually banking on the fact that Alex would not really agree to a divorce. Most of the time, Heather was just joking with him as well.

But upon discovering Alex was a suspected rapist now, how could she not be furious?

The first person to pop up in her mind was Dylan's girlfriend. Dylan must have finally raised charges against Alex.

Last time, at Dylan's restaurant, she afforded him the benefit of the doubt, thinking that the situation was not what she thought it was. Besides, Alex appeared unscathed at the time, so Heather put the entire incident out of her mind.

And yet, the police took Alex away just now. From her head to the very tips of her toes, Heather felt a boiling sense of anger that threatened to make her explode. Alex could just rot in jail. He had brought it on himself.

But Stanley and her would suffer needlessly by catching in the edges of his trouble. Heather could already envision their future. They would inevitably be

assailed by a barrage of insults and scorn each time they appeared in public, all for being the wife and child of a rapist.

“This is all your fault, sis,” Lucas said petulantly. He sighed. “You could’ve divorced him earlier but no. Well, now our family is well and truly screwed by him.”

“Heather, why don’t you just take this as a chance to really divorce him? I’m guessing that the Director of the Four Seas Corporation must be interested in you because no one would just give away 10% of their company shares as a gift. You should divorce the useless lump once and for all and take the initiative to meet up with the Director.” Carmen paused for a while before continuing, “Dear, you know the saying: women are scared of men pestering them, but men are exactly the same. If you take the initiative approach him, I’m sure he’s not going to be able to resist you. When a man pursues a woman, that’s like

climbing the Mount Everest. But if a woman chases a man? It's as easy as breaking through paper.”

The meaning was more than clear. If Heather really exerted her charms, the Director would fall for her easily.

“Yeah, sis!” Lucas suddenly looked hopeful. “If you hooked up with the Director, our family will definitely be able to rise again. You know how Harper’s family were throwing such a big fuss about her marrying into just the Hale family. I can only imagine what would happen if she were married into an actually powerful family. Their asses would probably be sitting among the clouds. Sis, maybe Granny would even let us back into the family if you married the Director!”

“Hmph!” Carmen snorted. “Your granny is truly heartless, you know? She refused to even keep your father’s memorial plaque in the family home. Imagine

if your father were to know about this. How heartbroken would he have felt?”

Heather frowned, but the resistance in her heart was softening.

Honestly, after being stood up by the Director a few days ago, her pulsing attraction to him had cooled off somewhat. Ever since that night, she decided to treat him with nothing more than a superior, with no extra effort given. The Director had helped her out a lot. He could do whatever he wanted with her but she was no longer interested in being the one who took initiative.

But after listening to her mother and brother's words, she felt her heart stir treacherously. Even if she did not take them into consideration, her Granny's actions alone were abhorrent enough to make her angry.

Her father had been dead for years, yet her

grandmother did not even hesitate in removing his memorial plaque from the family home. It was an act of humiliation against their family, as well as blasphemy against her dead father.

“I know.” Heather nodded with a plan formed in her mind.

She was prepared to see a lawyer to arrange all the relevant paperwork for a divorce. This time, regardless of if Alex agreed or not, she was going to divorce him.

Alex would be locked in jail soon. So, he had to agree, no matter what.

“Director Jennings!” Heather’s assistant called out suddenly in surprise. “Isn’t that your husband?”

Heather followed the direction of her gaze. The

assistant was pointing at the screen of the television at the lobby of the company.

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Heather and her family watched the screen, transfixed. Alex was standing next to Elsa on what appeared to be a stage, surrounded by police officers in crisply pressed uniforms. She abruptly recognized the setup for what it was. An awards ceremony!

“What is this?” Carmen asked in confusion.

Heather’s assistant smiled as she said, “This is an

official police award ceremony, Mrs. Jennings. If I'm not wrong, a few days ago, your son-in-law worked together with this policewoman to stop a robbery from happening in a nearby bank."

"According to the news, there were as many as ten robbers at the time. They were ready to kill all of the staff working at the bank. In the nick of time, your son-in-law and the policewoman stood up to take them down, defeating them all in the end and saving the bank staff. Oh, also, I heard that your son-in-law even got shot once, didn't you know that?" The assistant was shocked to learn that the family didn't know about that.

"Really? Are you serious?" Carmen was gaping. She had never expected Alex to be of any use, much less the ability needed to pull off such a feat.

"They've got to be pulling our legs," Lucas said in

disbelief. “There’s no way that useless lump can stand up to ten robbers.”

Alex had been a parasite in their house for four to five years by now. Lucas was more than certain he understood Alex’s behavior. Whenever people pointed accusing fingers at him and yelled at him for being a good-for-nothing slacker, he did not even dare to make a sound, much less retort. The man was a useless coward. How could a person like this dare to take on ten bank robbers and win?

Lucas felt like this entire matter was insulting his intelligence.

“It’s true,” Heather said calmly. “He got shot in the left shoulder and I went to visit him in the hospital.”

But her heart was far from calm. In fact, Heather wanted to rage against the universe.

Why?

Why is it that every time when I finally decide to divorce you, you will manage to find a way to draw my heart back to you?

The conflict in her heart was tearing her apart. Heather sighed. A second ago, she thought that Alex was a criminal destined to rot in jail forever. The righteous anger she felt had already fueled her determination to divorce him.

But in the next second, Alex was no longer a criminal but a hero of the people. His family would be a hero's family, which meant the Jennings' were a part of his heroism. Could she still justify divorcing Alex then?

"N-now what?" Carmen was still trying to grasp the situation.

Ironically, the useless lump who lived on scraps had become an admired hero.

At this time, on the television, the host of the ceremony announced, “If it weren’t for our hero, Mr. Alex Jefferson and Captain Sawyer risking their lives to battle the robbers, none of the staff working at the bank would still be alive! And who knows how many innocent people those robbers would have gone on to kill?”

“And so,” the host continued, “to honor such a brave act, our department has decided to award Mr. Jefferson with the title of the People’s Hero. We will also be awarding him with ten million in cash as a token of gratitude and encouragement. Captain Sawyer will also be given the title of Captain of Heroes, as well as having this merit recorded... “

Seeing the banner for the ten million award in Alex's hands, Carmen's eyes were practically shining.

Ten million was not a small sum. In fact, it was positively astronomical.

Although Heather still owned 10% of the shares in Jennings Inc. but the dividend payout period was still far off, so her family was tight on cash. That aside, the company's business earnings were also nothing extraordinary. Even if they received the dividend payout, there was no way it was going to be anywhere near ten million.

In the span of that single heartbeat, even Heather felt her heart flutter treacherously.

With ten million in hand, Alex was no longer just a useless live-in son-in-law to be looked down on.

No one could say that and get away with it now.

The provincial police department had already awarded him the title of the People's Hero. No one would even dare to refute that.

Somehow, at this moment, as Heather watched through the screen, Alex was the handsomest man that he had ever been in her eyes.

Suddenly, he was the ideal husband she had always dreamed of.

Lucas was already lost in his plans of buttering up this suddenly famous brother-in-law of his, hatching up numerous plots to wheedle Alex into buying a new car for him.

The host of the ceremony was now smiling as he asked, "So, Mr. Jefferson, I heard that your earlier

reputation in town wasn't all that good and people seemed to think that you were a good-for-nothing slacker. But now as a hero of the people, what are you planning to do with your considerable money award?"

The atmosphere immediately grew tensed as everyone, be they people on site at the ceremony, or the audience watching the ceremony in front of the television, focused their attention on Alex. They were all curious to see what a live-in son-in-law would do when he was given ten million out of the blue.

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