

Chapter 54 The Powells ' Hope

Elmo was sweating profusely in his office.

"Mr. Powell, you were the one who had the contract for the construction of the amusement park, weren't you? I heard that your workers refused to work and the contract has been terminated. Is that true?"

"Of course not. It's just a misunderstanding!"
Elmo immediately explained.

"I'm sorry. I have to cancel the cooperation we discussed the last time."

"What? Why would you do that? You can't just cancel it. Let's talk this out. How about we—"

Elmo was cut short by the disconnect tone he heard.

This was the twentieth call Elmo received this month. All his partners were canceling their cooperation with him.

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Elmo was on tenterhooks now.

He knew that the right thing to do was to complete a project and try to pacify his irate partners.

But most capitalists were concerned about making a profit and avoiding losses.

Elmo didn't know how to go about persuading them. It was useless to seek another cooperation now that he had a bad name.

The matter was getting out of hand. Almost everyone in the business industry was turning against him.

At a party, Jimmie brought it up. "Marco, have you heard that Universe Group went up against Cosmos Group recently? Keely's uncle owns Cosmos Group, right?"

Marco held the glass in silence.

Slater, who was sitting aside, couldn't stand the silence anymore. "Gosh! Loraine is so ruthless.

It wasn't not enough that she bullied Keely. She even went after her relatives. This isn't right. We can't just stand by and do nothing. I'll help Cosmos Group." 3

He took out his phone, intending to make a call.

Marco suddenly set down his glass with a thud.

"Guys, why are you believing groundless rumors without bothering to find out the facts? Cosmos Group is at fault. Elmo took over the project, but he defaulted. Not only did he stop his workers from working, but he also prevented the other construction companies from taking the project. They crossed the line, so it's good that Loraine didn't take it lightly with them!"

Slater immediately realized that he was wrong to have jumped to conclusion. "Forget it."

Jimmie glanced at his idiotic friend.

"Nevertheless, don't you think it's rather strange that Cosmos Group is in a very bad situation now? It's going down right before our eyes. If my memory serves me right, they only delayed the project." Jimmie tapped his chin for a while. "Did you have a hand in this, Marco?"

"I hate it when people abuse their power

because they have connections with me," Marco uttered, leaning back on the couch.

"Oh, you did have a hand in it!" Jimmie asserted. It was common knowledge in the city that Cosmos Group was big because of Marco's help. With the present state of things, it seemed Marco was taking back his help.

Jimmie's eyes narrowed even further. He leaned towards his friend and asked, "Tell me, are you doing this for Loraine's sake?"

Before Marco could answer, Slater chipped in, "Don't talk nonsense, Jimmie! Why would Marco give a hoot about that evil woman? He did it for Keely's sake!"

Turning to Marco, he added, "Keely's relatives are unreliable. They are fond of using her to get to you. It's good that you are punishing them now. You know what? I have an idea. We should spend more time with her, so her family will pay more attention to her."

A scowl appeared on Marco's face. "Keep me out of that. I'm very busy. You can go ahead if you want to spend time with her."

Slater asked, "Why don't you have time?"

"The government is going to inspect the smart city project very soon. I don't have time for other things."

Marco came up with a perfect excuse.

To put the topic to rest, Marco took out his phone and showed Slater the list of the government staff.

The first on the list was Rowan Torres. 2

At White Cloud Airport of Vagow, Elmo and Barr waited anxiously in the arrivals hall.

Frowning, Barr looked at the flight landing information countlessly.

During this crucial time for him and the company, his father dragged him to the airport to welcome some people. They had been waiting for about four hours. He was already fed up.

"Dad, I'm tired of waiting! Who the hell are we waiting for?"

"Shut the fuck up! And sit your ass down!" Elmo pointed at his son. "Listen to me. You have to be smart. The distinguished guest holds the future of our company in his hands. If we please him well, we will be able to get any

project with just a word from him!"

This statement spiked Barr's interest. "Whoa! That's awesome. Who is this guy in question?"

Ignoring his son's question, Elmo stretched his neck to look at the exit.

It wasn't until thirty minutes later that Elmo and Barr finally saw Klein, the director of the smart city project.

Once they spotted a mysterious man following Klein, they believed that he was the distinguished guest they had been waiting for.

They rushed forward, intending to exchange pleasantries. But a group of bodyguards stopped them.


They followed the entourage outside and watched the man leave in a luxury car.


Barr and Elmo didn't give up. They hopped in their car and tailed the man's convoy.

The convoy halted in front of a five-star hotel. After Klein said goodbye to the guest, he left. Elmo and Barr shared a knowing look. They jumped out of their car and rushed towards the entrance of the hotel.


When the mysterious man was about to enter

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the hotel, Elmo shouted, "Mr. Torres, please wait a moment!" 

The man halted in his tracks and turned around with a deep frown.

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