

Chapter 0027

Everyone—including Donovan and Zoe—was baffled at how Bruno repeatedly addressed Patrick by his name. They all struggled to keep up with the situation.

What in the world was happening? Why did this unfold in such a confusing manner?

Not only did Bruno offer Patrick a VIP card and treat him like an old friend, but he even offered to increase the investment just to please Patrick?

After all, everyone knew Donovan had kicked Patrick out of the Chesire family, leaving him penniless. Moreover, he had no sons, only a mute daughter and a useless son-in-law who just completed his military service.

Just before this, Patrick was also on the verge of losing his job. How could he possibly garner such favor from Bruno?

It was illogical, unreasonable, and should not be happening!

"Uh... I..." Bruno's enthusiasm startled Patrick. With Bruno holding onto his arm, Patrick felt increasingly uncomfortable, and the words simply would not come out. He finally managed a strained smile and uttered, "Sir Severn..."

"Oh, stop it, Patrick. Don't call me that; it's too formal!"

Bruno was unfazed by the reactions of those around them, still holding Patrick's arm with a warm smile. "If you're comfortable with it, just call me Bruno!" 2

"Right, then. If you don't mind, for our initial cooperation, let's settle for 4.5 billion. We can always increase the funding as our partnership progresses. Now, let's go and sign the contract." 1

Bruno thus led Patrick by the arm and made a polite gesture to the perplexed Susanne, inviting her to join them. The three of them walked toward the Chesire Group building. 1

Meanwhile, Donovan was left speechless. It seemed that he, Zoe, and everyone else had become background characters in this unexpected turn of events.

Zoe, gritting her teeth, approached Donovan. "Grandpa, what is..."

"Stop wasting time!" growled the frowning Donovan. "Let's sign the contract!"

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Inside the VIP conference room, everyone took their predetermined seats.

Bruno glanced at the couple at the far end, then turned to Donovan and Zoe, his expression darkening. "Patrick, why are you and Susanne sitting so far away? Didn't I make myself clear enough? Besides Patrick and Susanne, I won't

discuss the collaboration with anyone else!"

Donovan was stunned, but he mustered a smile and growled at Zoe, "Move aside."

With that, he also vacated his seat and maintained his forced smile, swapping places with Patrick.

Even though Zoe was angry, she dared not to express it and gave her seat to Susanne with a forced smile.

After changing their seats, Patrick and Susanne found themselves in the spotlight. They sat across from Bruno, their faces displaying a mixture of embarrassment and nervousness.

They were the absolute center of attention, the key figures representing Chesire Group in this crucial negotiation. No one could overshadow them at this moment.

"Those two..." Zoe muttered as she watched them from a distance, seething with resentment.

Patrick and Susanne had stolen her limelight, her seat, and her credit...

As soon as the contract was signed, she would swiftly have them ousted from the company and leave them with nothing!

Ignoring everyone else, Bruno warmly addressed Patrick, "I've had my team draft the contract. Take a look! I hope you don't mind me taking some liberties and adding another

clause."

With a gentle wave, the savvy Severn Group's Operational Manager promptly placed the contract in front of Patrick.

For a deal worth more than 4.5 billion dollars, involving investment direction, fund allocation plans, infrastructure configurations, obligations, and responsibilities for both parties, it usually required at least three copies of a multi-page contract. Such a deal would be printed up to 80 pages.

However, the terms of this contract comprised just a single sheet.

Patrick accepted the contract and quickly scanned its contents. His eyes widened in disbelief as he stuttered, "W—What?"

The clause regarding fund allocation gave Patrick and Susanne full authority, and any division of funds met with no objections from the other party. Furthermore, the entire project's implementation would be under the constant supervision of Patrick and Susanne. Anyone who exited midway would face severe consequences, as the first party had the right to reclaim the entire investment while pursuing legal action against the defaulting second party.