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Now, only the two of them remained in the room.

Too pained to speak, Edwin winced as Hannah drew nearer.

"Why are you dodging me? Weren't you all strong and set to confront me just a while ago?"

"I. I was just trying to intimidate you! Who knew... You'd actually go as far as to do it!"

Hannah sat next to him, her demeanor composed.

"Why have you been skipping school lately?"

"What's it to you if I go to school or not?" Edwin retorted, his defiance undiminished despite his discomfort.

Unfazed, Hannah responded, "You're free to skip school, but it's high time you started working. Jalen has already spread the word in the White family. No more money for you."

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"You're so cold-hearted!"

Edwin clenched his teeth.

"Grandma even left you all her shares. I really misjudged you!"

With a casual grin, Hannah shot back, "So she should have left everything to you to squander? Is that your idea of not being misjudged?"

His face drained of color at her taunting words, Edwin snapped, "You!"

"Here are your options. Either return to school like a good boy or drop out, sever these relationships, and fend for yourself."

Grimacing in pain, Edwin shot back, "Elin has been nothing but kind to me. Even when she knows I'm broke, she supports me. I won't abandon her."

Hannah laughed lightly.

"What a charming notion of love you have in this modern age. Alright then." She continued, nodding, "Don't say I didn't give you a chance. If your love is genuine, I'll keep my hands off. But if she's after your money, you'd better redirect your attention to your education."

Seizing the moment, Edwin countered, "If our love is real, then give me back all my money and cards!"

"Okay," Hannah agreed.

"Stay with her, but make it clear that the White family finances are under my control now, and you're cut off."

Edwin gritted his teeth but relented.

"Fine! Elin isn't after my money!"

"Good," Hannah said, pressing firmly on Edwin's shoulder.

Caught off guard, Edwin yelled, "What are you doing? Ahhhh!"