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"I think the heavens beard my prayer. Four years have passed so quickly. And now, Declan's an adult. I know my time is almost up. How much time do I have left, Hailey?" Pamela asked.

Tears welled up in Hailey's eyes. "Mrs. Zamora, you have about two months left."

Pamela mumbled, "Two months... Looks like I won't get to see Alleen take her high school examinations."

Bailey tightened her grip on Pamela's hand. "Don't worry, Mrs. Zamora. I've asked Dr. Lynn to prescribe the best medication. We'll do our best to give

you more time."

Gazing at Hailey, Pamela said gratefully, "Thank you for getting me admitted. We owe you a favor. Our family might be poor, but we don't like owing

others

"I'll get myself discharged today. We won't trouble you anymore "

"Mrs. Zamora." Hailey's voice trailed off. She knew nothing she said would convince Pamela, Just like Declan, Pamela had a proud spirit **too**.

Although Hailey said nothing, she would still secretly help Pamela. Imported medication would not only 1

her life.

"Please don't tell Declan and Aileen about my condition," Pamela said

Perplexed, Hailey said, "Why? 1 think-"

relieve the pain, but it would also prolong

"Hailey, if Declan finds out about this, he will sell off everything he has to pay for my treatment. I low my body the best, and there's no point wasting money on me, I don't want to burden him even more. Declan has never lived a good life with parents like me **and** his **dad.**"

Seeing that Pamela had made up her mind, Hailey decided to respect her decision. "All right. I'll keep it a secret."

Thank you so much, Hailey "

With her nose red from the sniffling, Hailey said, "You're being too polite, Mrs. Zamora. Declan saved me. I wouldn't be here if not for him." Hailey's innocence made Pamela smile. Suddenly, Hailey asked, "By the way, where's Declan?"

"He's taking a shower. He should be done soon," answered Pamela

Declan rushed over to the hospital from the construction site. He **was** so dirty that he caught the attention of everyone in the b

building

Usually, he would go home and clean up himself before going to the hospital. He did not want his family members to see the disheveled **side** of him. Since the VIP room had a bathroom, Declan had gone in to take a shower.

Thinking that Declan's shoulder would be hurting from lifting the insane number of cement bags that day, Hailey hurried off to get the best medication from Oscar

Soon, Halley arrived in front of the bathroom with the medication. She raised her hand to knock on the door. However, the door was not shut. It opened slightly before she even knocked.

-"Is he not inside?" Hailey wondered. Pushing the door, she

said, "Declan, are you

In the next second, she saw Declan. He had just finished showering and was wearing o only a pair of black pants.

Hailey had seen his great figure previously in the dressing room. He had broad shoulders and distinct muscles.

The sight of las physique moist from the slower made Hailey shriek. She quickly covered her eyes, stuttering, "W-Why aren't you wearing a shirt?" Declan was not expecting her to barge in suddenly. He hurriedly put on a clean, white singlet. "Why didn't you knock?"

Little did he know that Halley wanted to knock, but the door opened on its own. Hailey parted her fingers a little and **saw** him through the space between

Dhelat was already wearing **a** singlet, However, she still saw the tattoo on his arm-it was an eagle, Feeling a rush of heat on her nose, Hailey reached but to lourd it. She was having a noseldeed **again**.

"My nose is bleeding **again**!" she shrjelord,

Declan immediately prablad a piece of tissue **and covered** her **nose**, saying, "Lilt your head."

Hailey did as told "Why does **this** always happens whenever I'm with you?" she asked.

Ekelan merely looked at laer and said, "All right. You're line now."

Since there was no reply, Halley fixed her gaze on him, questioning, "Why aren't you saying anything?" However, Derlan did not know what to say.

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Saying nothing, Declan turned around to leave. Once again, he was ignoring her.

Hailey blocked his path and handed him the medication. "This is for you."

"Huh?" Declan was confused. Hailey pointed at his red shoulder. "You carried so many cement bags today. **Your** shoulder's all red now.

"Apply this once in the morning and at night. It'll help relieve the soreness."

Declan simply looked at her without saving anything. Upon seeing that, Hailey urged, "Take it."

Only then did Declan reach out to take the medication from her.

However, the medication was not the only thing he took. He took her **hand** and gave it a slight tug, causing her to fall into his arms without any warning

Hailey lifted her head, admiring Declan's handsome face, which was now so close to hers. His hair was still damp from his recent shower, making him less cold than usual. Instead, he had a more boyish charm.

Blinking, Halley asked, "W-What's wrong with you?"

Declan studied her pretty face, thinking she was cute for being so confused. "What do you want?" he asked softly.

Hailey did not understand what he meant. "What do I want?

Suddenly, her vision went dark. Declan had lowered his head to kiss her on the lips.

A buzzing sound filled Hailey's mind. She had never been kissed by a man before. In fact, it was a first **kiss**, and Declan had taken it just like that. Declan moved away after the light kiss, asking, "Is this **what** you want?"

Utterly perplexed, Hailey asked, "What are you doing?"

Staring at her, Declan said, "Thank

you for what you did today, I don't like owing people favors. Will this do?"

Hailey was bereft of **words**. She finally understood what he **meant**-he kissed her to thank her for the help. That realization made Hailey slightly mad. "Does he need to be so calculative? He'd rather make things clear by doing this instead of having anything to do with me?" she thought.

Glaring at him, Hailey asked, "Declan, is that all you've got?

This time, it was Declan who was confused. "What?"

Raising a brow, Hailey asked softly, "Do you know how to kiss someone?"

Declan was stunned, wondering if Hailey was demanding for him to kiss her.

"Why are you looking at me like that? You want to repay me, don't you? Well, you saw how big of a help I was today. Surely you weren't planning on settling with just a brief kiss? Declan, I want more!"

After Hailey had flirtatiously uttered the last four words, she noticed Declan's ears had turned red. Her words made him blush.

Hailey was originally a shy person, but his reaction only made her braver. She did not think a person who was usually indifferent would blush.

Hailey lifted her hands and wrapped her fingers around his neck, causing Declan to tense up.

Declan's lack of rejection only gave Hailey the courage to perform the next action. Since he dared to kiss her, she would do the same as well. Hailey tiptoed and planted a kiss on his lips.

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Declan's lips were cool and nice to kiss. Although she had zero experience in kissing, she had secretly watched others do so. She did not think that kissing someone could feel so good.

Meanwhile, Declan stiffened his body and kept his eyes open. He **noticed** Halley's eyes were opened as well.

Her large **eyes** were filled with innocence and curiosity. Every person would develop a sense of curiosity and desire for their biological needs when they reached a certain age. They would even naively and boldly explore and experience the subject with the person they liked.

Declan felt Hailey's soft lips pressed on his. Then she moved them swiftly and kissed the corner of his lips.

Declan felt **a** surge of warmth spread all over his body. The tingling and numbing sensation made him

flush.

Hailey's fingers were still around his neck, and both of them were against each other. It did not take long for her to sense the change in his body.

Curious, she asked, "What's that? It's touching me." She then slid her hand downward.

Just then, Declan grabbed her wrists, preventing her hands from going any lower. "Have you had enough?"

As usual, Declan's expression was cold and indifferent, as if he was unfazed. Yet, Hailey was not afraid

She pulled her hand back, saying, "No."

"What else do you want?" Declan asked.

Hailey **took** out her phone and opened her WhatsApp. "This is my Whatsapp code Sean it to add my number." Declan thought Hailey was asking for too much. "You-

"If you add my number, we'll be even today. **We** won't owe each other anything." Hailey added hurriedly.

Eyeing her for a moment, Declan whipped out his phone and did as told.

Hailey's profile picture was a picture of herself bathed in the sunset's glow. Her sweet smile and strands of hair covering her face made her look not only youthful but beautiful as well.

Declan stared at it for a few seconds before pulling his gaze away. "Done," he said, turning away to leave.

"He's leaving just like that? Does he not want to hang out with me a little longer?" Hailey thought

She stared at Declan's profile-his profile picture was black, and his account name was Declan Zamora. Hailey then tapped on the status page, but there was nothing.

Despite not learning any important information about him, she was still happy to have added his number.

Meanwhile, Declan stepped out of the room and stood by the window to let the cold wind cool his body. The sensation felt foreign. It was a first for him. Declan did not like hanging out with Hailey because he would always smell like her sweet fragrance. After recollecting himself, Declan entered the **ward** to find Pamela already up and packing

Declan hurried forward, asking, "Mom, why are you up?"

"Declan, I'm feeling much better now. Let's go home," Pamela said.

"But Mort, I haven't gotten your report. I'll go collect it now."

"Derlan," Pamela stopped him. "Dr. Lyon gave me the report earlier. My body's fine. It's just that my blood sugar was low. That's why I fainted at **home** today."

Decian did not believe his mother's words. "Really?"

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Pamela took out a few reports that did **not highlight** any issues and **gave** them to Declan. "Look, my dear. Why would I lie to you?"

Declan went through the report to make sure everything was fine. Only then did he **relax** a little, saying, "Mom, I'll stay at home with you these two days. You still need to take good care of yourself even if it's just low blood sugar."

Nodding, Pamela said, "Okay Where's Halley, by the way?"

Declan whipped out a bag and placed Pamela's things in it. Without lifting his head, he answered plainly, "She went home. We're just friends, Mom."

"I know many girls liked you back then. Your sister even **saw** a girl putting a letter and chocolates in your bag. Her name was Jennifer Barron, wasn't it?"

Lifting his head, Declan said, "Don't bring that up. Hailey's nothing like them."

Pamela smiled, saying. "So you see Hailey differently compared to the other girls, huh?"

Speechless, Declan continued packing

"Declan, you're not young anymore. Don't miss the opportunity if you've found someone you like. Hailey's nice girl," advised Pamela

At the same time, Declan was done with packing. He swung the bag over his shoulder, lent Pamela his arm, **and** walked her out of the hospital. While walking along the corridor, Declan said softly, "**I've** never thought about such things. I can't promise her a good future anyway."

Pamela fell silent. She knew Hailey came from a good **family**. That was why she made it clear to Nicole in case the latter's comments ruined Hailey's reputation. Pamela's thoughtfulness for Hailey purely stemmed from her liking, for the latter.

"Mom, I only want to solve Dad's problem now. One day, I'll prove his innocence, I will tell everyone that my father wasn't a drug dealer but an undercover cop."

Tears filled Pamela's eyes as she held Declan's hand. "This is not your burden to bear, Declan." It was going to be a rough journey for Declan.

She continued, "I always wonder if your father was still alive, he wouldn't want you to take this path. He'd want you to **live a** normal life-date the girl you like, get married, have children, and live a blissful life."

Declan helped Pamela through the crowd in the corridor. "Mom, I know what kind of life I want. That life doesn't suit me. I don't have anyone I fancy, nor does any girl like me"

Celine had been waiting for Hailey to return. When she saw the latter returning in a rush, Celine went forward.

"You're finally home. I thought you won't be coming home after seeing Declan."

Hailey blushed. "Don't tease me, Celine. Let's go to my-the Lambert residence now."

On the way to the Lambert residence, Hailey recounted the incident to Celine, "Mrs. Zamora's cancer cells have spread to her heart and brain.

"She only has two months left, but Declan doesn't know about this yet. Ever since his father left, he had been living with his mother and sister.

"I could tell his mother is his pillar. I can't imagine what would happen if Mrs. Zamora died. Declan might break down."

Celine found Pamela's situation a pity. Once the cancer cells started spreading, there would be no hope left. However, Celine could help Pamela die a less painful death.

Looking at Hailey, Celine sald, "No one can escape death.".

Nodding, Hailey said, "It's a good thing that I got Declan's number. That way, I can contact him if anything happens."

Celine was astonished. "That's **impressive**, Hailey. I can't believe you even managed to get his number."

"Celine, I... did it with Declan already," whispered Hailey.

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Celine gasped and widened her eyes in shock. "What? What are you talking about?"

Tapping her fingers against each other, Hailey admitted, "We kissel"

Only then did Celine feel relieved she thought Hailey and Declan had sex.

"Hailey, do you really like Declan?" Celine asked.

Declan's handsome and indifferent face flashed past Hailey's mind, making her heart race. It was an uncontrollable feeling-a feeling of liking someone. Halley nodded shyly. "Yes."

Celine wanted to say something, but she thought better of it. The feeling of liking someone was only between two people. Everyone else was an outsider. Half an hour later, Celine **and** Hailey finally arrived at the Lambert residence.

Celine was still in the dark about Hailey's true identity. The latter wanted to explain everything to Celine, so she informed her family earlier to prevent them from exposing her identity.

"Welcome, Ms. Young and Ms. Tate," Linda greeted warmly.

Celine and Hailey returned the greeting with a smile.

Just then, James **descended** the stairs. "Celine, you're here." Celine turned her gaze to him and nodded, saying, "Yep. I heard you wanted to talk to me." "Let's go to the study," suggested James. "Okay," Celine answered.

Suddenly, a deep voice rang out "Hold on.

Celine turned around to find Adam standing by the door. Adam had dropped by as well.

Blinking in surprise, Halley asked, "Mr. Alvarez, why are you here? Are you looking for Celine?"

Adam merely stared at Celine. He had come looking for her because she had not been replying to his texts.

Looking at Adam, Jarnes said, "Adam

, you can deal with yours later. I asked to talk to Celine first. Come, Celine. Let's go upstairs and talk."

With that, Celine and James went upstairs, leaving Adam waiting in the living room. Hailey approached him, asking, "Why are **you** looking for Celine?" Pursing his lips, Adam asked, "Did you know Celine and Perry are dating?"

Halley smiled. "Isn't it normal for Celine to date someone else? You and Carly are getting married soon, anyway. What now? You want Celine to stay single forever after getting divorced?"

Adam could not say anything to refute.

Meanwhile, Celine entered the study first while James went off to take a call. It was Celine's first time visiting James' study. She looked around before taking a seat.

Once the call was done, James rushed to the study. He had many questions to ask Celine

He wanted to know how Celine treated the birthmark on Hailey's face. He also wanted to know how Celine spotted his mistakes even though she was sleeping in his **class**

James always thought Celine **was** full of mysteries. **As** soon as James entered the study, he froze.

Celine was sitting in his office chair and reading his academic notes. Hearing his footsteps, Celine looked at him. "What's the matter, Jaines Lambert?"

Hearing Celine use his full name made James' legs go weak. He seemed to have realized something. James' eyes were wide with shock as he stuttered, "A- Are you Dr. C?"

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Celine smiled and said in a clear and pretty voice, "Yes,"

James fell to his knees.

"Sir." Ralph Jarvis, the Lamberts" butler quickly went to support him. "Sir, what is it?"

James shook his head. "I–I'm alright." Before he could finish his sentence, his wobbly knees made him fall onto the ground again.

"Sir!" Ralph quickly caught him.

Celine stood and walled up to stand before James. She reached out to support James. "James, you don't have to be nervous.

James looked at Celine in disbelief. He would have never imagined that the nation renowned genius Dr. C was such a young girl, and she was even his niece-in-law. **This** was surreal.

James looked at Celine and asked, "So you're my master?"

Celine nodded. "Yes. Are you acting so weirdly because I didn't act accordingly? Instead of James, should I have called you... Jimmy?"

James fell silent. He finally accepted the truth, Celine was Dr. C, and she was his master

"Dr. C. I really didn't think that it was you no, or should I say Ms. Tate? James felt that his world was in chaos. He didn't even know how to address Celine

Celine smiled. No worries, we're equals in the academic world. You can just call me Celine."

James felt that it was unbelievable. "Ms. Tare, were you the one to remove Halley's birthmark?"

Celine nodded. "Yes. It was me

James finally understood. Everything that he hadn't understood before was now finally revealed to him.

So that was why the birthmark on Hailey's face was gone, and that was why when Celine dozed **off** in class, she was still able to identify his mistake the second she opened her eres.

These were all things any regular person wouldn't be able to do. Unless... Celine wasn't just any regular person.

As it turned out, Celine was Dr. C

James was getting over-excited as his emotions were all over the place. He was excited and also grateful. However, the dominating emotion he had right now for Celine was respect

"Ms. Tate, I've already spent much time studying the birthmark on Hailey's face, but I've never found a way to remove it."

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Celine returned to the desk and took up a pen to write down the medicine's formula. "This was the method I used. You can take a look at **it**."

James took it and with a glance, he exclaimed in surprise, "Genius, this is genius. As expected of my master."

Celine smiled. "So do you have any other reason for coming to me today?"

James shook **his** head. "There's nothing else. Ms. Tate, are you **p going** to stay back to have dinner with us?"

"I have other things to take care of at night, so I'll be going back first."

Celine and James walked out of the study and went downstairs. Adan and Hailey were still waiting there in the living Halley came forward and linked Celine's arm in hers. "Celine, you've finished the discussion?"

living room

"Yes. Hailey, I have some other things to take care of, so let's go back."

"Alright."

However, Adam moved to stand in Celine's way. "You aren't allowed to leave, I still have some things to say to you."

Before Celine could react, James immediately told him off. "Adam, you should be more respectful. Why are you raising your voice like this at... at Celine!* Adam looked at James like he had seen a ghost "James, what happened to you? Did someone put you under a spell?"

James ignored Adan. He smiled widely and politely gestured to show the way out for Celine

"Celine, you're known to be forgiving and perous, hence you don't need to bother with someone lilor Adain. **You** can leave now, In fact, to send **you** back "

Adam was sturned. Was Janas crazy!

Celine glanced at Adam, who had just been told off, and went off with Halley.

Halley even turned to pull a face at Adam. The message was clear "You got what you deserved! He be".

Adam crossed his arms and snorted disbelievingly. What was wrong with this world?

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Sonia held them back as she agitatedly argued with a flushed face, "What are you doing? This is my home. Stay out of my home, or else I'll sue you for intruding on private property!"

The court's worker looked at Sonia, trying not to roll his eyes. "Then you're welcome to come and sue us."

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Sonia grabbed Tracy. "Tracy, what's all this? Where's Dr. C, where did he go, where did he take our money?"

Tracy's expression was defeated and held none of her previous pride. "Grandina, L.. I was duped. That man isn't Dr. C at all. His name is Cohen Schaefer, and he's a scammer. He's run off and **taken** all of our money with him.

What? Carly and Lacy's taces turned as pale as a sheet. They grabbed Tracy

"Tracy, how could you get duped? Do you know **how** much money **we've** invested in him? Now, even our companies have been mortgaged. It's your fault that we're doomed, we're all going broke!!!

Hayden said **agitatedly**, "Tracy, **quick**! Think of something!

We were all duped!"

Wayne and Hazel were on the verge of tears. "He took **our** money too, we're just as worried as you are.

Sonia grew frantic and kept slapping her thigh. "We're finished! We're all finished! What are we to do now?!"

The court's workers said, "Please **do** take your leave now and refrain from interfering with our work."

Sonia tried being unreasonable. "I won't leave, this is my home, I've lived here for decades. This is the Tates

here

One minute later, Sonia was thrown out by two of the workers. The rest of her family members were chased out as well.

Carly yelled angrily, "Don't touch me! I can walk by myself! Let go!"

'll see who dares to move me from

She shook off the workers forcefully, When they let go of her, she fell to the ground and landed hard on her butt. Everyone was speechless Sonia sat on the ground and continued bemoaning loudly, "What are we to do? What are we to do? What did we do wrong to deserve such a fate!" Everyone continued to remain silent. They had only just celebrated their victory yesterday, but today they were flung into the mud.

That was all they had. They hadn't just lost all of their money, but they also had no home to return to. How could this happen?

"Tracy, what should we do now? We were also duped by that fake Dr. C. We should be able to get the money back. Quick, think of something "Carly kept on prodding Tracy

Tracy's thoughts were already jumbled up from the fright. "All of Dr. C's information is **false**

, I have **no** way of tracking him down at all. How can we get the money back?"

Lucy looked at Carly. "Carly, we don't have any other choice now. Quick, make a phone call to Mr. Alvarez and ask him to think of a way to help us settle

this issue

Sonia immediately got up from the ground and looked at Carly hopefully. "Carly, quicld Call Mr. Alvarez. He'll definitely have a way out of this." Carly didn't want herself

to become poor either as she was already used to the life of a young, rich heiress. She immediately took out her phone and called Adam

The call connected after ringing tw

twice, Carly

Carly held the phone tightly to her ear as she said, "Adam, there's bad news. My family's run into trouble!" Adam's **low** and grave voice was loud and clear through the phone. "What is it?"

"Adam, do you still remember that Dr. C? He isn't Dr. C at all, he was just a take," Adem remained silent

"Adam, we've invested all our money in him. Today, the workers from the court and the bank came over and seized our companies and even our manor. "We don't have anything to our name now, and we need your help to find that fake Dr. C to get our money back."

Adam stayed silent for a few more seconds before saying, "I've already told you a long time ago that that Dr. C looks like trouble, and that you shouldn't place your bets on him. See? Now you're in trouble.

you

"I've always had trouble getting in contact with Dr. C, so it's useless for you to talk to me. The longer you delay, the more impossible it becomes for yo to get your money back. You should go to the right person instead

Carly asked, "The right person? Who should we

go tu?"

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Adam said, "Of course, you need to find someone who knows Dr. C. Isn't Tracy one of James' best students? You can ask Tracy to talk to James, or..

Cenly anxious asked, "Or?"

"Previously, Perry said **that** he knew Dr. Cand even said that Dr. C was a woman. You can talk to him and find out how much truth there was in his words.

Adam hung up, and Tracy walked forward Previously, they had been too panicked to think straight, but now Adam had pointed out what they could do next. They could go to lames or Perry.

Tracy immediately said, "Let's go talk to James now!"

"Alright"

The Tate family came to the Lambert residence. Linda new Carly, hence she was adamant about refusing them.

"My apologies, the person you're looking for, Mr. Lambert, isn't home. Hence, I cannot allow you to enter." Carly's face paled. If this was on any other day, she would have turned on her heel and left. However, right now she needed a taver from someone, she would have to act more humbly.

vor to ask of them. When she

She softened her tone and asked, "We have an urgent matter to discuss with Mr. Lambert. Can you go in and report this to him?" Linda snorted derisively. There are people with urgent matters every day. Should I let everyone in just like that? Who do you think you are?" Linda still remembered with vivid clarity the humiliation Carly and Melody had put Hailey through. **Hence**,

she would never be friendly toward Carly. Tracy came forward and said urgently, "I'm one of Mr. Lambert's best students, I would like to speak to him,

Linda glanced at Tracy and said, "You're just the same as her."

Tracy couldn't retort to that

The Tate family members were stranded outside and started to become anxious. They fell into chaos again.

A curious cer stopped in front of the house James had just happened to come home.

Sonia exclaimed happily, "Quick Look! Mr. Lambert is horne."

Tracy quickly stepped forward. "Mr. Lambert."

James sew Tracy, "Tracy, why are you here? And with your entire family too."

Tracy said urgently, "Mr. Lambert, you have to help me this time. The Tate family's in trouble"

James asked, "What sort of trouble?"

Tracy explained, "Previously, I met a **lake** Dr. C. He duped me and cheated me of not just my love, but also our money. The Tate family invested our entire fortune in hair, but he took the money and ran."

James couldn't help but som

with laughter, and Sonia a

and everyone else present looked at him.

and money? What are you thinking, trying to involve

James said, "My apologies, I couldn't help it. Tracy, you said that Dr. C cheated you of your love and n yourself with Dr. Clike that? Dr. C's a

Dr. C was a woman? When Perry initially said those words, they didn't believe him. But now that James had **said** the same, they finally accepted the truth.

Sonia's face was while as chalk as she stoped her feet in regret. "It's a pity... Such a pity! I even imagined that Dr. C would become my grandson-in- law, and Tracy and Carly could have their weddings together.

*Then, when Dr. Cand Mr. Alvarez combined their efforts to hold the wedding of the century, our family would be honored beyond measure,"

The sequence of heavy blows had completely shattered Sonia's dream

James glanced at Sonia and sailed mysteriously. "Your family has already been honored beyond measure.

Lory was confused as she didn't understand what he meant. "Mr. Lambert, why do you say that?"

Jarras didn't explain, but he added, "However,

thnew that honor away with your own hands."

Souda was even more condused: What did that meant

Wayne and Hayden were anxious to "Mr. Lambert, now the Tate Manor and the Tales companies have all been mortgaged. We'll be forced to sleep **on** the streets tonight Can you lelp us? You will have our eternal gratitude.

Tracy begged, "Mr. Lambert, please help us thisk of something"

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James shook his head. "I don't have any way to help you. You've come to the wrong person. You should go to someone else instead."

Who?

James gave them a name. "Celine."

What? The Tate family was shocked. "Mr. Lambert, why are you asking us to go to Celine? How can she even help us?"

"That's right, how can she help us catch the fake Dr, C and revive the Tate family? Can she even save us?"

Carly and Tracy's expressions were full of disdain. They didn't believe that Celine could do all that.

James said, "She can!"

What? The Tate family was shocked.

James said, "This is all I'm going to say. I've already pointed out an open path for you to take, it's up to you what you **want** to do next." With that, James

went in.

Sonia asked, "Why did James ask us to talk to Celine?"

Lucy said, "That Celine's just a housewife. I don't believe that she **has** the ability to do that."

"We don't believe it either."

"I wonder why Mr. Lambert would say that. At this rate, we can only go to Perry."

Since James couldn't do anything about it, they could only go to Perry for help.

The Tate family went to Perry's house, but the **maid** stopped them from entering the villa "My apologies, but you cannot enter," The Tate family had already been rejected many times and had to submit themselves to the mercy of others many times that day. Carly said carefully, "Hello, we have some matters to discuss with Mr. Marshall."

"Then you can wait here for the time being. I'll go in and report this to him." With that, the maid closed the door to the villa with a snap. The Tate family waited outside for a long while. Ten minutes passed, then 30 minutes, but the maid still hadn't come out after going inside. The sky darkened. The Tate family hadn't eaten all day, and they were both hungry and tired. Carly felt cold and hugged herself. "It's so cold."

As **she** said that, a light drizzle began. It was about to start raining very heavily.

Sonia slapped her thigh

. "It's about to rain! Even the heavens are turning against us!"

Tracy hugged herself tightly as well due to the cold. They crammed together under the roof to keep themselves from being soaked by the rain.

Sonia complained, "Tracy, this is all **your** fault. How could you get duped by a fake Dr. C? It's understandable if you were the only one to suffer because of **this**, but you even dragged the entire Tate family down with you"

Tracy was hurt but couldn't say anything

Wayne and Hazel quickly came to **Tracy's** defense. "Mom, you can't blame Tracy entirely. See, Carly couldn't provide any help either." They redirected the focus onto Hayden's family.

Sonia immediately turned her eyes on Carly. "Carly, you're useless **too**. Mr. Alvarez and Celine **have** already been divorced for such a long time, but you still couldn't become Mrs. Alvarez. Mr. Alvarez wasn't willing to help us either this time. This means that you don't actually mean much to him!"

Carly's face was pale as she felt unbearably sad. Hayden and Lucy became defensive as well. They pointed at Wayne's family in accusation.

"What do you mean? How can you blame Carly for this?"

Hayden and Wayne's family started hurling insults **and** accusations at each other. They were on the verge of escalating to a physical fight.

Sonia said impatiently, "Fight, light, fight! All **you know** to do is fight. You're all useless. To think that people call you the two golden roses of the Tate family, you're more like the mud under our boots!"