

The auction of the Imperial Palace started at a price of 90 million. In one minute, the standing bid was 8 billion.

All the big bosses were fighting intensely over it.

The bids slowed down after the price reached 12 billion.

That was the price most of the bosses were willing to pay.

The auctioneer was about to repeat the price when someone called out, "13 billion!"

Everyone turned their heads to the bid caller and regarded him with shock and admiration.

Benjamin tilted his head. He saw that the person was Edmond Murphy from the Murphy family of Altney.

He frowned slightly.

Emmeline and Waylon did not know who Edmond was. They thought that he was a rich idiot.

"14 billion."

The bidder who had called out 12 billion earlier raised his bid by another 2 billion.

"16 billion!" Adam called out.

"Huh," Emmeline exclaimed softly.

That guy wants the Imperial Palace, and he's willing to pay 16 billion dollars for it!

But where is he getting his money? Ryker Group isn't funding him!

"What's wrong, Emmeline?" Waylon whispered.

"That person who bid 16 billion." Emmeline pointed at Adam with her chin. "He's Abel's cousin."

"I suppose you don't want him to acquire the Imperial Palace," Waylon whispered.

"Ryker Group doesn't want him to acquire the Imperial Palace. He might use it for criminal activities," Emmeline said.

"That's why everyone wants the Imperial Palace, isn't it?"

"So why are we here?"

Waylon pouted. "That's because Abel wanted us to come here, right?"

Abel was eager to join in the excitement. They did not have any real reason to be there.

"17 billion," Edmond called.

"Huh," Benjamin said.

"What's wrong, Benjamin?" Emmeline asked.

"I didn't expect the Murphy family to have so many spare assets. Why would they want the Imperial Palace anyway?" Benjamin answered.

"Murphy? Do you mean the person who topped the bid is from the Murphy family of Altney?" Emmeline asked.

Benjamin nodded. "Mm. That's Edmond Murphy, the eldest son."

"Oh, so he's Evelyn and Lizbeth's elder brother," Emmeline said.

"He's Flynn's brother too," Benjamin said.

Emmeline remembered Flynn. Too bad, that young man was already paralyzed.

While Emmeline was talking to Benjamin, Adam turned his head slightly and exchanged glances with Edmond.

The two men were some distance apart, and the exchange looked accidental, but Benjamin could tell something was amiss.

"18 billion!" The earlier person called. He was pretty

stubborn.

"Ryker Group doesn't want him to acquire the Imperial Palace. He might use it for criminal activities," Emmeline said.

"19 billion!" Edmond immediately called.

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"20 billion!" Adam stood up.

Most of the people there exclaimed softly, surprised by Adam's wealth.

The earlier person remained silent. There was no point in keeping up.

There was a temporary lull in the auction hall.

Edmond turned his head slightly and exchanged another discreet glance with Adam.

Benjamin suddenly understood that Adam and Edmond were working as a team.

"20 billion, going once..." the auctioneer announced.

"Oh no!" Emmeline whispered.

"What's wrong?" Benjamin asked.

"Ryker Group doesn't want Adam to acquire the Imperial Palace. I don't want it either."

"You don't want Adam to acquire the Imperial Palace? That makes things easier," Waylon said with a grin.

"20 billion, going twice..." the auctioneer announced again.

No one made a sound except for their wildly thumping hearts.

Emmeline's palms were sweaty.

Adam was already grinning triumphantly.

20 billion was a high price to pay for the Imperial Palace, but he was happy that he could legitimize his identity now.

No one else had to know about the unmentionable transactions behind the scenes anyway.

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