## Chapter 78 Lavish Gifts

Jerry's meticulous arrangement had everyone seated in their designated places in a flash.

After splashing his face with water, Dennis bounced back with newfound vigor and began to entertain the guests warmly.

But this sudden transformation left the Lambert family puzzled, questioning if he was some kind of a misfit.

Andrew, in particular, derided Dennis, saying, "What's gotten into Dennis? Has he turned into some sort of a weirdo?"

The other businessmen also stared at Dennis with bewildered expressions on their faces.

In that moment, the hotel's doorman bellowed from the entrance, "Mountain Group has sent a one-million-dollar painting!"

Instantly, everyone's attention shifted to the announcement, piquing their interest.

The doorman's voice echoed through the hall, announcing the lavish gifts from the top brass.

"Sunlight Group sent two pieces of precious jewelry worth one million and two hundred thousand!" "Grandness Group sent a shop on the commercial street, worth one million and five hundred thousand!"

"Flagine Group sent ten boxes of Royal Danish Cigars, worth two million!"

The doorman continued to say the gifts sent by those big shots in a high voice.

The high rollers of Ninverton suddenly made their grand entrance, and even the lowest in wealth among them had a company worth one billion.

The presents kept rolling in, each with a price tag no less than a million dollars!

The hall was abuzz with astonishment as the attendees exchanged perplexed glances and murmured their confusion.

"What in the world is going on? How is the Caldwell family so influential that they have attracted all these CEOs?"

"Good heavens! I don't remember seeing this many CEOs even when the mayor took office and hosted his celebration!"

"So, these bigwigs are here for the Caldwell family? No wonder Dennis is strutting around like a peacock!"

However, the ensuing turn of events left the guests even more bewildered.

Jerry, grinning from ear to ear, rushed to greet the highranking CEOs at the door, accepting their lavish gifts with gusto. "Many thanks for the pricey presents!"

But a portly executive standing at the head of the group scowled and curtly responded, "Mr. Caldwell, you've got the wrong idea. These gifts aren't for you."

With that, the corpulent man brushed past Jerry without a second glance and headed straight for Liam.

The CEOs strode towards Liam, their arms laden with lavish gifts, and bestowed upon him warm greetings.

"Mr. Hoffman, my gift for you is overdue. Congratulations on your new position!"

"Mr. Hoffman, I am eager to see what profitable opportunities we can create together."

Jerry was left standing at the doorway in shock, gaping in disbelief as the CEOs passed him by.

Overwhelmed, he turned to Kervin and implored, "What are they doing here?"

Kervin offered a comforting grin and replied, "The Kingland Group is also hosting a banquet in the hall next door. These fellows should be joining the festivity there after they're through with the gifting."

Jerry slumped against the wall, his legs buckling under the weight of his realization. The Caldwell family would become the laughing stock of Ninverton after today!

Seeing his father's distress, Dennis seethed with fury.

In a low voice, he crept towards Andrew and murmured, "Andrew, you hold a grudge against Liam. Aren't you afraid of retaliation? Why don't we join forces to humiliate him?"

Andrew chuckled and replied, "Liam now heads the Kingland Group, owns the Hollywood Pub, and supervises Aikin. I'm not foolish enough to challenge him. If you have the courage, go ahead on your own. Don't drag me down."

Dennis was taken aback. When did Andrew become so shrewd and sharp-tongued?

With a smile, Andrew stood up, hastened towards Liam, and complimented him along with others.

As Dennis continued to stand there, Vera, fearing that she'd be drawn in, got up and approached Liam's table.

Leaning in, she whispered, "Liam, what happened between you and Yolanda was all a misunderstanding. She has always loved you and remained faithful. It was Dennis who deceived our Lambert family and Yolanda!"

Liam couldn't believe what was happening before his eyes. He sneered at Vera's desperate plea. Had she already forgotten how she had previously wished him

dead? If he was still a live-in in-law, he would have been six feet under by now! How dared she say that they were deceived?

Without a word, Liam stepped back, but Vera's desperation led her to toss her walking stick to the floor and drop to her knees in front of him.

She clung to his leg and begged, "Liam, please spare our Lambert family for Wade's sake!"

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