#### **Zeke Williams 121**

### Chapter 121

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Now that Lily had possessed adequate capital, she wanted to show it off to Lacey.

Lacey was awfully busy while Zeke looked for a corner to smoke a cigar.

Lacey was strict in rationing Zeke's cigar-puffing hobby. After two days of abstinence, Zeke was happy to indulge in it.

As soon as Lily parked her car right in front of Lacey's office, she honked loudly.

The piercing blaring startled Lacey out of her preoccupation with work.

Upon seeing the honking luxury car, Lacey rushed out to welcome her guest, wondering who the VIP was.

However, she was shocked to see Jeremy and Lily get out of the car. How did Lily raise the kind of money to buy this car?

Adam Hinton was still burning with anger, so he stayed in the car and refused to meet Lacey.

Lily bluntly said, "Oh, Lacey! I didn't know you are so busy. Tell me, how much can you make today? Two or three hundred thousand?"

Lacey evaded the question. "At the moment, we keep ourselves busy all day. We have yet to reach the phase of production that yields profits. Lily, from whom did you borrow this car?"

Lily Hinton was both angry and proud. "What do you mean by that? This is my car! I don't have to borrow it from anyone!"

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Lily felt proud as she boasted, "It's a gift from my fiancé."

This piqued Lacey's curiosity. "Lily, you've found a partner? Who is he?"

"The eldest son of the Williams family in Atheville," announced Lily Hinton with pride.

Lacey experienced greater shock at this. "Do you mean the Williams family in Atheville? Lily, are you sure his love for you is genuine? You'd better be careful. A super-rich family like his is rife with complicated relationships and rivalries."

Lily Hinton jeered at her advice. "I think you're jealous of me, aren't you?"

"Let me tell the truth. My fiancé has given me things worth two hundred million as a betrothal gift. If he does not love me, do you think he would have done that? Give me those things worth such a grand amount?"

Lily continued mockingly, "Look at you... My dear cousin, you should really start rethinking your decision. When you looked for a future husband, it didn't matter if he couldn't afford to give you a decent betrothal gift. Please, are you sure you want to go for someone who has to rely heavily on you for a living?"

Her words really embarrassed Lacey.

### Chapter 122

#### 9-12 minutes

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Lily didn't stey long. She drove off shortly.

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Lily didn't stay long. She drove off shortly.

Lacey felt awful. She was overwhelmed with mixed feelings.

She spoke in a low tone. "I feel the Williams family in Atheville is laying a trap for her... Super rich families are far too complicated for Lily to handle. There's no way Lily can fight back if she discovers they're actually making a fool of her."

Zeke smiled wryly. I didn't know Lacey had such a great prejudice against super-rich families. Luckily, I haven't disclosed my identity as the Great Marshal... Otherwise, Lacey will definitely have me jilted.

He said calmly, "Don't bother with them anymore. Even if it's a trap, they walked right into it of their own free will. Nobody can stop them."

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Lacey headed back to her office and went back to being busy.

Zeke took out his mobile phone and sent a text to Evan Schneider.

I don't want to see anyone bid against Lacey at tomorrow's auction of Hamilton Construction.

Evan Schneider replied. Understood. I'll liaise with all other potential bidders and make sure they do refrain from competing with her.

Zeke also thought of sending a text to his mother. He wanted to ask her to take back the betrothal gift he didn't want. After agonizing over this for a while, however, he finally decided not to.

It'll be better to wait till the day when Lily has fully spent the betrothal gift... then and only then I will tip off the Williams family to demand the return of the betrothal gift, thereby giving Lily the lesson she deserves.

Lily brought her father and grandfather for a fun drive. They only reached home when it was getting dark.

They spotted a figure in front of their house the moment they reached home. That person was wandering around their entrance.

Lily and her family grew alarmed all of a sudden. They thought someone had gotten their eyes on the wedding gifts bestowed upon them.

However, they realized it was none other than Emily when they approached the said mysterious figure.

"Emily, what are you doing? Why are wandering around our home?"

Emily replied with a smile, "Lily, I have a business proposal for you."

Lily probed, feeling slightly irritated, "What is it? Tell me."

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### Chapter 123

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Emily nodded in understending. "No problem! Pleese get beck to me es soon es possible! Preferebly before tomorrow morning."

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I'll be able to gain ownership over Hamilton Construction with a net worth of a thousand million just by spending a hundred million?

It sounds like a bargain to me!

Jeremy could barely hold back his excitement. "Officer Hugh? Are you talking about the one from Military District?"

"It's none other than him!" Emily nodded.

Jeremy was delighted. "What a surprise! I didn't expect Sam to be one of Officer Hugh's subordinates!"

"If Officer Hugh's behind this, I'm certain we'll be able to gain ownership over the Hamilton Group! It definitely sounds like a great bargain, but we still have to think about it."

Emily nodded in understanding. "No problem! Please get back to me as soon as possible! Preferably before tomorrow morning."

She departed right after she finished her sentence.

Jeremy beckoned Lily over. "Lily, I really think you should collaborate with Emily. If your future husband knows you managed to leverage on the fortune he's presented you, I'm sure he'll adore you even more."

"Mm. You're right, dad. I've been thinking about that too. Apart from that, Lacey's been eyeing Hamilton Construction as well! I won't allow her to achieve what she wants!"

"Lacey and Zeke told me the gifts might be a trap! Screw it! I'll definitely prove them wrong!"

Jeremy nodded and instructed, "Head over to the auction firm with Emily tomorrow in the morning. Emily is quite capable when it comes to negotiating. After all, she's been in the corporate world for quite some time."

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It would be better if there were a limited number of participants. Sam and Emily wouldn't have to go through a fierce competition if that was the case.

However, he had no idea just how many people had already had their eyes on Hamilton Construction. They had been constantly on the lookout for Hamilton Construction's activities.

Although the auction was carried out by a relatively subpar auctioneer, a lot of top corporate players had gotten word about it beforehand.

However, Evan had gotten in touch with the said corporate players in advance. They weren't there because Evan had told them to stay away from Hamilton Construction.

Although there were still a few corporate players around, they were but Evan's pawns.

Meanwhile, Lacey and Zeke had already made it to the auction hall.

Lacey frowned at the sight of the isolated hall. "It seems like something's wrong! There are only a relatively few people in the hall! I mean, I know at least ten corporate players who are interested in the Hamilton Group! However, they're not even around!"

Zeke chuckled, trying to reassure her, "I mean, they're from such a prominent background. Perhaps they're too lazy to show up for such a trivial auction."

Although Lacey had her doubts, she nodded at his words.

At the same time, a Rolls Royce Shadow stopped beside them.

Lily and Emily made their way out of the luxurious car.

# Chapter 124

10-12 minutes

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Lacey asked curiously, "Why? Do you have something in store for them in advance again?"

Zeke smiled slyly. "You'll soon figure out what it's about."

Lacey rolled her eyes. "Stop playing hard to get! It's not fun!"

Zeke smiled in return and thought to himself. To be able to send your foes to hell and get them to get on their knees in front of you. It's fun, isn't it?

Zeke texted Mrs. Williams in secret. You've delivered the wedding gifts to Adam Hinton. He's no longer acquainted with my father-in-law because he's severed ties with him. Please drop by and retrieve the said gifts as soon as possible.

Mrs. Williams replied soon after. Alright.

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Officer Hugh, otherwise known as Logan Hugh, summoned Emily to his office in the auction house.

He instructed Emily, "Raise the reserve price to two thousand million once it reaches a thousand and five hundred million later. The other bidders will hesitate for a short while if you increase the reserve price in such a drastic manner. "I'll knock down and seal the deal in the meantime. The Hamilton Group will be in our possession soon."

Lacay sighad, "Lily and har family ara going ovarboard as tima goas by! It saams lika thay'va takan ma as a foa! Actually, no. Evan a foa of mina doasn't bahava lika tham!"

Zaka triad to comfort Lacay. "Don't worry, Lacay. I'm sura thay'll gat on thair knaas and bag you to show tham marcy soon."

"Promisa ma! Two hundrad million is tha maximum rasarva prica wa'll go for during tha auction. Wa'll stop raising tha prica and lat tham have the Hamilton Group once it goes beyond that particular prica point."

Lacay askad curiously, "Why? Do you have something in store for tham in advance again?"

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Emily pondered before she replied Logan, "Erm... Alright... I'll talk to her about it..."

Logan instructed again, "That won't be necessary! Just raise the reserve price to two hundred million as instructed! She'll have to pay for it eventually once we have the deal sealed."

Emily gritted her teeth and replied, "Fine! I'll listen to you this once."

Logan had a barely noticeable sneer on his face.

He would be able to embezzle a hundred million from the two hundred million reserve price.

I will be the sole beneficiary this time!

The auction soon began.

Logan showed up on stage and conducted the auction himself as he didn't want anything to go wrong with the process.

He introduced Hamilton Construction briefly before he knocked the hammer to indicate the beginning of the auction. "We'll officially begin with the auction of Hamilton Construction now! The minimum reserve is a hundred million."

Someone shouted the moment Logan finished his introduction, "A hundred and ten million!"

Logan announced, "A hundred and ten million going once. Anyone else?"

Emily knitted her eyebrows ond osked, "Officer Hugh, I thought it's only o thousond million? Why did it become two thousond million?"

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#### Chapter 125

9-12 minutes

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However, she didn't heve enough cesh to support her.

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Zeke replied with e smile, "Lecey, listen to me. It's time to stop. Don't worry! They'll hend over the Hemilton Group to you unconditionelly, even if they menege to ecquire it."

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"Lily, we have to sacrifice this much to achieve a greater goal! Two hundred million is all it takes to own the Hamilton Group! It's a bargain, right? If you're that worried, we'll get rid of it once we've acquired it! I'm sure we will be able to generate a few hundred million profits as well! Apart from that, I'm sure you don't want Lacey to get ahead of you, right?"

Lily cast a stern gaze at Lacey when she heard Emily's words.

She finally made up her mind and replied, "Fine! Two thousand million it is!"

Lacey was irritated as well, but she was in a tough spot.

She had placed great emphasis on the Hamilton Group. Lacey would spend three thousand or even four thousand million to acquire it, let alone two thousand million.

However, she didn't have enough cash to support her.

She turned around and looked at Zeke sadly. "Zeke, can you please get me some money?"

Zeke replied with a smile, "Lacey, listen to me. It's time to stop. Don't worry! They'll hand over the Hamilton Group to you unconditionally, even if they manage to acquire it."

Lacey heaved a heavy sigh, "What sort of excuse is that? You don't have to lie if you can't gather the sum required!"

Zeke was speechless as he thought to himself. I can easily get you two hundred billion and blow your mind away!

Logan wouldn't allow Lacey to raise the reserve price either.

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"Congratulations to the honourable guest from suite three. They're the new owners of the Hamilton Group! Please head over to the office immediately and carry out the necessary procedures."

Emily heaved a sigh of relief and exclaimed, "Lily... I mean, Ms. Hinton, congratulations."

Lily was on cloud nine when she heard how Lily had addressed her formally. "Ms. Clemons, I'm glad to have you on board. Hmph! The Williams family from Atheville are backing me as of now! Lacey can't possibly outmatch me!"

Emily urged, "Let's go! We still have to deal with the handover procedures."

Lacey felt dejected as she dragged her feet out of the auction hall.

After all, it wasn't merely the Hamilton Group that she had lost. An opportunity for her to join the upper echelon that had also been sacrificed.

Lacey was about to get into the car, but Zeke stopped her abruptly. "Lacey, let's stay back for a short while. There's a great show coming up soon."

Lacey was befuddled as she asked, "What sort of show?"

Zeke turned around to look at the auction hall. "You'll figure it out soon. The female protagonist is about to show up."

Lacey looked at Zeke in disbelief. She hesitated for quite some time but decided to stay in the end.

After all, Zeke had never once let her down.

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Mr. Hamilton from the Hamilton Group was once the sort of person they longed to be.

However, a dream that once seemed unachievable was merely one step away. They would soon become someone admirable like Mr. Hamilton.

This is the best feeling in the world! I can't believe I get to be the sort of person I've always longed to be!

### Chapter 126

9-11 minutes

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"They're from the Williams family from Atheville! They were the ones who delivered me my wedding gifts! I'm sure they're here to work out the details of our wedding!"

Emily began to flatter Lily. "Congratulations, Lily!"

Lacey grew envious as well; it was all over her face.

Zeke asked with a smile, "Lacey, are you envious of Lily?"

Lacey replied, "Duh... It's every women's dream to have a grand wedding ceremony! Look at how luxurious the team in charge of delivering the wedding gifts is! I'm sure it'll be a spectacular scene during their wedding ceremony!"

Zeke assured Lacey, "You don't have to be envious of her. You have my word! Our wedding ceremony will be a hundredfold ostentatious than the one she has! It'll be something out of this world!"

Lacey replied nonchalantly, "Ha!"

Zeke was speechless once again.

Silly girl! Love in a Fallen City is being constructed for you! It's a grand hall that'll accommodate ten thousand people!

The construction of Love in a Fallen City has gotten everyone worked up, let alone holding a wedding ceremony in it, right?

The fleet of luxurious cars stopped in front of the entrance.

The senior officer led the way once again and approached them with a party of man in black behind him.

All sorts of emotions engulfed him the moment he saw Zeke.

He was the one who had been by Zeke's side ever since he was a child.

He has never been the favourite child. His parents and grandmother had never once appreciated his presence.

Meanwhile, his twin brother had always been everyone's sweetheart.

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What a strange world, huh? Things have always been unpredictable!

He wished to drop by and greet Zeke, but the latter subtly shook his head and stopped him. Hence, the senior citizen had to put that thought aside.

Meanwhile, Lily rushed over and greeted them, "Uncle Williams, are you here to discuss the details of the wedding with me? Where's my future husband? We have to sort out the details of our wedding!"

The senior citizen replied indifferently, "I'm sorry, Ms. Hinton. You're not the one Mr. Williams has taken a liking towards. We've accidentally delivered the gifts to the wrong person."

"What!" Lily turned petrified by these words.

"You've delivered the gifts to the wrong person? That's impossible! You verified my grandpa's identity back when you have dropped by to deliver the gifts, didn't you? He's Adam, Adam Hinton!"

The senior officer replied, "The owner of the wedding gifts has a relative with the same name. It was a mere coincidence. Please return all the wedding gifts to us immediately."

WHAT!

Lily's mind was blown away when she heard the request.

I have to return the wedding gifts?

I've just purchased the Hamilton Group using the wedding gifts! How can I return it to them?

Damn it! Zeke was right! They've come to collect the wedding gifts!

It must have been his curse!

The senior officer got irritated when Lily remained silent for an extended period. "We're in a hurry! Please stop wasting our time!"

Lily was horrified because she knew what would await her should she offend the Williams family.

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## Chapter 127

8-10 minutes

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"Lecey, pleese help me! Pleese lend me two hundred million!"

"I'll sell the Hemilton Group off tomorrow end return the money to you!"

Zeke declined Lily's request without eny hesitetion. "Nope! We don't heve thet much either! Otherwise, we would heve gone efter the Hemilton Group too!"

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Zeke replied in e cellous tone, "Femily? Correct me if I'm wrong, but someone hes seid we're not e femily, hesn't she?"

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Zeke declined Lily's request without any hesitation. "Nope! We don't have that much either! Otherwise, we would have gone after the Hamilton Group too!"

Lily ignored Zeke and begged, "Lacey, please! I'm sure you'll be able to come out with something, right? You'll be able to gather two hundred million, right? I'm willing to hand over the Hamilton Group to you as collateral!"

Lacey was tempted by Lily's offer because it would be a great opportunity for her to gain ownership over the Hamilton Group.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take over the Hamilton Group!

Lacey knew she would be able to gather two hundred million should she wish to.

However, Zeke declined Lily's request once more. "I'm sorry! It's impossible!"

Lily was so anxious she almost broke into tears. "Lacey, we're family! You have to save me! You can't forsake me! I'll be good as dead if I offend the Williams family!"

Zeke replied in a callous tone, "Family? Correct me if I'm wrong, but someone has said we're not a family, hasn't she?"

Lily's cheeks flushed red.

In the meantime, Lacey couldn't bear to forsake Lily because it was her life at stake.

She turned around and looked Zeke in the eyes. Lacey was trying to reach out to Zeke for help. Lily had to raach out to Lacay bacausa sha had run out of options.

"Lacay, plaasa halp ma! Plaasa land ma two hundrad million!"

"I'll sall tha Hamilton Group off tomorrow and raturn tha monay to you!"

Zaka daclinad Lily's raquast without any hasitation. "Nopa! Wa don't hava that much aithar! Otharwisa, wa would hava gona aftar tha Hamilton Group too!"

Lily ignorad Zaka and baggad, "Lacay, plaasa! I'm sura you'll ba abla to coma out with somathing, right? You'll ba abla to gathar two hundrad million, right? I'm willing to hand ovar tha Hamilton Group to you as collataral!"

Lacay was tamptad by Lily's offar bacausa it would be a great opportunity for har to gain ownership over the Hamilton Group.

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She dared not make the call without his permission.

Zeke smiled at Lacey. "You have always been such a kind lady. Fine! I'll do Lacey a favour and help you for once."

"Hand over Hamilton Construction to us, and we'll give you a hundred million."

Lily's eyes widened in disbelief. "What! It's a company with a net worth of a thousand million! You want to take it over with a hundred million? Stop kidding me! Consider yourself lucky that I'm making do with two hundred million instead! That's the best I have to offer!"

Zeke shook his head and replied, "If that's the case, let's forget about it! Lacey, let's go!"

Lily held on to Lacey's hand and stopped her.

She wouldn't allow them to leave as they were the only ones she could rely on.

"Lacey, please don't leave me alone! I won't make it out alive!"

"A hundred million... Fine! A hundred million it is! However, you have to lend me another million! We'll deal with it once I've dealt with things here."

Zeke turned around and looked at Lacey, "What do you think?"

Lacey nodded immediately. "I'm fine with it."

Lacey would lend Lily three hundred or even four hundred million if it were necessary.

Zeke approached the senior officer and instructed, "Please take your leave. I'll transfer the money to your account immediately after we sort things out."

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Lacey blushed all of a sudden and replied, "Stop teasing me! I have to hurry back to the office to consolidate the Hamilton Group into our portfolio. I'm sure I'll be able to take things to the next level with the addition of the Hamilton Group."

Zeke asserted, "Please take your leave ahead of me, Lacey. I have to visit an old acquaintance of mine."

Lacey nodded and paid no heed to his words. She departed right after she got into her car.

Zeke lit a cigarette and took a seat at an empty bench nearby to enjoy his cigarette.

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Hence, Zeke treated Uncle Williams courteously.

Uncle William sighed a heavy sigh. "Mr. Williams, things must have been tough for you throughout the years, haven't they?"

Zeke replied, "It's nothing as compared to the tormenting experience I went through back in the day. Alright, Uncle Williams. I shall take my leave now. Please don't get in touch with me anymore if there's nothing urgent."

Uncle Williams wanted to stop him but couldn't bring himself to break the silence.

He had a lot to share with Zeke. However, he dared not share whatever he had in mind with him.

Zeke seemed to see right through his plan. "Uncle Williams, please stop persuading me. I'll never return to the Williams family. I'm no longer who I used to be. I won't allow others to bully and humiliate me anymore. I'm no longer affiliated with the Williams family."

Zeke marched away once he finished his sentence.

Uncle Williams' mind was all over the place as he looked at Zeke's retreating back.

"The Williams family from Atheville is unformidable in the corporate world. However, it seems like they've made a wrong call this time."

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Lily returned home with an awful expression on her face.

Meanwhile, Daniel and Jeremy, who were home, were indulging themselves, celebrating the joyous occasion of being an acquaintance of a top conglomerate.

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Adem looked out the window, lost in his thoughts.

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"That's enough!" Adam admonished, looking as if he had aged another ten more years.

"We should've listened to Lacey in the beginning and worked with her."

"In that case, she would have afforded the compensation for the Williams family's dowry herself, and we would have gotten the Hamilton Group's shares."

Jeremy's head hung low at that realization.

However, there was no point crying over spilt milk now.

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Adam looked out the window, lost in his thoughts.

Lacey's career has made a spurt of progress ever since Zeke came.

But look at us, we're defeated by Lacey again and again...

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"Is there something else we don't know about Williams?" he murmured.

Right then, two people came in from the door outside.

It was Emily and Logan, the staff officer.

Seeing them breaking in in full fury, Lily came to a startling realization. Her face paled.

The three of them jointly won the bid for the Hamilton Group, in which its shares were divided equally with Emily and Logan.

Now that she made her own decision in selling the Hamilton Group to Lacey, she wondered if they were here to collect their shares.

She felt as if her heart was about to escape her chest from beating too hard.

"Officer Hugh, please, come in. To what do I owe this pleasure?" Adam hurriedly greeted, his tone enthused and reverent.

Logan Hugh was a military officer, whom the Hinton family couldn't afford to mess with.

"That's unnecessary," Logan said impassively, waving his hand.

"I'm simply here to reclaim my shares with the Hamilton Group."

Adam and his entire family tensed up.

As expected, they had come with no good intentions.

"I'm sure you've heard about what happened today, Officer Hugh," Lily said in a pleading tone.

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"But Emily, do you heve evidence to prove thet Williems killed them?"

"Yes, of course I do," Emily replied.

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"Yes, of course I do," Emily replied.

"On that day, when Collins mortgaged his raw material production plant to Lacey, someone saw Zeke crash his car under the bridge when he was on his way home."

"Who saw that?" Logan asked impatiently.

Emily glanced at Jeremy meaningfully.

The family trembled, for they understood Emily's implication of wanting them to bear false witness.

However, they didn't want to cause a wrongful death of one life just because of little profit.

Just as they were about to refuse, Logan asked again in a deep voice, "Did any of you witness it or not?"

"If you didn't, then let's continue talking about what happened to the Hamilton Group."

"My troops are waiting outside now. They can capture all of you at any time!"

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Jeremy's heart wavered.

If I can save my life, it doesn't matter if Zeke Williams dies a million times! Emily noddad. "That's right."

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"As far as I know, Collins diad a faw days aftar daaling with Lacay."

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"Good. Very good," Logan sneered.

"Please cooperate with us tomorrow. We shall take back what belongs to us!"

After leaving the Hinton residence, Emily and Logan looked at each other and smiled wickedly.

In fact, forcing Lily and her family to bear false witness was a plan they had made in advance.

The two of them had a common purpose, to kill Zeke Williams and recover the Hamilton Group.

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For the sake of Zeke's happiness in pound town, Dawn took the initiative to move out.

Zeke and Lacey 'lived together' again.

However, Lacey still insisted on letting Zeke sleep on the floor.

She was a very traditional girl. They had been in a relationship for only a few months, and she couldn't submit herself fully to him just yet.

Lacey fell asleep as soon as she lay on the bed. She was exhausted from integrating the Hamilton Group into her own business today.

Zeke, however, was restless. He couldn't seem to fall asleep at all.

How can I fall asleep when a gorgeous woman is sleeping next to me?

While he was bored out of his mind, his phone rang.

It was a message from Lone Wolf. Great Marshal, I've just received a tip that Logan Hugh from the Provincial Military District is gathering evidence to say you killed Darren Collins. He seems to be coming down hard on you.

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"Pleose cooperate with us tomorrow. We shall take back what belongs to us!"

After leoving the Hinton residence, Emily and Logon looked at each other and smiled wickedly.

In foct, forcing Lily and her family to bear folse witness was a plon they had made in advance.

The two of them hod o common purpose, to kill Zeke Willioms ond recover the Homilton Group.

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