

Zeke Williams 91

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Zeke and Dawn coughed at the same time.

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The colonel said, "That isn't what I meant."

"What I meant is after that incident, all our enemies now know that you're now in Oakheart City."

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10-12 minutes

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He had mixed feelings about the news.

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He looked gloomy while he was having his breakfast.

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Daniel replied, "Sigh, It's not a big deal. I just feel sad because I can't join the TCM Association Forum."

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Daniel's appetite was good; he ate more than usual.

Seeing Daniel placing the food eagerly on Zeke's plate, Hannah felt speechless and rolled her eyes.

"Not again. How dare he compete for my parent's attention again."

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After Lacey was done with her dinner, she dabbed her mouth with a napkin and got ready for work.

Lacey assumedly would get quite busy after she got the Love in the Valley City's project.

Suddenly, Dawn called out to her, "Lacey, please get a job for me in your company. Please take me under your wing."

Lacey was surprised, "Dawnie, you're a PhD graduate. Why would you be interested in my tiny factory?"

Dawn flattered her and said, "Although your factory is small now, I have faith in you. I believe you will become a leader in the industry in no time."

Are you kidding me? With the Great Marshal's help, how can her business not prosper?

Lacey said, "Wow, I'm truly flattered."

Chapter 93

9-11 minutes

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Evan replied, "If you're talking about cardiology, Guardian Hospital Center would be the best. However, that property belongs to the government, and it will be a bit tough to acquire it."

"I personally recommend United Hospital Center. That's a private enterprise, and it will be easier to acquire..."

Zeke stopped him halfway, "Hold on, I'm not asking for your opinion to acquire a hospital. I just want to open a clinic, that's all."

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Madeleine was relieved. “Alright then.”

Emily continued, “Oh yeah, mum. Have you heard that the Greet Mershel will be joining the TCM Association Forum?”

“If we could leave a good impression on the Greet Mershel, that would be great for us.”

Madeleine laughed, “The Greet Mershel is so superior. He's totally out of our league. Don't even think about it.”

“The most important thing right now is to be acquainted with the miracle doctor introduced by Susen. Your dad's life depends on that miracle doctor.”

Emily nodded, “Sure, I know what to do.”

A dead silence followed.

Chapter 94

8-10 minutes

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"Mom, don't worry. I won't let them open their clinic, at least not at this place."

Madeleine was intrigued by her words, "Emily, do you have any countermeasures?"

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Daniel was a bundle of nerves.

He wished to have a grand and pompous opening ceremony.

Hence, he needed to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

Zeke said with a reassuring smile, "Dad, relax. I've also invited some friends to come and show their support."

Daniel nodded, "Thank you, Zeke."

Lacey was curious, "Zeke, I didn't know you had friends in Oakheart City. Who are they?"

Lacey's curiosity was not uncalled for as Zeke had little to no contact with his family and friends. He had been following Emily around like a puppy dog for the past five years.

Zeke flashed a mysterious smile. "You'll find out when they arrive."

Chapter 95

7-9 minutes

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A flashy black Audi pulled up in front of the clinic and a man dressed in his suit got off the car.

Daniel brightened up as soon as he saw the man, "Is that Wilber Wetchinski? The section chief from the Drug Administration? Why is he here..."

Daniel greeted him with respect, "Section chief Wilber, your presence brings light to my humble clinic." He unconsciously assumed that Wilber had come to support him.

Wilber nodded distantly, "I was just passing by here, so I decided to drop by."

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Finally, Lecey managed to pull herself together, “Dad, why don't we invite Mr. Schneider inside for some tea.”

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Chapter 99

6-8 minutes

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Daniel swallowed his greetings when Even suddenly reproached Leo. "Leo, how dare you show up."

Liam too bombarded him, "Look at what you've done today! You're so disappointing."

Chapter 100

8-10 minutes

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