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When it displayed on his screen that his balance was zero, Marcus became speechless like one that had been struck by lightning. He couldn't believe his eyes.

As everyone stared at him, taken aback by his exclamation, they wondered what was wrong with him, giving each other a surprised glance.

When Ma'am Luna grew impatient, she asked.

"Marcus, what's wrong?"

"It's gone," Marcus stammered, pointing at the screen, his eyes widened like one who had seen a ghost that had taken his ability to speak away

"What do you mean by it's gone?" Laila asked, not wanting to anticipate the worst.

"It's the money. Everything in the account just v...vanished."

"What do you mean?" Ma'am Luna asked, sounding angry.

"This" Marcus turned the laptop screen to her and pointed at the zeros showing as the account balance. Ma'am Luna gasped.

"What's this?"

"I don't know, grandmother. I don't know if the money was revised but I've never seen a thing like

this before."

"You're talking nonsense!" Ma'am Luna yelled, slamming her hand on the table and causing everyone except for Duncan to shiver. "You're just talking balderdash and

Seeing his grandmother getting angry, Marcus cut in, attempting to solve the issue with a wrong thought. "Please relax, grandmother. I'm sure the money was reversed."

"What are you saying?!" Laila cried.

"Yes, mother."

"Come off it. You think B&A would revise the money after signing the contract with you?" Zinnia said, wanting to make him sound crazy.

"Yes, Zinnia. Maybe something happened."

"And what about the other two companies who deposited money?" Lena inquired, causing Marcus to angrily turn the screen to face her.

"Are you deaf? The account is empty. Look at the screen. The balance is zero!"

"Don't yell at me. Are you trying to say that the companies also revised the money they deposited?"

"It's possible. Lisa, anything is possible in business"

"Shut up, nothing as such except it is proven," Ma'am Luna said.

"Give me a minute. I'll call the manager of the B & A company. Marcus arose, agitated as he sent a call to the manager.

A glimmer of hope appeared on his face when the man immediately answered the call.

"Hello, Mr. Bam? Good day."

"Hello, Marcus. Good day."

"Uh, I would like to know why you've revised the money you sent last night."

“Excuse me? What do you mean?” Marcus shook as the man questioned him with an irritated voice. “How would I do such a thing? You can stop by the company now and see the debit alert I got after sending the money. Do you think I’m...”

Not wanting to get on his nerves, Marcus respectfully interrupted. “Oh, sorry, Mr Bam. I had no idea it was you, I I mean, I mistook your number for someone else’s. Pardon my manners. Have a good day.” He ended the call and glanced at his grandmother who gave him an apprehensive look

He turned, facing his back to them as he went and called the Managers of the other companies and they also spoke harshly to him for trying to insinuate they were playing with business. He ended the call and taking a deep sigh, he turned, staring at Ma’am Luna, speechlessly.

“What the hell is happening?!”

“Grandmother, I don’t know how this is possible. I think it’s a glitch...”

“Stop giving excuses. Enough with the buts too,” Bella said, rolling her eyes.

“I think you’re trying to fool us here, Marcus,” Lisa mentioned. “You boasted of how you got the

deal easily and now the money for the deals has vanished? That’s ridiculous. I didn’t even believe

it when you said you’ve got the alerts of the money deposited.”

“What are you saying, Lisa? Are you trying to insinuate that I’m lying? I showed you all the balance of the account, right?”

“Well, I didn’t see it,” Lena said and shrugged.

“Me too,” Zinnia muttered, trying hard not to laugh over her brother’s flop.

“I had received the alerts....”

“Come on, Marcus. If you had the money transferred to your personal account so you could use it for your selfish interest then just spill it out this Instant.”

“What are you talking about?” George asked, greatly stunned by what his wife was saying.

“Come on, he’s a young man, George. He could have done that and...”

“Hold it here, Aunt. You’re trying to insult my personality and I won’t take that!”

“And don’t raise your voice at my mother!” Lena said, standing up. “If you’ve done this then just admit it and spare us all this silly talk.”

“You better sit and stay quiet. You’ve done nothing, Lisa!”

“Oh, I see. I’ve not accomplished much but I’m better than you because I haven’t stolen from our

company,” Lisa snapped.

Marcus let out a bitter chuckle in disbelief. “Woa, really? Me, a thief? You’re being ridiculous, Lisa. You’re incapable. No one here is as great as me. I’ve been working in the company for the last

seven years and I’ve done a lot to bring the company to where it is now. So, why would I do something like this when I know that I’m going to take over the company soon...”

“Shut up, young Man!” Ma’am Luna slammed the table again, this time, she had become more furious. “You will never take over anything. I thought you were capable but it turns out that you’re as useless as your runaway father!”

Laila gasped and stared at her mother in shock. Ma’am Luna’s words had pieced her heart but she dared to say nothing.

Marcus on the other hand felt greatly disappointed and Insulted as his grandmother lashed out at him.

“It was a big mistake of me to give you certain responsibilities as my first grandchild and the eldest of my grandchildren. I am so ashamed of you, MARCUS!”

“Grandma, please, I’ll find a way to resolve this...”

“Shut up!” Ma’am Luna grabbed some slice of bread on the table and threw it at Marcus’ face, causing him to shut his eyes

She groaned and left the room angrily

When Marcus arrived at his office in the company. He began pacing in front of his desk. He still thinks it was a glitch but after restarting his system for over twenty times and still seeing the account balance showing zero, he couldn’t help but insult himself.

Still pondering on what had happened, his girlfriend, Selina walked in.

“Hello, baby boy.” She spread her hands wide, and flung it on him, ignoring his sour expression. She attempted to kiss him on the lips but he roughly pushed her aside and walked to his seat, leaving her in shock.

“What’s wrong with you? Marcus, if this is your act to not appreciate me for what I’ve done then just know that ”

“Shut up! The money is gone.”

Selena creased her eyebrows, staring at him, dazed. “What do you mean by that?”

“The money R&B sent this morning had disappeared. I don’t know how, so don’t ask me that.”

“What? How did that happen?” Marcus glared at her and she restated. “I mean, was that possible?”

“Forget it and just leave.”

“Hell no, you promised to get me the latest car in town for what I did. I had seduced the manager of B&A company so you could get the deal. I did it for you.”

“So what? The money is gone! I can’t..!” Marcus stopped talking when the door was pushed open and Zinnia walked in

“So, dear brother, what is going on?” She asked in a taunting tone. “Has the money dropped again in the account?”

Marcus glared at her and hissed, causing her to burst into laughter. She eyed Seline.

“Now, I hope you know that you’re not going to be the CEO anymore until you’ve recovered the

money. Anyway, you were never meant to be the CEO of this company. It suits me better, brother. Now, you’ll face the consequences.”

He watched her leave, his eyes filled with rage

“Who could it have been that took away my hard damn money?” Marcus thought aloud, banging

his fist on the desk

The door opened again and Duncan walked in, having a snithy smile on his face that riled Marcus.

“You scumbag, how dare you walk in without walking?” ±

Duncan ignored him and walked to the trash can at a corner of the office and took it.

“I’m doing my work. Anyway, I pity you, Marcus,” Duncan uttered and chuckled.

“I think forty-eight hours is coming to an end but who’s in a worse situation now? It’s you.”

Marcus gnashed his teeth as he clenched his fist. He attempted to punch Duncan but he walked away before he could

Selina walked up to Marcus and said. "Babe, could it be him?"

"What?"

"Don't you think that fool could be the one behind the strange disappearance of the money?"

"Duncan? How could it be him? He's a worthless fool. He doesn't have the brain to pull such a

thing."

"You shouldn't underestimate him..."

"Shut up! Get lost! You're like a fish without a brain. Get out of my office!"

"You shouldn't blame me.... it's all your fault," Selena blamed and left in anger.

Later in the day, Zinnia was in her office, trying to fathom how the money disappeared from the

account.

Peterson Rogers and she told him the strange thing that happened.

"My grandmother is really upset with him."

"But, I'm sure you're happy. Now you'll get more chances than him to prove yourself worthy to your grandmother."

"That's true but...I'm trying to think what's going to happen now, Peterson.

"What do you

mean?"

"The money was a huge sum. The company will be affected if it's not recovered. I'm trying to figure out ways to not let that happen because I'll be affected too if it does. I'm worried"

“You don’t need to worry, my love. I’m here. I’ll help you out.”

“Oh, really?”

“Yes. I will help you with the money.

“Oh, Peter you’re a darling “Zinnia hugged him

Meanwhile, Duncan decided to also pick up the trash can from Zinnia’s office and empty it. When he got there, he opened the door and caught her and Peterson kissing.

He tightened his grip on the doorknob. They were lost in their sexual pleasure that they didn’t realize he was at the door. He slowly closed the door and headed to the male restroom.

He entered one of the toilets and took out his phone. He sent a call to Babette

“Hello, sir?”

“Babbette, I want you to get what I asked for done this minute.”