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Eventually, they came to a shop where Tiger and his lackeys were already squatting outside. Then, Tiger stated, "Mr. Larson, Stanley asked me to come here. This shop is where the watch has been located.

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Liam was frightened after hearing this. Then, he responded softly, "I-I know him..."

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Liam quickly defended himself, "Dad, Mom, I-I didn't do it... I know this person, but that doesn't mean I did it! In fact, Demi knows him too."

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The group of people beside him went into an uproar in an instant. "Seriously? Matthew is the janitor in a hospital?"

"Which hospital is that?"

"I thought this kind of job is reserved for elderly women only."

"You guys didn't know about that, right?" sneered Leo. "Our handsome Matthew is just a cleaner! It's not just any floors that he cleans. He cleans the toilet floors! I saw it with my own eyes the last time I went to the hospital. And I was with a client at that time. When I saw him, I was so embarrassed that I couldn't even tell anyone that he was my classmate. So, I could only walk past him."

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"Which hospital is that?"

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After a moment of silence, Leo said nonchalantly, "Seems like you come prepared, Matthew. Is that necessary for a reunion party? What? Did you go to the bank and draw two thousand just so you could show off tonight? It's okay. Everyone knows about your situation. There's no need for you to put on a pretense!"

The others nodded. "Is that money you've saved up for years? Did you bring all of it just to boost in front of us?"

When Grace noticed the situation, she instantly put on a pitiful expression and pointed at Matthew as she yelled, "You better make it clear now, Larson. How have I met a lot of men? If you don't explain it, I won't let you off the hook!"

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