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Chapter 261 It immediately dawned on Andrew that Cedric must have made the detox pill. Such medication.

was not particularly rare, as anyone with decent knowledge of traditional medicine could create it.

So why did you pretend to still be drunk when you were actually sober? Andrew asked, giving Francesca a curious look.

Her face turned an even deeper shade of red as she kept her head down, staying silent.

After a long moment, she finally admitted with embarrassment, I wanted you to... take me home.

Worried that Andrew might misunderstand, she quickly explained, Its not what you might think.

I just felt that it wouldnt be safe for a woman to go home alone after drinking

Since you were already taking Lauren home, I thought could just tag along! Andrew chuckled and said, I wasnt thinking anything else

Since you both had been drinking, I wouldve made sure to get you both home safely anyway.

Well, you know what happened after that, Francesca continued

As soon as you left after dropping me off, Simon snuck in.

I was terrified and angry, to be honest.

If you hadnt come back in time, I wouldnt know what to do

Andrew responded, Since you were conscious the whole time and that monster tried to assault you, why didnt you fight back and report him to Dr.

Aicker? Francesca shook her head and said, If only it were that simple.

Ive been holding back because Simon is my senior apprentice and Grandpas first disciple

Andrew raised an eyebrow and asked, Are you afraid of your grandfather finding out about Simons attempted assault ? Francesca sighed.

Im not exactly afraid, but Id rather keep this shameful incident within the family.

Grandpa values reputation highly, and Simon is his prized student.

If I exposed-Simons true nature, it would bring shame to the Aicker family, and I fear it might create a rift between them that could tear our family apart.

Andrew scoffed, Simon is just Dr.

Aickers apprentice.

Does he think hes untouchable ? Over the years, Grandpa has handed over many of the Aicker familys affairs to Simon, Francesca explained with a bitter smile

She added, Simons influence in the family is second only to Grandpas, even surpassing mine.

Thats why Ive been enduring his advances to prevent internal conflict within the family.

So whats your plan? Andrew asked

Are you going to keep tolerating this forever? Francesca took a deep breath and stated firmly, Of course not.

When the opportunity arises, Ill be direct with Simon and tell him I dont have feelings for him and never will

He needs to move on.

Andrew shook his head and warned, He doesnt seem like someone who would back down easily.

When he cant get what he wants, he might act out of spite.

Even if he does, I wont force myself to accept him, Francesca declared.

I used to see him as a brother, but his behavior has become increasingly inappropriate.

Now, he just disgusts me.

Andrew stood up and said, Its getting late, and I should head back.

Get some rest, and dont hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

Francesca smiled.

Thank you for coming back to save me tonight.

Andrew dismissed her thanks with a wave and quickly left the Aicker residence.

He could understand Francescas predicament somewhat.

After all, he knew well that old families like that valued their reputation above all else and feared public scandal.

Nevertheless, in Andrews opinion, Simon needed to be eliminated sooner rather than later, as there was no saying what he might do later.

It was better to be safe than sorry, no matter how -promising Simons talent was.

Chapter 262 At the Weller residence, Harvey sat in the main seat with a smug expression.

This was his first time presiding over a family meeting since becoming the head of the family.

All the top executives of the Weller family had shown up, as no one dared to disrespect his new position. Next to Harvey sat Serena, with her seductive smile and alluring presence.

Their eyes met occasionally, sparking an undeniable chemistry in the air.

Some observant executives noticed these exchanges but dismissed their suspicions.

After all, one was the new family head, and the other was Kanes widow.

Moreover, such an age gap and relationship dynamic surely meant nothing inappropriate could happen between them.

Everyone, please begin your reports, Harvey said with a smile.

He wanted to get a clear picture of the Weller familys current strength to plan his next strategic moves. The first one voiced, Mr.

Weller, Jayrodale Bank is aggressively demanding loan repayments.

If we dont pay soon, theyll seize our properties! Mr.

Weller, the family business is shrinking, and we urgently need to explore new industries to regain our standing! Mr.

Weller, several of our major business partners have withdrawn their investments.

The familys finances are getting worse by the day! As Harvey listened to the executives complaints, his smile quickly faded into a dark scowl.

He angrily shouted, I asked for progress reports and our current strengths.

Whats with all the bad news? Damn it! He barely got to enjoy his new position, and already, everyone was bringing him problems

He had not become the family head to deal with hardships! He wanted to command respect and make life changing decisions.

Mr.

Weller, what progress could we possibly report right now? one executive asked.

The family was already struggling when Mr.

Weller Senior was in charge.

We just spent a fortune on your inauguration ceremony to make you look good : ..

Dont you realize that behind all that grandeur lies the familys depleted resources and mounting debts? Despite Harveys impatience, the executives continued their lamentations with grave expressions

Some family members had even started tearing up, and Harvey finally realized something was seriously wrong.

Yet, he refused to believe it and asked, Is our situation really that dire ? Mr.

Weller, its worse than you can imagine.

The entire family is counting on you to lead us out of this crisis! Harveys face darkened as the reality sank in.

His fathers death had left him with quite a mess to clean up.

He wished he had waited longer before orchestrating the old mans demise and let him handle these problems for a while longer.

Alright, everyones dismissed

Ill figure something out to solve the familys problems, Harvey declared, waving away all the depressing aces in irritation

Serena a scoffed.

What a useless bunch

They can help you at all.

Serena, do you have any good ideas? Harvey asked with furrowed brows.

Serena rolled her eyes

What ideas could I possibly have? When your father was alive, I lived in luxury and never had to worry about anything Anyway, the family may be broke, but my monthly allowance better not decrease one bit. Harvey snapped, Cant you see what situation the family is in? How are you still thinking about living in luxury? Youre foolish! Serena was angered by his reaction and spat, Harvey, now that youre the family head and youre done playing with me, youre getting impatient with me, arent you? Todays Bonus Offer

Chapter 263 Serena barked, Im foolish? What about you? Your father managed to keep the Weller family stable even while sick.

Meanwhile, youre young, yet your arrogance has no limit.

Youre

worthless compared to Kane.

In a fit of rage, Harvey slapped her hard across the face, causing her to stumble backward. Clutching her reddened cheek, Serena stared at him in disbelief.

She shouted, You actually hit me? Its only been a few days since youve risen to this position, and youre already getting violent with me? Harveys face twisted with malice as he shouted, So you acknowledge

Im the family head now? Who gave you the nerve to speak to me like that? Remember this this is the first and last warning.

If theres a next time, youll no longer sit here next to me.

Harvey, you ungrateful snake, Serena spat, her chest heaving with anger.

When I helped you, you called me sweetheart every day and promised me the world.

Now that youve gotten what you wanted both my body and the family position youre tossing me aside.

Fine, shame on me for ever believing in you! Crying, Serena stumbled out of the great hall.

Harvey scoffed and muttered in disdain, Youre just a cheap fling.

Did you really think I cared about you? Once Im done playing with you for a while longer, you can get lost! The unattainable was what attracted Harvey the most, which was why Christina remained his obsession

He could not eat or sleep properly until he possessed that pure woman and thoroughly conquered her. If only the family elders werent forced into seclusion to recover.

With all of them together, that bastard Andrew would be on his knees begging, no matter how strong he is ! Harvey sat there, deep in thought.

Unable to find a good way to deal with Andrew, Harvey settled for the next best thing taking some Weller family enforcers to harass the Stevens family.

Since the Weller family needed.

money, they might as well squeeze some out of Stevens Corporation.

Meanwhile, Christinas family was urgently discussing countermeasures.

That beast Harvey wont leave our family alone.

Despite being skilled fighters, Bruce and Jackie are no match for the Weller family.

What are we going to do? Irene paced anxiously.

Mom, please stop pacing ! Youve been at it for two hours without coming up with anything, and youre making me dizzy, Leroy complained, rubbing his temples

Irene cursed at him, You little brat, Im worried about you and Christies safety! If youre so annoyed with me, why dont you come up with a solution? If the Weller family pushes too far, Ill fight that bastard Harvey to the end Im not afraid of him! Leroy declared heatedly

Christina glanced at Leroy coldly and asked, Fight to the end with what? Havent you seen how powerful the Weller family elders are ? Leroy's face showed a hint of fear as he stammered, Of course I have. That monster Harvey is so lucky

If it werent for those powerful family elders backing him, our family wouldnt give a damn about him.

Christie, at this point, I think we need to ask Andrew for help, Irene suddenly suggested.

Christina frowned in displeasure and said, Mom, Ive told you many times that I wont ask Andrew for help

Besides, hes no match for the Weller family either.

How can Andrew fight against Harvey when he has the entire Weller family behind him?

Chapter 264 But last time at the Weller residence, Andrew managed to walk away unharmed from the family elders, Irene persisted hopefully

Christina shook her head and said, Mom, Andrew might have some skills now, but the situation isnt as simple as what you saw

After returning from the Weller residence, I spoke with both Bruce and Jackie.

They confirmed that Androw only succeeded because of them.

If they hadnt already worn down the Weller family elders strength beforehand, Andrew would have been walking to his death.

Oh, so thats how it was ! Irene exclaimed with sudden understanding.

I was wondering why those two would be so kind as to help us they were just letting Andrew take the

credit! Thats why I never considered asking Andrew for help, Christina explained

Now that Harvey has his way, Andrew can barely protect himself, let alone help others.

Irene spat in disgust, And here I thought that loser was some hidden strength turns out hes just as useless as ever.

I must have been blind to think he could save us.

I actually think Andrew is keeping his true abilities hidden, Leroy said skeptically.

Christie, maybe we've been wrong about him all along

What if he really is powerful? Christina responded icily, This isn't the time for jokes like that

Stevens Corporation has weathered many storms, and the Weller family won't be our downfall.

Since we don't have better options, I want to see what Harvey can really do to us.

Christie, are you planning to fight Harvey to the bitter end? Irene asked.

Christina's eyes gleamed with determination as she replied, Yes, that's exactly what I plan to do. Moreover, Bruce and Jackie have already contacted their superiors again.

This time, they're sending direct family members to reinforce us.

Irene and Leroy's faces lit up with joy.

That's fantastic! The direct family members must be incredible

Harvey's good days are numbered! Christina said calmly, Brute force alone won't solve our problems. I heard the family member coming isn't a fighter, but rather an expert in strategy and management. She continued, They're here to help us, break free from the Weller family and align with Blumedale.

It's perfect timing. I want to learn how to manage the corporation better and strengthen our family.

Irene chimed in excitedly, The direct family members are all carefully groomed from childhood and educated abroad

Not just you, Christie. Leroy and I should also learn from them and improve ourselves! Just then, Christina's secretary burst into the room.

Ms.

Stevens, Mr.

Weller has stormed into the corporation with his men ! Christina was shocked but remained composed she said coldly, That bastard sure is fast.

Tell security to hold them off for now.

The secretarys face was pale as she trembled and explained, Ms.

Stevens, the security team, has already tried to stop them, but It was useless The Weller familys men beat them all up, and now they cant even move.

Useless cowards, every single one of them! Irene cursed loudly.

Then, her bravado faltered, and she turned to Christina, asking desperately, Christie, what do we do? Quick, think of something!

Chapter 265 Christina gritted her teeth and said, We cant match the Weller family in a fight. Our only option is to stall Harvey until the family representative arrives.

With a loud bang, her office door was kicked open

Harvey strode in with a smirk on his face, followed by over a dozen Weller family enforcers.

Christie, my dear fiancée, I cant wait for us to get married! Harveys voice was menacing despite his gentle expression.

Christina took a deep breath and met Harveys gaze directly.

Harvey, whatever was between us is long over.

If youre a real man, stop with these desperate tactics just tell me what you want.

Harvey sneered.

Over? How convenient for you to say that.

After everything Ive invested in you, do you think you can just end it? Where does that leave my reputation? I never asked for anything from you or your family, Christina replied, struggling to contain her anger.

What exactly did you invest in me? Harvey declared shamelessly, I dont care about any of that the Stevens family owes us, period

If you dont show some sincerity, dont blame me for getting nasty.

Leroy exploded and barked, Have you no shame ? We owe your family? Why dont you just rob us outright, you piece of trash! You Harvey kicked Leroy harshly, sending him crashing to the ground and throwing up

idiot, who do you think you are to run your mouth at me ? I used to tolerate you because I wanted Christie, but now? I can end you in a second! Then, Harvey spat contemptuously on Leroy's face, humiliating him thoroughly.

Leroy, are you alright? Irene cried out in anguish.

Harvey, youre a monster, bullying those weaker than you youll pay for this! Though Irene cursed at Harvey, she quickly fell silent under his cold glare, tears streaming down her face as she trembled in fear

Christina shook with rage, feeling utterly humiliated

This was not the first time Harvey had beaten and humiliated Irene and Leroy, but each time, she was powerless to stop it.

She had thought she could handle Harveys thuggish behavior, but when push came to shove, she realized all her plans and strategies meant nothing against the Weller familys brute force. Harvey smirked.

Christie, I know you hate me now and find me repulsive.

But I don't care I just want to possess you.

Once I have you and take over Stevens Corporation, winning your heart will be inevitable ! Harvey laughed triumphantly, clearly pleased with himself.

The Weller family enforcers wore expressions of contempt, knowing they could crush this small family business however they wanted.

Just tell me what it will take for you to leave our family alone, Christina shouted, her eyes red with desperation.

Chapter 266 Harvey smirked playfully and said, It sure is a rare sight to see the Ice Queen of Stevens Corporation so enraged

You want me to leave you alone? Simple just transfer 150 million dollars from Stevens Corporation to support the Weller family

150 million? That's outrageous! We don't have that kind of money! Christina immediately refused. Such an amount would effectively kill Stevens Corporation the Weller family was indeed ruthless. Harvey scoffed.

Don't be so quick to refuse, because I'm not done with my conditions.

Not only must Stevens Corporation transfer the 150 million to us, but you must also marry into the Weller family and become my woman

Harvey, you're delusional! Christina shouted, burning with anger and humiliation.

That's right, you can keep dreaming! Irene chimed in.

Christie is innocent and beautiful as an angel.

Have you looked in the mirror? You're not worthy of her! Harvey slapped Irene hard across the face, sending her rolling across the floor.

She broke into loud sobs but could only glare at Harvey with bloodshot eyes, not daring to speak further. Mom! Christina cried out, unable to hold back her tears any longer.

Christie, we'd rather die than let this monster have his way! Irene spat venomously.

Having his authority challenged repeatedly, Harvey roared in rising anger, Christina, if you don't agree, I'll kill Leroy.

Then, I'll throw your mom onto the streets where all the homeless men would love someone like her! He added, As for you, well, you can't escape me.

Today, I'm taking what I want, and not even God can stop me! Christina felt despair washing over her. She had hoped for help from the Bridgefields Stevens family, but they had not arrived yet.

With Harvey showing his true savage nature right now, it seemed that she and her family had reached a dead end.

I'm giving you one minute to decide, Harvey said coldly.

Either agree to my demands, or I'll start by killing Leroy.

Clutching his stomach, Leroy gritted out, Christie, don't worry about me.

If this bastard has the guts, let him kill me.

If he can't, I'll fight him to the end! Harvey's eyes flashed dangerously as he raised his hand and ordered, Someone cut out his tongue first.

Two Weller family enforcers moved forward with evil grins, grabbing Leroy.

Christinas forehead broke out in cold sweat as she shouted, Wait! What is

Have you made up your mind? Good tell me your answer.

Yes or no? Harvey grinned.

Christina looked at her suffering family and slowly closed her eyes.

She had no choice but to agree.

As tears rolled down her cheeks, her lips trembled

Alright, I agr = Suddenly, two loud thuds came from outside.

Before Harveys two bodyguards stationed outside the door even realized what was happening, they were sent flying into the room.

Harveys eyes turned cold as he growled, Who the hell dares to interrupt me ! Christinas family lit up with joy

It must be the Bridgefields aides ! Were saved, Christie ! Irene exclaimed, her fighting spirit renewed. However, instead of any Bridgefields family member, it was Andrew who walked in calmly.

Andrew, its you again! Harvey immediately snarled through gritted teeth, his eyes blazing with hatred at the sight of his enemy.

Andrew, what are you doing here? Christina asked in shock.

Andrew glanced at her without speaking and stepped aside.

Chapter 267 Behind Andrew, Christinas grandfather, Douglas, wheeled himself into the

room.

Douglas stated calmly, I asked Andrew to come here to save the Stevens family.

Grandpa, the Weller family is oppressing us, and Andrew cant possibly help, Christina said anxiously. And you shouldnt be here in your condition.

Please go home.

Ill handle everything.

Douglas suddenly thundered, Handle it? How exactly? The Stevens family may not be among the elite but we still have our dignity! Now were being bullied right to our faces, and you, my ungrateful

e,

granddaughter, didnt even tell me! Do you no longer respect me as your grandfather? Douglass rebuke , finally made Christina cry.

Grandpa, Im sorry my incompetence has brought shame upon you.

Douglas scoffed.

Im already one foot in the grave, so my dignity doesnt matter.

But why didnt you ask for help when Stevens Corporation was being pushed around like this? Christina wiped her tears and replied desperately

Who do I ask help from, Grandpa ? Even the Bridgefields Stevens family cant match the Weller family I had no options left! No options? Cant you see Andy is right here? Douglas responded in frustration. Christina hesitated, then shook her head and said, Grandpa, Ive already said this Andrew cant save the Stevens family

The Weller family is too powerful for an ordinary person to fight against.

Did you hear that, old man? Harvey laughed.

Were unstoppable.

This nobody you brought wont help you.

Douglas trembled with anger as he retorted, Kane was once a powerful figure in Jayrodale.

How did he produce such a heartless beast? The Stevens family may be small, but were not yours to push around as you please, boy.

Harvey sneered.

Now that youre here, it saves me the trouble of coming after you after I take your granddaughter and your company, Youre near death anyway, and you shouldve lived your remaining days in peace.

It seems like youre just eager to die.

Harvey, if you dare lay a hand on my grandpa, Il fight you to the death! Christinas eyes blazed red with fury.

Andrew, why did you bring Dad here? Irene screamed

Youre a walking disaster! Are you trying to get Dad killed too? Take him away right now! Yes, Andrew, please get Grandpa out of here, Christina pleaded urgently.

I cant let anything happen to him.

While Im here, nothing will happen to Mr.

Stevens Senior, Andrew stated calmly

Douglas sighed and said, Andy, I know the Stevens family has wronged you in the past.

But Im still going to swallow my pride and ask will you help protect the Stevens family one more time? Andrew smiled.

Mr.

Stevens Senior, since I came here with you, I wont stand idly by.

Dont worry, the Stevens family will be safe.

Grandpa, this isnt the time for games.

You and Andrew need to leave.

He cant help us ! Christina urged desperately

I told you before that you missed the greatest chance of your life, Douglas said coldly.

You foolish girl, you truly have no idea of Andys true capabilities!

Chapter 268 Andy, I leave everything to you then, Douglas said.

Andrew nodded and stepped forward, facing Harvey.

Take your men and get out of here now.

Harvey thought he had misheard and sneered.

What did you say? I said get your people out of here.

Wasnt that clear enough? Andrew stared him down.

Harvey exploded with rage and shouted, Andrew, who do you think you are? If you dare interfere between me and the Stevens family today, I'll destroy you !! As the head of the Weller family and a top figure in Jayrodale, Harvey could not believe this nobody dared to order him around like some common thug

The insult was unbearable.

Andrews eyes glinted dangerously as he strode toward Harvey, ignoring his guards.

He taunted, Seems you didnt learn your lesson from the Weller family elders.

Harvey backed away nervously and yelled, Get him! Take him down! Kill him! About eight of the Weller familys elite guards charged at Andrew with battle cries.

Christina watched anxiously, not understanding where Andrew got the courage to challenge the Weller family alone.

Harvey snarled from behind his guards, Andrew, no matter how good you are at fighting, you cant take on this many opponents

Today, I'll make sure to humiliate you in front of Christina ! Yet, just as he said those words, he watched in shock as Andrew tore through his elite guards like they were nothing.

In just three swift steps, Andrew had knocked down every single guard, leaving them groaning on the ground with bruised faces and broken bodies.

Leroy was stunned by the impressive display.

He exclaimed, That was incredible! I wonder when I'll be able to fight like that; then I could have anything I want! Andrew glanced at him silently, knowing that while his moves looked simple and brutal, Leroy would never reach his level in this lifetime.

Christina and Irene froze.

They could not believe how effortlessly Andrew had just taken down all the Weller familys elite guards. Andrew, dont you dare leave! Im calling the Weller family elders to show you their true.

power! Harveys face turned pale as he tried to hide his panic.

Andrew sneered and stepped forward, delivering two sharp slaps that left Harvey reeling.

Andrew, how dare you hit me again! Youll regret this- Before Harvey could finish his threat, Andrews eyes turned cold

He slapped Harvey again before kicking Harveys leg, breaking it on the spot.

Harveys piercing scream echoed through Stevens Corporation, while Christina and the others were shocked into silence

Was Andrew really going to kill Harvey? Even though Harvey controlled the entire Wellet family and had skilled fighters at his command, he was no match for Andrew.

Was Andrew really bold to go against Harvey? Christina was dumbfounded and found that she no longer understood Andrew.

The gentle, kind man she once knew had transformed into someone else entirely.

Chapter 269 Christina had always thought Andrew lacked the sharp edge that defined successful men.

She had believed he was unmotivated and lacked ambition, but now she realized he was not lacking drive he was simply so far above everyone else that nothing fazed him.

You broke my leg ! You actually broke my f*cking leg! Andrew, Ill make you and the entire Stevens family pay with your lives! Harvey had completely lost it.

He had never imagined that, as the head of the prestigious Weller family, he would be so humiliated by a loser.

Another sickening crack echoed through the room.

Everyone, including the groaning Weller family guards on the floor, felt their scalps tingle as Andrew broke Harveys other leg without hesitation.

Gasps could be heard throughout the room.

Harvey finally broke down and begged, Please, stop! Dont break anything else! It hurts ! Mr.

Lloyd, please, Im sorry! His previous arrogance vanished completely as he lay at Andrews feet like a pathetic fool, face, covered in tears and bodyshaking uncontrollably Andrew looked down at him coldly. Threats have never worked on me.

Youre just the head of a minor family, and even if you were the leader of the greatest aristocratic family, youd still be nothing but an insect to me.

Andrews overwhelming aura sent chills down the Stevens family members spines.

Christina stared at him in a daze, wondering why he suddenly seemed so incredibly powerful and unstoppable, From now on, dont let me hear about you bothering the Stevens family again, Andrew manded.

Remember this what goes around comes around! Now get out! Harvey had to be dragged away by his men, limp and powerless.

Once outside Stevens Corporation, he screamed maniacally, Call the elders immediately! I want revenge! I wont rest until Stevens Corporation is in ashes and that bastard Andrew is dead! Mr.

Weller, youre bleeding heavily! We should get you to a hospital first, one guard suggested nervously. Maybe we can deal with Andrew in a few days.

I cant wait! I want him dead now! Harveys face twisted in rage.

Call the elders right now! The guard reluctantly made the call, and Harvey immediately grabbed the phone.

When the call was connected, he screamed, I want the Stevens Corporation gone and Andrew dead! Mr.

Weller, did you provoke Andrew again? the Weller family elder asked in disbelief.

I wasn't even looking for trouble with him! He stepped in to protect Stevens Corporation and broke both my legs! Harvey roared.

What? Both your legs are broken? the elder exclaimed in shock.

Chapter 270 Yes! Both my legs are f*cking broken! I want Andrew dead! Harvey screamed into the phone.

There was a long silence from the Weller family elder, Ian, before he spoke hoarsely, Mr.

Weller, you fool.

Andrew is at least at the level of a junior grandmaster! I warned you not to provoke him recklessly. Why didn't you listen? I already told you, I never provoked him! He showed up, ruined my plans, and broke my legs! Harvey snarled through gritted teeth.

Ian sighed.

It's too late for this now

Return to the Weller residence and get your legs treated

As for Andrew, with one of our senior grandmasters in seclusion recovering, I'm the only one left, and I'm not confident about facing him.

Harvey was stunned by Ian's reluctance to act.

His face twisted with rage as he roared, As family head, I order you to kill him! Do you hear me ?
Ian replied coldly, As senior grandmasters, Ted and I exist to ensure the Weller familys survival.

Were not here to help you bully people and pursue women.

He added, We warned you about Andrew, but you wouldnt listen.

You brought this upon yourself! With that, he hung up, completely dismissing Harveys authority as the head of the family

Harvey stared at the phone in disbelief before smashing it into pieces

After cursing at Ian for a while, he hurriedly ordered his men to bring him home for treatment as he could not endure the pain any longer.

Back at the Stevens family residence, Douglas hosted a formal dinner to thank Andrew.

He raised his glass and said, Andy, youve helped us tremendously.

This is the least I can do to show our gratitude! Andrew quickly asked the elderly man to sit down and replied earnestly, Mr.

Stevens Senior, please dont be so formal

Youve been kind to me all along, and its only right that I repay it.

Andy, compared to what youve done for us, my past kindness was insignificant, Douglas said as he waved his hand

You and Christie were perfect for each other, yet things ended up like this... he trailed off with a heavy sigh

Douglas loved his granddaughter Christina and was proud of her, but her excessive pride had ruined everything

While he did not know exactly who Andrew was, he knew one thing this man was extraordinary.

He had personally arranged Christinas engagement to Andrew, hoping to secure a powerful ally for both Stevens Corporation and his granddaughters future.

To his regret, Christina had squandered this golden opportunity.

Grandpa, dont blame yourself.

This was all my doing III take responsibility, Christina said, her emotions in turmoil.