

The Deadly 101

Chapter 101 I'm Not Paying for Today's Ride

Piper observed Robin as he casually pedaled a shared bike, a sneer flickering in her eyes.

"Sir, can you slow down and keep pace with the car ahead of us?"

The rideshare driver shook his head in dismay. "I'm afraid I can't do that, Miss. We don't provide that kind of service. If I follow your request, how would I make any money?"

"Hey, you're just a driver. I've paid for this ride, so you need to deliver the service I expect! I ... I'll file a complaint about you!" Piper fumed, frustration evident in her voice.

"Fine, you can get out right now!" The driver immediately pulled over to the curb. "Comin' all you want."

"What kind of attitude is that?" Piper shot back, jabbing her finger at the rideshare driver. "You're just a rideshare driver; what's so special about that? You're just another person struggling to get by—"

"I apologize for the inconvenience, sir," Rosalie interjected quickly, eager to de-escalate the situation before Piper could dig herself into a deeper hole. "Piper, don't act like this. The driver is just trying to do his job."

"Get out!" the rideshare driver barked.

Seeing his fierce expression, Piper fell silent and reluctantly exited the vehicle.

At that point, they were only a short distance from the entrance to the pany.

Rosalie settled the fare and stepped out, releasing a deep sigh. "Piper, what's gotten into you? The driver has it rough too. He's trying to complete as many rides as he can this morning. Don't take it out on him."

"I'm definitely going toin! He's just some low-ss guy without any manners!" Piper whipped out her phone, ready to file her grievance.

"Please, Piper, don't do this. Everyone is just trying to make a living. What's made you so touchy today?" Rosalie pleaded.

Piper scoffed dismissively. "Ugh, Rosalie, what am I supposed to say? Fine, I'll let it slide this time! But I'm not paying for today's ride!"

Rosalie shook her head in disbelief as she watched Piper walk away, then hurried to catch up with her.

The morning was still young, yet the Eastvale Development Group building was already bustling with people waiting outside.

That day marked the final step in finalizing the signing of the Eastvale Ecological Project outsourcing contract.

They were set to approve the commitments linked to the investment project; all that remained was the CEO's signature for confirmation.

The day before, nearly forty companies had passed the qualification review for the project.

However, only twenty firms were under consideration for the Dunn Group's outsourcing contract.

In other words, today, half of the applicants would be eliminated.

Robin secured his shared bike at the docking station next to the building.

Just then, a mocking voice came out from behind. "If it isn't Robin."

He turned to see Grace and Daniel approaching, ostentatiously waving the keys to a BMW they held.

"Robin, I heard you work as a security guard at Eastvale Development Group, is that right?" Daniel stepped closer, a slow, sarcastic grin spreading across his face as he sized up Robin. Ignoring their taunts, Robin walked directly into the building, unwilling to engage with them.

At that moment, Howard happened to walk by and noticed the scene unfold.

Hmm, it seems these two don't hold a fond view of Robin.

"Are you here to sign the Dunn Group's Eastvale outsourcing project?"

Grace and Daniel were taken aback, never expecting to hear from Howard, the sales vice president and head of the outsourcing project.

"Mr. Dixon, good to see you! I'm Daniel from Haven Realty. My dad is away on business, and I wanted to see if we could successfully partner with the Dunns."

Howard gestured toward Robin. "Do you know him?"

Noticing the irritation in Howard's eyes, Grace quickly replied, "We've only met once. Why would we associate with someone as uncouth as him?"

A fleeting smile appeared on Howard's face. "I see. What's the name of yourpany again?"

Grace nudged Daniel.

Daniel promptly replied, "Mr. Dixon, we're from Haven Realty."

"Alright, got it. Make sure you prepare thoroughly for the contract signingter," Howard advised before heading toward the lobby.

"What?..." Daniel stood momentarily dumbfounded.

Grace kicked him yfully. "Wake up! Mr. Dixon just indicated that we could secure the Dunns" Eastvale outsourcing project! Hahaha..."

"That"s fantastic!" Daniel cheered, lifting Grace into a jubnt hug. "Haven Realty is about to take off!"

Grace shot a nce at Robin"s figure in the lobby, a smirk ying on her lips. "Thank goodness we downyed our connection with Robin; otherwise, today"s signing would have been a real hassle." "Seems Mr. Dixon, who oversees the project qualification review, has issues with Robin."

Daniel nodded in agreement. "It definitely looks that way. What on earth is Robin doing here?"

"That fool has no idea and has offended Mr. Dixon. Good thing we kept our distance from him at Harmont Bar that day! Hahaha ... "

As they entered the lobby, they spotted Alice, Vera, and others.

Grace stepped forward. "Vera, you're here too! I just saw Mr. Silva arrive. Are the Silvas also hoping to secure a deal with the Dunns?"

Vera shrugged nonchantly. "I don't involve myself in company matters. I just show up for my share of the profits each year. I have no clue if they're signing the Eastvale project."

"Listen, we ran into Mr. Dixon, the Vice General Manager of Eastvale Development Group, earlier. He hinted that we could sign with the Dunns."

Vera smiled. "Well, congrats in advance."

"Vera, aren't you curious why?" Grace rolled her eyes. "Seems you don't care about me at all."

"Anyway, it's because of Robin!"

Vera froze in disbelief. "Because of Robin? Do you know what role Robin plays here? He's "

Before Vera could finish, Grace exclaimed, "It's because Mr. Dixon knows we're not on good terms with Robin that he said we could sign!"

"Do you know what that means? It means Robin is oblivious and has upset the company's Vice General Manager, Howard!"

At that moment, Alice, who had been discussing the signing details with Zachary, overheard their conversation.

She stepped closer and inquired, "Are you suggesting that Mr. Dixon guaranteed you the signing simply because you dislike Robin?"

"Yes, Ms. Miller. As soon as we expressed our dislike for Robin, he immediately indicated that our signing would be successful."

Alice's eyes sparkled with intrigue. "That oaf, Robin, manages to upset people wherever he goes."

"He should be aware of who Mr. Dixon is! He's the third highest-ranking official in the Dunn Group and a classmate of Ms. Dunn at Hufford Business School."

Turning back to Zachary, she lowered her voice, saying, "Mr. Gill, since you didn't get a chance to meet Mr. Dixon yesterday, make sure to talk to him after the morning meeting. Emphasize that our relationship with Robin is not good!" "Sure. I'll go see him as soon as the morning meeting wraps up," Zachary responded with a self-satisfied grin.

Vera hesitated, then quietly cautioned Alice, "Alice, you might want to think twice before approaching Mr. Dixon. Ms. Dunn holds Robin in high regard. This could easily backfire "

"Enough, Vera. I'm aware that you've been close to Robin recently," Alice shot back, her eyes shining with disdain. "But Robin is just a bodyguard; how could he possibly be involved in contract negotiations?

"Mr. Dixon is in charge of the project's review process. His opinion is the most significant."

Vera sighed. "Alice, while it's true that Mr. Dixon heads the qualification review for the outsourcing project, he still needs the CEO's signature ..."

Aliceughed lightly. "If Shirley has put this matter in Mr. Dixon's hands, it clearly means she trusts her old ssmate.

"If Mr. Dixon gives his approval, she will most likely sign off on it without hesitation."

"But Robin is-" Vera tried to interject, wanting to rify that Robin was, in fact, the CEO.

Alice interrupted her. "I'm not going to continue this conversation with you. You haven't contributed anything and clearly don't grasp the situation.

"You heard what was said. Your ssmate was only given that assurance because of the circumstances."

Vera watched them with a knowing smile, not continuing to persuade them.

It seemed everyone was convinced they had dodged a bullet by staying away from Robin.

But do they even realize who the CEO is?

Do they think that by keeping their distance from Robin, they can secure the Eastvale Ecological Project outsourcing contract?

Just wait until they see how everything turns out. Then they'll understand just how misguided they are!