

## The Deadly 125

Chapter 125 Lue Aldridge

By now, it was already 5:30 PM. and most banks had long since closed.

Only the Harmonfield branch of SunEast Development Bank remained open, with the staff in position, waiting for Robin's massive 3.8 billion cash delivery to arrive for processing.

Yet, the staff-unhappy about the unexpected overtime were growing impatient.

"It's past closing time," one muttered, "Is he really bringing in 3.8 billion cash?"

"Who knows another replied. He's just sitting there, not moving."

"Do you really believe it? That's 3.8 billion cash! That's a ridiculous amount," a third employee scoffed. "Even Brookhaven's wealthiest man, Carson, couldn't pull that together so quickly."

"Did you notice how young he looks?" added someone else. "Does he seem like a guy who could bring that kind of cash?"

"Why did Mr. Stone have us work for this? Surely we could've refused such an outrageous request," someone inquired.

"No, we couldn't. Big transactions require special VIP treatment. Mr. Stone has no choice.

"If that guyins, we'll all be in trouble," added another, sighing.

"Those people just know how toin. What if he doesn'te through tonight?"

"I heard he swore to Mr. Stone-if he couldn't deliver the money, he'd apologize to each of us. But honestly, what good would that even do?"

"I have important things to do tonight. I nneed to meet my former ssmates at the bar, but now I can't go because of this.

"It's so boring that I can't do anything. It's annoying!"

The grumbles continued, each voice tinged with annoyance as the staff ate the fancy dinners the bank had provided to ease the overtime.

Still, their resentment simmered as they eyed Robin in the lobby.

Meanwhile, Robin had been on calls with Shirley, Daphine, and Rygar, as well as Carson, who reassured him that dinner and money were on their way.

Robin had initially needed to call in a favor from Old Fred's wives to arrange for an airlift of cash. But with more than enough already counted for, he decided it was unnecessary.

Just then, his phone buzzed with a WhatsApp message from Lue Aldridge, granddaughter of Felix Aldridge, head of the Aldridge family. Robin raised an eyebrow as he read her message. "Robin, I'm in Draconia, Just learned you're in Harmofield. I'm here on business and inspecting the new.

contract between SunEast Bank and our Aurientia Affairs Department.

"Send your location-I can be there in 30 minutes"

He couldn't believe the coincidence.

Three years ago, during a covert mission, Robin had saved both Felix and Lue from Fricana mercenaries, making him one of the most respected individuals in the Aldridges. Even foreign dignitaries didn't enjoy such a status with the Aldridges,

Still, he wondered how she had known he was here-no doubt Old Fred's third wife had leaked the information, likely in hopes of using the Aldridge family's work to help punch her cosmetics business.. He'd have words for her when he got back. Robin knew that even if he didn't tell Lue his location, she could still find him in seconds with the vast information work of the Aldridges.

He had no choice but to send his location to her.

A new thought struck him as he noticed her mention of the SunEast Bank contract. Perhaps the fate of SupEast was sealed after all.

Around this time, La, head of the Bank Credit Department, received a call from her husband, Jett.

"La, are you still at work? You were supposed to be home early.

"I'm headed to the airport to pick up Leonardo, so I'll pick you up in front of the bank so we can head to dinner together.

"Oh, by the way-what's going on over there that you're working overtime?

"It seems like you've never had to work overtime since joining the bank."

La nodded irritably at Robin sitting in the lobby. "Just thinking about it annoys me! Today, a guy walked in saying he wanted to repay a loan with 3.8 billion in cash."

"What? 3.8 billion in cash? That's ridiculous! Who even requires that much cash?" Jett exclaimed, surprised. "And could he even gather that much on such short notice?"

La let out a sarcasticugh. "He imes it"s to pay back the loan for Infinity Tower in Southvale."

"Infinity Tower?" Jett chuckled, amused. "Has he lost his mind? In this market, who would even consider buying Infinity Tower in Southvale?"

"Infinity Tower is practically worthless now, yet that guy is still willing to repay 3.8 billion for Jonah? He must be crazy!"

He then asked, "How much longer do you have to work overtime?".

La sighed. "We haven"t seen a single cent yet, but we have to wait here. Robin demanded a VIP repayment channel and even threatened toin about us if we didn"t cooperate! "He said he"d go as far as the Banking Regtory Commission if he had to. It"s difficult for us to make a

living. We can"t turn him down!"

"So, you can"t leave until he brings the cash?" Jett asked, annoyed.

"Exactly! And even if the money arrives, we"ll be here until midnight counting it. Just go pick up Leonardo and have dinner with him, then meet meter for some tea.

"I don"t think Robin will be able to get the money before midnight. After hanging up. La approached Robin directly.

"My husband's on his way to pick up his old friend Leonardo," she said, ncing at Robin.

"He's the vice general manager of the Aldridges" Aurientia Affairs Department, and the Aldridges are among the top five tycoons. You wouldn't want to cross them-"

Robin cut her off. "I don't care who he is. Go impress him yourself if you want, but don't waste your breath trying to brag to me."

La's face turned red with anger. "You should at least show some respect! How dare you not appreciate- are you even going to pay back the money?"

Without even looking her way, Robin replied dismissively, "Ask your boss. I'm not here to chat."

La was nearly fuming. As the head of SunEast Bank's Credit Department, and with her husband serving as an assistant to the deputy mayor, she wasn't used to being treated this way!

She pointed at Robin in frustration and snapped. "You! Are you avoiding a face-to-face conversation with me because I'm pretty?"

Robin didn't even look up. "Are you out of your mind? Do you even realize your age? At this point. "pretty" doesn't quite suit you."

His calm remark drew a few stifledughs from the young female staff nearby.

La was pissed off, her whole body trembling in anger. "You... I...

Her speech faltered as she struggled to express her outrage. Meanwhile, Jonah chuckled.

Furning, she stormed into the Sales Department's office to find Dominic.

"Mr. Stone, I'm furious! Just ignore that guy! How can anyone believe a word that guy says? If he doesn't transfer the 3.8 billion today-

"Alright, enough, Dominic cut her off with a weary sight.

At that moment, his phone rang. After ncing at the caller ID, he gestured for silence.

"It's a call from Mr. Barker at headquarters."

Dominic quickly straightened and answered, "Hello, Mr. Barker. What can I do for you?"

On the other end, Sebastian Barker's voice was seriotis, Dominic, just saw that our SunEast Bank Harmonfield branch is all over the news. What exactly is going on there?"

Dominic felt a chill run through him. "We were just handling a typical loan repayment. I have no idea how it became a trending topic

"Nonsense" Sebastian snapped.

"As I understand it, Ms. Shirley Dunn from the Dunns approached you this afternoon regarding Infinity Tower's loan repayment, She gave her word as a guarantee! Why did you shut down the repayment channel early?"

Not waiting for a response, Sebastian continued, "Ignoring Ms. Dunn's assurance and taking it upon yourself to proceed with foreclosing Infinity Tower waspletely out of line! Were you following personal biases, or did you take a bribe to make such an irresponsible decision?"

Sweat formed on Dominic's brow. He realized that he had acted impulsively.

But now that things had escted, he couldn't simply admit that his hasty decision was based on an iplete understanding of the Dunns' position and his misguided trust in Howard.

Struggling for words, he exined, "Mr. Barker, Ms. Dunn did call to discuss a possible guarantee for the loan on Infinity Tower, but she was vague and nomittal.

"With Southvale"snd being such a risky asset, I was concerned that if she forgot hermitment, we"d be in trouble."