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Robin smirked. "Daphne is in my service, so naturally, she and her team should treat me with respect."	
Veraughed out loud at Robin''s serious tone.	
"Robin, you lie so well-were you an acting major back in college? Haha!"	
Robin shook his head in exasperation. I don''t understand. Why is it that whenever I''m honest, you women never seem to believe me? "What''s wrong with this world? Do I really have to be full of lies for you to think I''m telling the truth?"	
Vera pointed at Robin's innocent-looking face, ughing so hard she was almost in tears.	
"Is it really that funny? Don"tugh too hard or you"ll pass out!" Robin muttered, shaking his head.	
"Fine, don"t believe me if you don"t want to! I"m hungry anyway. Let"s grab some breakfast across from that steakhouse up ahead."	
Vera managed to calm herself, wiping her tears ofughter. "Alright, I"ll stop teasing you.	

"Oh, by the way, did you hear? Alice"s grandfather ising back in a few days."
Robin nced at her, unconcerned. "So? What"s that got to do with me?"
"You really don"t want to see him, huh?" Vera asked, testing his reaction.
"Not at all," Robin replied with a dismissive snort.
Vera watched him for a long moment, then let out a knowing chuckle.
Robin nced down the road and saw a long line forming in front of a small street stall across from the steakhouse, where people were buying doughnuts and pancakes. "It"s been ages since I"ve had doughnuts," Robin said, visibly excited
He''d noticed the stall the night before and had been looking forward to it.
"Are you going to eat that stuff?" Vera wrinkled her nose. "I wouldn''t touch it. It''s junk food
Lin said m

"Fine, have it your way. More for me!" parking the car in the park.
He jumped out and strode across the street, eager to get his hands on some breakfast, The ce was bustling.
It was already 8:30 AM, but there was still a long line of people waiting for a hot breakfast.
Most of the customers were office workers and people from the surrounding area, all waiting patiently to get a taste of the famous doughnuts and pancakes from this popr stall. Robin eavesdropped on the conversations of the people ahead of him.
They were full of enthusiastic praise for the stall"s doughnuts, describing them as bothrge and delicious.
It was no surprise that the stall was so popr.
Judging by the length of the line, it looked like it would take another ten minutes or so before it was his turn.
But the thought of biting into that crispy doughnut and hot hash browns made the wait worth it.
Meanwhile, Vera sat in the car, watching Robin stand in line with a bemused smile.

Was all this tro	uble really worth it, just for some doughnuts, pancakes, and hash browns?
Especially on su	ich a cold morning?
	most luxurious mansion in Harmonfield, yet here he was, willing to wait in a long line at cost a few dors. This
is guy was some	ething else.
Was this dough	nut really that good?
As she thought	about it, a memory surfaced.
It had been yea interior.	rs since she''d tasted a doughnut, its crispy exterior giving way to a soft, fragrant
Thest time she'	'd had one was with her mother, years ago.
Suddenly, the n within her.	nemory of that vor, so strongly associated with her mother, awakened a deep craving

A little nostalgic,	she sent Robin a text, asking him to bring an extra order back for her.
Robin continued people were left.	o wait in line for nearly 15 minutes, and soon he was close to the front Only five
Just as he was pio	turing the taste of the doughnut, amotion broke out.
grabbed a young w	suddenly cut into the line, shoving past people to push himself in front of Robin. He oman in a id skirt and started groping her. "What are you doing? Let go of me!" the g as the contents of her bag spilled onto the ground.
At first, Robin tho	ught they might be a couple, but the girl"s cry made it clear.
They didn''t knov	each other at all.
And yet, there he world	was, harassing her right out in the open as it were the most normal thing in the
Robin noticed the	papers scattered on the ground.

It was the job application documents for the Dunns Group and the girl"s personal resume.
The disturbance had cruched some of her faterials underfoot
She was clearly on her way to an intere
Tether por Robin said sharply, in good mood evaporating
The stock men looked terer has shoulder at Robin, not loosening his grip on the girl.
Mind your team ferness, idiot Get lost, unless you're looking for trouble!"
Robin ced a firm found on the man''s shoulder. I said, let her go."
The man red, "Who the hell are you to butt in? She she''s my wife. I can do what I want with her!"
"I don"t care who she is to you. You"re ruining my mood so now I"m involved." Robin grabbed the man and yanked him out of line.
Seeing someone intervene, the girl quickly hid behind Robin. I don"t know him!" she whispered.



The thugughed, scanning the crowd smugly.
This littledy isn"tining. So why don"t you stop asking for trouble?
Robin let out a mocking chuckle. "If there''s trouble. I like to find it."
The thug''s face twisted in rage. "You wanna die, kid? Alright, let me show you what happens when you mess with met
He raised his fist and lunged at Robin.
The line in front of the doughnut stand
snake.
Everyone was suddenly hyper-aware of Robin''s situation.
A tense silence fell over the scene, no one daring to make a sound, let alone intervene,

After all, who wants to end up with a face full of knuckles just for trying to help?
Robin watched the thug''s punche toward him, shaking his head slightly
With a swift motion, he pped the man across the face
Smack! The sound was sharp and clear.
The force of Robin''s blowunched the chubby man off his feet.
He tumbled through the air like a ragdoll, crashing onto the curb a good ten to 13 feet away.
Dazed, hey there, seeing stars.
He never expected this slim young man to pack such a punch.
The girl in the id skirt, along with everyone at the breakfast stall, stared in astonishment.





"I bet that ck fat guy is no good either, probably the
"Robin"s probably in trouble again."