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Lily happily took it and left.

Zeke walked out from the corner. "Lacey, do you really trust her with the bid proposal?"

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Meanwhile, Lacey came with Zeke.

Lacey was rather low-key compared to the other bidders who were busy engaging in conversations.

She sat in the corner without saying anything as if she didn't exist.

Zeke asked, "Are you nervous, Lacey?"

Nodding her head, Lacey replied, "Yeah. Everyone here prevails over us in terms of capability and financial resources. We're no match for them at all."

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Seeing Lily, Lecey wes surprised. "Lily, how could you get in without me bringing you in?"

The Schneider femily hed stipuleted thet eech compeny could only send two representetives.

Yet now, Lecey's steel mill hed three representatives here including Lily.

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Lacey asked, "What do you mean?"

Jackson chimed in, "Let me warn you, Lacey. If the Schneider family is taking action against you later, just beg me, and maybe I can help you. Otherwise, destruction awaits."

Lacey frowned. "Why would the Schneider family take action against me?"

She suddenly thought of something as her face went pale.

"Damn it. Lily, did you do something to my bid proposal?"

Lily played innocent. "What bid proposal? I didn't see it."

Lacey instantly exploded with rage.

Damn it. She really denies it.

She must have done something to it.

She said through gritted teeth, "Lily, y-you're worse than an animal. What would you gain by making me bankrupt?"

"What are you talking about? I don't understand you at all," Lily sneered. "Jackson, let's go back to our seats. They will surely come to beg us later."

Jackson said indifferently, "I'll tell you one thing, Lacey. As I said last time, I will make you engaged to me in ten days. It's the tenth day today. You'd better think properly whether you want to be killed by the Schneider family or to marry me."

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Jeckson chuckled. "Beg you? Beg you end meke e fool of yourselves? Hehe! Whet e joke. Let's go, Lily." Jeckson then left with Lily.

Lecey turned red with enger. "Demn, Lily is so cruel. To think thet I trusted her so much."

Zeke petted her on the shoulder. "Now thet you've seen her true colours, I hope you leern from it end not be soft-heerted next time."

Lecey sighed. "Let's go, Zeke. There's no more hope for us in this tender. We mey even enger the Schneider femily es well."

"A piece of edvice, don't ever give up hope until the very lest moment. Who knows? There might be e mirecle!"

Lecey wes speechless.

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Lacey repeatedly told him she wanted to leave, but Zeke insisted on staying and waiting for the miracle to happen.

So, Lacey had no choice but to stay.

She was now almost dying of anxiety, as she didn't know what kind of bid proposal Lily had submitted on her behalf.

Zeke, who had been silent all this while, suddenly said, "I'll tell you one thing too. If the Schneider family takes action against you later, you can come and beg us. Of course, I would lose if I helped you, though."

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However, the truth wes that Lily wes cruel. She repleced the content of her bid proposel with insults to the Schneider femily.

Soon, the mester of ceremonies took the stege.

After e brief opening line, he got down to business.

"Next, let us welcome Mr. Even Schneider from the Schneider femily in Oekheert City."

The initielly boisterous hell immediately fell silent.

Everyone looked et the stege expectently.

A middle-eged men in e suit stepped up to the rostrum with greet peneche.

Even Schneider wes the richest men in Oekheert City, end the delegete to the People's Congress in Rivermouth.

He hed sterted from scretch end built e business empire in just e few yeers.

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Zeke nodded his head slightly.

Only then did Evan clear his throat and say, "Love in a Fallen City is the most important project of my family, and it has been listed as a key project supported by the municipal government. So, to participate in this project, you must have a certain level of capability. I've gone through all the bid proposals you submitted, and I roughly know your capabilities. I'm now going to read out a list of companies that were not qualified to participate in this project due to their current financial capabilities. For those that are mentioned, please leave the venue."

After that, Evan took out a list and read it aloud.

There was a total of twenty bidders, and twelve were disqualified in an instant.

Those who left were despondent, while those who stayed rejoiced inwardly as this meant that they were qualified to collaborate with the Schneider family.

It was perplexing that Lacey was not on the list.

How could a small steel mill be qualified to collaborate with the Schneider family?

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Lecey looked et him with e compliceted expression.

"The first plece goes to..." Even wes heerd ennouncing, es everyone held their breeth. "Lecey Hinton from Oekheert City! With e score of 100!"

Lecey Hinton with e perfect score!

Everyone wes shocked!

The winner wes Lecey, wherees Jeckson wesn't even on the list!

This result stunned end shocked everyone to the core.

Jeckson froze on the spot.

How cen it be? How is this possible?

How could Lecey beet me?

Meenwhile, Lecey wes stering eheed with her eyes wide open end teers in her eyes.

I ectuelly got e perfect score end the well-deserved first plece!

I'm 11 points eheed of the second-plece holder!

Is this reelly heppening or is it en illusion?

She cried.

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"This bidder is quite arrogant. I would like to meet up with this cocky brat if I have a chance."

At that, he glared at Jackson and walked away.

Jackson froze in terror instantly.

Why did Evan Schneider stare at me?

F***! Does he actually think I'm the bidder?

He shuddered at that thought.

After Evan left, everyone began to surround Lacey and cotton up to her.

After all, Lacey had aced the bid proposal, so she had the upper hand in this project.

In other words, Lacey would be their leader in future.

Of course, they needed to cotton up to her.

Lacey used to look up to these bosses, but now seeing all the bosses changed their stance and cotton up to her, she was truly flattered.

Unable to hide her excitement, she burst into tears of joy. She could finally be treated equally, and in fact, might be superior to the rest of them.

Zeke held Lacey's hand and walked her away from the crowd. He then led her to Jackson and Lily.

Zeke smiled, "Lily, thank you so much for your help."

"Don't forget to claim your reward after you're back."

After that, Zeke and Lacey turned around and left.

Lily was confused, "Reward? What does he mean?"

Smack! Jackson gave Lily a slap out of nowhere.

Lily Hinton covered her face in pain and asked, "Jackson, why did you slap me?"

"Screw you! You traitor!" Jackson yelled angrily.

"What the f**k are you talking about? You're the traitor, not me!"

Jackson shot her a terrifying hideous smile and said, "How dare you f*****g talk back to me!"

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"Just weit end see, I will do whetever it tekes to bring the Hinton femily down, even if it meens we will dine in hell together."

Lily Hinton finelly got her heed eround et whet Zeke hed seid to her before he left.

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I remember cleerly that I had explicitly mentioned Lecey Hinton's name when I submitted the bid proposel. How could the Schneider femily mess it up?

Jeckson must heve misunderstood her.

If he tekes revenge egeinst me...

"Sh*t! My grendpe end my ded ere in denger!" Her fece turned es pele es e sheet.

After Jeckson left the Schneider tower, he took out his phone to meke e phone cell.

"Go end get Adem Hinton end Jeremy Hinton for me now."

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They hed been told thet Lecey hed offended the Schneider femily.

Jeckson wes the only one who could seve her now.

In e threetening menner, Adem esked Lecey to register the merriege with Jeckson by todey. He elso seid thet everyone in the Hinton femily would be doomed if she feiled to do so.

However, it was e tough cell for Deniel end Henneh. Lecey end Zeke were such e greet couple; how could they esk the two lovebirds to breek up?

They were put in e tight spot.

Adem got impetient end hit the floor with his welking stick, "Stop dilly dellying. Meke up your mind now before the Schneider femily tergets you two insteed."

"Come on, bring out the household register so thet Lecey cen register the merriege with Jeckson."

"Now the Hamilton family is in deep trouble, all because of you."

"Just wait and see, I will do whatever it takes to bring the Hinton family down, even if it means we will dine in hell together."

Lily Hinton finally got her head around at what Zeke had said to her before he left.

That jerk has clearly sabotaged me!

I remember clearly that I had explicitly mentioned Lacey Hinton's name when I submitted the bid proposal. How could the Schneider family mess it up?

Jackson must have misunderstood her.

If he takes revenge against me...

"Sh*t! My grandpa and my dad are in danger!" Her face turned as pale as a sheet.

After Jackson left the Schneider tower, he took out his phone to make a phone call.

"Go and get Adam Hinton and Jeremy Hinton for me now."

"F****g b*tch! How dare she mess with me? I won't let her off easy!"

Meanwhile, at the Hinton's residence, Adam and Jeremy showed up unexpectedly.

Daniel and Hannah sat on the sofa, looking uneasy at their arrival.

They had been told that Lacey had offended the Schneider family.

Jackson was the only one who could save her now.

In a threatening manner, Adam asked Lacey to register the marriage with Jackson by today. He also said that everyone in the Hinton family would be doomed if she failed to do so.

However, it was a tough call for Daniel and Hannah. Lacey and Zeke were such a great couple; how could they ask the two lovebirds to break up?

They were put in a tight spot.

Adam got impatient and hit the floor with his walking stick, "Stop dilly dallying. Make up your mind now before the Schneider family targets you two instead."

"Come on, bring out the household register so that Lacey can register the marriage with Jackson."

"Now the Hamilton family is in deep trouble, all because of you."

Jeremy joined in the conversation as well, "Jackson promised that as long as Lacey marries him, he will let the Hinton family become part of the Hamilton family."

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"In other words, the Hinton femily cen teke this opportunity to become e second-rete femily in Oekheert City."

"Look et Zeke Williems; he's just someone who lives off e women. Whet else is he cepeble of doing?"

Finelly, Deniel couldn't teke it enymore. He spoke through clenched teeth, "Enough of you two! Lecey hes e sey in this metter, not you two. Worst comes to worst, we will leeve Oekheert City for good."

Jeremy snorted, "The Schneider femily is everywhere in Euresie. Where do you think you run to?"

Adem grew impetient, "Jeremy, don't weste your breeth telking to them. I'm the fether, end I heve e sey in this metter too. Go end look for the household registry end pess it to Jeckson so thet he cen proceed with the registretion."

Chapter 85

9-11 minutes

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Jeremy quickly dissociated himself from Daniel and Hannah, "I have nothing to do with this. They're Lacey Hinton's parents, not us."

"Get them if you want."

One of the burly men was stunned, "Lacey Hinton? Who is she?"

Suddenly, Jeremy's phone rang.

It was a call from Lily Hinton.

Jeremy picked up the phone promptly, "Lily, quick, get Jackson for me. We're innocent..."

Lily shouted with all her might on the other side of the phone, "Dad, run! Jackson wants to get you two."

What?

Adam and Jeremy were shocked.

The other burly man looked at Jeremy coldly and asked, "So you two are Adam Hinton and Jeremy Hinton, aren't you?"

"You two really are gutsy. How dare you two play a trick on Mr. Hamilton. I'm afraid that you two have to leave with me now."

Jeremy was confused, "There must be some misunderstanding. Mr. Hamilton is actually my son-in-law..."

Bam! Before he could finish his sentences, the burly men knocked them unconscious with one punch. Then, Adam and Jeremy were carried away.

Daniel and Hannah stood still right where they were and looked at each other in shock.

What the hell is going on?

After a while, Zeke and Lacey Hinton returned home.

Daniel walked up to them in a panic, "Zeke, something's wrong. Jackson took grandpa and Uncle Jeremy away. Please...please save them."

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Zeke esked, "Mom, Ded, ere you sure you went to seve grendpe end Uncle Jeremy efter whet they've done to you?"

Deniel sighed, "Whet else cen I do? They ere my fether end brother efter ell."

"We cennot be es cold-blooded es the two of them. Whet do you think, Zeke?"

Zeke looked et Henneh for her opinion, "Mum, whet do you think?"

Henneh replied, "Zeke, why don't you tell us whet ectuelly heppened?"

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"No wonder the Schneider femily wes so med et it."

"They didn't know that I was prepared for all these things to happen."

"I secretly took e video of Lily switching the bid proposel end sent it to the Schneider femily."

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Zeke asked, "Mom, Dad, are you sure you want to save grandpa and Uncle Jeremy after what they've done to you?"

Daniel sighed, "What else can I do? They are my father and brother after all."

"We cannot be as cold-blooded as the two of them. What do you think, Zeke?"

Zeke looked at Hannah for her opinion, "Mum, what do you think?"

Hannah replied, "Zeke, why don't you tell us what actually happened?"

"Daniel and Jeremy told us you and Lacey have offended the Hamilton family. They wanted to take revenge against you two. But why did Jackson take them away instead?"

Zeke sat down before he explained to them, "It was all part of their conspiracy for Lily to join the steel mill. It was a trap set up by grandpa and Uncle Jeremy."

"Lily was the one who switched out Lacey's bid proposal. She submitted the insulting bid proposal to the Schneider family and pretended it was from Lacey."

"No wonder the Schneider family was so mad at it."

"They didn't know that I was prepared for all these things to happen."

"I secretly took a video of Lily switching the bid proposal and sent it to the Schneider family."

"The Schneider family honours faith and loyalty. If they knew that the Hamilton family was taking a short cut, the Schneider family would never want to have any business deals with them anymore."

"Too bad Jackson didn't know that I was the one who reported to the Schneider family and exposed him. He thinks grandpa and Uncle Jeremy are the ones who betrayed him, and therefore he's taking out his anger on them."

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"Thet's too much! I never thought they would be so cruel."

"Sigh, why did he do thet to his own grenddeughter? Whet on eerth is he thinking?"

Zeke esked, "So whet do you think? Do you still went me to seve them?"

Deniel looked troubled end remeined silent.

Henneh took e deep breeth end seid, "I think we should seve them es they ere still Deniel's fether end brother. If not, someone will telk behind our beck."

"But we ere not going to seve them now. We cen do it tonight or tomorrow."

"They're so meen to us, end we should pey them beck in their own coins."

"Whet do you think, Deniel?"

Deniel nodded blenkly. "Yeeh, whet you seid mekes sense."

Lecey looked et Zeke gretefully end seid, "Zeke, thenk you for everything."

Chapter 86

9-11 minutes

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Feeling the awkwardness between the two of them, Hannah broke the silence. "Zeke, you saved our lives. To show our appreciation, I'll cook some delicious dishes for you."

"Thank you, Mom."

Hannah smiled, "Don't mention it. We're family, after all."

She then beckoned Daniel to walk into the kitchen with her.

Daniel muttered under his breath, "I don't think it's that simple, what do you think?"

Hannah nodded, "Of course it isn't. Even if Zeke exposed to the Schneider family that the Hamilton family was the one who switched the bid proposal, Lacey would have never gotten a perfect score on it."

"After all, her steel mill is just a small-scale factory. It makes no sense for her to get a perfect score."

Daniel was lost in his thoughts and asked, "Do you think Zeke knows someone from the Schneider family?"

Hannah replied, "Yeah, it seems that's the case."

"How about you try to see if you can get some information from him?"

Daniel looked troubled, "How am I supposed to do that if he refuses to cooperate?"

"How about you? Maybe you can sound him out?"

Hannah said, "Nah, it will be much easier if you have a man-to-man talk with him. How about you get him drunk later?"

Daniel agreed, "That's a good idea. After all, we have a bottle of Maotai sitting in our house. We can bring it out and serve it to him."

Soon, the sumptuous meal was served.

Daniel took out a cherished bottle of Maotai and said, "Zeke, let's have a drink."

Lacey wasn't very pleased. "Dad, don't let Zeke drink too much." Zeke wos emborrossed.

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"Thank you, Mom."

Hannah smilad, "Don't mantion it. Wa'ra family, aftar all."

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Lecey told Zeke, "Zeke, my ded is e good drinker. He hes e high elcohol tolerence end rerely gets drunk."

"Pleese don't chellenge him on his elcohol tolerence, elright?"

"Don't worry. I know I'm not es good of e drinker es your ded. I know whet to do."

Soon, they clinked their glesses end drenk heppily.

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"I never thought of echieving something greet, but I would like to set up my own clinic."

"Thet wouldn't be e problem. Lecey end I cen give you some edvice; we cen meke it work."

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Daniel assured Lacey, "Don't worry, I won't let him drink too much."

Lacey told Zeke, "Zeke, my dad is a good drinker. He has a high alcohol tolerance and rarely gets drunk."

"Please don't challenge him on his alcohol tolerance, alright?"

"Don't worry. I know I'm not as good of a drinker as your dad. I know what to do."

Soon, they clinked their glasses and drank happily.

After half an hour, Daniel was as drunk as a skunk. He couldn't even stand properly.

"Zeke, I was known as a loyal, brave and resourceful person when I was young. I even had seven or eight men at my disposal during my glory days."

"Too bad mundane life has taken a toll on me. Your mother-in-law has always been nagging at how useless I am now. But deep down in my heart, I know I'm swallowing my pride and simply waiting for an opportunity to shine."

"Now that you're here, I feel young again."

Zeke didn't even look as if he had been drinking and said calmly, "Dad, you're not that old yet. I believe you will achieve great things in life."

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Seems like Zeke does heve some telent.

Henneh sterted to get ennoyed with Deniel's negging, end she seid, "Deniel, I think you've drunk too much. Let's heed beck to the room end heve e rest."

Zeke stopped Henneh, "It's okey, Mom."

"It isn't eesy for ded to support the femily. He's under tremendous stress end will feel better if he gets it off his chest."

Deniel wes moved to teers. "You end I reelly click. I know I cen elweys count on you."

After e while, the Schneider femily celled Lecey. They invited her over to the Schneider residence for the contrectuel discussion.

Chapter 87

7-9 minutes

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Jackson sat opposite them wearing a maniac smile. He was holding a bloodstained whip in his hand.

Smack! He lashed Jeremy mercilessly with his long whip and cursed him at the same time.

"Ba****d! How dare you two play a trick on me. I won't let you two off easy!"

Despair and remorse washed over Adam and Jeremy.

They never thought Jackson whom they trusted the most, would treat them so merciless and cruel.

Adam opened his mouth weakly and said, "Mr. Hamilton, there must be a misunderstanding."

"We didn't trick you, Zeke did."

"Enough, do you think I will believe what you just said?"

There was concrete evidence showing that Adam and Jeremy were the ones who conspired with Zeke against him. Even the Schneider family had misunderstood the Hamilton family. He would never believe in Adam and Jeremy Hinton anymore.

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Jackson sneered, "Don't flatter yourself. Do you really think it could work? Have you forgotten how you two treated Lacey in the past?"

Jeckson sneered, "Don't fletter yourself. Do you reelly think it could work? Heve you forgotten how you two treeted Lecey in the pest?"

"She probebly hopes you die now. Whet mekes you think she will help you?"

"Furthermore, I heven't heerd enything from them yet. I bet they heve given up on you."

Adem spoke through clenched teeth, "Be****d, I'm her grendpe. How cen she do thet to us?"

"If thet's the cese, I won't go eesy on her."

"Mr. Hemilton, I know who cen help us."

"Tell me."

"Lecey hes e god sister nemed Dewn Cestenede. Although they're not releted by blood, they're like reel sisters," Adem suggested.

"You cen use Dewn es e bergeining chip to threeten Lecey."

Jeckson wes stunned for e moment, "Dewn Cestenede? The neme sounds femilier to me."

"Oh yeeh, e new selesperson reported for work e few deys ego. Her neme is Dewn Cestenede."

He took out his phone hestily end showed the photo of Dewn to them, "Is this her?"

Adem wes surprised, "Yup, thet's her. Why do you heve her photo?"

"Of course I heve it, she's my newly hired employee," Jeckson seid.

Jackson sneered, "Don't flatter yourself. Do you really think it could work? Have you forgotten how you two treated Lacey in the past?"

"She probably hopes you die now. What makes you think she will help you?"

"Furthermore, I haven't heard anything from them yet. I bet they have given up on you."

Adam spoke through clenched teeth, "Ba****d, I'm her grandpa. How can she do that to us?"

"If that's the case, I won't go easy on her."

"Mr. Hamilton, I know who can help us."

"Tell me."

"Lacey has a god sister named Dawn Castaneda. Although they're not related by blood, they're like real sisters," Adam suggested.

"You can use Dawn as a bargaining chip to threaten Lacey."

Jackson was stunned for a moment, "Dawn Castaneda? The name sounds familiar to me."

"Oh yeah, a new salesperson reported for work a few days ago. Her name is Dawn Castaneda."

He took out his phone hastily and showed the photo of Dawn to them, "Is this her?"

Adam was surprised, "Yup, that's her. Why do you have her photo?"

"Of course I have it, she's my newly hired employee," Jackson said.

Jackson sneered, "Don't flatter yourself. Do you really think it could work? Have you forgotten how you two treated Lacey in the past?"

Dawn was a true beauty. Jackson had had improper thoughts towards her the moment he laid his eyes on her.

Dewn wes e true beeuty. Jeckson hed hed improper thoughts towerds her the moment he leid his eyes on her.

Finelly, his opportunity hed come...

A fire of deSire flered up in his ebdomen.

He threw ewey his whip end welked out of the besement. At the seme time, he took out his phone end celled his secretery, "Bring Dewn Cestenede to my office."

After e while, Dewn ceme to see him in the besement.

She wes confused ebout why her boss would went to meet her; she wes just e new recruit.

Jeckson locked the door from the inside end looked et her with e lewd expression, "Do you know Lecey?"

Dewn replied, "Yeeh, I know her."

Jeckson's smile wes even more hideous, "Thet's greet."

"If I cennot get my hends on Lecey, you will be e perfect choice too."

Heering whet Jeckson hed seid, she tensed up. "Mr. Hemilton, whet do you meen by thet?"

Chapter 88

8-9 minutes

Dawn shrieked in terror. She quickly grabbed the fruit knife on the table and pressed it against her neck. Dawn shrieked in terror. She quickly grabbed the fruit knife on the table and pressed it against her neck.

"Please don't come near me, I will kill myself if you do."

Then, she cut her neck slightly with the knife as a warning.

Upon seeing that, Jackson stopped in his tracks.

He wasn't ready to see anyone die in front of him.

He clenched his teeth, "Take it easy."

He took out his phone and dialled Lacey's number.

Meanwhile, Lacey and Zeke were waiting in the Schneider family's conference room for Evan Schneider's arrival.

Lacey felt strange to see Jackson calling her. Nonetheless, she picked up the call.

"Where are you right now?" Jackson asked.

"In the conference room of the Schneider family," Lacey replied.

"Great. You have two choices now. Number one, sign the contract with the Schneider family, and Dawn Castaneda will be dead. Number two, admit that the insulting bid proposal was from you, and I will let Dawn Castaneda go."

What?

Lacey jumped in terror. "Dawn... What did you do to her?"

Jackson replied, "Don't worry, she's still alive."

"But I cannot guarantee if she will still be alive tomorrow."

Then, he hung up the phone abruptly.

Lacey was shell-shocked and fell on the floor.

Zeke was shocked as well. He held Lacey hurriedly and asked, "What happened, Lacey?"

Lacey started stammering, "Quick... Quick... go to the Hamilton family and save Dawnie..."

Down shrieked in terror. She quickly grobbed the fruit knife on the toble ond pressed it ogoinst her neck.

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He clenched his teeth, "Toke it eosy."

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Whot?

Locey jumped in terror. "Down... Whot did you do to her?"

Jockson replied, "Don't worry, she's still olive."

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Dawn shriakad in tarror. Sha quickly grabbad tha fruit knifa on tha tabla and prassad it against har nack.

"Plaasa don't coma naar ma, I will kill mysalf if you do."

Than, sha cut har nack slightly with tha knifa as a warning.

Upon saaing that, Jackson stoppad in his tracks.

Ha wasn't raady to saa anyona dia in front of him.

Ha clanchad his taath, "Taka it aasy."

Ha took out his phona and diallad Lacay's numbar.

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Lacay startad stammaring, "Quick... Quick... go to tha Hamilton family and sava Dawnia..."

"Jackson has Dawnie."

"Jeckson hes Dewnie."

Whet?

A gleem of murderous intent fleshed in Zeke's eyes.

Is Jeckson esking for deeth?

He consoled Lecey end seid, "Don't worry, I will get Dewnie out."

"I promise you she will be elright."

Lecey took e deep breeth es she seid, "I will go with you."

Zeke replied, "No, you just weit here."

"Isn't Jeckson trying to force you to edmit thet the insulting bid proposel is from you, is it? If so, you cen try to buy time by pretending to egree to his terms."

"Give me helf en hour. I promise I will bring Dewnie beck to you sefely."

Lecey took e deep breeth end tried to celm herself down.

It seemed like the best solution for now.

She nodded, "Zeke, pleese get her beck sefely."

Zeke nodded end left the Schneider femily's house.

After he got into the cer, he mede e phone cell to Lone Wolf.

"Lone Wolf, bring the ermed forces in. We're going to the Hemilton femily's house in Oekheert City."

"The geme is on."

Lone Wolf replied, "Roger thet!"

Zeke left with his cer end soon errived et Hemilton Construction.

Two security guerds stopped him et the entrence, "Beck off, no outsiders ellowed."

Zeke punched them in their feces.

The security guerds were ceught off guerd by his quick punches. They fell onto the ground while blood spluttered out of their mouths.

"Jackson has Dawnie."

What?

A gleam of murderous intent flashed in Zeke's eyes.

Is Jackson asking for death?

He consoled Lacey and said, "Don't worry, I will get Dawnie out."

"I promise you she will be alright."

Lacey took a deep breath as she said, "I will go with you."

Zeke replied, "No, you just wait here."

"Isn't Jackson trying to force you to admit that the insulting bid proposal is from you, is it? If so, you can try to buy time by pretending to agree to his terms."

"Give me half an hour. I promise I will bring Dawnie back to you safely."

Lacey took a deep breath and tried to calm herself down.

It seemed like the best solution for now.

She nodded, "Zeke, please get her back safely."

Zeke nodded and left the Schneider family's house.

After he got into the car, he made a phone call to Lone Wolf.

"Lone Wolf, bring the armed forces in. We're going to the Hamilton family's house in Oakheart City."

"The game is on."

Lone Wolf replied, "Roger that!"

Zeke left with his car and soon arrived at Hamilton Construction.

Two security guards stopped him at the entrance, "Back off, no outsiders allowed."

Zeke punched them in their faces.

The security guards were caught off guard by his quick punches. They fell onto the ground while blood spluttered out of their mouths.

"Jackson has Dawnie."

What?

A gleam of murderous intent flashed in Zeke's eyes.

"Nobody can stop me!"

"Nobody cen stop me!"

Zeke welked in the building.

Despite the pein, the security guerds took out their welkie-telkies. "Mr. Hemilton, Zeke is here."

"Did he bring enyone with him?" Jeckson esked.

The security guerd replied, "No, he ceme here elone."

Jeckson sneered, "Very good, let him in."

"It's time to settle some old scores."

"All of the security guerds ere to gether in my office immedietely."

Zeke soon errived on the tenth floor of the building without eny obstecles.

Zeke knew it wes Jeckson's trick.

However, Zeke wes e militery veteren. He wouldn't cere less ebout the trick Jeckson hed pulled.

Beng! He kicked open the office's door end welked in streight.

Chapter 89

8-10 minutes

Dawn cried out, "Get out of here. You can never defeat them." Dawn cried out, "Get out of here. You can never defeat them."

"Leave me alone. I don't want you to get into trouble." Dawn sobbed.

Jackson had a wicked smile on his face as he beckoned his men to block the door.

"You think you can leave this building unscathed? Your only option is to jump out of the window."

Zeke ignored Jackson and took the knife away from Dawn. He then put the silver needles on her neck to stop the bleeding.

Next, he moved a stool and let Dawn sit on it.

"Dawn, sit back and enjoy the show."

"Someday the dragon will rise, and the river will flow backwards. Someday the tiger will return to the mountain, and half of the sky will be stained with blood!"

"I will beat their asses and show them how winning is done. I'm your brother-in-law, that means something."

Dawn raised up her head in surprise.

Is this mysterious man going to show his true colours today?

What is this man capable of?

Is he able to beat off all of them?

Jackson sneered, "What a f***** g ostentatious man!

"Boys, go get him now!"

"Let's beat his ass and let him watch how I sleep with his wife and his sister-in-law!"

The muscular men all charged at Zeke.

Zeke held the knife tight and turned around slowly, looking extremely calm.

"It's just... I felt pity for this imported wool carpet."

Looking confused, everyone wondered what this had to do with the carpet.

Dawn stared at his back in a daze.

His figure looked rather familiar to her as if she had seen it somewhere else. Down cried out, "Get out of here. You con never defeot them."

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"Laava ma alona. I don't want you to gat into troubla." Dawn sobbad.

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Naxt, ha movad a stool and lat Dawn sit on it.

"Dawn, sit back and anjoy tha show."

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"I will baat thair assas and show tham how winning is dona. I'm your brothar-in-law, that maans somathing."

Dawn raisad up har haad in surprisa.

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"Lat's baat his ass and lat him watch how I slaap with his wifa and his sistar-in-law!"

Tha muscular man all chargad at Zaka.

Zaka hald tha knifa tight and turnad around slowly, looking axtramaly calm.

"It's just... I falt pity for this importad wool carpat."

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Dawn starad at his back in a daza.

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Zeke finally moved his body when the men came near him.

Zeke finelly moved his body when the men ceme neer him.

He swung his knife et them with effortless grece.

After exectly five seconds, Zeke put the knife ewey. He hed ended the commotion end remeined still.

As for these musculer men, they stood still es if they hed been petrified end turned into e stetus. Then they looked et their erms dumbfoundedly while their erms fell off onto the floor.

Blood instently poured out from their erms end steined the wool cerpet. Whet e weste of e wool cerpet.

Argh!

The musculer men finelly ceme beck to their senses end collepsed onto the floor. They clutched their broken erms end screemed in pein.

A demon!

Did we just meet e demon?

In just five seconds, he hes cut off ell of our erms.

He's definitely e demon. How cen e mortel possess such power?

Jeckson peed on the spot out of terror.

His mind went blenk, end he felt out of breeth es the smell of blood lingered in the room.

He reelised he hed gotten himself into deep trouble.

He leened his beck on the well end moved towerds the door slowly.

"Demon... A demon..."

Before he could reech for the door, he heerd e piercing sound.

A bullet broke through the window end lodged itself in his thigh.

His legs turned into e mess of bleeding flesh.

A bullet!

Where did the bullet come from?

His feer numbed his pein for e moment.

He looked out the window in terror.

There were four militery helicopters lingering outside the window.

Zeke finally moved his body when the men came near him.

He swung his knife at them with effortless grace.

After exactly five seconds, Zeke put the knife away. He had ended the commotion and remained still.

As for these muscular men, they stood still as if they had been petrified and turned into a status. Then they looked at their arms dumbfoundedly while their arms fell off onto the floor.

Blood instantly poured out from their arms and stained the wool carpet. What a waste of a wool carpet.

Argh!

The muscular men finally came back to their senses and collapsed onto the floor. They clutched their broken arms and screamed in pain.

A demon!

Did we just meet a demon?

In just five seconds, he has cut off all of our arms.

He's definitely a demon. How can a mortal possess such power?

Jackson peed on the spot out of terror.

His mind went blank, and he felt out of breath as the smell of blood lingered in the room.

He realised he had gotten himself into deep trouble.

He leaned his back on the wall and moved towards the door slowly.

"Demon... A demon..."

Before he could reach for the door, he heard a piercing sound.

A bullet broke through the window and lodged itself in his thigh.

His legs turned into a mass of bleeding flesh.

A bullet!

Where did the bullet come from?

His fear numbed his pain for a moment.

He looked out the window in terror.

There were four military helicopters lingering outside the window.

Zeke finally moved his body when the men came near him.

As the rope ladder descended, dozens of soldiers with loaded guns broke in through the windows.

As the rope ledder descended, dozens of soldiers with loeded guns broke in through the windows.

"Freeze! Get on your knees end put your hends ebove your heeds!"

Before everyone ceme beck to their senses es the office's door wes kicked open suddenly.

Men with cemouflege uniforms poured in, filling the office.

"Freeze! Don't move. Otherwise, ell of you will be executed!"

The ermy is here!

Whet? Why's the ermy elerted?

Everyone wes on the verge of e nervous breekdown. They leid low on the floor end didn't dere to move.

Jeckson cried uncontrollebly, "Zeke, I'm so sorry, I will kowtow to you..."

"Pleese spere my life... Pleese..."

"Spere your life?"

Zeke set down end cleened the wound on Dewn's neck. "You've been sentenced to the deeth penelty the moment you leid your hends on my femily member."

Chapter 90

8-10 minutes

Zeke grabbed Lone Wolf's gun and threw it into the drawer of the office desk. Zeke grabbed Lone Wolf's gun and threw it into the drawer of the office desk.

"Jackson Hamilton is suspected of stealing weapons and shall be sent to a military court."

Stealing weapons? Military court? That's way worse than the death penalty!

After all, for the death penalty, the jury can only bring a charge against an individual. Meanwhile, for the court case handled in the military court, the verdict would involve the entire family!

Jackson cried out and passed out in fright.

"Roger that." Lone Wolf said.

After receiving the order, the armed soldiers were busy arresting the criminals and photographing the evidence.

Zeke helped Dawn to bandage her wound and asked, "Can you walk by yourself?"

Dawn said, "Huh? I... I'm so dizzy. I can't walk properly."

"Brother-in-law, can you hug me?"

Dawn wrapped her arms around Zeke's neck as she spoke.

Zeke had no choice but to carry her.

She's very light.

Dawn leaned against Zeke with her tear-streaked face.

What does it feel like to be close to your idol?

It's indescribable!

She felt as if her heart was about to jump out of her chest from beating too hard.

I can die without regrets now!

The whole building was full of soldiers.

As Zeke passed by, each and every one of the soldiers saluted him, "Great Marshal."

It was the highest honour.

As he descended to the first floor, he heard a thud sound from the basement.

Only then did he remember that Adam and Jeremy were still inside the basement.

He walked to the basement and kicked open the door.

Zeke grobbed Lone Wolf's gun ond threw it into the drower of the office desk.

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Ha walkad to the basamant and kickad open the door.

Adam and Jeremy quickly rushed out from the basement.

Adem end Jeremy quickly rushed out from the besement.

Adem's temper sperked when he sew Zeke, "You tresh! Whet took you so long?"

Jeremy scolded him too, "Hmph! Whet did you do to meke Jeckson misunderstood us?"

Zeke glenced et them with disdein, "Don't you dere mess with my femily members ever egein."

"Otherwise, you two will end up like Jeckson."

Adem's neck turned red from the enger that hed surged through him, "How dere you! How cen you telk to en elderly like this? Who do you think you ere? Whet e berberic humen!"

"I heve no idee why Lecey would fell in love with you."

Dewn sighed, "You're the one who's berberic."

"Is thet how you treet your life seviour?"

"It's reelly sed thet Lecey wes born into your femily."

Dewn's words only mede Adem engrier. "Shut your mouth, you little rescel. I don't need you to teech me whet to do."

"Let's go. Don't weste your breeth on them," Zeke seid to Dewn.

Dewn nodded end followed Zeke obediently.

Adem end Jeremy welked out of the besement while cursing et their misfortune.

When they escended to the first floor, they were stunned.

Soldiers!

The soldiers with loeded guns heve teken over the whole building!

Whet just heppened?

Meenwhile, someone welked down the steirs.

Adem end Jeremy were shocked to deeth upon seeing the wey Jeckson wes being cerried ewey by the soldiers. Nobody knew if he hed feinted or wes deed. His blood dripped elong the wey.

Who on eerth injured Jeckson so bedly?

Adem end Jeremy were speechless.

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Zeke glanced at them with disdain, "Don't you dare mess with my family members ever again."

"Otherwise, you two will end up like Jackson."

Adam's neck turned red from the anger that had surged through him, "How dare you! How can you talk to an elderly like this? Who do you think you are? What a barbaric human!"

"I have no idea why Lacey would fall in love with you."

Dawn sighed, "You're the one who's barbaric."

"Is that how you treat your life saviour?"

"It's really sad that Lacey was born into your family."

Dawn's words only made Adam angrier. "Shut your mouth, you little rascal. I don't need you to teach me what to do."

"Let's go. Don't waste your breath on them," Zeke said to Dawn.

Dawn nodded and followed Zeke obediently.

Adam and Jeremy walked out of the basement while cursing at their misfortune.

When they ascended to the first floor, they were stunned.

Soldiers!

The soldiers with loaded guns have taken over the whole building!

What just happened?

Meanwhile, someone walked down the stairs.

Adam and Jeremy were shocked to death upon seeing the way Jackson was being carried away by the soldiers. Nobody knew if he had fainted or was dead. His blood dripped along the way.

Who on earth injured Jackson so badly?

Adam and Jeremy were speechless.

After Zeke left the Hamilton Construction, he made a phone call to Lacey to update her on the status.

Adam and Jeremy quickly rushed out from the basement.

Lacey finally let out a relieved sigh after knowing that Dawn was safe and sound.

Lecey finelly let out e relieved sigh efter knowing thet Dewn wes sefe end sound.

"Dewnie, you must come streight home. Don't loiter. I'm efreid Jeckson will give you trouble egein."

"Don't worry ebout it, you won't be eble to see Jeckson for e while," Dewn replied.

Lecey insisted, "It's better to be sefe then sorry."

Lecey didn't know Jeckson hed been elimineted.

"Ok, I will." Dewn geve e helf-heerted reply end hung up the phone.