

*What?*

Xavier's mind was all over the place when he read Zeke's text and found out it had something to do with the herb plantation.

The nation kept the classified information regarding the herb plantation under wraps because it would affect the performance of Eurasia's militants.

In other words, the plan would directly impact the performance of the nation's security level.

Such confidential information shouldn't have had been leaked to an ordinary citizen in the first place.

Xavier was already drenched in sweat when he received Zeke's text. He replied, *Don't worry Great Marshal, I will investigate what's going on immediately!*

Half an hour later, Lacey and her family finally made their way to the Grand Millenium Hotel.

Hannah's family was already waiting for them by the entrance.

Lacey's old-fashioned grandmother, potbellied uncle, aunty with heavy makeup, and their children were present.

Hannah exhorted them once again before getting

out of the car, “Remember what I said! If anyone from my family asks about the old geezer's whereabouts, tell them he's currently hospitalized and won't be able to join us.”

“Otherwise, I won't be able to return to my family in the future.”

Daniel nodded with a look of guilt. “Alright.”

Hannah got out of the car and greeted her family enthusiastically, “Mom, brother, sister, you guys are here so early today!”

She was embarrassed as they merely nodded indifferently in return.

Lacey took the initiative and greeted them as well. “Grandma, uncle, aunty! How's everyone doing?”

Lacey's grandmother finally put on a smile the moment she saw Lacey.

She had always looked down on Daniel. Back when Hannah insisted on marrying Daniel, she had been irritated.

Throughout the years, Lacey's grandmother's attitude had always been indifferent whenever she ran into Hannah and Daniel.

If it weren't because of Lacey, she wouldn't even want to head over to Oakheart City.



Meanwhile, Lacey's uncle and aunty were as aloof as they always had been. They ignored Lacey when she greeted them.

However, Lacey's grandmother held her hands firmly and said, "My dear, I believe I have told you this countless times! You have to eat more! Look at how skinny you are!"

Lacey stuck her tongue out playfully. "Grandma, I did put on some weight, okay? Perhaps the food contributed to my height more than my weight."

She managed to win her grandmother over with her playfulness. Her grandmother grinned, feeling overjoyed.

In the meantime, Daniel handed over a cigarette to his brother-in-law. "Brother, join me for a cigarette."

Daniel's brother-in-law took the cigarette he handed him. He was irritated when he realized it was a premium brand. "Daniel, are you trying to pretend you're rich? I'm sure you're aware of your family's condition, right? Stop smoking such premium cigarettes!"

"I have a higher position and earn more than you, but the cigarette I smoke is merely an ordinary brand."

"Do you really think others will adore you because of the premium cigarette you smoke? To be honest, you're but a joke to others!"

Daniel nodded humbly and remained silent as his brother-in-law rambled on and on, hoping to teach him a lesson.

His brother-in-law was a government official and held the position of a section chief for a bureau. He despised sole proprietors like Daniel the most.

His children would condemn Daniel for what he did as well, let alone him. Daniel had already gotten used to how things were and decided to let it be.

Daniel was well known for being a cowardly son-in-law.

Lacey's aunt was irritated by her mother and Lacey's interaction. "I believe that's enough mom. Let's continue catching up once we're inside, okay? I don't want to delay my beloved daughter's birthday."

Hannah was shocked. "Shirley's birthday?"

Her sister explained, "Yes! It's Shirley's twenty-fifth birthday today."

Hannah replied as though she was begging for mercy, "Sister, twenty-fifth birthday isn't as important as the coming of age ceremony for Lacey's twenty-third birthday, right?"

"Why don't you celebrate Shirley's birthday on another day? I delayed Lacey's birthday



celebration during Lacey's coming of age ceremony as well.”

Her sister defended herself, “Do you mean your daughters' birthday is worthy of celebration while my daughters' isn't? Do you have any idea what you're talking about?”

“I mean, I don't mind delaying her birthday celebration either, but I'm afraid Shirley's boyfriend won't allow it. He's throwing her a birthday party at the Grand Millenium Hotel.”

“You guys must have been lucky! You will get to carry out the coming of age ceremony due to Shirley.”

“Oh! Shirley's boyfriend is from the military. They're considered to be part of the upper echelon. Please behave yourself later on and keep the shabby part of yours to yourself. I don't want him to look down on us.”



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Hannah immediately explained herself when she heard her sister's words. "Sister, Zeke has also reserved a hall for Lacey's ceremony."

Her sister chuckled the moment she heard Hannah's word. "Do you think this is your neighbourhood fast-food restaurant? Not everyone gets to reserve the hall of the Grand Millenium Hotel."

"You need to be a member of the hotel if you want to enter the hotel. Do you even have a member card?"

Hannah looked at Zeke.

Zeke shook his head. "We don't need one of those to enter the hotel."

*What a joke. Grand Millenium Hotel belongs to me. It's a present for Lacey. Why would I need a member card?*

*Pffft!*

Hannah sister's and her fellow siblings burst out laughing hysterically. "Seriously? Just who do you think you are to be able to enter the hotel without a member card?"

"What a fool! It seems like you've never visited such a high-class hotel, huh? Aren't you embarrassed by your own bluff?"



Hannah's sister reached for the member card she had and led everyone into the hotel.

Lacey's grandmother looked at Daniel and took a peek at Zeke. She raised her concern with an awful expression on her face, "Sigh... What the hell went wrong? My in-laws are getting worse each generation."

Lacey's face was flushed when she heard her grandmother's words. "Grandma, Zeke is not as pathetic as you think he is. He's quite a capable man."

Lacey's grandmother was heartbroken and held her hand firmly. "Sigh... My poor granddaughter... It's fine as long as he's the man you love. I'll keep whatever I have in mind to myself."

Hannah's face turned pale all of a sudden. "Daniel, it turns out Shirley is celebrating her birthday today as well."

"Sigh... I know my sister better than anyone else. She will definitely steal the limelight from Lacey."

"We don't get your dad's support either... I'm afraid the coming of age ceremony will head south soon..."

"Sigh... Poor Lacey... She deserves a better life..."

Daniel felt guilty and inferior. "My dear, let's deal with whatever is in store for us accordingly."

"I'll give my dad a call and try to get him over again."

Hannah cradled her forehead. "Sigh. Just forget about it. If that's the case, we'll just celebrate Lacey's coming of age ceremony after everyone from my family leave."

"Poor Lacey. She doesn't even get to receive other's blessings during her coming of age ceremony."

Daniel lowered his head as he blamed himself for being such a useless man.

Meanwhile, Hannah's sister led everyone into the hotel using her member card.

Zeke stopped all of a sudden right when they passed by, Couleur, the most luxurious suite in the hotel. He invited Lacey and her parents, "Dad, mom, Lacey, this way, please."

Daniel and Hannah headed into the suite without any hesitation.

However, Hannah's sister shrieked and stopped them almost instantly, "Mr. Williams, what the hell do you think you are doing?"

"This is the most luxurious suite in the hotel. Only the elites from the upper echelons have the rights to access the suite. We're talking about people such as the mayor and Oakheart City's top



conglomerate leaders.”

“Shirley's boyfriend reserved a normal suite on the second floor.”

Zeke replied nonchalantly, “Oh, but this is the suite I've reserved.”

*Pffft!*

They laughed at Zeke once again. “Does that mean you're as influential as Oakheart City's top conglomerate's leader or the mayor?”

“Hahaha! You must have lost your mind after all those years behind bars, right?”

Zeke ignored Hannah's sister and insisted, “Dad, mom, Lacey, let's go in.”

Hannah and Daniel knew Zeke would never have made things up. Hence, they entered the suite as invited.

Hannah's sister scolded Zeke, “Hmph! You're embarrassing me!”

“Please don't tell the hotel's employees we're related. I don't want to be chased out of the hotel with you guys!”

Suddenly, the receptionist's mind was blown away when she detected Zeke's presence.

*What the hell! Mr. Williams is here, but why is he alone? Where are the waitresses?*

*I have told the guards over and over again, at least ten times!*

The receptionist was afraid she would offend Zeke. Hence, she sent ten waitresses into the suite immediately.



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Actually, the guards had been on the lookout for Mr. Williams all along.

However, Zeke had been hidden amongst the crowd back then. Hence, the guards had failed to detect his presence.

Hannah's siblings stepped aside away from her family, the moment the receptionist rushed over with the waitresses. "Hurry up and leave Hannah and her family alone! I don't want to get involved!"

They thought the receptionist was there to chase Lacey and her family away.

However, their jaw dropped open almost instantly when they saw what happened next.

The receptionist and the waitresses rushed into the suite and bowed respectfully. "We sincerely welcome the arrival of our reputable guests."

Then they immediately served them their beverages. "Dear reputable guests, please hold on. We will serve the dishes you've ordered immediately."

They stood aside on standby after they finished serving Lacey and her family their beverages.

Zeke took a peek at them and instructed, "Please leave us alone."

The waitresses were confused because it was

against the rules.

Usually, that particular suite would require at least ten waitresses to serve the guests.

“Get out!” shouted Zeke.

*They don't have the rights to be here to witness Lacey's coming of age ceremony.*

The receptionist couldn't do anything about it either and simply nodded. “Alright, sir. Please reach out to us if there's anything you might need.”

She then quickly led the waitresses out with her.

The receptionist warned with a callous tone when she passed by Hannah's siblings, “Please stay away from this particular suite. We do not want anyone to interrupt our reputable guests.”

Hannah's siblings were stupefied; they couldn't comprehend what was going on.

*What the hell? Did Zeke really reserve this particular suite?*

*But... he's an ex-convict, right? He couldn't possibly have the capability to reserve such a premium suite, right?*

In the end, Hannah's brother was the first to return to his senses. “We're actually here together.”



“Together?” The receptionist turned around and looked at Zeke to seek for his orders.

Although reluctant, Zeke nodded.

The receptionist's expression finally eased up. “I apologize for the misunderstanding. This way, please.”

Although Hannah's siblings had no idea what was going on, they finally made their way into the suite.

Hannah's sister whispered into her daughter's ear, “Shirley, what exactly is going on?”

Shirley was confused as well. However, she tapped on her head before long and told her mother, “I know what's going on! My boyfriend told me he had a surprise for me! If I'm not mistaken, perhaps this suite is the surprise he had been talking about!”

“Don't forget that Jayden is part of the military. I'm sure he has the rights to reserve this suite as well.”

Hannah's sister asked with a confused look, “How did Zeke figure out this particular suite was reserved by Jayden?”

“Do they know each other?”

Shirley replied, “I'll ask him.”

“Zeke, do you know my boyfriend, Jayden Hill?”

“Jayden Hill? The one from the Hill village?” Zeke knitted his eyebrows and asked in return.

Shirley nodded immediately. “Yes! That's him!”

Zeke replied indifferently, “I do.”

*Jayden is about to get married to Sandra, wasn't he? How did he become Shirley's boyfriend instead?*

*It seems like he's a playful one, huh? How dare he sit on the fence and engage in two relationships at once?*

*If I get Sandra over... If she realizes Jayden is celebrating another woman's birthday...*

*Sigh! I guess I'll do Douglas a favour and help Sandra this once!*

*I'll get her to discover who Jayden really is. I don't want her to live a miserable life either.*

Zeke texted Douglas. *Douglas, please get your sister to drop by the Grand Millenium Hotel immediately.*

Hannah's sister and Shirley heaved a sigh of relief because they thought Zeke was acquainted with Jayden.

*It turns out that this suite has been reserved by Jayden.*



*It seems like Jayden is far more influential than what I had in mind.*

*I knew it! Hannah's son-in-law is but an ex-convict! He couldn't possibly have reserved this particular suite.*

Suddenly, Shirley's phone rang. She received a call from Jayden.



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Shirley picked up the phone and asked, "Jayden, where are you? Why aren't you here yet?"

Jayden replied, "I'm here. I'm waiting for you guys at the suite on the second floor. Where are you guys?"

Shirley replied, "We're in Couleur."

Suddenly, Jayden was shocked. "What are you guys doing in that suite? Hurry up and get out! We're not supposed to be in there! We don't have the rights to be there!"

Shirley chuckled when she heard Jayden's words. "Jayden, your acting skills are impressive! I almost fell for your act!"

"Stop lying to me! The surprise you told me about is Couleur, right? You've reserved the most luxurious suite for me, haven't you?"

Jayden was confused by Shirley's words.

*I don't have the rights to reserve Couleur. This must have been a misunderstanding.*

However, Jayden decided to play along since Shirley had already misperceived things. He wanted to show his capability and conquer Shirley.

He laughed diffidently, "Haha! How did you manage to figure it out? It was supposed to be a surprise!"



“Wait for me! I'll be there immediately!”

Shirley cast a contemptuous gaze at Zeke after she hung up the call. “Hmph! Jayden was the one who reserved this suite! How dare you lie to us? Have you no shame at all?”

Hannah's sister mocked Zeke as well, “You know, it's really fine to be poor, but it's not fine to pretend as though you're rich when you aren't!”

Lacey and her family were stupefied.

*Did Jayden really reserve this suite? Did Zeke really attempt to take the credit?*

*Zeke wouldn't have done such a thing, right?*

Lacey's grandmother stepped forward and diverted everyone's attention to another topic.

“Daniel, where's your father? He should be here to witness Lacey's coming of age ceremony, right?”

Daniel stuttered, “My dad is sick... He's currently hospitalized... He won't be joining us...”

“Jeez! Sick? Stop lying to us!” Hannah's brother broke the silence all of a sudden.

“Everyone knows how much he despises you! I'm sure he refuses to join us because of you, right?”

“Hmph! What a shame! To think that a man will end up being a wimp like you!”

Daniel felt a sudden flush of embarrassment because they managed to see right through his lies.

Meanwhile, Jayden finally showed up in the suite.

"I'm so sorry, everyone. I got caught up with a certain something just now."

"Jayden, where were you?" asked Shirley coquettishly.

Jayden told her, "I was away to get your birthday present ready for you."

Shirley's eyes gleamed all of a sudden. "Birthday present? You were away for such a long time! It must be another huge surprise, right? I can't wait to figure out what it is!"

Hannah's sister pointed at Zeke and asked, "Jayden, do you know this fella?"

Jayden was shocked when he saw Zeke.

*What a day! Why the hell is he here? To think that I will run into my arch enemy right here out of everywhere else!*

*It's his fault! He was the one who persuaded Reinz Pharmaceutical to demolish the Hill village! He was the reason Sam scolded me!*

*I must get my revenge!*



Jayden replied in an odd manner, "I do. Of course, I do!"

"He's Douglas's ex-convict friend, right? We were drinking together last night."

Hannah's sister asked curiously, "Douglas? Who is that?"

Jayden went on and explained, "Douglas! I'm sure you guys know him as well! He's the one who used to make a living by stealing car batteries."

*Hahaha!*

Everyone laughed when they heard what Jayden said.

Douglas was well known as he tended to make a fool out of himself. Everyone despised him and his existence.

*Zeke's but an ex-convict! It makes sense for him to befriend someone of sorts!*

Jayden teased Zeke sarcastically, "Zeke, I'm so envious of you! You have such a famous friend!"

The crowd laughed even harder when they heard Jayden's words.

Lacey and her family felt humiliated like never before.

All they wanted was to bury their heads in the sand and ignore their words.

Zeke replied nonchalantly all of a sudden, “Jayden, do you know Douglas' sister, Sandra?”

“Sandra has always talked about you in front of me. Why don't we get her to join us?”



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Jayden turned slightly uneasy when he heard Sandra's name.

He had gotten engaged to Sandra a long time ago. The woman took their relationship seriously.

She would definitely wreak havoc if she had any idea about the affair Jayden had been having with another woman behind her back.

Perhaps Sandra might go berserk and teach him a lesson if that was the case.

He glared at Zeke and changed the topic immediately. "It's Shirley's birthday today. Let's forget about that ex-convict. He's such a jinx!"

"Shirley, come check out the gift I have prepared for you! Do you like it?"

Jayden reached for the three carats diamond ring he prepared as he finished his sentence. It was an elegant and flamboyant ring.

Shirley's eyes gleamed the moment she saw the ring. "Wow! It's beautiful!"

Each and every youngster in the room was attracted by the diamond ring. They began to praise and talk about it excitedly.

"This diamond ring is at least three carats, right? That means it must have cost at least seventy thousand!"

“Brother-in-law is such a romantic man! I'm so jealous of Shirley!”

“If someone were to present me with such a huge diamond ring, I would definitely get married to him immediately!”

Jayden asked with a bright smile on his face, “Shirley, do you like it?”

Shirley was overjoyed as it was all over her face. “I do! I love it! Please put it on for me!”

“Sure!” Jayden put it on for Shirley just as she requested with a grin on his face.

Shirley deliberately waved her hand to show off her ring in front of Lacey.

Jayden turned around and told Hannah's sister, “Aunt, thank you for taking care of Shirley throughout the years.”

“You deserve to steal the limelight during her birthday because you have suffered the most to bring Shirley to this world years ago.”

“Here's a present for you. Please accept it as a token of appreciation.”

Jayden reached for another scroll and handed it over to Hannah's sister.

Hannah's sister was surprised and delighted.



“What? There's a present for me too? What is this?”

She opened the scroll carefully while Jayden explained the origin of the present, “It's a masterpiece from Vincent van Gogh. Yesterday, I bade this particular drawing for five hundred thousand.”

“What? Vincent van Gogh's masterpiece worthy of five hundred thousand?” Hannah's sister was shocked.

“Jayden, you've spent over a million for us within a day! I... I can't express how grateful I am...”

Jayden replied, “The amount involved meant nothing to me! As long as aunt and Shirley are happy, it's worth it!”

“Good! Good!” Hannah's sister adored the masterpiece as she praised Jayden repetitively.

The other youngsters approached Hannah's sister to check on the masterpiece and praised Jayden as well.

Hannah's brother reached for the present he prepared and handed it over to Shirley. “Shirley, I have no idea what you may fancy, but I heard that the youngsters nowadays are crazy over the makeup collection launched by YSL lately.”

“I made use of my connections and got you a set. I

hope you will love it.”

Shirley was thrilled, “Thank you, uncle! I have always wanted to get a set of this collection. It's a limited-edition collection! I might not have been able to get it if it weren't because of you!”

“Uncle is the best! I want to be part of the government officials like you in the future!”

Hannah's brother smiled and nodded. “Sure! I'll talk to the people of my department and get you a position under me.”

“Lacey, here's a present for you as well.”

“You're a businesswoman. As the saying goes, nothing beats experience. I bought this book for you. Hopefully, it will be useful for you.”

The book cost nothing more than a few bucks. It was nothing as compared to the limited edition makeup collection, which easily cost ten or twenty thousand.

It barely qualified as a gift. It seemed as though he was trying to insult Lacey.

Although Lacey's mind was all over the place, she accepted it politely. “Thank you, uncle.”

Hannah's sister asked all of a sudden, “Hannah, Jayden and Shirley's uncle have presented Shirley with her gifts. Have you prepared your gift as



well?"

Hannah stuttered and couldn't bring herself to reply her sister.

*We have nothing to give her! She didn't even notify us that she would be throwing Shirley a birthday party!*

*Apart from that, it's Lacey's coming of age ceremony today! They should be the ones presenting Lacey with her gifts instead!*

*She's trying to pick on us on purpose, right?*



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Hannah's sister heaved a long sigh. "Forget about it. I mean, everyone knows how your family's condition is. What could you have possibly prepared, right?"

"It's fine. At least we don't have to suffer a loss when we try to return the gift."

Daniel's eyes welled up as he blamed himself for everything.

He blamed himself for not being capable enough. Daniel felt as though he was the reason why his family was being humiliated along with him.

Hannah's mom grew irritated and rolled her eyes when she noticed her son-in-law's reaction.

*What an unlucky day! Why did I allow him to become my son-in-law again? He's such a wimp! One who can't even defend his own wife and daughter!*

*It seems like I have to take things in hand again.*

Lacey's grandmother reached for a worn-out handkerchief and told Lacey, "Today is your coming of age ceremony. You will officially be an adult after today, Lacey."

"I don't want you to live a lavish life, nor do I want you to make it big in life. All I want is a happy life for you for the rest of your life."



“This gold bracelet is a family heirloom. Please accept this, okay?”

Lacey's eye brimmed with tears because her grandmother was the only one who loved her.

However, Hannah's sister said, “Mom, your eldest granddaughter is right here. Don't you think you should present her with her gift first?”

Lacey's grandmother comforted Hannah's sister. “Don't worry, I've prepared Shirley's gift as well. This silver bracelet is for Shirley.”

Hannah's sister sneered, “Mom, don't you think you're overly biased? Are you seriously going to give your eldest granddaughter a silver bracelet while you give your youngest granddaughter a gold bracelet?”

Lacey's grandmother had an odd expression on her face, “Everyone only gets to go through the coming of age ceremony once in a lifetime. We can always celebrate Shirley's birthday another time. Just give in to your sister's family for once, okay?”

Hannah's sister asked, “Give in to her? Nope! I refuse to do such a thing!”

“Shirley has a diamond ring on. Do you think a silver bracelet will be able to complement the ring she has? The gold bracelet seems more like it.”

“I mean, do you seriously think Lacey deserves the gold bracelet?”

Hannah's sister snatched the gold bracelet without further ado and handed it over to Shirley, “Shirley, hurry up and express your gratitude to grandma.”

“Thank you, grandma.” Shirley cast a provocative peek at Lacey.

Lacey's grandmother was beleaguered and did not know what to do next.

Lacey's eyes brimmed with tears as she felt aggrieved, but she put on a strong front and smiled. “Thank you, grandma. I like the silver bracelet too.”

Lacey's grandmother heaved a long sigh. “I'm glad you like it.”

She glared at Zeke as she finished her sentence.

*This useless grandson-in-law! He's not much better than Daniel at all!*

*Look at Jayden! He's prepared all sorts of gifts, including a diamond ring and a famous artist's masterpiece! What about him? He came unprepared!*

*Daniel is such a loser! The same goes for his son-in-law!*



Zeke realized Hannah had been staring at the masterpiece Jayden presented her sister. He asked curiously, “Mom, do you have a thing for art pieces of sorts as well?”

Hannah replied, “Mm. I used to work in the museum back when I was young. I do have a thing for art pieces like this.”

Zeke tapped on his head. “Mom, I really had no idea the sort of gifts I should have prepared for you back then.”

“You should have told me you fancy artwork of sorts!”

Lacey raised her head and looked at Zeke.

*Is he finally making a move after remaining silent for such a long time?*

Zeke removed the painting, which was initially hanging on the wall casually, and handed it over to Hannah.

“Mom, here's A Vase of Flowers from Margareta Haverman. Mr. Raynor, the ex-boss of the Grand Millenium Hotel had spent twenty million to get this from Suseby Auction Firm.”

“I'll give it to you since it is what you like.”

Silence fell in the room for a moment before everyone broke into laughter.

The bunch of youngsters laughed so hard they almost cried.

They looked at Zeke as though they were looking at a foolish man.



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“Hahaha! What a joke! I can't believe someone actually tried to present someone else with the hotel's accessory.”

“Even a mentally retarded person wouldn't do such a foolish thing, right?”

“Lacey must be blind, right? Why did she choose such a foolish man as her partner?”

Shirley laughed so hard and teared up.

“Impressive! I've never seen such a shameless guy before!”

Jayden scolded Zeke, “Hurry up and put the painting back in its original place!”

“Although the hotel's manager is a close acquaintance of mine, I won't be able to protect you if you break such a valuable piece!”

Zeke replied nonchalantly, “Grand Millenium Hotel belongs to me. They won't flinch even if I were to tear this drawing into pieces.”

*What the hell?*

*Grand Millenium Hotel belongs to him?*

*Who the hell gives this ex-convict the audacity to utter such absurd words?*

*This is the most hilarious joke of the day!*

Everyone broke into laughter once again.

Jayden could barely catch his breath as he was laughing hysterically. "If that's the case, I'm the leader of Eurasia!"

"You better stop getting full of yourself! I'll seriously get the hotel's manager here immediately! I'll get them to sue you until you file for bankruptcy!"

Daniel got anxious and said, "Zeke, although you're an acquaintance of the hotel's owner, Ms. Raynore, it's better not to go overboard."

"Put the piece of drawing back where it belongs. We sincerely appreciate your effort."

Jayden told everyone, "Susan has already sold off all of her shares to a mysterious figure. I'm sure you guys have no idea about it, right?"

"Ms. Summer is currently the person in charge of Grand Millenium Hotel."

"I'm warning you for one last time! Return it, or I'll call them!"

"Please be my guest," replied Zeke.

*I was the one who appointed Summer as the manager of the hotel. I don't think she would dare go against my words.*



“Fine! I'll fulfil your wish since you have a death wish!” Jayden reached for his phone in a furious manner.

Daniel and his family grew even more anxious.

*Zeke can't possibly get away unscathed now that Susan is no longer Grand Millenium Hotel's person in charge!*

They tried their best to persuade Zeke, but it was too late because Jayden's call had already made it through.

He initiated the conversation respectfully, “Ms. Summer, please hurry up and make your way to Couleur. Someone is trying to break the painting of the suite.”

“Mm. Sure! Don't worry! I won't allow him to get away!”

Daniel and his family had an awful expression on their faces.

*It's too late! Things have gotten to the point of no return! What should we do?*

Daniel lowered his voice and told Zeke, “Hurry up! Take the opportunity to call Ms. Susan.”

“Although she's no longer affiliated with the hotel, I'm sure she's still pretty influential and will be able to help you!”

Zeke replied with a smile, "Don't worry dad. I've got everything under control."

Hannah's sister sneered, "Seriously? You've got everything under control? How?"

"Daniel's a wimp. Turns out his son-in-law is a wimp as well! He's no match for Jayden!"

Lacey's grandmother was disappointed with her grandson-in-law as well.

She decided to teach him a lesson, "You're Zeke, right? I know you're irritated because you're no match for Jayden, but do you think others will look up to you with such a bluff?"

"You're wrong! Everyone will think you're nothing but a fool!"

"I'm warning you! I don't care what you are about to do, but I will not allow Lacey to marry you if you were to get her involved!"

Zeke smiled but remained silent thereafter.

*Since you're thinking on behalf of my beloved wife, I'll forget about it.*

Soon, Summer made her way into the suite.

Everyone got up and welcomed her.

Jayden told her, "Ms. Summer, he's the one who's



trying to present others the items of the hotel!”

“In fact, he told us he's the owner of Grand Millenium Hotel!”

“Please sue him through legal means under theft and defamation of the hotel!”



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Summer looked at Zeke with a radiant smile on her face, “Mr. Williams is right. He's indeed the owner of the hotel.”

Jayden sneered, “Hmph! Did you hear that, Zeke? Why don't you try to defend yourself... Wait... Ms. Summer, what did you just say?”

Everyone stared at Summer. They thought they must have had been hearing things.

Summer walked towards Zeke and apologized respectfully, “Mr. Williams, I'm so sorry to get in your way during your meal.”

“It's fine.” Zeke nodded.

Summer reached for the agreement she had with her and handed it over to Lacey, “Ms. Lacey, this is a present from Mr. Williams. Please accept it.”

Lacey was confused. “What is it?”

“Please check it out.”

Lacey went through the content of the agreement after she opened it.

She got worked up soon after, and rubbed her eyes, afraid she was seeing things. “I... I'm not seeing things, right? T-This... is a share purchase agreement of the Grand Millenium Hotel?”

“Thirty percent! Zeke, you're giving me thirty



percent of Grand Millenium Hotel's shares?"

Zeke nodded and asked, "Do you like it?"

Lacey's heart pounded furiously, "Tell me what exactly is going on! Since when did you purchase Grand Millenium Hotel?"

"Impossible! It's impossible!" Jayden behaved as though he had lost his mind and snatched the agreement. He went through every single detail of it.

Soon, he shuddered and dropped the agreement.

The contract contained the details of the transferor and transferee. Zeke had indeed purchased thirty percent of Grand Millenium Hotel's shares and transferred it over to Lacey.

Everyone was shocked because they couldn't believe what was going on.

Jayden had proven the agreement's authenticity. Hence, it couldn't possibly be a forged agreement either.

Apart from that, Summer was the one who had delivered the contract to Lacey.

That would indicate the fact that Zeke was really the owner of Grand Millenium Hotel.

*What the hell! He's really presenting others his*

*property! Nothing's wrong with that, but...*

Everyone looked at Zeke in disbelief.

*He's but a poor ex-convict, right? Where did he gather the funds required to purchase Grand Millenium Hotel's shares?*

*Thirty percent of it! It would have cost at least several billion!*

Jayden's diamond ring which cost several hundred thousand seemed relatively inferior to the shares transfer agreement.

Hannah grew excited due to the drastic turn of events.

She smiled and asked, "Ms. Summer, I beg your pardon. So it's fine for my son-in-law to give me this particular painting, right?"

Hannah seemed as though she was trying to be polite, but it was actually an act of showing off in disguise.

Summer replied, "Each and every Grand Millenium Hotel item belongs to Mr. Williams and Ms. Lacey. Of course, it's fine for them to give you their belongings."

"Great." Hannah smiled and went on, "Too bad, Zeke. Although your gift is of a valuable one, it's nothing as compared to the Jayden's painting."



“Look at the painting Jayden has. It's larger than the one you have. I'm sure it's worth several billion! It's definitely a catch!”

*Several billion!*

Hannah's sister and her family were dumbfounded because Hannah used to be an archaeologist back in the day. They knew her appraisal was trustworthy. “It's such a valuable piece?”

Hannah nodded. “This particular piece's specification was nothing like those of the Renaissance. Perhaps this particular piece was one of a kind. It may potentially change mankind's history.”

“It has the potential to change mankind's history? Does that mean it's a valuable piece?”

Hannah was actually indirectly indicating that it was a replicated artwork.

*Pffft!*

Lacey could no longer hold back her laughter.

*Since when did mom pick up Dawnie's sarcasm?*

*She's done a great job! First of all, she managed to trick them, before revealing the harsh truth.*

Hannah's sister's family had a gloomy expression on their faces.

Jayden immediately rebutted, “Hannah! Stop talking nonsense! You're not from the Renaissance, right? How can you be so certain artwork of such a specification didn't exist back then?”

Suddenly, Summer was shocked. “Huh? What? Why is this piece of artwork with you guys?”



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Jayden asked immediately, “Ms. Summer, have you come across this piece before?”

Summer nodded, “I have!”

“It's the one we have in the lowest grade suite of ours! It's a factory produced item that costs nothing more than three thousand.”

“However, someone had accidentally damaged it a few days ago. Hence, we had it thrown away.”

“Did you pick it up from the pile of trash?”

Hannah's sister clenched her fist out of anger. She couldn't wait to beat Jayden into a pulp.

*This isn't an antique at all! It's nothing but a factory printed item!*

*Damn it, Jayden! How dare you give me such a piece of trash!*

*How dare you humiliate me!*

Jayden flushed with embarrassment and tried to defend himself, “Ms. Summer, I'm sure you have mistaken it as something else. I didn't pick it up from the pile of trash. I bought it from an antique firm!”

“Apart from that, this piece of mine isn't damaged either.”

Shirley nodded as well. "That's right! I'm sure it's different from the one you guys threw away!"

Summer went on, "It seems like something's wrong with the size. Perhaps they have altered it to cover the damaged part."

"Why don't you remove the frame and see if it's damaged on the bottom right corner?"

Hannah's brother immediately did as instructed and removed the frame.

Indeed, the part that was initially covered by the frame was damaged.

Jayden was speechless as he had no idea how to defend himself now that the evidence was right in front of him.

Hannah's sister and her family's face flushed with anger. They had been greatly humiliated in front of others.

*My sister's son-in-law gave his wife shares worthy of several billion, while my son-in-law gave me a piece of trash?*

*How embarrassing!*

Zeke suddenly scolded Summer, "Summer! This is the hotel's asset! How dare you get rid of it without my permission!"



“I want you to bear the loss you've caused the hotel! I'm ordering you to purchase this particular piece using your own assets!”

Summer was dumbfounded.

*Why is Zeke behaving like a stingy man all of a sudden? He isn't such a stingy man, right? He's acting nothing like his usual self!*

*However, it seems like there's a reason behind his action.*

Lacey immediately stood up for Summer, “Forget about it, Zeke! It's such a trivial matter! It's just a worthless piece of artwork! Let's just let bygones be bygones.”

Hannah tried to persuade Zeke on behalf of Summer as well.

However, Zeke told them, “Mom, Lacey, please stay out of this.”

“This is a matter of principles. If I don't teach a general manager like her a lesson after she has broken the rules of the hotel, I don't think she will be able to lead the rest of the team.”

Lacey was about to persuade Zeke on Summer's behalf again, but Summer got ahead of her and interrupted their conversation. “I'm so sorry, Mr. Williams. It's my mistake.”

“Jayden, I believe you know what has happened. I'll offer you ten thousand. Please return the piece of artwork to me.”

Hannah couldn't bear that they were actually paying ten thousand a piece of factory-made artwork.

*What a waste of money!*

Jayden immediately agreed without any hesitation, “Sure!”

He had actually spent five hundred to get the said piece. He managed to generate a fortune by selling it off for ten thousand.

Summer immediately transferred the fund to Jayden.

He handed the said piece over to Summer once he received the payment.

Lacey was slightly irritated, “Are you happy now? I can't believe we've actually spent ten thousand on this defect item!”

Zeke smiled in a mysterious manner and handed the piece of artwork over to Lacey, “Hold on to it for me, Lacey.”

“Why?” asked Lacey curiously.

Zeke repeated himself, “Just take it.”



Lacey took over the piece of artwork.

Zeke took a mouthful of water and spit on the piece of artwork.

Lacey was shocked and asked, "Zeke, why the hell did you do that!"

"You spent so much getting it back! Why are you ruining it?"

Zeke replied, "I'm not trying to ruin it. I'm unveiling its true value."

Hannah's eyes gleamed all of a sudden as she recalled something. She got worked up and asked, "Zeke, do you think something is hidden behind this particular piece?"

Zeke nodded. "Yes, mom. Please work on it."

Hannah could barely hold back her excitement. "Okay!"



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Everyone was confused by the conversation Zeke and Hannah had.

They witnessed what Hannah did. She removed the frame of the picture and gently rubbed on the damaged part of the artwork.

Eventually, she managed to separate the piece of artwork into two pieces. There was another separate layer beneath the first layer.

*What! There's another layer hidden underneath?*

Everyone had their eyes on the piece of artwork as they couldn't wait to find out what was hidden beneath.

Hannah removed the protective film slowly. There were certain parts which were stuck. She would spit on those parts because it would allow her to separate it easily.

She managed to remove the protective film soon and unveiled the artwork hidden beneath the film.

It was a stunning oil painting.

It was none other than Three Graces by Raphael from the Renaissance.

Everyone was shocked when they saw the completely revealed artwork.

It was a long-lost piece with its date of origin yet



to be determined.

A random piece of Raphael's artwork would easily cost millions, let alone a long-lost piece.

Its value would easily surpass any of its available artwork, as it was one of his earlier artworks.

That particular piece could easily go up on sale for ten or even twenty million.

Ten thousand for a piece of artwork, which was worthy of millions. It was indeed a miracle.

Hannah reached for the piece of artwork and kept it because she was afraid Jayden might go back against his words.

As a fellow antique collector, such a rare hunt would be even more valuable than the collection she had to spend a fortune over.

Hannah's sister and her family were certainly jealous.

*What a huge loss! We just handed over several million to them!*

*This can't be it!*

Hannah's sister scolded Jayden. "That's my gift! How could you sell it off to others?"

"Return them their money and get that piece of