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Yvonne Xavier was about to say something when her gaze swept across the crowd and she was utterly shocked that instant she saw someone familiar.

Harvey York!

She managed to spot Harvey who was seated in the corner. She had no more appetite for the meal and dashed toward Harvey's direction. She was shrouded with anxiety.

Everyone's attention was focused on her and wondered what she was up to. Yet, she walked toward the man who was clad in clothes bought from the street stalls. When she stood next to him, the expression on the faces of many changed drastically.

This was especially true for the Zimmer family. Numerous people's faces have changed that instant!

What was with this live-in son-in-law? Had this

worthless trash offended Secretary Xavier? That she had to sprint over to him the moment she caught sight of him?

A chill ran down Senior Zimmer's spine. Secretary Xavier was someone who should never be offended. If Harvey had upset her in the past, he would cut him up into pieces later.

"What the... What's with this harbinger of misfortune again?!" Zack Zimmer was on the verge of breaking into swear words.

"Old friend, long time no see." Harvey interjected and stood up smiling before Yvonne had the opportunity to say a word.

Yvonne was slightly stunned but she was quick on the uptake. She regained her senses immediately and faintly laughed. "H-Harvey... Who knew that we would meet again after graduation? What career ranking are you currently at?"

All of the Zimmer family heaved a sigh of relief at these words. Fortunately, they were just old friends.

Else, how would a loser like Harvey know someone of such high ranking as Secretary Xavier?

Zack ran over in nervousness. When he heard their conversation, he started insulting Harvey, “Secretary Xavier, why would you talk to a loser like him? Don’t you know? He’s not only well-known in the Zimmer family, he’s also famous in the whole of Niumhi! He’s the live-in son-in-law of the Zimmer family. He only has one hundred as his daily pocket money! Secretary Xavier, don’t get too close to him or else, his misfortune might rub off on you!”

Yvonne shuddered at his words and looked at Harvey in disbelief. She knew that Harvey stayed in hiding for three years after leaving the York family. Yet, she never imagined that he was enduring such disgrace over these three years. It was no wonder when he returned, he did so with towering force!

Zack did not wait for Yvonne to reply as he continued, “These kinds of people are losers. Our family is preparing to kick him out for good. He will

never be able to step into our circle for the next eighteen generations!”

“Harvey! Scram already! Are you planning to just be an eyesore here?”

Harvey was too lazy to bother about Zack. He just smiled and said, “Yvonne, you used to be an indifferent goddess back when we were studying. When did you start associating yourself with these untrustworthy people?”

“Loser, who are you calling untrustworthy?!” Zack bellowed.

“You know that yourself.” Harvey faintly replied. He then ignored Yvonne and continued to sit down and eat his meal. He saw that Yvonne’s face was still filled with nervousness. Then, he casually said, “Since you’re here and have been invited for dinner, why not just have the meal? It would be a waste if you don’t eat.”

Yvonne heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing Harvey’s words. She knew that the CEO was not angry and

that he had allowed her to continue having the dinner.

“Are you a reincarnation of a hungry ghost? Miss Xavier, come along this way. Let’s not be bothered by this loathsome piece of trash!” Zack hurled another insult before gesturing with his hand a sign of welcome. After tonight was over, he must kick Harvey out of the Zimmer family’s front door. He was not only useless; he only knew how to make things worse.

While Zack was hurling insults, he did not notice that Yvonne’s face turned paler by a few shades. Wendy’s face also turned paler than death.

They really did not come to be guests at the Zimmer family today. The problem was that the situation had escalated to this stage that they found themselves unable to dismount from the tiger that they were riding on.

Senior Zimmer’s face had changed through a series of emotions when he saw Yvonne walking back. He

was afraid that things might take a bad turn, so he suddenly stood up and clapped lightly. “Ladies and gentlemen, the Zimmer family welcomes you even if you have invited yourselves over today. After all, we do have something major to announce. Since all of you are here, why don’t you become our witnesses?”

“Oh? I wonder what good news this is?”

“Could it be that Senior Zimmer has found his second love?”

The family heads present were all skeptics. Although there were beautiful women in the scene, they had no intention to mask their real feelings and ended up laughing out loud instead.

Senior Zimmer blinked at them. “Don’t laugh at an old man like me now. Before that, I would like everyone to identify something for me...”

Senior Zimmer clapped his hands as he said this.

Soon, the bodyguards of the Zimmer family each

brought in a big box into the hall before retreating.

These boxes were holding items of luxurious brands of high quality. They were all gorgeously eye-catching while looking expensive.

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Zack Zimmer was rendered speechless at this spontaneous decision. He never thought that his grandfather would treat him so well that he would bring out all these items.

The expressions of the other family heads started to slightly change one by one. They all had the same set in their homes. After all, this was trendy to have for the upper-class society of Niumhi.

Senior Zimmer eyes turned toward Yvonne Xavier and Wendy Sorrell. He then smiled. “Dear distinguished guests, since you’re here, why not come and have a look at our set of precious items that belong to the Zimmer family?”

Yvonne and Wendy were about to reject the offer but when they saw the luxurious items of high quality in few of the boxes, any woman would be moved. Hence, they both could not resist but glance over.



Senior Zimmer noticed their expressions. He was adamant to attain victory that night. He then waved and said, “Ladies and gentlemen, come and have a look.”

The first bodyguard opened the box at the front. Inside was a six-item jewelry set made of white gold from necklace to ring. It was a complete jewelry set. In fact, a huge mosaic diamond was glittering, reflecting the light with brilliance.

“Wow! That’s a Tiffany & Co. engagement set of six items!”

“This is not something that money alone can buy!”

Many of the women in the Zimmer family became excited. Who would not want a set of Tiffany jewelries?

Even Mandy Zimmer’s eyes were fluttering at this sight. When she married Harvey York, she did not even have a diamond ring, let alone having these kinds of things.

Not far off from them, Lilian Yates glared at Harvey with hatred and coldness. If not for the inappropriate crowd, she would have given Harvey an earful!

Her own daughter had to be so miserable for marrying such a loser.

Next, the second box was opened. There was nothing else in this box other than a stash of blue banknotes. There were eighty-eight stacks of them when counted properly. Which meant that there were eight hundred and eighty thousand in value.

The third box was then opened. Inside the box was a stack of deeds. They were deeds for a set of villas.

Senior Zimmer looked at these items and proudly said, “Ladies and gentlemen, please be my witnesses. There is a set of villas, a set of jewelries, and eight hundred and eighty thousand in cash.

This old man has prepared all these a few years ago. I would like to give these to the eldest grandson of the Zimmer family to ask his future wife’s hand in

marriage.”

“However, this grandson of mine has high tastes and never found the woman of his dreams. Hence, I never had the chance to hand over these betrothal gifts.”

“Today, he has approached me, telling me that he has found a woman that he liked and was ready to propose to her. I’ve then decided to take out these items as a present to this young couple.”

“Of course, Zack is the eldest grandson of the Zimmer family and the rightful heir. After his marriage, the Zimmer family will naturally be handed over to him. I hope that the people gathered here today would give your utmost support to the young couple!”

“That is a must! However, Senior Zimmer, who is this granddaughter-in-law of yours?”

The family heads present were not foolish people. Many of them turned their eyes toward Yvonne. Could Yvonne be the granddaughter-in-law of the

Zimmer family? If that was the case, then that would explain why she was biased toward them!

It looked like they needed to fawn over the Zimmer family from now on. They were about to be a first-class family!

Yvonne and Wendy did not have any reactions. After all, they did not have any feelings whatsoever for Zack. They never thought that Senior Zimmer could be referring to either of them. They both were waiting in anticipation to see who the lucky girl could be.

Senior Zimmer turned toward Yvonne and Wendy. He saw their faces of expectation and had a certainty in his heart.

He then continued with a smile. “Ladies and gentlemen, who is going to be the granddaughter-in-law of the Zimmer family? She is about to be the fiancée of our heir. I will let my outstanding grandson announce this secret himself!”

Having said this, Senior Zimmer led the crowd into

an applause.

Clap clap clap!

The hall erupted into a roar of applause. It was at this time, unknowingly, Zack seemed to have changed into a white suit and even had a rose in his chest pocket. He walked out with a smug look on his face.

Harvey almost burst out into laughter at this sight. What was Zack trying to do? Was he thinking that this was a wedding? Did he not know the basic etiquette of wearing a suit?

However, the young women all looked at him in splendor. Although Zack was arrogant and domineering, he looked quite decent. As a young man from a rich family, he did have quite a clean look. He looked like a person on the outside, but his behavior was like a dog.

Even Mandy turned to look at Harvey after seeing this scene, she then could not resist heaving a sigh.

When she had married Harvey, he had not proposed

nor had he given her any wedding gifts. They had not even had dinner together. They had just simply gone to pick up their marriage certificate. She had to fork out money for him too. When she thought about this, Mandy felt quite wronged.

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She did not hope to be proposed to, all she hoped for was only to have a happy complete wedding ceremony. However, this husband of hers...

When she thought about this, Mandy Zimmer heaved another silent sigh.

“Harvey, you piece of trash!” Xynthia Zimmer who was beside them turned ferocious and glared at Harvey York. “Look at them, now look at yourself! Let’s not even touch on the marriage proposal. You’ve been married to my sister for so many years. What have you ever given her? If you are truly a man, you should initiate the divorce. You are no match to my sister. You don’t have any capability to provide her happiness!”

“Xynthia!” Mandy threw a stare at her little sister but kept the rest of her thoughts to herself.

“Sis, don’t protect him anymore. Trash is trash.

Losers are losers. This is in his nature; he cannot change that. If I were him, I would have found somewhere to hide myself a long time ago. How could I even have the face to stay here and watch the proposal? Does he not have an ounce of sense in him? Does he not realize how prosperous and romantic Zack is? Compared to his wretchedness and hopelessness?” Exasperation was plastered all over Xynthia’s face. “My Sis has struck eight generations worth of bad luck to have married you!”

Meanwhile in the hall, everyone’s curiosity was piqued. Their eyes staring straight at Zack without blinking. They wanted to know who he was going to propose to.

Zack was feeling proud of himself. While clad in a white suit, he looked quite like the fabled prince charming. He looked glamorous and delighted. He thought about how he would soon be able to hold a beautiful woman in his arms. He was also about to grasp the power of the Zimmer family in his hands. He could not resist smiling.

He suppressed his impulse to cackle out wildly. His



lips hooked into an ambitious smile. He displayed a relaxed aura and faced the crowd while slightly leaning back. He gently said, “Ladies and gentlemen, family heads, dearest family and friends. I have something to say. When I first met this woman, it was love at first sight. She has made my withered heart come back to life! From that day onward, I have decided that I, Zack Zimmer, will work hard to bring her all the happiness she deserves! Today, in front of this crowd, I would like to say what I have been keeping in my heart for the past few days. I hope that all of you will be my witnesses!”

Zack drew in a deep breath and turned his gaze onto Wendy Sorrell who was still watching the drama unfolding. He then said with hopeful expectations painted on his face, “Wendy, would you marry me?”

The crowd started clamoring about and was in an uproar!

That was too straightforward! Zack proposed to Manager Sorrell of York Enterprise in front of all

these people!

Rumor has it that Manager Sorrell was unquestionably capable in her career and she was about to be promoted to be a general manager!

It was no wonder that Zack was able to obtain the investment from York Enterprise. With such a notable insider, he could get anything he wanted done!

Mandy turned pale. She knew why she had lost to this man. Since Zack and Wendy had this relationship, she would never be able to win this fight.

Yvonne Xavier's face was brimming with horror. She could not clearly understand when Wendy and Zack have patched up their relationship? Did she not come over to return the gifts that he had sent her?

Wendy was in the dark herself. She did not see this coming at all! She came to give the gifts back. How did it mysteriously end up being a marriage

proposal?

Senior Zimmer was pleased to watch this scene. He was increasingly satisfied especially when looking at Wendy's shaken reaction.

For a woman who was born into a normal family, she must have thought that never in her wildest imagination she would one day marry into a wealthy family. He thought that this must be the most important moment of her life.

The family heads all turned to look at each other. They then stood up and gave a thunderous applause. Although Zack was not marrying Yvonne, she was willing to turn up today. That proved Wendy's influence in York Enterprise.

The Zimmer family was about to rise to the top! The family heads all quickly took out their phones and sent out text messages to ask their most eligible bachelors to come over. Although Wendy was taken, there was still Yvonne. Whoever managed to marry her would have numerous

benefits. These benefits might even surpass that of the Zimmer family!

“Marry him! Marry him! Marry him!”

The younger generation of the Zimmer family shouted out. All these were pre-planned to give Wendy no time to hesitate and agree to his proposal while still in a daze.

After all, this was a huge villa. There was a six-item jewelry set from Tiffany's and eight hundred and eighty thousand worth of cash staring at her. A chilled heir from the Zimmer family just proposed to her in front of a crowd with an extravagant background accompanying them. This was more dramatic than any soap operas. No directors would have dared to even go this far in their stories.

Zack saw that Wendy was still shocked in confusion. He then said, “Wendy, I could not stop thinking about you the moment I first met you at York Enterprise. I knew that you are the woman I've been looking for all my life! For you, I took out all the

savings I have accumulated over the years and bought all the luxurious items any woman would wish for. I might have lost millions in interest, but I don't mind even one bit. If you like it and so long as I'm here for you, I will give it to you!"

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“What!?”

The audience were shocked to the core. He had lost millions worth of interest to buy luxurious items? Had he gone mad? When they looked at his mannerism, they thought that he could not have faked it.

It was no wonder he was able to win over Wendy Sorrell, having splashed that much money on her. Was there any woman who would be able to refuse that?

“H-He is willing to use millions to woo a girl? That truly is astonishing!”

“That’s right. It is one matter for a man to be rich, whether he is willing to spend the money on you is another!”

“How admirable. If my husband treats me this way, I would even be willing to die!”

Numerous women were talking! Millions worth of luxurious items? That would mean that all the classic items and in season trends have been gathered? Any woman who claimed to not admire this move would be lying!

Many women were currently wishfully gazing at Zack Zimmer.

Senior Zimmer nodded profusely. His grandson was too outstanding. He knew how to capture a woman's heart. He knew what to say and what not to say. The Zimmer family would be worry free in the future with such a bright heir!

“Look at you! Now look at them! You are truly an embarrassment!” Lilian Yates could not help to scold Harvey York. She almost spat at the sight of her live-in son-in-law. She was not concerned about the standards that he had, but of the comparison between the two men. Lilian felt that her live-in son-in-law was utterly useless. “Mandy, I'm warning you. You better get a divorce after this.

I will look for a better husband for you! I don't believe that we cannot win the limelight from that b \*stard Zack!"

"Mom, why are you still talking about this!" Mandy replied half-heartedly. She looked at Wendy with admiration. Which woman would not anticipate such a scene?

Harvey did not say a word. He looked forward and felt awkward.

Had Zack gone mad? Why would he suddenly propose to Wendy? Had the water flooded the brain of this lunatic?

It was then that Zack knelt on one knee in front of Wendy. He gently said, "Wendy, I've personally picked this engagement ring for you. Please marry me!"

Zack pulled out a ring box from his pocket and opened it.

"Wow..."



All the people present started to surround them at that instant. A string of continuous incredulous gasps was heard.

“F\*ck, this... Isn't this the rumored pigeon egg ring?”

The crowd could not believe their eyes. The ring was not eye-catching, but the moissanite diamonds on it was the fabled pigeon egg. That was worth at least ten carats.

“T-This was the pigeon egg that was auctioned three years ago?” The family head of the Brooke family, Zachariah Brooke, walked over with his mouth wide open.

Anyone from the upper-class society of Niumhi would recognize this item. It appeared in a secret auction three years ago and was bought over by a mysterious buyer with the high price of thirty million. Who knew that it would make its appearance today? It was too shocking!

Zack was overdoing it. How could he take this item

out, all for the sake of Wendy?

“What? Pigeon egg?”

Harvey stood up from his chair at that moment. His face was twisted with curious frowns.

The pigeon egg that was bought from the auction in Niumhi three years ago?

If he remembered correctly, he was the person who bought this diamond three years ago. Although he left this item with the York family, how was it possible for them to take this item out to sell when it was considered as the property of the York family?

The real thing was with the York family. Which meant that this supposed pigeon egg...

“This is fake, isn't it?” Harvey subconsciously blurted out.

“What did you say, you loser?” Zack jumped up from his kneeling stance and pointed at Harvey with fury.

All eyes turned toward Harvey at that point.

“I’m sorry that I didn’t hold back my words.”

Harvey shook his head. “That pigeon egg looks too fake.”

“What nonsense are you spewing!” Zack’s face and neck were flushed red as he bellowed out in nervousness.

“Harvey, don’t simply say things like that.” Mandy lightly patted on Harvey’s hand. If Harvey continued to enrage Zack, he would surely be in dire consequences later.

As expected, Zack coldly chuckled. “You’re just a live-in son-in-law with a daily pocket money of a hundred. What do you understand about diamonds? Are you kidding me? Today is my big day, so I will not be calculative toward you. However, you need to leave immediately!”

“May I have a look?”

Yvonne Xavier gently shoved over and glanced over

at Harvey. Her voice was rife with restlessness.

She was deeply shocked as well. She was the one who personally helped Harvey to buy this pigeon egg three years ago. How could it end up here? 1

Senior Zimmer stopped Zack from continuing to go mad when he heard this. He waved at her and said, “No problem at all. Be my guest, Secretary Xavier!”

Yvonne dashed to the front; her beautiful eyes blinked while staring at the pigeon egg. She then instinctively took out her left hand. She wore a ring on her delicate finger. However, this ring was worn on her index finger. The diamond ring she wore was worth one carat at most. When compared with the pigeon egg, it was like a child meeting its mother.

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“Can someone bring me a flashlight, please?”

Yvonne Xavier suddenly asked.

“Quick, quick! Bring it over!” Although Senior Zimmer did not know what Yvonne was up to, he ordered the people to fulfil her request.

Soon, a flashlight was brought over. Yvonne turned on the flashlight and shone the light toward the two diamond pieces.

The bright dazzling light illuminated over them. The crowd could not help but to hold their breaths. Many of them displayed disbelief on their faces.

Under the light, everyone saw the vast difference between the two clusters of diamonds. Yvonne’s diamond was smaller, but its shimmering reflection of light dazzled the onlookers. The sight attracted the attention of the people.

However, Zack Zimmer’s fist-sized pigeon egg was

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“This...” Someone broke the silence. His face was in disbelief.

“What is this situation? How is this one carat diamond more dazzling and eye-catching than the ten-carat pigeon egg?”

“Isn't this the diamond that was worth four million three years ago? I was at the auction at that time. The light reflected from it was so dazzling. How can this be?”

“Could it be that... it is a fake?”

“What that loser said was true?”

The murmuring and chattering started. Those who spoke up were the family heads. They were knowledgeable in this field and were not afraid to offend anybody. They could not help but to start discussing it.

Some could not resist looking at Harvey York. Was

this a lucky hit for the live-in son-in-law? Or did he really know about diamonds?

Senior Zimmer's face drastically changed upon hearing these words. He glared at Zack with dissatisfaction, hoping that he would quickly rectify the situation.

This was making things worse! If he wanted to propose, he could have just taken out a diamond which was worth a few carats! How could he fish out this fake diamond ring instead? What if Wendy Sorrell rejects his offer? The Zimmer family's reputation would be as good as gone!

Yvonne was unperturbed by the reactions of the people around her. Instead, she heaved a sigh of relief and retreated from the area. She just wanted to make sure that it was not the pigeon egg she helped to bid for three years ago. Else, she would not know how to explain to the CEO. Everything else was none of her business.

Yvonne did not say a word on whether the pigeon

egg was real or fake. It was not her position to discuss the trivial matters of the Zimmer family. Why would it matter if it was real? What if it was a fake one? None of that mattered to her.

Senior Zimmer saw that Yvonne kept mum about the situation. He then glanced over at the embarrassed Zack and laughed out. “Now, now, everyone. The Zimmer family is quite a reputable family after all. How could we possibly take a fake diamond ring out during a crucial time such as a marriage proposal? I think there is a misunderstanding here. This diamond ring was not bought from the auction three years ago. I bought this from South Africa many years ago. However, due to its lackluster cutting and color, we’ve never taken it out to announce to the public. We’ve made ourselves a laughing stock in front of everyone tonight. This item may not be worth four million, but I did spend hundreds of thousands on it.” 1

After hearing Senior Zimmer’s words, all those who claimed that the diamond ring was fake earlier had a moment of realization. According to Senior



Zimmer, this diamond was real, but the quality was just not up to par.

Zack threw an appreciative look to his own grandfather. He had only spent twenty dollars that afternoon to buy this item from Amazon which covered express delivery. The seller asserted that no one would be able to tell the difference with just their naked eyes. He took for granted that Wendy would not find out, but he never thought that he would be exposed by Yvonne.

He then thought about how Yvonne chose not to say anything during such a crucial moment. Zack's heart turned warm. Had Yvonne fallen in love with him? She was willing to protect his reputation at such an important moment. Could it be that he had such an outstanding performance that day which ended up attracting her? If that was the case... 1

Zack was in a dilemma at that instant. If he knew earlier that Yvonne had some interest in him, why would he propose to Wendy? Their statuses were as different as night and day!

However, Zack was already riding the tiger at this point. It would be hard to dismount from such a wild ride. The situation had escalated this far. He naturally knew that he had no other way out. The expression in his eyes changed slightly as he turned toward Wendy with a gentle face. “Wendy, please marry me.”

Wendy finally came to her senses at this moment. She looked at Zack who was kneeling on one knee in front of her. She instinctively dodged him with a furious face.

The audience all looked at each other when they saw Wendy’s reaction. Had this granddaughter-in-law of the Zimmer family gotten angry?

Zack was stunned himself. He quickly said, “Wendy, although this diamond is not the pigeon egg which is worth four million from three years ago, but its value is still in the hundreds of thousands. It’s not a fake item... Please don’t be angry. Promise to marry me and I will find a way to buy that pigeon egg

worth four million for you...”