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“Grandpa...” Mandy Zimmer anxiously looked at Senior Zimmer.

Senior Zimmer smiled and said, “Mandy, I know that I’ve wronged you today. However, this contract that you’ve brought back does not bring any benefits at all to the Zimmer family. Of course, I will not forget your contribution to this. How about this? Once everything is in place and we’ve gotten our profits, I will give you a bit more than promised?”

Senior Zimmer kept mum about the CEO position. He had tossed the matter out of the window without revisiting it anymore.

He had never thought highly of his granddaughters. He always thought that women were money-consuming goods sooner or later. It did not help that Mandy’s husband was a worthless live-in son-in-law.

He used to have some respect for her solely because Mandy managed to secure the contract from York Enterprise. Since Zack Zimmer was now more capable than her, he naturally casted Mandy aside.

Mandy sat down in silence. She could not say another word. Senior Zimmer's words were final. If she continued to argue with him, it would only wreak more distaste toward her. However, Mandy felt restless in the recesses of her heart.

Harvey York stretched out his hand from the side and held onto her right hand. He smiled at her and shook his head, then said in a lowered voice. "Don't you worry. Do you really think Zack would be able to get the contract with that kind of attitude?"

Although Harvey's voice was not loud, many around them heard him speak. Everyone turned to look at them.

Zack was about to burst with rage but he suddenly calmed down. He glared at Harvey and said, "Hey loser, do you dare to make a bet with me? If I'm

able to get this contract, you and your wife will be disowned from the Zimmer family. Both of you will never be allowed to step into this house ever again.”

“Harvey!” Mandy tried to stop him from the side.

“The bet’s on!” Harvey did not bother to spare a glance at Zack. “However, what will you do if your negotiation is not successful? Are you going to leave the Zimmer family? I’m afraid that by that time, no one would even want you as a live-in son-in-law!”

“Y-You!” Zack pointed straight at Harvey. “You just wait and see. After tonight, you will not be able to take even one step through the doors of the Zimmer family’s house! Hmph!”

“That’s enough. Stop arguing.” Senior Zimmer still had some composure. “Let’s all go down and prepare ourselves for tonight. We need to entertain our VIPs well. Everyone is to accompany them. Do you understand?”

“Yes sir!” The crowd of the Zimmer family nodded

in unison. Rumor has it that the main guest for tonight, Manager Wendy Sorrell, was not only young and enchanting, she was also quite influential in York Enterprise. If they could win her over and go along with whatever she says, they were sure to stand a chance to secure the contract.

They each held their motives in their hearts and the Zimmer family respectively left the scene.

Outside the villa, Harvey trailed Mandy from behind. This sight made him look like a loser no matter how anyone looked at it.

Further off, Sean and Zack, the father and son pair, were standing next to each other.

Sean Zimmer stared at Harvey's back, his voice ruffed with hatred. "Zack, you did well. After tonight, I want to chase this live-in son-in-law out of our Zimmer family once and for all!"

"That wouldn't be enough!" Zack responded with a

frosty tone. “Don Xander wanted to get rid of him the last time, but he managed to escape due to his good luck. He will not be as fortunate this time. In the next few days, he will be a homeless tramp roaming the streets and be struck by people until his limbs are broken. I’m sure there’s no way someone would come and save him.”

“Good point!”

“Don’t you worry, Dad. Whoever dares to humiliate us both, I will make sure that he will get his punishment a hundredfold. From this day onward, let’s see who from the Zimmer family will dare to defy our objectives. Once the old fart reaches his hundreds, whatever the Zimmer family owns will become mine for sure!” Zack’s expression was cold. He had waited for this day for a long time.

Sean’s face was plastered with satisfaction and admiration. His son may be arrogant and domineering, but he was reliable during crucial times like these. It was a blessing to have a son like Zack!

Just before seven at night, colorful lights were splashed across the villa of the Zimmer family. They decorated the villa as extravagant as they could. They had even invited a few of the head chefs from five-star hotels. The hall of the villa was adorned akin to the lobby of a hotel. All sorts of delectable food were prepared. All the members of the Zimmer family were clad in their best glittering clothes and were gathered at the main entrance.

Zack and Senior Zimmer were in their suits, smiling while taking center stage. They portrayed the image that they were the ones who made all the major decisions for the Zimmer family.

In the corner of the crowd, Mandy was feeling dejected. She did not expect that Zack would finally reap the rewards instead. Her hard work was all in vain.

Harvey wore something he bought from the street stalls; his appearance seemed out of place. He looked forward to tonight's meeting.

Wendy would not dare to privately negotiate with the Zimmer family without his instructions, let alone simply raising the conditions. Hence, he was very curious as to the reason why she was coming today.

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In front of the villa at this moment, Senior Zimmer lifted his arm to look at the time on his gold watch worn on his wrist. He saw that it was almost time, so he waved to signal the crowd to keep quiet. He then said in his low voice, "Remember that tonight is an important night for us, the Zimmer family. Tonight will determine whether our family will be able to become a first-class family in Niumhi.

Everyone, please give your best spirits and carefully tend to our main guest. Do you understand?"

"Yes sir!" The crowd of Zimmer family replied with smiles on their faces. Wendy Sorrell was a gold mine for them. They naturally would want to entertain her well.

Zack Zimmer suddenly whispered at this time, "Grandpa, I actually have a premature proposal."

"Sure, my dear obedient grandson. Tell me quickly what's on your mind." Senior Zimmer became

excited.

He was quite disappointed with Zack's performance before. However, he was particularly pleased with him tonight.

More importantly, he had always placed his bias toward Zack out of the three generations of the Zimmer family.

Senior Zimmer's favoritism caused Zack to exhibit a relaxed attitude. He smiled and gently said, "Grandpa, I've yet to have a girlfriend. What do you think if we play matchmaking tonight and make Wendy Sorrell my fiancée? That way, the two families will unite as one. Don't you think that this arrangement is an obvious choice to make? In the future, it will not be impossible to ask for investments of hundreds of thousands, tens of millions or even hundreds of millions."

"Marriage?!" Senior Zimmer frowned slightly. "She's not from the York family. Is there any meaning to this marriage?"

Zack smiled once again. “Grandpa, do you think Wendy would marry into our Zimmer family if she was from the York family? I’ve done some research on her background. Although she has a budding career, but she comes from a normal family. Don’t you think that she would agree to marry into our wealthy family?”

“Once she is married into our family and we get enough of the investments that we need, the matter of divorce can be settled at any moment.”

As he said this, Zack became excited when he thought about Wendy’s beautiful face and perfectly crafted body.

The thought of being able to not only secure the investments tonight, but also snatch the pretty woman, exhilarated him.

“Oh...”

The crowd of the Zimmer family was in an uproar when they heard this. There were numerous

unmarried young men whose eyes glimmered at that instant. If that was the case, Zack was not the only one who had this opportunity. The other young men had a chance too.

Senior Zimmer frowned slightly. After much deliberation, his concerned face was replaced with a full-fledged smile. “That’s not a bad idea. Zack has the brightest mind after all. This is a good idea, not bad at all. For any normal person, it is a blessing given by their ancestors to be able to marry into such a wealthy family as ours!”

Senior Zimmer did not put much thought into what Zack said earlier about being able to divorce at any moment. A woman such as her would be pampered so long as she still has value to them. The day she loses her usefulness, they could kick her out at any time.

At this moment, someone then said, “Zack’s idea is pretty good. The question is, how do we guarantee that Manager Sorrell would even look up to our family?”

A glint of light flashed in the eyes of many members of the Zimmer family.

Zack smiled slightly and said, “What do you understand? I’ve been giving her gifts for the past few days. That is enough to make any woman come crawling on their knees. If she was financially stable, she wouldn’t have sent me a text on her own accord. Those gifts are worth hundreds of thousands!”

A smile crept across Senior Zimmer’s face. “You’ve got a point. If the woman is willing to accept your gifts, that naturally means that you have poured your heart into it!”

Then, his eyes turned cold and scoured the crowd. “I know that some of you have your own ulterior motives and want to grab her from Zack! I’m warning you. Tonight’s event is too important for the Zimmer family. You know the consequences if any of you dare to ruin the night!”

When Senior Zimmer announced this, the eyes of

those who had these intentions initially fell glum at that moment.

Zack looked around the crowd feeling elated. These losers were actually thinking of competing with him? What kind of a joke was that?

While the Zimmer family was waiting, suddenly an S-Class Mercedes-Benz stopped at the main entrance of their villa. An energetic old man with his head filled with white hair alighted with a gift box in his hands.

He walked while laughing out loud. “Senior Zimmer, how unkind of you. You’ve invited Secretary Xavier and Manager Sorrell from York Enterprise over for a meal, but you didn’t bother to invite me? I invited myself over today, so I hope that you won’t be angry about that.”

“The family head of the Stone family?” The whole Zimmer family was slightly stunned. ①

The Stone family and the Zimmer family were both

second-class families. The net worth of Yohann Stone and Senior Zimmer were quite similar. He held a gift box in his hand and was slightly smiling.

“One should not come empty-handed. You can treat this as the gift for our first time meeting each other.” Yohann laughed out loud. “However, Senior Zimmer, you should introduce Secretary Xavier to me tonight.”

While he was talking, Yohann opened the gift in his hands.

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An incredulous gasp was heard amongst the crowd.

A golden miniature horse statue was sitting inside the box. Although it was only the size of a palm, it was quite expensive! It was an old-fashioned item, but the price was displayed there.

Accordingly, Yohann Stone and Senior Zimmer were of the same status. There was no need to present such a generous gift when they would meet. However, he was being modest today which allowed the Zimmer family's reputation to greatly increase.

“Sure, sure, sure. Anyone who goes through this door is our guest. Please take a seat, Manager Stone. However, please don't be so modest next time. I will humbly accept this gift!” Senior Zimmer's smile was so wide that he could hardly close his mouth as he nodded profusely.

This was not a matter of money, but of reputation.

Although Yohann had his doubts and found out that Wendy Sorrell and Secretary Xavier were coming over, he was a sly fox himself. He did not expose this side of him.

After greeting Yohann, Senior Zimmer called Zack over. “Who is this Secretary Xavier that Old Man Stone was talking about?”

“Secretary Xavier?” Zack turned delighted. “Grandpa, Secretary Xavier is the secretary to the CEO of York Enterprise, Yvonne Xavier. Her words are final in this company. Out of all the people she could bring, Wendy chose to invite her along. It looks like the investment we need is in the bag!”

“Good! Very good indeed!” Senior Zimmer’s face was filled with admiration for having a grandson like Zack. This grandchild did not disappoint at all!

Before he could continue, another Benz stopped at the entrance of the villa. Zachariah Brooke, the family head of the Brooke family was seen alighting from the car while smiling.

“Senior Zimmer, I’ve invited myself over as well. Here’s a little gift as a sign of respect!”

As he was talking, he opened the gift box. A Meissen porcelain figurine from Germany appeared. The eyes of many were blinded at this sight.

This item was worth at least hundreds of thousands. In fact, it looked extremely elegant.

Senior Zimmer smiled. “Old Man Brooke, we’ve known each other for decades. Why are you being so modest?”

“This is not modest at all. I would like to borrow some of your influence tonight. Of course, I need to be a bit modest. That’s right, Secretary Xavier from York Enterprise is coming over tonight. I’ve gone to the company a few times but never managed to meet her. I hope you could recommend me to her later! The success of the investment of the Brooke family will all depend on whether you would help us later or not!” Zachariah laughed.

It was obvious that the way he did things was more

straightforward than Yohann. He did not try to mask his intentions at all and laid it bare.

It did not matter if it was the Stone family or the Brooke family. They both had previously collaborated with York Enterprise, but their projects were losing money.

When Harvey York took the seat of presidency, he made a bold decision and their investment money was reclaimed. Both family heads tried numerous times to meet the newly appointed CEO at York Enterprise but to no avail. They could not even meet Yvonne.

There were no secrets between these families in the first place. A silly person from the Zimmer family had announced in his Line timeline that the CEO's secretary was coming over as a guest. The upper-class society of Niumhi had exploded with this news.

They were not able to meet her on any other normal days. They now finally had a chance to meet her. Hence, they shamelessly came over.

Within the next half an hour, about five more family heads arrived. In fact, they were those who had their investments cancelled. They each naturally brought a generous gift for the Zimmer family.

Although they did not know what the relationship between the Zimmer family and Yvonne was, they wanted to all hop on the bandwagon and be connected with her. They had to give something in return as a token of appreciation.

At this time, a Bentley which was not far off came over and stopped firmly at the main entrance of the Zimmer family's villa.

This atmosphere was different from when the previous family heads arrived. Its presence was significantly more powerful than all those who came before. Someone from York Enterprise must have arrived.

Everyone in the Zimmer family looked on in admiration. Wendy Sorrell must be someone of

high position and big influence. No one in the Zimmer family had a Bentley. Yet, she was able to afford this car.

While they were dwelling in their thoughts, Wendy who was sitting at the front passenger seat opened the car door and alighted. She was stunned at the scene she saw. ①

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Senior Zimmer noticed the change in her expression and sighed.

She must be an inexperienced woman to be easily shocked. She would be easily influenced.

Zack Zimmer went forward with a wide smile and stretched out his hand. “Welcome, Manager Sorrell, it is an honor to have you here. Allow me to introduce. This is the senior of our family...”

Wendy Sorrell’s face was polite. She retreated half a step without any change in her expression. She nodded slightly and said, “I’ve seen Senior before.”

Zack’s hand stiffened at her words, but he kept his high spirits. He quickly changed his gesture to a welcoming one. “Since you are here, Manager Sorrell, please have something to eat at our humble abode before we proceed to talk about business. Is that fine with you?”

Wendy hesitated for a while before smiling and said, "I've asked another friend to come. I'm not sure if she will agree to the dinner invitation."

Soon, a beautiful woman clad in a business suit with her hair tied up in a ponytail walked over from the driver's side.

Zack's whole body shuddered at that instant. The next moment, he dashed toward her. "I did not notice that it was you, Secretary Xavier. A very warm welcome to you. Do pardon our rudeness for not welcoming you earlier..."

Yvonne Xavier fell into a daze being in this situation. It was clear that she was not sure what was going on.

However, they were both invited into the Zimmer family's villa although they were both still confused.

Wendy and Yvonne walked into the hall while still in a muddled state. They were then shocked to the

core. They did not imagine that it would be such a grand scene. In fact, every one of the Zimmer family was dressed in splendid clothes. They were both underdressed, only in casual clothing, and felt extremely embarrassed.

Zack led the way into the hall and looked around. He said with some delight in his voice, “Ladies and gentlemen, aside from Manager Sorrell, we are most honored to also welcome the secretary to the CEO of York Enterprise, Miss Yvonne Xavier to attend our Zimmer family’s banquet tonight!”

Many turned their eyes toward Yvonne.

Rumor has it that the new CEO was keeping a low profile. Many of the company affairs were decided solely by Yvonne. She was of a high rank, but they did not expect her to be young and enchanting.

When she stood next to Wendy, they both looked like two lotus flowers on a single stem. This attracted the attention of all the men in the hall. Even Senior Zimmer who could not perform

anymore in bed felt that his second spring had been revived. 2

They might be beautiful on the outside, but what shocked everyone there was that they both had appeared together in the hall!

The whole hall of the Zimmer family's villa exploded! Although the family heads who had arrived knew that they both were coming, but to see them together with their own eyes gave them quite a big surprise. They stared at both of them with admiration until their eyes turned red.

They heard that whoever managed to sign a contract with York Enterprise within these few days would be on their way to cooperate with Yvonne.

They had initially thought that with just the naïve Wendy, she might not be able to have much say in York Enterprise. With Yvonne in the picture now, their influence combined might be just slightly under that of the secretive CEO?

“Who would have thought! Zack is indeed worthy

to be the heir of the Zimmer family! We don't only have Manager Sorrell tonight; we even have Secretary Xavier in our midst!"

"We can't even imagine how powerful Zack's network is!"

"What a blessing to have a son like Zack. If my son is as ambitious, I would be willing to cut a few years off my life."

While the crowd were singing praises for him, Mandy was feeling restless. Wendy was very polite toward her today. She did not think that Wendy would come over to the Zimmer family which undoubtedly made her feel embarrassed. If Zack managed to obtain the investment money later, she would lose her rights to say anything within the Zimmer family. She might even be chased out of the house. It was not impossible.

"Come this way ladies, your seats are here. We have specially reserved center seats at the main table for you." Senior Zimmer was widely smiling when he

went forward with his hand in a welcome gesture.

Wendy and Yvonne's eyes met. They seemed to not know what to do.

After a while, Wendy coughed lightly and said, "Senior, we appreciate your hospitality. We've come today only to pass some things to Zack. You don't need to be so modest. We will leave once business is settled."

Things? What else could it be if not for the investment contract?

Senior Zimmer was over the moon and laughed out loud. "Secretary Xavier, Manager Sorrell, people say that once you enter the door, you are a guest. Since it is dinner time now, and you've come just at this hour, why not eat a meal with us? If word gets out that you didn't eat with us, our Zimmer family name would have no more standing in the city of Niumhi..."

"How about we eat a meal together first? We can chat while having dinner together. We can always

wait to discuss other matters after our meal. How does that sound?”

Senior Zimmer looked at them from head to toe while he spoke. Both women’s presence, figures and faces were indeed excellent. They even had high ranks in York Enterprise. If he could have one of them as his granddaughter-in-law, the Zimmer family would have struck a gold mine. Of course, if he could obtain both, the benefits would naturally be immense.

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The Zimmer family were displaying such hospitality and although Wendy Sorrell and Yvonne Xavier were both embarrassed, they politely sat down. They were not intimidated by the Zimmer family. However, they remembered that the CEO's wife belonged to the Zimmer family, so they needed to show some manners. Else, if word gets out that people of their standings were being rude, they might even lose their future meals.

Yvonne and Wendy sat at the center seats of the main table. Beside them, Senior Zimmer, Sean Zimmer, and Zack Zimmer all sat in turn. On the other side, Yohann Stone, Zachariah Brooke, and the rest of the family heads sat down too. These people all had high standings in the city of Niumhi. Senior Zimmer did not dare to be discourteous.

However, when the younger generation of the Zimmer family saw this scene, their eyes were

about to burst with rage. This b*stard, Zack, had prosperous luck indeed. He did not only manage to have Wendy come along, he even got Yvonne to attend the banquet.

“Two beautiful women came hand in hand today. You really gave me some face today. I will not be modest about it anymore, let’s first offer a toast to these ladies!” Zack laughed in elation. He was ecstatic with delight. If he could grab both ladies tonight, he would be over the moon.

When he thought about this, he instinctively glanced over Mandy who was seated at the last seat. He was pleased.

‘Mandy, did you think that you are really capable? Did you not say that you’re able to win over the investment contract from York Enterprise? Just wait and see. You will be kicked out of the Zimmer family soon.’

“Senior Zimmer, are you not going to introduce

us?” After three rounds of wine, Yohann Stone exclaimed this out loud. His eyes never left Yvonne from the beginning.

Yvonne was just like the new CEO. Both of them had low profiles. It was hard to meet her, let alone invite her for a meal.

Yohann himself needed the investment from York Enterprise. Hence, when he heard news that Yvonne was coming to the Zimmer family, he sprinted over immediately. He was now shocked to see the capability of the Zimmer family. The fact that they were able to invite Secretary Xavier over already spoke volumes. This really proved the competence of the Zimmer family.

Senior Zimmer had to return the favor, so he chuckled and said, “Secretary Xavier, this is the family head of the Stone family of Niumhi. The Stone family also handles real estate. The Zimmer family has collaborated with them for many years now.”

Yvonne was quite speechless, but she politely

replied, “I see. Nice to meet you, Manager Stone.”

“There’s no need to be so polite. Here, this is my business card. We would like to invite Secretary Xavier over to our humble abode for a meal whenever you are free. We would be extremely honored,” Yohann smiled and said.

Yvonne did not accept the card but frowned instead. “I’m sorry, Mr. Stone. Our company has rules that we are not allowed to casually attend dinners.”

Yohann’s expression changed that instant but he quickly smiled and replied, “Of course, of course. Your company has strict rules. People like us have lots to learn from you!”

When he was saying this, the expression in Yohann’s eyes changed as he turned to look at Senior Zimmer. Who would have known that the Zimmer family had found a pot of gold! Yvonne would not give Yohann any face yet was willing to come over to visit the Zimmer family. This in itself really said a lot.

Yvonne's face was twisted with irked frowns. They had only come today to return some things and did not expect the family heads of different families would turn up. It was Harvey York who made the decision to cancel their project collaborations. She would not dare to come and meet these people on her own initiative and without permission. She felt like she was sitting on a cushion with needles and wanted to just stand up a couple of times.

Wendy felt wronged too. If she knew that the situation would escalate to this scale, she would not have asked Yvonne to tag along.

At this time, Zachariah Brooke laughed out loud. “Old Man Zimmer, I heard that your business center won some investments from York Enterprise. What good news! Don't forget that when you earn some money in the future, to give us some of your scraps when you have meat to eat!”

Senior Zimmer replied modestly, “We actually have not had their agreement. However, the contract is

indeed in the middle of negotiation. Of course, whether we would obtain the contract will depend on what the Yorks think.”

Senior Zimmer was humble, but the people around him did not think so. Everyone’s eyes turned toward Yvonne. He had specially invited the secretary to the CEO over, and he was telling them that the contract was not written in stone yet. Who was he trying to cheat?

Before Senior Zimmer could continue, Yvonne could not stand it anymore and stood up. “Dear family heads, please do not misunderstand. We did not come over here today to discuss matters pertaining to the contract with the Zimmer family. We came due to private matters. Anything related to contracts, please come to our company to discuss. This has been stipulated by the company.”

There were too many people present at the time. Yvonne could not directly tell them about the private matter. The Zimmer family was after all the CEO’s wife’s family. They needed to show some

respect in this regard.

Senior Zimmer smiled when he heard this. “

Secretary Xavier is right. We're here just to talk about casual topics. We're not here to discuss business!”

Wendy tugged on Yvonne from the side. The chatter stopped once again.