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They must be tired of living to dare lay a finger on Zoey! But Levi did not want to show them mercy by killing them. So he used that method to torture them instead.

Levi finally exited the room with Zoey on his back after a long while. Chloe saw Levi dragging Zoey's secretary along as well.

"I'm afraid we can't have our dinner tonight. I'll treat you to a meal another time. Please help me send her home." Levi asked Chloe to take care of the secretary.

"Okay. Leave this to me."

Chloe caught a glimpse of the room before she left. The gory scene was carved into her mind...

The sound of the ambulance pierced the night shortly after Levi left the venue.

Charles and the others were sent to the hospital to receive treatment. They were diagnosed with gastrointestinal bleeding, severe burning of the throat mucosa, and impairment of internal organs due to excessive drinking.

Everyone was puzzled by the amount of liquor they drank to lead to such a disastrous outcome.

Zoey did not sober up until midnight. She breathed a sigh of relief when she saw Levi beside her.

Zoey was infuriated to learn the truth.

Levi grimaced. Charles and his brothers had invoked my fury. I have shown them mercy by allowing them to live.

Zoey added warily, "You did not kill them, did you?"

"Don't worry. I merely taught them a brief lesson."

The next day, someone knocked on the door early in the morning.

Harry, Aaron, and the other members of the Lopez family were at the door.

"How can you be sleeping at a time like this? Something bad happened!" Harry chided.

"What happened?" Zoey was startled.

"This is all thanks to what you and Levi did last night!" Harry glared at her. "Levi tortured Charles and his business partners last night, causing them to suffer grave internal injuries!"

"Oh? Really?" Zoey's face turned paper-white. This is the brief lesson Levi mentioned?

“You had to offend powerful men like them out of all the people in this world!” Harry pointed at Zoey. “Now you’ve made a mess! The Imperial Meadows and the Lopez family’s business are all ruined!”

“What happened exactly, grandpa?” Zoey asked anxiously.

“Don’t you know? Fick Group is a member of the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce! The chairman of Fick Group’s board of directors, Alaric Taylor, announced his desire to take revenge on us! They cut off all monetary supplies, connections, and business partners related to the Lopez family. Your West City Ecological Park project will be the next to suffer!” Harry explained.

Zoey received a phone call swiftly after as they predicted.

One of the investors of the West City Ecological Park, Feliciano Hayes, had withdrawn his capital.

Another phone call followed. This time, it was Roberto Norris calling to inform her of the same thing.

Soon, all of the investors had pulled out from the project.

Zoey’s face turned ashen. Damn it! It’s over. I’m doomed. The West City Ecological Park project is ruined now that they’ve withdrawn their investments. I will have to pay a large amount of compensation too. Not to mention this huge trouble related to Fick Group...

Tears flowed down her cheeks uncontrollably. Why do I have to suffer the consequences when Charles and the others intended to defile me in the first place?

“They are people from the North Hampton Chamber of Commerce! This is all because of Levi Garrison! Where is he?”

Everyone was looking for Levi because he was the culprit.

“Do you know what you’ve done, Levi Garrison?” Harry wanted so badly to slap him.

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Levi heard the commotion while he was brushing his teeth, but he responded carefreely, “Don’t worry. There’s nothing to be afraid of.”

“What? The Lopez family’s businesses are collapsing. Even your wife’s company is affected!” Harry yelled angrily.

“You started this mess. So, what do you think we should do now?” Henry asked coldly.

“It’ll be alright. This matter will resolve by itself,” Levi replied nonchalantly.

“Fine! That’s alright. We have a way of resolving our problem!” Harry left furiously with his family.

Aaron looked at his son-in-law helplessly. He thought Levi was impressive when he dealt with the foreigners two days ago, but Levi disappointed him again. Rescuing Zoey was the right thing to do, but he did not need to go to such lengths to teach them a lesson. Now, he caused trouble for everyone because of his reckless actions.

Zoey defended Levi when Caitlyn began to criticize Levi. “Don’t blame him for what happened. This is all because of my careless mistake. There’s no use arguing at this point!”

Aaron’s plan to do a property survey for a new house was ruined. There’s no money to buy a house now, not to mention the possibility of having to compensate others.

Zoey was in a state of agitation. “I’ll figure out a way.”

Levi, on the other hand, was unfazed.

The financial department manager contacted Zoey shortly after. He told her Harry Lopez had withdrawn 100 million from the company’s account.

That sum was the compensation fee paid by the Rogers family because of the psychological trauma they had inflicted on Zoey and her family.

“Father is behaving outrageously! The Rogers family gave Zoey the money. Who gave him the right to take the money from her?” Aaron was mad.

Zoey and Caitlyn were filled with grievances.

Aaron took the initiative to question his father.

“Levi dragged us into this mess, so he should bear the responsibility. It’s not wrong for me to take this money from your family since he is your son-in-law,” Harry retorted.

Aaron clenched his fists. “That’s unreasonable, father. Moreover, you’re committing embezzlement by taking the money away in private. You’re going against the law!”

Harry snorted coldly. “Fine by me. Why don’t you call the cops on me?”

“I...” Aaron fell silent. I can’t do that. Moreover, father is one of the directors in Imperial Meadows’s board of management. The chances of winning an embezzlement lawsuit against him are slim.

Harry added with a sneer, “Have you forgotten about your crime of stealing the documents previously? Your life will be ruined if I turn you in by showing the evidence to the police.”

“I... Anyway, what you’re doing is wrong, father!” Aaron hung up the call furiously.

The Lopez family resolved their family crisis effortlessly after receiving the 100 million sum. They even profited from their selfish action. But Zoey’s company paid the price in return.

Caitlyn lamented, “What can we do? They’ve always been this way. We are used to being mistreated by them. They’ll seize the money sooner or later anyway.”

Aaron and Caitlyn had been victims of familial betrayals on multiple occasions. The Lopez family would butter them up to gain benefits whenever they were doing good. They persuaded Aaron and his family to share their fortune by using the moral obligations of being part of the Lopez family. But whenever Aaron and his family faced troubles, none of their so-called 'family' would show up to lend them a helping hand. The other members of the Lopez family would only think of ways to worsen their predicaments and maximize their own profits. Aaron and Caitlyn's sentiment of treating the Lopez family with sincerity was clearly not reciprocated.

Levi was done freshening up at that time. He poured a cup of warm milk while he questioned Zoey, "Did all of the investors pull out from the project?"