

## Chapter 44

James returned home. Before he could exit the elevator, his phone rang. It was Henry.

“James, news from the Blithe King. He sent his men to deliver the Callahans their invitation.”

“Okay.got it.”

James hung up.

He knocked on the door only to be greeted by Alyssa Myers, David’s wife.” Pathetic loser, are you not embarrassed enough to still come home”

James walked past her, entering the house. As soon as he saw Thea on the couch, a smile bloomed across his face.

“Thea, I already got people to send us an invitation.”

Thea was in disbelief, as she asked, “Those are men from the Western Border Patrol. How did you get those guys?”

James laughed. “Did you forget that I was a soldier? I have some connections in the military higher-ups.”

“But your resume said you served in the Southern Plains. What does the South have to do with the army at the West?”

James explained, “We aren’t related directly, but my ex-superior has ties with a big shot at the western border. Anyways, I managed to get the invitation for the Callahans.”

Gladys, Benjamin, and David were also in the house Gladys could not believe him. She questioned him snarkily, “Relying on connections, you? Although you served for a decade, you were a mere soldier. What connections could you possibly have? James, I’m warning you, don’t trick Thea just because she is naive. You can’t trick me. Thea, you have to be smarter. Why are you trusting this fool? All he has is some medicinal knowledge. He isn’t rich or powerful.”

James was already used to Gladys's degrading remarks. He marched straight toward Thea.

"Thea, let's go to the Callahan mansion now. I will win your reputation back this time."

"James, are you serious?" Benjamin could not help but ask. He, too, was unsure about James's capability to get men from the Western border patrol to do them a favor.

The seats for the succession ceremony were very coveted. The rich and wealthy in the five regions were dying to get themselves an invitation

"Dad, are you buying this guy's words?" David scoffed.

He hated James to the bone. James was the biggest obstacle on his path to riches, mansions, and sports cars. His dreams of living a high life were shattered because of James.

James ignored all of those people and brought Thea away

Gladys decided to tag along because of how confident James was

If what he said was true, Lex would be over the moon, and he would definitely reward Thea. By then, getting their shares back would be a piece of cake.

In the Callahan mansion. Lex was on cloud nine.

This was the invitation he dreamt about day and night. An invitation to the succession ceremony of the Blithe king which only had 100 seats available, according to the rumors.

So many billionaires in the five regions were spending money on gifts and tricks just to get their hands on an invitation, Now, with the Oswalds' help, he secured one. Overjoyed, Lex handed Colson a card.

“My Colson, there’s five million in this card. Just a small gift for your family’s kindness.”

“Oh, grandpa, this is too much.” Colson acted humble but he immediately took the card.

“We’re one family now, we should help each other.” This made Colson bubble with excitement.

He knew how many relations and how much money his family had to use in order to get an invitation to the ceremony. This invitation was not here because of the Oswalds, meaning that Lex had given him five million for no reason, which he gladly received. How could he possibly turn down free money?



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