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Severin was completely speechless. Those women were willing to do anything for money, and they betrayed Stanley without even batting an eye after being paid to do so! As soon as she saw that Severin was being generous, she went so far as to suggest engaging in an illicit relationship with him!

Coco seemed afraid that Severin would refuse, so she added, "Don't worry, I promise not to say anything. It's just for one night, and I swear I'll keep it a secret! I just think that you're a really handsome and nice g-"

Before she could finish speaking, Severin pushed her hand away and said to her, "I'm sorry, I'm not interested in women like you. You should go back as soon as you can, and remember to switch off your phone tonight! If Stanley comes looking for you in the future, just try and

with an excuse, like you're drunk or your phone ran out of juice!"

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Severin then got into his car and drove away.

"Sixty thousand! Heheh! I'm rich now!" Coco was very excited when she saw the balance in her account. After all, she used to go out with Stanley and his pals all the time, and although the food was delicious and they were given some money from time to time, it was small sums of seven hundred to maybe a thousand dollars if they were lucky. She had never she so much money in her life!

Without much hesitation, she turned off her phone and immediately took a taxi to leave.

Meanwhile, Stanley and the others waited a long time for Severin and Coco to come back, but they immediately sensed that something was gravely wrong when neither of them was anywhere to be seen.

"Why hasn't Severin come back yet? He couldn't have run away, right?" Alrick was still a little worried.

"That can't be possible. Wasn't Coco with him?" Stanley frowned as he thought for a moment and turned to Buttercup who was sitting next to him. "Hey, Buttercup, could you call Coco and ask what's going on? It's been half an hour, and they aren't even back yet!"

As soon as Buttercup dialed Coco's number, she immediately said wryly, "Coco...switched off her phone!"

"What?!" The three men looked at each other and sensed that something was seriously wrong. Within seconds, they rushed out of the room to try and find Severin.

Unfortunately, he was nowhere to be found even after a prolonged search.

Two wait staff followed them from behind when they went out, as they were worried that the three men might attempt to leave without paying

Stanley then decided to call Severin. As soon as the call was connected, he breathed a sigh of relief and hurriedly asked, "Where did you go, Severin? Where are you?"

"I...oof! Imma catch some Zs. I'm too ugh I'm too drunk!" Severin pretended to speak incoherently before hanging up.

"Zs? Damn it! What the f\*ck is going on?" Stanley panicked. After all, he had ordered so many expensive drinks because he wanted Severin to foot the bill! He also wanted to get him drunk.

so he could set Severin up! However, Severin somehow decided to sleep before even paying the money!

He called Severin a few more times, but all of his calls went unanswered.

Stanley was so frightened that cold sweat broke out on his forehead. He was a little dizzy from drinking earlier but had since sobered up quite a bit. He had earlier searched the bathroom for Severin too, but Severin was not there either.

"Mister Stanley, did Doctor Severin leave already?" Buttercup gulped and asked timidly.

Stanley was speechless. He made two or three more phone calls, but still they went.

unanswered. "F\*cking b\*stard! Why aren't you answering the phone? Coco switched off her phone, and now Severin isn't answering either!"

The other two men lowered their heads one by one and had an ugly expression on their faces.

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One of the men thought for a moment and said, "You went overboard with the spending earlier, and the total is now seven hundred thousand, including the money for the B-girls. Severin must have been frightened by that and snuck away because he didn't want to spend so much Money!"

"Yeah, you went too far, and I don't think Severin is an idiot! I'm not rich, so I'll excuse myself now!" The other man then said.

"I'm leaving too!"

The men were so frightened by everything that they turned around and left.

"I..." Stanley was red-faced with anger. His two friends used to pat their chests and call each other loyal sworn brothers, yet they left Stanley out in the cold at a time when he needed them most. Stanley then looked at Tina and Buttercup with a helpless expression.

"Don't look at us, Mister Stanley. You know that we don't have any money. The house we're staying in is a rental too, so you can't expect us to fork out any money," Tina immediately said.

Buttercup nodded. "If Doctor Severin did leave, then I'm afraid you're the only person who will have to pay!"

"Why?! Why should I pay? F\*ck you, Severin! Why the f\*ck did you leave?" Stanley stomped his feet angrily.

The two wait staff sensed that something was amiss, and after discussing quietly between themselves, one of them immediately went to look for the manager. They could tell that the guests from that VIP room might not be able to pay the bill.

After thinking about it for a moment, Tina immediately stomped her feet angrily, “Ah, I get it now! I know what’s going on!”

“What’s going on?” Both Stanley and Buttercup widened their eyes as they looked at Tina.

“Didn’t Coco help Doctor Severin to the restroom? She must have tricked Severin into sleeping with her in exchange for some money! That damn woman wants to take everything for herself! Damn her!” Tina said angrily.

Buttercup also reacted and immediately clenched her fists in anger. “That has to be it, otherwise, why would Doctor Severin say that he wanted to sleep? And we can’t get through to Coco’s phone either! She probably decided to switch it off because she feels guilty!”

“Ungrateful woman! Didn’t I say that I’ll give you each thirty thousand once everything’s done? F\*ck her for betraying me!” Stanley gritted his teeth angrily and was at a loss as to what he should do.

At that moment, the bar manager came over with several people.

“What happened, Mister Stanley? I heard that there’s an issue on your side?” The owner of the bar knew Stanley well, and he was kind enough to ask politely after coming over.

Stanley immediately smiled awkwardly. “Well, our host tonight forgot to pay the bill and left after getting drunk. Since you and I have been longtime acquaintances, Robert, how about you put this on the tab for now and I’ll bring him over tomorrow to foot the bill?”

“Hahahaha!” Robert, the manager, laughed and said, “You’re joking, right? Sorry to burst your bubble, but such rules aren’t allowed in our bar. And besides, you ordered some very expensive items too, and the room you booked was the Royal Pavilion Room! Your total spending has already reached seventy thousand!”

“But the person who is supposed to pay the bill got drunk and forgot about it! I can’t do anything about that!” Stanley had a bitter expression and an exceedingly embarrassed smile. “Hehe, but you’re still here, aren’t you? I’ll give you two simple choices. Either ask the guy to come back and pay the bill within an hour, or you have to foot the bill! After all, everyone else has left, and these two girls don’t look like they can afford to pay the bill. You’re the son of the Shanahans, and I heard that you were the one who ordered all that wine earlier, in addition to requesting the company of these four hostesses. I’m afraid you’re the one who should be responsible to pay for everything!” Robert chuckled, and the men behind him took a step forward in an intimidating manner.

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When Stanley saw the approaching men, he was so terrified that beads of cold sweat began to form on his forehead. His initial plan was to show Severin the consequences of offending him by bleeding Severin’s wallet dry and blackmailing Severin for a huge sum of money, but Severin seemed to be so impatient to get it on with Coco that he just left with her. The two of them were probably already going at it inside the hotel room!

After thinking for a moment, Stanley immediately said, "Hey, hey, take it easy, okay? We can wait! We have another two unopened bottles of wine in there, and I still feel like drinking it!" "Y-y-y-yeah! We haven't finished drinking yet, right? There's no rush. We just found out that Doctor Severin left, and we didn't say that we're going to pay the bill right now!" Buttercup immediately echoed.

The three of them then put on an act as they returned to the VIP room.

"Stand guard at the door and make sure they don't escape!" Robert smiled coldly and said to his subordinates.

"Understood!" The burly men nodded immediately and stood guard at the door as ordered. The four B-girls returned to the room as well, but they were clearly displeased as they looked at Stanley with some disdain.

One of them was straightforward. "This is outrageous, Mister Stanley. You shouldn't choose this room if you knew you can't afford to pay for it. You're aware that Royal Pavilion Room is the most expensive one in our establishment, and yet you still decided to choose it!"

Another added, "Yeah! Couldn't you have just chosen an ordinary VIP room on the first floor? Then this whole mess wouldn't have happened! Now everyone feels embarrassed because of your actions!"

A third added, "I couldn't agree more. I was expecting a tip from you at the end of the night, but I'm not hoping for it now given the situation!"

Stanley flew into a rage. He was the son of the Shanahans, an upper-class young man from a third-tier family, and he could not bear to hear the four B-girls scolding him like that. He grabbed an empty wine bottle next to him and smashed it hard on the ground.

"Ahh!" The four girls cowered in terror.

"F\*ck you! Who do you think you are? I'm the son of the Shanahans! Why wouldn't I have money to pay the bill? Now get the f\*ck out of here! I don't need you to keep me company anymore. F\*ck off!" Stanley stood up and said while pointing at the door.

Although the four girls were very upset, they knew where they stood and could only leave in despair.

"Should we leave too, Mister Stanley?" Buttercup asked Stanley cautiously after his outburst scared her out of her wits.

Stanley looked at Buttercup and Tina before saying, "Did I say you could go? Isn't there still wine here? Drink with me for a bit longer. Severin probably isn't answering the phone because he's f\*cking Coco right now. Let's wait. I'm sure he'll answer the phone once he's done!"

Buttercup listened to Stanley's line of reasoning and felt that he made perfect sense. She could not help but nod her head and say, "You're right. They're probably in no mood to answer the phone since they're already in the middle of it. Coco must've switched it off because she's worried that we might call and ask her about it. It's obvious that she doesn't want us to disturb her. Ugh, I can't believe her! She wants to have Doctor Severin all to herself!"

Tina folded her arms too and said, "Yeah, what a vile woman! She must've helped Doctor Severin out because she noticed that he was getting dizzy. Maybe Doctor Severin passed out on the bed, and Coco is

just playing with him so she could call him the next day and ask for something in return! We're the ones who end up with nothing! Ugh! I'm so pissed off right now!"

Buttercup also gritted her teeth angrily. "I didn't think she was that kind of a person! I knew we shouldn't have let her help Doctor Severin alone! Doctor Severin said that he'd treat the three of us together earlier!"

"Stop talking," Stanley shot back at them and looked at the time, "and keep drinking. He'll probably be done in half an hour!"

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The three of them continued to drink while waiting for Severin to answer either call back or answer Stanley's call.

Unfortunately, half an hour had passed, and still, he did not answer Stanley's call. "Why isn't he answering yet?! Something doesn't seem right!" Stanley finally started to panic. The wine bottles were almost empty, but Severin still did not answer the phone. 'Am I really going to have to foot the bill? I don't have that much money!' Though he had planned to let Severin fork out a huge sum for the bill, he did not expect the man to leave without making the payment.

By then, he started regretting his decision to rake up such a high bill. 'Would Severin have paid the bill if my orders only came to a little over a hundred and fifty thousand? Did Severin leave because he realized that I was trying to fleece him by ordering all these expensive items?' As all those thoughts began to pop up in his mind, Stanley could not help but slap himself. "Why are you so stupid, Stanley? You shouldn't have ordered so much earlier! Why didn't I see the bigger picture, damn it?! If I didn't order so much, the girls could've brought him to the hotel. once he got drunk! Then I'd have the photos, and I could've extorted twelve million dollars. from him tomorrow! He definitely wouldn't have refused!"

"You should wait a little longer, Mister Stanley. Since Doctor Severin is a genius doctor, he could've taken some strong-acting medicines so he could last longer!" Buttercup said after some thought. "Let's wait for another half an hour!"

Alas, whether it was half an hour or another hour, none of Stanley's calls to Severin were picked up. Fewer and fewer people were at the bar, which made Stanley panic even more. As time passed, Stanley made a few more futile phone calls, only for Robert to once again walk in with his men.

"Any updates, Mister Stanley? Would you want to continue ordering some more wine? I just asked our general manager about the bill, and he said that I can give you a small discount of nine thousand dollars. You'll only have to pay sixty-six thousand now!" Robert smiled slightly and said to Stanley.

"But I...I don't have that much money! I can only come up with ten thousand or so!" Stanley gulped, took out a cigarette, and lit it up. "Ask Severin to pay up! He's supposed to treat us today!"

"Hehe, how are we to know who's treating whom today? And besides, you're the only one here, so the responsibility to pay the bill falls on you!" Robert chuckled and said, "Mister Stanley, please don't force us to take action. I'm sure you're aware of the owners behind the scenes. We're not afraid of the Shanahans!"

Robert then paused for a moment and continued, "You can either pay the bill, or you can ask that Severin guy to come over and pay the bill. We'll give you one more hour to call him. If you can't get him to come over, we'll chop off your hands and see how it goes from there!"

"No, don't! I'll call him, okay? I'll call him!" When Stanley heard that they were going to chop his hands, his face turned pale with fright and his hands trembled as he took out his mobile phone to call Severin again. Unfortunately, the call went unanswered just like the previous attempts.

"Mister Stanley, we're...we're leaving now! Tina and I won't be keeping you company now that the wine has gone."

Buttercup and Tina could bear to wait any longer, and they stood up to leave.

"F\*ck you two!" Stanley cursed angrily while sitting on the sofa. "I've treated you people countless times and yet all of you run off as soon as there's the slightest sign of trouble!"

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"Fifty minutes left!" Robert could not be bothered to say much and merely reminded Stanley after looking at the time.

Stanley's lips twitched violently a few times. He knew that the people who owned the bar were powerful enough that the Shanahans could not afford to offend them. There was once a rich young man from a third-tier family who was crippled by a severe beating after offending the owners of that bar.

He did not want to end up crippled after getting beat up by those men, and although he felt ashamed, he realized that he had no other choice but to bite the bullet and call his still-sleeping grandmother.

"Stanley? What's going on? Why are you calling me this late?" Catherine answered the phone and asked Stanley.

Stanley was a little tongue-tied, but after considering his lack of alternatives, he cried out, Grandma! Severin is such a b\*stard! He agreed to buy me a drink, but he sneaked off halfway through without paying! Now I can't leave the bar, hic, hic...help me, Grandma! Please!"

After hearing that, Catherine said immediately, "Don't be ridiculous. Why would he buy you a drink? Your relationship with him isn't that good if I remember correctly?" The old lady knew very well that Severin was less than cordial toward Stanley due to the latter's attitude toward Diane in the past. It followed, then, that Severin would never invite him to have a drink!

"But it's true, Grandma! Severin treated Robin's grandma this morning, and I helped carry his medical box. Once he cured Madam Jodie, the Zelankos gave him a hundred million dollars in return! He then said he'd treat me to a drink, but I didn't think he'd sneak off while we were still in the middle of drinking." Stanley immediately complained, saying that it was Severin who offered to buy him a drink.

"One hundred and fifty million? You can't be serious? They couldn't have given him that much money even if he treats her! You're only spouting all this nonsense because you're drunk, aren't you?" It was clear that Catherine did not believe Stanley's words.

Stanley then said, "But it's true, Grandma! Madam Jodie has been using a wheelchair for a decade now, and Severin cured her legs completely! I don't think it's too much for the Zelankos to give him a hundred million dollars!"

"Where are you? I'll come over with someone later!" Catherine said immediately.

"By the way, Grandma, this is all Severin's fault! He backed out of his promise to treat me to dinner! And you know why? Because he's sleeping with another woman right now! Tell Diane to come over and pay up! He was the one who said he wanted to treat me, so Diane should be the one who foots the bill!" Stanley suddenly had an idea. Since Severin had been bold enough to sneak away and leave him to be detained by the wait staff, he might as well go all out and ask Diane to come over so she could catch Severin cheating on her with Coco. It would be even better if she caught them in bed.

Stanley's heart was overwhelmed by malice, and as he thought of his plan to get back at Severin, he was determined to make Severin regret everything.

"Is that true?" The old lady was a little angry as well after hearing that, and she immediately said, "Send me the address. I'll call Diane right away and ask her to come along too!"

After ending the phone call, Stanley could finally breathe a sigh of relief, he then crossed his legs and said to Robert, "Don't worry, Robert. It's just seventy-five thousand, right? You should know that the Shanahans and the Longhorns are on very good terms now, and things are progressing pretty smoothly with the Ballards and the Zelankos too. Seventy-five thousand isn't much, and you can rest assured that the bill will be paid very soon!"

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"Good for you, I guess? Whatever connections that the Shanahans have built with other families are of no concern to us!" Robert said. "But those who want to leave our bar without paying the bill can keep dreaming!"

After a while, Catherine arrived along with Stanley's parents-George and Cherise, as well as Diane and her family-comprising of her parents, William and Felicia, as well as her sister, Megan. Naturally, more than a dozen of the Shanahans' bodyguards followed suit too.

"Mom! Dad! You're finally here! I wasn't allowed to leave before I don't have any money on me to pay the bill!" Stanley immediately put on a pitiful act and cried out to Cherise and George when he saw them coming.

Cherise felt incredibly heartbroken to see her son like that, so she immediately stepped forward and said, "Don't be afraid, Stanley. I'm here. We're an upper-class family, and a few bottles of wine won't be a problem for us. What exactly happened though? While we were on the way here, your grandma explained that Severin landed you in this mess. Is that true?"

Stanley nodded. "Of course, it is! Severin was rewarded with a hundred and fifty million after treating Madam Jodie from the Zelankos, so he said he'd treat me to a drink. I accepted his offer, but after we'd ordered all this wine, he decided to sneak away with another woman without bothering to pay the bill! I'm guessing he got a room with that woman, which is why he didn't answer the phone!"

“One-hundred-and-fifty million?” Cherise was surprised. Following her brief surprise, she clenched her fists angrily and said, “Why didn’t that b\*stard pay for the food and drink after agreeing to treat you? Besides, paying this bill isn’t that big of a problem for him he got that much money. Why would he leave without paying?”

“One-hundred-and-fifty million? Are you sure you got that number right, Stanley?” Rather than getting angry upon hearing that Severin had gotten a room with another woman, Felicia’s eyes lit up and she was shocked to hear all that money.

‘If my son-in-law earned a hundred and fifty million, he could give me some more money without batting an eye? At the very least, he was able to pay the seven and a half million dowry!’

“That’s not the point, Mom. Didn’t you hear that Severin got a room with another woman? Don’t you think Diane will feel hurt?” Megan was furious. Though she loved money too, she felt sorry for her sister more than anything. After all, Diane had waited many years for Severin and suffered terribly as a result. It was hard for her not to get angry, considering how Severin had gotten involved with some wretched woman after being released from prison not too long ago. Even if he wanted to cheat on Diane, he should at least look for someone like Robin or Sheila, rather than some random gold-digger from the street.

That was when Felicia realized the main issue. She smiled awkwardly and said, “Despicable! Utterly despicable! We should’ve known that a man like him would easily be tempted by vice after getting rich. As if philandering around wasn’t bad enough, he went so far as to leave Stanley behind without paying for the treat! This is unacceptable! If word gets out, the Shanahans will have to face shame again!”

Catherine glared at Felicia. “What do you mean by that? Are you saying that everything will be fine as long as we make sure that no one else knows?”

Felicia smiled awkwardly and could not help but remark, “Doesn’t Stanley enjoy coming to this sort of place too? For all we know, it could’ve been Severin’s first time here! Why are we chastising Severin instead of Stanley?”

William was the only one who had a gloomy face. He thought for a while and said, “I don’t think Severin would do that. Haven’t we all noticed that he’s not that sort of person? Severin character is very different from Stanley’s, and it’s almost certain that he won’t sleeping with other women, nor would he visit bars just to hit up on indecent girls!”

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Stanley’s eyes widened in anger when he heard that. “What do you mean his character is different from mine? What are you trying to imply about my character? He’s the one who invited me here today, and there were two other women with me here earlier too. They’ve already left, but if you don’t believe me, I can call them and ask them to come back and testify for me.”

William could not be bothered to argue with Stanley and decided to save his breath.



Finally, Catherine said, "Forget it! Whatever happened doesn't matter anymore. The priority now is to avoid embarrassing yourself. Let's just pay up and leave." She then turned to Robert and asked, "We are a third-tier family after all, so we can still afford to pay the bill. Could let me know how much is the total?"

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Robert immediately smiled at her. "Hehe, always the bigger person, ma'am. Our general manager offered a nine-thousand-dollar discount, so the total will now be sixty-six thousand.

"Sixty-six thousand?!" Catherine's face soured when she was informed of the total. The corners of her mouth twitched a few times, and she even doubted whether or not she heard it correctly, since she had expected it to be a few thousand or ten or so thousand at most!

George was a little startled too, and he immediately asked, "Why did you spend so much?"

Robert handed over the tablet and said, "See for yourselves. Mister Stanley and his companions ordered the most expensive wines, and as you might be able to tell from those empty bottles, they enjoyed themselves quite a bit. Mister Stanley even requested four of our girls to keep them company. I

remember there being a lot of people here, and among them were two men, both of which are friends of Mister Stanley, and three women whom he spent at lot of time with in the past!"

"Uhh..." Stanley immediately lowered his head. He had an extremely ugly expression and secretly cursed at Robert for not reading the room.

'Did he really have to bring up stuff that happened in the past?' Stanley thought. His grandmother would have turned a blind eye to his past transgressions, and Robert's revelation. ended up being a slap in the face for Stanley.

"Has life been too good for you, Stanley?" Catherine glared at Stanley, and it was obvious that she was a little angry.

"Whatever I did in the past was all for the sake of discussing business deals, Grandina, and I had to entertain some of our clients! Besides, I didn't spend as much on previous occasions!" Stanley lowered his head and explained.

"Is something wrong, Grandma?" Diane asked as soon as she entered the room, having rushed there as soon as she received a phone call from Catherine in the middle of the night.

When Stanley saw that Diane had arrived, he immediately snorted coldly. "Oh, you don't even know the half of it! Everything that happened is Severin's fault. He said he was going to treat me and my friends to dinner, but he slipped out halfway through the meal and went to the hotel with another woman! He just disappeared without saying a word, and he didn't even bother to foot the bill. Isn't it obvious that he's trying to punish me? The total cost is sixty-six

thousand, so I'll leave it to you to figure out how to settle it!"

Diane had the feeling that something was wrong while she was on the way there, and her expression turned ugly as soon as she heard what Stanley said. More importantly, it was clear that Severin had not

come home, because she did not see him in bed when she passed by Severin's room, and his car was nowhere to be seen either.

However, she still did not quite believe Stanley's words, because she believed that Severin would neither waste sixty-six thousand dollars on a meal, nor would he leave without paying when he had already agreed to treat them.

She turned around and asked Felicia, "Is that what happened, Mom?"

Before Felicia could speak, Cherise said animatedly, "What do you expect? He just got out of prison, and it's second nature for him to do something like that. Old habits die hard, and ex-convicts are all terrible people. It's because of him that my son wasn't allowed to leave this place!"

Diane was enraged when she heard that, and she immediately turned around to look at Cherise. "Watch your words! Don't you dare utter such slanderous remarks when none of us know what the real deal is!"

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Felicia immediately added, "Yeah! We can't just listen to Stanley's one-sided story. You're his parents, so you of all people should know what kind of person he is. Don't ignore all his wrongdoings just because you want to protect him!"

"You..." Cherise gritted her teeth angrily and clenched her fists.

"Enough!" the old lady roared suddenly, sending everyone into silence.

A cold expression appeared on her face as she asked Robert, "Could you enlighten us on what really went on?"

Stanley folded his hands smugly. Robert and several wait staff saw what happened that night, as did the four B-girls. As long as they were called over to testify, then the answer to all those questions- especially whether Severin was there, whether he mentioned anything about treating them, and whether he had left with another woman-would all come to light!

To his surprise, Robert smiled and said, "I'm not too sure, ma'am. One of our wait staff said that Mister Stanley made this order and requested four of our girls to keep him company while drinking. As for this Severin person, I must confess that I don't know who that is, or whether he was around!"

"You're just trying to frame Severin, aren't you? It was you who ran up the huge tab just to try to put all the blame on my son-in-law!" Whatever the situation might be, Felicia did not want Severin or her daughter to pay any of the money. After all, sixty-six thousand dollars was simply too much, and she was adamant on pushing the responsibility all on Stanley. Stanley gritted his teeth and stood up. "Hehe, is that right? I called Severin tons of times, but not once did he answer my calls. I bet he's inside a hotel room with Coco! How about we let Diane call him and see if he dares to answer your call right now? Go ahead and ask him if he's been in this bar with me."

"Call him, Diane. Tell him to come here and explain what the hell is going on!" Catherine finally said to Diane after some thought. Diane nodded and called Severin.

Lo and behold, the call was answered as soon as she hit the dial button. "Hey, honey, is something wrong?"

“Where are you? Could you come here, please?” Diane bit her red lips and told him to come to the bar where they were. Truthfully speaking, she was still a little worried because she was afraid that Stanley’s words might be true, in which case she would be tremendously disappointed at Severin’s awful behavior.

After all, even if Severin has liked other women, it would be less of a blow to her if it was a decent woman, such as Sheila or Robin. In the same vein, she would be severely heartbroken if he casually got together with those indecent gold-diggers.

“Oh, I just so happen to drinking with Blade and Larry at a nearby bar. I’ll be right over!” Severin smiled slightly and hung up the phone.

After ending the call, Severin said to Blade and Larry, “Let’s go!”

Before long, Severin walked into the room alongside Larry and Blade. As soon as she entered, he looked suspiciously at everyone and asked, “What’s happening? Why is everyone here?”

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“Hall Master Larry! Why are you and Master Blade here?” Catherine knew that the Draco Hall had already taken over the Cedar Gang, and that they had reached a level where they were stronger than first-tier families but just slightly weaker than Brookbourn Mansion. Thus, it was only natural for her to feel a little anxious when she saw Larry and Blade.

Larry said with a faint smile, “We have been drinking and chatting with Mister Severin in the next-door bar, and Mister Severin received a call from his wife asking him to come over. We were curious if something had happened at this late hour, so we decided to tag along!”

When Stanley heard that, he clenched his fists and said loudly, “That’s not possible! Didn’t Severin leave here with a woman? He should be in a hotel room with her right now! Why is he drinking with the two of you? Wait! You just bumped into him not too long ago, right? How long have you been drinking?”

Larry’s expression turned sullen in an instant and he looked at Stanley with disdain. “Are your suggesting that I’m lying to you, Mister Stanley? Blade and I have been drinking and chatting. with Mister Severin since a little over eight this evening!”

“That’s absurd! He was here with us, and the four girls who were with us can testify to that!” Stanley protested. He could tell that Larry was covering for Severin.

“Me? Here? What for?” Severin had an innocent face.

Felicia was ecstatic. “See, I knew that Stanley was trying to pin the blame on my son-in-law! He spent all the money, refused to pay the bill, and decides it’d be a good idea to frame my son -in-law to let him pay the bill! How disgusting!”

Having chastised Stanley, Felicia said to Severin, “Stanley told us that he went with you to treat the Zelankos’ old madam, and you received a hefty reward from them when you successfully cured her leg issue. He said that you would treat him to a drink here, and then...” Felicia narrated everything that Stanley had told them.

After Severin finished listening to everything, he said with a wry smile, "That sounds so far- fetched, Mom. Why would I be willing to spend so much money just to treat him to a drink? I told him that I'd treat him to a drink after getting paid, but I didn't say that it'll be tonight. I never said that we would be going to this sort of place to spend so much money, either. Besides, it's an outright lie to say that I got a room with another woman. I've been with Larry and Blade the entire time!"

As soon as Megan heard that, she stepped forward and said to Stanley, "I didn't think you'd be this despicable, Stanley! I think you were the one who spent lavish amounts on bringing your friends here to drink with some women, and now that you realized you overspent, you decided to put the blame on my brother-in-law to avoid forking out the huge sum yourself! I can't believe I almost believed your nonsense! You truly are the most shameless person ever!"

"I... But I'm telling the truth! You can ask my two friends if you don't believe me!" Stanley was speechless and did not know what else to say at that moment.

Megan, however, snickered unexpectedly. "Hehe, aren't those pals of yours in on it? How would we know whether or not you guys had this planned from the beginning? Why should we trust them?"

"I..." Stanley felt choked.

Then, Robert the manager, offered a suggestion. "I might not know what's the situation here, but I can always ask the waitresses on duty and the four girls to come and explain what happened!"

After hearing what Robert said, Stanley felt that help had come at last. He was overjoyed and immediately said to Robert, "Oh, Robert! Thank you so, so much! Whatever it is, the truth will come to light eventually, and we'll soon find out what really happened."

Seeing that Robert had already walked out, Stanley looked smugly at Severin. "Good try, Severin! I get it now! You wanted to try and make life difficult for me, right? Well, shame on you, because I'm not stupid! Let's see what else do you have to say when the two waitresses and the four B-girls come in!"

Stanley, however, did not expect that Larry would have a cold expression. "So according to you, Blade and I are lying then? How dare you make such accusations toward us?"

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Blade's violent temper erupted in an instant, and he took a step forward to grab Stanley by the collar. He raised it high with one hand. "Who do you think you are, slandering me like that? Do you want me to tear your limbs apart?"

"Oh, no, no, no! I wouldn't dare to accuse you! Please spare me, Master Blade! I never said that the two of you were lying!" Stanley begged for mercy right away. He was so scared that he nearly wet his pants!

Blade threw him directly on the sofa. "Sure then. We can ask those girls once they come in later. I'm going to chop your hand off if it turns out that you're lying!"

Catherine frowned and was a little confused for a moment. The anger present in Larry and Blade's expressions seemed to suggest that they were not lying. However, Stanley did not seem to be lying either, because it would have been very easy to expose his untruths if he had made the whole thing up.

At that moment, the old lady did not know who was telling the truth. However, she had made a decision in her heart because she knew very well that the Shanahans could not afford to offend Draco Hall.

Moreover, it only goes to show that Severin had a good relationship with the two figures since he was able to have a drink and chat with them at such a late hour. It was a positive sign indeed. At that moment, the four B-girls and the two beautiful waitresses came in.

After Robert brought the women in, he pointed at Severin and asked all six people. "Have you seen this Mister Severin tonight? Was he here in this VIP room?"

Stanley sneered in his heart. 'Oh, Severin! Let's see if you'd dare to frame me again after this! Your lies will be exposed soon enough!'

To Stanley's shock, the six women shook their heads after looking at Severin.

"This gentleman has never been here tonight!"

"The only people who were in this room were Mister Stanley, his two male friends, and their three female companions. They ordered a lot of wine."

"Oh, and I also heard him say that they wanted the three women to help him frame Severin, and that he's going to let Severin pay for the bill!"

The women remarked one after another in convincing fashion, which stunned Stanley and left him utterly dumbfounded.

"They...they're all lying!" Stanley was so frightened that he fell bottom first on the sofa. Though he might be able to understand it if Larry and Blade helped Severin to lie, he could not wrap his head around why everyone else at the bar would do the same too!

"You son-of-a-b\*tch! How dare you frame Mister Severin?" Blade stepped forward angrily and slapped Stanley directly.

"Sir, please spare my son! Please! I'm begging you! He only did this in a moment of error!" Cherise immediately began to beg for mercy after seeing Stanley getting slapped.