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Leyton uttered gratefully, "Thank you, Mr. Chance, for taking mercy on our family!"

"You're done here!" Jared dismissed him with a wave of his hand.

Leyton got to his feet and bowed deeply to Jared. Then he spun and left the room without sparing Sandy a glance.

Leroy blocked his exit, upset at Leyton's earlier words. He demanded, "Mr. Scott, we signed a contract. How can you terminate our partnership on a whim? Plus, you can't just hold my project commission hostage!"

"Get lost!" Leyton scolded impatiently. "What can you do if I refuse to release your payment?"

Leroy steeled his nerves and threatened, "I'm not scared of you. You may be a Scott, but you were begging pitifully for Jared's mercy just minutes ago. You must pay my project commission in full if you cancel the contract. My cousin Benji is one of Mr. Lewis' men. I have no qualms about involving him if the situation turns ugly."

Though he had no idea why Leyton seemed so deferential toward Jared, Leroy's priority was to secure the lucrative project commission to ensure his company's continued operation.

Ultimately, the Scott family was no match for Tommy's prowess, and Leroy was using that fact to his advantage.

"Dumb*ss!" Leyton muttered under his breath. He ignored the raging Leroy and left.

Tommy obeys Jared's every word. I can't believe Leroy thinks he can ride on Tommy's influence!

After Leyton's departure, Leroy turned his anger to Jared, instantly pinning the blame on him.

He scowled and said, "Jared, I don't know what you've done to frighten Leyton into submission, but I'm not scared of you. I'll ensure your ruin today!"

Finally, Leroy stalked off to find Benji.

The room fell into an awkward silence after his departure. Everyone stared at Jared, wondering how he seemed to have Leyton wrapped around his finger.

Juliette stared at Sandy instead. Hesitantly, she asked, "Sandy, did you break up with Leyton? Are you no longer the Scotts' future daughter-in-law?"

Her question had everyone turning their questioning gazes on Sandy, who blushed furiously and fidgeted.

She could only nod in resignation.

The crowd erupted into fierce whispers of displeasure. "So that's why she was defending Jared earlier! Looks like someone got dumped by the Scott family heir!"

"Judging by his behavior earlier, I don't think Leyton will consider courting Sandy again!"

"Pfft, she acted as though she was still associated with the Scott family!"

Sandy had been reduced to nothing in their eyes now that her coveted association with the Scotts turned out to be void.

Leyton's deference toward Jared did not soothe Virgil's anxiety. He cautioned, "Let's go, Jared. Mr. Lewis doesn't even blink when he kills someone!"

He was genuinely worried over Jared's safety now that Leroy had finally gone off to summon one of Tommy's men.

Jared smiled and asked, "Have you seen Tommy Lewis in the flesh?"

“No!” Virgil shook his head.

“Well then, how do you know he doesn’t blink when he kills someone?” Jared teased.

Virgil answered fearfully, “Jared, things have changed while you were in prison. The members of Mr. Lewis’ Templar Regiment and Steven Fisher’s Crimson Dragon Gang are ruthless killers. Everyone in the city has heard about their murderous exploits.”

Jared’s smile merely widened as he clapped Virgil on the shoulder and coaxed, “Don’t worry. Nothing will happen on my watch.” He then tossed the signed contracts to Virgil and uttered, “I’m too busy. You should manage them on my behalf.”