

The next morning Denise and Mable came into the kitchen to wash any dishes from overnight.

Thomas and Peter were standing and looking at the dishwashing area.

Nadine went and knocked on William's door.

William was dressed and had his hand on the doorknob.

He was talking to Wyonna who was working the evening shift.

Wyonna was going into town to make sure her and William documents were correct so they could go to Europe for a year or two.

William opened his door.

Nadine said, "Good morning."

Wyonna looked at the door and saw Nadine.

She knew for Nadine to come for William it was a problem.

William looked at Nadine and walked out his door and walked into the kitchen.

He saw Thomas and Peter standing and looking.

Dan arrived and walked in the house. He has learned to check the work schedule. He was off that Friday.

He rolled his eyes and cursed. He could have been home.

Then he heard Lorraine and Meredith walking upstairs.

He stepped in the hall and looked at the storage area.

He saw the last door opened.

Dan walked and saw the paintings on the wall and the rugs on the floor and the vases in the hall.

He was becoming a little nervous about his stuff.

He turned and looked in the opened door and saw Eleanor had decorated her office.

He walked in to see whether any of her furniture was his stuff.

He saw one of the tables and he held his chest and he had to sit.

He was catching his breath.

He looked at the table better and realized it was not his table.

He left out the office and walked back to the kitchen and saw William and Nadine, Thomas and Peter, Denise and Mable standing and looking.

He was about to leave and go home and finish decorating his house and had to go to town to pick up his family and friends Christmas gifts.

Dan thought, "I got a full day. Let me see what is here that I can cook for Saturday and Sunday's dinner."

Dan looked around the kitchen and decided on his menus.

He saw the tea set on the cabinet and wondered how Shirley's tea party went. He would ask Nadine, who gives all the details.

He turned to walk out the kitchen to go to town.

Wyonna was walking into the kitchen and stood by Dan.

Dan looked and said, "Where the hell did all of those dishes come from?"

Wyonna looked and said, "Lorraine."

Dan walked out the kitchen.

Wyonna said, "Dan where are you going?"

Dan said, "My off day. That I did not know about."

William walked to Wyonna to tell her to help Denise and Mable wash up all of those dishes and put them up.

William said, "Wyonna I am going to..."

Wyonna walked away from William and walked outside with Dan and jumped in his wagon.

Dan looked at Wyonna and said, "Where the hell are you going?"

William was walking out on the porch to walk to the wagon.

Dan saw him.

Wyonna said, "Go."

Dan could not stand William.

He pulled off and as they were leaving the house they saw Eleanor and the count in front of them.

Dan said, "Where are they going so early this morning?"

Wyonna said, "They pull over and spend about an hour and a half in the carriage then go on to town."

Dan said, "I am not the only one."

Wyonna looked at Dan and said, "What do you do Dan?"

Dan said, "I am going into town for about an hour and a half. I want that corn beef sandwich at the restaurant."

Wyonna said, "You are a cook and want to eat somebody else's food."

Dan said, "I am going to pass Eleanor and the count, I don't want to see them in the woods. That big behind house and they can't find a place there."

Wyonna said, "You know Patrick and Brenda would be ready to kill them if they do anything in their house. I can understand that because I am parent and would not have anyone disrespecting my house."

Dan sped up and passed Eleanor and the count and did not look at them.

Dan turned and looked at Wyonna and said, "Besides running away from your husband why are you in my wagon?"

Wyonna said, "I am going into town to take care of some business, for about an hour. I was not going to cancel my off day. He could cancel my off day, but like you if you would wash all those dishes he would have to pay you."

Dan turned the wagon around and sped back to the house.

He looked at wyonna.

Wyonna was rolling her eyes and cursing Dan.

She stood up and was beating Dan with her bag.

Dan was ducking.

The count looked.

Eleanor looked.

The count said, "Eleanor you are not going to stop and go behind them and stop them?"

Eleanor looked at the count and said, "Joseph no!" They are grown people. Knowing Wyonna she is not getting her way. She gets violent. So Dan know that. They have to resolve their problem."

Dan said, "Stop Wyonna before I dump you out of this wagon. I'll let you drive my wagon to town, but I need every penny for the holiday."

Wyonna stopped beating Dan with her purse and stood and looked at him.

She sat down.

Dan rolled his eyes at her.

She was watching Dan.

The moment Dan pulled up.

Wyonna pushed him out the seat and turned the wagon around as William saw her and was running to tell her to come back.

Dan said, "You need help washing the dishes."

William was angry with Wyonna.

Dan walked to William.

William said, "Yes. I need her to stop at the liquor store to pick up an order."

Dan said, "Would that be working on her off day."

William looked at Dan.

Dan opened the door for William.

Dan helped to wash and dry and put up the large amount of dishes.

Dan finished his dishwashing job.

He walked to William who was going over the schedule for the next two weeks.

William gave Dan fifteen dollars.

Dan said, "Thanks. He made him a sandwich and went and ate his sandwich.

Dan put his sandwich on a napkin.

He took the napkin and the rest of the kitchen linen to Max.

Dan walked outside and sat on the steps and he thought, "I am tired. Here comes that bitch."

Wyonna was singing and leisurely riding back to the house.

William saw the wagon.

Wyonna jumped out the wagon and handed Dan a corn beef sandwich.

Dan said, "I just ate a sandwich."

Wyonna was pulling the sandwich back.

Dan grabbed the sandwich.

Wyonna said, "You said you just ate a sandwich."

Dan said, "But it was not corn beef."

Dan smelled the sandwich.

He relished in it's aroma. He thought, "Dinner."

William walked outside.

Wyonna heard the door and did not look back.

Dan and turned and saw William.

He stood to leave.

William said, "Dan where are you going?"

Dan was about to curse William until he saw Wyonna inching her fingers for money."

Dan cut his eyes at William and said, "To town."

William said, "Can you pick up the last order of liquor?"

Dan held out his hand.

William looked at him and then Wyonna.

William walked back to Dan and gave him ten dollars for running the errand.

Dan took the money and left.

William looked at Wyonna looked at William and patted his cheek and went into the house and undressed and took a nap.

William calmed down and continued his chores.

Stanley and Gary and Louis went to the area in the back and cut down a tree for Christmas.

Dan sat and watched them.

They were bringing the tree to the house as Dan was leaving.

Dan thought, "I won't be here for Christmas and New Years."

Eleanor and the count went to her lawyer's office.

The jewelry shop owner and his lawyer were there.

The jewelry shop owner and his lawyer and Eleanor's stood as she and the count entered.

Eleanor reached her hand to Mr. Williamson and said, "It has been a long time."

Mr. Williamson's lawyer and Eleanor's lawyer reviewed the contracts while Mr. Williamson and Eleanor talked.

Eleanor introduced the count to Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson said, "You are a cousin to the Queen of England."

Eleanor giggled because she thought it was a joke.

The count looked at Eleanor and turned back to Mr. Williamson and said, "I am indeed."

Eleanor was stunned.

Mr. Williamson saw Eleanor did not know.

The lawyers were finished with the contract.

The count said, "Sir, why are you selling the jewelry shop.? You have some fine pieces in the shop."

Mr. Williamson said, "I did not have any peace."

The lawyers were standing and listening to him.

Mr. Williamson, "About a month ago, this man started showing up at my home and wanted to buy my shop. I told him not to come to my home ever. But he continued to do so. I went to the sheriff and told him. Then the workers at the shop said he started coming there every day. Then rumors started that the

mob was moving in on our beautiful town and stealing businesses from those who were not aware, ruining a lot of businesses and buying businesses that would let them switch their illegal money for good money. When I received your telegram it was a God send. Now I can take my wife to Europe.”

Mr. Williamson looked at the count and said, “Maybe I can get an introduction to the Queen of England.”

Eleanor started to grin, both Mr. Williamson and the count looked at her.

Mr. Long said, “Everything is fine. Please come and sign the contracts.”

Eleanor and Mr. Williamson signed the contract.

Eleanor took out her paper and wrote a check for the business.

Mr. Williamson took the paper and read it over and over.

Eleanor reached out her hand.

Mr. Williamson looked at Eleanor and thought.

He laughed.

Eleanor smiled and nodded her head.

Mr. William son went into his pocket and came out with a jewelry box.

He opened it and the beautiful sapphire and diamond earrings Shirley wanted were in the box.

The count looked at the earrings and whistled.

The count told the Mr. Williamson he would be in town to the New Years if he would by the Stiths he would love to write him and his wife a letter of introduction.

The count said, “You may not get to see the Queen.”

Mr. Williamson was so excited and said, “Just to be allowed on the grounds will be a trip well spent.”

He looked at Eleanor and said, “I am taking this to the bank.”

Eleanor laughed.

Mr. Williamson ‘s lawyer stayed he shook Mr. Williamson’s hand.

Eleanor looked at Mr. Thompson who was Mr. Williamson’s lawyer for the jewelry shop.

Eleanor looked at her lawyer.

Mr. Williamson walked out the office.

Mr. Long pointed to Mr. Thompson and said, “Eleanor he is the lawyer for Mrs. Singer of the dress shop. Do you have the power of attorney for Shirley?”

Eleanor woke Shirley that morning before she left to get her to sign the paper for Eleanor to act and buy the dress shop for her.

Eleanor gave to Mr. Long and he and Mr. Thompson looked over the power of attorney and reviewed the contract for the sale of the dress shop.

Mrs. Singer was walking in at the time they needed her to sign.

She and Eleanor greeted each other.

Mrs. Singer said, "Did you tell Eleanor the condition of the sale?"

Mr. Thompson said, "We were waiting for you."

Eleanor looked at her lawyer.

The lawyers pulled the chairs out for the ladies.

Mrs. Singer said, "I want you to keep my five workers on."

Eleanor said, "I saw three."

Mrs. Singer said, "My seamstress and my clean up lady."

Eleanor said, "Mrs. Singer does the dress shop make that type of profit to have three salesclerks?"

Mrs. Singer looked at her lawyer.

She said, "Besides you and your friends I do not make a profit. I barely pay the bills."

Eleanor sat for a moment and stood.

The count mouth dropped because he was nervous.

Mrs. Singer was nervous.

She said very haughtily, "Well Eleanor I 'll sell it to the other buyer."

Eleanor was looking out the window.

She did not look back at Mrs. Singer.

Mrs. Singer moved into the town about twenty five years ago and married the banker that backed her dress shop.

Eleanor said, "Mrs. Singer sit down!"

Mr. Long looked at Eleanor.

He saw a fierceness come out of Eleanor.

The count looked at Eleanor.

Mr. Thompson looked at Eleanor.

Eleanor slowly turned from the window and slowly looked at Mrs. Singer.

The count swallowed hard, because he had not seen that look before.

Eleanor walked to Mrs. Singer and said, "I'll buy your dress shop because my daughter likes to shop. I will let go of one salesclerk. She can go to the jewelry shop and work part time."

Mrs. Singer said, "I gave them my word."

Eleanor said, "You have kept your word. They have a job. I looked over your reports last night. The inventory you carry and the amount you sale the inventory does not add up Mrs. Singer. I was not going to bring this up. Your shop is only worth fifteen hundred dollars. You are asking for five thousand dollars. I will not allow my daughter to spend her money on a failing business."

Mrs. Singer was very nervous.

The count watched her.

Mr. Thompson looked at Mrs. Singer.

Mr. Long looked at Mrs. Singer.

Mrs. Singer tried to look at her lawyer.

Eleanor said, "You owe the mob money you got from them to keep the dress shop opened."

Mrs. Singer said, "Begin to cry and said, "Yes."

The count mouth opened.

Mr. Long and Mr. Thompson said nothing.

Eleanor said, "How much do you owe the mob?"

Mrs. Singer said, "Why? Are you gonna to pay them?"

Eleanor said, "No Mrs. Singer. I would have closed the shop first as to go to evil criminals to get money. Tell me the amount you owe them."

Mrs. Singer said, "Twenty three hundred dollars."

Eleanor took the contract and stared through the five thousand dollars and wrote three thousands.

She handed the contract it to Mrs. Singer and said, "Take it or leave it. You have enough left to move to the lake and live."

Mrs. Singer sat and thought.

She nodded her head in agreement and signed the papers.

Everyone signed the papers.

Eleanor wrote Mrs. Singer a paper.

Mr. Thompson said, "I'll take the contracts and go and have everything certified."

The count said, "I will like to go with you and bring Eleanor's papers back to her and Mr. Long.

Eleanor stood and walked to Mrs. Singer and shook her hand.



The women embraced.

Mrs. Singer said, "If you know anybody I'm selling my house."

Eleanor said, "I'll keep that in mind."

The count, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Singer walked out.

Mr. Long pulled out the telegrams about the lawsuits.

He said, "I wrote a letter to the lawyer that represent the family about Thomas setting the horses loose. Here is that letter."

Eleanor read the letter that said Thomas was in Europe and did not return until months after the event. To stop the frivolous lawsuit or he will fill a counter lawsuit for defamation of character.

Eleanor agreed and the lawyer showed her where to sign.

He took the letter from Eleanor.

He laughed and said, "Now the lawsuit with Shirley and Michael is funny. Because they did not own the hospital then. It was owned by Bruce. Just because they subsequently purchased it the sale comes with all the problems and liabilities. I know their lawyer. A charlatan."

Eleanor looked at the lawyer.

Mr. Long shook his head and smacked and said, "Don't worry he will try to threaten so he doesn't have to go to court and take most of their money. He does not want to go to court because his actions will be monitored. The letter I want you to read is the acceptance of the lawsuit and requiring of a court date."

Eleanor signed the letter.

The lawyer pulled out a letter in another folder.

He looked at Eleanor.

Eleanor looked at him.

The lawyer said, "Bruce has agreed to the divorce,"

Eleanor nearly forgot about Bruce.

She sat for a minute.

She exhaled and batted her eyes.

She looked at Mr. Long and said, "What is it?"

Mr. Long said, "He wants twenty five percent of the businesses."

Eleanor said, "Tell him we go to court."

Mr. Long said, "That is what I said in the your response. Please sign it for me."

Eleanor signed the letter.

Mr. Long looked over everything and said, "I'm leaving now to get all of these notarized and sent by post today. We probably won't be going to court for any of these until the spring."

Eleanor said, "Mr. Long I plan on moving my family to Europe in the spring. I want all of this mess cleared up sir."

Eleanor pulled out her paper and wrote him his pay.

He grinned and said, "I'll walk out with you. Please be careful with the earrings."

Eleanor nearly forgot.

She walked out with Mr. Long.

They ran into the count.

The count handed the papers to Eleanor.

Eleanor handed Mr. Long's copies to him.

They saw Dan walking out the general store with his packages.

When they got to the carriage, Dan was walking to the liquor store.

The count said to get the rum.

Eleanor looked and pulled off.

She called Shirley to the parlor and gave her the papers from the sale of the dress shop and five employees and she save two thousand dollars.

She told Thomas they would counter sue.

Thomas said, "How much money can I get from them?"

Brenda said, "None."

Eleanor said, "Mrs. Singer owned money to the mob, I bought the dress shop for much less she was trying to con Shirley for."

Patrick said, "How did you figure it out Eleanor?"

Eleanor said, "The value of her inventory."

Eleanor said, "I bought the jewelry shop."

The count said, "The same mob man."

Brenda and Patrick looked at the count.

Patrick said, "You can't buy each business the mob is after. You will spend up all of your and they can go and start buying other businesses."

Eleanor said, "Shirley and Michael we fight about your lawsuit, because you bought all problems from Bruce."

Michael said, "Why can't Bruce be sued too?"

Eleanor pinched Michael's chin and said, "You bought the hospital."

Patrick said, "What else?"

Eleanor looked around and said, "Bruce agreed to the divorce and wants twenty five percent of our businesses."

Brenda was getting off the sofa.

Percy said, "I'll go and get your shotgun grandma."

Michael said, "We go tonight."

Patrick looked at Percy and Michael and said, "You two sit still. Better yet go to the dinner table."

Patrick got up and walked to Brenda.

Brenda was angry and standing out on the balcony.

Patrick walked out and hung her.

They looked out over the back.

They saw Louis, Gary and Peter lighting the torches and had the wagons to bring in the water.

Patrick and Brenda stood on the balcony and watched as the sunset.