## **HEATHER**

No, it'll continue to earn money. After all, Perry was well known, people liked him. And, most important, his company is in good hands, isn't it Mr. Offerman.

Gerald stands.

GERALD

What is she talking about, Dean?

**HEATHER** 

Gentlemen, meet the new CEO of Ludlow Properties, Inc.

There's a moment of stunned silence.

DEAN

I was going to tell you later...um...

**GERALD** 

(Interrupts)

There's no need to explain anything. You've been Per-

ry's right hand man for years. Congratulations!



Yeah Deannie...congratulations. I guess you're rolling in the dough now.

## **HEATHER**

And he's going to be even richer. I know the growth strategies that Perry and Mr. Offerman here have been discussing. You'll carry those plans out, won't you?

DEAN

Of course, a lot of investors are counting on it.

JIM-BO

So, Dean, is that the big secret you've been hiding...that you and Perry have been plotting to take over the world?

HEATHER

Heaven's no! That's not the biggest secret Dean shared with Perry...not by a long shot.

Dean abruptly stands, takes a step towards her.

DEAN

(Threatening)

You have no idea who or what you're dealing with.

**HEATHER** 

Oh, come now, Dean...don't be so dramatic. This isn't mystery dinner theater...this is reality. And I know...

DEAN

(Interrupts her)

I'm warning you, Ms. Dennison. You better be careful or...

**HEATHER** 

(Laughs)

Or what? You'll kill me too?