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First Chapter of the Novel, “Over My Head”

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### Chapter

Lawrence Chase felt himself lucky. A good job and great wife were all signs of fortune. Married to his employer's daughter, his future seemed brighter than a thousand stars. Angela Carter's passion and spirit filled him with overwhelming joy. Larry found a gem in Angie.

Alas, life wasn't as placid as this couple would have wished it to be.

Two months into their four-year union, Larry's gambling debts became Angie's burden to be paid off. Like any loving spouse, she wanted to help her husband. With the sale of several savings bonds, Angela pulled Lawrence's neck out of that financial noose.

Pity this husband didn't learn his lesson back then.

One thing Larry Chase didn't want to do this time was to go to his wife for those funds, as he'd done earlier in their marriage for that sum of thirty-five thousand dollars.

At an unlicensed gambling establishment in Fairwater, Wisconsin, Larry's debts teetered at the astonishing amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This obviously couldn't be placed on his beloved Angie's subtle shoulders.

The Rabbit's Foot seemed an unlikely place for him to stand on that tightrope of self-destruction. Yet, it was something that was said to him by the manager, as Chase was unceremoniously tossed out into the Wisconsin night, which shook the foundation of who he was.

Older male in light colored suit spoke, "Don't be the rabbit, Larry", smirking at the thought of how unlucky that foot was for the hare, another bewildered beast came to this elder male's mind, "Or, in this case, the ostrich".

Larry's luck became a figment of his own ego. Being a gimpy bunny was one thing of misfortune. He could outride the losses in future months. Alas, turning into that flightless bird that didn't realize the depths of financial loss Chase actually was in, transformed into a shame that not even his wife would be told of.

Three weeks after that dismissal in Fairwater, several markers of various denominations were brought up by an Eau Claire resident. It would be that being, who would hold several former Wisconsin clients' monetary future. One of which, was Lawrence Chase.

As three men sat inside an Eau Claire location, a small pile of yellow papers were stacked in the middle of a tan colored table.

Male of caramel hue spoke to another next to him, "It's 250, right?", scribbling black ink onto white paper.

Second man nodded, "Yep".

With pen in hand, he held paper upward for the second male to respond, "Are you sure you want to keep this marker?"

"As I live and breathe", looking at that item in his friend's hand, he laughed.

Dark eyes and bald head, gave the third man a striking appearance, "Well, the air is expensive in Eau Claire".

Man seated in the middle acknowledged that fact, "As are the ladies, Iris".

The location was the Eight Ball. Gennaro Esposito held the pen and papers, while follicle challenged; Iris Mendoza sat to the far left of the second male. And, the owner of this business, Nicholas Bell, remained the contemplative core of this trio.

Unlucky person that owed that sum was Lawrence Chase.

Edward Longfellow had clients connected to Marigold Isle Casino in Beechwood. During a conversation with one of them, the name Chase came up. From there, a little legwork led to The Rabbit's Foot.

Eddie finding out about the mess Larry had gotten himself into felt those parental pangs of concern for the woman he'd have to tell. All he could think of was Angie being hurt by a husband whose brains were vaporized by hubris.

Complicated by who owned that marker, Longfellow had the unpleasant task of giving Angela Chase the grim news about her husband.

Being far more than just a corporation counsel for Carter Manufacturing Corporation, Edward had dual alliances with Arthur and Angela Carter. The second of which, were events that occurred a year after his longtime friend's daughter had gotten into some legal problems.

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