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Lawrence Exeter Sr. has an illegitimate son

Happy to have a son (perhaps to get rid of him?), Sr. sends Jr. to Columbia military academy and then to Stanford University.

Sr. hires Daisy Windsor, pro-assassin, to kill the mother of his illegitimate child, whose existence foiled his dream of ruling France, his country of origin, by meriting him an embarrassing reputation and speaking against his dreams. Windsor kills the mother.

Sr. flees to France to seek the presidency and falls in love with another woman there. Sr. wins the election and goes to Hawaii for a honeymoon and diplomacy, a chance to conquer Hawaii with the aim of attacking the U.S. Sr's initial diplomacy fails as a result of his new love, a Hawaiian, sympathizing with her country and alerting the Hawaiian gov't (sympathetic w/the U.S.) of Sr's plan.

Sr. leaves to France and calls on Windsor, owner of University Club Florists, to once again assassinate his love, who moved to the U.S. after conflict with Hawaii and her lover. She does this once again unbeknownst to the French gov't. Sr. runs out of checks from his U.S. bank and keeps a low profile by using only gov't money for his expenditures. He makes secret arrangements w/Vertizzi, French private eye. childhood friend and election supporter of Sr., to work as a spy in the U.S. as part of domination plan being friend and coworker to Jr. who works for the U.S. gov't.

Jr. falls in love w/Daisy (working for Sr. to get info). He overhears a conversation about his mom's murder after he marries her. Jr. gets a divorce and Daisy is eventually jailed. U.S. Jr. hires Tony Spagoni, newly retired FBI worker as a bodyguard, and falls in love with Wentworth, eventually marrying her. Daisy confesses to Jr., out of anger towards Sr. for not helping her, of Sr.'s plot against U.S.

Jr. goes to grandma, influential former U.S. senator whom Sr. held a grudge towards for constantly working, and tells of Sr.'s plot. Vertizzi, spying on Jr. and gov't attempts to assassinate Jr. Spagoni spies on Vertizzi, knowing of his relationship w/Sr. from gov't connections, and finds out of his plot. Vertizzi kills Spagoni, who never received Jr,s checks.

Knowing Vertizzi as a local private eye, Jr. hires him to investigate Spagoni's disappearance. Vertizzi acts on his own and kills Jr.

Close to his son, Sr. is angry after Vertizzi's report and attempts to help his son by paying for surgery after reestablishing account (Ms. Exeter was unaware of Sr's actions and had little money). Out of guilt, Sr. turns himself in after paying for death expenses.