Adan Bashir

COAHTR: Big Daddy's Will

My character- Big Daddy: I found Big Daddy one of the most interesting people in the play; we learnt from his talk with Brick that his whole life had been a life of lies. He never loved his wife, or his grandchildren, or even church. He has a very high place in society; he is all powerful in the whole of the state. He loves the fact that he can control all the riches and who they go to.

Reasoning: Through the second act of the play we get that all he cares about are Brick and his farmland. Why wouldn’t a man love what is seemingly his first born, Gooper? Then I came to the conclusion that it’s because it’s not his first born, and that it was Big Mama's Sister's first born, with her husband. Who also unfortunately died in a drunken driver car crash on their way home from a date night in celebration of Goopers birth, but Big Mama was the legal guardian and so they took him in.

Tone: I kept the tone consist with this written task in a formal but still with a hidden touch of his southern accent. I did this because this is a legal document, but people can’t change their mother tongue, so it’s hidden. I tried to give it a touch of Big Daddy’s cussing, sexism and honesty, but since it was a legal document I didn’t have much flexibility.

Formatting: I had to search up certain types of documents and certain laws which also didn’t give me much flexibility with the story, but it made it more realistic. Because everything I had put in it, the fake school and the fake law firm are actually real and in Tennessee and were there during the time of the play’s setting. And I have tried to use different fonts for the different witnesses, to make it more believable.

I, the undersigned,

B.D. Pollitt

203-37-5957

Of the cotton plantations in the Mississippi Delta

To the lying sons of bitches of a family,

You are reading this because I am dead, and I want you to know that you are not the only ones with secrets, these lies have to stop so ya'll can continue living life how is supposed to be lived. I have come to realize this as my life has come to its end. I hereby declare this to be my Will. I hereby revoke all previous wills or testamentary writings made by me.

Nomination of my estate: I nominate Mrs. B.M Pollitt, my current and legal wife and partner in marriage, with you I leave the house. As my lawyers have told me, I only need to give you one third of my wealth, and I can guarantee to you that I have invested a lot more than a third of my wealth into that piece of shit of a chamber of secrets. Nominating Mrs. Pollitt to be the Executor of my Estate. Should she be unwilling or unable to act as executor, I nominate Mr. Brick Pollitt. I direct that the executor of my estate shall be required by the Master of High court or the other competent authority to give security for proper performance of his duties. If he shall fail as executor by the authority of the Master of High court, then I shall leave it to my wife's niece, Mr. Gooper Stapleton. This should be able to make Brick strive for the estate in 3 weeks due time after the first High court accommodation, but if there are no signs of change by the second accommodation, then I nominate Mr. Gooper Stapleton as my second nominee for the estate.

Page 1 Signed by Testator- B.D Pollitt

Witness 1. Dr. Baugh Witness 2. Mr. Macey

I direct that my capital estate shall devolve as follows:

Special Bequests: Brick my first born child and Gooper my wife's niece, I leave you with nothing. To Gooper, as you know, you are completely illegitimate to the inheritance so I don’t owe you or your meddling, gold digger of a wife anything. You were taken in by Big Mama, she is your legal guardian therefore I am not required by law to leave you anything, as you should know. Brick I don’t want to leave you anything although my lawyers suggested otherwise, this is because I have come to realize that my only son is a lost cause. I want you to learn how to work to get what you want, just like I did. I started out as a homeless. You are spoiled brat, and you need to realize the true meaning of work, so get off your ass. I will not make it any easier for you with my death. I am doing this because I care for you, I do, I care for you more than anyone, and I want you to be happy. So don't you live on lies like I did used to, do what makes you feel comfortable no matter what anyone else thinks. Because you are my son, and you can never disappoint me, unless if you continue going down this alley. Margret is a good woman, but if it’s the woman part that’s bothering you, then son, go on and find yourself someone who just isn't that.

After my special bequests I bequeath the residue of my capital estate to: I will leave some money in a trust fund for my grandson/granddaughter who is to be born of Mr. Brick Pollitt and his gold digger of a wife Mrs. Margaret Pollitt, and I have put it in a place neither of you will have any of them legal access to. My grandson or granddaughter will be able to access the money when s/he is 21 years old, and they can use the money freely preferably advised by my lawyers. I have set 3 separate trust funds, one can be accessed by the school I have organized with which is the public school of Antioch, from Kindergarten through high school. And one for college which they will have the choice of when reaching the age of 21, and lastly, the living expenses which they can access from age 21. Throughout the experience of my life, I have come to realize that wealth is not built on education; it is the will to work that will get you wealth. So I have chosen this specific school at which I used to learn until I dropped out. They can experience the real struggle, something I call tough love, none of that pampering bullshit Big Mama sent Brick and Gooper to. And hopefully my grandchild will grow up like their good old granddaddy. Strong willed and hardworking, but most of all accepting of different people. And in case you are wondering I have opened an account in case there is a sibling to my first born grandchild.

In witness of whereof I have signed this will in Burr &Forman LLP Law firm on the 25th August 1955 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who in my presence and in the presence of each other have signed this will as witnesses.

Testator Signature: B.D Pollitt Date: 25th August 1955

Witness 1. Name: Dr. Theodor Baugh

Witness 1. Signature: Dr. Baugh ID Number: 307-698-2117

Witness 2. Name: Mr. JohnsonMacey

Witness 2. Signature: Macey ID Number: 289-758-299