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Meanwhile, Vincent listened in silence, opting not to expose Faye's lie. The truth was that Lucile did not show up when they went to sign the contract, as Linus acted as proxy throughout the process, so Faye actually missed out on Lucile. However, her vanity seemed cute at the moment, while the lie served to show Cooper and Scarlett the connections that the Mitchells possessed, as not everyone got to meet Linus and Lucile.

Through buying the car, Vincent got to meet and exchange contacts with Linus, which meant that they had established some sort of connection in the least. Spending a billion in exchange for a chance to meet the vice president of the Michel Family was—to him—a fair deal.

On the other hand, Sophia was rendered speechless by Faye's vain attitude, more so when the latter dragged Sophia over to check out the car which Sophia was in fact tired of. Meanwhile, the car was being treated as the hottest luxury item, with celebrities taking selfies in front of it before posting a heavily edited version of the picture onto their social media.

Faye dragged Scarlett over to inspect the car. "Scarlett, try running your hands over it! The car was produced according to military standards! Look at the color, the shimmer, as well as the fully automated system embedded in it! I bet you've never laid eyes on such an advanced car before!"

However, Sophia maintained a blank expression while she recalled that the car was in fact one of the more plain ones she owned. The reason she sold it was because it was too small to comfortably fit her 2.5 meter cat. In the meantime, both Michael and Harry put on a look of adoration.

Michael ran his hands over the car in awe while lamenting, "This is such a superb car! It's a shame that I don't get to own it!"

With a look of envy, Harry cried, "Oh, even laying eyes on it is a pleasure!"

The two best actors put on their best act to portray themselves as poor sods who could only begrudgingly behold the car of their dreams but couldn't own it. Their flawless acting not only managed to satisfy both Faye and Vincent's vanity, but also put on show the Mitchells' sturdy financial foothold.

In the meantime, Cooper was on the verge of nodding off while on the sidelines. Although the elders of the Mitchell Family were discontent about his defiant attitude, they refused to approach him actively, thus resigned to cursing him mentally. Cooper had always stuck out like a sore thumb ever since young, so the elders—despite being not much older than Cooper—were rejoicing in the fact that not only was he met with his downfall, but her daughter was also being publicly humiliated.

Meanwhile, Sophia's face was devoid of expression when Faye was showing her wealth off. In fact, she wouldn't even have attended Faye's birthday party if it wasn't for the upcoming incident that she'd planned.

Eventually, during the climax of the occasion, a few cars pulled over, from within emerged a group of people in uniforms. Their leader sought out Faye before inquiring placidly, "Greetings, Miss Faye Edwards. We're from the Inspection Division of the Local Tax Bureau. Miss Scarlett Mitchell reported that you had been committing tax fraud, so we will need you to come with us for investigation purposes."

The fact that Scarlett reported Faye came as a huge shock to everyone present on the occasion. It was public knowledge that tax fraud was illegal. Having set up her own studio that was independent from its shareholders, Faye would be faced with charges if she was found guilty of tax fraud.

The crowd fell into silence while closing in on Faye to check out the situation. Upon knowing who was after her, Faye shot Sophia, who was watching from the sidelines, a menacing glance before feigning surprise. "Oh, why would you accuse me of that? How is that possible? I have always paid my taxes accordingly!"

In fact, she was aware that she had broken the law, but she was confident that even the bureau had to bend to the combined will of both the Mitchells and Edwardses due to how powerful both families were. Even if they managed to uncover anything, she had both families behind her back, so Faye didn't believe for a second that Scarlett could topple her. There was just no f*cking way that she could.

In the meantime, Vincent explained cordially, "There must be some misunderstanding behind this. Seeing that we're already this late into the night, why don't we proceed with the investigation tomorrow?"

The people from the bureau agreed to his proposition, so were soon on their way, allowing them to go on with the party. However, the atmosphere in the mansion during the latter half of the occasion went through a drastic shift. The guests were beginning to whisper among themselves regarding Faye's supposed crime, as well as the fact that Scarlett Mitchell opted to do so without even trying to cover up for herself.

The amount that Faye declared last year was a little more than two hundred million. However, she requested a compensation of fifty million just that year after being bitten by a dog, which forced her to recuperate for a month. Only a small sum was dedicated to Faye's mental anguish and medical bills, as the majority of the compensation was determined based on the loss of income when Faye was recuperating.

According to the available data, it was apparent that Faye was able to earn approximately fifty million within the span of a month, which meant that she could earn approximately five hundred million in a year. However, she only declared a total of two hundred million, so it meant that the remaining three hundred million was untaxed. It became apparent to the public now that Scarlett had been waiting all this while to get back at Faye after being subjected to an unreasonable compensation of fifty million.

Sophia left the mansion for her car in the nearby parking lot after the men from the bureau left. While on her way out, she made a call to administer a quick order. "You can now spread the news around." Upon ending the call, Sophia turned to observe the glorious mansion behind her while wearing a menacing smile. You won't be getting away easily, Faye!

The incident became a hot topic overnight. There were already various conjectures and contesting opinions going around on the Internet regarding the matter when news broke of the astronomical amount of money being compensated to Faye after she was bitten. The fact that an actress who had no skills and having undergone extensive plastic surgery could earn fifty million per month made Faye the object of people's envy.

Aside from the peasants in the lower ranks of society, even Faye's colleagues wished to be in her position. As soon as a hatred toward the rich was triggered, it ignited a blaze that managed to destroy the foundations of lies that Faye's riches were built upon.

With the aforementioned incident being the preamble of the situation, the fact that Faye was being investigated by the Local Tax Bureau became the critical point that kickstarted a

series of gossips that trended the Internet. It was soon discovered that Faye's wedding ring cost tens of millions, while the new mansion Vincent bought for their wedding spanned across a few hundred square meters, equipped with an elevator no less. On the other hand, someone else uncovered that her car was worth a hundred million.

Every single amount spent on the items were getting on people's nerves, as they could hardly earn fifty million even if they worked for life, so it was extremely unfair that she could earn fifty million within a month. Her movie saw one of the lowest-grossing box offices, as she had no skills in acting. Other than that, her beauty was artificially constructed, and all she knew was to latch herself to globally-acclaimed award-winning actors, so it was incongruous that she could earn so much more than the other actors who worked hard.

Meanwhile, her envious colleagues were all lashing out at her now that they finally found fault with Faye, direly hoping that the incident would be her downfall that would subsequently end her career. The incident was blown out of proportion during the next few days, so much so that it gave the Mitchells and Edwardses a headache, as they couldn't possibly come out unscathed.

In the meantime, because Sophia reported Faye publicly, her brand and Michael's new movie were both gaining attention due to the incident. As things went south, Faye was beginning to panic, all the while regretting lying about her income. Thus, she quickly agreed to cooperate with the tax bureau with their investigation.

After a thorough investigation, it was revealed that although Faye did commit tax fraud, the amount wasn't huge, so things began calming down after she paid both the required taxes and the fine, as well as finding herself a scapegoat to serve her jail sentence in her stead. It was also revealed that she didn't earn as much as she'd declared, as the true sum was merely two-fifths of it.

Faye's studio quickly announced the truth to the public, admitting that Faye didn't earn as much as she'd claimed. As soon as the statement was issued, it seemed that the incident would resolve itself after a few more moves to soothe the public. But without warning, Pouri filed a high-profile police report at that critical moment to sue Faye for scamming.

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The events unfolded one after the other according to plan. Just when the case with Faye's tax evasion was finally beginning to subside and the public was on the verge of turning their attention to something else, Pouri made a move to sue Faye for scamming. In effect, they were using the whole ordeal with Faye as an opportunity to market their brand.

Since Faye admitted that she didn't earn as much as fifty million per month, the fact that she requested a compensation of fifty million from Pouri would be a scam. The list for compensation was done by Faye's team, which listed out in black and white each of the items that were being compensated for. Compensation for medical bills and mental anguish didn't even amount to a million, while the rest were all compensation for loss of income. Faye had no way of denying any of the claims, as it was listed out on paper.

The lawsuit caught Faye unawares. It wasn't until then that she realized she had fallen into a trap. Right after the people from the tax bureau were done with her, the police would come knocking on her door as well. It was all a meticulously planned trap for Faye that was set into motion ever since she requested a fifty million compensation. All Sophia had to do was wait for Faye to fall deeper into the trap.

Pouri set up a social media page just for that single event, on which their first post was the police report they filed against Faye. Of course, she came to know of it quickly. Pouri made sure to keep a high profile; they went as far as to make it live on the web, as if reminding Faye to brace herself. Meanwhile, the police would soon be knocking on Faye's door, so she quickly gave Vincent and Sandra a call, as it was Sandra's idea to make the outrageous request for compensation.

The incident quickly alarmed the Edwards and the Mitchells, as they placed a lot of importance on Faye and Vincent's marriage. As soon as the two main families came into union through marital ties, it meant both families would effectively be considered as one. However, it also meant that Cooper would unscrupulously work against that union, as a union between Alex Mitchell and the Edwards would put him at a disadvantage. In short, Scarlett would be targeting both Faye and Sandra as both were the key to the union of both families, which was precisely why neither family would sit out of it.

Soon, news broke that the Mitchells and the Edwards spent an astronomical amount to hire ten or so lawyers from both local and abroad to form a team that would work on Faye's case. The intense lawsuit went on for two months, and by the end of it, Faye was determined as innocent. Both the Mitchells and the Edwards spent a lot of money on the case; just the attorney fees alone amounted to an impressive sum. Besides, they wouldn't have been able to pull through this if it weren't for their connections.

After the case was closed, Faye gave Sophia a call to gloat. "Scarlett, you should know that both the Mitchells and the Edwards agreed to teach you a lesson. Extras like your father and you should never have returned! Neither the Edwards nor the Mitchells will let you off the hook that easily, nor will you have any chance at winning this feud! Scram back to where you came from!"

However, Sophia mocked, "Thank you for endorsing our products for free. We owe you one for Purl's booming business."

When Faye heard that, she was so furious that she hung up. Meanwhile, Sophia was expanding her business, whereas the marketing team that Cooper recommended seized the opportunity to market the company's products when news regarding Faye's case was the trending topic. Their combined efforts helped to boost Purl's reputation greatly.

On the other hand, Ivan and his team managed to come up with brilliant designs that swept multiple international awards, which helped to consolidate his status within the industry. In short, Purl was thriving.

It was within Sophia's expectations that both the Edwards and the Mitchells would do their best to protect Faye at all cost. After all, Sophia was Cooper's daughter, while Faye was the daughter-in-law of the Mitchells, so anything she did to Faye was bound to be perceived as a slight to the Mitchells. Therefore, it was no longer just a matter between Sophia and Faye, but also a feud between both Cooper and Alex.

However, she didn't ask for help from Cooper regarding the matter, as the latter was busy expanding his local business while soliciting the support of other Mitchells. In fact, Sophia preferred to focus on being Cooper's witty sidekick while working on expanding her own business related to pet products. She liked her career pertaining to pet luxury goods, and would soon be expanding into more areas regarding pets by the coming year.

Pourl's office and design studio was moved to the second floor of its flagship store. The building was a gift from Sam, but Sophia only held onto a single floor to be used by Pourl, while the rest were rented out. The offices and shoplots in the building were mostly bought off by Cooper, with the branch family being based upstairs, while the local HQ of Michel Group had just moved into the building next to them. After all, Cooper wanted nothing more than to keep watch on his precious daughter 24/7 every day of the week.

On this day, Michale brought Judge with him to Sophia's shop. As soon as Judge saw Sophia, it began barking. After leaving The Imperial, Judge was sent back to Stanley's place. The latter just bought a mansion beside the sea, with Sean settling down in another mansion next to his, so they could take over looking after Judge.

Judge became the only doggo in the house, but despite the fact that everybody doted on it, Judge was still feeling dissatisfied. It missed Sophia and Michael since it had grown attached to them and the place that it spent a few years living in. Not only was the orange cat not with it in the new place, neither was Sophia the loli there; both of them were being perceived by Judge as its subjects. Nowadays, the lion had stepped in to seize everyone and everything away from Judge, which made it unhappy, to say the least.

Woof! Judge was barking non-stop. Caressing its head, Sophia asked Michael, "Why is Judge barking so much?"

Michael replied, "Perhaps it's because Judge wants to come back to The Imperial since it's now living alone by the sea. Stanley spends a lot of time away from home, so Judge might be feeling a little lonely."

"But Judge doesn't want to play with Barney," Sophia said with a frown.

Judge was still barking when Ivan opened the door to the design studio. Right now, Barney was having its measurements taken inside as Sophia wanted to make Barney an outfit. Upon seeing Barney, Judge quickly cowered behind Michael with its ears flattened. On the other hand, Ivan was slightly nervous upon receiving such a large animal in his studio for the first time, but he quickly got used to it.

Ever since business expanded, Pourl had been taking on other more exotic pets aside from the normal ones, including golden pythons, groundhogs, koalas, alpacas, kangaroos, monkeys, squirrels, ostriches and even giant earthworms. They also had a century-old tortoise waiting outside, as its owner was planning on giving it a golden tattoo on its shell.

In the meantime, Sophia was going through the datas of recent clients to get a grasp on the latest trending pets among the upper class society in Bayside City. However, Michael was watching in trepidation as he didn't want her getting any weird ideas on buying any other exotic pets, as in most cases, he would end up being the one taking care of them. Therefore, he quickly redirected her attention. "You used to like dogs when you were younger, and you had a dog that you kept for ten years!"

He succeeded in capturing Sophia's attention. "Oh, is that so? What was the dog's name?"

Michael recalled Sophia having told him about a dog she kept when she was living with her grandmother. With how smart it was, it helped to find aluminium cans in bins whenever Sophia went scavenging for trash. Michael went on for a while with the story. "You kept the dog with you for many years until it passed away of old age."

However, the truth was that after Sophia's grandmother had passed away, she moved into her uncle's place with the dog. When her cousin bullied her, the dog bit him so hard that it tore off a chunk of his flesh. After that, the dog was beaten to death before being used to boil soup that ended up as nourishment for her cousin.

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Of course, Michael would never tell her about the gruelling parts, as it would be better to allow her to assume that her dog simply died of old age. The dog was her only friend who got killed for protecting her, and was made into soup after that. After that, its bones were retrieved by Sophia from the bin before being put together and buried in a tiny grave she dug for it. The trauma scarred her for life, but fortunately, she had forgotten all about it.

After listening to the story, Sophia heaved a sigh. "They're just our furry babies..." Pets' lives were so short, while humans had lifespans that were so much longer than theirs, so it could be considered fate for one to be able to encounter his or her own 'furry baby'. Thus, it was all the more reason why Sophia decided to offer the best she could to the pets she encountered.

Caressing Judge's head, she could smell the fragrance of shampoo as well as feel the smoothness of its fur from its recent shower. Judge was around five to six years old by that point, so since huskies had an average lifespan of under twenty years, she didn't have much time left with Judge.

Michael changed the topic after that. "My movie will be released the week after this, but there will be a premiere before that. Would you like to join us?" Being an actor had its merits seeing that he had at least gotten a superb reason to ask a girl out.

However, Sophia turned down his offer after some thought. "I think I'll wait for the release, as I prefer to watch it on a big screen in the cinema. It would be great if the seats are all filled up. I like it when the audience cheers for a good movie."

Taken aback, Michael hung his head low while being on the brink of tears upon realizing that his chica was the same as before, and she hadn't changed at all. Michael hung around until afternoon when Stanley, Sean and Maddie came over for an exclusive interview about Judge.

As the main character behind the incident with Faye, Judge was the reason why Pouri lost fifty million, as well as the reason why Faye had to face lawsuits against her for tax evasion and scamming. Therefore, fans of Faye tracked Judge down through their combined efforts, going as far as to crowdfund to have Teddy rape Judge. It was under such circumstances that Judge rose to fame, eventually becoming one of the most well-known dogs with the highest net worth in the world.

However, though Judge's action of biting Faye caused Pouri to lose fifty million, the level of fame they gained due to it far outweighed their financial loss; even spending fifty million on celebrity endorsements might not necessarily guarantee a similar outcome. Thus, Maddie figured she could do an interview about Judge to add to Pouri's fame.

As soon as the interview began, Judge barked nonstop as if announcing that it never bit anyone to begin with. Despite having chewed on sofas, chairs, beds, toilet lids and TVs, Judge didn't seem to recall ever biting anyone. It almost sounded like Judge was denouncing Faye's claims for having been bitten, while Sophia was simply strung along.

Maddie asked a few more questions regarding Judges' daily life, to which Stanley replied in detail, allowing the interview to go on smoothly. However, when Maddie was about to leave when they were done with it, Sophia's bodyguard reported to them, "Miss Irene Weber is downstairs."

Not only was her presence unexpected, but none of them knew if she was after Maddie or Michael. Even Maddie was disgruntled about her arrival, as Irene had been constantly dropping by to harass both Joel and her. Whenever Joel was away from home for military duties, Irene would harass Maddie by hurling insults at her in front of her house. The fact that Irene would even come to Sophia's shop was unexpected. "I'll go chase her away!" Maddie volunteered.

On the other hand, Joel knew Maddie was often being harassed by Irene, but he also acknowledged the fact that she didn't like to have a bodyguard following her around. Thus, he adopted two retired army dogs that she could bring along with her to work, which were with her at the moment. However, Sophia held her back. "That won't be necessary. I can handle her."

In the meantime, Irene was waiting downstairs, knowing that Michael was upstairs, orbiting around that wench, Scarlett as usual. She decided she would make everybody's life difficult, because she could easily get away—even from Mark Fletcher—due to her parents' status as fallen heroes.

Soon, Sophia showed up wearing a pair of sunglasses and having a lion beside her. Upon noticing Irene's presence, she walked toward Irene with the lion in tow, which shocked Irene so much that she ran away shuddering. It wasn't until then that she led Barney onto the car to head back home with Michael tagging along.

Not even Michael could do anything about Irene. "She is the daughter of fallen heroes. Both her parents sacrificed themselves for the country, so she was left orphaned when she was a child. Although the Fletchers adopted her..."

The Fletchers treated Irene as one of their own, providing her with all the necessary resources to become the best singer in the military. However, her low self-esteem caused her to fixate on the dream of becoming a true Fletcher by being listed on their family tree. If she could be more firm in her stance back then, she would've already married Michael and their children would've been in high school by now. Yet, she chose Joel instead of Michael, only to be shunned by Joel with the only reason of him having no feelings for her.

It was tricky for Michael to deal with Irene, as he couldn't just cast her aside like how Joel did, and that was precisely why Irene was able to do as she pleased. Michael's relationship with Sophia hadn't seen much progress, so he didn't want Irene's presence to affect their relationship. Meanwhile, Sophia knew full well who Irene was, but she issued a harsh warning nonetheless. "While you did owe her something, I don't, so I will treat her the same way I did Faye if she ever crosses me."

At the mention of Faye, Sophia was reminded that the movie Faye was starring in was still being promoted, and it would be released on the same day as Michael's. Also, Faye's wedding with Vincent would happen within a few days on a private island that the Mitchells owned. Sure enough, it was common practice among celebrities to draw attention by publicizing either their wedding or breakup. After a round of advertisements and promotional activities, Faye's movie was currently the trending topic, which was expected to gross at least 1.5 billion.

Faye and Vincent's wedding was the hottest topic of the season, with the media either portraying them as a fairytale couple, or focusing on the fact that the Mitchells had settled Faye's two court cases, which indicated just how important Faye was to Vincent. All in all, the wedding received a lot of attention from the public.

On the other hand, though Alex sent Cooper an invitation, the latter turned it down as he wasn't interested. As a major event for both the Edwards and the Mitchells, the wedding was in fact a stage to show off their financial prowess and familial status to their opponents. However, it would be pointless if their opponents weren't even there to witness their achievements.

Upon arriving home, Sophia got a call from Faye. "Scarlett, you must attend Vincent and my wedding that will happen in three days! He told me you're a member of our family, so you have to attend such an important event! Our wedding would be incomplete without your presence!"

Sophia could hear the pride in Faye's cute voice over the phone when the latter began describing her supposed wedding. "My wedding will be held on a private island that Vincent and I own! The ceremony will last three days, with invitations being sent to upper class people such as government officials and people of noble statuses. By right, people like you would never even get to set foot on it, but since you're a Mitchell, we will make an exception for you!"

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Sophia retorted without hesitation, "I'm sorry, as I won't be able to come. Still, I wish you a happy marriage!"

On the other end of the call, Faye couldn't help but chuckle in complacency. "Scarlett, are you worried that you might cry after witnessing my marital bliss?"

Without holding back at all, Sophia snapped, "You're right! I'm so jealous of you, so I will make sure to ruin your wedding. Also, I will never allow the union to happen, so I will do my best to trash it! Your wedding will become the laughing stock for everyone!"

As soon as she said so, Faye burst out laughing. "Hahaha! Scarlett, you're too full of yourself! Both the Edwards and the Mitchells placed a lot of importance on the wedding, so you won't even come close to thrashing it! Haha, I will be sending you the invitation, so come trash our wedding if you can!"

With a nod, Sophia replied, "Sure, just you wait! I will make sure your wedding goes down the drain!" Hanging up, Sophia cast her phone to the side before lying down on the sofa to organize her thoughts. Linus was cooking in the kitchen, whereas Carmen and Cooper were playing with toy blocks while the latter had his hair tied up in two stubs. As Carmen was familiar with building houses with the toy blocks, she could do so with much ease.

Michael never slacked when it came to Carmen's education. Although she had yet to start attending kindergarten, she could already speak in four languages fluently. She also learned to dive and roller skate, while Michael also took time to go on trips with Carmen on their private jet. However, the presence of family was also important for the education of a child. While Michael had a hard time attending to every single need of the child back then, things were easier now that Sophia and her family were there to help.

As they were playing, Cooper was able to teach her a lot of things, and he was also able to let her practice speaking, so Sophia had it much easier, for all she needed to do was play with Carmen after work.

“How do you plan to trash their wedding?” Michael overheard Sophia’s conversation with Faye when he came for dinner in his pajamas after a shower.

Propping herself up, Sophia smiled before replying, “What will you do if you ever see someone you dislike getting fed sh*t without knowing it was in fact a pile of sh*t?”

With a frown on his face, Michael imagined the situation. Well, I figure I would remind him about it only after he ate it!

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Faye’s wedding was held as scheduled. The occasion would last for three whole days, which was a feat that shook the entire nation. Before the wedding, Faye’s team already began publicizing it. It was as if they wanted the whole world to know about their wedding, as well as the unbreakable bond forged through the amalgamation of two prestigious families. A lot of celebrities and people of status were invited, and Faye would occasionally post a photo of her in her wedding gown as a means to showcase the progress of the wedding preparations. Meanwhile, all of the publications served to help market her new movie.

Sophia wore a cruel smile on her face while reading through those articles regarding the glorious wedding on the Internet. After that, she made a call. “You can now release all 28 gigabytes of the data.”

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During the first day of their wedding, Edwards Island was buzzing with activity. After the three-day ceremony, the guests would be ferried back to Bayside City on a luxury cruise owned by the Edwards. The entire wedding cost hundreds of millions, making it the event of the century. To celebrate the occasion, both the Edwards and the Mitchells had invited a lot of important partners to witness it.

The scale of the wedding was absolutely unprecedented. The entire island was covered with flowers. Also, Faye’s outfit cost a good forty million. Other than the thousands of prominent guests present, they also commissioned a renowned Hollywood director to direct and produce a clip to be showcased during the ceremony. Such was the grandiose of a rich person’s wedding.

The ceremony of the first day ended without a hitch. The next few days would be followed with banquets, cocktail parties, balls and performances. Shockingly, the performers were all world-renowned artists who rejoiced in being invited to the wedding.

While the Edwards and the Mitchells were busy promoting the wedding as the event of the century, a 28 gigabyte compressed folder which contained a ton of incredible videos was being uploaded onto the largest legal overseas pornsite.

All of the videos were of a woman having sex with her face clearly shown. There were a variety of genres, ranging from normal sex to hardcore fetishes. Soon, the female lead was quickly being pointed out as Faye Edwards, the hotshot celebrity of Cethos. All 28 gigabytes of videos were of her having unscrupulous sex with all manner of subjects.

Aside from Faye, prominent figures such as Richard Harper of the Harper Group and another hotshot celebrity called Nicholas Yates were also captured on the videos. Almost all of the younger men and women who were managed by her studio were forced to have sex with her.

The videos were uploaded when Faye and Vincent were exchanging their rings. Such impeccable timing made it obvious that this was an act of blatant mockery. Meanwhile, a bunch of self-proclaimed experts downloaded the videos to determine if those uploaded contents were true. They did such a meticulous job of it, which resulted in them being able to firmly determine that the woman featured in all the videos were in fact none other than Faye Edwards herself.

All of the videos indicated the time and location of filming, with the most recent one being filmed in a bridal shop. It showed Faye—dressed in her wedding gown that Vincent spent a huge fortune on—having sex with a man. According to the officially released material, the gown was worth tens of millions. Although it was Faye who wore the gown, the man who was having sex with her sure didn't seem to be Vincent.

News regarding the videos were being spread around like wildfire. Initially, they were only circulated on foreign websites, but within a span of few hours, it infiltrated the websites in Cethos. Meanwhile, the wedding of the century was proceeding as planned on the island. After the ceremony in the day, there would be a banquet by night. In the meantime, the videos were being spread onto all major local websites in UHD quality.

There were a lot of similar scandals among female celebrities, which in some cases were deliberately done in order to attain a certain level of fame. However, Faye's case was

different, for it was a stark contrast to her clean public image as seen through news regarding her wedding, which made the scandal all the more shocking and exciting.

In order to get Faye to marry into their family, the Mitchells had spent a lot of money, going as far as to exhaust their connections ever since she was involved in the lawsuit. All the while, Vincent was constantly showing her his support and love. Occasionally, the couple would even show off their love by showering each other with expensive gifts.

They made sure that their wedding was publicly known, and by allowing the world to know that Vincent married Faye, the release of those videos also in effect announced the fact that Vincent was cuckolded through and through. Furthermore, he essentially brought this upon himself, for it was too late to hide the scandal now, not when he had made sure that the wedding was being publicized so heavily!

Due to the differences in time zones, the fact that time was needed for the so-called experts to determine the authenticity of the videos, the hasty removal of the videos due to them being regarded as indecent, and also the isolated condition of the island, a delay in the passing of information was being resulted. Thus, it wasn't until the next day that the guests saw the videos.

When it was time for the cocktail party in the morning, the guests were already gossiping about it, but none dared confront the newly married couple. It was their wedding after all, so it didn't seem nice to dump such a scandal in their faces.

In the meantime, Sophia's private jet landed on the island. As a member of the Mitchells, she figured she should bear witness to the wedding of the century, or else, as what Faye told her, it wouldn't be complete.

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The wedding would last for three days. On the first day, the ceremony and the dinner party would take place. On the second day, there would be more exciting performances and other social gatherings. On the final day, all of them would board the cruise ship and return to Cethos.

Although the most climactic and sacred part of the wedding was over, Sophia didn't think she was late. The show has just begun. After showing the security guards her invitation card, she got into the place easily. Also, she was accompanied by some people.

Meantime, Harry and Michael had gotten their invitation cards as well. After all, they were the only two Cethosian winners of the Academy Award. Even if they were not as popular as previously, they were still influential figures in the country.

Furthermore, Cooper had brought with him Sean and other Mitchell Family members. Since this was Vincent's wedding, of course they had to come.

As the second most powerful person in the Michel Family, Linus was also invited to the wedding.

Additionally, Stanley arrived at the venue as the representative of the Fletcher Family.

Since the return of Cooper, he had always kept a low profile. He especially tried to keep some distance from Linus and the Michel Family because he intended to get back what was rightfully his on his own. He had to prove to everyone that even if he had left the Mitchell Family for more than twenty years, he was still the king of the family.

So, Linus came to this island in Michael's small naval ship, while Cooper, Sophia, and her huge orange cat flew over in a private jet. When they met up on the island, a cocktail party was taking place. Sophia decided to attend the party.

In fact, this cocktail party was a prelude to the wedding dinner. With no designated seats, the guests could pick up glasses of wine and chat with each other freely. As a pleasant aroma permeated across the venue, the atmosphere was wonderful.

However, after a long time, the bride and the groom still hadn't reached the venue. Even the most important family members on both sides hadn't appeared, so the suspicion of the guests had been aroused as they talked about a particular topic.

There were many promiscuous people within the wealthy families. Nevertheless, as privileged members of the society, they tried to keep a low profile when engaging in

salacious activities. However, Faye was the exception. The extent of her immoral behavior stunned the general public.

“The latest video was taken just two months ago, right? Her leg was still bandaged because of a dog bite.”

“I can’t believe that when she was still injured, she hooked up with the staff member when she was trying out a wedding dress. Perhaps Vincent was just waiting outside.”

“They decided to wed on a whim. The wedding dress was ready-made and then modified. It was two months ago when they tried out the dress. At that time, Vincent had just bought a luxurious car that was worth a hundred million for her.”

“Taking the monetary gift, the wedding, the diamond ring, the car and the new house into account, Vincent had to spend more than a few hundred million to marry her, but he was still cheated on.”

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After a momentary silence, one of the guests went on to say, “I think the person exposed the video at this point intentionally. With evidence in his hand, he never uploaded the video at moments like the confirmation of their relationship, the engagement party or when they were getting their marriage certificate. Right before the wedding, he decided to expose the video for maximum effect. It is an unfortunate moment as all the guests have arrived.”

“Even I feel embarrassed for Faye and Vincent. If I were in their place, I would have jumped into the sea.”

“Even if they’re not embarrassed, I feel utterly awkward being here. Did you see those performers who just left? They also hooked up with Faye before.”

The atmosphere on the island was rather sullen. Even outsiders like them felt uneasy, let alone the family members of the couple who was about to wed. However, they couldn’t leave early. No matter how unsettled they felt, they had to go through this wedding that they would never be able to forget. There’s one more day to the wedding itself...

One of the sensitive guests took a look at a group of people at the other end of the venue and said in a lowered voice, “Who do you think is the culprit who messed with Faye?”

Another person raised his chin at the same group of people. "Isn't it obvious by now?"

The group of people they were talking about were Cooper and Sophia, who came from one of the branches of the Edwards Family.

Since Sophia had said that she would destroy Faye's wedding, she would definitely do it. Not only did she want to humiliate Faye on her wedding day, but she also had to stop the political marriage between the Edwards Family and the Mitchell Family.

It was like when someone she hated was about to eat some poo, she had to wait until the person was done having it before she would remind the person about it.

This wedding was the poo the Edwards and Vincent had eaten. Now that the whole world had found out about this scandal, Sophia eagerly awaited their response. Would they go on with the wedding? Or would they fall out on the spot?

Didn't Vincent marry Faye because of her influence as a famous actress? She was touted as the most beautiful and desirable woman in the country, but after this scandal, could she still stay in showbiz? Could Vincent tolerate the fact that Faye had cheated on him, since the whole world had learned about this scandal?

On this day, Sophia was clad in her usual simple outfit. Looking at her fair skin, it was hard to tell that there was a scar on her face before. While Barney was snoozing by her feet, Sophia was clinking her glass with Cooper.

At the same time, Michael was having a chat with Harry and Linus in a nearby spot. Seeing her, he raised his glass at her.

Knowing that Cooper had arrived, Sam rushed over to the venue. Having been out of the public's sight for some time, he seemed to have grown older. Perhaps it was because he was infuriated by what happened with Faye.

"Why would you still dare to come here?!" That was the first thing Sam said to Cooper and Sophia when he saw them.

At this point, the Edwards and the Mitchells were scrambling to come up with a solution. Whether or not they would continue with the wedding, it was already shameful enough for them. Hence, they decided to send Sam to calm the guests down.

Basically everyone believed that it was Cooper's doing, and they thought that his move was extremely ruthless. Also, no one could have imagined that Cooper and Sophia would swagger into the venue.

In reality, this wasn't Cooper's doing, as he didn't like to use dirty tricks. He was an upright man who would fight with his opponents head-on. Even if the political marriage between the Edwards and the Mitchells were successful, they would still be no match for him. However, since Sophia had done such a thing, he was blamed as well.

In a confident manner, Cooper replied, "Why wouldn't I dare to come here? It's not like you can do anything to me."

In fact, the Edwards were in a mess now. While Jordan was close to Alex, Sam was on Cooper's side. In spite of that, Sam had to protect the reputation of the Edwards. Torn between laughter and exasperation, he decided to give up and leave the problem to Alex and Lucy.

"If Alex finds out you're here, he'll kill you." He wasn't joking, as Alex had countless ways to kill a person without anyone's knowledge.

In a calm manner, Cooper said, "My own troops have surrounded this island. I've brought with me a naval ship, two submarines and five armed helicopters. As soon as I give the order, they will destroy this island. None of you will survive."

Sam was drinking a glass of wine to calm himself down at that moment. Upon hearing that, he sprayed out the liquid from his mouth. Horrified, he was thinking if he should beg Cooper to think twice.

The Michel Group was the second largest arms manufacturer in the world, so it was just a piece of cake for them to destroy the island, even if they had to suffer as well in the process.

"W-Why are you even thinking of doing that? This place is packed with the elites of Cethos! If anything happens to them, you'll be dead!" Sam stammered.

Cooper replied, "Well, this island isn't within the territory of Cethos. We're now in the territory of Demarca, which is currently troubled by some rebel troops. After all of you are killed, the rebel troops of Demarca will be held responsible instead of me."

Sam was soaked in sweat upon hearing that. Previously, he had persuaded his family members against getting involved in the internal strife of the Mitchell Family. Unfortunately, things had come to a point where they could not stay out of this mess anymore. F*ck it! I'm not gonna care anymore!

After meeting with other members of the Edwards Family, Sam proceeded to greet other guests, leaving the problem to his other siblings.

"Corrado, do you miss me?" Sam was stroking the dog's head. Corrado had come to this island with Cooper. Since Cooper had taken Corrado away, Sam hadn't seen the dog for a long time.

With its tongue stuck out, Corrado was taking a rest under the umbrella with Judge.

All of a sudden, the crowd broke into a commotion because the bride and the groom had arrived.