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Half an hour before the island was blown up, Cooper left very coolly, leaving the guests only half an hour to escape.

Time was indeed tight. There were thousands of people on the island, not including a thousand or so staff. With this bit of time, it was too late to pack any luggage. It was only enough for people to go back to their rooms to pick up a bag and run toward the planes and boats.

For the guests, there was nothing to lose.

But for the Mitchell Family and the Edwards Family, this loss was huge. They weren't able to take away the properties on the island nor this luxurious wedding. There was not one bit of this scenic island they could take with them.

The warship's missiles had been prepared. The bombs would not give them any time to argue and theorize.

"Cooper!" As Jordan roared, he was dragged away by Lucy and Ian, while Sam had already slipped away much earlier.

If Cooper ordered the explosion, it would definitely happen. He was Fass Michel, the second-largest arms dealer in the world.

There was nothing Alex could do now, even if he hated Cooper to the core. The warship was not fake either. *I didn't expect that Cooper would really use a warship!*

All of the guests got on their own means of transportation one after another. With their own ships and planes, they disappeared as fast as they could, and after a short while, the pier and airport were both devoid of people.

For this wedding, the Mitchell Family had also dispatched a luxury cruise ship, which brought the Mitchell family members and some guests away.

“Dimon, take your men around the island to check if there are any stragglers,” Alex suddenly said to a young man in a black suit.

The young man, Dimon Mitchell, was taken aback. But at that very moment, the cruise ship had sailed away. Dimon and his two dozen men were just left on the island like that.

There were no boats at the pier and probably no planes at the airport. The two dozen of them who were left there were just waiting to die by the explosion.

Those twenty young faces were filled with despair and anger, but they knew why they were left behind.

They were the group of people who had taken on the task of injuring the lion and the dog.

Besides, they also killed Faye Edwards.

But what choice did they have? Those who were born in the Mitchell Family would either be servants or masters.

For them, they were only thugs raised by the Mitchell Family. Even their ancestors had been thugs for generations. Their parents and brothers were members of the Mitchell Family, so they couldn't leave, let alone resist the orders issued by the Mitchell Family. Loyalty was their creed.

Now that their mission had failed, they were destined to die together with Faye in order to quell the anger of the Edwards Family and also to end this horrifying lion mauling case. There would be no evidence after their deaths!

Ha, my little brother was killed on the spot just now by that lion while trying to get it to submit to him. I also lost several brothers, and now, this is how I end! But what can we do? There will always be a sacrifice in family conflicts. We're the first sacrifices of the Mitchell Family's internal conflict, and there will be more in the future.

“Dimon, what should we do?” asked a young man beside him with blood still on his face.

Dimon looked back at the group of men who had been with him for many years. His eyes were full of apology, but he still said, "There is still some time, so let's first look for any ships nearby."

There were two piers on the island; one was in front of them and was without any boats, not even a small one. They had no idea what the situation was like at the other pier, but they had no time to go over there now.

As Dimon despaired, he received an unexpected call.

Caller ID: Sean Mitchell.

Although Sean and Dimon were supporting two different sides, they were still playmates when they were young after all. However, they hadn't spoken to each other for more than ten years. All they had between them was a saved number that was never used.

Until now.

Dimon decided to answer the phone.

The voice of the person on the opposite side was loud and clear. "There is a truck at the pier, and the key is under the sun visor. Drive to the airport; I will wait for you there."

I will wait for you there...

When Dimon heard these six words, the faith that he had held in his heart collapsed instantly.

After hanging up the phone, he took a second to express his anger and conflicting emotions.

A second later, he yelled, "Come with me if you want to survive!"

He took the lead in pulling off the Mitchell Family crest from his shoulder.

The Mitchell Family crest originally had a dragon on it, which was the symbol of the Mitchell Family and had been passed down for hundreds of years. After Alex seized power, he changed the family crest. As for Cooper, he still used the old crest after his return.

What Dimon and his men wore was the transformed family crest that Alex had changed.

Driven by Dimon's action, all of his men threw the family crest on the ground and stepped on it. Then, they hurriedly got into a large truck next to the pier. It was originally used for transporting goods, but there was no time to drive it onto the ship just now, so it was still parked at the pier. The two dozen or so men just barely fit into the truck.

After retrieving the key, Dimon drove the truck carrying his two dozen men to the airport at the fastest speed.

They had no other thoughts. At this moment, they just wanted to save their skins!

What is loyalty even? We are loyal to the Mitchell Family, not to Alex alone!

The airport was empty, saved for a luxurious private passenger plane parked there. The old Mitchell Family crest was painted on the plane.

Sean was waiting for them at the door of the plane.

Dimon and his twenty men swarmed up to the plane as fast as they could...

Not long after the plane took off, there was a loud bang in the island's direction, which caused the plane to shake violently. As everyone looked back at the island, they saw that the entire island, along with its properties, had exploded, and its pieces sunk to the bottom of the sea.

Dimon had noticed just now that it was a very special bomb. The bomb divided itself into dozens of bombs over the island and blasted it with such precision that every area was wiped out without mercy. There was absolutely no hope of survival on the island.

This small island and the wedding that was held on it were worth hundreds of millions. Yet, they were just blown up like that, along with countless treasures that could not be taken away in time.

The plane flew away, but Cooper himself was not on the plane. It was Sean who assisted them and told them to call home to inform their family members to make preparations so as to prevent Alex's men from causing trouble for them.

After making the phone calls and talking to the families, a dead silence enveloped the cabin, for no one dared to speak.

They had only injured Cooper's lion, and Cooper had become so furious that he bombed the entire island for it.

Even if they escaped from the island, they were about to suffer Cooper's wrath. Wouldn't it be better to die on the island instead?

Many of these young men had never experienced Cooper's power, but now they had a chance to see it. For a lion and a dog, he was fine with offending the entire Bayside City.

Sean distributed cans of beer to them to calm them down. He even comforted them by explaining, "My fellow comrades, there's nowhere for you to go after leaving the Mitchell Family, so you should just work under Uncle Cooper!"

Dimon drank his cold beer and smiled bitterly. "We've offended Cooper, so how could he accept us?"

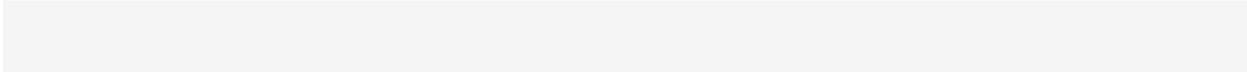
Rationally, Sean smiled and said, "Uncle Cooper knew that you were going to be left to fend for yourselves, so he asked me to wait for you! He also specifically ordered us to wait until you got on the plane before dropping the bomb."

Dimon was shocked, but after a long pause, he still refused the suggestion to go to Cooper. "Oh... Forget it, we will just cause him trouble."

Thousands of distinguished guests had watched the video and saw them killing Faye and making Cooper the scapegoat.

If they took refuge in Cooper now, Alex might use this to make a fuss. He could say that they were originally the spies Cooper had placed next to him. With that, he could then smoothly blame all of this on Cooper.

In that way, Cooper would be the one having to pay for Faye's death.



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They had escaped, so there was no need to cause unnecessary trouble to Cooper.

Sean drank some beer with them and said, "It's okay. Everything is within Cooper's expectations."

No matter whether Cooper or Alex was to blame for Faye's death, it was all the Mitchell Family's fault anyway. The Edwards Family and Cooper had already turned against each other. So, it was nothing much for the latter to be blamed for one more death.

At the thought of the future held, an intense feeling rose in Dimon's heart. They knew that if they went back now, they would probably die at the hands of Alex.

Since they had left the Mitchell Family, they were now considered traitors. Therefore, being found by Alex would mean certain death.

Not only would they die, but their families would also suffer.

This was Alex's reign of terror! If one didn't obey him, he would kill one's parents, wives, and children!

Sean patted Dimon on the shoulder and said, "It's okay. Your men's families are safe now. You can rest assured to follow Uncle Cooper in the future. It will benefit all of you."

Dimon nodded, his gaze more determined than ever.

They were members of the Mitchell Family and were forever loyal to the Mitchell Family! Moreover, Cooper was also the former patriarch of the Mitchell Family!

Since Alex did not show us mercy, we're not to blame!

Although Dimon was only a minor leader, he still had a group of confidants. In addition to these two dozen men, there were dozens of others who were notified right then to follow Cooper!

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Sophia took two sleeping pills and slept soundly all night. When she woke up, the ship was almost in Demarca.

"There really was an explosion?"

Sophia thought it was a joke when she learned that Cooper had blown up the island.

Faced with her question, Michael confidently replied, "Yes, and the whole island sank. I saw it with my own eyes."

Sophia still found it incredulous. But when she thought about it, it was Cooper after all.

I guess that's a natural thing for him to do. After all, Cooper is the founder of dictators. If he wants to bomb it, it will get bombed! He's simply a lunatic.

That was why Michael had always stayed servile before Cooper and tried to be as modest as possible. Since he wanted to win over the latter's daughter, he had no choice but to make an effort, as Cooper was not a foolish man.

Bubbles came near Sophia's bed. Yesterday, those from the Mitchell Family had rushed into the room and taken Judge and Barney, but they didn't take Bubbles and Corrado. Perhaps it was because Corrado was Master Sam's dog. If they touched Corrado, Master Sam would be upset. They probably also thought that Bubbles looked too cute and wouldn't bite, so they let the two of them go.

But Bubbles was still frightened. Pitifully, it looked at everyone and kept whining for a hug.

Stroking Bubbles, Sophia remembered Judge and asked, "How are Judge and Barney?"

When Judge and Barney were mentioned, Michael felt his heart constricted. "Barney is fine; it was just a superficial wound. But Judge..."

Sophia's heart sank. Her mind was filled with scenes of Judge being hit with a stick and blood spurting from its head.

Whenever these scenes appeared, her head would suffer terrible pain, as if she had experienced such beating before.

Her brain had no memory, but her body still retained the memory...

"It's okay. It's okay. We'll be in Demarca soon, and the best veterinarian in the country is on standby at the pier." Michael massaged Sophia's temples for her.

The ship finally arrived at the pier, and as expected, there was a veterinarian waiting at the pier. Before Sophia had a chance to see Judge, she saw it being carried into the car, which drove away with Stanley as well.

Sean and his party had already arrived by plane. When they saw the ship docked at the pier, they came to greet them. Cooper noticed Dimon and the others but did not say anything, for he knew that they never had a choice to begin with.

Soon, Dimon and his men wore Cooper's family crest and officially became Cooper's followers. Their parents, wives, and children were also moved to a safer place.

Judge was sent to the veterinary hospital for surgery, and Barney was also sent in for treatment.

After a night of treatment, Barney's condition had improved a lot, but it was still frail. Locked in a cage, it cried with pain and attempted to bite anyone who came near. As it was still fearful, it almost bit the vet as well.

It still didn't know what it did wrong, nor why those people hit it for no reason.

However, Barney had already eaten a human. It remembered the taste of human flesh and even enjoyed the pleasure of hunting and killing people. This was the first time it had killed and eaten a human, but it wouldn't be the last.

As a pet lion, once it killed a human, it would either be executed or released into the wild.

If it continued to be kept in a household, there was no guarantee that it would not continue to kill people.

But if it was released into the wild, it had no hunting skills, so it would be dead sooner or later.

Sophia sat outside the cage where Barney was locked up in and kept a watch on the IV infusion bag. Barney was still whining and looking like a two-meter-tall orange cat.

"It's okay, Barney. We will go home soon to the African savannah. That's your real home!"

Maybe I shouldn't have brought Barney to Cethos. Africa is still its real home.

After the surgery, Judge's condition was brought under control, but it was not out of danger yet. Barney also needed to continue its treatment. Sophia decided to take Barney back to Africa. Judge would come along for treatment as well, since there was a better veterinarian in Africa.

Sophia saw Judge when it was brought onto the plane. Covered with tubes and gauze, it also wore an Elizabethan collar. The dog appeared at the brink of death as it lay there in a coma, breathing weakly.

Stanley sat paralyzed to one side as if he had lost the whole world.

Sophia, too, couldn't accept it. *How can a healthy dog turn out this way?*

The atmosphere was gloomy all the way to Africa. Stanley kept staring at Judge without eating nor drinking. Michael had to persuade him for a long time before he would drink some milk.

Sophia glanced at Judge and Stanley, then took out her phone and checked the news about Bayside City.

Bayside City was in turmoil. Faye Edwards, an A-list celebrity, had died under suspicious circumstances, while Alex came out to place all the blame on Cooper.

The Edwards Family also cooperated with Alex well. They jointly accused Sophia's lion and dog of mauling and eating humans, causing any voice of reason to be drowned out.

The public became angry overnight and wanted the lion killed to avenge Faye's death.

A day ago, they had branded Faye as a shameless b*tch and a wh*re who had messed around since she was a child. Now, they had suddenly all become her diehard fans, even going so far as to threaten to smash Sophia and Cooper's properties if Faye's death was not brought to justice.

Sophia was a little worried, so she went to the conference room to find Cooper. He was discussing something with Linus.

"Dad, have you watched the news?"

Her tone was a little anxious. This was the first time she had encountered such a big event, and she felt that her young shoulders could not bear such weight.

Putting down the wine glass in his hand, Cooper glanced at the news and patted Sophia's young shoulders. He said with a smile, "Come, darling. I will teach you something new. Remember, there is no enmity that lasts forever, nor friendship. Only benefits are eternal!"

In order to help Sophia understand more intuitively, Cooper gave a live demonstration on the spot.

Just as the news of Faye's death raged on the internet and the public demanded Cooper and Scarlett to pay for it with their lives, Cooper's spokesperson in Bayside City held a press conference. The spokesperson announced that Cooper's team had developed an efficient method to increase gasoline usage. In fact, the method could increase the utilization rate of gasoline by one-fifth!

It was common knowledge that gasoline was a scarce resource and could not be regenerated. Countries all over the world had been racking their brains to come up with ways to increase the utilization rate of gasoline as much as possible. Thus, it came as a bombshell revelation that Cooper's team had developed a method to do this.

An increase of the utilization rate by one-fifth! By extrapolating the data, it was obvious that this method could save a staggering amount of gasoline and resources every year!

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At the same time, Cooper announced that he had officially shifted from the electronic technology field to the energy field. He wished to research and develop cleaner energy, and so 'Mitchell International Energy and Technology' was officially established.

This invention that was about to change the world overwhelmed the news about Faye. It became a hot sensation that was being discussed all over the world.

Cooper had already thought about the future when he returned to Cethos.

Engaging in arms was not feasible in Cethos as all of that was run by the state. On the other hand, he knew that he was no match for Linus when it came to high-tech electronic technology. Linus' achievements in this area had already surpassed his, so Michel Tech would surely crush the high-tech electronic technology companies belonging to the Mitchell Family.

He himself was involved in the mining industry in Africa. However, it was impossible to continue mining. After mining for so many years, he had long been tired of it. It was better to change direction and engage in the clean energy industry instead.

Clean energy was the future development trend and the direction for humanity to move forward. Cooper had already started learning more about this field a few years ago.

The news of the establishment of Mitchell International Energy and Technology soon spread worldwide. Cooper had already applied for a patent, and the equipment was about to go on the market. Therefore, numerous oil giants started holding out olive branches to him.

At this time, the Edwards Family, who was also engaged in the oil industry, was placed in an awkward position. They wanted to partner up with Cooper, but they were now at odds with each other.

But of course, in the face of huge profits, any torn relationship could be mended again.

Cooper's plane hadn't even arrived in Africa yet when the Edwards Family had already dispatched Sam to wait there and ask for a peaceful reconciliation.

Alex knew about the situation, so he didn't dare to make any rash moves. After Cooper announced the new invention, the negative news about him on the Internet had disappeared overnight as if it never occurred. In fact, Faye Edwards had vanished completely as well as if she had never existed in the world.

The efficiency was so great that Alex couldn't imagine the mastermind behind it.

Not only were the major oil giants proactively making contact with Cooper, but the Cethosian military and political forces were also taking the initiative to curry favor with him.

In the face of such interests, Faye was nothing!

Cooper would not fall for amateur tricks; Alex deeply understood this even from before.

This matter seemed to just end like this. Alex instructed people to attack Barney and Judge, and so Cooper retaliated by bombing his island. That was all.

But the grievances between Jordan and Cooper and the internal conflict of the Mitchell Family had just begun.

As for Faye... Who was Faye?

When the plane arrived in Africa, Sophia returned to Michel Town. This was Michael's second visit, and he was still amazed by how spectacular it was.

How remarkable! It's just like a city!

Harry and Sarah were worried about Stanley, so they had followed as well, taking a tour around the African base of the Michel Family along the way.

Judge's surgery was successful, and its life was eventually saved, but it lost half of its teeth, one ear, and one claw.

Because Judge was implicated in the Mitchell Family's internal conflict this time and suffered for no reason, Cooper promised to make a full set of prostheses for it to ensure that it could move the same as before.

But Barney would live in Africa in the future. Cooper had a large private grassland here. He made the decision to keep Barney on the grassland and gradually teach it to hunt. Later, it would be released into the wild. If it couldn't survive on its own, then he would raise it over its lifetime.

Sophia went to see Barney. She couldn't touch its head anymore and could only look through a layer of glass. Barney looked at Sophia from the other side of the glass. It was as meek as ever as it tried to push at the glass with its big head, appearing to headbutt Sophia's hand, which made her very sad.

"Don't be sad. To it, Africa is its home." Michael comforted Sophia, who smiled reluctantly.

Yes, here, Africa is its home...

This big orange cat shouldn't have gone to Cethos in the first place. It should just go home!

Michael was actually secretly joyful in his heart.

Sophia had never returned to Africa ever since she followed Cooper to Cethos to get her face treated. This time, it was just right for her to come back. She could wait it out here for a period of time while the whole matter in Cethos blew over before going back there.

Carmen was also brought here. It was just in time for her to spend a summer vacation in Africa and go to kindergarten after the vacation. Soon, Carmen came with two little orange cats, both of them Garfield's offspring.

"See, these are your favorite kittens. I've brought them over for you. You can lick them. You'll feel better by then."

Carmen was still the one who knew Judge best. She even knew which cat it liked most recently. She brought the kittens close to Judge. Since Judge was still recuperating, it was inconvenient for it to move about. However, when it saw its beloved kittens, it still tried to stretch its tongue out in an attempt to lick them. But it couldn't quite manage to lick the kittens, which made it whine in distress.

Carmen kindly moved the kitten to its mouth. Judge licked the kitten greedily, making the cat meow loudly.

"Lick its belly."

“Now, lick its butt.”

“Okay, today’s kitty has been fully licked. We’ll lick it again tomorrow.”

Carmen took the kitten back, then considerately helped Judge push back the tongue that it couldn’t put back. Gently touching Judge’s head, she wiped away its saliva and whispered, “You have to get better soon, okay? Let’s go to kindergarten together when we go home!”

Judge yelped in agreement.

Cooper was very busy during this period. He had returned to the country early, as did Michael, who had also had something to do. Harry and Sarah had also left while Linus was busy traveling to and fro between the countries. Sophia spent the summer vacation in Africa with Carmen and helped Stanley, who had left, take care of the dog.

Judge recovered quickly, and the Michel Family built an artificial prosthesis for it. After wearing it, it could walk normally again after adapting to it over a period of time. It also got a super-sensitive artificial ear. It was the kind where Judge lying on the first floor could clearly hear Sophia secretly eating snacks on the third floor.

They couldn’t find the broken teeth, so a full set of titanium alloy dog teeth was specially made, which made it easier for Judge to wreck the house.

At the same time, Michael’s new movie ‘The National Treasury Action’ was also a great success. In just one month since its release, it easily broke the box office record for Cethosian-language movies he himself had set.

As an actor who had made a surprise comeback after dropping out of the limelight for a long time, he truly shocked those attending the film festival with his malleable acting ability. Moreover, he brought his acting to an even higher level and became the latest sensation in the country.

In ‘The National Treasury Action’, Michael alone played four roles. He was the street performer, the slimy warlord, the zealous imperial court guard, and the modern Taylor Murray himself. His intense and precise proper acting skills lifted his acting career to its second peak and returned him to the throne of the national hunk despite him having retired from acting for many years.

This movie had also made quite a number of actors popular. Michael's movies often included new actors with a flair for acting. This time, he was successful in making Carmen popular. But even though Carmen's popularity shot up the charts in Cethos, no one could guess her true identity.

Africa also brought 'The National Treasury Action' to its theaters. There was a movie theater erected for employees in Michel Town, but Sophia felt that it was not good enough for her to watch it there. She wanted to go back to Cethos to watch it. As the box office results were good and the summer releases were postponed for one month, she was still able to catch the movie when she returned to Cethos at the end of August.

When Sophia and Carmen arrived in Cethos, Michael went to the airport to pick them up. With excitement in his heart, he arrived an hour earlier. After waiting for an hour, he finally saw the private plane land. Sophia and Carmen then came down from the exit.

Next to Sophia, there was a graceful, noble, and completely orange...

"Alpaca?"

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Sophia was holding the reins of a pair of furry creatures. The creatures looked graceful and noble as they walked down steadily with their necks raised high. With their presence, even the ambiance around them felt aristocratic and not to mention the flashy bourgeois-looking bow ties around their necks.

Michael's face suddenly drained of color.

A pair of alpacas!

Seeing the creatures, Carmen exclaimed cheerfully, "Fluffy camels!"

Sophia immediately corrected her. "No, they are alpacas, not camels."

Quickly, Carmen said, "Yeah, fluffy alpacas!"

Michael's excited smile gradually froze and turned into an extremely panicked look.

Sophia actually took advantage of my attention being elsewhere and found more beasts!

Last time, she had caught him by surprise when she brought back a two-meter-tall orange cat. This time, she brought back a pair of alpacas!

But Sophia liked the new alpacas she brought back very much. She touched one of them and said, "This is the alpaca that Carmen fell in love with when I took her to America. The alpaca is suitable for domestication. This dark brown one is called Chow, while this light brown one is called Eggplant. They're both noble alpacas!"

Carmen added, "Grandpa was the one who gave those names!"

At that moment, Michael's horror deepened even further.

In his opinion, these were two goats that could do nothing but slobber. One of them looked like dark yellow poop and the other light yellow poop. They appeared just like two lumps of walking poops and seemed more disgusting than Bubbles!

At the thought of walking feces, Michael frowned. Getting off the plane with Judge, Cooper said coldly, "Mr. Fletcher, do you have any opinions about me having pets in my home?"

Michael hurriedly said, "No, no."

It was too rude for him to dislike other people's pets before he even became a part of the family. *That's just insolent!*

Regardless, Michael was irritated by the existence of the creatures.

I'm certain I'll have to be the one to take care of these beasts obtained by Sophia in the future!

Moreover, this pair of alpacas would probably give birth to offspring soon enough, just like when there used to be only a pair of orange cats in the house. In the blink of an eye, the number ballooned into twenty or thirty big orange cats before they knew it.

If the pair of alpacas came to their household, in just a few years, the house would be full of thundering alpacas.

This will really be the death of me!

Linus and Cooper had personally come to pick Sophia up at the airport. At this time, Linus got off the plane, carrying a pet carrier with a new cat inside.

Another cat?

It was a wild cat, and Michael's frown was deeper than the depths of the ocean when he saw the color of its fur.

Sophia explained, "This is a precious African prairie cat. It is a hybrid offspring of an African domestic cat and a wild cat. This cat has a strong jumping ability and can jump up to eight feet high. Judge is the one who has adopted this kitten!"

Michael plastered a smile on his face, but his heart was pounding with aggravation. *You silly dog, not only do you live off me, but you also got yourself a pet cat? How can I be convinced that Judge is the one that wants to raise it, not Sophia?*

There are now twenty to thirty cats, not to mention those eight dogs. Does she even have time to pet them all?

Seeing Michael's awkward smile, Sophia mumbled, "Do you not like my alpacas?"

Michael hurriedly said, "I like them! How could I not like them?"

If Sophia wants to raise two lumps of discharge at home, I have no choice but to like it.

After all, she's the goddess in my heart.

The family returned home. Stanley also came to look at Judge but then left Judge at Sophia's house again. During the time when Judge was seriously injured, Stanley was

greatly depressed and had turned into a workaholic. Right now, he had no time to take care of Judge in his own home.

When Judge reached, he brought the wild kitten to see its villa. Sophia mysteriously took Michael to Villa No. 8 and closed the doors before quietly saying to him, "I need to tell you about something important, but you can't talk about it before Judge."

Michael frowned and listened.

What's so important that I can't say in front of that stupid dog?

In a very soft voice, Sophia said, "Judge used to be our top contract dog model of Pouri, but it is now disfigured..."

Michael agreed very much with that. *Now that silly dog is really disfigured. Its fur has been shaved, and it looks terrible. I'm sure it will take a long while for it to restore its original appearance.*

Sophia whispered like she was committing a crime, "So I bought Chow and Eggplant to be our models for Pouri's new products. Please don't tell Judge though. It will feel sad."

Solemnly, Michael nodded in agreement.

But he still didn't understand, so he subconsciously lowered his voice and asked, "Then why are you talking so softly?"

Sophia lowered her voice even more. "My dad installed a high-tech fake ear for Judge, so he can hear if we talk bad things about him behind his back from a distance."

At that, Michael became nervous. He hurriedly pulled Sophia to hide in the cloakroom to talk, making sure that Judge could not hear them bad-mouth about it.

It was rare that the two of them could get together in a small, confined space and whisper to each other. Michael quickly seized the opportunity.

The two of them hid in the cloakroom and kept their voices very low.

"Sophia, look at this." Michael took out his tablet, clicked on the webpage, and pulled out many kindergarten profiles. "I have been paying attention to kindergartens recently. These

kindergartens have good teaching quality and great reviews in all aspects. Come and have a look.”

Sophia also paid great attention to the first kindergarten in Carmen’s life, so she quickly checked through the profiles seriously.

Michael introduced the characteristics of each kindergarten. It was as if he had opened them all by himself. Clearly, he had done his research.

In the end, the two settled on an international upper-class kindergarten, which was very close to home and had a good environment. But the threshold for admission seemed a bit high. The parents and the child all had to attend an interview.

This was one of the best private kindergartens in Bayside City. The level was high, and the competition was great. The parents and child had to be examined before admission.

When Sophia saw that the mother had to go for an interview, she became anxious. “If I go for the interview, what will they ask me?”

Michael was also a little nervous. After all, he didn’t know what stupid questions this kindergarten would ask.

This was also his first time.

“It’s okay. Let the chips fall where they may. I will go and ask around. Let’s do some research in advance.”

Michael’s hand curved around and embraced Sophia’s shoulder. She wasn’t upset about it but instead gently leaned her head on his shoulder.

It had been two or three months since she went to Africa. Michael did visit her twice, but each time he didn’t stay long.

For the first time, she knew how lovesickness felt.

Without him around, her heart seemed to be covered by a heavy layer of yarn, and that yarn seemed to be infused with bitterness that seeped into her blood. She felt that she was slowly regaining the love she had for him.

Sophia leaned her head on his shoulder and looked at his chiseled side profile with joy in her eyes.

A man like Michael had a sort of aura that attracted women.

Michael squeezed her hand and gently embraced her in his arms.

“Sophia,” he whispered in her ear, “you and Carmen are the most beautiful gifts God has given me.”

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To have Sophia by his side was like an exceptionally beautiful dream for Michael, one that he didn't have the courage to wake up from.

The atmosphere was just right, and the love in the air was intensifying. Michael thought about it and felt it was time for a deeper exchange between the two of them, but unexpectedly, Cooper called Sophia's phone. In a cold voice, he said, “Darling, come out. I'll teach you a new lesson.”

Michael felt annoyed in his heart, deeply suspecting that Cooper had installed a camera on him. Otherwise, how could he know so quickly?

Sophia hung up Cooper's phone, only to realize that she had acted a bit unmannerly just now toward Michael. Her face was slightly red as she said, “I'm going back first. Dad is looking for me for something.”

Hurriedly, Michael followed her. “I will send you off.”

Just after leaving the house, Sophia saw that Cooper's car was parked at the gate of Villa No. 8, so she got into the car and followed him out. Michael was also very curious and wanted to know what kind of lesson Cooper would give Sophia later, so he went along.

The car arrived at Cooper's current office building, which was where Poulr was located. Sam had gifted Sophia a few floors of the building. Cooper saw that the location was good and that his daughter's office was downstairs, so he bought the whole building and turned it into his base.

After the reorganization of the energy company, the staff rapidly expanded, and the company became larger. While entering the company's conference room, Sophia saw many important people.

Sam, Lucy, and Ian were the three important figures of the Edwards Family. They were already waiting before she even arrived. The lawyers for both parties were there, and there were many people standing in the conference room, which made it all look like a very important occasion.

Faced with the entourage, Sophia felt a little surprised. The Edwards Family had previously joined forces with Alex to deal with Cooper because of Faye's death. Their hatred had seemed so extreme then. Sophia had thought that a violent storm had been brewing for the past few months and that a bloody war would break out. Therefore, she did not expect that the Edwards would appear on Cooper's territory today.

"Sorry for making everyone wait for a long time." Cooper appeared and sat down in his place, while Sophia and Michael also found their seats and sat down.

It seemed that Sam and the others had been waiting for a long time. All the tea on the table had been drunk, and the waiter was refilling the cups.

It appeared that Cooper was late, but after he came back from the airport, he ate a meal at home and spent a long time stroking the alpacas in an unhurried manner before leaving. Did he perhaps forget that there was a meeting today?

Cooper explained to Sophia, "Today is the day when I sign the energy development partnership project with the Edwards Family. So, I deliberately let them wait for a long time."

Everyone was speechless, including Sophia.

This was such a big project, yet he had deliberately left them waiting for a long time. Wasn't this a bit too much? He even purposely said it in front of them!

But although those from the Edwards Family looked displeased, they just acted as if they heard nothing.

Taking over the contract, Cooper looked at it, then said to Sophia, "My darling, have you learned anything?"

Sophia felt that she was a smart woman, but when it came to Cooper's actions, she was rather dazed by it all. She whispered, "Dad, I don't seem to understand anything..."

Cooper held the signature pen. The contract was opened before him, and the signature part was just under his fingers, but he was still holding the pen and would not sign.

The Edwards looked at him nervously, fearing that he would not sign.

Cooper held the pen but did not put it down. He said to Sophia, "My darling, remember, if you have the ability, you can make those who hate you to their guts kneel down and beg you!"

As realization dawned on Sophia, she quickly nodded.

Michael nodded as well.

Cooper was indeed great. A lesson well learned!

Before, the Edwards Family and Alex held onto Faye's death and wanted to punish Cooper for it. Even the public wished for him to be put to death, but after just casually announcing the card in his hand, the Edwards Family immediately turned into a wuss and almost knelt down to beg Cooper.

After all, there were so many people around the world who wanted to cooperate with Cooper. He didn't need the Edwards Family at all, but they would benefit from collaborating with him. How could the Edwards Family miss out on such a good opportunity over Faye's death? That was obviously not in line with the creed of the Edwards Family.

Relying on Sam's childhood relationship with Cooper, the Edwards Family finally won the collaboration project with Cooper.

Despite being humiliated on the spot, they did not dare to say anything.

After the signing of the contract, the Edwards Family left with it.

This was Cooper's true strength.

Even if one hated him, one still had to beg him!

Despite having a falling-out with him, the Edwards Family was aware of the current affairs, and so they had to force themselves to abruptly reconcile with him. They had no choice but to lick his boots and put on a smiling face while asking to partner up with Cooper on the project.

After signing the partnership project, Sophia turned around and saw that the company had many fresh faces. For example, she remembered that the former person in charge of the security department was very handsome, but she hadn't seen him recently. She heard that Michael had taken him away and intended to groom him into an actor. So, there was a new person in charge called Dimon Mitchell.

Dimon was originally one of Alex's men who was almost killed on the island. Now, he came to work for Cooper. Not only did he take away all the men under his charge, but he also used his connections to bring over many talented men from the Mitchell Family.

Since Cooper's announcement about the formal establishment of an energy company, many talented people had been coming to Alex one after another.

In terms of employing people and winning people's hearts, Cooper's methods could be considered perfect.

After understanding everything, Sophia felt very shocked, but also very frustrated.

Dad and Uncle are both so powerful. One is in charge of the Michel Group, while the other is leading the Mitchell Group back to glory. But I only have one store that sells dog chains. I've just established a foothold in the international market. I seem very weak compared to them.

As the Edwards Family left Mitchell Group, Sam held the contract in his hands, feeling despondent yet very thankful for his luck.

Before the battle between the Edwards Family and Cooper had even begun, Cooper had made such a big move, and the Edwards Family surrendered so pathetically. This was a true disgrace for the Edwards Family!

That small island was bought by the Edwards Family and the Mitchell Family. Now, it had been bombed and sunk, and nothing from it could be taken away. People from the Edwards side had died and gotten beaten up. Their loss of assets was huge, not to mention the overnight loss of their reputation. Jordan was so upset he became very ill and was only discharged from the hospital recently.

Even if the Edwards Family hated Cooper deeply, there was no way they could harm him. They had only themselves to blame for picking the wrong side.

From the very beginning, the Edwards Family shouldn't have supported Alex!

Sam was leaning toward Cooper from the start, but most of the other family members leaned toward Alex and even set up political marriages with him.

But the political marriage seemed to be a complete disaster. It was organized with such pomp and grandeur, yet it ended with them looking like a grand fool instead. Faye was dead, and the situation between Ian and Sandra was rocky as well...

Sam felt that he had not suffered much as a whole. After all, he grew up with Cooper and was used to the latter's unexpected ways of defeating him all the time. The more Cooper crushed him, the more excited he became. But for Lucy and Ian, today was simply the worst shame they had experienced!

After all, they were young and hot-blooded.

Lucy turned her head and looked at the magnificent Mitchell International Energy and Technology.

One day, I will surpass Cooper and make him lower himself before me, just as he did to me today!