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“The Yorks from Hong Kong...”

Harvey mumbled to himself before smiling.

“Don’t worry. As long as they don’t provoke me, I won’t go out of my way to get them.”

“These five hidden families have nothing to do with the top ten families, anyway.”

“But if they try to kill me or hurt the people close to me, I’ll make their lives a living hell.”

“I know they won’t do anything rash.”

“Besides, I’m sure they’re aware of who they can and cannot provoke.”

Listening to how calm Harvey sounded, Edwin let out a long suffering sigh.

“CEO York, you haven’t been around Hong Kong

and Las Vegas for a while, so you might not know how these big families do things.”

“They may have some limits, especially if the situation’s really serious.”

“But once they decide to trample on you, they’ll chase you to the ends of the earth!”

“Besides, I heard that the Yorks from South Light were a huge nuisance for the Yorks from Hong Kong when the latter were trying to take over Country H. Hong Kong’s Yorks were planning to use the South Light’s Yorks to slowly chip away Country H’s market.”

“But, because of you...”

Edwin shrugged. There were some things that didn’t need any elaboration.

“The Yorks from South Light are relatives of the Yorks from Hong Kong? Why wasn’t I informed about this?”

Harvey was perplexed.

“Didn’t that old hag Melissa come from the Leo family?”

“After I kicked Quinton to Hong Kong, didn’t he turn into Leo family’s successor?”

“Without the Yorks from Hong Kong supporting him, how could he possibly qualify as the next successor?” Edwin replied.

“He’s named York, after all. Not Leo.”

“Since we’re talking about the Yorks from Hong Kong, do they have anyone remarkable in the younger generation?” Harvey curiously asked.

“There is!”

As Edwin said this, fear and respect flashed across his face.

“The young lord of Hong Kong’s York family,

Vince York!”

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After leaving the hospital, Harvey put Edwin in charge of Teresa’s safety and had him send her back to the border as soon as possible under the right circumstances.

Afterwards, he gave George a call.

In reality, Harvey was already informed about the Yorks from Hong Kong. However, his knowledge about them was only surface-level.

Since Edwin mentioned them, Harvey felt that he needed to understand them a little more.

For the time being, Harvey had to alternate between Hong Kong and Las Vegas. If he didn’t figure out the predators lurking within these two places, he might end up provoking an incredibly powerful character without realizing it.

After arriving at the Arcburn villa district, Harvey entered a very secluded villa.

George had been waiting there for a while. When he saw Harvey show up, he respectfully poured Harvey a cup of tea before taking out a laptop.

The screen displayed pictures accompanied with simple introductions.

“Are these all documents about the Yorks from Hong Kong?” Harvey asked, browsing the pictures with interest.

“These are just a part of it. Since we’re in a rush, a lot of the remaining files are stuck in Country H for the time being.”

“But don’t worry, sir. I remember what I saw.”

“I’m just a bit curious, sir. You’ve never gone against the Yorks from Hong Kong, so why are they so suddenly interested in you?”

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Harvey smiled.

“Quite recently, I slapped Dennis Parker in the face.”

“I ruined Quinton’s plans, too.”

“Right now, Dennis is on his way to pay Quinton a little visit. Judging from their actions, I’m sure they hate me to the core.”

“But even if they band together, they won’t be a threat to me.”

“Still, Edwin keeps reminding me to be careful of Hong Kong’s York family supporting them in secret. Thus, I need to figure them out as soon as I can before I die a vain death.”

George nodded in understanding.

“You’re right about one thing, CEO York.

Quinton and Dennis has power and background, but more importantly, they're both hardcore supporters of Vince York."

"According to my intel, Quinton was already Vince's lackey when he took control of the Yorks from South Light."

"From this perspective, we can conclude that you were already a threat to Vince's interests the moment you snatched control of the Yorks away from Quinton."

"As for Dennis, he's quite the character himself."

"He's the heir to the Briewood Gang. His father is the don of the gang."

"Briewood Gang is the strongest force in Hong Kong and Las Vegas's underworld. They have almost ten thousand men, spread out between the two countries. The gang's also involved with a lot of different businesses."

“Dennis is also a loyal supporter of Vince.”

“Simply put, humiliating Quinton and Dennis is no different than provoking Vince.”

Harvey put on a calm smile.

“Looks like it was right for me to get you here, George.”

“Under these circumstances, we have to investigate the Yorks from Hong Kong.”

Seeing Harvey’s serious expression, George also put on a determined look.

“Alright. Where would you like to start, CEO York?” George asked, going through his documents.

Harvey pondered briefly.

“Let’s start with the Yorks from Hong Kong.”

George nodded.

“They originated from Hong Kong, and are the youngest hidden family out of the five.”

“There was a time where the Yorks fell off, but they rose back in power in the first decade of last century. That was when Andy, the only successor of the Yorks, came to Hong Kong.”

“Not only is he skillful at fighting, but he’s also extremely intelligent. In less than a year, he had already integrated eighteen families worth of influence in Hong Kong’s underworld.”

“From then on, he started to conquer every part of Hong Kong, turning it into his base. He also involved himself in many industries. It’s said that during his reign, even Hong Kong’s first-in-command was under his control.”

“After Las Vegas was established, he came up with the casino badges to support the Hamilton

family while everyone was desperately competing for power.”

“If we look at it from this perspective, the Hamiltons are actually one of the Yorks’ allies.”

“Because of the Yorks, there was little outside interference while Hong Kong and Las Vegas rose to power.”

“If an outsider wanted a bite out of either of those countries, the Yorks would kick them right out.”

“Safe to say, the Yorks had a huge hand in the accomplishments Hong Kong and Las Vegas enjoyed today.”

“With such an extraordinary background, it’s expected that the Yorks are such a big influence in both countries.”

Harvey nodded.

“Interesting... An ancient hidden family established by just one man. No ordinary person would be able to do such a thing.”

George continued to explain.

“He may be near invincible, but he can't defeat time. I heard he passed away after his eightieth birthday.”

“Of course, I can't tell you if the news is real or otherwise. For all we know, it may be a decoy from the Yorks.”

“In any case, the Yorks from Hong Kong received a new master after Andy turned eighty.”

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“Andy didn’t give his position to his eldest son, Cory. Instead, his fourth son, Marcel, was appointed as the head of the family.”

“I heard that his other three sons were quite unsatisfied about this, Cory included. They only accepted it since it grudgingly was their father’s order.”

“Grandma York, Andy’s wife, was quite upset about this arrangement as well.”

Harvey nodded. He didn’t expect the Yorks from Hong Kong to have such a history.

“Marcel is now in charge of the family, but Grandma York harbors a lot of disdain on her youngest son and his wife.”

“She tried her hardest to support her eldest son, hoping that he would take the position one day.”

“There’s also another rumor saying that Grandma York and Marcel had different political beliefs.”

“Grandma York is in the mind that the Yorks aren’t the same hidden family as they once were, and that they should’ve stood on the peak alongside the top ten families!”

“But for the last few years, Marcel remained in charge of the family. That’s why they’re still in hiding.”

“So, Vince is Marcel’s son?” Harvey asked, curious.

“Not exactly.”

“The family grudge isn’t as simple as you think, sir.”

“Marcel’s quite the extraordinary man, but nobody knows why he doesn’t have a child of his

own. In fact, he only has an adopted daughter.”

“Because of this, Grandma York has been coercing Cory to let his son, Vince, be adopted by Marcel.”

“She’s obviously trying to make it so that Cory holds the final authority.”

“Marcel was opposed to the idea at first. But as his mother kept pestering him, he finally gave in and adopted Cory’s son.”

“Under such circumstances, Vince turned into the family’s young lord.”

“Vince is a very ambitious man. He knew that his position could be taken from him at any time, and that he needed a large force backing him in order to rise to power.”

“In the past few years, he made connections with wealthy and influential people all over and gathered all the princes and young masters from

Hong Kong and Las Vegas under his belt.”

“It’d be an understatement to call Vince the top man of the younger generation here.”

“In reality, the Four Masters of Hong Kong are just his subordinates.”

“Vince is a terrifying man!”

George’s face was grim as he spoke about Vince.

Harvey, however, remained calm. His earlier smile did not fade the slightest.

“If that’s really the case, I’m sure everyone holds him in high regard.”

“He might even rise to power suddenly, and turn into the top man of Country H’s younger generation!”

George laughed.

“Not quite, sir. After all, the Yorks from Hong

Kong are rather complex. Quite a lot of old rulers were bosses from Hong Kong and Las Vegas's underworld. There's no way they'd simply yield to a younger man."

"However, you're not wrong about Vince being the top man of the younger generation."

"The Four Young Masters of Wolsing are leagues above everyone else, but even they can't compare to Vince!"

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“So what’s your general opinion about Vince?”
Harvey asked after a while of pondering.

George thought about it, then replied, “He’s ambitious and powerful, but I think he’s too confident sometimes. That usually comes back to bite him.”

“If the Yorks from Hong Kong are declining, then it’s probably because of him.”

After listening to George, Harvey began to digest the information in the laptop.

There wasn't much, but it was enough to show George’s professionalism. Not only did he give a general introduction to the Yorks from Hong Kong...

But he also introduced the old rulers along with the younger generation of the family.

According to George, these people were the backbone of the family.

While Harvey was busy browsing through documents pertaining to the top four families of Hong Kong, he saw that the King of Gambling himself was also labeled as a loyal ally of the Yorks. He could not help but be impressed by it.

Everyone said that the Hamilton family was king of Las Vegas, but as it turned out, the Yorks were Hong Kong and Las Vegas's true king after all.

If the Yorks from Hong Kong didn't come from Country H, the counties might've been torn apart ...

With Marcel in charge, he wouldn't do anything that would disrespect his forefathers. At least, judging from his beliefs and style of doing things.

After all, serving the country with utmost loyalty

was a concept ingrained into the minds of the older generation.

Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for the younger generation.

If a man like Vince were to rise to power, he would stop at nothing to climb to a higher position in pursuit of more authority. His actions would bring Country H a lot of trouble.

As soon as the thought came to mind, Harvey immediately stopped himself from thinking further.

He didn't mind dealing with his enemies using extreme measures, it was still too early to accuse Vince of doing such things without any solid proof.

Besides, there was still no direct conflict between Vince and Harvey just yet.

Right as Harvey was pondering about the

situation, he received a call from Las Vegas.

Harvey took the call instinctively. When he answered, he was greeted with an anxious tone.

“It’s me, Edwin! Sir, something happened to my sister... Please save her!”

Harvey froze when he heard that Yoana was in trouble.

Yoana was the daughter of Las Vegas’s first-in-command, and was also the second-in-command of Las Vegas Police Station. How did she get in trouble all so suddenly?

Edwin soon sent Harvey her location. Seeing it, Harvey was slightly stunned.

It was a cruise ship on open seas. In such a place, both the government of Hong Kong and Las Vegas wouldn’t be able to intervene.

And there, something terrible befell Yoana.

The timing of this matter wasn't coincidental.

At this very moment, Harvey could smell a scheme afoot...

Harvey then got Old Niner to send him to the pier, but only after informing George to find more info about the cruise.

Soon after, George called. He had already found something.

“This is odd, CEO York.”

“The cruise is registered in America's Night City.”

“Night City is the world's biggest entertainment city, with a dozen casino badges! It's a true place of debauchery!”

“The cruise ship, St. Hope, is an investment by a big family from America who owns a casino badge!”

“The cruise sails to the open seas of every international metropolis so wealthy people can have fun on board.”

“According to public information, it was around Singapore’s waters just yesterday. It doesn’t seem like a coincidence that it’s suddenly outside of Las Vegas now!”

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“There’s something else. According to the information, one of the major shareholders of the ship is actually from the Hamilton family!”

“It’s the second young master, Christian Hamilton!”

“I suspect that he’s on the ship right now.”

George drew in a deep breath.

“They must be planning something, CEO York.”

“They’re coming for you, I’m sure!”

“If I’m correct, this is about avenging Dennis!”

Harvey rubbed his forehead before jumping on a yacht.

“That’s right. They’re definitely coming after me,” he replied quietly.

“Elder Mendoza called me, saying that his daughter got in trouble as soon as I slapped Dennis in the face. Do you think I can just let this slide?”

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At the same time, at the top floor of St. Hope, inside an extremely luxurious VIP guest room.

The entire room was bright with colorful lights. Yet, a sense of danger loomed about.

A man in a white suit and gold-framed glasses, his hair neat and slick, held a few chips in his hand. His lips were a warm smile.

Behind him stood many tall and strong bodyguards. Men and women gathered around the scene, watching everything with amused gazes.

“Looks like you’re about to lose, Ms. Mendoza!”

The man with gold-framed glasses glanced at the cards in his hand, and then put on a mysterious grin.

“After this, you’ll be losing ten rounds in a row!”

“Those ten rounds will cost you a hundred and fifty million dollars! Even if you’re a first-rate family, there’s no way you can take out that much money so easily.”

“Of course, I’m willing to pay off your debt if you can’t take out this much money. We’re both from Las Vegas, anyway. Consider it a show of solidarity!”

“After all, I’m just a major shareholder of the ship, not the person in charge.”

“As for how you’ll thank me after I pay your debt for you, we can have a nice little chat about that later!”

“Maybe you can serve me for a good few days and make me happy, Ms. Mendoza.”

“Or maybe your father can get me another casino badge.”

The man with gold-framed glasses smirked, his face sinister.

He flung a pair of kings and aces on the table. Though the last card hadn't been opened yet, there was a ninety percent chance of him winning.

Because of this, he was very confident when he spoke.

The men and women behind him were amused and delighted. The gamblers sitting on the same table looked at Yoana with greedy, lustful leers that made one's skin crawl.

They wanted to know what action the lady of Las

Vegas' first-in-command would take next.

After all, it was amusing to toy with a big character like her!

Yoana glared at the man with the gold-framed glasses, her face betraying no emotion.

“Do you remember what I told you a long time ago, Christian?” she asked calmly.

The man with gold-framed glasses, Christian, suddenly burst out laughing.

“What? You're secretly in love with me?”

“If you are, I can give you a chance to confess right now!”

“I said that you're human scum!” Yoana hissed icily.

“Your damn glasses won't hide the fact that you're utter human scum!”

“Scum like you don’t have a right to show off in front of me!”

“That’s why, I’ll follow your bet!”

“I’ll do you one better!”

“I’m going all in!” Yoana exclaimed, her face cold, as she pushed all her chips forward.

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Bang!

Edwin slammed his hand on the chips, stopping his sister.

“Sister, you can’t keep following the bet! We don’t have that much money!” Edwin whispered, panicky.

“If Father finds out about this, we’re screwed!”

“You of all people should know that you shouldn’t mess with gambling! If you do, you’ll never go back!”

But Yoana replied with a cold laugh.

“Don’t you realize why I’m here right now?”

“If it weren’t for that debt you owed three years ago through gambling, together with interests piling up to a total of three hundred million

dollars, do you think I'd show up here to pay it for you?!”

Edwin felt a stab of guilt.

Before enlisting in the Sword Camp, he was a playboy and a wasteful rich heir who acted with reckless abandon. In just a few years, he almost exhausted the family fortune and owed many.

His father Paul had already paid off his debt before he was enlisted, but all of a sudden, another debt was dug up now.

Together with interests, tens of millions of dollars worth of debt rose into a hefty sum of three hundred million.

Even worse, the guarantor on the IOU was Yoana herself.

This was the reason why she was forced to play.

“I should warn you, Edwin. It'd be better if you

stop pointing fingers.”

Christian narrowed his eyes at Edwin.

“You’re the one who owes the debt, and your sister’s the one that’s paying it right now.”

“If you keep screaming when you have no business doing that, I’ll get someone to throw you out of the ship!”

“Shut your mouth!”

Yoana glared bitterly at Edwin, furious and frustrated.

“If it weren’t for you, why would I be sitting here?”

“You better stay where you are! If you keep telling me what to do, I’ll slap you!”

“If you weren’t my little brother, I would’ve crippled you a long time ago!”

Christian burst out laughing at her words, amused.

“You really are an honest person, Lady Mendoza!”

“Since you want to go all in this round, I’ll go with you!”

At this, Edwin panicked even more.

“You can’t do this anymore, Sister. I’ll think of something else to get the money. Please, just stop playing already!”

Slap!

Yoana stood up and swung her palm furiously on Edwin’s face.

“Shut up! Did you hear me?!” Yoana barked.

“I’m warning you, Edwin, I’ll cripple you if you don’t!”

Edwin covered his face, but he wasn't planning to give up.

“You have to stop, Sister!”

“You don't even know how to play! How can you be his opponent?!”

“Turn back while you still can!”

Edwin realized that Yoana was only playing because of his debt. She was already losing a lot of money.

If this were to continue, she would empty the family fortune!

“Stop yapping!”

Yoana slapped Edwin once more, growing angrier by the second.

“I'll kill you if you stop me from getting rich!”

Yoana took out a check and hastily scribbled an amount of three hundred million before pushing it forward together with her remaining chips.

“I’m adding three hundred million. All in!”

“Here’s four hundred and fifty million! Are you following me or what?!”

“S-sister...” Edwin stammered, worried.

Slap!

Yoana sent Edwin flying with another slap.

Christian chuckled lightly at Edwin’s look of despair and Yoana’s bloodshot eyes.

“What an outstanding woman. I like you!”

“If you want to play, I’ll play with you!”

“But if you can’t pay up after you lose, you’ll be my personal toy from today onward!”