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"All of you are talking about these matters merely days after Kieran has died. It's not unreasonable to assume that you have some sort of an evil plan, you know." Stefania shot the people around her a fierce glare. Both Adam and Joseph looked rather uneasy after hearing her words. "What is your wife talking about, Tobias?"

Adam and Joseph, being the younger ones, felt like they were in no position to speak to their senior's wife, so they looked directly to Tobias instead. Tobias had always felt disappointed toward the family's approach to such matters, and he didn't bother to conceal his thoughts.

"I think my wife is right. We invited you guys over to talk about my son's funeral, yet you guys keep focusing on the topic of the company. It's hard for us not to assume that you guys have ulterior motives," he uttered icily.

Many of the people seemed rather uneasy after that. Even Adam and Joseph looked rather pale. "That's nonsense! Are you not going to do anything about this, Old Master Sawyer?" Adam barked before turning to look at Remus.

Remus shot Adam a cold glare before lecturing him. "Shut up. You're not acting like the wise senior one would expect you to be, so you deserve to receive those comments," Remus muttered. Meanwhile, Tessa held Gordon in her arms while she watched all the arguments happening in the family.

She felt rather dejected to see the way they were interacting. Nicholas must find it hard to deal with a family like this. She couldn't help but reach out to hold Nicholas' hand at that thought. Nicholas instinctively lowered his gaze to look at his hand when he felt some warmth against his skin. "What is it?" he asked gently.

"It's nothing," Tessa replied while shaking her head. Despite this, Nicholas could see Tessa's sympathy for him in her eyes, and he seemed to soften a little after that. Nicholas squeezed Tessa's hand before he turned back to the crowd with his icy, hard expression.

"I didn't just invite you here to talk about Kieran's funeral. I'd also like to talk about his accident," he stated before pausing for a short while. "Someone meddled with the brakes of the car he was driving on the day of his accident. The person who did this is from our company," he announced.

Everyone in the crowd except Adam and Joseph was utterly shocked to hear this. "Someone from our company, huh?" "Did you find something, Nicholas?" People from Adam and Joseph's immediate families.

started to look rather uneasy at this point. Adam and Joseph, in particular, seemed rather nervous. Joseph was the first to speak up in the end. "How do you know that the person who's involved is one of our people, Nicholas?"

Nicholas' gaze darkened as he slowly turned to look at Joseph. "Well, that's because the car that Kieran took was supposed to belong to me. I always install security systems in all my cars so that it would send out an alert whenever outsiders get close to the vehicle.

However, ever since the incident, my car has never made any reports of a breach of security. So, I'm sure that it's someone on the inside who's involved with this. I continued down this pathway to realize more issues along the way."

The look in Nicholas' eyes was filled with fury when he next glanced in Joseph's direction. Joseph felt himself panicking at this point. Did this brat find something?

Stefania immediately continued pressing Nicholas for answers after that. "Did you manage to find the culprit who harmed your brother, Nicholas?" Remus and Tobias didn't say much, but they all had their eyes fixed on Nicholas. Tessa shot him a worried glance as well.

Nicholas lowered his gaze as he spoke. "I have found the culprit," he announced. "Who is it?" Both Remus and Tobias were stunned at this point, while both Adam and Joseph started to feel rather uneasy.

The rest of the people threw curious glances in Nicholas' direction. Meanwhile, Nicholas looked at the crowd's expression for a while before he spoke at a slow pace. "Well, according to the security footage, the one who messed with the car was one of the security guards in our company, but... Nicholas paused for the sake of dramatic effect as he shifted his icy glance to look at Joseph.

"My staff managed to find out that the same security guard was in contact with Joseph's assistant, Emmet Fiddler, before the accident. How are you going to explain this, Joseph?" Joseph's face fell upon hearing the man's words.

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The rest of the people were stunned as well. "Master Joseph?" Joseph, you..." There was clear suspicion in everyone's voice. Even Remus scrutinized Joseph. Joseph felt himself panicking at the sight of everyone's gazes.

However, he was a man of experience-Nicholas might have shocked him with this sudden attack, but it only took him a while to calm down. Joseph then decided that he would take a more aggressive approach in return.

Joseph widened his eyes and glared at Nicholas before barking at him. "What are you trying to say here? Are you suggesting that my assistant tried to hurt your brother?"

Nicholas remained calm even when he saw Joseph trying to deny the truth. "Well, why are you in such a rush to deny it? I haven't made any accusations, Nicholas replied with a smirk. In other words, he was implying that Joseph seemed a little too defensive.

The rest of the people exchanged glances after hearing Nicholas' words. They seemed rather speechless for a while, and most of them ended up turning to look at Remus. Meanwhile, Remus was staring at the ground. There was a dark look on his face, but no one could guess what was running through his mind.

Stefania, on the other hand, couldn't contain her emotions after hearing the conversation. She turned to Joseph with a look of fury in her eyes.

"Why? Why would you do that? You watched Kieran grow up!" she said behind gritted teeth. Joseph felt a mixture of shame and rage. "You don't have any evidence of your claims. Stop making accusations!" he cried.

"I'm sure Nicholas wouldn't make groundless statements. Judging by what he said, it's clear. that this has got something to do with you." Stefania had complete trust in her son's words. Joseph, on the other hand, was furious when he heard Stefania.

However, he knew that there was no point in arguing with her, so he turned to Nicholas instead. "Well, are you saying that I might be involved in this matter simply because my assistant spoke to that security guard?" he asked.

"Why are you so anxious if you're not involved, Granduncle Joseph? Nicholas shot him at provocative glare. Before Joseph had a chance to explain himself, Nicholas continued, "Well, I'm glad that you're anxious because it just shows that you're guilty. Since that's the case, I'll just put the accusation forward now. This was all you, Nicholas hissed.

Joseph's expression sank after that. He knew that Nicholas would only speak in such a firm manner because Nicholas had evidence that could be used against him. However,

Joseph wasn't prepared to give in just yet. "You're speaking without evidence. How could you just claim that I'm guilty?" Joseph uttered.

"Well, I have the evidence, of course. This accident might seem rather sudden, but there's a clear reason behind it," Nicholas explained. Edward was already standing by his side, and Edward took action after receiving Nicholas' signal. Edward stepped forward with some files before he handed a copy to every single person in the room. They seemed confused at first, but their expressions turned serious after they read them.

Even Remus was filled with shock when he first read the file. His initial shock was soon replaced by a powerful rage. "Are these things true, Adam and Joseph?" He questioned them through gritted teeth.

Both Adam and Joseph were feeling guilty, yet they stubbornly insisted on denying their involvement. "You know us well, Remus. We might be greedy, but we wouldn't do something to harm the company's interest." Adam tried to highlight his character flaws just to calm Remus down a little. Joseph chipped in as well.

"Well, if all of this is true, then we probably ruined the company years ago. The annual reports would have indicated some internal issues by now. Yet, years have passed, and no issues have surfaced. This just shows that the data here is inaccurate," Joseph suggested.

There seemed to be some truth in his words, and Remus shot Nicholas an uncertain look after hearing Joseph's words. What's going on? Remus raised an eyebrow.

Nicholas gave Remus a reassuring gaze before he turned back to glare at Joseph and Adam. "Well, you were good at patching one issue up by creating another minor issue elsewhere. That, along with a few fake accounts and someone who can cover your ass in the headquarters... Of course, no one realized anything over the years."

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The look on both Joseph and Adam's faces fell after they heard Nicholas, while the rest of the family gasped in surprise. Joseph and Adam could no longer contain their rage when they saw the way the others were looking at them.

"You shouldn't accuse us like that, Nicholas. You're speaking without evidence! The information you gave us doesn't tell us anything! You have no proof!" Joseph hissed.

“How do you know I don’t have proof? Well, since you guys are being so stubborn, I’ll fulfill your wishes.” Nicholas shot them a threatening glare before he glanced in Edward’s direction. Edward nodded and showcased all of the evidence he had found abroad. “These are the receipts from the branches in Filisburg that show the transactions that were made.”

Once Edward produced the evidence, Joseph and Adam knew that they had been exposed. Their faces turned pale when they realized they could no longer stick to their narrative. They had stood tall at first, but now they hunched their backs in guilt. Remus and the rest of the family members were furious to see the evidence.

“Do you guys still treat me as an elder brother, Joseph and Adam? What are you guys trying to do here? Are you guys trying to ruin the Sawyer Family’s centuries’ worth of reputation?” Remus was huffing with anger. His eyes were filled with rage and disappointment as he stared at his two younger brothers.

The rest of the family members were also displeased with what Joseph and Adam had done, but they didn’t voice out as they knew where they stood in the family. Both Joseph and Adam were taken aback by Remus’ harsh words-it had been a while since they saw their brother so angry. At that moment, they steeled in their resolve to not admit their involvement in these matters.

Both of them exchanged glances before Adam, who was better at talking, spoke up. “Nicholas, it’s true that there are some inconsistencies in the accounts of the business abroad. However, the issue isn’t as severe as you portray them to be.

I know you’ve been dissatisfied with Joseph and me for not working collaboratively with the headquarters, but you shouldn’t use such horrible ways to frame us for doing something wrong.” Adam admitted to the issues with the accounts, but he made it seem as if Nicholas had tampered with the accounts just to accuse them.

Nicholas scoffed when he heard their words. “Fine. Let’s assume that I made all of this up just to frame both of you. Are you saying that your trades with the Golden Triangle are also something I made up to frame you?

What about the act of smuggling illegal products? Did I make that up as well? By the way, I caught the security guard who messed with my car. Should I bring him over to talk to you guys?” Nicholas asked.

Joseph and Adam had been unfazed after hearing Nicholas’ first few sentences, but their faces fell after hearing Nicholas’ last sentence. Nicholas didn’t want to give them any time to come up with a new excuse, so he ordered Edward to bring the guard over immediately.

Soon enough, a tall and skinny man was escorted into the living hall. This was the first time the security guard had been put in such a situation, and his legs were trembling with fear. He felt chills running down his entire body when he saw Joseph's threatening glare.

Nicholas noticed their interaction, but he didn't seem too bothered by it. "Tell me-who's the one who ordered you around? I suggest you think your answers through before responding to me."

Nicholas' final sentence was a warning to the security guard. The security guard looked at Joseph and Nicholas as firmness surfaced in his eyes.

"My son is sick, and I need a large sum of money. So, when Joseph's assistant came to me and told me to work according to his orders, I went along with it as he offered to save my son," the security guard explained. Joseph barked at the security guard immediately after that. "Nonsense! Why would I tell someone to approach you?" It was obvious that Joseph didn't want to admit to his faults.

However, Joseph didn't have much of a choice. as the police had reached the house by then. It turned out that Nicholas had contacted the police at the start of the family meeting.

"Joseph Sawyer, you're under arrest for attempted homicide and smuggling of illegal goods. Please come with us for an investigation," the police announced. After showing Joseph his badge, the police stepped forward to bring Joseph away.

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When Joseph saw the police, he knew that Nicholas had made thorough preparations for the sake of their family meeting. However, Joseph didn't want to give in just like that, so he turned to Adam for support.

Before Joseph could say much, Adam hastily tried to clear his name. "I don't know about all of this. I don't have anything to do with this at all, Adam uttered.

Joseph widened his eyes in disbelief. "Adam, you- "You should go off with the police for now, Joseph. If you're innocent, I'll make sure to find a way to get you out of there." Adam was trying to give his brother a hint.

Nicholas could tell what Adam was trying to say, and he curled his lips up with amusement. Nicholas didn't have to say much because the police did the job for him. "Adam Sawyer, you're under arrest for embezzlement of public funds, so you should come with us as well."

Adam froze after hearing the police's words. He hadn't expected himself to be captured as well. "Did you think I'd let you go so easily?" Nicholas' icy voice came from behind him.

It was then that Joseph and Adam understood that they had completely underestimated their enemies. Things were way worse than they had expected them to be. They were no longer as calm as before and started to beg Remus for mercy.

"We made a mistake, Remus. We let the money get to our heads." "We've worked hard while we were abroad, Remus. Please let us go this once...."

While Joseph and Adam pleaded for mercy, the rest of their family members began to speak up as well. "My dad is getting old, Uncle Remus. He wouldn't be able to handle it if he was sent to jail," one of their sons said.

The more they pleaded for mercy, the angrier Remus felt. He clenched his fists as he glared at his two brothers. "I'll only ask you guys one question. Is it true that you guys were trying to hurt Nicholas? Did you guys end up killing Kieran?!"

A look of hesitation formed on both Adam and Joseph's faces when they heard Remus' words. Remus no longer needed an answer from them -he understood everything from the look on their faces.

He was filled with disappointment and rage at that point. Tessa could tell that the old man didn't feel too well, so she quickly muttered to him, "You should watch your health, Grandpa. The doctor mentioned that you shouldn't get too emotional."

Remus didn't say much, but he took Tessa's advice and tried his best to calm himself down. He knew that he couldn't fall ill at a time like this when the Sawyer Family was already plagued with so many issues.

Nicholas spoke in a sarcastic tone when he heard the comments coming from Adam and Joseph's families. "Is there any purpose in apologizing at this point? My brother has already lost his life. Do you think an apology would suffice?"

The people no longer dared to plead for mercy after that. Stefania agreed with Nicholas' words as well. Her eyes were bloodshot as she glared at Adam and Joseph. "So, my

son's life is not as valuable as yours, huh? He knew you guys as his granduncles ever since he was a child. How could you be so wicked?!"

Both Joseph and Adam were too ashamed to even lift their heads after that. They simply allowed the police to bring them away while the rest of the people from their families shifted about in a rather self-conscious and awkward manner.

Even the rest of the family members who weren't involved seemed oddly quiet. After all, most of them had gained some benefits from Adam and Joseph in the past. The thought of that made them rather uneasy especially when they glanced in Nicholas' direction. They all knew that they had been greedy in their ways throughout the years.

The noise in the living room had died down and was replaced by pin-drop silence. Everyone was afraid to speak as they were worried that they would be the ones accused of something next. Nicholas knew exactly what these people were thinking when he saw how silent they had become.

He narrowed his eyes before speaking in a stern voice. "I can forget about everything that happened in the past, but if anyone tries anything in the future, I'm going to make sure you pay for it!" He shot a fierce glare in the direction of Adam and Joseph's family members, and the families knew that he was giving them a warning.

They were all more than eager to obey Nicholas at that point. Meanwhile, the people from the other families didn't even dare to imagine themselves doing anything bad after they saw the way Nicholas had punished Adam and Joseph.

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The meeting ended soon after that, and everyone seemed like they were in a hurry to leave the house. Soon enough, Remus' family was the only one left in the large Sawyer Residence.

Stefania sat on the couch, still fuming from what had happened earlier. "I can't believe they would do such a thing to their younger generations. They're just too much!" she hissed through gritted teeth.

Tessa was worried that Stefania would get too worked up, so she hurried over to comfort Stefania. "You should be more mindful of your health. There's no need to get so angry now that they've been captured.



They're about to pay for what they did," Tessa uttered. However, Stefania only seemed more emotional after hearing Tessa's words. "What's the use of capturing them? They can't bring Kieran back." She sighed. She sounded like she was close to tears.

Tessa didn't know how to comfort Stefania at that point-she felt saddened by what Stefania said as well. The best Tessa could do then was to quietly stay by Stefania's side. When Nicholas sensed the sorrow in the two women, he surprised them with a shocking piece of information. "Actually... Kieran's still alive."

Both Tessa and Stefania were too stunned to speak for a while, but Stefania was the first to react. She turned to stare at him. "Are you serious? Is your brother still alive?" Both Remus and Tessa shifted their gazes to Nicholas as well. "Yeah. He's still alive." Nicholas nodded..

Remus, who was a smart man, was the first to understand the whole situation. "So, you brothers teamed up to plan this whole thing.. huh?" Remus seemed rather displeased as he glanced at Nicholas.

Nicholas didn't reject Remus' hypothesis. "We didn't exactly plan it all out, but we just went along with the situation," he explained. "What's the plan? What's going on here?" Stefania asked anxiously.

Nicholas explained everything from the start. "The accident wasn't staged. We managed to find Kieran after we sent out men to search for him that day, but Kieran was in bad shape, so I told someone to secretly send Kieran to the hospital for emergency treatment. You know what happened after that,' he uttered.

"So... We were all worrying for nothing?" she was furious.

Remus seemed rather angry as well. Even Tobias felt the need to lecture Nicholas. "How could both of you keep such a huge secret to yourselves? Your grandpa and your mom were so worried about Kieran. Some of us nearly fainted," he muttered.

Nicholas remained calm in the face of his family members' annoyance. "We didn't tell you anything as we wanted Granduncle Joseph and Adam to lower their guards. I doubt I would've been able to catch them red-handed if they hadn't seen the genuine emotions that came from Mom and Grandpa."

"Well, that's still no excuse to hide things from us." Stefania shot Nicholas an angry look. Tessa, on the other hand, was more empathic about Nicholas' decision to keep this a secret.

She took one glance at the sour looks on all the elders' faces before she decided that she should help her husband and tried to change the topic. "You mentioned that Kieran was in bad shape. How is he now? Where is he? Can we visit him?" she asked.

As expected, Stefania and the rest of the family were distracted by Tessa's question. They all started asking to see Kieran.

Nicholas agreed to this suggestion, and he ordered Edward to get the car. Soon enough, the whole family was on the way to the hospital where Kieran was staying. Kieran had already been awake for a few days by then, and he was starting to regain his energy and high spirits.

When Stefania entered the room, she found the young man playing with his phone on his bed. Kieran greeted his parents excitedly when he saw them. "Hey Mom, hey Dad. You guys are here!" he cheered. However, what he got in response wasn't their care but a firm slap from his mother.

She couldn't contain the rage that she felt when she thought about how agonized she had been after the news of Kieran's death. The thought of herself crying while Kieran was playing some mobile games in bed made her furious.

"You brat. Were you trying to scare me? Why didn't you tell us anything if you're still alive? Do you know how sad your father, your grandfather, and I were? We struggled so much the past few days because we thought you were dead," she cried.

Kieran felt a mixture of guilt and sadness when he heard his mother. He hunched his shoulders while pouting and gave Stefania a pitiful look. "I'm injured. Why are you still hitting me?" "Well, you deserve to be hit. Let's see if you have the guts to lie to me after this!" she hissed.

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Stefania gave Kieran another whack as she vented her grievances. He whined, feeling wronged, "But I had no say in this! I didn't want to hide this, but Nicholas told me to fake my death. So, he's the one you should be hitting, not me!"

"You just did whatever he told you to do, huh? Are you really that obedient?" she went on and playfully gave him a few more slaps for good measure.

Their interaction tickled Tessa, and the corner of Nicholas' lips also turned slightly upwards into an indiscernible smile. After a while, they stopped fooling around and Gregory took this opportunity to dash toward Kieran.

He gripped Kieran's thigh tightly as he raised his head and said in a cherubic voice, "Uncle Kieran, welcome back. Don't get into any more accidents after this. You really gave me a scare this time."

"Don't worry. It won't happen again," Kieran assured tenderly as he ruffled Gregory's dark hair. "Nicholas said that you were seriously injured. How are you feeling now? Tessa asked in concern.

The elders also turned to him, looking at him with worry in their eyes. So, he chuckled and waved away their concerns, saying nonchalantly, "I'm alright now, but I just need to stay in the hospital a few more days for observation."

"That's good. I'm glad that you're alright. Still, take your time and rest well in the hospital in the next few days," Remus advised solemnly. Kieran knew that his grandfather was merely looking out for him, so he gave him an obedient nod.

It was then that Tessa thought of Timothy. "By the way, Timothy was distraught that you were involved in an accident. I'll give him a call right now," she said and took out her phone to give Timothy a call. Alas, the person who picked up the call was Sabrina.

Although Tessa felt that it was a shame that she couldn't tell Timothy the excellent news herself, she briefly told Sabrina about the situation and promptly hung up the phone.

Meanwhile, at Reinhart Group, Sabrina placed the phone aside with a broad smile on her face. She was absolutely bursting with joy when she caught sight of Timothy leaving the conference room.

When he saw the grin on her face, he inquired curiously, "What's got you so happy? You're practically grinning from ear to ear." "Timothy, Kieran is fine. He's alive and at the hospital now," she blurted, immediately telling him the good news she had just received.

At first, he was stunned by her words. When his mind finally rebooted, he parted his lips as the following words tumbled from his mouth, "What the hell is going on?"

"Let's pay him a visit in the hospital. I'll fill you in on the way."

Then, she dragged him out of the company and told him everything that Tessa had said over the phone while they were making their way to the hospital.

Timothy was at a loss for words after listening to the tale. Yet, the moment he laid his eyes on Kieran, who was alive and kicking, he felt that a great stone had been lifted off his chest. Meanwhile, Kieran waved at him happily. "Tessa told me that you cried tears of sadness when you heard that I was dead."

"That's not true. As we all know from movies, villains don't die that easily, and I know that you'll survive longer than that," Timothy said, hurriedly denying that he had cried. Nonetheless, Kieran's return was a joy to everyone, and they stayed in his ward until later evening.

Eventually, the time came when they had to leave, and Stefania decided, saying, "I'm staying in the hospital tonight to look after Kieran. The rest of you can go home."

"I'm staying behind with you, then." Tobias came to the same decision after hearing about hers. Tessa tried to dissuade them, worried that staying the night at the hospital would tire them out, "Why don't I stay behind? Both of you haven't had a good rest in days."

"It's okay. You can return home with Nicholas. Speaking of rest, both of you are the ones who haven't been sleeping well these days. I can see those eyebags all the way from here," Stefania teased, turning down her offer.

Even Kieran piped up, "Don't worry, Tessa. I'll let Mom and Dad sleep in the ward next door later." In the end, Tessa nodded and left with Nicholas, Timothy, and Sabrina.

On the way home, Sabrina and Tessa started chatting about lighter topics. At the same time, Timothy and Nicholas were deep in discussion about other things, primarily Kieran's disappearance and Nicholas' part in it.

"Nicholas, I never imagined that your acting skills would be so good that you fooled even me, Timothy joked with a hint of disgruntlement at the man beside him.

After all, he had been tagging along closely and helping Nicholas out that day when he retrieved Kieran. Yet, the man before him had the audacity to lie right to his face.

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Nicholas' sharp ears naturally caught the hint of displeasure in his tone, but he merely smirked and said calmly, "I wasn't really thinking then." Liar! Timothy sneered inwardly but didn't call Nicholas that to his face.

Soon, they reached Dynasty Gardens, where Tessa initially wanted Timothy and Sabrina to stay for the night. However, they insisted on returning, so she didn't force the matter.

When they were back in the living room, Nicholas asked the servant to help Gregory wash up for the night before he urged Tessa, "You should get ready for bed, too. It's been days since you had a good sleep."

"What about you?" Tessa asked, turning to look at him. He wanted to tell her that he was going to the study, but she had already read his mind before he could even give voice to his thoughts.

She grabbed his hand and shot him a reprimanding glare. "You're not allowed to go to the study. Come to bed with me."

Her bossy attitude made him chuckle softly as he conceded to her mother henning. Therefore, he obediently washed up as they lay in each other's arms on the bed.

Tessa wasn't feeling quite so sleepy at the moment, so she started chatting idly with him. "Thank God, Kieran is fine. Otherwise, I'm worried that Mom might not be able to handle the blow so well," she began. Then, the annoyance caught up to her as she was also kept in the dark about his plans, so she smacked his chest lightly.

"Also, you kept such an important thing from mom and dad because you're worried that they'll give your plan away. I can understand that logic. But you even kept me in the dark! Am I a cause for concern as well?"

"I didn't keep it from you. I told you about it," he said, catching her fist in his hand. She immediately froze as she tilted her head and gave him a puzzled look. "When did you tell me?"

"Do you remember that time when you lamented that Kieran didn't have a chance to get married? I told you that he'll have the chance for that."

His answer immediately reminded her that such a conversation did happen between them, and she said with a huff of amusement, "I thought you were merely comforting yourself at that time, so I didn't take you seriously!"

"So, you're the one who didn't listen to me. You can't blame me for not telling you," he argued, defending himself. Tessa had no words to refute, but she jokingly threatened, "Don't lie to me again, or else I'll move into Greg's room."

Meanwhile, Timothy had dropped Sabrina home safe and sound. The next day, Tessa and Nicholas woke up wonderfully well-rested as they weren't disturbed from their slumber.

Alas, the moment they were just finished with their breakfast, Edward frantically came in search of Nicholas. When Nicholas saw how anxious Edward seemed, he immediately brought him to the study and sat down at the desk before asking, "What brings you here so early? Did something happen?"

"I just found out that Zachary and his people are trying to get Adam and Joseph out," Edward said. Nicholas sneered, "They want to bail them out? I would like to see what they're capable of and how they plan to do it."

In the meantime, at the police station, Zachary and Calvin had brought their lawyer and were trying to negotiate with the police. Their main intention was to bail out the elderly men, but the officers in charge harshly denied their request.

"Murder and smuggling contraband, just these two charges alone are sufficient enough to send them to prison. Rather than trying to bail them out, why don't you speak with your fathers. so that they'll cooperate and assist with the investigation?" the police officer questioned. sharply.

Of course, the men refused to heed the police officer's words as this would mean getting a confession out of Joseph and Adam. Eventually, they were left with no choice as they had to leave the police station with gloomy faces.

"What are we going to do now? I'm sure that Nicholas has forewarned the police, and they won't release our fathers just like that," Calvin complained as he and Felix turned to Zachary for help.

Zachary narrowed his eyes as he pondered their options and snorted. "Let's go to Uncle Remus. I can't believe that he could be so heartless as to leave our fathers in a lurch."

His suggestion quickly received the approval of his two younger brothers, and they soon arrived at Sawyer Residence.

When Remus heard from Ian that they had arrived, his first reaction was to chase them off. but in the end, he agreed to meet them because he wanted to find out whether they were here for their fathers' sake or to apologize.

On the other hand, the three others didn't know what was on Remus' mind and that their actions would spell their fathers' doom.

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Since they were utterly oblivious to Remus' thoughts, they started pleading with him the moment they saw him.

"Uncle Remus, I know that our fathers went overboard with what they did, but they're getting on in years, and they wouldn't be able to live in such harsh conditions like a prison cell."

"Yes, Dad only did something so ridiculous out of a moment's folly. Please forgive him."  
"Now that Grandpa and Grandma are no longer around, they're the only blood relative you have left."

Remus almost choked in anger when he heard their shameless pleas because they sounded like nothing but excuses. Finally, he glared at the three middle-aged men and scoffed derisively, 'Even without your fathers, I still have other relatives and would rather not have brothers like them.

Just because they're old and foolish doesn't give them the right to commit such crimes. So, they've only just realized that they couldn't handle prison, huh? So, why did they still take the risk and do those awful things?

I thought that you were here to grovel and apologize, but it looks like I've set my bar far too high for the likes of you! Frankly, I really wonder how you could bring yourselves to ask me for their freedom. What?

Do you think that they don't have to pay for their crimes after they caused the death of my grandson simply because they're old and my brothers? They would like to get out, eh? Don't even think about it! Hell would freeze over before I would ever agree to such a ridiculous notion!"

Remus felt his blood boil as he lashed out at them mercilessly. His fury was so evident that the men prostrating themselves before him didn't even dare raise their heads. Nonetheless, although they looked cowed, their hearts were filled with hate for Remus. Unfortunately, they had no choice but to weather through his anger as they were here to plead with him.

Meanwhile, Ian was worried that Remus' heart couldn't take it when he saw Remus becoming so agitated. Thus, he hurriedly tried to pacify him, advising, "Sir, your health! You should take care of yourself!"

Remus inhaled deeply before finally giving out the order with a bellow, 'Toss these idiots out!'

Ian acknowledged his instruction and hastily urged them to leave with a polite but firm attitude. Eventually, they were forced to leave yet another place in dissatisfaction.

However, the moment they stepped outside, Calvin was the first to lose his temper as he started grumbling at the top of his lungs, "I told you that it's useless to beg this old geezer. If he really cared about our fathers, he wouldn't have allowed the police to take them away yesterday."

"That's enough. Keep your voice down. Someone might hear you!" Zachary snapped gloomily before climbing into the car. Felix followed after and sat next to him, asking, 'Zachary, what are we going to do now?'

"Let's return home,' he said and instructed the driver to start driving. Back at home, they had just clambered out of the car when the butler came and politely informed them, "Sirs, Mr. Fiddler is here."

The three of them shared a look with each other before hurrying into the house. In the living room, a middle-aged man in a black suit, who looked very smart and capable, was patiently waiting for them on the couch.

This man was none other than Joseph's assistant, Emmet Fiddler. The instant his eyes caught sight of the three men, he rose to his feet and greeted them before asking, "I heard from the butler that you went to meet Mr. Remus. What did he say?"

"That old geezer won't do anything for us regardless of what we say and even threw us out of the house, Calvin hissed angrily, recounting their experience at the Sawyer Residence earlier.

This time, Zachary didn't stop him and waited until he was done with his tirade before he inquired Emmet about the purpose of his visit. The look in Emmet's eyes turned dark as he said coldly, "My men found out that Kieran is still alive."

"Kieran Sawyer is alive?" The three gasped in surprise as their shock was soon replaced by intense fury. Although they were called idiots by Remus, they were far from morons. So, based on Emmet's information, they quickly parsed out what had actually occurred. "Nicholas and Kieran Sawyer... We've been had!"



Felix growled, gritting his teeth. Calvin and Zachary were wearing solemn expressions as well because they had already figured out that this was a plot devised by Nicholas and the others to eliminate them once and for all.

Nevertheless, they calmed down a few minutes later and tried to salvage their situation. Finally, Felix turned his attention back to Emmet and asked, "Did you tell our fathers about this yet?"

Emmet shook his head in response, answering. "Not yet. I came looking for you right after I received this information." Then, everyone turned to Zachary. "What do you think, Zachary?"

"Let's pay our fathers a visit," he suggested, and they all went to the police station after coming to an agreement. After they explained the reason behind their visit, both Joseph and Adam became utterly raving mad.

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Adam narrowed his eyes as they took on a dangerous glint, as he decided to strike back. "Since they have already played their hand, there's no need for us to show them any mercy, either."

Unbeknownst to them, their every move was within Nicholas' calculations. When Edward was informed that Zachary and the others had visited the police station once more, he immediately went to knock on Nicholas' office door. "President Sawyer, it seems like Zachary and the others already found out that Master Kieran is still alive and departed for the police station again."

"I got it. Continue to keep an eye on them and let me know once they make their move," Nicholas instructed firmly, to which Edward nodded.

That night, after Nicholas returned home, he had dinner together with his family and then took a stroll with them in the garden. While Gregory trotted around in the front, he and Tessa walked behind hand-in-hand, chatting casually until the conversation somehow led to the topic of Zachary and the others.

"I heard from mom that Uncle Zachary and the others went to look for Grandpa today and made him furious. So, I think I'll bring Greg and Gordon to his place tomorrow to spend some time with him and take his mind off things."

Nicholas contemplated her suggestion before shaking his head and turning down her idea, saying, "The next few days are a critical period. It's better if you don't go out with the kids because I'm worried that they will set their sights on you and the kids. Inform Timothy to watch out as well."

However, the next couple of days passed by peacefully. Nevertheless, Nicholas didn't let his guard down.

Early in the morning, after he arrived in his office, he called Edward in and asked, "Were Zachary and the others up to anything for the past two days?"

"Well, we didn't notice anything unusual about them yet," Edward answered promptly.

Nicholas furrowed his brows as he reckoned that this was just a pretense for them to relax their guard. Hence, he instructed, "Continue to keep an eye on these people. They're not the type that will go down without a struggle."

"Yes, sir." Edward nodded and left. In the meantime, Tessa was in the living room, playing with Gordon, until her phone started ringing. It was a call from Sofia, and she first asked about Tessa's health before proceeding to her main point.

"Would you be interested in being a special guest performer for Group Two?" "Will Group Two be performing again?" Tessa asked, surprised.

Sofia chuckled. "Yes, they've been practicing for a year. It's about time to introduce them to the world." Although Sofia's tone seemed light and unbothered, Tessa could hear that this comeback performance was very important to her.

Before she could give her an answer, she heard Sofia piping up once more, "By the way, there's another reason why I'm asking about your return. I would like to hand Group Two over to you for you to manage.

If you can return for the special performance, you can use this chance to get to know the other members in advance." "Me? Manage Group Two?" Tessa gasped in surprise, dazedly repeating Sofia's words.

"That's right," she affirmed resolutely. "You're doing very well in your career now as you already have fame and your own compositions. Regardless, if you would like to progress further, solo development is no match for team achievement. Therefore, my initial plan for you was not to develop solo as well."

"I understand what you mean, but I've never learned management.."

Sofia understood her worries as she rushed to reassure Tessa, "That's not a problem. Alice will be there to help you out then. Moreover, you have to take the first step in order to truly gain any experience."

Sofia's remarks diminished Tessa's worries and tempted her to give it a try because, at the end of the day, she had the ambition to back up her talents. Even so, she didn't give her word to Sofia right away

"I have to discuss this with my husband first."

"Sure, let me know your answer after your discussion. Sofia could understand her situation. So, she gave her some other general advice before hanging up.

That night, Nicholas found Tessa still wide awake and waiting for him in the bedroom when he returned home. The coldness he had been exuding throughout the day during work dissipated at the sight. "Didn't I tell you to go to bed early and not wait up?"

"But I want to wait for you." She flashed him a sweet smile and got out of bed to help him undress.

After he took a quick shower, he joined her in bed but was far from tired. So, he pressed a kiss on the forehead of the woman in his embrace and asked in concern, "Were the kids. good today?"

"Yes, they were. Greg even helped me to look after Gordon."

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Tessa reciprocated Nicholas' hug and told him what happened at home during the day in a soft voice. He listened attentively as a calm feeling enveloped him.

After that, she asked him about the company. "The company should be back on its tracks now, right?" "Yea. Everything will be settled once Kieran is discharged from the hospital." Nicholas nodded.

Then, they continued to chat for a while more when Tessa suddenly remembered the call from Sofia in the morning.

"Miss Sofia wants me to return as a guest performer and treat it as a chance to get to know the other members better. She wants me to take over Group Two." She paused for

a moment and looked up at him. "Is it convenient for me to leave the country now? Would it be troublesome?"

She asked because she knew that even though he had settled the company's matters, Josephi and Adam were still a ticking time bomb, set to explode.

Nicholas understood her concern and couldn't help but feel sorry yet amused by her worries. Thus, he tightened his arms around her and said lowly, "Don't worry. You can do whatever you want. But, if my wife has to keep fretting before doing anything, it means I've not been a good master of the Sawyer Family"

A warm feeling filled Tessa's heart as she was pleased to hear his confident and doting words. Alas, his following sentence was far from sweet as he continued, "It's just that I won't be able to follow you this time."

This was because matters with Joseph and Adam were far from over. She understood and shook her head lightly with a smile. "It's alright."

And so, it was decided that Tessa would fly off to join the orchestra performance. The next day, they enjoyed a lovely breakfast as a family before Nicholas went to the office and Gregory followed his tutor to class.

After Tessa fed Gordon, she dialed Sofia's. number while sitting on the couch. "I discussed it with my husband. I'll join the performance. When will it be?"

"After Christmas. You don't need to hurry over. You can spend Christmas with your family before making your appearance, Sofia reassured her with a kind smile.

Tessa nodded as she also wanted to stay home and spend Christmas with her family. At the same time, Kieran, who had been staying in the hospital for a few days, had made a full recovery.

He quickly gathered his things and called Nicholas, "Nicholas, now that Granduncle Joseph and Granduncle Adam are arrested, I don't need to play dead. Can I leave the hospital now? I've been lazing around for so long that I can feel myself atrophying."

Nicholas didn't respond to his complaints but was still highly concerned about Kieran's condition. 'You can be discharged if the doctor says you're good to leave.'

'Don't worry. I already did a checkup earlier. I'm as fit as a fiddle,' Kieran exclaimed with a firm pat on his chest, proving his words. Unfortunately, Nicholas couldn't see it, but he gave the green light for Kieran to be officially discharged from the hospital.

After that conversation, Nicholas pondered for a moment before requesting Edward's presence. "Kieran's being discharged from the hospital.

Ask the Public Relations Department to release a statement saying that he's fine." Edward nodded and left as he whisked out his phone to make a call to the PR members.

Of course, since Kieran was still busy being overjoyed at finally leaving the antiseptic hellhole behind, everyone decided that it would be best that he remained oblivious for the time being.

By the time he was finished with the discharge procedures, the media under the Sawyer Group had already published the news of his recovery.

'Thank you, everyone, for your concern. Our Master Kieran has returned safe and sound! The netizens and Kieran's fans were shocked at that news. 'What's this? Master Kieran isn't dead?'

'Gosh. Why can't they go into more detail? This is equivalent to nothing!' I'm so relieved that my Darling is safe. 'Could this be fake news? They didn't even post his pictures.

The comments kept coming. Still, Kieran's fans were certain that this was true. Why would they lie? So, it's only logical to assume that they're telling the truth! If you think about it, the Sawyer Group hadn't released a single statement ever since news of Darling being in danger was spread. Only the media has been spouting nonsense.'

'Yeah. That's right. They were probably fed up with the nonsense and decided to clear the air'