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After saying that, Sophia did not wait for Lucy's response. She quickly picked up her bag and hurriedly rushed outside. It seemed as if Lucy was determined to tie her fate to Sandra's. Still, it was to be expected. When it came down to it, she was Jordan's daughter. The Yard Family belonged to Jordan now, so it was natural for her to help the Yard Family. Sophia initially had no intention of confronting the Yard Family, but they were taking things too far! Don't blame me for this!

After Sophia left, Lucy got up to leave too. When she walked to the door of the bar, someone was already there to pick her up.

"You're here!" When she saw that person, she smiled as brightly as a shy, young maiden that had just fallen in love. Her gaze was tender—it was a tenderness no man had ever seen before...

On the other hand, Sandra began expanding her business and the targeted market after receiving the money. She intended to compete against Sophia and persistently acted as Sophia's business rival. Since Poul was thriving recently, it became one of her main targets. Thus, King started recruiting personnel and worked with the Ronney Group to aggressively take down Sophia's Poul. Once that was done, she planned to target Sophia's other businesses, including Cooper's company, Mitchell International Energy and Technology. However, Mitchell International Energy and Technology was engaged in the clean energy industry—it was a unique business. Neither the Mitchell Group nor the Yard Group was involved in that business. So, it wasn't easy to bring it down.

Plum Technology was also one of the businesses under Sophia. It was a listed company operating on a large scale. After Sandra assessed her own abilities, she decided to go for an easier target for now. Thus, she decided to target Poul, which was smaller in scale. Still, Poul was no longer what it was in the past. It wasn't just involved in the niche pet luxury goods business; it had also created a name for itself across the world. Moreover, it had built up a stable customer base and a strong brand reputation in Bayside City's luxury goods industry.

If the Yard Family's luxury brands wanted to enter the Cethosian luxury goods industry, they had to first surpass Poul. Therefore, Sandra was racking her brains and thinking about ways to bring down Poul. Unfortunately, she discovered that it was not as easy as it had been back then. Even if she had the money, she wasn't sure where to start. All aspects of

Pourl were unimaginably comprehensive—there was no room for Sandra to take advantage. Hence, she could only continuously ‘poach’ their staff.

At the same time, she continued to come up with various mandates for the departments under her. She also stipulated how many tasks needed to be completed within the specified time. Those that couldn’t complete them on time were dismissed immediately.

Consequently, everybody working in King was disgruntled over her mandates. Even so, the lucrative salary Sandra was offering was too attractive to turn down. Moreover, the Ronney Group sent over many designers and marketing talents—so much so that it could be considered one of the businesses under the Ronney Group. As a result, it attracted many talents within the luxury goods industry to the company in a short time. With the support of the Ronney Group, the business would not remain stagnant even if it wanted to.

“Billy, I brought you in to give me results! I didn’t bring you here to laze about! Look at this! I handed the reins of so many talented marketing personnel and designers to you, yet what did you give me in return?!” Sandra viciously threw the latest sales record documents in Billy’s face.

On the other hand, Billy did not dare to refute her words. As the director of King, he held the highest authority when Sandra wasn’t around. Therefore, he answered directly to her. After the scandal, he was forced to lay low for a year or two. Now that he finally returned to the design industry, he wanted to produce some results too. Sandra had placed the talents sent over by the Ronney Group under his command, and he had passionately thrown himself into his career. In particular, he wanted to defeat Pourl and Ivan. However... the results of his efforts were a far cry from his expectations. Therefore, he didn’t dare to say a word despite being dressed down by her.

Sandra was so furious that she paced about the office while ripping into Billy. How am I supposed to bring down Cooper if I can’t even take down Pourl?! “I’m giving you a month. I want to see results by then! If I don’t see satisfactory results within a month, I will make sure you won’t be able to take another step into the design industry again. I don’t care whether you are part of the Edwards Family or the Mitchell Family! Even Lucy will not be able to protect you!”

Billy nodded reluctantly before walking out of the office. Outside the office, he felt cold sweat dripping down his back. Sandra’s temperament was becoming more and more tyrannical by the day—so much so that he was starting to regret taking this position. I shouldn’t have been greedy for the salary Sandra offered me back then. The salary was truly attractive. He would not be able to find something similar anywhere else in the world. Due to

that, King managed to gather a large number of talents within a short period. Even so, they still couldn't beat Poul.

Inside the office, Billy scolded the designers and marketing personnel under him. After he finished shouting at them and sent them away, he became extremely distraught. Why?! King has such a strong team, abundant funds, and a powerful backer! We even poached so many of Poul's core members! Why are we still no match for Poul?! He worried about it throughout the night until his eyes became bloodshot. Then, a name floated into his head—Ivan Snowden. That's right! Poul has Ivan! He's the one who taught me all about designing! Even if he didn't want to admit it, he knew in his heart that Ivan's talent in designing was leagues better than his. All my designing abilities were taught to me by Ivan. I'm nothing in front of him. Even the designs that made me famous back then were stolen from Ivan! Poul is so amazing because it has Ivan! Poul is nothing without Ivan!

Suddenly, a crazy idea formed in Billy's head. This plan had been implemented once, a long time ago. However, it failed. I'm going to make Ivan vanish off the surface of the earth! Now that he was backed into a corner, this desperate idea began to take over his rationality!

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It was Friday. As usual, Sophia gave the company a holiday and invited some friends over to her house to celebrate. The pre-sales performance of Poul's new product featured in its autumn/winter collection had achieved a new record. Poul was now firmly established as the number one pet luxury goods brand in Cethos. Moreover, it was starting to emerge in the entire luxury goods industry as a dark horse. Even if the Ronney Group was entering the market, they were no longer afraid.

Ivan had been invited to the party too. He was one of the oldest members of Poul. He wasn't just the head of design, but he was a shareholder in the company. Besides, he played a huge role in the success Poul was enjoying today.

Right now, he was a completely different man compared to the man Sophia had first brought back. He managed to conquer his past and move forward. His hair was kept neat and short; he shaved his beard. He finally had a rather handsome appearance again. Moreover, he had a wife and a kid that was already two years old. He also adopted a black dog from Sophia to raise. Nowadays, he not only designed pet luxury goods but he also designed jewelry.

After petting all the cats in Sophia's house, he leisurely left for home after dinner. The place he lived in was located in a relatively remote area. He liked the quiet and enjoyed the

one-hour commute to and from work every day. It gave him enough time to unwind while he was driving. Avoiding the evening rush hour, he drove along the quiet highway. Not many cars were on the road by this time. Listening to the music, he thought about the cats at Sophia's house and his two-year-old angel at home. He was in a good mood. When he entered the inner ring expressway, the number of cars on the road became even fewer. However, he failed to notice that two motorbikes were gradually approaching him...

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Smash! An object shattered the car window as it came in. Just then, Ivan thought he could smell a pungent odor—it was the smell of gas! At the same time, he saw two motorcycles closing in on him on either side and happened to spot two cigarette lighters through the rearview mirror. Sadly, it was too late. The lighters flew in, and his entire car was set on fire in an instant.

Oh no!

Ivan felt the scorching heat on his back as he was being enveloped in the fire. Not too far away, those motorcycles were still following behind him.

He was too afraid to stop the car because the four people on the motorcycles were clearly going to come for him, and he was unable to outrun them. Meanwhile, the flames were getting bigger. He had to get out of the car soon as it could explode at any moment.

There were no other cars or people in the area. Whether he stopped the car or not, it was a dead-end for him. He did not know who was trying to kill him, but he could not die!

Inside his bag was an autograph from Taylor that his little angel at home had begged him for. He still had not given it to her yet. His wife and child were still waiting for him! I can't die!

With that immense desire to live, he was unwilling to die just like that, but reality left him without a choice. There was a small river at the side of the road. Stepping on the gas pedal,

he ran right through the railing and left his car dangling at the edge of the cliff. Once his car came to a stop, he quickly unfastened his seatbelt and opened the car door. With a leap, he threw himself into the river. Behind him, a loud explosion went off—the car had blown up!

The sound of gunshots followed the explosion, stirring up the neighboring residents and garnering much fear. A number of them were calling the police on their phones to report the incident.

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For some reason, Michael felt uneasy all day. He did not sleep well at night and even had a nightmare. Sitting up in bed, he looked behind him to find his wife and daughter sleeping soundly. He had a premonition, but he did not know what the problem was.

Suddenly, a call from Gary came. "Sir! Ivan is in trouble!"

That was when he realized what was the source of his uneasiness. Something had happened to Ivan! Michael changed out of his clothes and left right away.

The next day, Sophia went to see Ivan at the hospital and got to know the whole story. After he jumped into the water to save himself, he stayed hidden in the darkness of the night and washed up on the riverbank further down. Even after the jump, his Dragon Eye still functioned normally. He called 911 desperately and was rescued. Fortunately, his hands were spared. If his heavily insured hands had suffered damages, the design community would lose a major talent.

Once Sophia knew that he was safe, and his hands were intact, she felt relieved but also angry. She started to investigate the person behind this immediately.

At the mention of this person, Ivan scoffed. "It's definitely him! Billy Kim! A few days ago, King called me personally to ask me to work for them, but I refused. Then, Billy called later and threatened to break my hands!"

Sophia was doubtful. "Are you sure?"

Ivan nodded firmly. "I'm positive."

He and Billy were long-time enemies. The apprentice whom he had personally taught was not just ungrateful. When a problem arose in Ivan's family, Billy took the chance to use Ivan's designs and ideas as his own, even winning many awards with his works.

At the Edwards' annual meeting one year, Billy even schemed against Ivan. Later, the two had many confrontations in their line of work.

Especially during the two years that Sophia was missing, Billy became even more outrageous with the financial backing from Sandra. He desperately tried to get rid of all the people at Poulr and used various unjust ways to ruin Poulr's business. Ivan was not skilled at running a business. That was also the time when Plum Technology was growing the fastest, and several big names had their eyes on the company. Ivan was holding up Poulr all by himself when he suffered a crushing defeat to Billy.

Fortunately, after Sophia returned, she was able to salvage Poulr and force King out of the pet luxury goods industry. Billy was also exposed for plagiarizing a dog's face. That had unexpectedly resurfaced again recently.

When this happened to Ivan, Billy was also the first person that came to Sophia's mind.

Even if it was not Billy himself who did it, it was definitely the people from King. Since King obtained capital from the Ronney Group, they had set aside the highest amount to poach people. They were being especially aggressive, even causing a great stir in the luxury goods industry in Bayside City.

A number of people also resigned from Poulr, and most of them ended up working at King. It was a losing battle as King offered a generous paycheck that made it difficult for most people to refuse. But who would have thought that they were willing to physically harm someone as well?

After finding out that it was Billy, Sophia was enraged but also somewhat delighted. Just when she was looking for something to use against Sandra, an opportunity had come right to her.

During this time, King had been acting very aggressively. They stood on their abundant capital to suppress those in the same industry. Unfortunately, Poulr bore the brunt of it all. All this while, Sophia had been collecting evidence and loopholes in order to ruin their name, but with Ronney Group's funding, it was not going to be easy unless there was a huge flaw.

Billy's attempt to kill Ivan was that flaw. Sophia did not expect Billy to make such a careless mistake. How daring! In that case, he should have the guts to own up to it too.

At this moment, the power of being on home ground became evident.

"Sofie, I got someone to look into it. The underworld in Bayside City did not receive such a task." Sarah quickly rushed in to tell Sophia.

The Winston Family was in charge of the underworld. As of today, many groups were still operating in the underworld—local groups, out-of-state groups, and even some foreign ones. It was a complicated network of power, but they were all inferior to the Winston Family.

The difficulty and risk were too high for Billy to have done this himself. Letting his own people do the work would have exposed them too easily as well. Hence, their best option was to hire some people from the underworld to do it.

But currently, none of the mobs admitted to it. The case even made it on the news and became the biggest security issue in Bayside City this season. The police force was also on high alert, and the pressure was placed on Harry to find the culprit. Harry had been feeling troubled, but after searching around, he confirmed that none of the people in the underworld had done it.

If it was not them, could it be Billy's own people? Sophia did not think it was possible. Billy could not have been that foolish. But after some investigation, they found that it was indeed his own people!

Even though Billy was considered a young master in the Edwards Group, he did not have a lot of people around him that he could order around. Following the clues, they quickly identified the person responsible and waited for the right time to make their move. Sophia wanted to seek justice for Ivan and use this to bring King down!

Meanwhile, at the Edwards Residence, Billy was now terrified after finding out that Ivan survived. Ivan must know by now that I'm the one behind it and is going to follow the clues that will lead to me. He could already imagine Ivan coming to his door with the police. I don't want to go to prison!

Quickly making his way home, he went to Lucy for advice.

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Lucy was shocked to hear that Billy had done such a thing.

“I can’t believe you did that during this critical time, Bill! What were you thinking?”

The strife between Pouri and King was getting very messy and disoriented. Both Sophia and Sandra were practically looking at each other through a magnifying glass in order to find and exploit any flaws that the other might have, but Billy had just handed it to them on a silver platter now.

Callum and Cade have really succeeded in choosing a group of useless brats for their brothers!

Sophia was certainly going to use this to bring King down and ensure that King vanished from the fashion world in Bayside City for good. Neither the Mitchell Family nor the Yard Family could save them!

Billy was also filled with regret. Kneeling in front of Lucy, he wept and begged, “Lucy, you have to help me. We’re family. You can’t forsake me!”

Lucy took a sip of tea, and a glimmer of light flashed across her eyes.

She had no intention of getting in the middle of Sandra and Sophia’s fight.

This time, however, she did not have a choice as Jordan would force her to take action even if she did not want to.

After staying silent for a moment, she said, “Turn yourself in before the police get to you.”

Billy was stunned. She wants me to turn myself in?

As if she hadn’t seen the shock in his eyes, she continued, “Once you’ve turned yourself in, take responsibility for everything. Emphasize that you did it in the spur of the moment because of a personal grudge. Tell them that you felt immense regret after doing it. You haven’t acquired citizenship yet, and it was attempted murder. If you behave well, you’ll be

released with a bit of money. I'll send you abroad for a few years, and things will die down after that."

That was the best solution she could think of. It protected both Billy and King.

She figured that Sophia had probably already discovered something. After all, Sophia had Michael behind her while Michael had the Winston Family. The Winston Family was in charge of the underworld. How could they be unaware of something that happened in Bayside City? Since it was already noon, and the incident took place last night, they would have gotten the gist of things by now.

In spite of that, they were not doing anything.

That meant that Sophia was waiting for a chance.

Lucy emphasized, "Go right now. You have to hurry. The sooner, the better. You just have to confess to everything once you're in there, and remember to put on your best behavior. I'll find a capable lawyer, so getting you out won't be a problem."

Billy stepped out of the Edwards Residence, but he looked back one more time with spite.

She wants me to turn myself in? Huh! She clearly has a way to shield me from this, but she's not willing to do it! She even wants me to go abroad to lay low?

He had already spent a year overseas in hiding which was the same as being dead for a year. He did not want to leave Bayside City. He had put in his utmost effort to set up his business here. How could he leave now?

Since Lucy was unwilling to help him, he decided to go to Sandra. King still needs me! Sandra will protect me!

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At the Mitchell Group, when Sandra found out that Bill had failed to finish off Ivan, she was so infuriated that she kicked him a couple of times. "All you do is create more problems! You couldn't even handle this small matter?"

He cried, "I didn't think he would survive. Miss Mitchell, you have to help me. Lucy is adamant about abandoning me. You're the only one I can count on now! King can't go on without me!"

He was grasping onto her leg as he sobbed.

Sandra was furious. This moron can't even kill one person. How useless!

Sophia was going to find out his whereabouts in no time.

But, he was the chief designer at King. They could not do without him!

Sandra was pacing around the room anxiously with a gloomy expression on her face.

"What did Lucy say?" she asked suddenly.

Billy ranted, "She wants me to turn myself in. Isn't that sending me to my death?"

Telling me to turn myself in is just absurd!

Once Billy was exposed, King would be exposed too!

When the time came, the power of public opinion would certainly affect both King and Sandra's reputations. Sophia was going to take advantage and make a big issue out of it.

It took a minute for Sandra to make her decision. She stared straight at Billy and asked, "Where are the people you sent out to do the job?"

Wiping his tears, he answered, "I already arranged to send them on the earliest flight out of the country. They should be on their way to the airport now."

She said decisively, "At this point, the best thing to do is to silence them for good. Only a dead person can keep a secret!"

Billy was startled, but he still accepted it.

As long as those few people were dead, all the blame could be placed on them. The dead could not bear witness. He would be able to free himself!

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In the early morning, an unassuming Santana was on the highway heading toward the airport. Inside the car, there were four men of foreign nationalities with blank expressions on their faces. They were all blonde.

The Santana was going at full speed; it was almost flying in a straight line on the empty highway.

A while later, a pop went off and the car started to jolt. The man who was driving felt it and cursed, "Sh*t!"

They burst a tire!

The driver tried to stabilize the car, then brought it to the side of the road. When he went down to look, he saw that the front tire had burst. The four of them got out of the car to retrieve the spare tire and car jack from the trunk, and quickly changed the tire.

Just then, in the darkness of the night, a Jeep pulled over silently and stopped right next to them.

The guy who was fixing the tire looked back. He found a gun poking out of the window and aimed right between his eyebrows.

Bang!

Once he fell to the ground, a trickle of blood flowed out from between his eyebrows. The other three people were dumbfounded. They quickly tried to run for cover, but it was too late. Consecutive gunshots were heard and two more people fell. The last guy managed to hide behind the car where he also hurriedly pulled out his gun to counter their attack.

Four to five people in black came out of the Jeep. Each of them carried a gun. Splitting themselves up, they surrounded the guy and made it impossible for him to escape.

The guy was cursing on the inside, knowing that he had been betrayed.

Only Billy knew their location!

He wants to shut us up! Very well. When the day comes, I'm going to kill him with my own hands!

The foreigner had his gun out and was ready to attack when all of a sudden, police sirens closed in on them from a distance. A big police force came out of nowhere and surrounded the place in an instant with several roadblocks set up and countless guns pointed in their direction.

"We are the Cethos Police. Please put down your weapons and raise your hands above your heads if you want to seek clemency."

When the last remaining foreigner saw the police, he couldn't be more relieved. He immediately tossed his gun aside and lifted his hands. The other people in black were startled. They turned around swiftly to get back into their car and drove off, running through the roadblocks to escape.

Several police cars began chasing after them. The sound of police sirens filled the night.

Because they were armed, it put the special forces team on high alert. Finally, the police were able to take down all of them with four dead and one sustaining light injuries.

Joel personally came to investigate the situation.

When he heard about everything, anger rose up within him and made the veins on his head pop.

When Sophia looked for him to report the incident, he still could not believe that someone would do something so atrocious on his land. How dare they cause a ruckus in Bayside City? I don't care who the Yard Family or the Mitchell Family is. They better not fall into my hands!

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Early in the morning, King company headquarters had begun business operations. Since King partnered with the Ronney Group, their office was also located inside the Ronney Group's headquarters in Cethos. The previously well-known L/K and Ido were also running their businesses there.

As soon as they started their work day, however, a swarm of police arrived downstairs and surrounded the entire building. They sealed off the scene and stopped anyone from entering or leaving while a group of police officers rushed in.

Sandra had gone to work early that day and was not expecting to see so many police officers.

No, don't tell me... This can't be!

Everything was done seamlessly. They could not have gotten exposed!

The twins were not at the Yard Group today, so Sandra hurried to the lobby to greet the police. Billy also rushed out to observe the situation.

When they got to the lobby, they did not expect to see Sophia with a group of police officers coming onto them aggressively. The police also had a young foreigner in their hands. It was one of the hitmen Billy had sent out to kill Ivan.

The moment Sophia saw Billy and Sandra, she yelled, "It's him, Mr. Policeman! He's Billy, the one who hired the hitmen!"

The foreigner also became worked up when he saw Billy.

The last surviving person in black from last night would not open his mouth in spite of everything. He kept insisting that it was done out of a personal grudge. But, the person standing in front of them now was the mastermind behind everything.

Since none of them were free from guilt, the foreigner planned to drag Billy down with him and force Billy to tell them the truth about the attempted murder.

Billy was scared out of his wits when he caught sight of the guy. Once the police spotted him, they took him away in handcuffs in front of everyone.

In an instant, the police cleared off and left without a trace. Flustered, Sandra quickly followed after them.

"Idiot," Sophia cursed from behind her.

Turning around, Sandra glared at Sophia, who had her hands crossed in front of her chest.

Sandra did not think that she would get caught this time.

Still, she kept her nose in the air. "Sophia, do you think you can take me down by targeting Billy? In your dreams!"

She was the one who hired those people.

She was not as foolish as Billy to use her own people.

Those people were part of a foreign killer gang. They charged a high price and were very tight-lipped. Even if they got caught, they would not expose their clients and would rather have their people go to prison.

Moreover, they were of foreign nationality. If things went wrong, it would lead to an international dispute.

The Bayside City Police would not dare to touch them either.

Nonetheless, it was a losing battle for Billy this time.

What's the big deal with losing Billy? We still have millions of other Billys!

Sandra stormed off. Sophia couldn't help but chuckle as she watched her from behind.

Back at the Edwards Residence, Lucy had just received news on the matter.

Billy... That idiot!

At this point, it was certain that he hired those hitmen. It was not going to be easy to get him out now, and Lucy did not want to either.

No, there's still a way to get him out. But, those two gangs were very daring to draw out their guns on Bayside City's airport highway. Were they eager to get themselves killed?

A standoff that involved firearms was often seen overseas, but in Bayside City, it would cause a major security issue; one that was enough to garner the attention of the higher ups.

Apparently, Joel was personally handling this matter.

How interesting...

All of a sudden, it dawned on Lucy that they had still fallen into Sophia's trap.

She had kept watch on them in the dark all this time and waited for their reaction.

If Billy had listened to Lucy and turned himself in voluntarily, it would not have been as easy for Sophia to send him to prison.

But that idiot still had the guts to kill off those hitmen to shut them up! Trying to free himself from this is out of the question now. Sophia must still have more cards under the table. She is definitely not going to stop here.

As expected, the moment Billy was arrested, the internet started to fill with short video clips of the day Ivan's car exploded, and the killing on the airport highway. Those two events were enough to instill fear in the citizens of Bayside City and lead to countless complaints being poured into the police station.

The official news was also broadcasted very quickly. The revelation that the chief designer of King, Billy Kim, hired hitmen over a dispute in his line of work spread like wildfire.

The person behind the scenes controlling public opinion was very capable. At every mention, they did not fail to include 'the chief designer of King' behind Billy's name, and 'the chief designer of Pouri' behind Ivan's name. The wording roughly implied that King wanted to kill the chief designer of Pouri.

It was no longer a simple personal grudge, but an underhanded and unjustified industry dispute.

Out of nowhere, someone brought up the time when the Ronney Group first came into Cethos, and how the head of Ido was changed immediately. The head of the L/K branch in Cethos, Kenny, happened to get into a car accident and was still missing to this day.

Thinking of these events was very disturbing.

This year, many of the heads of fashion brands or designers in Bayside City had either been killed or had to step down for some reason. Was it a coincidence?

Or, was there someone behind all of it? To contain those in the same industry, they were willing to murder their opponent's designers.

The public and the fashion industry were all looking at the giant Ronney Group.

Everything started when they barged into Cethos!

However, there was no evidence. People were only speculating and having anonymous discussions about it online.

Because the Ronney Group was too powerful, it would not be good to cross them.

At the height of it all, another big issue surfaced. The previous head of L/K, Kenny, who was nearly declared dead after he went missing in the accident, suddenly came back alive. He even personally went to the police to report that Henry and Ryan Yard of Ronney Group were the ones who tried to murder him!

Undoubtedly, that caused a great stir in the fashion industry.

The Yard Family had attacked him!

A victim had spoken up. Because public opinion already had time to brew, everyone automatically tied the cases involving harm inflicted on designers, including Ivan's case, to the Ronney Group.

The Ronney Group wanted to establish themselves in Cethos. The local fashion brands in Cethos were unstable to start with and were on guard all the time. Now, word had gone out that the Ronney Group tried to murder the chief designer of their competitor!

At once, everyone in the fashion industry in Bayside City became nervous. Every big designer of local street wear kept looking over their shoulder for fear that they would be next.

Terror seized both the fashion industry and the public.

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In front of a police station in Bayside City, Sophia, as the head of Pouri, accompanied Ivan and Kenny to give their statements. They were very cooperative with the investigation.

But, Billy continued to deny that he hired those hitmen, and even brought a lawyer to reverse the verdict. He also pulled out his foreign citizenship and requested diplomatic immunity.

At the same time, there was even less proof of Kenny's accusation against the Yard Family. The Yards also had a capable team of lawyers which made his accusation against Henry and Ryan useless.

All in all, things were not going very well.

Ivan was exceptionally furious when he met Billy at the police station, but there was no other alternative.

They pressed him all day but got nothing out of him.

As Sophia comforted Ivan, she came out to find Sandra waiting for her.

Sandra was very proud of herself.

"Sophia, did you waste your time again?"

She watched Sophia running in there constantly, and leaving empty handed each time.

Such a stupid woman for daring to go against the Yard Family!

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A sports car was parked next to Sandra, and the two brothers were sitting inside.

“Hey, doll. Do you want to play a game with us? It’s a sandwich game. You’re welcome to join anytime!”

Henry whistled softly at Sophia, but she did not even spare them a glance.

They were still too immature.

One of them thought he could live off the title of world champion for the rest of his life while the other thought he could do as he pleased because he was part of the Yard Family.

With a turn, Sophia went straight into her car. On the other hand, Kenny was burning with indignation.

He almost lost his life.

Because Callum and Cade were the ones who promoted him, and Callum had appointed him as the main representative in Cethos, the first thing that Henry and Ryan did when they took over was to get rid of all of Henry’s people, which included Kenny.

Kenny had built the foundations of L/K in Cethos from the ground up and was unwilling to simply hand everything over. Little did he know, though, that he would get into an accident right after he refused them.

Henry even took a step further by threatening and harassing his family. Fortunately, Stanley heard about it and immediately moved his family somewhere else before anything could have happened!

Henry still seemed relentless. Getting down from the car, he leered at Sophia. “I heard that a designer of yours almost died. Tsk. Tsk. That’s unfortunate.”

Ignoring him, she said to the driver, “Let’s go.”

With that, her car quickly left the area.

Then, Sandra also left along with the Yards.

Sandra was beyond pleased to see how defeated Sophia looked this time.

She had not expected things to go that well.

It's so nice to have the sturdy Yard Family behind my back.

In all sectors of Bayside City, whether it was the underworld, the police, the military, the government, or the business world, people had to give them the upper hand.

It was said that the Yard Family nearly caused Cethos to perish one year. Over the years, the power of one family made it difficult for Cethos to advance forward on the international platform.

Since having the Yards behind her back, she became invincible, not just in Bayside City, but in all of Cethos!

Inside Sophia's car, Michael was currently reading the news beside her.

Pictures of the killing that took place on the airport highway were plastered all over the internet.

Ivan and Kenny's assault and the killings that took place on the airport highway were not just confined to the fashion industry. They also stirred up the general public, easily gaining the attention of the higher authorities in Cethos.

This was Cethos' capital after all!

Cethos was a country that banned guns and drugs. In terms of security, they ranked in the top ten in the world. If they caught anyone who dealt with drugs and illegal firearms, they would execute those people by shooting without hesitation. The underworld controlled by the Winston Family of Bayside City also acted under the control of higher authorities.

The person at the top tacitly consented to the existence of the underworld, but he did not allow them to meddle in the lives of citizens or create fear in the city. Most of the time, they tied up loose ends that the police were unable to.

All these years, the Winston Family had worked conscientiously in the underworld of Bayside City, which was essentially Cethos' underworld. People still had to sleep with their doors locked at night, but with the combined efforts of those on both sides of the law, heinous crimes rarely happened in the city. The last time a major incident had happened was when Quinton held Mark hostage.

It was hard to believe that someone actually had the audacity to firearms and injure others repeatedly in the capital of Cethos, leading to a security issue and instilling terror. It was a silent declaration of war, not just against Bayside City, but against the entire nation.

The higher authorities were enraged.

The Yard Family had an intricate relationship with Cethos. Their capital gave them the means to become a tyrant in the world. In the past, they had tried to suppress Cethos several times by stopping them from joining the United Nations and World Trade Organization. They even banned Cethosian athletes from participating in the Universal Games.

In economy and politics, Cethos and the Yards locked horns with each other numerous times before. But, following Cethos' power and the rise of economic globalization, the Yards and Cethos slowly began working with each other. Cethos also allowed one or two of the Ronney Group's brands to enter the country's market. It was only when Anna personally went to Cethos that the prolonged enmity was put to an end.

The relationship between the two parties was always a sensitive one. Undoubtedly, the higher authorities in Cethos were infuriated by the mess that the fool from the Yard Family had created.

They had no control over the Ronney Group's actions overseas, but they were in Cethos now! This was the only place where the Yards would not dare to act out!

Nonetheless, Anna had just donated a substantial amount of cultural artifacts and even participated in a focus interview. With the attention that she had gained, Cethos could not mess with the Ronney Group that easily either.

They were not allowed to take official measures, but Michael was already instructed by higher authorities to allow civil forces to attack the Ronney Group.

The government could not control commercial competition, but they still gave their tacit consent.

After Michael finished looking through all the information from various outlets, he laughed and looked over at Sophia.

She might have looked adorable on the outside, but there was a darkness inside of her.

Not only did she have her father's finesse, but she also had her mother's malignancy.

This time, it seemed like she was set on kicking the Yard Family out of Cethos.

Sophia and Michael returned home together. After making the fruitless trip to the police station and rushing home, they had gotten a sip of water to drink and were feeling famished, so they went out to look for something to eat.

The Ronney Group did, indeed, prove themselves. They had hired globally known lawyers who were well-versed with the law and who applied it wherever they could in this case. Since Billy and the Yard twins were of foreign nationality, there was surely a way for them to escape. Calvin Fields, the lawyer Michael hired, was completely beaten.

Nonetheless, Calvin was not to blame. Sophia now understood why the protagonists in Hollywood blockbusters always told the antagonists to pray that they can find a better lawyer.

With a good lawyer, they could even get away with murder.

As long as they had money, like the capitalistic Yard Family did, they had the license to kill.

As long as they had money, they could control the country's economic lifeline. Not to mention, the only currency being used nationwide came from the private bank that they founded.

Apart from currency, the electricity, public transport, and others in many countries were all run by private companies. It was no wonder capitalists were so aggressive overseas.

While Cooper was in Africa, a number of presidents were at his mercy because he had control over the mines, electricity, munitions, medicine, and other livelihood resources. Several of the main roads were financially sponsored by the Michel Group. Because they

were private property, he could have decided to close off the roads and play golf if he was not happy. In turn, that would cause chaos in the whole country.

Cooper was equivalent to an uncrowned king in Africa since he owned all the mines and resources there, but he did carry out the work that the king of a nation was responsible for—building roads and cities and maintaining public order. He even provided a few docile countries with the latest special vaccines for free.

No matter how great he was overseas, however, he still had to lay low in Cethos. He did his best to form amicable relationships with anyone he met, paid his taxes on time without making any careless mistakes, and never delayed in his disaster relief funds. He was so well-behaved that it was unlike him. Aside from having a hundred-year-old godfather still watching over him, he also understood that every country had its own conditions and laws—even an underdog could win on home ground.

The use of marijuana was legal in some countries, but in Cethos, the penalty for drug trafficking was death. In some countries, munitions were being sold at vendors, but such a blatant move would also result in death in Cethos. Overseas, money was issued by private enterprises, but in Cethos that was not allowed.

In some countries, the rich controlled everything and were the rulers, but that was also met with death in Cethos.

But, it seemed like the Yard Family still did not understand that yet.