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That must be Russell's wife.

Walking over with concern, Russell said gently, "They're just a few random people. I'm kicking them out now and I'll take you to the backyard for a walk in a minute."

When facing his wife, Russell had a warm expression, but the moment he turned to the others, he became harsh and cold again. Immediately, he shooed them away. "Leave now. I don't have the time to entertain you."

Sophia was about to say something, but she was interrupted by the pleasant sound coming from Hale's trouser pocket.

"Little swallows in flowery clothes, visiting here every spring..."

Taking his phone out, Hale saw that it was Maria again. Just when he was going to hang up, Sophia stopped him.

The phone continued to ring, and Carmen's sweet voice spread throughout the house.

Her voice was like the sound of a lark, as well as a gentle, sweet wind, which made anyone feel refreshed listening to it.

The ringtone was recorded by Sophia when Carmen was singing it live. It was not tuned, presenting a very genuine and original sound—as if she was singing in their ears. It was like some kind of magic that could heal any wound.

Everyone seemed to like it when Sophia used Carmen's song as her ringtone, so they set theirs too to listen to it at any time.

When Mrs. Simmons heard Carmen's voice, her tensed brows relaxed—as if all of her worries were gone at that moment. There was even a hint of satisfaction in her smile and she was clapping along with the tempo.

The call went on for a while, but Maria hung up after finding that no one was picking up; the sweet voice was gone as well.

When Carmen finished singing the song, she even called out, "Mommy, did I sing well?"

The moment Mrs. Simmons heard the sweet little voice saying 'mommy', she smiled softly. "That was so nice. Just like our Chloe..."

Although she was smiling, there was no hint of happiness in her eyes. Her tears that were mixed with blood hung in the corners of her eyes.

Looking at her bloody tears, Sophia's heart flinched. She felt like someone was strangling her throat. For a moment, she could not breathe smoothly.

Their daughter was dead in that catastrophe.

Sophia had experienced the virus outbreak herself. It was like the end of the world. When she walked her way down the path, there were only dead men. She saw white people, black people, and even Asians. There were those from prominent families, poor people, the elderly, and even children.

She was lucky to come across Nicole and Cooper and it was Cooper, who had saved her life.

But, there were a lot of people who had turned into decaying corpses on the street...

Feeling upset, Sophia lowered her head and did not speak.

Seeing that his wife was crying again, Russell immediately ordered, "Send the madam back."

However, Mrs. Simmons reached out and grabbed his hands. She said, "Russell, I still want to listen again!"

Russell's eyes were full of sorrow.

Losing his child hurt him more than ever. And, now that his beloved wife had become like this, he felt like his heart had been cut by a knife.

He pulled his wife into his arms and said, "Chloe... has been gone for a long time."

Chloe was their daughter.

She grew up fond of thrilling activities. Three years ago, she went on an adventure with her friends in Africa. But, they had not expected that she would be infected by the Virs-18 and die over there. Her body was picked up by the local anti-epidemic organization and was burned to prevent the spread of the disease. Until now, they had not even seen her body.

Smiling bitterly, Mrs. Simmons said, "I know... I know. It's just that I think the song earlier was very nice. I want to listen to it again."

As if she was praying, she requested, "Where is the child? Can you ask her to sing it again for me, please?"

Russell seemed to have sobbed for a second. He remembered his daughter, who had not been found until now, and when he looked at Sophia, his eyes were blurred with tears.

"I agree with your deal... Just let my wife listen to her voice again."

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Twenty minutes later, in the garden of the Simmons Residence, Carmen's sweet voice was heard again. This time, it wasn't the ringtone playing from the phone, but her in person.

"I'm a painter; I'm good at painting..."

Carmen was singing and dancing in the garden. Mrs. Simmons was seated in the wheelchair next to her and her face was full of satisfaction. She looked extremely content and her slender fingers were tapping along against the wheelchair. She was completely immersed in the song.

Now that someone was willing to listen to her, Carmen sang with all her might. She loved dancing and singing and often held 'concerts' back home. She was even selling her 'concert' tickets in the kindergarten, which were pretty expensive—it was five Amons per seat.

Seeing that his beloved wife was finally happy after such a long time, Russell's eyes were still full of tears.

"If my daughter was still alive, she would be 21 years old now. Since young, she had been very rebellious and loved to seek excitement. Even though her mother and I were against her decision to visit the uninhabited valley in Africa, she went anyway. We did not expect her to

never return since then. I knew very well that Africa was suffering from diseases at that time and there was a war going on, but I couldn't stop her."

As he spoke, he couldn't stop himself from sobbing and choking on his tears.

Michael, who was standing next to him, patted his shoulder and said, "Calm down. It's all in the past."

As a father, Michael understood that no ordinary man would be able to put this kind of grief behind.

However, Linus, who was standing on the other side, did not dare to speak even though this matter had nothing to do with him and the Michel Group. To donate the cure was not the obligation of the company. The worst they did was deciding not to save the people in need...

Still, he felt sore in his heart.

Russell wiped his tears away and he looked like he was a few years older than Michael, though they were almost of the same age.

Recalling the experience, Sophia had a lot more to talk about.

"Back then, I survived that catastrophe..."

That was a memory that she didn't want to remember.

Until today, she still did not know how she got through it. Perhaps, it was fate. Cooper gave away the cure he had invested billions in after he found Sophia. Not only had he emptied his stock, but he also sent experts to all major pharmaceutical factories to guide the production of the cure without charging them. He had even disclosed the formula of the cure and vaccines to the public.

He spent billions to find the cure, but he got nothing in return. However, he was still very happy because he got his daughter back. Billions were nothing compared to his daughter.

Wiping his tears, Russell sobbed. "All these years, I've put the blame on others. But, the fault... was actually mine. I'm an incompetent father—a coward who tried to avoid responsibility."

Perhaps, it was the end of the fate between the father-daughter pair.

Chloe Simmons was at the time when she was the most rebellious. She wanted to explore Africa and, unable to stop her, Russell locked her up. But, he didn't know that the uncontrollable Chloe would climb out from the window and fly to Africa with her friends. They went in a group of seven and none had returned.

A few days after the death of Chloe, Michel Group publicized the formula of the cure to Virs-18.

If they had done it a few days earlier, Chloe might not have died.

And that was why he had put the blame on the Michel Group!

However, deep down in his heart, Russell knew that if he had been a competent father and talked to his daughter in time, things would not have turned out that way.

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The fault was his, but he did not dare to look into his heart.

"Daddy!" whispered Carmen as she ran toward Michael and plunged herself into his arms.

"Auntie fell asleep!"

Upon hearing that, Russell turned around and checked on his wife, only to see her fast asleep with a satisfied smile on her face. She was sleeping soundly and looked quite comfortable.

Since their daughter had left them, he had never seen his wife sleep so peacefully before.

As he looked at her, Russell tried hard to keep his tears from falling.

Perhaps, the time between them and their daughter had already ended... It had been three years. They had to let go of the past now.

In the end, Russell agreed to be part of Sophia's Bayside Fashion Week. Besides, he wanted to expand his fashion business in the Cethosian market.

He then sent Sophia and the others to the front door.

Waving at him, Sophia said, "I'm leaving for Africa tomorrow and I'll send someone to pick up Mrs. Simmons."

Carmen followed suit and waved at Russell. "Goodbye, uncle."

He waved goodbye to them.

The group went back with satisfaction, especially Sophia, who was filled with a sense of accomplishment.

Now that she had sealed the deal with Russell, her fashion week was on a whole different level.

The following day, Russell brought his wife to meet up with Sophia before following her to Africa.

On the second day after they landed in Africa, Sophia was very busy dealing with Mrs. Simmons' cornea replacement surgery.

On the other hand, Michael went into a secret laboratory with Linus.

After a series of examinations and a discussion between seven to eight experts, the experts informed Linus with regret, "The toxin in Mr. Michael's body is very strong. With the current technology, there is no way to remove it. All we can do is inject him every now and then with a detoxification drug to temporarily suppress the toxicity."

The result was within Michael's expectations.

When the pregnant Sophia was kidnapped by the Phantom Wolf, Michael was cut by a poisoned knife. If it were not for Hale injecting him with a detoxification drug on time and sending him to the hospital, the toxin would have killed him right on the spot. His

determination had also saved him from danger, but the toxin had already entered his blood circulation. Within the past few years, there was no way for them to remove the toxin from his body. So, he could only receive injections from time to time to ease the situation.

Even Quinton had told him that there was no cure for this kind of toxin.

At the moment, he could only take a shot every month to suppress the toxicity. However, after a month, the poison would attack again and ruin his immune system. If he refused to take the shot, he would die from various complications and infections.

He didn't know when the detoxification drug would lose its effect, or when he would give in and collapse.

He was afraid of being sick and getting injured. If something went wrong with his body, it was very likely that his body would lose its balance and he might...

If he was down, what would happen to his wife and daughter?

For several years, he had been looking for ways, but unfortunately, there was no cure at all. Even Cooper didn't have any idea.

Sitting on the surgery table, Michael was deep in contemplation with his head held low. Linus patted his shoulder and said, "Don't be discouraged. Dad personally ordered his staff to make sure that you're cured. Give them a few more years. You'll definitely be treated. Don't forget; it was our lab that came up with the cure to Virs-18. We might need some time, but please have some faith."

Although Michael didn't tell Sophia, he didn't conceal it from Linus and Cooper. Cooper also did not want his daughter to live the rest of her life in sorrow, so he specially asked Linus to bring Michael over for a body checkup.

Michael nodded in response. Even if there was no hope, he wanted to try. There was no way now, but it might not be the same in the next few years. Cooper's team had come up with the cure and vaccines for Virs-18, so of course, they would be able to treat this little illness.

Linus then leaned in to check on Michael's shoulder. He had been receiving injections recently, but to make sure that it went unnoticed by Sophia, the needles used were so small that the entry point would be completely undetectable.

“Why did you take so many jabs?”

Michael explained, “The detoxification drug needs to be injected seven to eight times each time. I also had a contraceptive injection because I’m not fit to have kids now. I have to be responsible for the lives of chica and our future child. I kept my sperm in the sperm bank a few years ago. If things don’t work out in the future, we can only try IVF. Even chica had her ovum stored there too.”

Observing the needle scars on Michael’s arms, Linus was startled. Michael relies on these injections to sustain his life.

What if one day his body developed resistance to these drugs?

All of sudden, Sophia came out from nowhere.

“What are you guys doing?”

Her sudden appearance startled both Linus and Michael.

With a shocking expression on her face, Sophia marched toward them.

“Linus, why are you touching my hubby’s chest?”

It was only then that Linus realized his hand was resting on Michael’s chest. Like lightning, he withdrew his hand immediately.

He was only checking out the scars on his chest!

Unfortunately, there had already been a misunderstanding.

Sophia had never expected to find her husband being touched on his chest by Linus when she could not find them anywhere!

Caution filled her eyes in an instant because Linus was bisexual!

He liked women, but he also liked men!



"It's a misunderstanding, Sophia. Please don't overthink." Linus continued to explain, "Michael has been filming for many years and has left many scars behind. We're just trying to find a way to get rid of them."

Michael removed his shirt earlier when he was undergoing the body checkup. Immediately, he put his clothes back on and said, "Linus was just looking at my scars."

However, Sophia was skeptical. She felt like they were hiding something.

Linus and Michael finally persuaded her after a session of heated explanations.

When Mr. and Mrs. Simmons arrived at Michel Town, the medical department set up a special team to treat Mrs. Simmons' eyes.

Her condition was similar to Sophia's, so they could only implant an artificial cornea as a temporary solution.

When Mrs. Simmons was sent into the ward after a successful operation, Russell leaned against the wall of Michel Town, looking at the world outside of the walls.

This was once a dead land. The neighborhood was filled with batches of dead men. When most people came to know about the cure created by the Michel Group, they walked here on foot to ask for the cure, but unfortunately, most of them died on the way.

Only some of them were lucky enough to get here, though they were greeted by a closed gate and the ruthless employees of Michel Group.

Perhaps, his daughter had come here too...

He heard that Fass disclosed the formula of the cure in order to save his infected daughter and finally, his daughter survived.

Yet, as a father himself, he could not do anything.

After the incident, he wanted to come to Africa. But, he could not even rent a plane. Africa had been locked down and by the time he finally arrived, he could not even find his daughter's body...

Holding onto the wall, Russell knelt down slowly. He lowered his face and his tears dropped onto the cold ground.

Chloe, Dad is here again. Where are you?

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The area outside Michel Town had been rebuilt. The fertile land was covered with farmland and gardens. It looked very vibrant—as if nothing had ever happened here before.

Suddenly, someone came up to Russell. Turning around, he saw a man standing behind him.

The man had a slender figure and his eyes were cold and sharp. He had a pair of mysterious blue eyes. Although he looked about the same age as Russell, his eyes were so deep and mysterious that they looked like an impenetrable mountain.

“Are you Mr. Simmons? I’m Fass.”

*Fass!*

Russell did not expect the person in front of him to be the legendary Fass Michel, the head of the Michel Family, though he looked exactly like what he imagined him to look like.

Without waiting for Russell to answer, Cooper continued, “Please come with me, Mr. Simmons. There’s someone you might want to meet.”

Not knowing the meaning behind Fass’ sudden appearance and who the person he was going to meet was, Russell followed suit.

Leading Russell down the twisting road in Michel Town, both of them came to the corner of the company's garden. There was a girl inside trimming the branches of the plants. Her hands were rough and there were centipede-like scars snaking around her exposed arm.

Russell didn't know why Cooper brought him here, but he heard Cooper call the girl, "Emily."

Emily turned around upon hearing Cooper's voice. Her disfigured face unfolded before them. Half of her face was covered with scars. Her appearance was deformed to the point that no one would be able to recognize her, although one would still be able to see that she was Asian judging from her black hair, black eyes, and yellow skin.

The girl froze at the sight of Russell. Her eyes hidden under the scars widened, and tears streamed down her cheeks. However, within seconds, she turned around and darted away, fleeing into the depths of the garden and vanishing.

The moment Russell saw the girl, he was also dumbstruck. His muscles stopped moving for a second and he could not say anything. All he did was watch the girl escape before his eyes.

After a long time, he finally came back to his senses.

"Chloe! That's my daughter, Chloe!"

Tugging Cooper's sleeve frantically, Russell asked in disbelief, "Is that... my daughter? Am I right? My daughter; my daughter isn't dead... She's not dead..."

He was so excited that he could not speak coherently.

Yet, Cooper's expression remained indifferent as he said, "When I decided to disclose the formula of the cure to Virs-18, I took in the infected people around the town who had not been attended to the hospital for treatment. According to the file, when the child was found, she was amongst a group of seven people. But, only her life was saved. They came to explore Africa with her as their leader. She felt responsible for the death of the other six who ended up being buried in a foreign land. She was ashamed of facing her family and friends, so she refused to disclose any of her personal information and refused to be deported. Because we couldn't find her passport and any information about her, we could only let her stay in the town. All these years, she has been working in the landscaping department to support herself. Since she's your daughter, you should bring her away with you."

After listening to what Cooper said, Russell was dumbfounded.

That was his daughter; his Chloe...

"Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much!"

Russell thanked Cooper repeatedly. Patting his shoulder, Cooper comforted him, "There's no enmity between father and daughter. Go ahead and talk to her."

Wiping away his tears, Russell went after his daughter.

*Chloe, Dad finally found you.*

As Cooper looked at the disappearing figure in the distance, a trace of a smile appeared on his cold face.

It was as if he had seen himself in Russell. Back then, when he saw Sophia regaining her consciousness, he acted exactly like Russell. He thought he was having a beautiful dream that he never wanted to wake up from.

"Dad, you're so kind!"

Sophia suddenly popped out and jumped onto Cooper's back, wrapping her arms around his shoulders.

Cooper was also equally content. Picking up his daughter on his back, he spun around happily. Carmen, who was standing beside them, stretched her arms and yelled, "Me too! Me too!"

Putting Sophia down, Cooper took Carmen in his arms and made a few more turns.

He always felt that Sophia was all grown up and it was weird for him to spin her around while holding her. However, it was different when it came to Carmen. So, he decided to give her a few more spins.

While he was holding onto Carmen, Sophia jumped up from behind and wrapped her arms around his neck.

"Dad, you're the best father in the world!"

When Nicole brought her to Michel Town looking for a cure, she was delirious throughout the whole journey. Every time she opened her eyes, all she saw were dead people. She felt like she had come to the end of the world, no longer able to differentiate whether she was on earth or hell. She was unsure if she was dead or alive.

When she was infected and went into a coma, she was fighting to stay alive. Cooper, who was desperate, published the formula of the cure to the public and even took in the people around the town.

The hospital in the town was only enough to serve the daily illnesses of their staff. When it was crowded by so many people all of a sudden, the town was in chaos.

Linus told her that the castle was occupied by the infected people. Every day, batches of bodies were carried out, and batches more were taken in for treatment. Although many people still died, many more survived due to Cooper's actions.

However, what Cooper did resulted in a huge loss for the Michel Medical Group. Not to mention that there were no profits in regards to the billions of investment made, Cooper also had to subsidize a lot of money personally for the production of the cure that he sent out for free. He took in homeless people like Chloe for treatment and sent them away once they were cured.

At that time, the family and the company were hugely affected. It was only now that Cooper and Linus had finally managed to make up for the loss.

For Cooper, nothing was more important than his little princess waking up from the coma even if it meant it would take everything he had!

And now, he had two little princesses!

Back then, Cooper spent a lot of money to do good deeds in order to accumulate blessings for his daughter. He did not expect himself to be rewarded so soon. The Simmons Family was reunited—Mrs. Simmons would be able to see her daughter right after she opened her eyes. Two happy events came to the family at the same time. And, at Sophia's suggestion, Russell decided to bring Chloe to the cosmetic hospital in Bayside City to treat her face.

At the same time, he had decided to shift his work focus to Cethos.

Russell had absolute influence and appeal in the overseas Cethosian fashion community. The moment he made a move, he was like a signal attracting all overseas Cethosian fashionistas to start expanding their career in Cethos. And the Bayside Fashion Week was the best opportunity for them to do so.

Sophia was not afraid that these Cethosian fashion brands would affect her business once they entered the Cethosian market. As long as she could expand the influence of Cethos' luxury products, she could lead her products to the world too.

After staying in Africa for a while to take care of Russell's affairs, she had successfully signed a lot of contracts and was prepared to return to Cethos.

At this moment, Hale came over and brought her shocking news.

Her pair of alpacas had been stolen.

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"What?! The alpacas were stolen?! When did this happen?! Why wasn't I informed about this?!" Sophia became distraught when she heard that her alpacas had been stolen.

Hale replied, "It happened on the day we went to see Russell Simmons. Maria called in a panic to inform us that the alpacas had been stolen. The alpacas were at the shop for their photoshoot, shooting promotional photos of the new products. However, they were stolen in broad daylight as soon as they stepped out of the shop."

Michael hurriedly asked in a worried tone, "What about Pleiades? Wasn't Pleiades with the alpacas that day?"

Pleiades was the rooster Carmen was raising. Since they were raising it at home, they couldn't just keep calling it 'the rooster'. Therefore, Cooper named it 'Pleiades'. The name 'Pleiades' came from one of the constellations in the 28 Mansions, which were part of the Cethosian constellation system. Depicted as a rooster, the constellation was famous for pecking a centipede to death in Aesop's Fables.

Pleiades had made its debut among the pet owners' social circles in Bayside City on Twitter. Sophia even made a series of outfits for it. She also highly recommended raising a rooster in the pet luxury goods magazine she created. As a result, there was a sudden chicken-raising boom in Bayside City, and the price of roosters soared because of her.

If I remember correctly, the rooster joined the alpacas for the commercial photo shoot. The Gods must have heard my prayers, Michael thought to himself.

Hale glanced at Michael. Despite the worried look on Michael's face, the slight upward curve of his eyes told Hale that he was very excited. Thus, Hale regretfully reported, "Due to Pleiades' strong survival instincts, it put up a fierce struggle, broke free of its diapers, and flew up to the roof to escape. It has returned home and seems to have calmed down. It's doing relatively well."

Michael was extremely disappointed when he heard those words. Useless! The Yard Family is so useless! They can't even steal a chicken! Good-for-nothings! Trash!

On the other hand, Sophia was livid. "The Yard Family! Why is it the Yard Family again?!"

She had been busy over the past few days—so much so that she didn't pay attention to the Yard Family. Now that she was less busy, she immediately video-called Callum. Callum was working in his office. However, he answered her call despite his hectic schedule. Sure enough; the video showed a pair of alpacas in the background. No, there was a baby alpaca too—the pair of alpacas had given birth to a cria. I can't believe the Yard Family went so far as to steal the cria too!

The three alpacas seemed to be doing quite well. They had their own nest in his office, wore gold-colored bow ties, and even had servants giving them massages. Their fur was shiny and smooth—they looked much more refined than before!

"How could you... You couldn't even spare a child! You beast!" She was so furious that she jumped to her feet.

He patted the baby alpaca on the head and proudly said, "A family should stay together." Sticking his little finger up as he patted the alpaca, he said, "By the way, I heard you won Russell Simmons over to your side. That's amazing! Russell isn't bad; he's very capable. I tried to acquire his brand many times in the past, but my attempts never succeeded. I can't believe he agreed to work with you so readily!"

She sneered, "The Yard Family murdered his entire family, yet you expect them to work with you? How ridiculous!"

Acting as if he did not hear her cursing at him, he took out a gold baby bottle, picked the baby alpaca up, and carefully fed it with the bottle. At the same time, he pretended to be sad. "My two younger brothers are trying to surpass us. For that reason, they've always wanted to bring Russell over to their side. This time, Russell not only snubbed them, but he also joined hands with you. With my two younger brothers' temperament, they will go to the extremes to get their revenge. You need to be careful."

Her expression darkened. As expected, Callum is here to fan the flames. He is afraid that things will get swept under the rug without much fuss. "Don't worry. If they dare to harm me, then I will retaliate in kind."

After he finished feeding the baby alpaca, he skillfully patted it so that it burped. Then, he pretended to be worried about her as he said, "They won't do anything in Cethos. The risks are too great since you are a Cethosian. They will probably strike before you return to Cethos."

She said, "I'm hanging up."

In response, he hastily said, "Wait! I have another important thing to tell you!"

She coldly replied, "If you have something to say, say it quickly."

Callum smiled slightly. "I stole your three huskies too!"

Sophia did not answer. Not long after that, Maria called. As expected, the dogs had been kidnapped. Cereberus had been stolen!

It had been snowing in Bayside City recently. Therefore, Stanley took the three huskies out to enjoy the snow. While walking the three dogs, he walked in front while the three dogs followed behind him. The leashes were stretched tightly when they suddenly loosened without warning. By the time he looked back, only the leashes were left—the dogs were gone. Then, he burst into tears with a loud wail at the sight...

Sophia decided that she was going to kill the two Yard Family members. Since ancient times, many factions fought against each other in the royal family. Since Callum is forcing



my hand, he can't blame me for this! I can't believe we have the same blood running through our veins. If I don't kill those two younger brothers, I won't be able to live down the shame!

When Michael heard that the huskies had been stolen, he was so pleased that he nearly jumped for joy. Hurray for the Yard Family! They finally did something right! Don't give up! Next time, steal the chicken too!

Soon, the family prepared to return home. On the way to the airport, several black cars silently approached their car. Sure enough, the Yard Family wasn't going to let them leave so easily. The Yard Family's movements were restricted in Cethos, but this wasn't Cethos and the journey to the airport was the best time to strike.

Inside the car, Cooper took out a pair of noise-canceling headphones and put them on for Carmen. Then, he lovingly said, "Carmen, can you sing a song for me, please?"

Carmen was not in a good mood today. Before she left the country, she had decided to marry Cash, the husky. However, Sophia told her yesterday that Judge had fallen in love with a female husky and eloped along with its two sons. They were not coming back anymore. Hence, her mood was heavy, and the songs she sang were not as lively as they were before.

She sang, "He must love you very much; more than he loves me." Next, she sang, "Memories of us bring tears to my eyes; it's too lonely to be alone." Lastly, she sang, "Breakups should be graceful; no need for apologies."

Cooper was rendered speechless by the songs she sang.

While Carmen was singing those songs, several missiles flew by from out of nowhere. The black cars that were following them were hit by the missiles and went up in flames... The Yard Family forgot that this was Africa and the highway to the airport belonged to the Michel Group.

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On the other side, Sandra was anxiously waiting for news while feeling excited and guilty at the same time. This time, it was somebody Billy hired. He guaranteed that nothing could go wrong—Sophia and her family would never return alive. Unfortunately, they had not received word about the outcome even though it was already midnight.

Thus, Sandra was so anxious that she couldn't sleep. She had a feeling that things weren't as simple as they thought. The men they sent out had not reported back to them, and she did not know if their attempt had succeeded. Unable to sleep, she walked out of the house. Her trip overseas was for work, and she had been going all over the place during this period. As she was going to be in Ronney City for the next few days, she stayed at an exquisite villa in the suburbs outside Ronney City with Billy. However, she was feeling nervous for some reason. Walking around the streets in the middle of the night, she saw a ball of fire falling from the sky and landing on the house she was temporarily staying in.

Boom. The entire room burst into flames. Billy, who had been sleeping on the second floor, jumped out of the second-floor window. His entire body was covered in flames as he rolled on the ground, screaming in pain. Meanwhile, Sandra was utterly dumbstruck by the sight...

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By the time the fire brigade came, the whole house had been burnt to the ground. Fate was on Sandra's side—she survived with only some light injuries. However, Billy was burnt so badly that not even his bones were left. That fire left one dead and one injured, shaking up the entire Yard Family.

The next day, Anna heard the news about the incident. She knew who was behind it. After all, she had been watching the fight between Sophia, Ryan, and Henry. However, she did not expect Sophia to be so bold as to kill somebody from the Ronney Group right under the Yard Family's nose. Moreover, it was done in such a flashy way. Sophia was the first person ever to dare to stir up trouble in Ronney City. As that thought flashed through Anna's mind, she smiled... Good; Sophia is not letting me down.

Similarly, Callum had heard about Billy's death. He had intercepted the news Billy sent to Henry. According to that information, Billy had hired men to ambush Sophia along the highway to the airport and launch incendiaries at the car she was in. He wanted the entire family to be blasted until not even their ashes could be found. However, he was the one to die instead.

Picking up the phone, Callum prepared to call Sophia and 'express his condolences'. All of a sudden, he heard a 'crunch' sound. The huskies that had been locked up in cages had bitten through the bars of the cage and escaped their prison. The evil forces of Siberia instantly descended upon the entire Ronney Palace, a series of crunching noises following in their

wake. They crunched their way through the doors that blocked their path and bit the people who stood in their way.

Callum was dumbfounded by the sight. These aren't huskies; these are iron-eating monsters! The three huskies ate their way through everything, including slippers, watches, tables, chairs, door handles, and toilet lids. Their appetites were so large that it made them seem like three pigs instead. At the same time, they were also like three groundhogs, digging holes all over the place. Only two days had passed since they were first captured, but the Royal Garden was already littered with pits and holes everywhere.

Ronney Palace was almost constructed entirely out of wood. Therefore, the best preventive measures had been taken against fire, insects, and moisture. In that way, the buildings had been maintained perfectly for hundreds of years. Unfortunately, protective measures against huskies had not been developed yet. The three huskies kept up a record of breaking through five doors a day; even dog leashes, metal chains, and cages could not stop them! They even dug two holes in the walls of the Ronney Palace! I finally know why Sophia affectionately dubbed them the 'Cerberus'! They eat a lot. They also have monstrous strength and boundless energy. Moreover, their sh\*t stinks! They are monsters!

It wasn't easy to capture them and lock them up in cages today. However, no more than one hour had passed when there was a loud 'crunch'. Then, the three dogs speedily headed inside the Ronney Palace. They were headed toward the Exalos Hall! When Cade realized where they were going, he was so scared that his soul nearly jumped out of his body. "Stop them! Stop them!"

That was the place where the imperial court was held during the Yard Dynasty! The Emperor's throne passed down through their ancestors was placed inside! Thus, the entire Ronney Palace fell into a state of panic...

Callum was just about to chase after them to check on the situation. To his surprise, Sophia took the initiative to video call him at that moment. He glanced at Cade and the others chasing the dogs, then glanced back at his phone. In the end, he found a suitable spot to answer the call. He even checked his surroundings for any abnormalities before he took the call.

As soon as the video call connected, he saw Sophia in her pajamas. She seemed to be at home and must have just washed her hair as her hair was still dripping wet. On the other hand, she was peering at the video screen and searching for something. "Where is Cerberus?"

Putting on a relaxed air, he replied, "Oh, your dogs? Naturally, I'm taking good care of them. What's wrong? Do you want to see them? Later, I'll show you just how lavishly they are spending their days while in my care..."

Pfft! She stifled her laugh as she said, "Do you think I don't know how my dogs are? Your house must have been demolished to the point where it's unrecognizable by now, right? I'm guessing there are countless pits littered across the Royal Garden too. Besides, isn't the Ronney Palace mainly constructed out of wood? What drove you to kidnap my dogs?!"

Since his cover was blown, he decided to change the subject instead. "Sophia, you're pretty amazing! I can't believe you dared to kill somebody from the Ronney Group in the Yard Family's own territory! The incident with Billy won't end so simply."

At the mention of Billy's name, she laughed. "Yes, I killed him. So what? Are you upset?" She had no intention of hiding the fact that she killed Billy. Billy tried to burn her to death, so she retaliated in kind. It's such a pity that Sandra did not burn to death too. I guess she's not fated to die yet. Finally, she added, "My huskies are well-trained. The Yard Family won't be able to handle them." After saying that, she hung up.

At Ronney City, a group of people finally captured the three dogs. Unfortunately, the dragon head made of pure gold sitting on top of the ancestral throne sported several bite marks. This is the Emperor's throne passed down through our ancestors! Callum was so pained by the sight that he grabbed the leader of the huskies and yelled at it. "What the hell do you think you're doing?! I endured it when you bit the tables, chairs, and doors. But, why did you have to bite the Emperor's throne?! Do you know how valuable that is?! The Yard Family brought it here from Cethos a long time ago! It has nearly a thousand years of history! Even if I sold off your entire family, it wouldn't be able to compensate for the damage you caused! Is it because you want to bite people?! Well, come on then! Bite me! Go on!"

Then, Judge opened its mouth wide and chomped down on Callum. With a 'crunch', it bit down on his watch. The gold-and-diamond-encrusted watch worth hundreds of millions instantly fell apart under the strength of the dog's titanic alloy teeth. It shattered all over the floor, covering the ground in tiny parts. He was utterly dumbfounded by what just happened.

Crunch. Judge broke the stick the Yard Family used to discipline the dogs. Crunch. Cash bit through the walls of their cage and escaped again.

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Inside The Imperial, Michael, who had accompanied Sophia overseas for half a month, finally returned to Bayside City. He planned to rest at home for a few days before continuing work. First, he decided to fill up all the holes in the garden that were dug up by the dogs with his own hands. I can loosen the soil and plant some flowers, vegetables, or grapes. Or, I can build a swimming pool for Carmen to play in during the summer. Not too long ago, he learned how to plow the earth while filming 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'. Therefore, he quickly leveled the ground before he forgot how to do it.

A thin layer of snow blanketed the entire Bayside City. The garden was also covered in a layer of snow. Still, he was extremely happy today. He was full of energy, humming while he tilled the ground. "Today is a good day. Everything's going my way—"

Carmen was wearing a frog padded jacket that Nathan used to wear and a matching frog hat. Watching Michael, she curiously asked, "Daddy, why are you so happy today?"

Using a towel to wipe away his sweat, he answered, "Because Mommy's business negotiation went well!"

Mainly, it's because the huskies had been stolen. Without the huskies around, even the air smells sweet and life is so peaceful. A blissful future is waving at me! I'm so impressed with what Callum and Cade did.

Carmen didn't know what was going on, but she understood that Michael was in a great mood recently.

Michael filled up all the pits in the garden that had been dug up by the huskies, preparing to rebuild the garden. The latest batch of premium luxury smart home furniture ordered by the Winston Family had arrived too. So, he changed out all the furniture that was riddled with husky teeth marks. He only managed to live in bliss for two days when the security guards came to report, "A car passed by the entrance to the residential area this morning and dumped three huskies out of the car."