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The city tonight was filled with breaking news.

The news of Nicole and Sam's secret marriage overwhelmed the reports about fashion week—half of the news headlines in Bayside City were about the bombing incident during the fashion week while the other half were about her secret marriage.

Sam knew what he would soon have to face, but he was not afraid of it. The worst case scenario would be him turning his back on the Edwards Family and he did not mind giving up the last name of 'Edwards' to replace it with 'Walker'. For the sake of their child, Nicole, and his family, he had to put up a fight.

Everyone was busy tonight. A lot of things recently happened in the Edwards Family—on one hand, it was the marriage of the head of Edwards Family, Jordan, and on the other hand, there was the exposure of Sam's secret marriage.

Jordan currently did not have the time to deal with all those matters as he only had Anna in his head. "Annie! Has anyone seen Annie?"

He frantically looked everywhere for her. Unfortunately, there was no sign of her either inside or outside the hall.

Lucy had not left yet—she had been dealing with the aftermath of the incident and watched as the ambulances took the injured guests away.

The Yard brothers were stupefied by the trampling. Their faces were full of shoe prints as they moaned in pain while being carried into the ambulance. Sandra was in a similar situation as well—she was hit on her face when the crowd swarmed in her direction.

Lucy had to keep track of the injured people's conditions. All the guests who attended Jordan's engagement were all influential people from wealthy families, politicians, or celebrities. Every single one of them was not an ordinary person. Therefore, she needed to follow up on their conditions and comfort them.

He had not been managing the Edwards Family's matters in recent years and Sam did not have any intention to intervene with all those as well while Ian, who had been spiritless after the blow of having to undergo a circumcision, lacked the capability to do so. Hence, she was the one managing the Edwards Family's matters all along. At that moment, Jordan was busy looking for Anna, which resulted in Lucy having to clean up the mess.

She already had her hands full—appeasing the media, comforting the guests, and calculating their losses. After attending two consecutive fashion shows in a day, she now had to deal with that matter without having the chance to have any rest. On top of that, she had been having so many late nights before the fashion week. Therefore, she was so exhausted that she found it hard to keep her eyes open.

What troubled her the most was the fact that it was only the first day of the fashion week and with six more days to go. Today's incident had scared many guests off, so she had to make sure that everything went well in the subsequent days.

When she was exhausted to the point where she struggled to keep her eyes open, she raised her head and saw Dana, who was not far away.

Lucy found that no matter when she glanced at her, the latter would always pretend that she happened to be about 10 meters away and did not know her.

Just like that, Dana had protected and accompanied Lucy in secret.

Tonight, Lucy's nominal fiancée was at the scene as well. However, as soon as the explosion occurred, he fled without leaving any trace. Hmmm... That's another reason to get rid of him.

After that, the Edwards Family would choose another fiancée for her and she would approach that person, attract his attention, and pretend to fall in love with him.

She could not stop; she had to feign that she was actively searching for a fiancée to prevent the Edwards Family from discovering her relationship with Dana.

Although the Winston and Edwards Family had matching family backgrounds and Dana's father was the most authoritative elder in the former besides Harry, the outsiders still knew Dana as a young lady of the Winston Family despite her having a frivolous character!

However, she was not a lady—she was a man and had been since young. She had a man's sense of responsibility, a man's courage, and a man's masculinity. In fact, she was way better than any other man—she had never been a woman!

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Jordan ignored the chaotic situation before him; all he had in mind was Anna.

He found Callum and Cade, who told him that they had not seen her since they were separated by the crowd.

Nobody had seen Anna.

Jordan ran into the security room to find her through the surveillance tape. Unfortunately, there were blind spots that were not caught on camera. The recordings only captured the part where Anna and Callum were separated by the flow of the crowd and could not locate where she had been brought to. Where has she gone?

All of a sudden, a name crossed his mind—Cooper.

As he did not have Cooper's contact number, he directly called Tiffany while getting his men to search for the area where Michael and the others had gone.

She had left the scene, but she was still in shock. "Jordan, why are you looking for me?"

Jordan immediately uttered, "Cooper and Anna have disappeared together! I want to know where he is!"

Tiffany was shocked. "What? Cooper and Anna have disappeared? What were you doing when you were supposed to keep an eye on your wife?"

Bailey, who was resting his eyes next to Tiffany, abruptly opened his eyes, feigning disinterest, but in fact was eavesdropping on their conversation.

“Okay, okay. I’ll notify you when I get an update.”

After exchanging some words, she hung up on the call while feeling edgy. “Damn it, where the hell did Cooper go?”

An anxious Tiffany repeatedly gave Cooper a ring, but he had switched his phone off after that incident. They did not return to the Imperial or the Edwards Residence at Riverdale, so she had no idea where he went.

Bailey, who was beside her, suddenly said, “Michael opened a private hospital with a good surgical department. You can try to ask there.”

Before he dealt with anyone, he would always investigate the person’s background in advance. In addition to retail, Michael had a few private hospitals under his company, Asco International, and the nearest one was just around the corner.

Tiffany immediately went to the hospital. Sure enough, she saw Michel and Mitchell’s family’s vehicles coming in and out of the building.

She intended to head in to look for Cooper, but when she thought of him being together with Anna, she felt really upset. Also, he would not allow her to enter as well.

After some contemplation, she dialed Jordan’s number.

Soon, his car arrived at the hospital and he actually brought along with him a number of people.

Tiffany parked her car at a hidden spot opposite the hospital, secretly watching everything that happened in front of the hospital.

Jordan came in an aggressive aura—he could not bear to see Anna and Cooper together!

Upon seeing the people from the Edwards Family appearing with ferocity, many bodyguards, from both the Mitchell and Michel’s Families, soon exited the hospital.

Without saying a word, he immediately ordered his men to barge in.

“Mr. Edwards, what are you doing?”

Linus and Sophia suddenly appeared at the lobby behind all of the bodyguards and Michael stood next to her.

Jordan wore a cold expression. “I’m here to pick up my fiancée.”

Sophia pretended to be confused. “Fiancée? Mr. Edwards, shouldn’t you be watching after your own fiancée? Why would she be here?”

He refused to beat around the bush. “Move to the side. I know that Anna is here.”

Upon hearing that, her expression turned cold. “That’s too bad; my father is injured and he has taken his rest. Please don’t behave presumptuously here. We haven’t seen your fiancée either.” She took a step back into the realm of the bodyguards’ protection.

The people from the Michel and Mitchell’s Families formed a human wall, blocking Jordan’s people from entering. As they were at the hospital, the place was equipped with all necessary facilities—except guns—to prevent people from causing trouble.

The human wall was impenetrable, preventing Jordan from entering. This situation further affirms that Anna is here!

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Jordan radiated a cold aura when he fiercely glared at the direction where Sophia and Linus were leaving. “Alright, I’ll be waiting here!”

The people of the Edwards Family surrounded the hospital from outside, guarding all the entrances and exits of the hospital and ensuring that their besiegement was impenetrable.

In the ward, Anna knew that Jordan had arrived, but she was reluctant to leave. I’m not going anywhere today since I belong to Cooper.

She threw herself into Cooper’s arms without any reluctance or regret and indulged herself in his warmth and presence tonight. Sinking deep in his embrace on the bed, his guidance

led her to drop all of her vigilance and wariness to become one with him as she enjoyed the unprecedented pleasure of lovemaking.

When her pleasure climaxed, all that was left in her mind was nothing but splendor. She felt the kind of love and warmth that she had never felt before and felt good to be a human for the first time in her life...

Since it was late at night, Sophia, who had stayed in the hospital to look after Cooper, did not dare to leave. However, his room had been locked, preventing anyone from entering.

She slept in the neighboring ward for the night while Michael and Linus took their turns to rest while being vigilant of Jordan's people—in the event that they suddenly rushed in.

There were a few vehicles parked at the entrance and his men had been guarding outside the hospital. They guarded all entrances and exits; they were determined to wait there until they found Anna.

Tiffany parked her car outside the door to watch the situation as well.

She waited until midnight and finally could not wait any longer. She then stood at the entrance gorgeously, attempting to slip past the crowd to visit Cooper.

However, she was stopped outside the entrance—she was even not allowed to visit him, which obviously made the situation seem fishy! Anna must be in the hospital then!

It was now midnight, but Jordan did not head to sleep. He kept loitering around the entrance, waiting for Anna to appear. At that moment, he seemed to have the most sensitive sense of smell in the world and picked up on the fragrance that she had left there. I'm sure that she must be here.

Representatives from both parties were in a standoff throughout the night and soon enough, it was daybreak.

After pacing back and forth for the whole night, Jordan's eyes had reddened, but he still raised his head and looked in the direction of the hospital ward.

The sun rose later in winter and it was the first time in Anna's life to wake up after a full sleep. She had slept well without any signs of insomnia or nightmares; it brought peace to

her mind, as if there was an unprecedented sense of security that shrouded her with the feeling of never being that comfortable for the past 30 years.

She woke up in Cooper's embrace, raising her eyes and looking at him. His sharply-defined features still looked enticing even after many years had passed.

Cooper had already woken up a long time ago, but he did not rise to his full height; he merely stared at her asleep and feeling content. I never thought that in this life, I would still be able to embrace the love of my life.

"Morning." Anna pecked him on his lips while carefully avoiding his injury.

"Good morning." His leg was injured, but he was reluctant to get up. With her in his arms, it was as if their hearts were glued together through thin layers of flesh.

After the floodgate of love was opened overnight, their love, which they held back for 30 years, went out of control like a raging flood.

At that instant, all they wanted was to tightly hold each other and cherish every second that they had together.

Unfortunately, they still had to separate from each other. Since their time had yet to come, they were unable to be together. Soon, Sophia's voice was heard from outside the door. "Dad, it's almost time for Mrs. Yard to leave. Everything is ready at Callum's side as well."

The two people, who were in each other's embraces, pretended not to hear her voice. After a few seconds, Anna reluctantly uttered, "I have to go."

Cooper planted a kiss on her black hair. "Okay, please be careful."

Although they were unwilling to do so, they had to temporarily part from each other.

She got out of bed, wore her clothes, and tidied herself before opening the door.

When the door was suddenly pulled open, Sophia, who had her ear glued on the door, stumbled into the ward.

As a result, all three of them were rendered speechless.

She awkwardly chuckled and fled the scene with her tail between her legs.

Anna left with her as well.

Although Jordan was guarding the entrance, the place was Michael's territory and it was impossible not to have a secret exit. Sophia was now guiding Anna to leave through that exact route.

She furtively peeked at Anna and noticed that the latter's face was flushed red while it shone in a glow that she had never seen before. It was as if Anna had changed into a different person. Looks like they had a wonderful night together...

Sophia felt troubled as she did not know how to face her mother, so she acted indifferently. She led Anna to the secret exit and said, "Head into the car. Someone will pick you up after a while."

Anna smiled. "I will take care of myself." She then got on an electric bike and traveled in the carpark for a few minutes. When it came to a stop, she was then led to a door. Then, she pushed open the door and took a few steps before the view suddenly became clear—she had arrived at a subway station.

In the ward, Cooper felt empty after sending her off, as if someone had dug a hole in his heart.

After Sophia sent Anna off, she returned and sat opposite him while staring at him in the silence. Hehe! As expected from my dad! He sure is impressive! He managed to get her in his bed at such speed!

Sophia's stare made Cooper embarrassed. He then stroked her hair and uttered, "Darling, we should have our breakfast."

Linus, who had asked for their breakfast to be served in the ward, helped Cooper up as he took his meal.

The family of three quietly ate. Sophia had to head to the venue of the fashion week after breakfast because JNS Group had two more fashion shows to host. She had to be at the scene to supervise everything.

She gobbled up the food. As the millet porridge was still hot, she perspired a lot while eating it.

“Darling, why don’t you eat slower?” Cooper asked.

While looking at his two children, his eyes twinkled with amazement. They are Annabel’s children—the products of our love and the babies that we had together! The more I look at my babies, the more I find them adorable! They look like two cute piglets when they are eating—one seems quieter while the other seems livelier. I hope that we can have another two similar piglets—no, I can accept having as many as I can...

Sophia loudly ate her breakfast, totally unaware of Cooper’s intent and fatherly stare, while the same stare numbed Linus. He thought, What’s wrong with Cooper today? Maybe Anna has reminded him of the past?

After having breakfast, Cooper sat on the bed. Medicine had been applied on the injury on his leg, so his movements were restricted. “Invite the guests outside in and let’s have a meeting with them,” he said to Linus.

Linus nodded and their people at the entrance retreated a while later. After that, Jordan entered with an aggressive aura while Tiffany poked her head into the room before entering.

Upon seeing Cooper in the ward, she was shocked. “Oh, my God! Fass! You are injured!”

He replied, “It’s nothing. Just some superficial injuries and a little concussion.”

The moment Jordan came in, he looked around to look for Anna. He had asked his men to guard all the entrances and exits of the hospital and carefully checked every single person who entered and exited the premise, but she was nowhere to be found. No, I know that Anna must have been here last night—this room is filled with her scent and I can sense her breath in the air. She must have been here!

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Linus, who was standing on one side, impatiently uttered to Jordan, "Anna really isn't here..."

Jordan glanced at Cooper, who was on the bed and raising his head to look at the former. They exchanged menacing glares with each other—one was as steady as rock while the other as fiery as a volcano, causing invisible sparks to flicker in the air.

"Jordan, who are you looking for?" Cooper knowingly asked.

Jordan's phone suddenly rang at that moment. He answered the call and immediately heard Callum's anxious voice. "Father, we found Mother in Laguna Hospital. She sprained her ankle and it seems quite severe!"

After hanging up on the call, he gave Cooper a vicious glare before turning to leave. He then drove to a hospital, which was located 5km away and close to the State Hotel.

"Annie!" He pushed the door to the ward open and immediately found Anna lying on the bed with a pale face and bandaged ankle; it seemed like she was in a bad condition.

"Oh, Annie!" He anxiously approached her to check on her injuries. Fortunately, she only had a few minor abrasions and a sprained ankle with medicine having been applied on all her injuries.

Anna said, "I was sent to this hospital by someone and I lost my phone."

Jordan did not seem to suspect anything, but only God would know whether he bought her explanation.

He left in a hurry after paying her a visit. As the head of the Edwards Family, he had many things to deal with after the incident last night.

"Send Mrs. Yard back to the ancestral home." He instructed someone beside him before leaving.

The ancestral home he meant was, in fact, the Edwards' ancestral home.

His action meant that she had been officially accepted as the matriarch of the Edwards Family, which would then greatly impact both the Yard and Edwards Families.

Upon seeing that Jordan had left and there were no outsiders in the ward, Callum worriedly asked, "Mom, are you really going to the Edwards' ancestral home?"

Anna's expression fell. "Since he wants me to go there, I will do so." What is he trying to do? Feeling me out? Or, is there any other purpose?

Callum unintentionally noticed a hickey hidden under her clothes—it seemed like a bruise, but... there were quite many of them!

She used to fear men—even Jordan was forbidden from getting close to her, but now it seemed like she had found the love of her life. No, that person had always been her beloved, but he had been stolen from her.

A lot of things had happened over the night.

The Edwards Family was in a complete mess—firstly, there was Jordan's sudden engagement followed by the exposure of Sam's secret marriages. The combined ages of those two big shots could be totaled up to a century, but their wayward behaviors had managed to turn the world upside down, causing their family to be in hell.

In contrast, the Fletcher Family was overjoyed because of what someone said—'Stan is dating someone!'

The children of the Fletcher Family ran around the yard, delivering the great news to everyone. Everyone in the family was delighted to learn about it. The fact that he was dating someone became a topic that all of them discussed whenever they met one another.

The number one bachelor of the Fletcher Family—the gigantic baby who was never in a relationship despite being almost 30 years old—was finally dating someone!

It felt as if the hog that they had reared for years finally learned how to graze flowers!

"Stan did not return home yesterday night!"

"He went out with a girl!"

"Sean told us himself, so it must be true!"

"What? Is the adopted child really his biological child?"

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Stanley, who had played games for the entire night, exited the cybercafé with two dark circles. After he bade goodbye to Christine, he returned to the house that he shared with Sean, washed his face, and went to lie on the bed, looking as though he had spent his whole night with a lady under the sheets. I think I am getting old. I'm now almost 30 years old, so I can't act perversely like how I used to. I used to be able to energetically head to class after playing games for the whole night, but now I can't—I feel weakened after a few rounds of games.

After Stanley went home, he threw himself on the bed and started to catch up on his sleep.

He had given his all in an attempt to convince her to promote his cybercafé on Twitter.

When Stanley thought about it, Christine was a celebrity with a few millions fans, which mostly consisted of gamers. If she helped him to advertise his cybercafé, the conversion rate from her fans would be high. According to the normal business procedure, he had to spend a five to six-figure advertising fee to place advertisements on Twitter, but he only spent a night playing games with her and treated her to a piece of bread with a can of coke—all for the total cost of only 6! I used 6 to do something that usually cost five to six figures! I've saved loads of money!

Other people played business card games, but he played 'business games'. No, I won't admit that it was because Christine has good skills and she aroused my fighting spirit, causing me to unknowingly play with her throughout the night. I was working—and really hard at it last night.

The company had recently branched out of the technology sector and established Dragon Technology. Cooper joined the company and was in charge of the shares while Stanley and Sean continued to focus on game development and game merchandise. To fulfill his own dream, Stanley even opened a large cybercafé, so he had spent a lot of money lately.

The cybercafé had more than 20,000 computers equipped with top configurations to provide the most comfortable experience for its users. Therefore, the world's largest cybercafé was established using money!

Upon listening to the most recent financial report, Sean furrowed his brows. Recently, we have had to save as much money as possible; every penny counts...

“Sean, I’m not heading to the office today. Stand in for me; I have to catch up on some sleep.”

Stanley took a shower and lay on the bed to sleep, holding a cat in his arms to use it as his bolster.

With a thud, Maisie ran over and tugged him. “Papa, is it true that you went on a date last night?”

He mumbled, “Go away. A kid like you knows nothing. Let me sleep for a while and I will play with you later.”

“Okay,” Sean responded to Stanley before wearing his clothes and preparing to head to work like usual. I have to deal with company matters and watch a fashion show tomorrow.

The sleepy Stanley did not see Sean’s desolate expression.

As expected, he didn’t return home last night. Sean knew where Stanley went and did not hide the truth from the Fletcher Family when they came to ask.

Everyone from the Fletcher Family was overjoyed. Even if Stanley was only meeting a live streaming host and actor, they were satisfied as long as the person was a woman. Stanley will eventually take the right path, get married, and have kids.

“Maisie, I’m going to work. Be a good girl and get along well with Carmen, Hope and Poppy in the kindergarten. I’ll take you out to have some fun tomorrow!” Sean could not help but hug Maisie before leaving.

Maisie seemed to have noticed something—although Sean still looked the same, his eyes seemed to be filled with desolation.

Although she was at a tender age of three, she had experienced many tough situations in life. She was kidnapped from her parents and brought to Ronney City as a merchandise, where Sophia eventually brought her home and placed her under Sean’s care. As the young child was beaten a lot, she was a sensitive child since young and especially good at reading people’s body language.

Even though she now had two fathers who treated her well, she was still a considerate child and one who was more sensible than her peers. While looking at him, she held his hand and asked, "Daddy, Papa is dating someone. Does this mean that he doesn't want us anymore?"

Her words seemed to give a huge blow to Sean's heart. If Stanley is in a relationship, he will surely have his own family and children soon and it won't be suitable for Maisie to follow him since it can be inconvenient for him... Similarly, if he gets married, it won't be convenient for him to continue to stay with me...

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Sean patiently explained to her, "When your Papa is in a relationship, you will have a mommy to love you and maybe you will have many little brothers and little sisters! Won't you be happy, Maisie?"

Maisie finally smiled and replied, "Are we still going to stay together then?"

He forced a smile on his face. "Of course."

Only then did she feel relieved to head to the kindergarten. She also hugged Judge as her way of saying goodbye.

As a matter of fact, she seemed to understand that Stanley, who was now in a relationship, would soon form his own family and have his own kids. So, it was a matter of time before he would leave Sean and her.

However, she still feigned happiness as she knew that he was upset. If she was upset, he would feel even more depressed. Therefore, she had to be elated to make him happy.

The sun rose later in Bayside City—it was 8.00AM when the day was finally bright.

Casper nuzzled Daniel in his arms and woke the latter up. Daniel opened his eyes and noticed that Alice was already dressed and doing her makeup; it seemed like she was about to leave.

He suddenly sat up. "Are you leaving?"

Alice was applying lipstick while holding the compact mirror as she replied, "Yeah."

She pressed her lips as desolation filled her eyes.

Daniel rose to his full height and gently wrapped his arms around her waist. "Can't you stay with me for another day?"

"No, I can't," she adamantly replied.

Her reply left him in dejection. As always, career is more important than a man since the latter means nothing to her.

He knew where he stood. Love was not the only thing in her eyes and neither was he.

Sarah had woken up early to see Hope and Poppy off before they entered the car to head to the kindergarten. After that, when she was yawning in her pink, tender pajamas, she suddenly saw Daniel driving Alice and Casper out.

Cooper, who happened to return home, saw Alice leaving in Daniel's car.

When Michael arrived home after sending Carmen to the kindergarten, he finally took a breather after being busy for the entire night. He switched on his phone and saw that the Fletcher Family's group chat was extremely active with notifications that he had received messages. In the blink of an eye, the notification showed that there were '99+' unread messages.

The Fletcher Family's group chat consisted of the old and young family members. It was usually the older ones who were more active since they would share motivational quotes and passages by unknown experts every day. While the young ones were usually quieter and less active, they were behaving in the opposite manner today.

'Ah, Stan is in a relationship! That's not bad!'

'Stan is finally dating someone! It's something that we have been waiting for!'

'This child, Stan, is almost 30 years old, and he finally understands the importance of relationships! Congratulations! Try to get two kids in three years, yeah! The Fletcher Family will have new members next year!'

Besides that, there was also another family group chat, which consisted of the younger generation that ranged from 15 to 35 years old. That particular group was even more active with new messages being sent day and night. He secretly opened that chat group, which was currently livelier than normal.

'Stan, congratulations for popping the cherry!'

'A warm congratulation to Mr. Stanley for stepping down from his title as a bachelor and nailing a pretty, rich, and fair girlfriend!'

'Now, let's welcome Mr. Stanley to give a speech for popping his cherry! Give a round of applause to Stanley! Stanley'

'Ah, it looks like Mr. Stanley has overworked himself last night. In my view, he is still sleeping with his beauty. He didn't even accept the money that I sent to him. Let's not disturb him.'

Michael swiped downward to read the previous messages. Hey, that number one silly dog of the Fletcher Family has actually learned to date a girl and stayed out for the whole night? This is even rarer than Judge behaving in the house!

Whenever the topic of Stanley, the idiot dog, was mentioned, everyone from the Fletcher Family had a headache. Judge even did better than him—it had at least three or five girlfriends although it failed to mate with any one of them.

Now, the silly dog had finally enlightened.

When Stanley's parents were about to accept the fact that his son was not interested in girls but preferred boys, it was out of their expectation to encounter such a surprise. They had been so delighted that they started to give money in the family group chat early in the morning.

It seemed like the Fletcher Family took the young lady seriously. Even though she only met Stanley yesterday, her details had been spread among the Fletchers today, including her Wikipedia, profile, Twitter account, comments, works, live streaming account and so on. Everything about her was revealed to his family.

Michael took the opportunity to read more about her. She was a hardworking young lady who did not have a tainted past and completely relied on her skills to become famous, leading her team to be the champion for the International E-sports Tournament. Although

she was still a newbie in the entertainment industry, she had a great future ahead—a good match for Stanley, that silly dog.

However, as a newbie who had recently made her debut, being in a relationship was the same as ending her own career. So, her agency would probably forbid her from doing so as well. Luckily, the fact that she spent the night with Stanley was only circulated within the Fletcher Family. Otherwise, they would have appeared in the news.

The headlines today were all about the secret marriage of the winner of the Academy Award for Best Actress, Nicole, causing her news to be published all over the media.

Sophia had left earlier to head to the venue to personally supervise the two upcoming big fashion shows. The fashion shows were arranged to be held in a certain hotel and museum to ensure that the events looked imposing and beautiful.

Amidst her busy schedule, she took a glance at her phone. As she had also joined the Fletcher Family's group chat, she discovered that it was filled with discussions about Stanley and Christine staying out for the night. It appears that Stanley has encountered his true love, but how about Sean?

Sophia initially wanted to console Sean, but she did not know how to do so. Perhaps he has already mentally prepared himself for this.

It had already been more than ten years, but Stanley had continuously overlooked Sean's feelings. It could have been because Stanley was straight—the kind where he would not swing in that way. Therefore, his relationship with Sean only remained as brothers. Relationships are not something that can be forced.

She came across the incident about Sam and Nicole again. They had hid their secret marriage so well that even the Edwards Family had no idea about the identity of his child. However, he unexpectedly exposed their marriage on his own accord during the chaos last night.

As the only winner of the Academy Award for Best Actress in Cethos, Nicole had long evolved from an actress of a local TV drama to a renowned actress of box office movies. The exposure of her marriage last night had attracted great attention from the media, which resulted in the news becoming the headlines this morning.

It was inevitable that her past dark history would be exposed as well, causing the netizens to mock and make fun of him to the extent where they even photoshopped him into memes.

The guys were jealous of Sam, the rich man who married Nicole, a sexy beauty with an angelic aura. She was one of the few Cethos celebrities who managed to enter the international mainstream filming industry. The films that she starred in were not only famous in Cethos, but they were just as popular in other countries too. Those people, who were sour grapes, even maliciously posted the indecent photos that were taken of her before.

On the other hand, women were jealous that despite Nicole being a female celebrity with plenty of indecent history, she was able to marry Sam, who was a bachelor of the finest quality in Cethos. So, they also posted and shared her indecent photos online as well.

Below the news were all nasty comments and the public had unfriendly opinions toward them—those comments were none other than the traditional scenario of a female celebrity seducing a rich man.

After thinking about it, Sophia texted Nicole, 'Goddess, are you alright?'

It was the first time that Nicole entered the Edwards Residence—Sam had brought her home to meet the Edwards Family.

He refused to continue to hide his relationship with her from the Edwards Family, media, and the public. He wanted to announce to his family that he had married her and bring her back to the ancestral hall to pay respect to his ancestors in order to acknowledge her identity.

At that moment, she now sat in the living room of the Edwards residence, but members of the Edwards Family seemed unfriendly toward her.

Meanwhile, he was quarreling with the elders of the Edwards Family in the adjacent meeting room.

The quarrel was obstreperous to the point where Nicole heard it even though she had no intention to do so. When she held her phone to reply to Sophia's text, she suddenly raised her head and saw that Anna was being welcomed in...