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Cooper did not try anything further after Lucy told him her decision. On the contrary, he merely stated, "I respect your choice, and you don't have to feel burdened by it."

With that, Lucy stood up to bid him farewell.

Cooper looked at her while he sent her off with a steady gaze. I know that this girl will complete her calling because we are the same type of people. We have both experienced similar pain and hopelessness, and others have ripped our happiness away from us. Hence, we both know that it takes much more courage and resolution than usual to stand up again. In return, we will be able to achieve unprecedented transformation.

Meanwhile, Lucy thought to herself, I will never work with Cooper because I will not cooperate with an outsider to take down my father. After all, Jordan is my biological father, and he is my mentor in life. In fact, he's taught me everything I know. Nevertheless, Jordan has also taught me that it's fine to sacrifice your kin to achieve great things.

I will not live off my family while secretly helping an outsider. I must kill him myself and take over the position as family head to clean house.

It so happened that Michael hadn't joined the film crew yet. He saw that Lucy was about to leave, and so he rushed forward to walk her out. "Are you leaving?"

Lucy turned around to look at him while glancing at the three musketeers of the Fletcher Family. They were packing, ready to tag along with Michael to join the film crew. She answered while smiling at him, "Yes. Thank you very much for taking me in and taking good care of me. It is time for me to leave."

After walking out the door, she realized that the sun was bright today, and everything was fresh and alive. There wasn't a trace of smog in the air; such a thing was rare at Bayside City, especially at the end of spring. On the contrary, the air was pleasantly refreshing, and the feeling made Lucy feel as if she was in another life. It was almost as if a ray of sunlight had shone through in the purgatory she was in, but it vanished in the blink of an eye. Her heart and soul were still engulfed within the endless darkness.

Walking her out, Michael said to her after a moment of hesitation, "To be honest, I can help you find out about Dana—"

“That’s not necessary.” Lucy cut him off, her gaze shining with determination. “Do not tell me if she’s dead, but if she isn’t dead, you have to tell her...” She paused for a moment before speaking again. Her tone was final and ruthless, like a sharp knife swinging downward without any hesitation to sever the bond tying their fate together. “To please... stop slowing me down.”

Michael was stunned into silence, but he knew what she meant straight away. Stop slowing me down... Their ten-year relationship seemed to have ended because of what she said. It might appear ruthless, but it was the expression of her most sincere love toward Dana.

I am tired. We have fought for our love for more than a decade. In the end, it was all for nothing. On the contrary, we ended up hurting each other. Therefore, we might as well break up and go our separate ways. This is to give each other another chance to move forward. It doesn’t matter if Dana is still alive or not—as long as I’m not with her, I am sure that she will live a better life. I, on the other hand, have to accomplish what I’ve set out to do. This journey is filled with danger and risk, and so I don’t need her to come along with me. The Edwards have cut me out of the family, and I have rejected help from Sam and Cooper. Besides, Michael has no idea where I’m going alone.

“What are your plans after today?”

Unfortunately, Lucy was already far away, and she did not answer him. She merely waved at him while keeping her back to him.

Sophia waved at Lucy. “Do you... want to take some food for your journey? You should at least take some water with you...”

Lucy did not answer her, and so Sophia waved her arm earnestly while exclaiming, “Send me a text on Messenger when you’ve arrived at your destination!”

Lucy walked toward the entrance of the residential area, and she left after boarding a public bus. She looked like a warrior with a sword who was embarking on a journey where she couldn’t look back. She wasn’t sure if she’d survive this time, but she’d have no regrets. From her point of view, she’d just end up dead in the worst-case scenario. I’ve experienced the worst suffering in life and returned from hell, so death doesn’t faze me.

Michael watched as Lucy left, whereas Sophia was still worrying about what Lucy would have to eat or drink on the road. Judging by Lucy’s current state, I’m sure she’s planning to leave the country. After all, there is no place for her at the Edwards Group and Bayside City...

Michael noticed the conflicted expression across Sophia's face and found her utterly adorable. He wanted nothing more than to press her against the wall while doing some non-gentlemanly things to her. She is such a kind and adorable little thing. I can't believe she actually invited my ex-girlfriend back to our house. She is truly generous.

Michael caressed Sophia's hair, as though they were back to the time when they were still young. Well, that wasn't quite true because they were still considered young right now.

Nevertheless, they did not expect to come face-to-face with Theo when they turned around. Theo was standing behind them in silence, whereas Cooper was leaning against the door frame while sipping his afternoon tea elegantly, seemingly observing the situation in a discreet manner.

"Is that girl gone?" Theo suddenly appeared as if he was very concerned about Lucy despite their limited exchange.

Michael nodded while answering him, "She's gone."

Theo replied to him, "Let's go too." He led the way first. I know where that girl is from; she truly resembles Elizabeth! Maybe Lucy is my Elizabeth. She must have realized that I haven't joined her on the other side, and so she must have been reincarnated out of desperation...

No matter what the situation is, our lives will not be entangled within this lifetime anymore. Maybe I should have set her free a long time ago. If I hadn't shown up in her life, I'm sure she would have had a better life.

Dressed colorfully, Danny came to pick Michael up. This time, Theo stood on Michael's left side, whereas Quinton was on his right, and Celine was standing just behind him. Everybody's hands were full with stuff, except Michael, making him seem especially like a spoiled prince.

Theo even turned around before leaving to glance at Cooper, who was sipping on his afternoon tea. For some reason, I just have a feeling that my in-law doesn't see eye-to-eye with me. In fact, I think we hate each other. He has the feminine and fussy side of a capitalist. Furthermore, I always have to read between the lines while chatting with him, and it seems like he bears a sense of hostility toward me. There's just something wrong with him in general. To conclude it—it is god-damned troublesome living with an intellectual under the same roof! It's best that I leave right now.

On the other side, Cooper was scrutinizing Theo too. I've heard that in some large families, daughters-in-law are expected to wake up early in the morning to prepare tea for their parents-in-law, and they even have to wash their parents-in-law's feet in the evening too. Furthermore, I've heard rumors that daughters-in-law are expected to greet their parents-in-law twice a day, in the morning and at night, and they'd be criticized if they fail to give birth to a male heir.

I would like to see which b*stard would have the audacity to demand my dearest darling to serve them water to wash their feet. I'd like to see who would be bold enough to even comment about her not having a second child! I will make sure that whoever dares to instruct my daughter to wash their feet would lose their feet the very next day! In any case, fortunately, after observing discreetly for such a long time, I've found Theo to be mindful and decent. He has never demanded for Sophia to wash his feet, nor has he ever commented about her not giving birth to a son.

Michael kissed Sophia on her cheeks while bidding her farewell. It would be the end of the agreement after finishing filming the third 'Doctor Invincible' film. It would be a form of relief for Michael too. It's the last movie, and so I have to do a good job in the film.

On the same day, Carmen left the house together with her uncle to film a new reality show. Cooper left for abroad to attend a meeting, whereas Justin went overseas for an investigation. Therefore, Sophia and Justin's baby were the only ones left at home.

"Sophia, I am here! Serve me the best liquor and dishes you have! I'll tell you some earth-shattering gossip!" Stanley brought his whole family along to hang out and spend time with her. He heard that all the men in Sophia's home had left. Hence, he knew that this was the best time to feast at her home for free.

"Great-aunt Sophia! We are here to feast!" Maisie was here too since she was tagging along with both her fathers sheepishly for a free meal.

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Stanley was demanding, whereas Maisie was adorable. They managed to get Sophia to instruct the kitchen to prepare a lot of delicious food to serve them.

During the meal, Stanley kept complaining, "Sophia, you won't believe the quality of our family's cook. Oh, my God! Her cooking skills... I am sure she used to cook at a high school canteen for the masses. Even her way of simply boiling a pot of water is dubious. You can't even begin to imagine the type of life the three of us have to endure at home! It's better to have instant noodles every meal! She is very old, and so I just can't fire her. I've bought the all-inclusive insurance funds for her too, and I'm just waiting for her insurance to mature next year. With that, she'll be able to retire and return to her hometown, while I will switch to a great cook immediately."

Sophia listened attentively, but she noticed that he did not mention anything about that little girlfriend of his.

Nevertheless, Sean was around, and so she was embarrassed to ask further.

Sophia kept serving Maisie different dishes. On the other hand, Stanley was busy stuffing his face, but he did serve Sean some dishes too.

"Sean, eat more. We can't even be sure when's the next meal after this!"

Sophia scowled while thinking to herself. Stupid Fletcher. What is he talking about?

Stanley kept placing a variety of food on Sean's plate. Being well-versed with Sean's favorite dishes, he was precise in picking the dishes the latter loved.

With Stanley around, Sophia watched him as he snatched away the food. It inadvertently formed a sense of competition during the meal, causing Sophia to feel the pressure. She was afraid that she might lose out on the food she enjoyed. Therefore, she started snatching some dishes too, and without noticing it, she had gobbled down three bowls of rice.

Judge approached them too; it ate Sophia's home-baked dog food underneath the table, wolfing down the food like a pig.

Tonight's meal was exceptionally delicious, and so they polished everything off.

After dinner, they sat in the living room to watch 'News Bulletin'. Stanley went down to the wine cellar for two bottles of red wine to pair with the stewed dishes he had brought along. He did that while chatting with Sophia about the latest gossip.

"My cybercafé has started its operation. Are you dropping by? Is your husband visiting? Will Nicole come along? In any case, Sarah and Mr. Harry are going, and so all of you have to come too! By the way, how's the progress of getting your dad to officiate the opening ceremony of my cybercafé?"

Sophia wrapped her arms around Justin's baby while mumbling to Stanley in acknowledgement.

They had opened the largest cybercafé in the world together, and it was a big deal in the world of e-sports. They had invited many famous e-sports players for the opening day, and they even went out of the way to invite Cooper to cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony.

After all, he was considered the Grandmaster in the gaming industry.

Soon, Stanley mentioned the gossip he had promised to share with Sophia. "Do you know Lucy? She's from the Edwards Family. I'm sure you've heard that two months ago, she's been exposed as a homosexual, and she's been trying to create a fake marriage. Therefore, the Edwards relieved her of her administrative power of the family business..."

Sophia paid attention right away while straightening her back automatically. "What happened to her?" she asked.

Since Sophia had rescued Lucy secretly and allowed her to recuperate at home, Stanley had no idea about Lucy all along. Therefore, he was especially boastful when he bragged about this piece of gossip.

"Oh, my! She was chased out of the Edwards Family! After that, there has been no news of her for two months. Rumors have it that she must have left the Edwards Family for abroad, but last night... she showed up suddenly at the main entrance of the Edwards Residence. She kneeled down at the door to beg her father and family to forgive her. She was on her knees the whole of last night and today—in fact, she's still kneeling there right now!"

Upon hearing that, Sophia stood up abruptly with a whoosh before she noticed that it was pouring heavily outside. During springtime, the temperatures would fluctuate

constantly—the sky might be clear in the day, but it might be drizzling in the night. For example, it had been raining heavily last night and tonight.

Lucy has been kneeling at the entrance of the Edwards Residence for a day and a night... Even an ordinary person might not survive such circumstances, not to mention Lucy, whose health has yet to recover fully. How could she possibly survive this?!

She mentioned that it was imperative that she completed a task. She said that she had to go because there was no turning back. However, I did not expect that she'd be returning to the Edwards Residence!

Suddenly, Sophia felt extremely unsettled.

There is no place for her in the Edwards Family anymore. Why did she go back there? Jordan is suspicious by nature, and so he will kill her if she returns. Furthermore, will Anna and her son accept her return?

Sophia handed the baby in her arms to the nanny before she picked her bag to leave the house. However, Sophia had merely taken a few steps when she realized that she was in no position to help Lucy.

I might worsen the situation if I go there... Lucy is such a proud person, and she is the pride of the Edwards Group. Currently, she's kneeling in front of the main entrance of the Edwards Residence while being criticized by all the Edwards Family members, whereas onlookers, who are passing by the Edwards Residence, must be talking about her behind her back. It must have taken a lot of determination to do that! Furthermore, I'm sure Anna wouldn't allow Lucy to return to the Edwards Family smoothly.

Sophia sat down again, looking especially anxious. However, she wasn't sure why she was so anxious about this matter.

Stanley was eating a chicken feet dish while sipping some red wine. "Sophia, I know that you are close with Lucy, but this is the Edwards Family's matter. Why would you stick your nose into it when you're an outsider?" he asked.

Sean added, "The Edwards Family will sort it out themselves."

The Edwards had embarrassed themselves horribly among the great families this time because the eldest daughter of the current family head was actually a homosexual. In all

honesty, it was one thing that the Edwards Family couldn't accept her sexual orientation, but they just couldn't accept the lies involved too. Therefore, they were furious with Lucy.

Sean had a gulp of red wine too. After all, they weren't heading home tonight because they were planning on staying here over the weekend for free meals and a free stay. Sean did not have to drive, and so he let his guard down by drinking more liquor.

Nevertheless, even the most delicious red wine tasted bitter upon swallowing at such a moment.

As children of old and well-known families, we are shackled to the idea of feudalism the moment we arrive in this world. We can't live freely, and so I understand Lucy. I thought that she would be able to change everything... but who would have thought that it was just an absurd farce. In the end, she returned to the Edwards Family to admit her mistakes.

To be honest, there have been people setting new norms in life even before Lucy—take Linus, for example.

Among all the children of the old and well-known families within Bayside City, Linus stays true to his principled nonconformity. He is never afraid of others' opinions or criticisms. There are still plenty of forces adhering to the old ways within the Mitchell Family, but Cooper suppressed them all. Hence, the other well-known and old families can only dare comment in secret because they are afraid of the consequences if the overprotective Cooper finds out.

This is the reason I am adamant on working with Cooper. Within the Mitchell Family, he is fair, and everybody is respected. Cooper will promote anyone with talent, no matter what their background is...

In the past, the Mitchell Family used to make me feel suffocated. However, I am fond of the Mitchells now because this is my first time experiencing the happiness and pride of being a part of the Mitchell Family!

Besides, there's the Fletcher Family too. Dana is an oddball, but she is still openly involved in the administrative work in the Fletcher Family. Furthermore, she is known as the infamous Mr. Dana in Bayside City's underworld. She would shoot anyone who has the audacity to drop a comment on the spot.

The Fletchers find Dana extremely troublesome. But although they find her embarrassing, they would not let anyone who made a negative comment about her off the hook. In fact, they would punish someone directly if they were to make any criticism!

However, when the news involving Lucy was revealed, it seems that her family has become the ones to hurt her the most. Her 'family members'...

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The Edwards Family was the first group of people to attack and humiliate Lucy, and they were also the ones to condemn her in the most cruel way. When people noticed that the family members of the Edwards Family had started condemning Lucy, outsiders started humiliating and insulting her openly too.

Many people knew that Lucy was kneeling at the entrance of the Edwards Residence, so countless filthy comments were hurled at this clearly innocent woman in an attempt to humiliate her soul and personality.

Since the Edwards Family refused to protect her, others started humiliating her even more. It seemed almost as though she had become a pile of mud for others to trudge on. It was clear that she had worked hard for more than a decade for the Edwards Group, and she had had great achievements. One couldn't even be sure if it was the sorrow of the Edwards Group or Lucy herself that she ended up like this...

Upon noticing Sophia's upset expression, Stanley commented drunkenly, "I think that no matter who Lucy loves, it's her business. The Edwards are utterly unkind. If this were to happen within our Fletcher Family, the worst thing that could happen would be a horrible beating, but there'd be no consequences after the beating; in fact, you'd be free to do as you please! Tsk, they've made her kneel at the entrance for two nights now—they are simply too cruel. If I were in her shoes, I'd have turned and walked away. I honestly do not understand why she went back there! This is too despicable no matter how rich the Edwards are!"

Nevertheless, they had no idea that the Edwards Family had hurt Lucy far worse than they could ever imagine, but she chose to return to them despite that.

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After dinner, Sarah dropped by Sophia's house. They played poker together, but Sophia was clearly depressed, and she lost tens of thousands. Furthermore, she just couldn't fall asleep soundly upon returning to her bedroom.

Lucy's injuries have yet to recover fully. Now that she has been caught in the rain for two whole nights... who knows how Lucy is now.

It was in the wee hours, and the Bayside City was trapped in an exceptionally violent storm. Sophia heard the splatter of the rain against the window while she tossed and turned in bed without being able to fall asleep. She couldn't bear it any longer, and so she opened the friend list in her Messenger. After that, Sophia spaced out while staring at two profile pictures—one of them was 'Your Past Royal Family A', whereas the other was 'Your Past Royal Family B'.

After weighing her options, she sent a text via Messenger to 'A'.

'What happened to Lucy?'

It so happened that the other party was online, and so the reply was swift. 'Apologies, but the user you are summoning is still sulky because your dad slept with the user's mom. Hence, the user is temporarily refusing all advisory services unless you transfer 8,888.'

'Damn it. I can't believe you're still angry...'

Sophia mumbled to herself, but she transferred 8,888 anyway.

The person confirmed the transfer and replied to her. 'Please transfer 1,111 for a text description and 2,222 for a voice description, 3,333 for a photo description, and 8,888 for a video. For the full package, please transfer 111,111.'

Sophia was fuming by then. 'Why are the fees so expensive? That's extortion!'

She received a reply. 'Thousand apologies, but it is getting late now. Customer service No. 1 is about to go offline. Kindly transfer 8,888 to continue with the advisory services. Please hang up if this is the end of the session.'

Sophia noted that she had already transferred 8,888, and so she figured she would most probably lose the amount if she stopped asking about Lucy's news. Hence, she transferred an additional 8,888 together with an extra 111,111.

Soon, Callum sent her a video, and so Sophia opened the video to watch it. In the video, Callum and Cade were having some liquor while enjoying some foie gras at the balcony. They even had the alpaca they stole from Sophia with them. In any case, it was pouring outside the full-length window.

The scenery was not visible through the downpour. However, when lightning struck, it lit up everything temporarily. Sophia noticed that the main entrance of the Edwards Residence was across the garden outside of the window.

There was a figure visible for a moment at the entrance—it was none other than Lucy. She was kneeling in the rain at night; she was soaked through, but she stood her ground without giving up as she continued kneeling in front of the entrance of the Edwards Residence. Occasionally, somebody would walk past while criticizing her openly.

Lucy kept her head bowed while maintaining her position. One couldn't be sure if she was just being stubborn or she had already passed out.

One could only imagine the courage needed to support such a physically weak woman to get through kneeling the entire day and night!

Callum introduced her through the video. "Look, she's there! She has been rooted to the spot since last night until now. She just wouldn't budge, and nobody from the Edwards Family even tried going out to help her."

Sophia panicked, and so she texted back. 'She is your older sister. Aren't you going to save her?! She will end up dying if this goes on.'

Callum replied to her. 'Please transfer 1,111 to send an umbrella; please transfer 2,222 to send an umbrella and a small camp chair; please transfer 3,333 to send an umbrella, a small camp chair and some clothes; please transfer 4,444 to send an umbrella, a small camp chair, some clothes, and hot water; please transfer 8,888 to send words of concern to her; please transfer 18,888 to send her to the hospital or please transfer 88,888 to beg for mercy on her behalf.'

Their fees are rather pricey!

After pondering her options, Sophia transferred 18,888. She isn't in an optimum condition. It's imperative to send her to the hospital right now.

Since Lucy is kneeling there, I suppose it's not something too troublesome for her brother, Callum, to send her to the hospital...

However, after transferring 18,888, the recipient accepted the amount immediately and wrote: 'Apologies. Server error. Customer service No. 1 has gone offline.'

Sophia replied to him. 'Son of a b*tch.'

He doesn't want to help at all. In fact, he just wants to cheat my money!

'Damn you! You had better remember this because I'll beat you up into a pulp sooner or later.'

Sophia tossed her phone away. I should sleep now... The Edwards Family would never let Lucy die just like that.

Lucy has worked many years within the Edwards Group, and so she has established her forces within the company. Although it is nothing compared to Jordan's forces, it's impossible to avoid inner chaos within the Edwards Group because she left out of the blue without any preparation after working there for more than a decade.

At the Edwards Residence.

"Hahaha... she actually transferred the money to me!" Callum was guffawing while holding onto his mobile phone. Although the meager sum was merely enough for a facial spa, he was especially satisfied for having successfully fooled Sophia.

On the other hand, Cade was looking at the main entrance.

Right now, Lucy is truly in a horrible state!

Callum and I have analyzed our older sister, Lucy. She is powerful enough, but similar to Jordan, they are both too powerful. That is why they are overly conceited, and they feel that they have the whole world in their hands.

Being overly conceited is also their weakness.

Currently, Jordan is still submerged within the sense of being the most powerful person in the world. However, this older sister of mine has removed her pride and honorable spine. She has bowed down to reality and her failures. In fact, she has no qualms in compromising while putting herself in a humble state.

She is perfect at that moment.

She will be a super scary existence if she were to return to the Edwards Group!

After Lucy left, the family suggested for Callum and I to join the Edwards Group, but we rejected them because we didn't want to come off as too pushy. However, the younger twins were impatient, and so they joined the company in a rush. Lucy has just left not long ago, but they've entered the Edwards Group to take over all her responsibilities.

Jordan has left to run errands, whereas the Edwards Group is in a mess, thanks to the siblings, Ryan and Henry. Everybody in the family and company find it annoying and troublesome, so they want Callum and me to salvage the situation. Initially, we were about to make our move, but Lucy returned out of the blue!

Our plans have been disrupted; this is not ideal for our plan to seize the Edwards Group!

At the entrance.

Ryan and Henry, whom one of them was shot in the shoulder while the other had a chunk of ear bitten off by Lucy, had recovered from their injuries. They were watching Lucy at the entrance while gloating at her misfortune.

"Oh, if it isn't our beloved older sister. What happened? Did you manage to savor the sensual wonders of men that night? Will you prefer women or men in the future?"

"Hahahaha! Just look at how embarrassing you are right now!"

"Do you believe that you can still return to the Edwards Group? Never! You are just an abandoned dog of the Edwards Family! You are no longer Miss Edwards, and we own the future of the Edwards Group. I need to thank you for laying the foundation for us, Lucy, hahaha!"

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Nevertheless, Lucy did not respond to their insults. It seemed as if her kneecaps were stuck to the ground. She had her head bowed, and her shock of maroon hair that was soaked through laid matted against her forehead.

She had stopped seeing and hearing her surroundings because the anger deep down in her heart was the only thing fueling her to live on.

I am betting my life on this! I am betting that Jordan wouldn't have the heart to let me die for real!

Seeing as Lucy refused to answer him, Ryan kicked her suddenly, causing her to topple to the ground. She was already at the brink of her limit for the longest time, but she had been enduring it with the last breath she had. Now that Ryan had kicked her down, Lucy simply did not have the strength to support herself. In the end, she slumped onto the ground, motionless.

However, Ryan was still unsatisfied, so he approached her to kick her a few more times. "Wake up! Stop playing dead. Even if you die, our father will not even pay any attention to you."

His rain boot with a thick sole trampled on Lucy's soft and fragile body; one could almost hear her bones cracking and breaking. Nevertheless, Lucy refused to make a sound—maybe she no longer had the energy to utter anything.

Nobody in the Edwards Residence had the courage to say anything while they watched the two of them beating Lucy up at the main entrance. In reality, the elders of the Edwards Family were all sitting in the living room, and that included Jordan too.

The large living room was so quiet one could hear a pin drip, whereas all the elders were gazing at each other in speechless despair. The atmosphere was especially depressing, and everybody turned to look at Jordan, who had a dark and eerie expression.

They started having second thoughts ever since Lucy started kneeling at the entrance.

In all honesty, it wasn't a huge issue that Lucy was a lesbian because there were plenty of dirty secrets within rich and powerful families. Many people posed as characters with high morals on the surface, but some men might start fooling around with other men after getting bored with women. When they got bored with men, some of them might even get involved with dogs.

In reality, the Edwards were furious that Lucy had lied to them. They were also angry that she hadn't gotten married for more than a decade because of a woman. Besides, since the embarrassing family news had been exposed to the public, they had no choice but to make their stand by chasing Lucy out of the house.

As long as she returned and admitted her mistakes, Lucy just had to get married with a man with the right social status to bring benefits to the family. Everything would be okay as long as she stayed as a passable Miss Edwards.

When Lucy was gone for the past two months, the pair of clueless twins wreaked havoc in the Edwards Group... They were newbies after all, and so the pair of amateurs just couldn't handle such a large enterprise like Edwards Group.

At that moment, the Edwards finally recalled Lucy's achievements. When she was around, she handled affairs in a vigorous manner, and she was decisive and swift. In fact, she managed the Edwards Family's matters perfectly, so their business performances were ascending steadily.

On the other hand, the twins started eliminating people who had different opinions to theirs the moment they entered the Edwards Group. They actually arranged for people from the Yard Family to enter the company, and they even chased away the core elite members within the Edwards Group.

Their actions were clearly challenging the limits and patience of the Edwards Group. The Edwards wanted the two families to unite, but in reality, they wanted the Edwards Group to take over the Yard Group, and so they were naturally wary of the latter.

Previously, after the initial delight of the four young masters suddenly joining the Edwards Group, everybody within the Edwards Family was on high alert. They were afraid that in the end, the Edwards wouldn't swallow the Yard Group whole, but would instead be taken over by the latter.

Jordan hardly interfered with the administrations of the family businesses. He merely sent a substitute to fool outsiders, but nobody knew where he truly went. In the end, he might just quietly watch the Yard Family take over the Edwards Family. After all, both forces belonged to him, and he didn't care about his family name. However, this was a big deal for the Edwards Family.

Therefore, the Edwards needed Lucy to stay on to fight the Yard Group!

In the end, the most powerful Grand Elder stepped forward to break the silence. "I suggest we welcome Miss Edwards home. She might have made lots of mistakes, but I can tell that she's truly remorseful."

After the announcement from the Grand Elder, the rest of the elders started voicing out too.

"Currently, she is a part of the Edwards Group. Therefore, I want to make myself clear—the Edwards Group cannot afford to lose Miss Edwards!"

"The four young masters might be part of the Edwards Group, but we aren't even sure when they will change their surnames. Hence, they can't be considered as true Edwards."

"My wife's family is also very invested in this matter! They have sent their people over a few times to check on Miss Edwards' situation!"

The elders were very opinionated, but the younger generation in the Edwards Family had much more to say.

Who do the Yards think they are? Who gave them the right to call the shots in the Edwards Group? How dare they blatantly bring in people from the Yard Family to join important departments within the company! The Yards were traitors a hundred years ago, but they are planning to return as kings now! For that, the Edwards have paid a lot of money and sacrificed many people! We haven't even settled that score, and so why are we even allowing them to enter the Edwards Group?

Does the current Edwards Family carry the surname Yard or Edwards? So what if Lucy is a lesbian? It's not an issue as long as she returns to the family and gets married with a man! Who could possibly be worse than those twins in regards to being disgusting while corrupting public morals?! They are always involved in a hedonistic lifestyle every night, and having threesomes is just part of their routine. Furthermore, they enjoy both men and women, but this hasn't been made public yet!

Everybody was discussing it earnestly, and the crowd was exceptionally agitated. Nevertheless, they expressed a common idea, which was to welcome Lucy home!

However, as the family head, Jordan remained silent, and so nobody dared to actually do anything.

Suddenly, somebody barged in from outside. The person, who was soaked through, exclaimed in horror, "Bad news! Young Master Henry and Young Master Ryan have beaten Miss Edwards to death, and they are about to toss her into the river!"

Everybody stood up abruptly with a whoosh. Members of the older generation were furious, whereas the younger generation, who were livid, charged out without waiting for Jordan's instructions.

Jordan let out a long sigh at that moment.

I should let her return if she survives this. After all, she is my eldest daughter and the only descendent of my legal wife.

At the entrance, the rain had washed off Lucy's blood; she was soaking wet, covered with rain and blood. Holding her by her limbs, Henry's subordinates were prepared to toss her into the nearby river.

Lucy was motionless by then. Henry's subordinates saw Henry and Ryan turning to head back to the Edwards Residence, and so they reached out for Lucy's chest. They seemed as if they were planning to take her somewhere to...

Suddenly, a group of Edwards Family members came charging out like a sudden surge of tidal waves. They saw Henry's subordinates carrying Lucy out, and they were reaching underneath her clothes for her chest with their filthy hands.

"F*ck you!" The Edwards were raging at this point.

How dare they harm Miss Edwards within the Edwards Family's territory!

The large group charged at them and soon took Lucy away. Amidst the chaos, Henry and Ryan were shoved onto the ground before they were trampled all over...

"Tsk!" Callum clucked his tongue loudly while he watched his younger brothers slumped on the ground.

The twins have lived up to our 'affection and love' from childhood up until now, indeed. They've inherited Jordan's arrogance, but they do not have his abilities. They are used to being lawless, as if they owned the whole world. Therefore, it is expected that they've earned a real beating.

They arrived barely two months ago, but they've succeeded in making the entire Edwards Family hate them. Besides, the timing is perfect, because somehow, they'd always choose the most critical time to make the worst blunder.

Initially, the next steps involved Cade and I descending from the Heavens, like dazzling angels, to sort out the mess that our younger brothers caused. We were supposed to bring the Edwards Family hope and love before joining the Edwards Group without a hitch, but Lucy is back now...

"Mom, when did you arrive?" exclaimed Cade in surprise.

Since an unknown point in time, Anna had been standing by the full-length window. She suddenly chuckled eerily while watching Lucy being carried away...

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Three days later, Lucy woke up in a hospital ward and the first thing that she saw was Jordan's back.

"Dad." Her voice was as light as air.

When he heard her voice, he was standing in front of the window and turned to look at her, but his expression was still strict. "As long as you are awake, it is okay. From now on, don't be so reckless."

With tears in her eyes, she shouted, "Dad, I was wrong!"

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At home, Sophia would ask someone to inquire about the Edwards Family from time to time, but there was no news at all. Ever since that night, Lucy seemed to have disappeared. I wonder if she has returned to the Edwards Family or has been kicked out.

When she asked Callum, he replied, 'Please transfer 8888 for text description, 18888 for voice description, 28888 for a photo description, or 38888 for a video description.'

Therefore, she transferred 18888 to him.

Then, he responded, 'Beep! System overload. Customer service no.1 has been disconnected and is unable to provide any service. To reactivate, please transfer 8888.'

Sophia: 'Go to hell!'

Even the reliable Stanley was oblivious to the situation.

He was added into a group meant for blind dates that consisted of the aristocratic bachelors in Bayside City. He was a mainstay in the group and unintentionally met a lot of people after organizing dates for them batch after batch.

Other than the news of Lucy's grandfather heading to the Edwards Family, he is completely oblivious to the situation. I guess this counts as good news...

Recently, she was also very busy with work. After the fashion week, JNS Group had successfully drawn the attention of the fashion industry. Since then, orders started to build up, causing her to have her hands full. Not only did she need to launch many new products, she also needed to deal with shop rental and the hiring of marketers, designers and more... The entire company would often work overtime until past midnight.

She had stayed up late into the night that her hair was in disarray and her face was pallid.

A few days after returning from a reality show, Carmen and Linus traveled with Cooper again to film another reality show. Lately, she was busy with her career because she wanted to earn a bit of money before enrolling in primary school next year and focusing on her studies.

The reality show was held in Northern Europe this time. Cooper also took the opportunity to attend a meeting there, so they would stay there for a while before returning home.

On the other hand, Michael was filming a movie abroad, but that would not take a long time because he needed to return to Bayside City for a scene.

Every night, he would send a video to Sophia on time. However, when it was noon at her place, it was already night time at his end.

“Hubby, you only need to focus on your movie. Everything at home is fine.”

It so happened that it was the weekend and she was relaxing on the sofa while eating fruits at home.

In the video, he was wearing his costume with three people standing next to him in the same attire. Of course, they were his three stunt doubles.

Even though he was the only one filming, all four of them were needed. Now, he was acting in the dramatic scenes while all the dangerous action scenes were left to the stunt doubles.

Upon looking behind Sophia in the video, Michael could see the two huskies jumping around in their vests as if they were able to head out for a walk. However, when she was speaking with him through the video call, the impatient dogs continued to bark, urging her to immediately bring them out.

“Hey, they have new vests!”

At first glance, he noticed that the two dogs now wore new neon green vests with five shiny golden words—‘The Dog Version of Taylor.’

He was instantly rendered speechless.

It was the newly launched luxurious limited edition pet vest by Pouri with each piece being well over five digits. The expensive parts of the vest were the brand name ‘Pouri’ and the name ‘Taylor Murray’. After all, it was the only brand in the world who had the official copyright of Taylor’s name to produce dog vests as his merchandise.

There were only a thousand models in the world and when it was sold out, it would not be reproduced. Every model even came with its own identification number and certificate.

At first, Michael thought that no one would buy that sort of item, but he never expected that the rich would quickly pre-order a thousand models the moment the idea was released. Huh, rich people...

"Come and say hello to your daddy. After this, I'll bring you guys out to have fun."

Sophia grabbed one of the dogs over and showed the phone screen to it.

As soon as the dog saw the dashing Michael in the video, it immediately licked the phone screen, leaving lots of saliva on the device.

Amidst her rage, the video call ended.

The moment the call ended, he smiled at his screen. Even if it was merely a few words with her, it felt as though his whole body was strengthened.

After she had changed to a sports attire, she prepared to head to a nearby community to walk the two 'dog versions of Taylor'. However, as soon as she walked out the door, she could see Sarah exiting her home with her 'dog version of Ethan'.

While Sophia walked her dogs, she suddenly received a phone call from Sean. "Sophia, where are you? You need to immediately come to the Mitchells' ancestral house. Sandra has gone insane and wants to sell the ancestral house!"

She was shocked to hear the news. "Who would dare to buy our ancestral house?"

He replied, "It's Henry and Ryan. They want to demolish the ancestral house to build an office building."

What the hell! One dares to sell and the other has the courage to purchase!

Sophia rushed home with the dogs and hurriedly drove from the garage without even entering the house. On the way to the ancestral house, she called someone.

At the Mitchells' ancestral house, the ancestral hall lost its true purpose with only a few plaques left as Cooper had already built a bigger hall at his place. He had also taken the incense and the ancestral grave, so the only thing left in the Mitchell Residence was the ancestral house.

Sandra brought Ryan and Henry over to check out the house today.

Sophia always tried to suppress Sandra so that no one in Bayside City would dare to buy the ancestral house, but the city did not belong to the former, so there would still be willing purchasers—like the Yards.

If Sandra sold the house, she would receive a huge sum of money that would instantly allow Mitchell's Technology to operate again.

"This house was once a palace. Back then, only the prince could live in such a huge and spacious place. In Bayside City, only this house is worthy to accommodate the Yards, except for the ancient Imperial Palace. Other than this house, there is also a small community at the back where we have been living. The community includes old historic houses and courtyards, but we still hold the property rights. If you demolish everything and develop it, you'll definitely make a profit out of it."

Sandra proudly introduced the Mitchells' ancestral house, enjoying the last glory that she could receive from the Mitchell Family.

After selling the house, her only connection with the Mitchell Family would probably be her last name.

Upon hearing that she wanted to sell the ancestral house and the community behind it, many members of the Mitchell Family were enraged, but they did not dare to speak out.

Many of them were unwilling to leave the Mitchell residence because they had lived their entire life there. Once they decided to live at Cooper's place, they needed to move away and some refused to do so. I can't believe Sandra is trying to demolish this community and the ancestral house. Where will we live if this place is demolished?

As the family head, there were many things to consider to support a big family. Most importantly, every member of the family must be provided with accommodation and work—like a state-owned enterprise providing sub-unit housing. Many of the Mitchells spent their lives working in the Mitchell Group and living at the ancestral house, but now, not only were they fired from the company, but they were also forced to move out of the ancestral house!

The house had been finalized to be sold to the Yard Family for them to build office buildings and commercial houses. The many cars parked in front of the entrance were the remaining

members of the Mitchell Family moving out and although some of them lived there for generations, they had no other choice.

Everyone at the entrance scolded and cried while reluctantly looking back at the house they had lived in for many years.