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On the other hand, Alex was a little embarrassed because he did not expect Maggie to rush in and see him doing that.

I guess Maggie's impression of me is ruined now.

After he was done urinating, Alex zipped his pants and looked down upon Harvey, "My apologies for peeing all over you, fatty. Why did you have to disturb me when I was doing my business though? This wouldn't have happened, had you not disturbed me. So this is on you."

"You're finished, you little bastard! You hear me? You're finished!" Harvey was infuriated at how Alex patronized him after what happened.

You can bet my bottom dollar, I'll get my revenge for this humiliation!

"Come on, fatty. Why's with your tantrum? All I did was peed on you accidentally. Here, let me help you clean up." Alex then grabbed the handheld bidet before spraying water on Harvey and his men.

"Damn you!" swore Harvey when he was not too busy coughing and choking on the water sprayed into his mouth.

"I swear on you and your whole family. You are a dead meat!" yelled Harvey after finally catching his breath.

"Is that how you talk to someone who cleaned you up,

fatty? You want me and my family dead?" roared Alex as he threw the bidet aside before picking up the fourhundred-pound man and pushed his head into the urinal.

Harvey was both shocked and angry but he choked on pee yet again before he even had any time to react. His fat body was trembling as he struggled to no avail when Alex pushed down hard on his neck.

Seeing how their boss was getting humiliated, the bodyguards all stood up and rushed towards Alex.

Without even turning his head, Alex lifted Harvey again and sent his fat body tumbling onto the bodyguards who just got up.

Finally, Harvey could breathe properly again after retching for a while.

Terror was written all over his after the humiliating ordeal.

"Have mercy, mister! Please spare me!" pleaded Harvey.

Even though he wanted nothing more than to tear Alex to pieces, he did not want to choke on pee again.

Harvey knew better than to provoke Alex further, but that did not mean he hated Alex any less.

At any given chance, he would make sure that Alex was cut into pieces and ground to dust.

Seeing Harvey begging for mercy, Alex smirked and tidied himself up before walking out.

After leaving the bathroom, Alex checked to see if he got any pee on himself when two women bumped into

him.

"Hey, watch where you're going!"

Alex looked up to see two beautiful women after he was yelled at.

They had exquisitely attractive features, sexy figures, and long fair legs under their short skirts.

"Are you blind or something?" scolded one of the sexy women with long wavy hair when Alex kept quiet.

How is it my fault? You guys are the ones who bumped into me!

The women started to look a little familiar to Alex as if he had seen them somewhere.

Isn't she Jolene, the celebrity who got famous

recently? This woman beside her must be her assistant.

She's pretty good. Should I recruit her to Nebula City?

Madison just happened to be kicked out and the Galaxy Girls program does need a new star. Jolene would be the right fit for the role!

Before Alex could say anything, the assistant continued, "Are you stupid or what? Hurry up and apologize to Ms. Dalton!"

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"Apologize?"

Alex was baffled, "Ladies, you guys bumped into me. I was just standing here."

Even though Alex wanted to recruit Jolene, he wasn't going to be pushed around like that.

As a contracted artist of Harvey's company, Jolene was scowling as she was in a bit of a hurry. She was grabbing a drink with Harvey that night but she lost her earring and she wanted Harvey to help her look for it.

That earring was worth more than a million, so she was clearly distressed and Alex just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

With that, she decided to pour out her frustration on

Alex.

"You'd better apologize to me!" demanded Jolene impatiently.

Alex frowned as he changed his mind about recruiting Jolene.

This woman clearly has some issues with her moral qualities and I can't recruit someone like her.

Looking at Jolene, Alex chuckled before responding, "I don't get it. Why do I have to apologize to you when you're the one who bumped into me? I think you're the one who should apologize."

They should at least have some manners. After all, they're celebrities and public figures. With people like them, I'm sure Harvey's Nebula Pictures won't last long. "You're a security guard at this bar, aren't you? Are you ready to lose your job for refusing to apologize to me?"

Jolene was appalled at the fact that a mere security guard would dare to rebut her like that.

"Do you know who she is? Ms. Dalton is the top artist at Nebula Pictures and she's recently the hottest celebrity! You can kiss your life in Lumenopolis goodbye if you offend Ms. Dalton. You'd better apologize now!" threatened the short-haired assistant arrogantly.

"Or else what? Show me," smiled Alex who seemed amused by her threat.

I just peed on her boss. What makes her think that she has an upper hand now? She's not even worth being peed on.

The assistant was furious at how defiant the supposed security guard seemed. Even the owner of the bar had to curry favor Jolene, so she was baffled at how arrogant Alex sounded.

"Just you wait. I'll have your boss fire you immediately!" warned the assistant coldly.

Some people, who were on their way to the bathroom, shook their heads thinking that the supposed security guard was done for.

This will probably be his last day at work here.

The owner of the bar should know better than to continue employing him.

"Go ahead. I'm waiting for you to show me that you're

not bluffing," provoked Alex with a chuckle.

The assistant was enraged by his response as she never expected Alex to be so bold to put his job on the line.

Jolene was enraged and she continued with the threats, "You must've lost your mind! You think you can get cocky with me just because a hillbilly like you made it into Lumenopolis as a security guard? I'll have you thrown out of here even if it's the last thing I can do!"

As soon as she was done threatening, the sound of Harvey cursing could be heard from the bathroom before he walked out with the help of his bodyguards.

The men were still soaked all over as if they took a shower with their clothes on.

"Mr. Weiss!" called Jolene gleefully before approaching Harvey to complain, "There's a security guard here who dared to oppose me. He even refused to apologize to me. You have to do something about it!"

After she was done complaining, Jolene could not help but pinch her nose when she suddenly smelled the scent of urine.

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Why does Mr. Weiss smell so bad? He reeks of urine!

Jolene tried to ignore the smell and continued to look at Harvey with her puppy-dog eyes.

"What? Who dares to rebut you?" asked Harvey angrily.

Jolene was the star of his company and had earned him a lot of money. Not to mention that Jolene was at the top of his 'hunting list'.

Harvey had always been very lecherous, so he had basically taken advantage of every celebrity signed under his company.

However, Jolene was an exception because of her popularity and her huge fan base, she was the most valuable cash cow of his company. Worried that he might scare her off, Harvey dared not force himself upon Jolene but swore to have her sooner or later. So how could Harvey not take the opportunity to win her over when she came asking for help.

"That's the guy."

Jolene pointed at Alex who was not far away from them.

What? Him again?

"Mr. Weiss, is it? This won't do. I mean you can't even manage your own employees. I'm afraid your company won't last very long because this employee of yours had no idea how to put up a decent public image. Do you think I should give her a lesson for you?" Alex mocked Harvey with an annoying smirk.

"You're just a security guard. What do you think you can do?" Jolene ridiculed Alex for sounding arrogant, but Harvey roared at her for doing so, "You'd better shut your mouth now!"

After what Alex did to him back in the bathroom, Harvey dared not provoke Alex again.

He had no intention of getting peed all over ever again as he still had the after taste inside his mouth.

As someone who had always been treasured by Harvey, Jolene could not get over the fact that she was yelled at for a mere security guard.

"He's just a lowlife from the countryside. What can he do? Why are you afraid of him?" asked Jolene who was baffled.

Slap!

After raising his hand, Harvey gave Jolene a hard slap on the face.

Damn you, I've got pee in my mouth just now and I don't want any more of it!

"Mr. Weiss, I... "

With her eyes wide open, Jolene covered her cheek in disbelief.

Did Mr. Weiss just hit me because of that lowlife?

"Apologize to this gentleman right now! Do you hear me?" ordered Harvey sternly.

He was really terrified of Alex and dared not provoke him in any way especially now.

"I will not do that!" scoffed Jolene as she still had a reputation to maintain.

Knowing that she was the most valuable star at Nebula Pictures, Jolene was sure there was nothing Harvey could do to make her apologize unless he wanted to have a fall out with her, which would not benefit anyone.

"Are you out of your mind, Mr. Weiss? It was that security guard who bumped into Ms. Dalton. He should be the one to apologize." The assistant defended Jolene.

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Slap!

Feeling that his authority had been challenged, Harvey raised his hand yet again and slapped the assistant, "Who do you think you are? How dare you question my decision!"

The assistant's face darkened as she did not expect Harvey to be that unreasonable.

Amused by the show they put on, Alex continued to stoke the fire, "The way your employees disrespected you makes me think that they're the bosses and you're the employee."

Harvey got even more enraged after hearing what Alex said.

When Harvey looked at Jolene and her assistant, the two dared to glare at him. You two really think you're

the bosses, don't you?

"You're both fired! Nebula Pictures officially terminates your contracts!" grunted Harvey before taking his phone out to make a call, "Terminate the contract with Jolene now! Then notify every film and media company in Lumenopolis that I'm officially banning her!"

What? He wants to terminate my contract?

Both Jolene and her assistant's eyes widened, for they were sure that Harvey had lost his mind to have made such a decision.

At the same time, Jolene was worried that getting banned by the company that nurtured her to success would greatly affect her career.

After all, Nebula Pictures has a great reputation and

influence in Lumenopolis besides being the Weiss family's property.

To put it another way, Jolene's career was done for in Lumenopolis.

"You'll regret this, Mr. Weiss. You can ban me in Lumenopolis for all you want. I'll just move to Ruthorham where your family has no influence," boasted Jolene defiantly.

"Or so you think. Just you try and see if any company there will sign a contract with you," responded Harvey arrogantly.

"I guess we'll see then, won't we?" Jolene scoffed and looked daggers at Alex before leaving the bar with her assistant.

Alex could not help but be amused as he watched the

two sexy but furious figures leave.

That was definitely the haughtiest actress I've ever seen!

"I'm impressed, Mr. Weiss. You are the man!" Alex chuckled as he gave Harvey a thumbs-up.

A sudden realization hit Harvey, and it hit him hard. Damn it! What the hell happened to me? Why did I just fire my most valuable cash cow?

No matter how much Harvey regretted what he just did, there was no turning back for him.

He just looked at Alex as he held back his anger.

It's all his fault!

Gritting his teeth, Harvey forced himself to ask Alex,

"Are you satisfied with the way I handled things?"

Alex then gave Harvey a big smile, "That's not bad at all. See you around then."

With a wave of his hand, Alex strolled out of the bar and left everyone else baffled as they watched him leave.

Isn't he just a security guard? How can a mere security guard be so arrogant?

Even the great Harvey Weiss was no match for him. Who the hell is he?

"Damn it! I'll skin you alive the next time we meet!" said Harvey to himself under his breath as his face darkened and teeth clenched.

I swear I'll get my revenge on him some day!

And the humiliation will be threefold for him and his entire family!

Harvey's face was trembling with fury as he clenched his fists.

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It did not take a long time for Alex to find Maggie again.

Maggie's face flushed once again when she saw Alex and was reminded of how he peed on those men in the bathroom.

Seeing how red Maggie's face was, Alex felt embarrassed too because he knew what Maggie was thinking about.

Had he known that Maggie would rush in like that, he would not have peed on Harvey and the others.

After all, Alex was a decent man and he had a reputation to uphold.

"We should head home now." It was already midnight when Alex looked at the time.

"Okay." Maggie agreed and followed behind Alex, but she was afraid to look him in the eyes.

As Maggie looked a little drunk, Alex was worried about her safety, so he offered to send her home, "Let

me drive."

"Okay."

Maggie nodded and gave the car key to Alex, so he got into the driver's seat and waited for Maggie to fasten her seat belt before driving off.

The next morning, Alex got up early and left the Grant family mansion.

It was the death anniversary of his mother, so he bought some flowers before heading to the cemetery.

Kneeling before his mother's tombstone, Alex's eyes welled up the moment he touched the etching of his mother's name.

"I'm so sorry, mom. I know It's been eight years. I should've been here sooner. But don't you worry because I've already avenged you. Susan strangled you with a white cloth, so I made that b*tch kill herself with one too."

Missing his mother badly, Alex continued to kneel before her grave and mumbled, "I'm married now, mom. I even have a beautiful son and I'll bring him along next time. I know you would've loved your grandson if you were still around."

Memories of his mother started to flash before his eyes as he remembered her soft gaze and her warm smiles.

"I have to go now, mom. I'll visit you again with Stanley next year."

After laying down his flowers, Alex wiped the tears off his face and stood up.

Suddenly, he noticed a girl in her twenties watching him from somewhere not too far away

"Reine?" Alex asked under his breath in disbelief at how much the girl looked like his cousin, Reine Morton.

They had not seen each other for eight years and Reine was only twelve back then. Even though the girl looked very similar to Reine, Alex could not be sure.

"Are you Alex?" asked the girl hesitantly. It seemed that they were both unsure of each other's identity, but Alex was easier to be recognized because of how little he had changed over the eight years.

"Yes, I am. Are you Reine?" nodded Alex before confirming his assumption.

"Have you come to visit aunt?" inquired Reine.

"Yup."

Alex turned to look at the tombstone again, "I've been afraid to come back to Lumenopolis for the past eight years. Today was my first visit to see mom."

He then turned back to Reine, "You've come to pay your respect too?"

"Yes."

Reine nodded, "We know it's her death anniversary today, but everyone else at home was busy so I came here alone."

Then, she approached the tombstone respectfully and laid the flowers before it.

After that, Alex continued, "How are Hugo and

Jeanne?"

"They're doing pretty good. Oh, that reminds me. You should come with me to see them personally. They thought Susan killed you, so it would mean the world to them to see you alive and kicking. Jeanne and I chatted just a few days ago, and she got so sad when I mentioned you and aunt."

After some thought, Alex agreed with a nod, "Okay, I'll go see them with you."

"Really? That's great! Hugo and Jeanne will be so happy!" exclaimed Reine excitedly.

Feeling a sense of warmth inside of him, Alex smiled softly as they continued to chat while leaving the cemetery.

As soon as they walked out of the cemetery, an A8

suddenly parked right beside Reine's car before a man and a woman emerged from the vehicle.

The man was handsome and the woman looked gorgeous.

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"Is this your boyfriend, Reine? Your taste in men must be degrading if you're settling for someone so oldfashioned," the young man mocked as he sized up Alex.

Reine shot the young man an angry look but did not

reply to him.

Seeing her indifference, the young woman standing beside the young man started to ridicule Reine too. "Well, the Morton family is going bankrupt soon. In a few days, our princess here is going to go from riches to rags. Of course, she's going to settle for the closest bumpkin she can find."

At that, the young man laughed and took the young woman's hand and they strolled towards the park together.

"What was all that about the Morton family going bankrupt?" Alex asked. His previous impression of his grandfather's business was that it was still successful.

Reine hesitated before saying, "Granny told us that eight years ago, the Morrisons started to target our family to crush our business. Things haven't been going well for us since then, but we still managed to scrape by. The Morrisons ignored us in the past few years because our family business was already in shambles, and our family is no longer doing well like before."

"It was a break for us, but two months ago, our company accepted a two hundred million project. We took out a loan worth a hundred and fifty million from the bank, but the bank suddenly changed their stance and ordered our family to repay the money immediately."

Alex immediately understood what happened as soon as he heard Reine's words.

The Mortons barely escaped from the Morrisons' jaws only to find themselves relentlessly bullied by another enemy. But there was still a possibility that it could also be the Morrisons threatening them again.

Alex guessed that the Morrisons were using this as an opportunity to get their revenge for the murders of Samson and Susan Morrison. They could not touch Alex, so they took their anger out on the Mortons.

After getting in Reine's car, Alex requested her to bring him to the mall to purchase some gifts before returning to the Morton family home.

Half an hour later, they finally arrived at the Morton family home.

The Mortons' villa was an old building that reflected the bleak state of the Morton family's finances. They did not have the money to move into a bigger villa.

"Grandpa, Grandma, look at who I have brought

home today!" Reine was unable to contain her excitement that she rushed to the backyard as soon as she got out of the car.

In the backyard, the elderly couple was busy with some work in the pavilion when they heard their granddaughter's excited voice. So they turned around to look in her direction.

They saw a young man walking into the yard slowly behind Reine. Looking at the young man's familiar yet unknown face, their expressions changed suddenly.

"Alex!"

For the past few years, they thought that Susan had killed Alex. Thus, they never expected to see their grandson alive again, let alone standing in front of them today. "Grandpa, Grandma." Alex hurried forwards, bowing deeply to both of them.

"Is that really you, our little Alex?" Jeanne grabbed Alex's hands in astonishment, staring at him with tearfilled eyes.

"It is me, Grandma. I've been hiding in Nebula City for the past few years to avoid Susan," Alex said, nodding slowly.

On the other hand, Hugo just looked at Reine with a worried expression. "Did you make sure you weren't followed when you came here, Reine?"

Understanding the meaning behind his grandfather's words, Alex smiled. "You can relax, Grandpa. Susan is dead by my hand. I've already gotten revenge for Mom. In fact, I'm here to pay my respect to her today." Hugo only grew more uneasy. "The Morrisons will never let you off the hook for killing Susan. You'd better return to Nebula City as soon as possible."

Alex shook his head. "Grandpa, I killed Samson as well. He was the Morrisons' only Master-rank warrior. The only way the Morrisons can defeat me now is by asking the Phoenix Organization for help. But now that the pandemic is still ongoing overseas, the Phoenix Organization won't be able to send anyone to Eurasia so soon. I'll be fine for now."

"Well, that's good to know." Hugo nodded, finally able to lay his worries to rest.

If Alex could defeat a Master rank warrior, that would mean that Alex already achieved at least a Master rank as well. All of Hugo's remaining worry vanished, leaving only a sense of pride in Alex's
accomplishments.

"Alex? You're not dead? You bastard! You should've just died! If it weren't for you, we Mortons would never have ended up in this state of disgrace in the first place!"

At this moment, a young man came storming into the yard. When he saw Alex, he grew even more furious, yelling angrily at him.

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The young man was Delmont Morton. He was Alex's cousin and the current head of the Morton family.

Years ago, the Mortons were a powerful family in their own right until the incident involving Alex and his mother happened. After that, the Morrisons were hellbent on crushing the Mortons under their heel, driving the Morton family to face the constant threat of bankruptcy.

The Mortons managed to survive over the past few years, but their family had quickly fallen out of the circle of powerful families. With their diminished influence, even the most minor company treated their family insolently. That was why Delmont was furious whenever anyone brought up the subject of Alex and his mother.

"Delmont, how could you say that about your cousin?" Jeanne rebuked, a clear hint of displeasure in her voice.

"Our family wouldn't be in the pathetic state today if it weren't for him! He's the reason why the Morrisons have targeted our family relentlessly over the past few years. He's the one who made us live like dogs," Delmont said furiously.

Faced with Delmont's anger, Hugo remained silent while Jeanne heaved a heavy sigh. "Those were all tragedies for our family, Delmont. It's been so many years since your aunt passed away. I don't want anyone to bring up this matter ever again."

"But why should we stop mentioning it, Mother? All the troubles were caused by this boy and his mother. His mother may be dead, but he's still alive. He should pay for our loss over the years."

A middle-aged man approached them, wearing an

expression as cold as the dead of winter.

It was Gabriel Morton. He was Delmont's father, which made him Alex's eldest uncle. When he looked at Alex, his gaze was filled with nothing but disgust.

"Mother, I've heard that Susan Morrison was looking for him recently. Since he's already here at Lumenopolis, I suggest that we hand him over to her and use this opportunity to ask her to stop hounding our family," Gabriel said suddenly.

The expression on Alex's face took an abrupt turn at that, his smile stiffened and turned frigid.

"Please think about it, Grandpa and Grandma. The Morrisons killed Uncle Michel because of Alex and his mother. He's a jinx in our family. We have to give him up to Susan if we want our family to have any chance of rebuilding our fortune," Delmont added quickly. "That's enough, Gabriel. Alex is your nephew! How can you say something as shameful as that!" Jeanne shouted, raising her voice in anger.

She used to have three children. Now, her second son and only daughter had been dead and gone before their time for years. She was the one who made their funeral arrangements, and it broke her heart having to do so.

And yet, she was not blinded by hatred. Alex was her grandson by blood. Her conscience would not allow her to send him to the sharks.

Hugo was angry as well, he rebuked his son and grandson harshly. "Your grandmother is right. If there's any hatred here, it should all be aimed at the Morrisons. What kind of men would push his own family into the line of fire just to save his own life?" "Father, if Alex is truly a family, he wouldn't make our family go through so much shame and humiliation. In fact, I suspect that the bank forced us into a corner because either Susan or the Morrisons have instructed them to do that. If we don't hand him over to them, we can't placate Susan's anger, and she'll never forgive our family!" Gabriel said pleadingly.

"Grandpa, don't forget that we still have to pay back the two hundred million loan to the bank in three days, or they'll sell our company. Our family will go bankrupt!" Delmont reminded.

Hugo glared at both Gabriel and his son. When he spoke, his voice was cold. "Susan Morrison is already dead by Alex's hands. How are you two planning to turn him over to her then?"

What?

Alex killed Susan already?

Gabriel and Delmont were dumbfounded at the sudden turn of events.

After a beat of awkward silence, Delmont suddenly said, "That must be it! The Morrisons must be getting revenge on Alex for Susan's death by forcing us onto our last legs. Just think about it! The Morrisons haven't meddled with us for years, but they're coming after us now. This is probably because Alex has triggered them when he killed Susan! We need to hand him over to the Morrisons for I'm very sure that there will be more attacks coming our way."

Both Hugo and Jeanne were stunned. Despite their earlier stances, they were getting worried too. The logic behind Delmont's statement was a concern to them. Before anyone else could say anything, Alex spoke up in a mocking voice. "You can hand me over to the Morrisons, but I'm sure they wouldn't dare to host me. You see, I have killed their only Master of Martial Arts, Samson."

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"What? You killed Samson Morrison?"

Gabriel's expression underwent a huge change. He was completely flabbergasted and not willing to believe Alex's words.

Delmont's face was a twisted mask of surprise as well. As they all knew, Samson was Lumenopolis' well-known Master of Martial Arts. And yet, Alex had killed him. The ludicrousness of the entire situation made Delmont wonder if Alex was just joking with them.

"If you don't believe me, we can always pay the Morrisons a visit," Alex said sarcastically.

Looking at Alex suspiciously, both Gabriel and Delmont went through an internal struggle as they didn't know what to say.

Alex just ignored them. He was very disappointed with his uncle and cousin, to the point that he felt no pity for them.

He turned back to look at his grandfather. "How much

is the Morton family still worth?"

"What market worth can we still have?" Hugo sighed heavily, a bitter smile on his face. "Our family might be going bankrupt in three days. Even if we make it past that, Morton Corporation won't be worth a damn anymore."

Jeanne sighed quietly as well. In just eight short years, the Mortons had gone from a powerful family with a market worth of more than ten billion to the sorry state they were in now. It was a tragedy.

After a moment's thought, Alex said, "Grandpa, I'm going to invest five billion to buy fifty-one percent of Morton Corporation's stocks."

"Are you serious, Alex? With this five billion, we can pay off our debts to the bank and keep the company project. That still leaves us with three billion for the company's cash flow too. This might even be the key to helping the Morton family rise again!" Hugo said with a sense of excitement in his voice.

He truly believed that Alex was wealthy. Rumor had it that was the reason why Susan was so determined to track Alex down. According to the furtive news, Alex's father transferred hundreds of billions of the Jefferson family's fortune under Alex's name.

"Alex, are you serious about this?" Jeanne looked at Alex with surprise. She was rather delighted.

Gabriel and Delmont stared at Alex in disbelief as well. If Alex was willing to invest that five billion in their company, then their family would no longer be in any imminent danger of being declared bankrupt. They could even start planning and preparing for their eventual return to power. Alex nodded. "I'm serious, Grandma. I can transfer the money to all of you by today, but I have one condition."

"Just tell us about it," Jeanne said. Everyone focused their attention on Alex with looks of eager anticipation on their faces.

Alex's gaze swept past Gabriel and Delmont but landed squarely on Reine.

"My only condition is that Reine must be named as the executive director of the company. She may not have any experience in directing a company, so I'll have to request that you take some time to teach her everything she should know before you retire," Alex said to Hugo firmly.

All of Gabriel and Delmont's thoughts suddenly dissolved into incoherent white noise. It was as if they

were struck by lightning, ugly expressions appeared on their faces as they finally realized what had happened. Alex was determined to remove them from the game.

"Alex, I don't think I can do that! I'll do well enough as a manager. You should let Uncle Gabriel or Delmont be the executive director. I can't manage the entire company." Reine shook her head at Alex quickly.

However, Reine was perfectly competent at managing a company. She just refused to be caught in a power struggle over the company with Uncle Gabriel's family.

After her father passed away, Reine started working hard to improve her leadership skills. Now, her management skills had far exceeded that of Delmont's. But she knew that as a mere girl, there was no hope in her being able to win against Uncle Gabriel's family. She was also perfectly aware that Grandpa and Grandma would not hand over Morton Corporation to her as well.

Hugo and Jeanne found themselves faced with a dilemma as well. After all, they placed most of their hopes in Gabriel and his son because Reine was bound to marry someone else at some point.

After a moment of silent consideration, Hugo finally spoke. "Alex, Reine will be married in a few years. She won't be able to focus on managing the company then. Besides, constantly changing the company leader will also cause unrest among the management staffs."

Reine's expression remained unchanged, but her grandfather's words still made her feel slightly upset.

Her grandfather's conservative mindset was a typical example of patriarchal thinking.

For the first time, Reine found herself bitterly wished to be born a boy.

Without any hesitation, Alex just delivered his killing stroke impatiently. "Look, I just want equity of the fiftyone percent of the shares. You don't have to distribute any of the dividends to me, and I won't interfere in the management of the company. However, I just can't stand the sight of Uncle Gabriel and his family. I don't care how much of the dividends they receive, but I don't want them to control Morton Corporation. I'll give you some time to think about this, Grandpa."



"Alex, my good nephew, I was wrong to take out my frustrations on you. Can you forgive me for that?" Gabriel apologized quickly upon seeing Alex's pettiness.

He and his son were the ones managing the company over the past few years. Although the company did not make any profits and even incurred losses within that period of time, Gabriel was still reluctant to let go of the power that came with his position.

Even as he spoke, Gabriel tugged at his son hastily. A look of sudden understanding passed across

Delmont's face. He immediately smiled at Alex apologetically. "Alex, I was being an idiot just now. You're obviously meant to accomplish greater things, so I hope you won't hold any grudge against me. If you'll just let us manage the company, I promise you we'll lead the company properly and get it back where it belongs at the top."

Alex shot a disdainful glance at his cousin. "You've already said it yourself, Delmont. You're an idiot. How am I supposed to trust you any longer? If I put Morton Corporation into the hands of an idiot, wouldn't that make me the bigger fool?"

"Don't cross the line," Delmont warned, his smile froze on his face stiffly. Alex's words cut deep into his feelings.

However, both father and son knew that they were the ones who had crossed the line first. No one could

blame Alex for being so angry.

On the other hand, Reine was extremely touched by Alex's gesture. He invested five billion in Morton Corporation and was willing to forfeit his rightful dividends, all just to help her become the executive director of the company.

Reine stared at Alex, feeling a storm of emotions churn turbulently in her chest. She had always had a soft spot for Alex at the very bottom of her heart, and today, Alex touched it deeply.

"Please think over it carefully, Grandpa. I'm needed back at my company, so I'll be returning to Nebula City now. When you've made your decision, you can call me or see me at the Four Seas Corporation in Nebula City," Alex said simply. He handed his name card to Reine, who was still slightly dazed, before turning to leave. Alex really wanted to help the Mortons, but Gabriel and Delmont's attitudes disgusted him deeply. Despite everything else, Alex was still a dignified man with a temper to match. If his grandparents did not accept his terms, then he would not help the Mortons.

"Alex! There's nothing to consider—I accept your terms," Hugo shouted hurriedly when he saw Alex leaving.

Hugo made up his mind quickly. Alex's only condition was easy to cater to, especially when Alex was basically giving their family five billion for free. Hugo would be a hopeless fool if he still insisted on showing a preference for Gabriel and his son now.

Besides, Hugo would hurt Alex's feelings if he did anything else. No matter what happened, Alex was still his grandson. He would not be a good grandfather if he insisted on turning down Alex's goodwill. His grandson was trying to give them five billion just to help their family. How could he reject such a generous offer?

Jeanne hurriedly raised her voice as well. "Alex, I believe that you're just looking out for the Morton family. You're right about your uncle and cousin being incompetent. If Reine succeeds in managing the company, then we'll all be happy. They're all children of the Morton family, so it doesn't matter who is leading the company."

Alex stopped in his tracks, looking directly at Reine. His question was simple. "Well, Reine, are you confident? Or I should say, are you ready to take charge of Morton Corporation?"

Reine felt her heart hammer wildly. She was a woman

who refused to let her life pass by in mediocrity, and Alex was now offering her a chance to prove herself. Do I grab this chance and run with it, or do I just let it go?

She took a few seconds to consider her options before making her choice with full determination.

"I'm confident that I can manage Morton Corporation properly, Alex. In fact, I believe that I can lead our family back to the pinnacle where we once stood!"

Alex nodded in satisfaction. He faced Hugo and said, "I hope you'll give Reine a chance, Grandpa. If she still doesn't do as well as Uncle Gabriel or Delmont after three years, then let Uncle Gabriel and his family continue to managing the company."

"But of course," Alex continued pleasantly, "I'm going to be upfront about this. In these three years, I won't tolerate anyone singling Reine out or purposefully causing problems to prevent her from managing the company adequately. If that happens, I'll enforce my rights as a major shareholder in this company."

Hugo smiled. "You can rest assured, Alex. Even your uncle won't dare to cause any problems to Reine with me watching."

Alex nodded before asking Reine for her bank account number. He proceeded to transfer the five billion to her account on the spot.

Seeing that Alex had no plan to transfer the money directly to the company account, the Mortons could only agree with his actions readily.

On the other hand, Gabriel and his son were practically going out of their minds with regret.

If they knew earlier that this would happen, they would have insulted Alex. They would have kept their grievances to themselves without making a single complaint.

Following that, Alex signed a simple agreement with the Morton family. He promised to send a lawyer with a full contract in a few days.

After having lunch with his grandparents, Alex returned to the Grant family home. Maggie was still waiting for him to return to Nebula City together.

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FINDING OUT THE BILLIONAIRE

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"We've been boycotted, Jolene. Harvey really has contacts in Ruthorham. I just contacted all of the famous entertainment media companies there, and they gave me the same answer. Someone put us on the blacklist. There isn't a single entertainment company that's willing to sign us under their label now, either in Ruthorham or the mainland," Peggy said dejectedly.

They were in a hotel. Jolene could see the look of disappointment on her assistant's face as she spoke.

Her expression darkened. Jolene did not expect Harvey to be so powerful to the point where he could make the entire entertainment industry boycott her.

Jolene knew her worth. I'm a trending celebrity with a fanbase with millions of followers!

For the past two days, her social media accounts were practically close to exploding from all of the views she received. Everyone was buzzing over the unconfirmed news of her being blacklisted and asking her to verify the truth, but Jolene could only maintain her silence. She was even slightly afraid of going on to social media now.

And yet, despite all her fear, her heart still burned with hatred for the bastard who landed her in this situation. If she never crossed paths with that loser, she would never have gotten into this predicament in the first place.

"That a son of a gun! What connections does he have with Harvey anyway? I wish I could hire a hitman to beat him to a pulp." Jolene could only grit her teeth tightly when she thought about the insolent look on Alex's face back then. "I did some digging on him. People say that he beat up Harvey once and humiliated him in public. Obviously, Harvey is now scared sh*tless of him and afraid of offending him again." Peggy said unsympathetically and she despised Alex wholeheartedly as well.

"Harvey is a useless wuss. I can't believe he's scared of a loser like that bastard. If I were him, I'd have someone chop that bastard up into pieces and feed him to the dogs," Jolene said, feeling her anger flare again.

"Exactly! Who would've thought that Harvey was such a useless dingbat? First, he can't even defeat a loser. Then, he blacklisted us. Doesn't he know that blacklisting us is only going to cause a bigger loss for his company?" Peggy grumbled.

Jolene remained silent, but her eyes were flickering

with a hatred so deep she felt like it would never end. The only thing she regretted was that she did not have any time or opportunity to get revenge.

Seeing Jolene's troubled and frustrated expression, Peggy felt sorry for her. After a moment of consideration, Peggy said, "There's one last chance we can try."

Jolene's downcast eyes lit up. She asked urgently, "Where?"

"Nebula City," Peggy replied.

"Nebula City?" Jolene frowned. "But that second-rate city is both far and remote. Will there be any entertainment companies there? And even if there is, how can we make a name there?"

Peggy shook her head. "There is actually an

entertainment company in Nebula City. The company is called Four Seas Corporation. While they're involved in other industries as well, their primary focus is on developing variety shows. In fact, Four Seas Corporation has a market worth of more than a hundred billion, far more than what Harvey's company is worth."

"A hundred billion? But I've never heard of any trending celebrities signed to that company," Jolene said in surprise.

Peggy shook her head again. "I did some background search on Four Seas Corporation. Their company doesn't follow the traditional model of most entertainment companies. A few months ago, they just invested ten billion in buying streams, so they currently have many streams under their company. They also have two different video streaming apps in the market, including Volcano Videos. Just those two apps alone gathered a large number of streams, so their company can basically cultivate highly-streamed celebrities by themselves."

Jolene's eyes were practically shining now. "So Volcano Videos is one of their properties. I've seen the trending dramas streaming on that app before. The broadcast views never get below a few hundred billion for each episode. The amount of views they get is scary."

Peggy nodded. "They've been investing heavily in expanding their viewer base in these few months. Volcano Videos is already trending as one of the top apps for streaming in the country. Most of the popular movies released nowadays usually choose to premiere at the same time in the cinemas and on Volcano Videos. They do this because their profits by streaming on Volcano Videos can exceed that of what they earn in the cinema." "Even Penguin Group has admitted that they're facing the biggest threat and challenge they have in history. They're trying to imitate Four Seas Corporation by developing their own entertainment projects, but I think they won't be able to exceed Four Seas Corporation in this area."

Jolene's eyes shone brightly as she was quite tempted, but there was still a hint of worry in her voice. "But will Four Seas Corporation sign us under their label? Aren't they afraid of offending Harvey?"

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