

Guardian-In-Law by Five Generals

Chapter 1181

Chapter 1181 Kaze's Spammers

However, none of the calls got through except the one to Sunrise News.

Unfortunately, the response from the person was terrible.

"Can you prove that you are one of the volunteers at the scene? Do you have pictures? Even if you have, it might be edited. Don't you know pictures can be photoshopped?"

*Stop making complaints. Mandy is our ace journalist and an internationally acclaimed reporter. If you continue to slander her, we will take legal measures."

The person threatened the volunteer through the phone.

*They are just playing dumb because they are paid by Lil Dee and his team. There's no way the news outlets will listen to us."

*Now everyone can take pictures and videos. They can't just do whatever they want. We can record our own video to prove that Kaze is a good person!"

The volunteers and soldiers agreed to clear Kaze's name together.

They started to take videos of the scene and explained what really happened. The videos were then posted to different platforms to spread awareness.

Soon, the videos attracted views and comments.

*Another one trying to clear Kaze Lee's name? You guys must be paid. How much per video? I want in too!"

"Are you really a volunteer? It looks fake."

*Kaze Lee's spammers are here. There are like ten thousand of them claiming to be volunteers at the scene." *Disgusting. He really thinks he's that powerful? Kaze and Darcy should just die."

*The internet is not a lawless place. Please stop slandering Lil Dee!"

Be it real or fake accounts, the replies in the comment sections targeted Kaze and defended Lil Dee.

They worked hard to save lives at the flood scene but were criticized by the netizens online who did nothing.

The volunteers and soldiers who defended Kaze felt aggrieved.

*Lee Investment has released a statement. Lil Dee is a celebrity under their entertainment label.

"They do not allow thugs to hurt their celebrity and escape punishment. They urged Kaze to apologize to Lil Dee or will take legal measures to seek justice!"

The moment the statement was released, it went viral.

Lee Investment received overwhelming support from the netizens.

Some listed companies, backed by Lee Investment, saw a surge in share prices.

"Kaze, shouldn't you do something? Are you just going to watch them destroy your name?"

A girl from the volunteer group felt bad for Kaze.

The volunteers felt extremely helpless and aggrieved because they knew the truth but were unable to change public opinion.

Kaze was unusually calm.

He gave the girl a pack of tissues and said with a smile, "It's going to be fine. They are just some frogs jumping around. They won't do any harm.

"Let's go back to work. I don't care what people say about me. Only when we unite, can we overcome this crisis." Everyone was rendered speechless by Kaze's calmness, but they were encouraged by his words.

They put their phones away and continued the rescue operation.

It was then Kaze's phone rang.

When he answered it, Jennifer's frosty voice said, "Mr. Lee, is this how you promote our company?!"

Chapter 1182

Chapter 1182 Investment Firm's Idea

"What's the matter, Jennifer?" Kaze asked with furrowed brows.

Jennifer questioned him with an unfriendly tone the moment the call got through. She must have seen the news online.

"What's the matter? You hitting Lil Dee is on the news again! Everything about you, your background, what you have done, everything is revealed online!

*You volunteered at the flood scene on behalf of our firm. Even if you want to take revenge or anything, can you pick another time? Can you consider our firm first before you act recklessly?!"

Jennifer was furious. She was speechless after what happened. She even had complaints about Miru as the chairwoman of the firm.

She did not know why Miru would make Kaze the CEO.

Even when Kaze was no longer the CEO, he could still cause problems.

He had joined the firm for a while now. Not only did he fail to secure any investment opportunity, but he also caused more problems than he should have. The firm had suffered a moderate amount of losses.

Kaze knew Jennifer was angry at him, so he wisely chose to stay quiet.

After Jennifer was done, he said calmly, "I didn't take revenge on anyone. He's the one trying to frame me. Don't worry, Jennifer. Those little frogs can't jump around for long.

*As for investment opportunities, the ones that we lost were not exactly the best ones, so no worries. Their project managers are easily affected by rumors and false information. I'll get a few more investment opportunities for our firm in the future and I assure you they will be good ones."

Hudson Investment Firm invested in a lot of tech startups.

If any one of the startups successfully progressed through the incubation period, the firm would see a sizable earning.

Since Kaze was a shareholder of many tech companies and had resources, securing investment opportunities would be a piece of cake for him.

Hmph!

Jennifer did not take Kaze seriously at all. She said, "We'll talk about that later. You should focus on how to settle this matter. Control it before it snowballs out of hand. Do not tarnish our firm's reputation!"

"You and the other employees participated in this rescue operation under the banner of Red Star Charity, one of the NGOs under Lilyrose Commerce Guild. Now Red Star is being bashed because of your actions.

"I've received a call from the guild and they want you to publicly apologize to Lil Dee. They will assist you..."

Kaze rejected Jennifer before she could even finish.

He said, "Jennifer, I did nothing wrong. Why should I apologize? Tell Red Star that I say no. I'm sorry if my actions hurt their reputation and I will do whatever I can to compensate them."

Jennifer was stunned. She explained everything to Kaze but Kaze did not understand a word she said.

"Kaze, what's wrong with apologizing? You won't die. We are trying to solve the problem with the least amount of effort. Why must you be so stubborn about it?"

"Lee Investment's statement clearly stated that if you don't apologize, they will take legal measures!" Jennifer's tone grew colder, saying, "This isn't just the guild and Red Star's idea. It is also our firm's idea."

Chapter 1183

Chapter 1183 Volunteer Fired

Kaze's gaze grew cold when he heard Jennifer.

Jennifer and the Lilyrose Commerce Guild might not know Lee Investment's schemes, but Kaze knew everything about it.

The so-called legal measure was total nonsense.

The news media distorted the truth and even if Lee Investment wanted to take legal measures, they would not win the case.

If Kaze fell under pressure and apologized, then he would live with the accusation for life.

Moreover, Lee Investment wanted him to apologize so that they could insult and humiliate him.

Kaze was certain that once he apologized, it would be the start of a series of problems, not the end of this one.

*The firm's idea? Jennifer, do you think you represent the firm? I'm just temporarily relieved of my duty as CEO. I can go back whenever I want."

Jennifer believed apologizing was the simplest solution, so she did not treat Kaze with any respect when talking to him.

The more Kaze tolerated Jennifer's attitude, the more she would take advantage of him.

"Kaze Lee, you!"

Jennifer did not expect such resilience from Kaze. She was furious when she heard the rejection.

"I'm not apologizing. That's it. I still have people to save."

Kaze did not care how angry Jennifer was. He hung up the phone without giving her the chance to speak.

"Are you Kaze Lee?"

While Kaze was busy evacuating the people, several men in red vests, looking strong and confident, came over to Kaze with the least friendly gaze.

*I am. Who are you?" Kaze asked.

The leader was a young woman with glasses. She said firmly, "I am the person in charge from Red Star Charity, Yelena Kosky. I am here to notify you that you are fired from our volunteer group."

The volunteers and soldiers who heard Yelena were stunned and quickly gathered around.

"What? Why are you firing Kaze? Kaze did the most work, he's eager to help and with him around, we all felt more energetic and inspired!"

"Yeah! Ms. Kosky, you can't fall for the comments online. They are accusing Kaze. We can't just abandon him now!"

The volunteers and soldiers voiced out to defend Kaze.

Yelena glared at the volunteers with a frosty gaze and said, "Red Star Charity has been serving Lilyrose for more than a decade. We cannot allow someone like Kaze to tarnish our reputation. He must be fired.

*Those who defend him will be seen as accomplices. Do you want to continue serving? If not, leave your vest and you can walk away.

*I can release a recruitment notice and more people will join us."

Yelena's words defeated the volunteers' confidence.

They volunteered not because of money and fame. They did all the hard work because they wanted to serve the

community and help people.

However, Yelena tried to get rid of them by calling them accomplices to Kaze, which he did nothing wrong.

"If you don't want us, we'll go. I finally see the true colors of Red Star Charity. You people are the ones trying to take advantage of charity!"

"Yeah! Without this vest, I can still help and save people!"

Some volunteers wanted to take off the vests on them.

Yelena grinned and grunted. She said, "The rescue operation is organized by Red Star and Red Star only. Without the vest, you won't even get close to the flood area!"

Chapter 1184

Chapter 1184 Lilyrose Commerce Guild

Yelena was not afraid at all.

She had absolute power in Red Star Charity and if anyone wanted to quit, they were more than welcome to.

"Why do we need your permission? What nonsense is that?"

The volunteers were angry. Some of the ladies even cried.

They were still university students and this might be the first time they encountered the darkness of society.

"You want to fire me? Fine, I'll just go."

Kaze then took off his red vest.

He then said to the crying university students, "It's okay. We are volunteering for the better good, not for show. Don't worry, I'll give everyone an explanation soon and I assure you the sweat and tears you shed won't be for nothing!"

The flood remained an issue. Kaze did not want the volunteers to leave their position because the situation needed more manpower instead of the other way around.

Victims needed to be rescued, so he decided to step down for the moment.

He gave the red vest to one of Yelena's men and then said coldly, "Yelena Kosky, the person in charge of Red Star Charity. I'll remember you."

*A piece of advice: try not to give the volunteers a hard time and think more about your future. Today will be the last day of you holding this position."

Kaze then walked away.

*Hmph! You are just the chairman of Shangrila Group, not the chairman of the world. My uncle is Yuri Kosky, and you are nothing compared to him. I'm not afraid of you!"

Yelena did not take Kaze seriously. She continued to mock him as he walked away.

Kaze ignored her and went home.

After staying up for the whole night at the city council and volunteering at the flood scene, he was exhausted.

However, the moment he arrived home, Agnes bombarded him with her loud voice.

*Kaze, you jerk! Why did you hit Lil Dee again? You want our family to be targeted again? Can you be more considerate of Darcy? She just came back from work after staying up all night. Before she can rest, she has to go out to take care of your shit!"

Kaze stayed quiet and accepted Agnes' scolding.

However, he was concerned when he heard about Darcy. He asked, "Darcy?"

"What? Now only you remember that you have a wife? You've been out all night!"

Agnes stomped angrily and said, "She received a call from the president of the Lilyrose Commerce Guild, so she went to meet him."

President of Lilyrose Commerce Guild?

Kaze had never heard of this person before.

He went outside immediately and made a call to Snow.

*Snow, where is the HQ of Lilyrose Commerce Guild? I want to know everything about its president."

He then got into his car and drove out of the house.

When he drove out of the residential district, he received an update from Snow.

*Mr. Chairman, the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild is Yuri Kosky, one of the earliest entrepreneurs in Lilyrose. Even though his wealth is incomparable to the current market and was no longer the richest man in the city, as the pioneer of the Lilyrose market, he was respected by many.

*He is also well-connected and because of that, he was elected as the president of the local commerce guild.

*The top three families including the Vikroms, Logmans, and Joestars are part of the guild. However, the top three families did not like Yuri Kosky that much, so the guild wasn't able to make its name known in the city.

*Recently, the guild has grown more active and is making a lot of big movements. It was said that the Four Ocean Commerce Guild showed intentions of merging all the guilds in different cities, making them a branch. Yuri Kosky intended to make Lilyrose Commerce Guild the first guild to merge with the Four Ocean Commerce Guild,"

Chapter 1185

Chapter 1185 President Yuri Kosky

The Four Ocean Commerce Guild had grown more ambitious.

Not only did they aim to become the titan of Sunrise City's business world, but they also started to extend their reach toward other cities, expanding their influence.

However, their expansion was not a concerning matter.

"I got it."

Kaze hung up the phone and headed to the address provided.

The HQ of Lilyrose Commerce Guild was right above Dynasty Hotel.

The sixth floor was rented by the guild as its working space so that it could also welcome guests and host meetings.

Darcy arrived earlier than Kaze.

The employee led her into the president's office.

When she entered, she saw Yuri sitting on the black leather couch.

Mr. Kosky, I'm Darcy Quint. Nice to meet you.

Darcy went up to greet the man and bowed. She always maintained a basic level of respect for people older than her.

Yuri was in his 50s but his hair had started to turn gray.

He smiled and waved at Darcy. "Ms. Quint, make yourself at home. I'm just an old man now, unlike you being the chairwoman of two companies. I guess the only thing I have is my age.

"When I started my company, your grandmother had already started Quintessential Group. Like many others, I received help from her. Many others whom she helped had accomplished amazing feats, some even became the richest men.

*As for Quintessential Group, I guess it's just fate...

Despite his humble tone, he did not get up from his leather couch.

Darcy felt sentimental as well when she thought about Quintessential Group's current situation.

The company was one of the strongest and affluent when Darcy's grandmother was in power.

Now, it was as good as dead.

Even the Quints, except for Darcy and her parents, had changed their last names to Vinland, which made them a joke of the century.

However, Darcy got news about the Vinlands holding Hudson responsible for all the things he did, including forcing the Quints to change their last names.

Some even suggested changing their names back to Quints, which was good news.

With the messy thoughts put aside, Darcy said, "Mr. President, I wonder why you want to meet me."

"It's a long story. Let me introduce you to a few people."

Yuri shot a gaze at his student, Lawson Locker.

Lawson was an executive in the guild. He said coldly, "Ms. Quint, this is about your husband.

*Your husband hit Lil Dee, a celebrity under the Lee Investment's banner and it created a bad influence online. I

supposed you've heard of it."

"I do." Darcy nodded. She already knew what happened on the way here but she did not get the chance to ask Kaze about it.

Lawson continued, "Ms. Quint, this time, it's not only online but it even affected our guild and the Red Star Charity. Our reputations are tainted.

*Red Star Charity organized the rescue operation and your husband, as a volunteer, did something bad.

*Red Star's reputation and achievements over the past decade are now tainted because of his actions. The losses are immeasurable.

"Don't forget about the guild. Your husband is the chairman of Shangrila Group. Although not one of us yet, keeping the market clean and maintaining a positive image is our duty.

*Due to your husband's violent act, all our efforts throughout the years are going down the drain."

Chapter 1186

Chapter 1186 Darcy Is a Member

Lawson did not hold back in criticizing Kaze.

As he counted Kaze's misdeeds, the pressure on Darcy's shoulder grew heavier.

She bowed apologetically and said, "Mr. President, I'm sorry that Kaze's actions hurt the guild's reputation. I am truly sorry about that."

Yuri did not reply.

Lawson continued, "Ms. Quint, apologizing to us doesn't make up for the mistakes. The Lee Investment has released a statement, demanding your husband's apology.

"But since your husband is disrespectful. He declined the request we made through Red Star Charity. We contacted Shangrila Group but we didn't get an answer. He really thinks he's above us.

"We can't do anything to him since he's not a guild member but you are different, Ms. Quint. You are a member of Lilyrose Commerce Guild. Shouldn't you be his role model and shoulder the responsibility?"

Darcy did not try to argue this time because she was indeed a member of the guild.

They got to her a while ago and invited her to join.

Darcy did not think much back then. Since she was in the business world, it was inevitable for her to join all kinds of bigger organizations for better opportunities and connections.

However, the moment she signed the contract, it allowed the guild to have an excuse to order her around.

"What does the guild want me to do?" Darcy asked.

Lawson said, "It's simple. Ask your husband to apologize to Lil Dee."

Darcy glanced at Yuri but the man did not say a word.

His poker face shielded his true thoughts from Darcy.

*Ms. Quint, stop being hesitant about it. Can you do it, or not?" Lawson said condescendingly, trying to force Darcy into submission.

He was actually delighted.

Lilyrose Commerce Guild was never relevant. Being an executive of the guild did not grant Lawson any power either.

Now, he could use his identity to force Darcy, a beautiful and famous chairwoman, into submission. The sense of achievement aroused him.

It was a good cop, bad cop situation; Lawson being the bad cop, and Yuri the good cop.

Darcy said, "Mr. President, Mr. Locker, I'm sorry but I cannot give you an immediate answer. I don't know what really happened and it's too soon to jump to conclusions. I believe Kaze won't raise his fist without solid reasons. I cannot ask him to apologize now."

Her previous experience taught her that apologizing is an admission of fault.

Once Kaze apologized following an accusation, it would stick with him for life.

Words could be as sharp as swords, killing one secretly.

The pressure from the people could crush Darcy and her family easily.

Upon hearing her reply, not only Lawson's expression turned grim, but even Yuri furrowed his brows.

"Ms. Quint, this is slowly getting out of hand and you are still wondering who did wrong? Apologizing to solve the

problem is our priority. What is so hard about that?" Yuri said with strong dissatisfaction. Samson called him earlier, requesting him to pressure Darcy into making Kaze apologize. He knew this would be a chance to gain Samson's favor, so he confidently agreed. Now that Darcy refused, he might not be able to provide a satisfying answer to Samson.

Chapter 1187

Chapter 1187 Darcy Insists

"I'm terribly sorry about that, Mr. President. I am just trying to be reasonable. I know this world isn't black and white, there's always a gray area but sometimes, it's very clear."

Darcy maintained the same level of respect for Yuri while sounding stern.

Yuri grunted. He wanted to lash out at Darcy but then a woman with glasses came into the room in a hurry.

*Uncle Yuri! You have to help me! You have no idea how arrogant that useless Kaze Lee was! I fired him and he threatened me! He said today is the last day of me being the person in charge of Red Star Charity.

"I mentioned your name but he isn't afraid at all. He shows no respect for you!"

The woman did not even look at Darcy. The moment she came in, she voiced her complaints to Yuri.

She was none other than Yelena, the person in charge of Red Star Charity who had just fired Kaze earlier at the slums.

Red Star Charity was founded and funded by Lilyrose Commerce Guild and Yelena was able to become the person in charge because of her uncle.

Yuri looked angry. "He really said something like that?"

"I'm not lying. There were so many volunteers at the scene and he showed no respect to me, or you. Uncle Yuri, you have to help me. I can't just let this slip!"

Yelena tugged Yuri's sleeve, begging. She then noticed Darcy standing beside her.

"Uncle Yuri, who is this?"

The moment she laid eyes on Darcy, an unknown jealousy rose from her heart.

Darcy's beauty and her confident aura overshadowed Yelena's entire being.

*Yelena, this is Darcy Quint, Kaze Lee's wife and also the chairwoman of Sky Ocean Corporation," Lawson said with a hint of flattery.

He knew Yelena had always been Yuri's favorite, spoiling the girl rotten.

Therefore, he had been trying to ask her out, so he could inherit Yuri's power and resources.

"What? You are that useless trash's wife?"

Yelena widened her eyes. She got up and went over to Darcy.

"No wonder Kaze Lee was that arrogant. It's because of you. The chairwoman of Sky Ocean Corporation? It's nothing!"

*Now you are here, bowing and asking for my uncle's understanding. Your husband offended me. Now I will teach you a lesson first before I get him!"

Yuri's unconditional love for Yelena made her a spoiled princess.

She raised her hand and wanted to slap Darcy.

Darcy did not expect Yelena to be so unreasonable. The sudden slap caught her off guard.

Slap!

Darcy's face was imprinted with a palm mark.

She cried in pain as she faltered backward with her face covered. She glared at Yelena and bellowed, "What is the meaning of this?!"

"I slapped you, that's what. And there's nothing you can do about it."

Yelena went closer to Darcy, trying to slap her a second time.

*You must be having a death wish."

Suddenly, the door was kicked down and an angry person rushed in. "Aaah!"

Yelena screamed as she was slapped away by the person.

Chapter 1188

Chapter 1188 Bastard

"Yelena!"

Yuri cried in shock when Yelena was sent flying by the slap.

He slammed the table and bolted up. He shouted, "Who the hell are you?! How dare you slap Yelena?!"

*Are you okay, Darcy?"

Kaze ignored Yuri entirely and was fully concentrated on Darcy.

"I'm fine."

Darcy stroked her cheek as she looked at Yelena who was crying and twirling on the floor. She suddenly felt a lot better, physically and mentally.

Being ignored, Yuri was furious. He bellowed, "So you are the useless trash Kaze Lee?"

"Who the hell are you, old geezer?" Kaze looked at Yuri.

Yuri's expression turned grim.

Lawson went over to help Yelena up and bellowed, "How dare you! This is President Yuri Kosky of Lilyrose Commerce Guild! How dare you disrespect him?"

*President Yuri Kosky?"

Kaze glanced at Yelena and asked, "This little bitch-she is also named Kosky. Is she your illegitimate daughter?" *Kaze Lee! Watch your words!"

Lawson shouted, "Yelena is our president's niece! Mr. President is a righteous man and you shall not slander him! Apologize now!"

"Oh, it seemed like I was wrong." Kaze nodded.

Yuri's grim expression softened. He thought Kaze would be scared after learning his identity, but what Kaze said made him even angrier.

Kaze added, "This little bitch here is arrogant and disrespectful. I thought she didn't have parents to teach her proper manners, which led me to assume she was someone's illegitimate daughter.

"If she has parents, why wasn't she taught properly?"

Kaze looked at the angry Yuri while humiliating him and Yelena in a frivolous tone.

Darcy covered her mouth and held her laughter back.

Her face was still burning but she was happy that Kaze came to her rescue.

Kaze never used such harsh words; the only exception was when he wanted to protect her.

"How dare you!"

Yuri pointed at Kaze with his shaking finger. He almost passed out due to the extreme emotions.

"Aaaargh!"

Yelena screamed and stomped, saying, "Uncle Yuri, you must avenge me! He slapped me and called me your illegitimate daughter! He doesn't respect you at all!"

She shouted like a mad woman but she dared not get close to Kaze at all.

Her face was swollen from Kaze's slap.

Yuri caught a few breaths and quickly calmed himself down, knowing well enough that Kaze was just trying to provoke him.

The situation would only snowball the angrier he got.

He looked at Kaze emotionlessly and said, "Young man, I know you are the chairman of Shangrila Group. When I was your age, I was cleaning shoes for people on the street.

"I lived twice your lifetime and you dare challenge me? You even struck my niece. I will make you pay for that!"

Yuri sounded unusually calm as he exerted pressure on Kaze.

He was the pioneer of the business world in Lilyrose and it had been many years since he started his business.

He gained a strong aura from the experience he got.

*Kaze Lee, you made the president angry!"

Lawson pointed at Kaze and shouted, "It has been a while since the president is this mad!"

Chapter 1189

Chapter 1189 Can't Hit a Woman? What About a Man?

"Kaze Lee, kneel and apologize to Yelena and the president, and maybe the president will forgive you."

Darcy was furious when she heard Lawson,

She was also struck yet Kaze had to apologize.

Kaze ignored Lawson completely and said, "President Kosky, is this your idea?"

"Of course."

Seeing signs of Kaze's submission, Yuri took a deep breath and sat back on the couch.

He took a sip of tea and said, "You made a mistake and if you want forgiveness, of course you have to ask for it."

"Kneeling and apologizing is only for what you did to Yelena. As for my forgiveness, it will depend on your performance and attitude."

In just two short minutes since the meeting, Yuri knew that Kaze was a proud person.

Therefore, he wanted to use this opportunity to blunt his edge.

If he succeeded, Kaze and Darcy would accept his demands and apologize to Lil Dee and Lee Investment.

Samson would then owe him a favor.

"Mistake? What did I do wrong?" Kaze said coldly.

"President Kosky, your man said you are righteous and respectable. I'd like to ask you why you didn't stop Yelena from slapping my wife."

"Shouldn't the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild stop injustice from happening? Yelena is just a person in charge of an NGO, but my wife is the chairwoman of two companies. I don't understand how she gained the confidence to slap my wife. Who fueled her confidence?"

"Now that I slapped her, you tried to oppress me with your identity? Is this so-called righteous and respectable?"

Kaze fired a barrage of questions at Yuri.

Yelena was furious when Kaze mocked her. She shouted, "You piece of shit! Yeah, I hit your wife. So what? Chairwoman of two companies.."

"Yelena!" Yuri bellowed.

He then looked at Kaze and said, "Young man, she's just an energetic young woman and she was agitated because of your actions at the flood scene. I couldn't stop her in time."

"Besides, Yelena is a girl. How hard could she have slapped your wife? You, as a man, slapped a girl. One slap and she was sent flying. And you still think you did nothing wrong?"

Yelena was agitated? He did not stop her in time?

Yelena could slap anyone she wanted because she was a girl?

Yet Kaze could not avenge his wife because he was a man?

Kaze found Yuri's double standards amusing. He scoffed, "To me, it's all about equality. Anyone who tries to hurt my wife shall be punished."

"Young man, I am trying to reason with you but you are not even listening."

Yuri's expression turned grim. He said angrily, "I look down on men who hit women."

"Fine. You're right."

Kaze did not want to waste his time with the hypocritical old man. He walked closer and said, "If I can't hit a woman, I can hit a man, right?"

"Other than me, there are two more men in this room. I don't want to waste time on that guy over there, so you are the only one left."

Yuri's brows raised upon hearing Kaze.

Kaze wanted to hit him!

Chapter 1190

Chapter 1190 Slap Faces

Kaze's words not only surprised Yuri but also everyone in the room.

One of the pioneers in Lilyrose behind the city thriving now, Yuri Kosky was the first richest man in the city and the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild who was respected by many.

Kaze must have all the nerve in the world to want to hit him.

"Kaze, no..

Darcy wanted to stop Kaze. She knew if Kaze struck Yuri, things would certainly spiral out of hand.

People were already criticizing him for hitting Lil Dee and if this happened, things would be chaotic.

"It's fine, Darcy. He's just an old man trying to use his experience as an advantage. If I hit him, nothing will happen."

Kaze said without even looking at Darcy and continued moving closer to Yuri.

Lawson immediately jumped in front of Yuri and blocked Kaze.

"Kaze, know your place! Who the hell are you, trying to hit the president? Based on what you said to the president, you will lose everything here in Lilyrose!"

Lawson shouted at Kaze, trying to stop him.

"You done? Get out of my face."

Kaze shot a glance at him and slapped him out of the way.

The man had been blabbering from the moment Kaze came in.

Kaze tried his best to ignore him but he kept challenging Kaze's patience. "Aaaargh!*

Lawson was slapped to the floor and blood gushed from his mouth.

No one else was in between Kaze and Yuri.

Yuri clenched his teacup tightly. He was nervous but he did not want to reveal fear in front of someone younger than him.

He remained seated, trying to look calm and strong like a mountain.

He did not even want to look at Kaze.

He looked down and moved his cup closer to his lips. He said, "Young man, I'd like to see if you have the nerve to..."

Slap!

Kaze slapped him in the face mid-sentence.

Everyone in the room was shocked. They were silenced.

Kaze really slapped Yuri in the face.

The slap turned Yuri's face to the side and caused the teacup to fall from his hands.

Tea spilled and splashed on his face.

Crank!

The teacup broke into pieces on the floor and the noise brought everyone back from their astonishment.

"How dare you!?"

Yuri looked up in shock, glaring at Kaze. His eyes were burning with the flames of anger.

"Why wouldn't I? Don't believe it? Want another slap?*

Kaze smiled and slapped him on the other side of the face.

The slap turned Yuri's face to the opposite side.

"You-"

Slap!

The moment Yuri opened his mouth, Kaze's third slap landed.

"Shut up. Even if you are the president, I can slap you whenever I want."

Kaze slapped him again.

Slap!

"What are you going to accuse me of this time? Disrespecting a senior citizen?"

Slap!

"You guys have the power right? To say whatever you like? Me slapping an old man. Actually, there are good and bad old men."

Slap!

"I hate bad old men like you. You are worse than Trent Fuller, but you are as nonsensical as him, trying to take advantage of your age and experience to bully the young ones."

Slap!

Each sentence from Kaze was followed with a slap on Yun's face.

The slaps soon sounded like a sonata in a concert hall, played by Kaze using the slaps on Yuri's face.

Chapter 1191

Chapter 1191 Play Dead

Yuri's mind went blank after the slapping spree.

He could not resist the whole time Kaze was slapping him.

*Kaze Lee, stop it! You are going to kill him!"

Lawson's terrified voice came from behind, shouting at Kaze. He was a few feet away, afraid that he would be slapped again.

He was struck earlier and knew how painful it was.

Yuri was a man in his fifties. How many more slaps could he take from Kaze?

Kaze controlled his strength nicely. Even though the slaps were painful, they were not strong enough to kill Yuri.

He finally stopped after his anger vented and saw Yuri almost passed out.

Thump!

Kaze released Yuri, allowing the man to fall to the floor.

Kaze had to hold the man up during the barrage of slaps or else the man would have collapsed on the couch.

Yelena and Lawson came over immediately after Kaze stopped. They quickly helped Yuri up from the floor. *Uncle Yuri, are you okay? Don't die!"

*Mr. President, hang in there! I'm calling the ambulance!"

Yelena and Lawson shook Yuri's body, trying to keep him conscious.

Kaze watched coldly. He said, "Old geezer, do you even know humility? Are you trying to play dead and then accuse me of that? You want two more slaps?"

Huh?

Yelena and Lawson were stunned.

Was Yuri playing dead?

The man finally opened his eyes. His lifeless body suddenly regained vitality and got up.

He actually was afraid to continue playing dead.

"You little jerk! You little bastard!" Yuri shouted madly.

Blood trickled from the corner of his mouth and tainted his white beard red.

He was not young anymore but he was slapped multiple times by someone younger than him.

To him, Kaze was just a punk who was not even thirty years old, yet he got slapped.

If the news got out, he would be embarrassed.

He could not face his niece, employees, and even the public.

Therefore, he thought of playing dead to escape the embarrassment.

Unfortunately, his little trick was seen through easily.

He was ashamed. How could Kaze be such a prick?

He shouted, venting his emotions and grievance.

He breathed heavily as he glared at Kaze, saying, "You little bastard! You hit me!? You hit the president of Lilyrose

Commerce Guild?

"You disrespect the guild and all the companies in Lilyrose! You are challenging everyone's pride! Do you know the consequences? From today onward, this city has no place for you and your wife!"

Darcy knew things had gotten out of hand.

Yuri was the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild and he was able to represent all the members of the guild to a certain extent.

Once he decided to make this public, as members of the guild whether willing or not, the other companies would surely take his side and condemn Kaze's actions.

Kaze was literally challenging the entire guild!

Chapter 1192

Chapter 1192 Gave You a Chance

*Old geezer, are you really going to go all out?"

Kaze was as calm as always. He even smiled and said, "Thankfully I am prepared. I knew things wouldn't end with me slapping you."

*You little bastard! You are not all that stupid after all."

Yuri wiped the blood off his lips and clenched his teeth. He said, "I will have you know how disastrous it will be for slapping me."

Kaze somehow became Yuri's archnemesis.

Had Kaze not slapped him, he would have jumped Kaze and strangled him alive.

"Disastrous? Are they more severe than this hundred-year storm?"

Kaze went up and grabbed Yuri to throw him to the side. He then signaled and said to Darcy, "Darcy, come here." "What?"

Not knowing what Kaze was trying to do, Darcy went over.

*Yuri Kosky is an old man who has forgotten his manners. He didn't even offer you a seat when you arrived. This is your seat."

Kaze then had Darcy sit on Yuri's couch.

*You must be thirsty. I'll go make you some tea."

Kaze then poured some tea into a new cup for Darcy before pouring it for himself.

Yuri, Yelena, and Lawson could not do anything but watch Kaze make himself at home. They were furious but dared not say a word, let alone stop him physically.

Kaze's foot was on top of Yuri's chest throughout the process.

They were afraid that Kaze might kill Yuri if he was provoked.

Kaze then lifted his foot off Yuri's chest. He sat down beside Darcy with his cup of tea.

*This cinnamon tea is nice." He took a sip and then looked at Yuri.

*Disastrous right? I'm waiting. Make whatever calls you need. I don't care who you call, one of the guild members or even Samson Hobbs. Don't say I didn't give you a chance."

From the moment Yelena fired him from volunteering, Kaze knew they were one with Samson and Lee Investment. Yuri called Darcy because he wanted to pressure her to make him apologize. It only verified his thoughts even more.

Yuri raised his brows. He did not know what fueled Kaze's confidence, but he could not just let this slip.

He said coldly, "Little bastard, I don't need Mr. Hobbs to stomp on you. The members of our guild are enough to pressure you and your wife!"

He would never tell Kaze that he was not powerful enough to ask Samson for help.

He then signaled Lawson and said, "Call all the members of our guild."

Yuri was prepared to go all out to make sure Kaze paid for his mistakes.

He was confident that all the members within Lilyrose would come forth to assist him.

*Yes, sir!"

Lawson looked at Kaze as if he was already dead. He then went off to make the calls.

Yelena looked at Kaze viciously and said, "You piece of shit! You are dying and you still have time for tea? You'll choke!"

*Shut up!"

Kaze shot a glance at her and then raised the cup in his hand.

Splash!

The hot tea splashed on Yelena's face, causing her to scream painfully.

Chapter 1193

Chapter 1193 Reinforcements

Fortunately, the cup of tea was not enough to disfigure Yelena.

*Uncle Yuri! This bastard splashed hot tea at me! Kill him! Kill him!"

Yelena dared not challenge Kaze alone anymore. She stepped away and begged her uncle to avenge her.

Yuri stared at Kaze coldly and said, "Yelena, don't worry. When the members of the guild arrive, this little bastard will be dead.

"Many top companies are members. This little bastard here has no idea how powerful they are!"

He was calming Yelena down and threatening Kaze at the same time.

Kaze was unfazed. He sat down calmly and made more tea for himself and Darcy.

"Mr. President, I've called them!"

A moment later, Lawson came back with his phone.

Yuri glanced at Kaze before he asked, "How many of them refused to come, mark their names. After I get Kaze Lee, I'll go after them. They will be kicked out of the guild."

He actually wanted to know how many members would show up because it reflected his connections and reputation.

"Mr. President, we don't need to mark any names down."

Lawson said excitedly. "I've called several first-tier family heads and told them this little bastard wrecked the guild's HQ and slapped you. The moment they heard you were slapped, they agreed to come.

*The other members in the city are making their way here as well. Some already arrived at the hotel lobby." *Hahaha!" Yuri cackled.

He turned to Kaze and said arrogantly, "You hear that, little bastard! This is my power, my authority. I am the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild and I can summon reinforcements with just a few calls!

*You were proud and arrogant, weren't you? You slapped me multiple times, didn't you? When the members are here, I will make each of them slap you, until your face falls off!"

Yuri's laughter echoed across the room. He was finally able to vent his grievance after being slapped.

*Kaze Lee, don't just sit there. Say something. You are going to die soon, are you sure you want to keep quiet?"

Yelena and Lawson mocked him as well. They could already picture the scene where the members slapped Kaze's face off.

Kaze did not utter a word despite being mocked. He did not even look at them.

He continued to enjoy tea with Darcy and even refilled her cup when she finished.

It felt like Darcy was the only one that mattered to him.

*They are here!"

A while later, hurried footsteps came from the outside.

Yuri, Yelena, and Lawson were over the moon.

A group of people swarmed into the room.

Yelena widened her grin when she saw them. She then looked at Kaze and introduced them one by one.

*Bernard Vikrom, head of the Vikrom family!"

*Peter Logman, head of the Logman family!"

*Jack Joestar, head of the Joestar family!"

*Lewis Hamilton, chairman of the government financing platform!

Chapter 1194

Chapter 1194 Leave the Guild

More than a hundred members of the guild, all influential figures in their respective fields, arrived.

Under the lead of Bernard, Peter, and Jack, they all swarmed into the room, which was the HQ of Lilyrose Commerce Guild.

Not even the founding day of the guild saw this many people.

It was a grand scene to behold and Yuri was absolutely flattered and honored. His lips and bloodstained beard were twitching in excitement.

Yelena and Lawson were thrilled as well. They had never seen such a scene before.

With the signal from Yuri, Lawson stepped up.

*Members of Lilyrose Commerce Guild, I summoned all of you today because our president, Yuri Kosky, was slapped by someone, in this place, the HQ of the guild!

"Look at the president's face! It was that little bastard who did it! The president is a pioneer in the business field and a reputable elder, yet that punk slapped him multiple times!

"I believe many of you are around the same age as our president. So, if we don't make the culprit pay for his actions today, he will only get worse in the future and maybe you will be next!

"We must make an example out of him! Punish him in the worst way possible!" Lawson gave a motivational speech and instigated the members to target Kaze.

In just a few sentences, he painted Kaze as the villain.

"Yeah! Crush him!"

Yelena echoed and voiced her hatred for Kaze. "My uncle is the pioneer in this field, the earliest richest man in the city, and the respectable guild president! He set a strong foundation for the city's market to grow and thrive!

*That bastard slapped my uncle. He challenged not only the guild but all of you here! We cannot let him go this easily!

"My uncle said all of you must slap him until his face falls off! Mr. Vikrom, Mr. Logman, and Mr. Joestar, I think you should start!"

Yelena commanded the three heads of families.

She really thought her uncle, Yuri, was the boss of all of them.

Bernard stepped forward to have a look at the couch and then went over to Yuri.

*President Kosky, is this really your request?"

"Yes!"

Yuri stood up with his hands behind his back. He said, "I am the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild, the face of the guild, you guys should..."

Slap!

Suddenly, Bernard slapped the man on his face, shoving his words back into his throat.

The sudden slap stunned Yuri, Yelena, and Lawson.

What?

Bernard must have lost his mind.

He should be slapping Kaze, not the president of the guild.

Yuri covered his face and shouted, "Bernard Vikrom, w-what is the meaning of this? Are you trying to defy the guild? I am the president!"

*The Vikrom family officially leaves the guild from this moment onward!" Bernard said before he stepped down. Yuri bellowed, "W-What the..."

Slap!

Another slap landed on his face.

*The Logman family leaves as well."

Peter also slapped Yuri in the face.

*So does the Joestar family."

Jack stepped forward, slapped Yuri, and stepped aside.

"I quit as well."

Lewis, the chairman of the local government financing platform, did the same.

Chapter 1195

Chapter 1195 Reinforcements Embarrassed

After four consecutive slaps, not only was Yuri stunned, but the other members of the three families were also frozen.

They looked at each other before they looked at the three heads of families and Lewis.

Then, they saw the person on the couch, who was enjoying his tea as if he was not part of the conflict.

Slap!

Another member went up to slap Yuri.

"I'm leaving!"

"I quit!"

"Me too!"

Each slap was followed by their exit from the guild.

In just a blink of an eye, Yuri got slapped a dozen times again. His body finally collapsed on the floor, his gaze turned blank.

His face was swollen after being slapped innumerable times.

The other members were still coming and if this continued, Yuri might be slapped to death.

Bernard felt sorry for the man. He frowned and said, "Guys, don't just slap the man. There's also his niece and the guild's exec."

The niece and guild's exec?

Yelena and Lawson could not even react in time and they were surrounded.

Slap!

The slap marked the start of a series of ruthless and insulting slaps on Yelena and Lawson.

The two of them were assaulted countless times.

They cried, they begged but nothing they said worked as the slaps continued.

All the members would slap them and then declare their exit from the guild.

After the slaps, Yelena and Lawson fell onto the floor looking lifeless with faces terribly swollen.

Even though they shared the remaining slaps, each of them got around fifty strikes, which was more than what a normal person could handle.

Their souls were slapped out of their bodies. They lay on the floor, staring at the ceiling blankly.

Yuri was also stunned.

Mr. President, is this what you called reinforcements?

Kaze's casual and disdainful voice came from the couch. "I think they are here to slap you instead of me."

Darcy could not hold back her laughter and chuckled.

As a matter of fact, she knew she and Kaze would be fine when Yuri threatened to call the three first-tier heads of families.

She saw it with her own eyes that Kaze lectured the trio like they were kids back at the coffee shop. Nevertheless, she was still surprised.

Yuri summoned more than a hundred members of the guild and they all slapped him, Yelena, and Lawson in the face.

What a dramatic plot twist.

Darcy did not know if Kaze had informed the trio beforehand but what he said to the president was insulting.

Yuri's lips were shaking when he heard Kaze's words and Darcy's chuckle.

H-How? W-What happened?

He grabbed his hair and shouted madly.

He could not understand what happened.

Pity bastard.

Kaze started to feel bad for him. He said, "Bernard, Peter, Jack, you guys can tell him."

"Who do you think you are, Yuri Kosky? How dare you challenge Mr. Lee?"

*You are nonsense to us and Mr. Lee. The president of trash!"

Bernard, Peter, and Jack did not hold back from mocking Yuri.

Chapter 1196

Chapter 1196 Lowlifes

Yuri was beyond help if he still could not take a hint.

The heads of Vikroms, Logmans, and Joestars took orders from Kaze.

Despite learning the truth, Yuri could not wrap his head around the reason.

"It doesn't make any sense! You're just a loser. Why would anyone act on your directions?"

Yuri climbed to his feet in rage and glared at Kaze. "Do you think you can go over my head because these prominent families answer to you, bastard?"

*You are delusional!

"You're idiots, Bernard, Peter. Do you think you can walk all over me?"

"Well, you're underestimating me.

"Do you know that my efforts will push Lilyrose Commerce Guild to become a subsidiary of Four Ocean Commerce Guild? I will become a council member of Four Ocean Commerce Guild.

*Once that happens, prestigious families and financing platforms meant squat to me.

"You will all pay, that includes those who assaulted me."

Yuri shouted manically at everybody.

He had lost it after his members and Kaze slapped his face.

Still, Yuri managed to invoke fear in many.

The mention of Four Ocean Commerce Guild intimidated many members including the three family heads.

Four Ocean Commerce Guild was a business giant.

The organization had influence and control over the commerce of South River state.

Some of the key players like Zel in Sunrise City were onboard the Four Ocean Commerce Guild.

The giant was untouchable to a small city like Lilyrose.

The fact that Yuri would become a council member of Four Ocean Commerce Guild put a strain on the crowd.

Bernard got a grip on himself and grilled with a husky voice, "Did you get our approval before putting Lilyrose Commerce Guild under Four Ocean Commerce Guild, Yuri?"

*You don't get a say in Four Ocean Commerce Guild. You're just yesterday's news. You don't make the decisions," Peter said curtly.

Jack uttered, "Your words mean nothing without our approval."

Yuri grimaced at the put-down.

"Why do we need the approval of lowlifes for the merger between Four Ocean Commerce Guild and Lilyrose Commerce Guild?"

Amid Yuri's awkwardness, a sarcastic voice cut through from outside.

The crowd was taken aback by the cocky statement.

The leaders of the prominent families in Lilyrose were called lowlifes-the audacity of the speaker.

The crowd turned their heads to the door.

Flanked by a haughty group, a man strolled in and looked askance at the crowd.

The crowd was horrified to see the pin the group wore on their chests. It was the emblem of Four Ocean Commerce Guild.

Excited, Yuri fell to his knees right before the man.

"I am Yuri Kosky, the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild. I'm pleased to meet you, Mr. Kang."

Chapter 1198

Chapter 1198 I'm the Lowlife

One moment ago, Max cockily put down the Vikroms, Logmans, and Joestars.

Now, Max dropped to his knees after Kaze asked a question.

No one saw it coming.

Even Darcy's jaw dropped to the ground.

Something must have happened when Kaze went to Landor residential area as Max appeared terrified of him.

Bernard and the others were taken aback.

The members of Lilyrose Commerce Guild were dumbstruck.

Max was the commissary of Four Ocean Commerce Guild.

He basically ran the South River state with a giant like Four Ocean Commerce Guild backing him up. Yet, he kneeled before Kaze.

"Yuri wanted you to kneel, not me, Mr. Lee!" Dismissing the looks all around, Max shouted at Kaze with a crying face.

He did not expect to see Kaze there.

As a witness to the incident in Landor residential area, Max knew how scary the man was.

Even a highbor like Leigh was not saved from Kaze's rough handling, much less Max.

Kaze sat next to Darcy on the sofa with no intention of getting up. He said indifferently, "I was going to wait and see what Four Ocean Commerce Guild's big plans were.

*But you said nothing useful since you walked through the door. All I heard was your bragging.

*You sure are full of hot air, Mr. Kang."

Frightened, Max quivered and replied, "No, no. I wouldn't brag in front of you, Mr. Lee."

"You wouldn't?"

Kaze scoffed. "Mr. Vikrom, Mr. Joestar, and Mr. Logman are old friends of mine. You called them lowlives." Bernard, Peter, and Jack had always stood firm by his side.

They never wavered from their stance even when the Vinlands and the Lees expanded their businesses into Lilyrose.

Kaze wanted to stand up for them.

"No, no. I am the lowlife."

Max shifted his knees to turn around and faced Bernard and the others. "I'm sorry, I should've known better. I'm the lowlife!*

The lips of Bernard, Peter, and Jack tremored.

They were thrilled.

Bernard, Peter, and Jack did not say a peep when Max called them lowlives and tore into their privilege.

Yet, Max ate a humble pie the moment Kaze spoke.

They believed they had pledged their allegiance to the right guy.

Kaze was their lucky star.

"Did you think an apology would cut it?"

Kaze was not going to make things easy for Max.

Max spun around, his knees grazing the floor, and put his face closer to Kaze.

*Feel free to hit me, Mr. Lee. I'm willing to do anything to make you feel better."

Although it was shocking enough that Max kneeled before Kaze in fear, the crowd was still dumbfounded by what just happened.

Max was beyond terrified of Kaze.

Amused, Kaze waved his arm. "I'm tired of hitting today. You can slap yourself."

Smack!

Max slapped himself without another word.

The repeated pounding echoed in the hall.

Ignoring Max, Kaze put down his cup, rose to his feet, and took a few steps forward.

Thump!

Thinking that Kaze would finish him off, Yuri lay low on the ground and pleaded for his life. "I was blind. I was ignorant. Please forgive me, Mr. Lee."

Chapter 1199

Chapter 1199 Darcy as President

Now that Max kneeled before Kaze, Yuri no longer wanted to get into it with Kaze.

However, Kaze walked ahead without looking at Yuri.

Standing still, Kaze stared at Bernard, Jack, Peter, and the members who withdrew their membership from Lilyrose Commerce Guild.

"Mr. Lee."

Close to a hundred members acknowledged Kaze's presence.

Darcy's eyes welled up.

Once upon a time, the public saw Kaze as the loser who mooched off his wife.

Now, Lilyrose's finest entrepreneurs showed respect to Kaze.

"You are so badass today, babe," Darcy murmured while covering her mouth.

Not catching his wife's remark, Kaze said with a smile, "Thank you for the honor. I have met many friends in Lilyrose's business scene."

"We're just doing our part," the group answered.

Kaze waved his arm, and the chatter quieted down. Kaze said, "I humbly seek a favor to rejoin Lilyrose Commerce Guild."

Huh?

Everybody was taken aback by Kaze's request.

The members including Bernard, Peter, and Jack decided there and then to quit the guild because Kaze came into conflict with Yuri.

Yet now, Kaze wanted everybody to rejoin Lilyrose Commerce Guild. What was going on?

Regardless, they were happy to do him the favor.

*The Vikroms formally rejoin Lilyrose Commerce Guild."

*The Logmans too."

*The Joestars as well."

With the three family heads making their stance, the others followed suit.

Kneeling on the ground, Yuri was overjoyed.

"You're a bigger man than I ever am, Mr. Lee. You are able to look past what I have done for the development of Lilyrose. I am a disgrace."

Yuri sucked up while scooting toward Kaze on his knees. He said in glee, "Your membership with Lilyrose Commerce Guild would boost the city's economy.

*I would like to extend a membership invitation to you. You and Ms. Quint could work together as vice presidents."

Thinking Kaze wanted the whole thing to blow over, Yuri extended good graces.

It would be a win-win situation then.

However, Kaze glanced at him and scoffed. "I have no interest in joining Lilyrose Commerce Guild.

"What's the point of being the vice president? You should at least offer the position of the president."

The crowd got the message.

Kaze was trying to push Darcy to become the president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild.

*Ms. Quint is the chairwoman of Quartet Group and Sky Ocean Corporation. She's a model entrepreneur. We, the Vikroms, are in favor of Ms. Quint guiding the guild as president."

*No doubt Ms. Quint is the best person for the job. The Logmans stand behind her too."

The members of Lilyrose Commerce Guild expressed their support.

Darcy was dumbfounded. It never occurred to her that Kaze would appoint her as president of Lilyrose Commerce Guild on a whim.

Kaze cocked his head back and said with a smile, "Since everybody is insisting, I don't think you should just sit there, babe."

Darcy was not one to be pretentious. She took a deep breath and went up to say, "I am aware that I'm not the most experienced. Still, I am humbled by your trust in me.

"I promise that I will do everything I can to contribute to the organization as president."

Yuri was stunned amid the applause and cheering.

He tugged on Kaze's pant leg. "With Ms. Quint becoming the president, what about me, Mr. Lee?"

*You?"

Kaze looked at him and said with a chuckle, "You can resign from Lilyrose Commerce Guild."

Chapter 1200

Chapter 1200 Fundraise

"Huh?"

Yuri slumped to the ground, his eyes losing luster.

It never occurred to him that Kaze would forcefully boot him out of the commerce guild.

Yuri did not know what he was supposed to do now.

All members of Lilyrose Commerce Guild looked at Kaze as their leader.

Max, the representative of Four Ocean Commerce Guild, kneeled near the sofa and kept slapping himself.

Yuri fell into despair.

Kaze had decided his fate.

Yuri did not even have a chance to retaliate.

*Take your niece and students and leave."

Without looking at Yuri, Kaze said his piece and went to Max.

With his back facing the crowd, Max whipped his face to the point of bleeding.

However, Max dared not stop until Kaze said so.

*That's enough."

Kaze's voice from the back was a godsend.

Max put down his sore arm and turned to face Kaze with a swollen face. He said, "Is there anything else I can do for you, Mr. Lee?"

"How's the vehicle ownership transfer coming along?" Kaze asked while taking a sip of tea.

Max bowed and scraped. "I'm on top of it, but the paperwork for any sports car worth over fifty million dollars is tedious and time-consuming."

*Don't talk your way out of it."

The smile on kaze's face gave Max the creeps. Kaze waved his arm, "You can beat it."

Since Max owned up to his mistakes, Kaze did not need to set him straight.

*Thank you, Mr. Lee! Thank you!"

Max got up and nodded before slipping away.

Once out of Lilyrose Commerce Guild's building, he bolted away and did not want to spend a minute more there.

*As a rare storm has hit the city, we at Lilyrose Commerce Guild, should do our part.

*To lead by example, I decided to donate ten million dollars on behalf of Quartet Group and Sky Ocean Corporation, respectively. The donation would serve as relief and rebuilding of the city."

Taking her duties as president seriously, Darcy announced to the members.

Darcy had both companies set up the funds before heading to the guild.

In fact, Quartet Group and Sky Ocean Corporation were not just donating twenty million dollars altogether. The funds reached up to fifty million dollars for each company.

Quartet Group and Sky Ocean Corporation had the means to cover the funds.

Nevertheless, Darcy lowered the amount as she suddenly took the appointment as president.

If she set the bar too high, the other members would have to donate just as much.

To Darcy's knowledge, the businesses run by some of the members were not doing too well.

The local sports brand, Rove, had been well-known nationwide since Darcy was a child.

Darcy would sport a pair of Rove sneakers during an occasional morning run with Kaze.

However, Rove had been squeezed out by the competition for the past few years, and business had suffered.

Some members faced the same financial situation as Rove.

Darcy needed to take what they could afford into consideration.

The way Darcy saw it, charity should come from the bottom of the heart. It was not a platform to show off and win favors.

*Darcy is right. The Vikroms pledge to donate fifteen million dollars."

*The Logmans will donate fifteen million dollars."