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Chapter 291 Lilyrose on the Brink of Chaos

Following Don's orders, the police officers in the back marched into the main entrance. Hunter watched with an ashen face, unable to do anything about the situation.

Don did not give a damn about Cronds.

Soon, the police officers raided the dealership and found two dozen wanted criminals. They had also uncovered several smuggled vehicles.

Taurus Automobiles' dirty laundry was finally out in the open.

The other law enforcement agencies rushed to the scene.

"The dealership is to cease operation immediately."

"Hunter, general manager of Taurus Automobiles, you should come with us for further investigation."

Samus and Deborah were dumbfounded to see Hunter taken away. A court order of the business suspension had been stuck to the

entrance of Taurus Automobiles promises too. With the dealership shut down, they had no hope of getting their sports cars now.

While Samus and Deborah were consumed by fury, the news of the dealership's abrupt closure and the arrest of Hunter, the general manager, sent shockwaves through the Lilyrose community.

The well-informed knew that the real owner of Taurus Automobiles

Was Cronus.

Now that the police had shut down the dealership, they were possibly

after Cronus.

Rumors spread like wildfire.

Cronus often meditated, finding peace with his mind and body at

Azure Estate.

The man in his fifties lay in a rocking chair, sipping his tea under the sun. He was just loving life. "Oh, no. Chief Braders led his team to capture the fugitives we harbored at Taurus Automobiles. The other law enforcement agencies teamed up in the operation and shut down the dealership.

Angel entered the place with a fluster to announce the bad news.

Cronus opened his eyes.

There was a sharp glint in his eyes.

Hiding the emotions behind his eyes, Cronus said blankly, "Where's Hunter?"

"He's taken away for questioning. Orange Light Hotel has been suspended from operation for engaging in illegal gambling. Hades was arrested too."

Angel, a figure of respect and superiority, humbly stood before Cronus.

Cronus narrowed his eyes. "What is Johnson doing? He's a mayor without solid connections. Does he think that he can oust me?"

He highly doubted it was Don's idea alone as it was a team effort of multiple law enforcement authorities to cordon off the dealership.

The only possible suspect was Johnson the mayor.

"Do you think Alan knows something, Cronus? He's probably trying to uncau di uo.

Angel guessed. "Johnson has been close to the chairman of Perfect World Group to restrain the top three families. When they instructed the banks to go after Quintessential Group, Alan sent his goddaughter to deliver 50 million dollars to the company. | think Johnson, Alan, and the chairman of Perfect World Group are forming an alliance."

The alliance was probably formed to retaliate against the top three families. Cronus, a long-time ally of the top families, was against Alan too. It was not a coincidence that Orange Light Hotel and Taurus Automobiles were shut down. It was a declaration of war.

Angel turned pale.

The city's most influential figures fell into two opposing camps, threatening the long-standing peace of Lilyrose. Even Kaze had no idea that his brief phone call would be over- analyzed. "Don't sweat it. It's not the end of the world."

Cronus scoffed. Putting his hands behind his back, he rose to his feet and said indifferently, "It's a good thing if Lilyrose falls into chaos. | have stayed away from the limelight long enough, and now the son-inlaw of some insignificant family has dared to slap you. If | don't show my face, people might no longer see us as a force to be reckoned with." Angel felt awkward. He was too embarrassed to talk about the attack, but Cronus knew it anyway. Cronus' other right-hand man, Gabriel Black, who had stood by him. through thick and thin, drew near.

Angel was the strategist, the brains of the operation.

Gabriel was Cronus' strongest fighter, the one who handled all combat -related matters.

Draped in a long black robe, Gabriel strode forward with a chilling and

eerie air.

Angel shuddered at the sight of him.

Without looking at Angel, Gabriel approached Cronus and said with a bow, "Frank Golding contacted us to hire a few killers to finish off the son-in-law of the Quints."

Chapter 292 Hiring Assassins

"What did the son-in-law of the Quints do to Frank?" Cronus asked

curiously.

Like Eliot and Tiffany, Frank was considered the rising star among the young members of the top three families. A few days ago, they pushed Henry and Kelly to jump off the building to take over Hillfinger Corporation. However, Kaze beat Eliot into a coma.

Tiffany, on the other hand, became a servant at mansion No. 9 an hour ago. The incident had not reached the top three families yet, though.

"It's not what he did to Frank, but the Golding family."

Gabriel added, "The son-in-law of the Quints told Hades to question Benedict to get to the bottom of his mother-in-law's termination from the medical center years ago. Since Perfect World Group, Alan, and the mayor have formed an alliance, | believe the Goldings want the boy gone because they don't want any distractions from facing the real enemy."

The top three families had learned about Kaze's commotion at the casino. They were aware that the dummy could fight. Just to be on the safe side, they wanted to hire assassins from Cronus.

Cronus hired a team of professional killers who were wanted by the law. He had taken on several risky and fatal assignments for the top three families.

"Select a few assassins for the Goldings, Gabriel."

Cronus did not read much into the matter after laying out the order.

The Quints were frightened by the news brought back by Samus and Deborah.

They had seen Kaze make the call to seal off Taurus Automobiles, and it somehow came true.

"Maybe the dummy is someone more than we know. The Sunrise Lees might want him back, but | heard nothing about it. They made their assumptions.

However, they were not happy to learn of Kaze's newfound authority. The Quints were worried.

It was clear how the dummy felt about them.

The idiot was vindictive. Even if he could enjoy the glory of being part of the Lee family again, he would not share the privilege with them. For all they knew, Kaze might take his revenge on them.

The Quints kicked Darcy's family around a lot after all.

Still, the Quints did not feel remorseful. Their priority was to figure out a way to keep Darcy's family under their thumb, so Kaze would think twice before going after them.

"Hmph! | don't care who he is, but he took our family name. He's the least important person in our family. We can disown Darcy if he tries to get even with us. We'll see who wins."

The suggestion was well met by the other family members, and some had their worries.

Common sense did not apply to the dummy. He was capable of anything. Their threats might not work in this case. Out of ideas, Logan annoyedly kicked everybody out.

Rudy and his family were most flustered by the whole thing. Dinner was the last thing on their mind.

As always, Deborah went to her boyfriend, Vincent, for answers.

"If the idiot comes after us, does your family have a way to protect us, Vincent? Just protect my family. Don't bother with my non- immediate family."

It was every man for themselves at that point. There was no love between the Quint family members. Their relationship was filled with manipulation.

Vincent appeared unflustered despite nearly wetting his pants before. "Do you r think the idiot cordoned off the dealership with just one phone call?"

"Did he not? We saw him make the call," Rudy said in shock.

Vincent laughed. "You know that the dummy loves to put on an act, Rudy. He must have known before that the dealership was going to be sealed."

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Chapter 293 Sly Dog Vincent shared the news he just learned.

"| bet you don't know, but Perfect World Group, the local government, and the Lefteria Group joined forces to go up against the top three families and Cronus.

"Taurus Automobiles wasn't the only place that was shut down. The casino of Hades, Cronus' nephew, was cordoned off too. The Novoelite Alliance is declaring war against the top three families. Kaze has nothing to do with it."

In a matter of mere hours, the world had given a name to the rising force.

The Novoelite Alliance was the coalition between Perfect World Group, the local government, and the Lefteria Group. The public believed the alliance was to give the top three families Cronus a run for their money.

Even the top three families and Cronus thought so too.

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y's family was thrown for the loop. They were out of their depth to

rstand the level of conflict.

II, they were relieved to learn that Kaze had nothing to do with it.

eborah pounded Vincent coyly. "Why didn't you say so earlier? We were frightened."

"| thought we should turn up the heat for Logan. We need his support to retake the company."

Vincent added menacingly, "We have brought Jean back to the city. My grandfather said that we can initiate our plan in two days. Soon,

"Really? That's amazing!"

Rudy's family was overjoyed.

Darcy had not been in power for long, but Rudy's family could not stand the anguish anymore.

They could kick Darcy out of the business and take back what was theirs.

Vincent smiled without a word as they rejoiced among themselves.

Back at Horizon Mirror Mansion, Darcy's family quickly learned that Taurus Automobiles had ceased operation. Even so, Darcy called the dealership to ask about the cars and money. No one picked up on the other end. The family could sigh in relief.

Taurus Automobiles was too deep in hot water to give Darcy's family hell.

Kaze consoled Darcy. "You can drive to work as usual, babe. Don't worry. It's over now."

"Yeah, | heard from Miru that Lefteria Group formed an alliance to take the top three families down. They started with Cronus' businesses, and now they won't have time for us," Darcy said with.

aease.

ATAlan is a sly old dog. He chose to remain silent about the rumor.

Even his goddaughter doesn't know the truth."

Kakaze was shocked.

SnSnow called to report about the rumor that was going around.

Kaka se smiled without a word. He did not need allies to take on the top

Hence, the so-called alliance was ridiculous.

To his surprise, Alan chose not to challenge the rumor. Kaze wondered what was on his mind.

Kaze did not read too much into it.

When night fell, Kaze went out on his own.

Since he had nothing better to do, he decided to question Benedict. Snow waited outside an upscale neighborhood.

"How many fugitives were arrested at the dealership today?"

Kaze got into the car and asked.

Snow sat upright next to him and replied, "28."

There were twenty-eight wanted criminals with blood on their hands.

Kaze caught a glimpse of them among the crowd when he was at Taurus Automobiles. He could tell that these people meant business.

"Chief Braders is faced with a challenge. He wants to put the criminals under tight watch, but he will need to put most of his workforce on the job. If one escapes, it will pose a threat to public safety," Snow said.

Kaze scoffed and said aloofly, "Just finish them off tonight."

Chapter 294 Tell the Assassins to Come Out

Kaze believed the fugitives with blood on their hands were better off dead. It was a waste of resources to lock them behind bars.

Getting the message, Snow gave Don a call.

Kaze closed his eyes for a rest.

"We've arrived at Benedict's home, Mr. Chairman."

Not too long later, Snow whispered to Kaze.

Benedict lived in a 30-million-dollar villa.

He was the deputy director of the medical center. He earned quite a lot managing the logistics and procurement.

Kaze furrowed his brows the moment he got out of the car. Something was off.

Still, it did not bother him. He strolled into the villa.

Snow stayed behind him.

The living room was filled with packed suitcases. Benedict must be selling the property to pay off his debt to Hades.

His wife and kids were not around. It was just him.

"Why are you here, Kaze?"

The sight of Kaze washed the color off Benedict's face.

Benedict was surprised that Kaze made the personal trip over. Kaze walked over and sat on the sofa before glancing coldly at

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Since Hades was not genuinely helping Kaze, he let Benedict go after a few hours. Benedict must not have revealed much. Hence Kaze did not bother asking Hades.

He wanted to get the story straight from the source, Benedict.

"Well, well, well, Kaze. | was planning to seek you out, but you came to me instead. | see you brought a woman with you. Aren't you full of yourself?"

Benedict coveted Snow, who was behind Kaze. He was blown away by the beautiful and lofty woman.

Kaze side-eyed him and said indifferently, "You're ready for me, so let's get right to it. | don't want to waste any time. Come at me directly."

Benedict scoffed, thinking Kaze was trying to act arrogant.

"You're asking for it, Kaze. Don't you know that I'm related to the Goldings? I'm talking about one of the top three families. Hades released me the moment he knew who | was. He even told me that you meant shit to him," he said menacingly.

After Kaze embarrassed him at the hospital today, Benedict even lost his job as the hospital deputy director. He hated Kaze's guts.

Kaze smiled at Benedict, who was puffed up. "| guess you are unaware that | called the police to arrest Hades."

Kaze changed the subject. "As for the Goldings you rely on, you will soon see that the top three families disappear from Lilyrose. You better come clear about the medical mishap years ago.

"Last chance. Don't waste my time."

Benedict looked at him in disdain. "Make the top three families disappear? You and what army?"

The top three families practically run the city. No one could take them. down. The idiot was ignorant and cocky.

Kaze had lost his patience at that point. Not wanting to drag it further, he cut to the chase. "Tell the five assassins hiding in your. place to come out."

Benedict was shocked. He looked at Kaze in terror.

How did the dummy know he hired five assassins?

While Benedict was still reeling in shock, several figures emerged from various corners of the house.

The five assassins were four men and one woman. Their icy gaze bore no emotions.

These individuals were killing machines trained by Gabriel. Tension rose in the villa as they showed their faces.

Chapter 295 Infighting

Benedict trembled in fear and excitement.

The question of how Kaze had discovered the five assassins was pushed to the back of his mind. "| told you that you were asking for it, Kaze, but you didn't believe me."

Folding his arms, Benedict looked arrogantly at Kaze. "You're an idiot. You think you have the world beneath your feet just because you can fight. The nerve of you to give me crap at my own home."

Benedict pointed at Snow behind Kaze.

"Is she your wife, Darcy? Hehe. If your wife spends the night with me, | might make your death a little less painful." "Fuck off!"

Snow scowled.

Kaze lifted his chin, his gaze ruthless. Benedict and the five

assassins could not look him in the eye.

Even though the assassins had killed many, they had never seen such terrifying eyes. They could see hell in his eyes.

The weight of his murderous intent hung heavy in the air.

The assassins felt chills up their spine.

"Kill him!"

The female assassin was the first to succumb to his piercing gaze.

Swoosh!

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She threw the dagger, aiming for Kaze's face before charging toward him.

By killing Kaze, she could get rid of the terror that had seeped into her very being.

"Mr. Chairman, watch out for-"

Before Snow could finish, Kaze clamped the incoming dagger between his two fingers. The assassins, the woman included, were dumbfounded by Kaze's amazing feat.

He was able to stop the dagger, which was harder than disarming an armed opponent with bare hands. Kaze narrowed his gaze and hurled the dagger between his fingers back.

The dagger flew straight for the female assassin's face.

It happened too quickly to see the blade.

The female assassin collapsed following the slice.

Blood was spilled before the woman had a chance to cry out.

She was dead.

"Hiss."

The four male assassins gasped sharply, their blood ran cold. They did not expect Kaze to be a tough cookie. Kaze killed their companion in the blink of an eye.

"Come on!"

The four assassins exchanged looks, planning to finish Kaze off

wycier.

Bam!

The villa's solid door collapsed with a bang.

Agroup of aggressive men with buzz cuts scanned the place.

They noticed the body of the female assassin on the ground and

stared intently at the other four assassins.

These people were the fugitives working for Cronus that Don arrested this afternoon. Although all of them worked for Cronus, these fugitives did not recognize the assassins. Still, the outlaws could sniff their type out. Tension rose to an all-time high at the villa. "Blare, blare..."

The police sirens were approaching.

The fugitives who escaped from the armored van became tense.

"The cops are gaining on us. Kill these few and keep the rest hostage to negotiate with the cops," a fugitive said while pouncing on the four

assassins.

The others followed suit.

As the assassins were a threat to the fugitives, the priority was to

finish them off.

Kaze, Snow, and Benedict were not perceived as risks.

Somehow, the two groups belonging to the same leader started fighting. The stench of blood quickly filled the air.

Chapter 296 The Truth

"What's happening?"

Terrified, Benedict shivered on the ground. He had no idea what was going on.

Kaze and Snow watched with composure as the scene unfolded.

No one would have thought that Kaze and Snow masterminded the

massacre.

The two dozen fugitives somehow escaped, barged into Benedict's villa, and encountered the assassins at the right moment. Both parties worked for Cronus, but they did not know each other.

The fugitives on the run wanted hostages to negotiate with the police. Those who did not make good hostages should be killed. However, the fugitives underestimated the assassins.

The assassins had been trained to kill. Despite being outnumbered, they were highly skilled compared to the fugitives. With each swing of their blades, a fugitive collapsed in his own blood.

Still, the fugitives were undeterred in the face of blood. Their

companions' death did not slow them down. In fact, they were thrilled

to kill.

The fugitives managed to wound and eventually kill the assassins with the strength of numbers. Even so, just three fugitives were the last ones standing.

The others had become stiff bodies. They were killed by a single blow.

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"She was Agnes' patient, so | withheld Agnes' notes and changed the medication dosage, and Letty died." Benedict lay on the ground, trembling. He told the truth behind the medical mishap.

The whole thing blew up when Letty died due to a medical error. The Laimes caused such a scene at the hospital that everyone knew

about it.

Agnes, the attending doctor, was unable to defend herself in the face of criticism. In the end, she was ruined and fired.

However, Benedict was only the coordinator of his unit like Agnes. He did not have the power to make everything happen.

The former director of the medical center, Gary, played a huge role in the matter.

Of course, the architect behind this was the Goldings of the top three families.

The timing was too much of a coincidence. It happened when Hector was in a car accident, and Quintessential Group was taken. "It's because of me."

Kaze sighed.

Chapter 297 Even the Most Prepared Face the Unexpected

Every little thing that happened to Darcy's family had something to do with Kaze.

At the time, Quintessential Group held sway in Lilyrose with

ambitions to extend their reach into Sunrise.

It would not have taken long for Hector to propel the family into the

orbit of multibillionaires.

Kaze had confessed his feelings to Darcy then.

Those who had eyes on Kaze would not allow him to rise back to power through the Quints.

Asingle command unleashed a coordinated assault from powerhouses like the Sunrise Lees, leaving the Quints and their family business devastated.

Hector met with a car crash, and Agnes was fired.

The family of four, who were living the dream, fell into an abyss.

"Did you get it on tape, Snow?" Kaze asked without looking back.

Snow approached and showed the phone to Kaze. It was a video of Benedict confessing.. Benedict shook and pleaded, "Don't tell the Goldings that | told your when you seek them out for vengeance, Kaze." If the Goldings were to find out that he sold them out, they would make him pay.

Kaze said curtly, "You're afraid of the Goldings, but you're not afraid

of me. Do you think | will let you live?"

Benedict looked up at him in terror.

The image of Kaze killing the female assassin without hesitation sent shivers down his spine. He crawled on all fours and kneeled before Kaze.

"| was wrong, Kaze. The Goldings told me to frame Agnes. They were the ones who sent the assassins today. They harmed your family, and I'm just one of their minions. Don't kill me, please!"

Benedict smashed his head to the ground while begging for his life. His forehead was bleeding. Kaze looked at him with a blank face. "Don't worry. You'll get off easy if | kill you now." He had his reason to keep Benedict around.

Kaze would pursue and uncover every individual responsible for framing Agnes. While Kaze was talking, Don rushed over with the police force.

"Take him away, Don. Lock him up in a secret location."

Kaze pointed at Benedict.

Don nodded, and Benedict was taken away at the wave of Don's arm.

Kaze left ahead with Snow.

The bodies were quickly removed from the villa.

Gabriel and Angel rushed to see Cronus at Azure Estate.

"The 28 fugitives escaped when the police transported them to a prison with maximum security. They ran into the five assassins we sent to kill Kaze. Since they didn't recognize each other, they engaged and killed one another."

The pair stood before Cronus, who had just woken up, to report the la latest news.

"They are all dead in the hands of their own people."

Cronus was furious.

He had many subordinates, so it did not matter if they died.

However, his men died fighting their own kind. The unexpected could hhappen even to the most prepared. Cronus had lost five highly trained killers.

HHe had spent at least 10 million dollars in training each assassin.

Cronus drew a deep breath to fight back the rage before turning to Arundel "What's your take?"

"| betelleve it was a setup by the police. | don't believe in coincidences. Theyeated midway and encountered our assassins. We can't get them on now withat they are dead. It's quite a loss on our part."

Angel wasas quick to point out the abnormality in the incident. Cronus sottraded, agreeing with Angel's speculation.

The Novo@the Alliance's attack came out of nowhere, leaving no time to catch the bereath. Cronus was starting to feel the pressure.

"Tell the top three families about this. See what they say."

Chapter 298 One Billion

Cronus went straight back to bed.

He had been through a lot as a prominent underworld kingpin for two decades. The incident was no reason to lose himself yet. Despite what had happened, he could still have a good night's sleep.

However, the same could not be said for the top three families. They had received two pieces of bad news. Angel dropped a message that the Novoelite Alliance was closing in on them, but they did not feel the strain. The other piece of news drove the family heads to call for an emergency meeting at the Chapmans' residence. "Edward, Flint, | found my daughter."

Belarus dove straight to the point when the two family heads hurried

over.

"Where?"

Edward and Flint looked at him.

Belarus said solemnly, "Tiffany took Lilyrose Strategic Department Logistic Division's Commissioner Renslayer to Springvile District to choose a mansion. Commissioner Renslayer fancied the one resided by James' family two years ago.

"Tiffany wanted to procure mansion No. 9, but someone had already bought the place. They got into a fight, and Commissioner Renslayer was sacked."

Edward exclaimed, "Sacked? Who could do that?"

Martin was the commissioner of Lilyrose Strategic Department Logistics Division. To be honest, Martin was not one of the big players.

However, he worked in the Lilyrose military. Despite the top three families' control over the city, they had no authority over the military.

Martin was fired over a mansion.

It was not something the top three families could do.

"Don't leave us in the dark, Belarus. Tell us who bought mansion No. 9."

Flint stared intently at Belarus.

"Il checked South Bank's records, and the new owner of mansion No. 9 Springvile District is..."

Belarus paused for a deep breath before uttering, "Jesse White." Edward and Flint grimaced.

Jesse White just would not go away.

Belarus turned ashen. "If that wasn't enough, my daughter fell into his hands. He ordered Tiffany to serve James' parents as a maid at the

mansion.

"That's insulting my family and us all."

Edward and Flint were livid to learn that Tiffany was forced to be a servant. They were furious with Jesse for taking things far. "We must figure out a way to kill Jesse."

Belarus said, "If he can make Tiffany serve James' parents today, he

could enslave our families tomorrow."

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The other family heads nodded.

Compared to the newly established Novoelite Alliance, the mysterious Jesse was their biggest trouble. "The man is from the military. We can't touch him now," Edward responded, visibly upset.

Flint uttered, "The only thing we can do is befriend Albert. He's coming to the city in two days. Commissioner Renslayer might be sacked, but | received word from a friend in the military that a few spots will be given to the public to attend the ceremony. We can buy our way into the ceremony."

"How much for each invite?" Belarus asked. "One billion."

Chapter 299 Pride and Prejudice "What? One billion dollars for an invite? That's daylight robbery." Belarus was furious when Flint relayed the price.

Even though Albert was the chief commander of the State Strategic Department, an invitation to attend his ceremony should not cost that

much.

Flint uttered, "I heard Albert trained under the God of War. He longed for an assignment from the God of War himself. I'm confident the

God of War will be there."

"Seriously?"

Edward had his doubts. "Even if the God of War is attending, one

billion dollars for an invite is ridiculous. Maybe it's a special price to scam us out of our money." "Even if it is, I'm paying up."

Belarus interrupted him. "My family will be attending the ceremony. | don't care if the money is for the God of War or Albert, I'm paying the one billion dollars. The things they can offer me in return outweigh

the cost."

That's right. My family will be attending too." Belarus managed to

convince Flint.

Edward let out a wry smile. "We are in this together. If you guys are going, | can't keep my family out of it."

Despite Edward's kind words, the top three families did not have a solid friendship. They saw each other as competition when a common enemy was out of the picture.

Edward simply did not want to fall behind the other families.

With that out of the way, Edward said, "Did you receive word from the Sunrise Lees? They are urging us to deal with Kaze." "We did."

The other two nodded with a grimace.

Jesse was their real enemy, so they did not have time for Kaze.

However, they would not dare to turn a blind ear to the orders of the Sunrise Lees.

"| heard that the Hansers have their eye on Quintessential Group. They intend to send Darcy to prison."

Belarus said, "Why don't we lend the Hansers a helping hand? The Lees didn't say we have to kill Kaze. Kaze would have enough on his hands if we started with his wife. That should be enough to answer to the Lees."

"Yeah. | think that works." Out of the three family heads, Edward resented Darcy the most. He was on board right away. He said curtly, "The city council is tight with Perfect World Group 1. The police won't work with us to pull Darcy down. Why don't we get the state police in on it?" Even though the top three families' influence was limited to the city, they had connections within the state. "That will work. So that's decided."

Flint waved his arm nonchalantly, not thinking much of the matter.

They held Quintessential Group and Kaze in contempt.

A brief conversation was all it took to decide their devastating fate.

The next morning, Darcy went to work while Sky chauffeured Agnes. and Hector to the market in the MPV. Kaze was alone at home.

Draco strolled over. He wore sunglasses.

"Good news, Boss. As you predicted, the top three families bought the invitations for 3 billion dollars. | don't get it. Albert is just having an inauguration ceremony. The ceremony shouldn't cost that much," Draco.commented. He was speechless.

When Kaze proposed the idea, Draco did not think it would happen. No one would be stupid enough to spend one billion dollars on an invitation to a chief commander taking office. Reality was a slap in his face. Such people did exist.

Chapter 300 Not a CEO for Long It was Kaze's idea to raise the price to one billion dollars per invitation to the ceremony. Kaze heard Tiffany and Martin talking at mansion No. 9 yesterday.

He learned that the top three families wanted to befriend Albert through the ceremony. They wanted to utilize their connection with Albert to confront Kaze.

It was amusing.

Kaze decided to give the top three families what they wanted and so much more.

The families' wealth was stolen anyway. It was dirty money.

Kaze and Draco chatted.

Darcy had her usual briefing at Quintessential Group office building, listening to her department heads' reports.

"Presently, the group's focus is on the Passion Fragrance project. All the preparations for the pre-sale are completed, and we are scheduled to open for pre-sale the day after tomorrow.

"The 2-billion-dollar investment poured into the group enabled a bigger budget in marketing. With our solid relationships with the banks, we are starting to see a positive lift since the aftereffects of

loan cuts.

"We see a strong confidence in our properties in the real estate

market. Many seem interested in buying ... "

Passion Fragrance's sales manager, Fish, was talking.

She had an impressive portfolio of selling other high-end buildings.

Fish was headhunted by Perfect World Group with a high salary

However, Kaze assigned her to assist Darcy after the members of Passion Fragrance's high management quit en masse The senior executives in attendance let out a smile

Darcy ran Quintessential Group now, and the senior executives were promoted after the group pulled through a financial crisis. They wanted to grow with the company.

The culture of senior executives competing for power and shirking responsibilities was now a story of the past.

Darcy smiled happily. "That's very motivating, Ms. Lewis. With the pre sale coming up, the responsibility weighs heavily on you and the sales department. Once the sales is over, | will make sure you and your team get a bonus-"

Thud!

Before Darcy could finish, the door to the conference room was slammed open

The loud bang startled everybody in the room. They turned to the door angrily.

mus, we are having a meeting with Ms. Darcy. Can't you knock you come in?" A senior executive scowled and said unhappily. hus swaggered his way in and glared at the senior executive. "Who e you to tell me off, bastard? | never knock."

That's in the past. You and your father do not run the company now. Ms. Darcy does." The senior executive snapped back. Samus had always been the COO of the group. However, he had not

The senior management in the conference room was Darcy's people. No one was afraid of Samus.

Samus and his father flexing and bossing around at the workplace were now a thing of the past.

However, Samus was rather cocky today. "Darcy? Well, she won't be CEO for long."

Samus scoffed and added with a smirk, "Darcy only promoted you because you sucked up to her. | will send you, useless bunch, packing soon enough."

The senior executives grimaced.

Did something happen?

Darcy's expression fell when she saw her team's reaction.

Quintessential Group was finally back on track and thriving when they were faced with another challenge. She refused to allow Samus to divide them.

Bam!

Darcy pounded the table, stood up, and criticized, "Stop your scare campaign, Samus. Leave the room now, or I'll get security to make.

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