

## **Guardian 381**

### Chapter 381 Cover Blown

The renaming ceremony was a success.

News that Shangrila Group waged war with the top three families spread.

The Novo elite Alliance formed by Perfect World Group,

government, and Lefteria Group had challenged the au top three families too.

The public realized in shock that the top three families high in the popularity contest. Things were about to change in Lilyrose.

Upon learning the news, the top three families kept a low profile

once.

The three family heads had long seen it coming.

They felt the pressure, but pinning their hopes on Albert as Lilyrose's chief commander was their only recourse.

The two hundred martial arts students and their principal, Dwight, were removed from the entrance of Shangrila Group by the police.

They were not there to arrest Dwight and the others. However, their presence in front of a place of business was a disturbance. "Come on, darling. Let's go. It's a pity we didn't get to see Jesse in person. He's a secretive guy. | wonder what he looks like." Miru stretched and got up. Her toned abs attracted wandering eyes.

She attended the ceremony as a representative of Lefteria Group. In case of boredom, she dragged Darcy, her best friend, along.

Darcy was busy dealing with Quartet Group, but Miru managed to wear her down. In the end, she agreed to attend the ceremony with

Miru.

The ladies watched the renaming ceremony with the crowd.

The trip was worthwhile.

“Miru, when Jesse threw Dwight out, | thought for second that he looked like Kaze.”

Darcy commented as she got up.

Dumbfounded, Miru scanned Darcy from head to toe b

her hand to feel Darcy’s temperature.

“Are you having a fever? You seemed distracted earlier. We wondering if Kaze was Jesse?” Miru said amusedly.

“| must be mistaken, but the guy resembled Kaze. You’re right. though Kaze applied for a job with Shangrila Group, he couldn't possibly be Jesse.”

Darcy sighed and lifted her chin. She saw Kaze coming toward her.

To her surprise, Kaze was dressed in the same outfit as Jesse, whom she caught a quick glimpse of just now. “What brings you here, babe?” Kaze asked happily.

Having spotted Darcy in the crowd, Kaze promptly came over.

Darcy kept her eyes on him. "When Jesse hurled Dwight out, he wore the same clothes as you, Kaze. Be honest with me. Are you Jesse White?"

"Well spotted, babe. You saw me even though you were far away," Kaze praised Darcy.

Since Kaze had no intention of keeping the truth from Darcy, he

nodded and replied, "That's right. Jesse is my alias at Shangrila Group. You thought I was lying when I said I worked here." "Really?"

Darcy covered her mouth in disbelief, her eyes flickered in joy.

Kaze snatched Bersina Group from the top three families and re-established it as Shangrila Group.

He flung Dwight, making him kneel in public, among the top three families.

Everything he did sent an adrenaline rush through her, these were things she could never have imagined herself doing

How did Kaze do it?

"Hmph! Don't be fooled by the guy, Darcy."

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Miru scoffed. "Even the professors were in awe of your intelligence when you were in college, Darcy. Use that intelligence to make use of it all. Kaze can't possibly be Jesse White."

## Chapter 382 Darcy Commits Assets Assault

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Mira rolled her eyes at Kaze. “But | heard from a friend in Shangrila Group’s higher management that they were fired for disrespecting James. Jesse said so during a meeting. Their termination has

nothing to do with bullying Kaze.”

“That’s still good news to me.”

Darcy was glad to learn that those who picked on Kaze had been fired.

Kaze was speechless.

Miru said exactly what he said during the senior n meeting yesterday.

That in turn became a weapon for the woman to refute

“You should cut down on tooting your horn, Kaze. It’s on

you're incompetent, but you shouldn't be with Darcy if you with the bragging to satisfy your vanity.”  
Miru lectured Kaze.

Kaze saw the disappointment in Darcy's eyes.

“| don’t need you to teach me, Miru.”

Kaze was furious. “I'll call Winnie over. She'll prove that I’m Jesse.”

He pulled out his phone to call Winnie. “I’m at the VIP area, Winnie. Get here.”

Miru frowned to see Kaze ordering Winnie around. The guy must really think he was Jesse.

“Oh, so you're the loser, Kaze. What are you doing here? Are you trying to suck up to Winnie so that she'll give you a job?”

Miru began to waver.

A middle-aged woman approached aggressively and reprimanded

Kaze with her finger up his nose.

Darcy scowled because the woman ripped into Kaze for no reason.

She drew close to Kaze and raised her hand.

Smack!

Kaze was surprised to see Darcy hit another for his sake.

He was brought back to their time at school when defense of him and busted the head of his bully with lunchbox. Her pursed lips and firm back were just like back then.

The middle-aged woman held her burning cheek in shock shrieking, "How dare you hit me! How dare you hit me! Do who | am? | am the mother-in-law of Winnie, who is the CEO Shangrila Group!"

She was Lyla, attending the renaming ceremony as a VIP guest because she was Winnie's family.

Her son, Zenny, emerged and shot an angry look at Darcy. "Why did you hit my mother? Explain yourself, or we will take action against you."

Chapter 383 He'll Take on the World for Me

Shangrila Group brought the top three families down to their knees today. Zenny relished in the fact that he was the husband of

CEO, and his ego got to his head.

Without giving Zenny any attention, Darcy stared coldly at a malicious-looking Lyla. "Kaze is my husband. You deserve coming out of nowhere and calling him a loser. He can't hit but I'm his wife, and I can."

Darcy walked away.

"Babe..."

Touched, Kaze went up to hold her hand.

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"Don't touch me. Don't lie to me again, Kaze. I have never looked down on you. I don't need you to please me this way." Darcy said angrily before leaving tearfully with Miru.

Kaze called Winnie over to prove that he was not lying.

Darcy wanted to see for herself whether it was true.

However, Lyla's words hurt her.

Winnie had remarried, and even her mother-in-law gave Kaze an attitude. There was no way Kaze could be Jesse White. Darcy was still under the impression that Kaze was at Shangrila Group looking for a job.

However, she did not want Kaze to beg for a job.

"Do me a favor, Miru. Get Kaze a job. Don't let him know that I'm helping him," Darcy uttered.

Miru was reluctant to say yes.

However, her apprehension disappeared when she saw the tears in Darcy's eyes.



For the years Miru had known Darcy, the latter had never pleaded with her before.

“Why do this to yourself, Darcy?”

“I know Kaze isn’t competent, not through his own fault locked him away in a mental institution, but it’s not your fault he’s in this situation.”

Miru tried to talk some sense into Darcy. “You want to help a job to get your mom off your back while trying not to bruise This is just the start. You have a lifetime ahead of you. It will be draining on you to keep your relationship with him.”

She had no idea what her best friend saw in Kaze.

Darcy replied, “Not many are kind to me in this cruel world, but Kaze is the only one there for me no matter what. “He dove headfirst to protect me when Henry drove me to despair.

“He turned himself in to be there with me when the Hansers framed

me, and I was taken away.

“I can sense that Kaze will go as far as going against the world for

me.”

Darcy recounted everything that happened to her recently.

Each time she turned around, Kaze was by her side.

Minu was filled with mixed emotions. It was only now she realized

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how important Kaze was to Darcy.

“But Darcy, his kindness means nothing if he can’t make something of himself. It’s pointless if that’s the only thing he can offer.”

Darcy dried her tears and said with a smile, “People need time to grow. He’s only been out of the mental institution for two weeks while | spent years waiting for him. Why can’t | wait a little longer?”

While talking, she made her way to her Maserati Quatt opened the door.

“Look, Miru. Kaze got this car for me.”

Miru did not know what to say as Darcy looked proud.

“Fine, I’ll do it. I’ll give him a job and time to grow.”

The two sports cars drove off.

Meanwhile, Zenny and Lyla were flipping mad that Darcy left right after the assault. Lyla grabbed onto Kaze exasperatedly in case he would flee too.

“Stop right there, Kaze. Your wife hit me, so you better fix this.”

Chapter 384 Sky’s Trust

“What can | say? She hit you. | hit you at No. 9 Springvile District the other day too,” Kaze said without a care. “Ah! I’m going to kill you!”

Lyla was livid.

Zenny said angrily, "You're one to talk, Kaze. Don't tell me that you believe in your own bullshit. We went to the top three families of leaving Springville District, and the family heads said that you were a loser."

That was the reason why Zenny and Lyla got cocky with Kaze. Smack! Kaze slapped Zenny in the face. "My wife told you to stop calling me a loser. Don't you understand English?"

"Son, tell Winnie to call security on him. You're dead meat, Kaze. The security team of Shangrila Group was once in the military. The students of Tensor Martial Arts School were no match for them. I'm going to show you who is boss."

Lyla cried out loud and urged his son to give Winnie a call.

"Save the phone call. She's here," Kaze said indifferently while glancing at Winnie coming up from behind them.

"What's the matter, Mr. Chairman?" Winnie approached and asked. "Mr. Chairman? Isn't the chairman Jesse White?"

Lyla and Zenny were stunned.

Winnie hesitated, wondering whether it was her place to answer the question. She had not revealed to Zenny and Lyla that Kaze was

Jesse.

Kaze responded aloofly, "I am Jesse White. I made Winnie the CEO. It's funny that you wanted her to call security on me." "Is it true what he said, Winnie?" Lyla asked.

Winnie said nothing, but the look on her face said it all.

Lyla and Zenny turned pale. They could not believe that K

Jesse.

Even the top three families thought twice before crossing were they to offend Kaze?

Lyla hunched over. "I'm sorry, Kaze. | didn't know-"

"Get lost!"

Kaze glared at her.

Since Kaze and Darcy had struck Lyla and Zenny, he could not be bothered with them anymore. The mother and son scurried away with their tails tucked between

their legs.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman-"

Winnie tried to explain, but Kaze interrupted with a wave of his hand. "Lyla is a bitter woman, and Zenny isn't man enough to help you. It must have been tough on you to marry into their family, so I'm not going to start that with you."

She was the wife of his buddy who remarried Zenny as a desperate

measure.

Kaze wanted Winnie to divorce Zenny. However, it was not his place to tell her so.

“Zenny’s family forked out hundreds of thousands of dollars to save Brenda, and Zenny’s dad played a role in getting the right doctor. |

owe them.

Winnie got the message from Kaze, but she could not go down that path.

“That’s your choice. | got to go.”

Kaze waved his hand and left. He was not in the mood to get involv in the affairs of others.

Darcy was angry with him, and he was still cracking his head on ho to explain himself to her.

He had no idea that Darcy’s anger was fleeting. She had now sought help from Miru to get him a job.

Back at Horizon Mirror Mansion, Kaze went straight to have a word with Darcy. However, Darcy left home with an awful look on her face.

“You're deep in your game, Sky. What happened to your sister?” Kaze smacked Sky on the head while the latter was gaming. “Ow!”

Sky cried out in pain. He held his head and said sulkily, “Why did you hit me, Kaze? She has you. You're a natural at problem- solving. You don’t need me to add to the anxiety.

“Quit the bullshit and tell me what happened,” Kaze said peevishly. If Agnes and Darcy could have confidence in Kaze like Sky, Kaze would not face so many issues.

“| think something went wrong with the rented office building.”

Chapter 385 Can’t Sign it

Quartet Group was supposed to be based in Sunrise.

With Darcy taking over the company \$50 wanted to rent an office building and expand into new markets. Renting an office building should not pose an issue

have gone wrong?

Kaze wanted to check it out.

He gave Snow a call to look into the situation while walking

Clover Center was a newly built office building in the city, a space was vacant.

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After careful deliberation with the senior executives, Darcy decided to rent the entire building, including the basement parking area for Qu Group's operation.

Quartet Group and the realty for Clover Center had come to a verbal agreement in a matter of two days. The annual rent was 20 million dollars with an upfront payment of a two-million-dollar deposit.

The representative of Quartet Group would sign the tenancy agreement in the morning as Darcy was away, attending Shangri-la Group's renaming ceremony with Moru

Darcy assumed it was a straightforward transaction.

It never occurred to Darcy that Riley, her assistant, would call to inform her of a problem when she got home. Darcy rushed over to find Riley and her other employees waiting.

What's going on?"

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Quint."

"You're beautiful, Ms. Quint. No wonder you're well-known for being the pretty CEO in Lilyrose. Oh, my  
mistake. You should be the

beautiful chairwoman now."

Dave grabbed his brass lighter and lit a cigarette. He admired Dar behind the wisps of smoke.

Darcy was no pushover. Her disapproval showed in her voice. "Le get down to business, Mr. Pamela. We  
should get to signing the contract."

"Oh, the contract is there."

Dave did not make things difficult for her and pointed to the

document on the table. "We have signed on it. The pen is there. Feel free to write your name down.  
Since you're the boss of Quartet Group, we feel more assured if your signature is on it."

Darcy was not in a hurry to put her signature on the contract. She took a careful look at the pieces of  
paper. Quartet Group had its own legal team..



Nevertheless, Darcy had studied contractual law in college. She could understand the terminology in the document. Darcy read a few lines and pulled a long face.

Knock, knock.

Dave tapped on the desk with his heel. "Go on, Ms. Quint. Sign it.

Don't waste our time,"

Darcy put the contract back on the table, her face scowling. "I can't sign this."

Chapter 386 20 Million Turns to 200 Million

"What are you trying to say, Ms. Quint?"

Dave narrowed his eyes. "Our legal teams drafted the contract, and

now you're saying you're not signing it. You're wasting my time.

He sounded malice. His demeanor screamed gangster instead of company director. Thud.

Darcy threw the contract on the table and said curtly, "I'm not wa your time. You were not serious with the deal. We agreed on 20 million dollars on a year's lease, but the amount here has changed 200 million dollars."

200 million dollars? The rental went up tenfold.

Another 200 million dollars and Darcy could buy the title deed to Clover Center outright.

Riley and the others behind Darcy were startled.

With haste, Riley stepped forward and grabbed the document for a look. Sure enough, the rental price was 200 million dollars. "You've gone too far to change your mind at the last minute, Mr.

Pamela."

Riley hurled the papers down on the table furiously. She was near

tears.

It was a good thing she was not in charge of signing the contract. She would have put her signature on it without inspecting the details. She could potentially inflict an irreversible loss on the company.

Even though the jig was up, Dave did not seem embarrassed or angry.

He leaned back against his chair, facing his bottom soles toward Darcy as he said cheekily, "Careful with the accusation, Ms. Quint. You can ask around. I run an honest business.

"I have gotten several interests in renting Clover Center lately. I didn't rent the building to them. Do you know why? "I wanted to rent the place to you, Ms. Quint. That way, I can sleep often when you clock in for work."

Darcy ignored Dave's flirting and said with an emotionless face, "I agreed on 20 million dollars. You should have the contract ready so we can sign it.

Dave chuckled. "20 million dollars was the price before. There's a surge now, Ms. Quint.

"Clover Center is in the city's prime site. It's an ideal location to have a corporate headquarters, so 200 million dollars a year isn't much.

"I can guarantee that you won't find a better and reasonably priced office building than Clover Center." Seeing that Dave would not budge, Darcy knew that negotiations had

failed.

"I'll check out other places."

Dave was taking advantage by changing the price from 20 million to 200 million.

Darcy could not possibly agree to it.

Clover Center was not the only office building available in Lilyrose anyway. She had other choices.

"Fine with me."

Dave shrugged without a care. "But Ms. Quint, let me be clear about one thing. We, at Skyline Estates, are the biggest realty in the city. We are the leading agents for office building leases.

"Hehe. Even if you find another office building to your liking, you probably will have trouble renting it." Darcy frowned as she could read the threat in Dave's words. As Dave said, Skyline Estates was the largest property manag company in Lilyrose. They handled most, if not all, commercial

spaces.

"Thanks for the heads-up, Mr. Pamela, but I don't have to rent buildings managed by your agency." Refusing to be threatened, she spread her arms. "Please return th two-million-dollar deposit to us." "What two-million-dollar deposit? What's that about?"

Dave scratched his head in confusion and asked his subordinate, " Have we received a deposit from Quartet Group?" "No, Mr. Pamela."

The subordinate played along with Dave.

“You're lying. We have a receipt signed by your employee and sealed with your corporate stamp to prove the transaction.”

Riley pulled out the receipt from her file angrily.

“Let me see.”

Dave took the paper from her for a look. He pursed his lips.

Rip!

Dave tore the receipt in half.

Chapter 387 Building Loan

Arrogance.

It was pure arrogance.

Darcy never imagined that Dave would tear the stamped receipt right before everybody's eyes. “Do you think you can destroy the evidence by ripping the receipt in half, Mr. Pamela?”

Darcy heaved her chest and pursed her lips.

Click!

Dave took out a brass lighter and set the receipt on fire while saying, “Don't be mad, Ms. Quint. I can tell the stamp is fake on the receipt. I'm afraid someone has impersonated one of my employees and scammed you out of two million dollars.”

“You should demand your money back from the person. My company is not involved in this.” All that was left of the receipt was ashes.

Dave would not even return the deposit to them. His message was

loud and clear.

Darcy could bite her tongue and sign the unfair contract or get nothing at all.

“We'll see about this, Mr. Pamela. See you in court.”

Darcy turned around to leave. Riley and the others stormed off.

“See you in court then. I'm not the one needing an office building urgently anyway.”

Dave whistled smugly as it did not matter to him.

He waved at his subordinate in the back. “Tell other property agencies that they will be crossing me if they rent any buildings to Ms. Quint.”

Hmph. The nerve of Darcy to threaten him. The woman had not seen what he was capable of. He vowed to make Darcy crawl back and grovel at his feet.

“Riley, contact the real estate agents to talk about the property we've seen. We'll rent one for now and get a better building and company expands.”

Holding back her rage, Darcy walked out of Dave's business premises and told Riley.

Taking Skyline Estates to court could wait.

The priority was to rent an office building. Darcy needed to place her employees from Quintessential Group somewhere. How was Quartet Group supposed to grow without a workplace?

Since Riley blamed herself for the loss of the deposit, she was quick to pull out her phone to make calls. She had been running around, negotiating with real estate agents in the past two days.

Once the call connected, Riley was shocked and angry to learn the latest news.

“Ms. Quint, the realtor for Vista Tower said that Skyline Estates put the word out that no one was to lease a building to us, or they would face Mr. Pamela’s wrath.

“No real estate agencies would lease a space to us now because they are afraid to cross Mr. Pamela.”

Riley put down the phone grimly.

“Skyline Estates is taking things too far. They won't lease the building to us or allow anybody to.” “That’s monopolization. We should report their malicious behavior to the relevant authorities.”

The few employees grimaced and ranted about Dave.

“Enough.”

Irritated, Darcy interrupted them. “There’s no point voicing our ang here. I’ll figure something out.”

Her phone rang. Darcy looked at her phone. It was Master Quint calling.

“What can I do for you, Grandpa?”

Darcy held herself together and took the call.

“What? Why do you sound annoyed when I

I call you, Dar?” Master

Quint expressed unhappily.

Even so, Darcy noticed that her grandpa had addressed her intimately. “I heard that Skyline Estates is out to get you. They stopped other agencies from leasing an office building to you.” Master Quint found out what happened rather quickly.

Before Darcy could reply, he went on to say, “I have been meaning to let you use the office space at Quintessential Group. What do you

think?”

Chapter 388 Save Me, Kaze! Was it Darcy's lucky day?

She held the phone, and her mouth dropped wide open. She could not believe that Master Quint would do something nice for her.

“If I run my company in Quintessential Group’s office building about Quintessential’s business, Grandpa?” she asked skeptically. “Quintessential Group is becoming a shell of its former self the use of such a big office building? I can’t think of a better place to support your career.”

“Come over to the house now. Your uncle and the others will have talk with you.”

With her phone in her grasp, Darcy fell into a daze. In the end, she decided to take a trip to her family home.

She could sense the sincerity in Master Quint’s tone.

"I need to head home for a bit. You guys should get back to the office. We'll figure something out once I get back." Darcy told the employees before driving off to the Quints' family residence.

The employees got ready to leave dejectedly.

"Come on, Riley. Stop blaming yourself. Dave is clearly taking advantage of the situation. Don't take it personally." With Riley rooted to the ground, an employee said to her.

"You guys should go ahead. I'll catch up."

After seeing her colleagues off, Riley took out her phone and turned on the recording function.

She turned around and glanced at Skyline Estates' signage.

"Ms.

Quint is so hardworking, and she's been good to me. I can't let Dave Pamela bully her out of an office building. I should at least retrieve the two million dollars."

Riley took a deep breath and entered the premises, armed with her phone.

Minutes later, a fiery red Ferrari 488 pulled up in the area.

Kaze got out of the car and looked up at Skyline Estates' signage before walking into the building. "Bitch! Don't play that game with me. I knew something was wrong when you walked in."

In the office, Dave whipped Riley in the face.

"Ah!"



Riley cried out in pain and put up a struggle.

A burly man stood behind her and pinned her hands to her back, so she could not move.

Dave blew a puff at Riley's face and chuckled. "You have a nice voice. You're a pretty woman too, albeit not to Ms. Quint's level." His men let out a lewd laugh.

"Let go of me. This is unlawful imprisonment. It's against the law."

Riley hacked her throat from the smoke. She trembled in fear at

Dave's words.

"Hmph! Is that supposed to be a threat? | can violate you here, and no

one will say a thing about it."

Dave had a thing for women in office wear, especially when they shivered in his presence.

"Come on. Pin the girl down on the table. You guys can have a go once I'm done with her."

With a cigar in his mouth, Dave started to unbuckle his belt.

"No! Let go of me! Please..." Riley wailed in despair.

The burly man restraining her arms yanked her to the office desk Bang! The man pushed her to crouch over the desk.

The edge of the table hit her belly, making her grimace. Compare the physical pain, the despair and helplessness washed over her every being.

Dave drew close and pulled her miniskirt up.

“If you touch her, Dave, I promise you will never be able to be with another woman again.” Just when all hope was lost for Riley, a chilling voice interrupted them.

The bustle in the office stopped abruptly.

Dave and his men looked over menacingly.

A young man leaned against the door frame with his phone up, recording the whole thing. “Save me, Kaze!”

Riley held onto her lifeline and cried out loud.

Chapter 389 Ruthless

“Shut up!”

Buckling his belt back on, Dave cocked his head back and yelled. Riley shuddered with a pale face. It just dawned on her that Kaze was on his own.

Dave, on the other hand, had burly men around him.

Not only would Kaze have trouble saving her, but he might be dragged into this with her too.

“Run, Kaze. Call the cops and tell Ms. Quint and the others!”

It occurred to Riley that Kaze had just been out of a mental institution, so he probably did not have a handle on things. Riley quickly told him what to do.

“Are you deaf, bitch? | told you to shut up!”

Dave looked at her menacingly and raised his hand to slap Riley.

Furrowing his brows, Kaze extended his leg to clip a chair. He pushed the chair with the tip of his foot. The chair swiveled in the air and crashed onto Dave's shoulder.

Smash!

“Argh!”

With the chair splitting into pieces, Dave coughed out blood. His heavy body tumbled to the right, slamming onto the desk. The pain was excruciating.

Riley's face was smeared with blood, but it was from Dave.

She stared in a trance at Kaze, who seemed indifferent to it all. It was like she knew him for the first time. Dave's men fixated on Kaze. Their faces filled with dread.

“Ahh!”

Dave felt his body going numb, but the pain overtook his senses.

With his hand on the table, he got off and glared at Kaze you? Who the hell are you?”

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"I'm Darcy's husband. I heard that you picked on my wife."

Kaze took slow

steps over.

"Darcy's husband? So you're the idiot son-in-law of the Quint

Dave wiped the blood off his face and said angrily, "Yeah! I picked your wife. What are you going to do about it? That's not all. I'm going to make her grovel at my feet, and you're going to be watching."

He waved his hand at his men. "Get all our brothers in here."

From Kaze's little stunt, Dave could tell that he could fight. His men in the office might not be able to take him on. However, he had dozens of men still in the building.

It would not matter that Kaze could fight because he would be severely outnumbered.

One of his subordinates went out to call reinforcement. He was stunned by what he saw when he stepped out of the office. "Don't just stand there. Call for backup!" Dave shouted irritably.

"B-Boss, our people are down," the subordinate said shakily.

He slowly backed off, raising both arms in surrender.

Dave was about to rip him one. However, he piped down right away.

His subordinate had a blade by his throat.

One, two... There were six of them.

Six tough-looking men walked into the office. It was Jackal and his

team.

“Mr. Lee, what should we do with these people?” Jackal asked respectfully.

Kaze said with a blank face, “Finish them off.”

Dave turned as white as a sheet.

His eyes flickered with malice as he pounced at Riley. He wanted to use the woman as a hostage against Kaze. Jackal scoffed, removed the knife from the neck of Dave’s man, and hurled it at him instead. Slash!

The blade pierced Dave's shoulder, drawing blood.

“Argh!”

Dave held his arm and sank to the ground as he screamed in agony.

His men were petrified and frozen.

Kaze approached and got down to grab Dave’s fallen cigar on the

floor.

He took a long drag, the end of the stub glowing cherry red.

Kaze then stuffed the whole cigar into Dave’s mouth.

## Chapter 390 Relentless

Sizzle!

The cigar scorched Dave's tongue, and smoke permeated from his mouth.

"Ugh!"

Dave shook his head violently.

As Kaze covered his mouth, Dave could only whimper in pain.

The endless agony drained the color off Dave's face. His eyes bloodshot as he gave Kaze a pleading and fearful look. Kaze was unfazed.

Apart from Jackal and his team, the rest in the office stared at the scene with their jaws dropped. The situation made their hair stand and sent shivers down their spine.

Even Riley was horrified by Kaze's ruthlessness.

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Kaze only released Dave once the cigar put out completely in his

mouth.

Dave sank to the ground and held his throbbing neck, gasping for air.

Kaze paid him no attention. Instead, he took out his buzzing phone for a look. Snow was calling.

“Mr. Chairman, Clover Center is one of Mr. Forrester’s invested real

estate

“In other words, you own Clover Center. Most of the commercial spaces Skyline Estates manage belong to you.” Kaze was taken aback.

After all that bustle, it turned out that Dave used Kaze’s assets to abuse his wife.

“What are your instructions, Mr. Chairman? | can get the chairman of Skyline Estates, Tate Fleming, to see you now.” Kaze was a big client of Skyline Estates.

Skyline Estates only managed to grow because they managed giant properties.

Kaze glanced at Dave.

Close in proximity to Kaze, Dave could hear everything Snow

he was shocked. He looked at Kaze in disbelief.

Clover Center was the young man’s asset. Who the hell was the young man?

Kaze shook his head. “That won’t be necessary. With a man like Da working for Tate, | don’t expect much from him either. Get anothe realtor on the case. They can take over my properties, including Clover Center.”

Terror showed on Dave's face.

Tate was a vicious and merciless man. No way could Dave get off scot-free after causing the company that much loss. Tate would be the first one going after him.

Dave trembled violently.

“Please, Mr. Lee. Don’t do that. I’m willing to do anything. Just tell me how to make this right!” He fell to his knees and begged in tears.

Kaze kept a blank face.

Karma bit Dave hard. All that nastiness earlier, now he was drowning

in his own tears.

If Kaze had not made it in time, Riley might have jumped off the building after the assault.

“Tell me. Who told you to screw with my wife’s company?” Kaze asked indifferently.

Dave dared not defy and came clean. “It was the top three fami They want to ruin your wife’s business.”

“The top three families. They just won't leave us alone.”

Kaze scoffed.

These bullies were just disgraced by Shangrila Group. Now, they w taking it out on Darcy and Quartet Group. Still, Kaze was the person they were really after, and Darcy was ju collateral damage. He was James’ buddy after all. “You didn’t hesitate to sell the top three families out. Aren’t you afraid they might go after you?”

Kaze smiled pretentiously at Dave.



Dave gritted his teeth and replied, "I am, but you're the scariest of

them all, Mr. Lee. I will be your lapdog. Just tell me what to do. All I ask is that you spare my life."