

## **Guardian 561**

### Chapter 561 James White's Death

"The Four Ocean Commerce Guild thought they could kill us off with just one blacklist notice. How childish!"

"There are more than a dozen social media platforms online! For example, Mega Dance, the hottest short video platform currently, we can market there and reach the entire nation! We don't have to worry about

the sales anymore!"

The despair from being blacklisted faded when they found the solution. The executives were energized.

"Let's call it a day for now."

Kaze waved at them and ended the meeting since it was getting late. "Mr. Chairman, I have something to talk to you about."

Winnie stayed back. She said, "The company still has shortcomings in the biomedical field. I am planning to go south for a bit after James' death anniversary.

"I am going to look for talents and specialists in the field to join us in the R&D department."

After the Taylor Swan incident, Shangrila Group was turned down by multiple famous medical research teams, despite a handsome reward.

The southern region was where James founded his company and he still had connections there.

"I thought Shangrila is quite strong in its R&D. Even the top three families are eyeing your talents," Kaze noted.

“The company does have a lab and the technical supervisor, Ryan Waker, who used to be in charge.”

Winnie sighed and continued, “But Ryan and his team betrayed James and Teaked the patented projects and a large amount of funds to the top three families. They were recruited by the top three families after

that.”

Ryan was a specialist recruited by James himself from the south.

James treated his employees like his family but they all betrayed him at his lowest.

“I will take care of them during James’ death anniversary!”

Kaze nodded and added, “I’ll send someone to go with you.”

Then, he received a text from Snow.

“Mr. Chairman, Shane Blanc got a hold of the footage before James White jumped off the building. The +16 BONUS

video has been sent to your phone.”

Shane was extremely good at what he did.

Kaze assigned the task to him yesterday night and he had gotten hold of the footage from two years ago. It was less than 24 hours!

“Winnie, have a look at this.”

Kaze held Winnie back and tapped on the video.

The video showed the rooftop of a building.

There was barbeque equipment in the frame.

There was also a long table with wine and food.

It seemed to be a rooftop party.

In the center was James, in a wheelchair.

There were quite a number of people present and they all dressed like business elites. Several men and women were standing behind James.

One of the men in glasses wheeled James around.

“The man with the glasses is the technical supervisor, Ryan Waker. The others are Zach Seele. Aster Ferlini, and Shelly Fowler, and they were all specialists recruited by James himself.”

Winnie recognized all of them.

Frank was also in the frame and he was standing opposite James.

He held Taylor in his arms and seemed to be talking to James in an unfriendly manner. He scoffed, shouted, and seemed to be threatening James.

James looked furious.

The video had no sound, so Kaze could not hear what James said, but he assumed James was trying to negotiate.

Frank was unfazed. He ordered someone to hit Ryan in the leg with a baseball bat.

He then pointed at Zach and the others, threatening them. All of them begged Frank to spare them. James was fu

fuming. He tried to fight back but due to his disability, he could not do anything.

He wheeled himself to the edge of the building and jumped off the building. Ryan, who was crippled by the hit, crawled over to the ledge and looked down.

He cried and shouted, and it was Frank's men who pulled him back, preventing him from jumping off as well.

Strangely, Zach and the others barely reacted when James jumped off the building. Then, Frank said something to them and they looked relieved, somewhat delighted. The footage ended.

Kaze said, "Winnie, it seems like you've misunderstood Ryan."

## Chapter 562 Misunderstood Ryan

The video was clear, unlike the blurry surveillance footage. Someone at the party must have recorded the whole thing.

It did not seem like Ryan was faking it, especially when his leg was hit by the baseball bat.

Kaze could confirm that it was all a misunderstanding. Winnie misunderstood Ryan as the one who betrayed James.

However, Zach, Aster, and Shelly obviously turned on James.

Based on the video, Frank must have threatened James using Ryan and his team. That explained why James was forced to jump off the building.

He took his own life because he wanted to protect the employees that he viewed as family.

He was not a coward that the world claimed!

James died a bitter death.

Other than Ryan, others celebrated his death.

Judging by their reaction, Frank must have bought them out long ago.

“The lab achieved a major breakthrough that day and hosted a barbeque party on the rooftop. Frank invited James but | didn’t go because | was not feeling well.

“| didn’t know Ryan was beaten and after James took his own life, the others disappeared. | only found out later that they were recruited by the top three families. | thought as the technical supervisor, Ryan would also jump ship. | was wrong, | have been wrong about him.”

Winnie covered her face and cried.

Other than guilt, the sorrow of watching her husband jump off a building consumed her.

“James viewed Ryan as his brother and only Ryan tried to stop James from jumping off the building. | have to find him...” Winnie called Sophie in and assigned her to locate Ryan.

Sophie then called in an executive of the company, Renee Nicole.

Before James died, Renee and Ryan bought a house in the same neighborhood.

Renee said Ryan was crippled due to an accident when the old Shangrila Group was annexed.

Fortunately, Ryan's fiancée did not abandon him and they got married.

His fiancée, Rei, had a little clinic and after they got married, Ryan started to help around the clinic.

"Me Souffle, | thought you knew about Ryan and was wondering why you didn't call him back to take over the P&D lab. | just didn't dare to ask," Renee said.

just found out about the truth. | thought he betrayed James like the others and became a lapdog of the top three families."

Wienie was drowning in her own guilt.

She decided to visit Ryan and invite him back to the company as the lab's technical supervisor.

Ryan was a specialist in the biomedical field and his talents should not be wasted in a small clinic.

It was already late, so Kaze decided to tag along.

Along the way, Winnie was still troubled by her own guilt

"Don't worry. Renee said Ryan married his fiancée despite his disability, | bet he is living a good life

now.” Kaze consoled her.

Soon, they arrived at the clinic that Renee mentioned.

It was late, so there were no more patients around.

A bearded middle-aged man in a yellowish doctor’s robe was cleaning the place. He was moving slowly as he was crippled. Perhaps because of his posture at work, he appeared to be hunched over.

When he noticed Kaze and Winnie, he kindly asked. “Are you here to see a doctor or purchase medicine?” “Are you Ryan?”

Winnie teared up as she barely recognized Ryan in his current state.

Two years ago, when Ryan worked with James, he had the demeanor of a business elite. Now he had a hunchback due to the pressures of life.

“Winnie?” Ryan was shocked.

He was stunned for a moment before he invited Kaze and Winnie inside.

“Ryan, Shangrila has been rebuilt and I am here to officially invite you back to take care of the lab.”

Winnie officially invited Ryan to join the company as the technical supervisor. Ryan’s eyes glistened but the glimmers quickly faded.

“Tim a cripple now. All I can do is help around the clinic. I am not capable of taking care of the lab

anymore.”

Winnie wanted to persuade him but she was interrupted by a woman in heavy makeup. “Ryan! What are you doing? If there are no patients, just close the clinic! Don't waste the electricity!”

## Chapter 563 Traitors

The woman was Ryan’s wife, Rei.

She scolded Ryan when she saw him talking to others.

Ryan shrugged and said, “Rei, this is Winnie Souffle from Shangrila Group...”

“I don’t care what souffle or pancake! If they are not here to see a doctor or buy medicine, tell them to— Wait, what? What did you say?”

Rei widened her eyes at Winnie. “Winnie White you mean? James White's wife?”

Winnie smiled. “It's Souffle now. Hi, Rei. I’m here on behalf of Shangrila Group to invite Ryan back to the company as the technical supervisor for the lab...”

“Oh no you don’t!” Rei shouted and stopped Winnie before she could finish.

“You just want the patent that Ryan has!” Rei’s arms akimbo as she glared at Winnie. “Don’t even think about it!”

Winnie frowned.

“Rei, the patents belonged to Ryan. Even if we were to use it, we would pay him accordingly, but a part of it belongs to our lab and it’s only natural for us to take it back.”



“Winnie is right.” Ryan nodded.

“What did you say?!” Rei slapped Ryan in the face and then shouted, “James White made you into a cripple and you are still thinking about helping him? You useless shit! I’m telling you, Ryan! If you dare to give those patents back to Shangrila Group, I’ll divorce you!”

ARS a.”

Ryan covered his face, aggrieved.

He decided to keep quiet because after he became a cripple, Rei married him as promised.

Rei started to abuse him countless times and he chose to endure it.

He lowered his head and apologized. “I’m sorry, Winnie. Why don’t we talk about this another day?” Ryan’s situation reminded Winnie of her situation when she was with Zenny and it left a bitter taste in her. “Alright. We’ll talk again soon. Believe me, come back to Shangrila and you can live a better life. We have a new chairman now.” Winnie got up and wanted to leave with Kaze.

However, Rei reacted with a strange look..

“Who allowed you to leave? Hold it right there! You must settle this today before walking out!”

She called them back and then made a phone call.

“Hello, babe. Miss me already?” A perverted voice sounded from the phone.

“Im missing your ass! Come to the clinic right now! Shangrila Group is here for their patents!”

“What? How dare they! Wait! I’m having dinner with Aster and Shelly nearby. We’ll be right there.”

A few minutes later, three expensive cars stopped in front of the clinic.

A Mercedes, an Audi R8, and a Porsche 911.

The cars represented the respective driver's status.

“Zach, Aster, Shelly!”

Winnie looked at them coldly. The three of them were the specialists that James recruited two years ago.

They became the core members of the lab team and James was forced to his death protecting them.

However, they had already betrayed James without his knowing. “Winnie White?”

“Who is this man here? Did you find another man already? James died only two years ago and you are already sleeping with another man? Wait, | thought you married Zenny a while ago.”

“Come on, Winnie is young and beautiful. | bet she has slept with a lot of men already.”

The three of them spotted Winnie as well. After the initial shock, they started to insult and mock her. Winnie was furious. “Shut your mouths! This is the chairman of Shangrila Group!

Chapter 564 Beat Until Confess “He’s the chairman of Shangrila Group?” Upon hearing Winnie, not only Zach, Aster, and Shelly were shocked, but even Ryan looked at Kaze in surprise.

No one expected that the young man who kept a low profile behind Winnie was the chairman who single handedly brought Shangrila Group back to life.

“Ryan, the chairman is here to welcome you back.” Winnie said.

She wanted to use this chance to persuade Ryan back to oversee the lab.

“Hmph! Chairman? So what? We are now working for the top three families!”

“The top three families are kings in Lilyrose! They even got rid of Shangrila Group two years ago, and they can do it again now!”

“As a matter of fact, Frank alone was more than enough to destroy you and your little chairman, let alone the top three families combined!”

Zach, Aster, and Shelly mocked Winnie and Kaze after the initial surprise. The three of them were recruited by the top three families but they were never part of the core team.

They had no idea that during the day Bersina Group changed its name to Shangrila Group, the top three families tried to ruin the ceremony but Kaze stopped it and made an example out of the situation.

They also had no idea that the top three families were scared of Jesse White, Kaze’s alias, and had placed their last hope on Albert Hiden’s inauguration ceremony.

They only knew that Shangrila Group openly challenged the top three families for their market share in the medical industry. To them, Shangrila Group was nothing and their struggles were fu

“You want Ryan to go back to Shangrila and get his patented technology? Dream on!” Zach bellowed arrogantly.

He glared at Kaze and then said. “Rei, make Ryan hand over his patents! Or else this won’t end well. today!”

The top three families had been eyeing Ryan's patents for a long time now.

The three traitors never stopped urging Ryan to hand them over in the last two years.

The top three families also urged them to replicate the technology but they did not master the skills since they were not involved in the research and development process back then.

They had been trying to coerce, persuade, and force Ryan to spill it but his mouth was sealed.

When they heard Winnie came to Ryan, they got anxious.

Once Ryan returned to Shangrila Group, he would be able to produce products that surpassed the top three families.

If that happened, their careers would be over!

"Ryan, you useless piece of shit! Did you hear Zach? Hand over the patents right now!" Rei pushed her husband.

The way Zach communicated with Rei confused Ryan.

"I will not hand over the patents. The three of them will only give it to the top three families!"

Ryan shook his head and glared at Zach, Aster, and Shelly. "Frank used you to threaten James and he chose to take his own life just to protect you!"

“Yet you three joined the top three families and even came after the technology achieved by Shangrila! Why? How can you do this to James? Where is your conscience?!”

If Zach, Aster, and Shelly had a conscience, they would not join the top three families.

“Ryan, you are stupid. Do you really think James died because of us? Frank had always wanted him dead!”

“He refused to become the top three families’ lapdog. Who gave him the nerves to challenge the top three families?”

“James got what he deserved. Are you saying we should die instead of him?” The three of them showed no remorse for James’ death and even mocked him.

“Hurry up and hand over the patents! It has been two years! We have run out of patience!”

“I will never!” Bang! Zach kicked Ryan to the ground.

“No? Then we’ll beat you up until you give it to us!”

Chapter 565 Make Her Regret? “Get him!” Zach ordered Aster and Shelly. The three of them jumped on Ryan, punching and kicking him for the patents.

Being crippled, Ryan was not capable of fighting back. He hugged his head and curled up his body on the ground, grunting in pain.

The three of them were his students once, yet they turned on him.

“Good one! Beat him to death! Useless piece of shit! If you gave the patents to the top three families, I would have lived a better life for the past two years, not being poor!”

What devastated Ryan even more was his wife, Rei, cheering on his assaulters instead of helping him.  
“Hand it over!”

“No!”

Ryan refused to loosen his lips even though he was beaten up.

Shelly was infuriated. She lifted her foot wearing the heel and aimed at Ryan’s crotch.

Slap!

Suddenly, a slap landed on her face and sent her to the ground.

“What the fuck? You slapped me?!”

She screamed as she covered her face.

Slap! Slap!

Kaze ignored the woman and slapped Zach and Aster to the ground too.

“Hey! You little shit! How dare you hit Zach! I’ll get you!”

Rei, who did not even help his husband, got agitated when Zach was slapped. She quickly went over and helped Zach up.

“Rei, you...”

Even if Ryan was blind, he could tell something was abnormal between Zach and Rei.

“What? Only realizing it now? | cheated on you with your student! If Zach didn’t tell me to marry you for the patents, | would never have married a stupid cripple!

“You are really fucking stubborn! Two years! It took me two years to find out that you had kept the patent documents in your bank safety box! But It’s already enough for Zach to gain credits for the discovery!”

Rei was thrilled to see the shock on Ryan’s face. She had endured the mundane life with him for two years and she could finally vent her emotions.

“Y—You! | want a divorce!” Ryan shouted with bloodshot eyes.

No wonder the top three families were able to produce several new medicines that only he knew how to make. He split the patent documents and hid each of them in different places.

One of them was in his bank safety box.

He was wondering how the top three families achieved the breakthrough without him, and now it turned out that his wife, Rei, got the information from him and found the bank safety box.

With the influence of the top three families, making the bank surrender the documents was easy. “Divorce! | have wanted to divorce you for a long time now! We'll get the divorce now!” Rei helped Zach up and said, “Zach, I'll marry you as soon as | divorce him!”

“That’s great!”

Zach hugged Rei by the waist and grinned.

He did not take Rei's words to heart because he never planned to take her seriously.

He was just toying with her, it was not real. "You Blood gushed out from Ryan's mouth.

The shock from his wife's betrayal exacerbated the injuries he sustained.

He laid back on the ground, devastated. Kaze then went up to him.

"You want to make her regret it? Come with me to Shangrila Group.

Chapter 566 Delayed

Shipment

"Really?"

+10 BONUS

Ryan picked his chin up and looked at Kaze with a twinkle in his

eyes.

"As it! You're just a good-for—nothing handicap. | will never regret my decision.

"Hmph! Shangrila Group was no match for the top three families two years ago. | doubt that has changed even now. Ryan, you will only be in a worse situation if you go with him.



“Mr. Golding said that it will be the end of Shangrila Group in the next few days.” Zach and the others expressed their disdain. I

Noticing Ryan's hesitance, Winnie persuaded. “Trust in the chairman, Ryan. I wasn't in a better circumstance than you before, but look at me now.”

“Alright, I'll go with you to Shangrila Group.”

Ryan trusted Winnie more than anything. He rose to his feet.

Rei panicked because Ryan had not handed over the technology.

She blew a fuse and threatened him. “If you walked out on me, I'm filing for divorce, Ryan.

“Fine by me.”

Ryan no longer cherished his wife who had betrayed their sacred vows.

Nevertheless, Kaze patted his shoulder and said indifferently, “The divorce will happen but not now.” Ryan was confused.

The others did not get it either..

Kaze said nothing more. He glanced at Zach and Rei like they were dead to him before walking away. “Stop them. I got nothing from sleeping with the handicapped for two years,” Rei shouted at Zach and his friends.

She knew that Ryan would offer his patent to Shangrila Group without asking for anything in return because he and the company went way back.

Selling the patent to the top three families would give her enough fortune to last a lifetime. Zach and the others tried to stop them.

It took one look from Kaze for Zach and his buddies to back off.

Their faces were still swollen by the slaps from Kaze.

In the end, the lot watched as Kaze and his people left.

Ryan left with everything he had.

Everything he had was on his person.

Still, he believed Winnie would not do him wrong.

Ryan was fueled with vengeance. He wanted to deliver results right away and make Rei eat her words. During the car journey, Ryan was eager to dive right into work.

“Ms. Souffle, how's the setup of the laboratory coming along? Have you recruited all the necessary research personnel?” Ryan asked.

Winnie felt embarrassed. “Not yet. You're the only one on the team as of this moment. You'll need to set up the laboratory.”

Shangrila Group was rebranded from Bersina Group.

The top three families had taken everything out of the previous laboratory a long time ago.

“I will recruit the research personnel later. Many of my peers are working in education and corporate institutions.

“The priority is to set up the lab with the necessary equipment and technology.

“If we can’t get anybody, I could get a few of my students to be assistants for now to kickstart the experiment,” Ryan uttered.

His words carried confidence. “Alright. We have purchased some equipment. I’ll push to get the shipment dispatched soon.”

Winnie pulled out her phone and called the owner of Key High Tech, a precision instrument company in the South River State.

Key High Tech partnered with the University of South River School of Medicine to develop precision instruments for clinical trials.

All hospitals in the South River State acquired medical instruments from Key High Tech.

Shangrila Group had submitted a purchase order worth over 300 million dollars and paid 20 million dollars in deposit.

The company representative had promised to dispatch the shipment as soon as possible.

Now that Winnie got in touch with Key High Tech, the representative backpedaled on the shipment date.

"I'm sorry. Ms. Souffle. I understand that you have been pushing hard for a quick shipment, but it won't happen for the next few days. Try contacting us at a later date."

Chapter 567 Defense Technology Lab Winnie sensed something amiss because it sounded like the person on the other end of the line was brushing her off. She asked with a frown, "By a later date, how long are you referring to?"

"The earliest we can do is three months, but I can't give you a definitive deadline. It can be a year or more," the company representative replied nonchalantly.

Winnie grew furious. "But the contract states that the shipment would be dispatched within ten days. Don't tell me Key High Tech can't keep up with production."

"Don't put that on us. Ms. Souffle."

The representative said unhappily. "We have received a lot of orders, and you are in the back of the line. What choice do we have?"

Winnie saw red.

Key High Tech only received such a large order because Shangrila Group was trying to set up a laboratory.

A procurement order of tens of millions of dollars was considered a substantial order to Key High Tech. Besides, some equipment was worth millions of dollars individually.

mit for years.

Even if Key High Tech had a backlog of orders, Shangrila Group should not have to wait for

The delay in the shipment was clearly intentional.

“Please dispatch the shipment within the time frame set in the contract, or we'll reserve the right to take you to court,” Winnie said sternly.

“Well, that’s out of our hands. Go ahead and sue us.”

Not at all intimidated, the representative chuckled and responded. “But I think you should pour money into fixing the source. You should file a lawsuit against the Four Ocean Commerce Guild instead.

“Your company might just be snubbed and fall bankrupt before we even go to trial. You probably can’t afford the attorney fees by then. Hahaha.

“Bastard!”

Winnie nearly smashed her phone in rage.

Not only did the representative delay the dispatch, but he deliberately rubbed salt to injury too.

One thing was for sure, though.

16 BONUS

Key High Tech deliberately delayed the shipment because of the Four Ocean Commerce Guild’s boycott order.

Kaze had no time for the Four Ocean Commerce Guild right now. He whipped out his phone to make a call and instructed the chauffeur to take them to an open space.

“Get out of the car. Come with me to a place.”

Despite their confusion, Winnie and Ryan followed Kaze out of the car.

The group stood outside for a while.

Soon, an aircraft descended on the vacant lot.

Winnie and Ryan were stunned to see the emblem of Lilyrose Strategic Department on the chopper.  
“Don't just stand there. Come on.”

Kaze led them to ascend into the helicopter.

The aircraft took flight into the sky. Not too long later, they landed at a proper hangar.

A soldier in camouflage was on duty to safeguard the many aircraft parked there.

Some members dressed in protective gear shuffling scraps back and forth. The place looked like a secret base.

A group seemed to be expecting them.

Among them, some wore camouflage uniforms with high-ranking shoulder straps while others wore white lab coats.

“We would like to welcome you to Lilyrose Strategic Department's defense technology lab, Sir. We look forward to your inspection.”

The middle-aged man in a white lab coat was the head of the group. His name was Derek, and he

oversaw the laboratory.

Lilyrose Strategic Department's defense technology lab?

Sir?

Winnie and Ryan were dumbfounded as the group saluted Kaze with respect. “Go and check the place out.”

Kaze assured them not to be nervous before following the group to the research and development area.

Once they had finished sterilizing and changing into the required gear, Ryan's jaw dropped at the laboratory before him.

Ryan had not only overseen Shangrila Group’s laboratory. After the group went bankrupt, he ran the R&D department at a school and observed many other large-scale centers abroad and locally.

Yet, this laboratory was the biggest he had seen so far.

It dawned on him.

He was at the defense technology laboratory of the local military.

The military was highly funded, so of course, the scale had to be large.

Chapter 568 Co-Setting up a Laboratory

Kaze merely smiled as Ryan reeled in the shock.

If Ryan had seen the God of War Palace's defense technology laboratory, he probably would have passed out in awe.

Winnie and Ryan were confused.

They did not understand why Kaze brought them there.

"Derek, can you share the quality of the precision instrument you developed for clinical studies?" Kaze asked.

Carrying the pride of a scholar, Derek said proudly. "Our lab boasts the most advanced technology in the entire military. Our commitment to quality is unsurpassed, Sir. Even state-level labs utilize our state-of-the-art equipment."

Ryan was envious.

If only Shangrila Group's laboratory could be set up with such cutting-edge equipment. No doubt it would be a great help to his research.

Kaze pointed at Ryan and Winnie before uttering, "This is Ms. Souffle from Shangrila Group and Ryan Waker, who oversees the company research lab.

"I have a thought of a possible collaboration. You can partner with Shangrila Group to set up a laboratory. The company's research and findings can be shared with you."

Kaze's proposal of research sharing was unilateral.

The research of the defense technology laboratory belonged to the country and was potentially confidential. Military studies were not accessible to the public.

Still, Winnie and Ryan were pleased with the proposal.



Nevertheless, they were worried whether Lilyrose Strategic Department was on board with the idea.

To their surprise, Derek nodded. "That's fine with us. We have partnerships with university research teams.\*.

That was true.

However, these university research teams were highly credible. Shangrila Group's laboratory was just an empty shell at the moment.

Kaze's remark became the deciding factor.

He patted Ryan's shoulder. "Ryan is highly knowledgeable in scientific research. Since you are business partners with Shangrila Group now, can he be recruited into your lab too?"

Ryan looked up in shock, baffled by Kaze's intentions.

Derek glanced at Ryan and said with a smile, "I know Ryan. I have read his published articles.

"His participation will benefit the lab. In a way, we have acquired a talent for the country."

Hence, Ryan quickly became a senior researcher at the defense technology laboratory. His grade, military rank, and wages were the same as other researchers on the team.

Of course, Ryan would still oversee Shangrila Group's laboratory.

He would participate in the defense technology laboratory's important projects and attend fixed academic forums.

“The clock is ticking. Work through the night and get the equipment for Shangrila Group ready to be transported to the company. The laboratory needs to be set up.”

Kaze told Derek before the latter saw him off. Even after walking out of the laboratory and getting into the aircraft. Winnie and Ryan were still in a daze.

Everything that happened felt like a dream. However, they knew it was real.

Their perception of Kaze remained shrouded in an air of mystery.

Just when Ryan was excited to get a head start, he received a video from his wife, Rei.

The video was taken on the night of his wedding.

Zach jumped on Rei, dressed in her wedding gown, in bed. The rest was history.

“Those cheating bastards!”

Ryan’s eyes turned bloodshot in fury.

Rei, the bitch, could not leave him alone. She had to send a video to rile him up.

It was no wonder Rei kept giving him drinks on their wedding night. She said that she was so happy that their long-term relationship came to fruition.

The truth of the matter was, she saved herself for Zach. It was there and then that Ryan gave up on Rei.

Chapter 569 It's Show Time Rei did not stop with just the video. She also sent Ryan two voice messages.

"You're useless, Ryan. | heard from Zach that the Four Ocean Commerce Guild issued a boycott order on Shangrila Group. You can forget ever acquiring any equipment.

"Are you running a laboratory or nothing? Haha! How do you like that?"

The sound of running water and Zach's ridicule played in the background.

Ryan dared not imagine what they were doing.

"Don't get too excited, bitch. The Four Ocean Commerce Guild is irrelevant. We are getting the testing apparatus transported to the company overnight, and | can guarantee you that the technology is more advanced than the top three families\*."

He pressed the button to record his reply. Once done, he did not send the voice message.

It was not too late to prove the cheating couple wrong after setting up the laboratory and conducting the important experiments. Kaze witnessed everything.

He smiled and uttered, "Just send the voice message, Ryan."

"Mr. Chairman, Rei is with Zach now. They will definitely tell the top three families, who might give us problems," Ryan replied.

For the greater good, he canceled the message from ever getting out.

"It's okay. Just send it. | want them to retaliate," Kaze responded with a grin.

Ryan replied to Rei without hesitation.

It did not take long for Rei to call Ryan.

The woman uttered skeptically. "Who are you trying to fool, idiot? Zach knows what's going on. Key High

Tech has refused to dispatch the shipment to Winnie.

"I doubt you can acquire the equipment anywhere else at this time.

"Did you lie to get back at me, loser? That's just sad."

Ryan smirked.

He pretended as if he had no idea the woman was trying to get more information from him. Complying with Kaze's instructions, he said, "Why should I lie to you, Rei? Believe what you want. The equipment is.

on the way as we speak, and the laboratory will be established in no time."

"You're so full of yourself, bastard."

On the other end of the line, Rei was outraged.

Alas, Ryan had hung up on her.

Rei and Zach embraced each other with nothing on as they lay in a hotel bed.

“Is Ryan even telling the truth? Maybe he did acquire the equipment since he sounded confident.” Rei put the call on loudspeaker, so Zach heard the whole conversation.

Regardless, Zach decided to report back to the top three families.

He called Frank.

Frank was restless whenever Shangrila Group was involved.

He conveyed the news to his father right away.

The three family heads got on the phone for a three-way meeting. The chairman of Shangrila group was Jesse. The resourceful man might have a way to purchase the apparatus required.

“Hmph! So what if he can get the equipment? Don't forget that Lilyrose is our turf. Without our approval, Jesse can forget ever transporting anything into our territory.

“Give Howard, the GM of Lilyrose Logistics a call. Tell him to close off the roads and sweep all freight trucks into Lilyrose tonight. Any vehicles carrying testing equipment should be seized and destroyed. That will get Jesse!

“Bring it on. It's time to showcase the top three families' prowess.” Flint ended the call with a sneer.

Lilyrose Logistics was the giant of the city's logistics. Thanks to the support of the top three families, the company dominated the city-wide supply network.

The top three families held equal stakes in the company too. Logistics was one of the crucial industries the top three families monopolized in Lilyrose.

Chapter 570 Road Closure

The general manager of Lilyrose Logistics, Howard was the son-in-law of the Goldings.

He was an uncle to Frank.

Howard would not neglect a call from his nephew, Frank. So, he immediately rolled out Frank's instructions.

Lilyrose Logistics dominated the distribution chain in Lilyrose. No other shipping companies would dare retaliate against it. These companies heeded Lilyrose Logistics' orders right away.

Soon, the main roads into the city were closed.

All freight vehicles entering Lilyrose would be stopped and searched.

The power and reach of the top three families permeated the complex network.

The local government turned a blind eye to Lilyrose Logistics' illegal road closures. Some authorities in uniform even volunteered to cover for them.

It explained why the public considered Johnson a figurehead mayor.

The real people running the city were the three family heads.

Large trucks snaked along the roadside, queueing on the other side of the toll booth at around three o'clock in the morning.

The whole debacle started after midnight.

Each vehicle was summoned to stop at the side of the road for searching after leaving the toll booth. "Open the cargo door."

“Why should I open the door? You aren’t the authorities. You're not even in uniform.”

“Cut the crap before I break your legs. Now hurry up,” a group of dangerous—looking young men shouted. The drivers said nothing more and opened the door to the cargo.

The thugs climbed into the cargo bed with flashlights and poked around the goods. They would help themselves to the good stuff when they came across some.

The truck drivers had to bite their tongues despite their anger.

These hooligans worked under Leath.

When the distribution network started to build in Lilyrose, Leath led his gang to occupy the market through violence.

Leath rose to power and became one of the leaders of the city’s logistics industry.

Later, the top three families recruited these leaders to dip their fingers into logistics.

“Make sure the boys keep a watchful eye. The boss said not a single test tube should be transported to Shangrila Group.” Leath sat behind a table by the road, smoking and drinking while barking orders at his men.

The boss he was talking about was Howard.

Leath was not at the point to communicate directly with the three family heads.

“Our friend with the highway patrol just gave us a tip that a transportation fleet is coming off the highway in our direction. They must be heading to Shangrila Group.”

One of his men reported to Leath.

“Tell the boys to be ready to stop those cars.”

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Leath discarded the cigarette butt and stood up.

Soon, a fleet of forty-odd vans drove away from the toll booth in a snaking line.

“Leath, those freight vehicles are from a logistics company in Melrose.” Leath’s men knew where the vehicles originated from by the logo. The logistics company belonged to Shane.

Lilyrose Strategic Department's defense technology laboratory was in Melrose.

Kaze contacted Shane for transportation.

“Hmph! So those vans are from Melrose. Destroy the cargo together with the vans. It’s time we dominate Melrose’s supply chain too!”