## **Guardian 581**

Chapter 581	Bring the	Inauguration	<b>Forward</b>
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"We have testament from the bodyguards that Ryan became a senior researcher at the defense technology laboratory, so it must be true.

"Jesse's connections to the military run deeper than we thought.

"He seems to have access to the laboratory functioning directly under Lilyrose Strategic Department." The three family heads expressed their horror. They regretted their actions more than ever.

The family heads knew a long time ago that Jesse had influence in the military.

Had they known, they would not have given instructions to Lilyrose Logistics to

steal the equipment.

With Howard arrested, the top three families' businesses in freight and shipping would experience a major shakeout.

They would suffer massive losses and have reduced control over the city.

"It's too late to turn back time. It's not like Jesse will go easy on us if we choose not to go against Shangrila Group," Belarus remarked.

The other two nodded in agreement.

Jesse re-established Shangrila Group to get back at the top three families.

Two days ago, Jesse sent a message through Lightning Tiger to get the Chapmans to move out of the Jade Estate.
The top three families were to attend James' death anniversary to pay their respects. It was a showdown between the top three families and Jesse right from the start. "The bodyguards also mentioned that Jesse White is the loser son-in-law of the Quints. Do you think it's true?" Edward asked.
Out of the three family heads, Edward resented Kaze the most.
His son, Eliot, was in a coma because of Darcy.
If Kaze was really Jesse, Edward could be sure that Kaze was the real reason his son was in a coma.
The supposed military drill was only an excuse.
Belarus scoffed. "It doesn't matter whether it was true or not. We can't look at the dimwit son-in-law of the Quints the same way anymore.
"Tomorrow is James' death anniversary. Jesse can be the idiot son—in-law's alias or someone else's, but one thing's for sure, he's going to seek us out and make a spectacle out of it."
"Do you think our families can handle it?"
Edward and Flint fell silent.
Belarus had a point.
The question remained whether the top three families could stand firm against Jesse's aggressive attacks.

"Damn it. Even in his grave, James haunts us. He could at least wait a couple of days before he died.
"Of all of the days to die, he had to die two days before Chief Commander Hiden's inauguration.
"If his death anniversary was after the inauguration, we could befriend Chief Commander Hiden in time, and Jesse wouldn't scare us."
Sure, Jesse was a concern to the top three families. However, these families always took one assumption as the truth They assumed Jesse never showed his face and acted secretively because the extent
of his influence was not as great as Albert's.
Albert must be able to restrain the guy.
"No point talking about this now. We should dig into our network on both sides of the law to help out.
"If that doesn't work, my family can just move out of the Jade Estate for now. "We are resilient. The minor setback won't kill us. It's never too late to turn the tables on Jesse after the inauguration," Belarus said menacingly.
"That's the way to go."
The other two nodded their heads in resignation.
A middle-aged man in military uniform was led into the room by the Goldings' housekeeper. The man was Darcy's uncle, Nelson Oceanid.

"What can | do for you?" the three family heads rose to their feet and asked the military personnel politely.

"lam Nelson Oceanid, the director of foreign affairs with the State Strategic Department. I'm presently on duty in Lilyrose and was tasked with meeting the head of the Chapman household, Mr. Belarus Chapman," Nelson uttered courteously.

Startled, Belarus asked, "I am Belarus. What can do for you?" Nelson nodded.

"received an order from Chief Commander Hiden that the inauguration is brought forward to tomorrow afternoon, and the venue has been changed to the Chapmans" Jade Estate."

Chapter 582 The Top Three Families' Resources

Vid Nelson just say that the inauguration had been brought forward to tomorrow? The ceremony would be held at the Jade Estate too.

Belarus was not the only one dumbfounded. The news came out of nowhere for Flint and Edward too.

Just a moment ago, they were whining about Albert's inauguration not being sooner. The next thing they knew, Albert somehow made their wish come true.

Good luck could not come at a better time. The three family heads were ecstatic, to say the least. "Mr. Oceanid, please let Chief Commander Hiden know that..."

Thrilled, Belarus added, "The Chapmans will get everything ready for tomorrow's inauguration. Chief Commander Hiden will feel welcomed and right at home when

he arrives at the estate tomorrow."

Jesse had the nerve to declare that he would make the Chapmans move out of the Jade Estate and repent their sins to James.

Even Albert was having the inauguration at the Jade Estate.
Now, the top three families were untouchable.
"  need to add that it's not just making Chief Commander Hiden feel at home." Nelson corrected Belarus with a smile. "The star tomorrow isn't Chief Commander Hiden but the God of War.
"As far as   know, Chief Commander Hiden had trained under the God of War, and he had requested the God of War to attend and ordain the ceremony a long time ago. "So the God of War will make an appearance at the Jade Estate tomorrow.
"Here comes the chance for your family to make headway with the God of War, Mr. Chapman."
Belarus was over the moon.
The Chapmans had lived for generations at the Jade Estate.
Even a general had not set foot into the place before. Now, they would be welcoming a commander and the God of War. It was an honor and privilege to the Chapmans.
Flint and Edward were thrilled too.
For a moment there, it slipped their mind that the God of War would be attending the inauguration too. Flint said, "The Chapmans won't be the only ones involved. The top three families. will do everything and spare no expenses to make the ceremony a success."
"That's right. We have the resources to please the God of War."
Nelson nodded happily and got ready to leave the Goldings' residence.

Belarus extended an invitation.
He invited Nelson and his family to attend a luncheon at the Jade Estate that afternoon.
"Mr. Oceanid, we would appreciate some guidance to host tomorrow's inauguration." The other two family heads issued a warm invitation too.
They wanted to be acquainted with Nelson, assuming the latter was Albert's confidante.
Nelson was filled with glee. He wanted to make friends with the Chapmans as the family was about to make it big. So, he readily accepted the invitation.
Once out of the Goldings' residence, Nelson went back to Horizon Mirror Mansion.
"Agatha, Rose, Landon, put on your best clothes. You are attending an important luncheon with me later," Nelson called his wife and kids over before announcing in
delight.
Seeing that her husband was excited, Agatha asked curiously, "What is the important luncheon about, Nelson? You seem quite happy."
"The top three families in Lilyrose are hosting a luncheon just for us," as Agnes approached, Nelson said proudly. He was in Lilyrose on business matters, so his wife and kids had been staying at Horizon Mirror Mansion.
They were relatives of Agnes.
However, Nelson did not feel comfortable living under the roof of Agnes' family's 100 -million—dollar

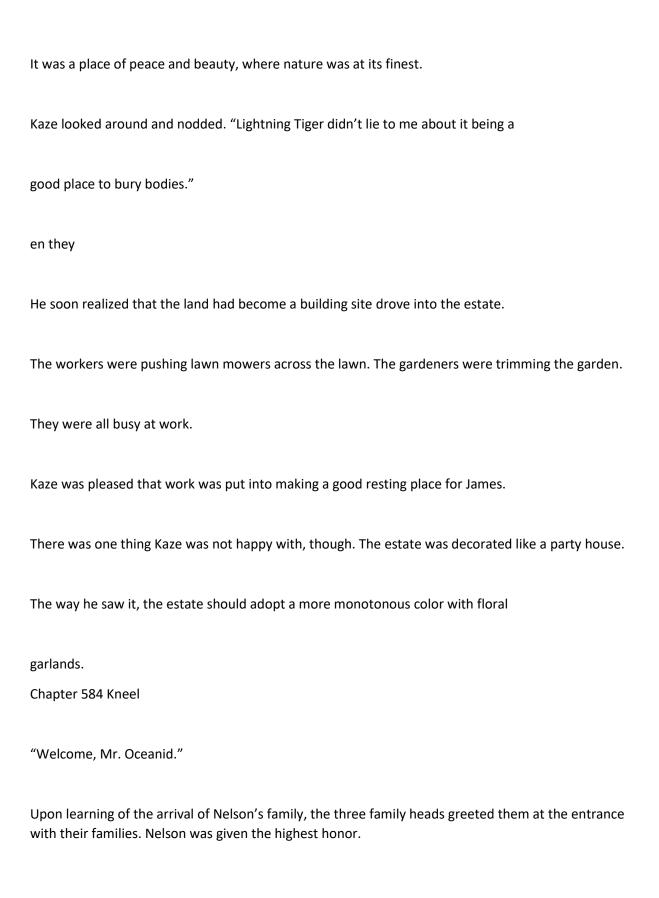
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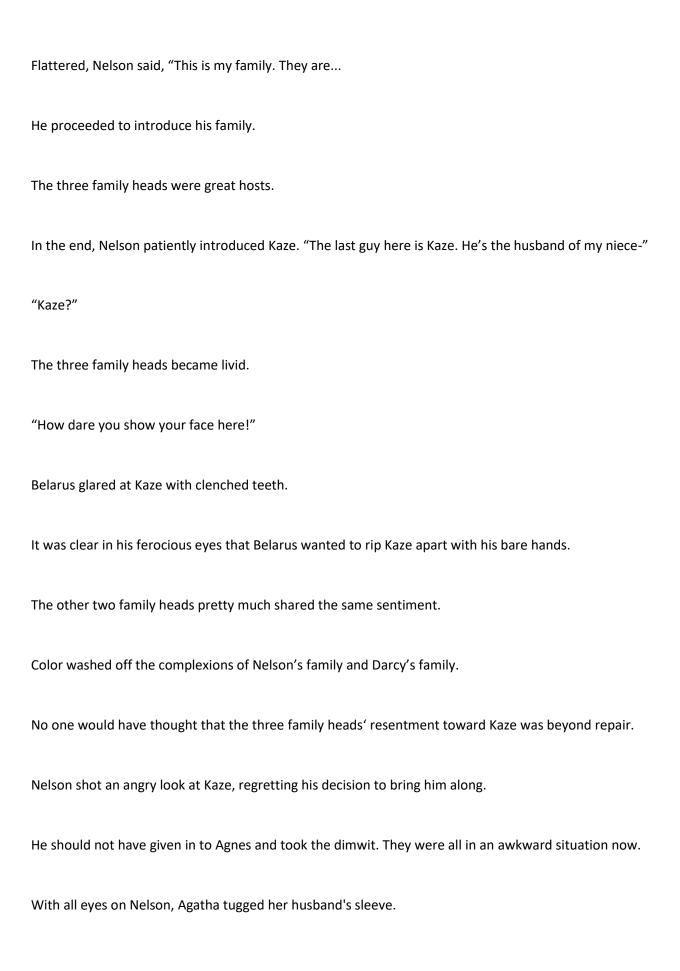
He finally felt superior to Agnes' family.
Agnes' heart skipped a beat at the mention of the top three families.
"Can you bring my family along too, Nelson?"
Agnes drew close and added, "Kaze
rubbed the top three families the
wrong way.   thought it might be a
good opportunity to make things
right between them."
"Make things right? Who do you think you are to try and make things right with the elite families?"
Nelson uttered in contempt, "Besides, Kaze's feud with the top three families has nothing to do with me. Why should   help him?"
Chapter 583 Luncheon at the Jade Estate
It was all because of Kaze's blabbermouth.
Nelson had to handwrite the privacy policy two hundred times yesterday. His hand was still sore.
He would be glad to see the top three families go after Kaze. He was not the least bit interested in helping at all. "You're right. We have no right to try and make things right with the major families











Nelson braced himself and said, "I know Kaze has upset you and done something unforgivable.
"His family pleaded with me to bring him here so that he can apologize and seek your forgiveness."
"Seek our forgiveness?"
The three family heads exchanged glances in surprise.
They saw the glee in each other's eyes.
Here they thought Kaze came to the estate to rub it in a day before the death anniversary.
It never occurred to them that Kaze would reach out to an olive branch and ask for forgiveness instead
"  see you must have heard that Chief Commander Hiden is having his inauguration at the Jade Estate tomorrow.
"Didn't you demand that my family has to clear out of the estate to make room for your buddy, James grave?
"  thought we were all supposed to attend his anniversary and repent our sins." Belarus said menacingly, "Where's that cockiness now?"
"Why are you a coward now?" Edward sneered.
Flint joined in the fun. "I want to see how you plan on seeking our forgiveness." Both families stared a Kaze in disbelief. If it was not for Belarus, they would not know what Kaze had done.

Kaze wanted the Chapmans to move out of the Jade Estate and make the land a graveyard. No person in their sane mind would do such a thing.
"  thought you merely upset the top three families.   didn't know you were trying to
get us killed, Kaze.
"Didn't you say that your insanity was fake?   think you really lost it."
If the top three families were not present, Agnes would have slapped some senses into Kaze.
He was an idiot.
Kaze would be the death of all of them.
"Since you're here to beg for forgiveness, start begging."
Belarus yelled with a grimace, "Kneel!"
"Get down to your knees!"
Edward and Flint chimed in.
"Don't just stand there. They can only forgive you after you kneel and apologize."
Seeing that Kaze made no effort, Agnes kicked him in a panic. "You must be dreaming to think that we will forgive him just for kneeling."

Belarus narrowed his eyes at Kaze dangerously. "My daughter, Tiffany, is young, beautiful, and highly educated. She's my little princess.

"| can't believe you turn her into a domestic helper at Springville No. 9. She has to serve James' parents and change the diapers of his daughter."

Chapter 585 Beg You for Mercy?

"Kaze, you can't atone your sin even if you serve my family for a lifetime."

The Chapmans became a laughingstock when Tiffany was forced to be a maid. Edward yelled, "You attacked my only son, Eliot, and now he's in a coma. The nerve of you to seek my forgiveness."

"Let's not forget my son, Frank. You stomped on his legs until they were broken. He's now lying in bed, waiting for amputation. He needs constant pain medication to ease the agony.

"If | could, | would unleash my fury by giving you a slow and torturous death." Flint flipped out.

The bad blood between them went way back. All could not be pardoned with Kaze simply getting down on his knees. He was delusional to think an apology would cut

1. it. Kaze's death could not make up for the pain and suffering their children had endured. Darcy's family and Nelson's family froze. Their minds went blank. They thought that Kaze was out of line to turn the Jade Estate into a graveyard. To their dismay, the three family heads revealed things that were more disturbing and outlandish. Apart from Darcy, everybody looked at Kaze like he was a dead man. After all he had done, there was no way Kaze would live to see another day. He had himself to blame for digging his own grave. "It's too late to beg for forgiveness, Kaze. We are way past that, and you know it. "From now on, you will kneel the whole day at the Jade Estate, and with each day, we can pardon one of your sins." The other two family heads nodded in agreement with Belarus' proposal.

While they hated Kaze's guts, they could not figure out the best way to make Kaze suffer. In that case, the only thing they could do was prolong his misery.

Kaze should at least live in anguish for a month before dying.
"Who said   was here to beg for mercy?"
Kaze finally broke his silence.
That was what it took for the eyes of the three family heads, Darcy's family, and Nelson's family to widen. "You're not?"
Belarus scoffed. "Don't tell me you believe you can still turn things around. I'll be honest with you. Chief Commander Hiden isn't the only one coming to the Jade Estate tomorrow.   am expecting the God of War too.
"That reminds me. You impersonated the God of War, and it made national news. What do you think will happen when he finds out that you're from Lilyrose?"
Color drained the group's faces.
Jesus. The top three families had enough on their plate, and now the God of War could be involved too.
However, Kaze was amused.
"What would the God of War do? He can't do anything to me."
"What would the God of War do? He can't do anything to me."  Kaze said with a smile, "Belarus, Flint, Edward,   think you got the wrong idea. because Albert's

"The top three families, young and old, are to carry my buddy, James' casket and pay respect to his gravestone.
"Those who don't comply will be wiped out of history."
Thump!
There was a thud against the floor,
Agnes fell back on her bottom in fright.
The top three families were ballistic at that point. "You're a stubborn man.
"In that case, there's nothing left to say. It's either your funeral or ours after the inauguration tomorrow.
"Get out! Get out now! We'd rather feed the luncheon to the dogs."
The three family heads chase them out. The inauguration had not happened yet.
The three major families were still wary of Kaze's connection to the military.
Chapter 586 Irrelevant to Me?
Darcy's and Nelson's families were flustered by the abrupt dismissal from the Jude Estate.
"You idiot! You really lost your marbles.



"Even our assets are split in half during a divorce. Are you going to say that it's irrelevant then?" Kaze had never seen Datey so furious.
Faced with the line of questioning, Kaze was at a loss for words. He was filled with quilt.
"That's right. Divorce him!" Agnes, Agatha, and Nelson said in unison.
Sky and Rose opened their mouths but soon closed them in resignation. They did not know how to take Kaze's side.
Even they believed Kaze went too far.
Landon was off sending Kiev a text message, giving him the cue to swoop in and steal Darcy's heart. However, Kiev ignored him.
The top three heads were not the only ones after Kaze's head. The God of War might want to get even with him too.
Kiev wanted no part of it. So, he played dead to Landon's text message.
"It's not like the top three families won't take their anger out on me if   divorce Kaze." Darcy's words shut the three seniors up.
Without another word, Darcy pulled out her phone to call Miru. "I need another
favor, Miru."
"What? Did your troublemaker get into another trouble?"

Miru knew straight away that her best friend needed her to make things go away for Kaze.
Helpless, Darcy recounted the encounter with the top three families.
She then said, "Can you ask your cousin if we can have a moment with the God of War, Miru?   hope the God of War can spare Kaze.
"If the God of War could say something, the top three families wouldn't take revenge. on Kaze."
Darcy was aware that Miru did not see eye to eye with Kaze. There was a possibility Miru would not help her.
She added, "And, on our family."
"Alright. I'll talk to Albert, but you need to tell Kaze to show some respect the next
time he sees me." Miru still remembered the time Kaze ordered her around. After the call with Darcy, Miru gave Albert a call.
"  can't believe you would call me, Miru. I'll be at the ceremony in Lilyrose tomorrow.
hope you can attend it."
was ol
Albert to get the call.
"  will be busy tomorrow."

Miru then said, "Albert, tell the God of War not to hold the past against Kaze when he comes to Lilyrose tomorrow.
"Kaze is just a useless man who loves to boast. He's a nut. It's beneath the God of War
to be angry with a nutcase."
Chapter 587 See Mathias
"Um"
Albert broke out in a cold sweat.
It was a good thing he knew Miru was best friends with Darcy. Kaze would not mind. even if he heard what Miru said.
Otherwise, Kaze might raise hell because of Miru's blatant insult.
"What? Is there a problem?"
Miru was displeased.
Albert replied, "I can't decide what the God of War wants to do.   wouldn't dare overstep my boundaries.   can't do it for you."
Soon, Darcy got a call from Miru, who conveyed Albert's response.
Darcy was devastated.

Feeling bad, Miru gave a suggestion. "The only way Kaze can save himself is for him to attend the inauguration tomorrow
"He should try and meet with the God of War to apologize.
"The God of War might not pursue the matter if asked in public.
"The top three families might not take revenge on Kaze especially after the God of War pardons him."
Darcy saw a glimmer of hope.
The issue was getting an invitation to the inauguration tomorrow.
Darcy had heard rumors. The invitation was only sold to a handful of members of the public. Besides, she had no connections to the military.
Miru said, "I know a wealthy family who bought a seat at the ceremony. Maybe you can ask him, Darcy."
"Who?" Darcy asked.
"It's Mathias Queen. He's from Butterworth, but he's in the city now. I'll give you hist number."
Miru had been in contact with Mathias lately.
After Cronus escaped from Lilyrose, Lefteria Group took over Taurus Automobiles. The Butterworth Queens were the biggest car suppliers in all neighboring states.
If Taurus Automobiles wanted to keep on selling cars, Lefteria Group had to go through the Queens and offer them a cut of the profit.





Even though the world stood against Darcy, she groveled and pleaded with Mathias. Mathias felt sorry for Darcy and held Kaze in contempt.
Kaze was a loser who could not do anything right. All he did was get himself in trouble. He did not deserve a good woman like Darcy.
"Never mind. Let's skip tea and get down to business." Mathias waved his arm. "Alright."
Darcy was dumbfounded. She said, "I heard that you paid to get access to Chief Commander Hiden's inauguration tomorrow.   was hoping   could get an invitation
too."
"That's out of the question."
Mathias waved his arm.
"Huh? Why?" Darcy asked in confusion. She was thrown off the loop.
"The spaces are limited for members of the public since it is a military event."
Mathias explained, "The channel to purchase the invitation was closed when a celebrity named Taylor bought access two days ago.
"It cost a billion dollars for a spot in the guest list.   doubt Chief Commander Hiden wants to take things too far."
Upon learning that Taylor acquired a spot, Darcy started to freak out.

Taylor pointed fingers, at Kaze at the press conference, saying that he impersonated the God of War.
She would meet the God of War in person tomorrow.
There was without a doubt in Darcy's mind that Taylor would keep up with the lies. and frame Kaze.
"What should   do? Kaze is done for if he can't attend the inauguration. The top three. families and Taylor will make his life a living hell."
With her hands over her mouth, Darcy started to weep.
"With all due respect, Ms. Quint, Kaze made his bed, so he should lie in it.
"It's important for couples to stick together, but you have done your due diligence. In fact, you have done a lot for him.
"He failed you and himself." Mathias persuaded
"No. Sure, Kaze loves to brag. He's a straight shooter and gets into trouble because he doesn't read the room."
Darcy shook her head. "But he's good to me. He didn't let me serve you tea because he didn't want to put me in that position."
"He upset the top three families and Taylor for trying to seek justice for James.
"He has done nothing wrong.
"  will do everything in my power to save him with every little chance   get."

Mathias sighed at Darcy's determination on the matter.
"  was born into wealth and privilege, so I've seen many selfish women. You are a breath of fresh air, Ms. Quint," Mathias lamented.
He added, "I was going to bring my sister along to the event. Since she wasn't interested,   decided to save her the boredom.
"Kaze can attend the ceremony with me as the household help of the Queens."
"A household help?"
Darcy frowned.
Mathias responded, "I bought an invitation to the event, which entitled me to bring
my family. Kaze isn't part of my family, so he has to come along as a domestic staff." He made that up.
All Mathias was trying to do was insult Kaze.
"Alright then."
Darcy finally nodded.
All that mattered was to attend the inauguration and meet the God of War. "Thank you, Mr. Queen. I'm eternally grateful to you."
Darcy stood up and nodded at him.
"Don't be quick to thank me, Ms. Queen. My help doesn't come free."

Mathias waved his arm and uttered, "My family spent 1 billion dollars to gain access

to the ceremony. We intend to be riend Chief Commander Hiden and see if we can get a business deal going.

"You should understand bringing Kaze along has its risks after he impersonated the

God of War." Darcy gave a nod.

She replied, "I can pay part of the fee, Mr. Queen, but Quartet Group doesn't have

much accessible funds at the moment."

Chapter 590 He Has to Save Himself

Darcy poured the investment of over two billion dollars from various companies. into projects.

Quartet Group's funds were tied up at the moment.

"I can accept shares of Quartet Group in exchange for the favor," Mathias said. Darcy hesitated for a moment before shaking on the deal to save Kaze.

In the end, she handed over 20% of her shares to Mathias

Since Mathias had nothing much to do in Lilyrose, he registered a company. Now, he managed to make Kaze his servant and gain shares in Quartet Group. It was a rather rewarding trip for Mathias.

Once they agreed on a time for their attorneys to make things official, Mathias walked away satisfied.



She put her work aside to keep Teresa and Camry company.
Jessica was now a daughter to Teresa and Camry.
"Okay."
Kaze glanced at her and nodded.
It remained undetermined whether the woman was sincere. Her attitude, at least, was faultless.
"Leave Brenda to Tiffany. She's too young to attend the ceremony tomorrow," Kaze said while stroking Brenda's head.
The girl enjoyed Kaze's fingers running down her head. She did not understand what the adults were talking about.
Thump!
Tiffany kneeled before Kaze.
"What's the meaning of this, Tiffany?" Kaze asked curtly.
Tiffany shuddered.
Still, she gritted her teeth and mustered the courage to pick her head up. "Mr. Lee, it serves the Chapman's right to lose the Jade Estate. It makes a fitting final resting
place for James, but please don't harm my family, especially my father."

"Are you talking terms with me?"
Kaze looked at her indifferently.
"  wouldn't dare," Tiffany answered right away.
Kaze scoffed. "I have given the Chapmans many chances.   was at the Jade Estate today, but Belarus was not at all remorseful.
"Don't bother making an emotional appeal to me. He has to save himself."
Tiffany was lost for words.
"Get up. Don't kneel over every little thing. The Whites are an ordinary family without unnecessary rules like yours have."
Kaze told Tiffany to get up and let her be.
Belarus resented Kaze for making Tiffany a domestic helper. Unbeknownst to him, Tiffany saw it as a blessing in disguise. "Mr. Chairman."
Snow drew close.
She rushed over the moment she got the call from Kaze.