

## **Guardian 691**

Chapter 691 You Want to Break My Arm? Bang! Following a loud explosion, the signage made with premium obsidian rock was blasted to the ground, breaking into smithereens.

The loud commotion captured the attention of passersby. People and cars stopped to have a look at the estate's entrance, and they were all shocked.

Steve Lee, the kingpin who had been in power for decades, had his signage smashed. Someone was trying to challenge his status in Melrose!

"What the hell is going on here? Who the hell smashed Master Lee's signage?!"

The huge commotion caught the attention of the guards.

A group of suited men with earpieces rushed out, shouting angrily.

"I did it. What are you going to do about it?" Albert said as he stepped forward.

"You are asking for it!"

The leader of the guards stepped forward with his fist raised, ready to throw a punch at Albert. "Oscar, hold on! There are soldiers with guns here! Something is not right..."

His men wanted to stop him but they were too late.

Swoosh!

Guns were raised and loaded.

The black muzzles were all pointed at Oscar and the other guards.

“What the...”

Oscar’s expression froze on his face.

It was a sunny day but he was shivering like it was winter.

His face turned pale as he was stunned on the spot; the same happened to his men.

One wrong move and they might be shot to death.

“Asking for what?” Albert asked.

“Uh... I-I am not asking anything,” Oscar stammered.

Albert grunted and then signaled his men. “Arrest them.”

The soldiers moved out instantly and apprehended all the guards.

“Hands on your head, don’t move!”

Oscar and his men did as told and dared not make unnecessary movements.

Despite their cooperation, they were still beaten up as they were being taken

away.

Their weapons were confiscated as well.

“Take control of the estate and apprehend all suited guards inside,” Albert said. Armored One Battalion marched in and started to take over the estate area after

area.

Angry shouts sounded consecutively and soon turned into horrified screams.

The commotion that happened across the estate startled Steve and Sully at the lounge. “What is it? Is the enemy here?!”

Steve was sipping on his cup of tea when he heard the commotion.

“It's Invincible Lee, it must be!” Professor Whiteman said happily.

Sully scoffed. “Old Geezer, stop bluffing. Invincible Lee? Don't make me laugh. Not even Superman can take you away today!” “Professor, Greg has said that the Invincible Lee is a fake. Don't have your hopes up,” Steve said with a grin.

“Mr. Lee, you have no idea what is happening now.

Professor Whiteman sighed. “This one is the real Invincible Lee, the God of War. Disaster has arrived and you have no idea.” Steve grunted. He did not want to waste time with the professor.

He signaled Sully and said, “Go find out what is going on. This is out of hand. \ don't Bakewtto it is that ig-causi {fouble at my estate. Break their arms and legs and throw them out.”

Steve might sound casual and calm but Sully knew that his father was angry. Someone was trespassing and causing trouble in the estate.

It was unacceptable for Steve, a proud man.

"Hmph. There seems to be an army out there. Don't worry, Fath fa will make sure the rodents are full today ully went out with a ferocious grin.

He scolded the guards. "Dean, Trevor, what are you people doing? Someone is using the estate! I didn't hire you to do nothing!

"Get to work! Break the intruders' arms and legs and throw them out... Huh?!" Sully's voice stopped abruptly as if he was choked by someone.

He was stunned as soon as he stepped out of the door.

"I heard you want to break my arms and legs?" A frosty voice sounded.

Chapter 692 Really Invincible?

Steve frowned when he heard the frosty voice.

"Sully, who is it outside?" he asked sternly.

Sully did not answer.

"You want to break my arms and legs?"

The frosty voice asked once more.

“Uh-Uh... It’s just a joke...”

Sully stammered and sounded like he was about to burst into tears.

Steve finally realized something was not right. He put his cup of tea down and looked at the entrance. Sully, with his hands raised, was retreating into the room carefully.

Huh?!

Steve gasped and his eyes widened when he saw Sully being pointed by a gun at his forehead. Albert pushed Sully in with the gun at the forehead.

Kaze and Miru were behind Albert. Following behind them was the Armored One Battalion!

Steve could no longer maintain his calm. He bolted up and went to the center of the lounge.

He saw through the door that his guards were all beaten up and forced onto their knees outside the lawn. He then looked at Sully and Albert, who had a gun at his son’s forehead.

He knew from the badge that Albert was a general, who commanded the Armored One Battalion!

At that moment, he finally knew who Albert was, which shocked him.

He forced himself to calm down and bowed at Albert. “Chief Commander Hiden? Welcome to my humble abode. What is it that brings you here?”

“Old man, trying to play dumb with me, are you?” Albert put his gun away and said coldly, “I brought Professor Whiteman to

Lilyrose yesterday and your son did the same. Professor Whiteman is my senior and he literally watches me grow up. | can joke with him, but do you think your son can do the same?"

Bang!

He lifted his leg and kicked Sully away.

Sully crashed to the wall and grunted in pain.

He breathed a sigh of relief after Albert put the gun away. He really thought he would be shot.

Steve was aggrieved. He explained, "Chief Commander Hiden, | have already lectured my son for being reckless. | have been treating the professor with respect and hospitality since he arrived."

"Professor, is it true?" Kaze asked.

"He's right. Even though his son is slightly rude, he did not resolve in violence," Professor Whiteman said.. "Who might this young man be?" Steve asked as he looked at Kaze.

He was curious why the young man would speak when Albert was in charge of the situation.

To his surprise, Albert did not even say a word or stop him.

Steve believed the young man was someone powerful.

"Invincible Lee, | thought you wanted me to come here before dinner and kneel before you," Kaze said.

"It's you?!" Steve was horrified.

He looked at Albert and then switched his attention back to Kaze.

He was mortified.

The young man was the real Invincible Lee! The God of War!

Thump!

Steve knelt immediately and slapped himself repeatedly.

"I am terribly sorry for offending you! I will never use the same title again!"

"Really? Invincible Lee sounds great on you, why would you use it anymore?" Raz joked.

Steve was horrified.

"I am just a gangster! Using the same title as the God of War is a bit insulting to him, especially since he said in horror.

Kaze chuckled without being too concerned. "It's fine. You can

, see Oye Gil! continue to use it. It's fitting. Unlike, can't use it even if it's by myself. People keep calling me an imposter."

He then shot a glance at Miru, who had been looking at him with disdain.

Chapter 693 Slap Sully Lee

Miru grunted. She knew that with Albert's arrival, Kaze gained even more confidence in his bragging and bluffs. Kaze was smart enough to stop impersonating the God of War, or else Albert would probably strangle him alive. Steve was shaking on the ground. He did not take Kaze's words for granted.

From now on, he decided to never use the title 'Invincible Lee' anymore.

"Who went to the hospital and took the professor?"

Kaze went over to the main seat and sat down.

"Mr. Lee, it's my son and his men. I'll call them in right now!"

Steve, with his knees on the ground, turned as Kaze walked past him.

Kaze hummed a reply.

Soon, the five men whom Sully brought to Lilyrose came in and knelt in a single

TOW.

Sully knelt and said, "Mr. Lee, I'll be honest. | might be rude but | didn't hurt the professor at all."

"| know. Professor Whiteman is a forgiving person, so let's just put this aside first. | want to ask you about something else," Kaze said.

What else if not taking Professor Whiteman away from the hospital?

Everyone was confused.



Professor Whiteman then said angrily, "Sully Lee, the woman you slapped at the hospital is his mother-in-law!" "What?!"

Sully was stunned.

"What?! Why didn't you tell me about it!? You bastard!" Steve shouted at Sully as he too was horrified, "Apologize to Mr. Lee right now!"

"You must apologize, but not to me. Your father will go to Lilyrose and apologize to them in person on your behalf." Kaze then waved at Sully. "Come over here."

"Mr. Lee, | am terribly sorry..."

Sully went over to Kaze,

Slap!

Kaze slapped him in the face, slamming him down to the ground.

His mouth bled instantly.

"Again."

Kaze waved at Sully again.

Sully got up and went over once more.

Slap!

Kaze slapped him again.

“Come here.”

This time, Sully crawled over to Kaze and he was slapped once more.

After a few times, Sully’s face was completely swollen and he could no longer

move a muscle.

He was half dead when Kaze was done.

The lounge was dead silent. Everyone was shocked by Kaze’s ferocity, but no one felt bad for Sully. He did slap Agnes at the hospital, so he had it coming.

Steve felt terrible looking at his son, but he dared not say a word.

He finally understood why Kaze wanted him to apologize to Agnes and Hector at Lilyrose in person.

“Who kicked my father-in-law?” Kaze asked after he was done with Sully. One of the men came over.

“You bastard! Mr. Quint is handicapped and has been confined to a wheelchair for yeas. HoWdare yeu kick nif nd even kick his knee! If he can't be cured, you will be responsible!” Professor Whiteman shouted at the man.

He saw Hector being kicked but he could not remember the man’s face.

“Steve Lee, you heard the professor.”

Kaze grunted and added, “You deal with this. My demand is simple. | want him to

regret what he did to my father-in-law for the rest of his life.”

“Aaaah!”

Steve, who had not used his fists for years, broke the man’s legs with his bare hands. The entire lounge was filled with excruciating screams.

The others were grateful that they did

not attack Agnes one ey woulcsufter { € consequences for

the rest of their lives.

After that, Steve knelt again. “Mr. Lee, | have nothing else-tp ey: kam 111 Nite. rene Ger my wealth. Pléase forgive me.”

Chapter 694 Confiscate, Retire

Hearing Steve’s surrendering his entire assets without a doubt, many were deeply impressed by his resolution. He surrendered his assets just to avoid a disastrous end because he offended Kaze. “Well, confiscate his assets then.” Kaze did not take the money for himself as he was not interested in Steve’s assets or anything.

He then added, “As for your business here in Melrose, | want you to put Miru in charge. You can retire now.” Kaze already had a plan to boost Miru’s power and reputation, so this would be a great chance.

In addition, he could save himself and Darcy a lot of trouble.

Miru was stunned. She did not expect Kaze to be this bold and force Steve to hand over his power to her.

She looked at Albert and realized her cousin was quiet.

She grumbled inwardly.

Kaze was smart enough to flatter her in front of Albert. No wonder Albert would allow him to steal all the limelight. As for Steve, he was devastated. He did not expect Kaze to force him to depower himself.

This decision would affect his influence and position in Melrose greatly.

Losing his wealth was not that devastating as he could earn it back, but once he retired, there would be no coming back anymore.

“Thank you for sparing my life.”

Despite his heart bleeding from losing everything like power and wealth, Steve was forced to thank Kaze. He regretted not listening to the professor and finally realized what disaster the professor meant. Shane came after getting the news and he too was stunned.

He originally thought of using Kaze’s hands to remove Steve so that he could be

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the next kingpin.

Yet his plans were ruined with just one word from Kaze.

The kingpin of Melrose was no more.

As of today, the Lee family of Melrose had officially retired from the scene.

The news shocked the underworld of Melrose and Lilyrose.

Steve took the professor and lost his position as the kingpin.

How ridiculous was that?

Melrose had a number of powerful forces eyeing Steve's position.

Now that he was removed, they grew restless.

However, the next news caught them off guard because the goddaughter of Alan Cunningham, Miru, would officially take over Steve's business in the

underworld.

It was made possible by the man who forced Steve to retire.

The news deterred all interested parties. No one dared to be nosy anymore.

The underworld of Melrose saw a peaceful and safe transition of power, but that was a story for another day. Kaze and Professor Whiteman then left the estate and went back to Lilyrose.

Steve was also traveling with them with a ton of gifts.

When he appeared before Agnes and Hector with the gifts, the entire Quint family was shocked. How did Kaze do it? None of them was able to react properly even after Steve was chased out by Kaze.

The underworld kingpin came to Lilyrose to apologize for the things he had done—coated his hands.

He called Agnes and Hector madam and sir respectfully. Steve was as old as Master Quint and the way he acted before Agnes and Hector was strange, Agnes and Hector could not get used to it at all.

"See, I said I'll come back for dinner, but you guys don't see me. Kaze said at the table I had dinner. -

Darcy suddenly received a call and when she was done, she rolled her eyes at Kaze. As she could only apologize for what happened. Chief Commander Hiden did us a great help! She even said you were bluffing and told me to watch you so that you won't get ahead of yourself!"

Chapter 695 Quint Family in the Way Miru again!

Kaze was rendered speechless. He called Albert to help and he thought Miru would finally learn, yet the self-righteous woman still thought he was impersonating the God of War.

"Forget about it."

Kaze shook his head and then said to Professor Whiteman, "Professor, you can stay here for the time being and I assure you no one will take you away anymore."

He brought the professor back home, which excited the family.

They treated the professor like their elders.

"Haha! After what happened today, who else would come after me?" Professor Whiteman joked.

He did not reject the suggestion.

After all, he had been through life and death with Kaze and he was always saved.

Darcy and family had a good sleep for the night, but not the extended Quint family.

Despair continued to linger in the Quint family's residence.

The acquisition caused a chain of problems and the Dallas Moneylender extorted them for two billion. The entire extended family was being pressured to the point of suffocation.

Two days earlier, when the Quints rose in status, the other families came to flatter them. Now, none of them offered a helping hand.

4 The Quints finally learned how cruel the world was. "We are facing the biggest crisis in our lives and Darcy is living the life!"

"Did you hear? Miru just became the biggest kingpin of Melrose and she's in charge of the underworld of both cities. Darcy is her closest friend."

"We still have to go to her. If she can just help us, both the problems with the debts and Dallas Moneylender would be solved." "It was all Kaze's fault for tricking us. If we are able to see Darcy, she would pity us and help us."

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The Quints still believed Darcy was their only savior.

Unfortunately, they were not able to contact Darcy, Agnes, or even Hector.

With all options exhausted, they decided to wait for her at Skylar View District.

They knew they were blacklisted because Kaze told the soldiers to stop them outside.

On the next morning, when Darcy drove her car out of the neighborhood, she was stopped by her grandfather. "Grandfather, what are you guys doing?"

Darcy came out of the car and was surprised to see her grandfather and uncle.

The Quint family members had heavy dark eye circles, including Master Quint. They looked exhausted as if their life forces were drained.

"Darcy, please help us with the debt! Dallas Moneylender is extorting us for two billion! You are close with Miru, please ask her to help us to handle the problem.

"If you help us, we will let you come back to the family and you can continue to use the Quint family's name. We will even let you become the family head! We will all listen to you!

"We truly regretted our actions. We shouldn't have treated you and your parents so badly."

Master Quint begged and bowed at Darcy.

Darcy was shocked. It seemed like the Quint family was, in a desperate state, they were desperate to make her family head.

"You guys really regretted what you did?" A voice came from behind.

Kaze and Professor Whiteman were having a walk along the lake when

they heard a commotion.



The Quints responded to Kaze's arrival with hostility. The bastard made them kneel before Sky Ocean Corporation for an hour and humiliated them! However, knowing their current situation, they had to suppress their anger. "We truly regretted what we did. We have learned our mistakes!"

Master Quint said sentimentally, "Darcy, I admit that I have neglected you for too long. I am biased and I have wronged you and Deborah. You are also my

granddaughter! I have failed as a grandfather!"

Chapter 696 My Wife Put On a Show

Other members of the Quint family admitted their mistake too.

To think the high and mighty would genuinely acknowledge their fault to Darcy. Darcy's eyes welled up. The burden of the past lifted at last as she finally found closure.

As the Quints suspected, Darcy had a weak spot for them.

Darcy pulled out her phone. "I'll give Miru a call. Maybe she can get through to Dallas Moneylender."  
"Hang on."

Kaze held her hand down.

With Kaze threatening to foil their plans again, the Quints gnashed their teeth.

"Kaze, Grandfather and the others have admitted their mistake, and they are welcoming us back with open arms," Darcy told Kaze.

"Come with me, babe."

Kaze pulled Darcy to the side and whispered, "Just pretend you can't do anything for them. Test the waters. If they are genuinely apologetic, I'll support you in getting the Quints out of the mess. But if they're only doing it to trick

"I'll go along with it." Getting the message, Darcy nodded. you-

She pretended to be on the phone with Miru before walking back to say, "I just talked to Miru, Grandfather. She said she can't afford to piss Dallas Moneylender off, so she can't help.

"I'm sorry but my hands are tied. I can't help with the debt."

Darcy then observed the Quints' reaction.

The Quint family's response blew her mind.

They were taken aback at first, but the despair soon settled in. They went ballistic. "Bitch! You should've said you couldn't help. That was a waste of our emotions." "You're such a loser. You are close with the Queens and Miru, and yet they are no 1/3

you down with us!"

These people had lost all hope.

Resigning to their fate, the Quints took out all their negativity on Darcy.

Darcy had always been their punching bag.

Having braced herself, Darcy said nothing.

She wanted to see what Master Quint would say.

“Seriously, Darcy?”

Master Quint pointed at Darcy exasperatedly. “I take back everything | said. You don’t have what it takes to be a Quint or the head of the household.”

“So, the apologies were all fake, Grandfather?” Darcy asked with a wry smile.

“That’s right. Don’t tell me you’d expect me to apologize to you. Who do you think you are?” Master Quint sneered. “It was all an act.”

Darcy staggered.

It was all pretend.

“That’s funny because my wife was putting on a show too.”

Kaze grabbed Darcy’s phone and dangled it in front of Master Quint. “See the recent calls? My wife didn’t make the call to Miru.” “You lied to us, Darcy!”

Master Quint scowled.

The other members of the family did not see that coming.

They froze.

“| bet you didn’t think my wife would play you like a fiddle. Idiots!”

Kaze held Darcy’s hand. “Come on, babe. Let them take care of their own mess.”

Darcy followed him with a blank face, refusing to take another look at the Quints.

She was played a fool once more.

The Quints were outraged.

“Argh! I’m going to kill you, Darcy!”

“You're a bastard, Kaze! It must have been your idea! Well, your wife cheated on you with Mathias. You don't have anything to be proud of!”

Kaze cocked his head back.

He made a beeline to the member of the Quint family who made the comment.

The person was Keenan, Darcy's uncle.

Smack!

Kaze lashed out with a swift kick, sending Keenan flying as he slammed onto the ground.

“Don't forget that I’m a dimwit. | might just kil Ueno il of'my WiieMR426 said.

He then walked away. Terrified by his ruthlessness, the Quints held their tongues. They were desperate at that point.

The only thing they could do was wait for Dallas M neylendet 10 dome after thbin@wo Hays later.

The group returned to the family residence with heavy hearts. However, several individuals stood there, waiting for them.

Thinking they were debt collectors, Master Quint went and said, (We

have no money but our lives to give. Take it or leave it.”

The family had given up fighting back.

“We don’t want anything. We’re here to save your family.” Save them?

Master Quint was shocked. “And you are?”

The middle-aged individual smiled.

“The Vinlands from Chrysanth City.”

Chapter 697 Sort Out With a Phone Call

“The Vinlands? That’s the mega-rich family.”

“Oh, Tanya’s family. Technically, we are related to the Vinlands.”

“The Chrysanth Vinlands are wealthier than the Sunrise Lees.”

The older members of the Quints were ecstatic.

They knew the history between the Quints and the Vinlands.

Master Quint was the son-in-law of the Vinlands, taking their family name when marrying Tanya. Tanya, who passed away more than a decade ago, was the heiress of the Vinlands. Subsequently, Tanya had a falling out with her family.

She walked away from her family with Master Quint and started a business in Lilyrose. That was how the Quints came to be.

Over the years, the Quints and the Vinlands never kept in touch.

The young members of the family like Samus had hazy memories of the Vinlands. They only learned the truth from their elders.

“Don’t you remember me, Master Quint? I’m Hudson,” the middle-aged man standing before Master Quint said with a pretentious smile.

Surprised, Logan examined Hudson once more.

Then, realization hit him.

Old memories came flooding back to him. It was a humiliating past.

Hudson was somewhat related to Master Quint.

He was the cousin of Master Quint’s late wife, Tanya.

Even though Hudson was only a kid back then, he was heavily involved in putting Master Quint down.. Hudson would pee and poo when Master Quint gave him piggyback rides on his shoulders. “Oh, Hudson. Long time no see.”

Master Quint said hello awkwardly before asking, "What brings you to Lilyrose?"

"Didn't I say? My family sent me here to save your family," Hudson said with a smile.

It appeared the Vinlands wanted to help the Quints.

The Quints were overjoyed.

Master Quint was stunned.

Nevertheless, he was skeptical about the Vinlands' intention due to their grudge.

"How does your family intend to help us?" Master Quint asked.

"We heard about your family's problems. It's an easy fix, really."

Hudson whipped out his phone and made a call right away. "Am I speaking to Dane of Dallas Moneylender? I heard the Quints owe your establishment two billion dollars.

"I'm calling on behalf of the Vinland family. Could you do us a favor and consider an extension on the deadline? The Quints can't fork out any money at the

moment. It's pointless threatening them.

"Just think of it as keeping your money safe with the Quint family. They will return the money once they get the funds." The Quints were taken aback.

Hudson's call went straight to Dallas Moneylender.

As Hudson put the call on loudspeaker, the Quints could determine that the person on the other end of the line was Dane from Dallas Moneylender.

It was not easy for the Quints to forget Dane. He made quite an impression.

Dane came to the Quints' family residence two days ago, demanding the return of two billion dollars.

The Quints had three days. Tomorrow would be the last day.

If no payment was made, Dallas Moneylender would start taking lives instead.

"Haha. Who am I to say no to the Vinland family? Alright then. I'll keep the money with the Quints for now."

Dane's cheery laughter echoed from the speaker.

The Quints were dumbfounded. It took one phone call for Hudson to sort out the Quints' fatal crisis.

The aggressive and lethal Dallas Moneylender was eyeing the connections with the mega-rich like the Vinlands.

The phone call gave the Quints insights into the connections and resources of the mega-rich.

The Quints were envious.

They were supposed to join ranks with the Vinlands soon.

It was all Kaze's and Darcy's fault.



Kaze and Darcy ruined their dreams to be in the top one percent.

“Thank you, Hudson. Thank

Hudson. Thank you so much. The

Vinlands are amazi yattbelieve

y mapagedités doth things over Dallas Moneylender.”

Samus approached Hudson and sucked up to him.

Seeing that Hudson was pleased with the flattery, Samu to@kyit onestdp further mands a request.

“Hudson, help us to settle the issues that stemmed from the top three families too.”

Chapter 698 Family Name Change

“Oh, please, Hudson. Please sort the problem out for us,” the other Quint family members pleaded. Even Master Quint stared fervently at Hudson.

So much for the Quints being done for.

The Quints were not destined for failure.

Hudson showed what he was made of with one phone call.

The Quints saw him as their savior.

Hudson smiled.

“The issues you're facing are nothing to my family, but our help doesn't come for free. We have one condition,” he said unhurriedly.

“What is it?” Master Quint asked eagerly.

He was willing to say yes to anything.

With a grin, Hudson responded, “It's not something major. The Quints are to take my family name.” Everybody, including Master Quint, made faces.

A last name change was not something small.

The concept of family history was strong in Arcadia.

The change of family name was a huge deal.

A family's last name carried both its cultural heritage and bloodline.

Since ancient times, only those who either needed a way out, sold themselves as slaves, or married into their partner's family would change their last name.

“We have to change our family name? Why?” Master Quint asked sternly.

The other family members kept quiet.

Hudson said with a smile, “Well, you took your wife's last name since you married into our family. Tanya had a falling out with the family and took you to Lilyrose. Are you aware

have not changed your name back, Master Quint?"

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you

The Quints were shocked.

They had no idea.

Master Quint nodded grimacingly. "I do, but you said it. Tanya had fallen out with the family and left to settle down in Lilyrose." "Tanya never broke away from the family. She had always been a Vinland."

Hudson added with a smile, "That's not the only thing. When she established Quintessential Group in Lilyrose, the Vinlands\* resources and connections were at her disposal.

"If you think about it, Quintessential Group is just part of Vinland Ventures."

The Quints could recognize Hudson's intentions by now.

The Vinlands were really after the Quints' assets.

Once the Quints changed their last name, everything they owned would belong to the Vinlands. "No way! The family bloodline will not end with me. | will never put the family through this."

Master Quint's cries were only an act of helpless rage in Hudson's eyes.

"We can forget the whole thing since

you won't take the ese narnia. T, e Vinkends hd 6 Obligation to help the Quints if we're unrelated."

While talking, Hudson took out his phone. "I'll let Dallas eyteader\ Keon that be Us aren't getting inVolved anymore.

"Dane's doing us a huge favor by giving the extension. | don't want to owe him."

The Quints turned pale over the threat.

Hudson's phone call would only give Dallas Moneylender the green light to kill

them.

"Just go with it, Grandfather. We can't hold onto the family name when we're dead."

"Yeah, we have no choice. The family bloodline will still continue, just with a different last name."

"It's not a bad thing to be a Vinland. We'll be members of the upper crust." Samus and the others persuaded Master Quint. They knew what they were doing.

There was nothing to hold onto once they were dead.

Master Quint was torn, but in the end, he gritted his teeth and nodded.

"|, Logan Quint, have let my family down," he yelled out Qed. Ktudson

S i withiacsiile, 0. From now on, you're Logan Vinland."

Chapter 699 Logan Vinland

Hudson was not kidding about making the Quints change their last name,

Soon, the Quints, with paperwork in hand, lined up outside city hall to file a last name change petition with the court. Following the procedure, word about the Quints' request to change their last

name got out.

The news caused a stir in Lilyrose.

The public was skeptical at first.

It was highly unlikely that the Quints would change their last name together.

Just two days ago, the Quints said Darcy was not worthy of the family name. They disowned her and stripped her family name. That did not happen long ago, and the Quints now ditched the family name themselves.

A public servant at city hall snapped a photo of the document and shared it.

The public had no reason not to trust a legal form.

Everybody exchanged looks when they read the new names on the record.

The Quints had become complete jokes.

They were the laughingstocks in the community.

"Agnes! Hector! Have I got news for you!"

Agatha rushed to another room in Horizon Mirror Mansion.

“What's the matter? Why are you making such a big fuss in front of the children?”

Agnes said peevishly while providing care to Hector's legs.

“I have big news!”

Agatha passed her phone over. “The Quints have all changed their last name. Rudy is now Rudy Vinland. Samus is Samus Vinland, and Deborah is Deborah Vinland.

“Get this—Master Quint is now Logan Vinland.” 1/3 Hector grabbed the phone for a look.

It took one look, and Hector pounded the arm of his wheelchair and cried indignantly, “This is an embarrassment. Dad has lost his mind. What was he thinking?”

Aproud man like Master Quint could not possibly agree to take his wife's last name. He might as well tell the world that he was the son-in-law of the Vinlands.

“I guess they had no other choice but to turn to the Vinlands. I heard the Vinland family has arrived in Lilyrose.” Darcy drew close, her face red.

“The Vinlands have not established anything in the city yet if they wish to expand their business here. Taking over the Quints\* assets would be the easiest way.

“Sure, the Quints' newly acquired businesses have issues. Given time, the Vinlands have the money and resources to iron out all the problems.”

Darcy definitely had an eye for business. She knew what the Vinlands were up to right away.

“It's not a bad thing. The Vinlands can clear up the mess.”

At least, somebody was taking over the Quints' mess and contributing to the city.

He was happy to see that happen.

“The Quints could change their last name for all we care.”

Kaze added with a chuckle, “You, Hector, and Sky are the last members of the Quint family now, babe.”  
It was ironic.

Two days earlier, the Quints disowned Darcy’s family and stripped them of the family name.

Now, Darcy's family was the last remaining members of the family lineage.

Kaze wanted to express his gratitude to the Vinlands. T individu

Wid came upWwith thé idea was a genius.

“Quiet, Kaze. If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.” Darcy glared frustratedly at Kaze.

Hector was livid enough without Kaze giving his two cents.

Darcy's phone rang.

It was an unknown number.

Darcy took the call, and it was Samus.

More accurately speaking, it was Samus Vinland.

“Grandfather said you should file a last name change petition with the court, Oy Yaur\ehl family’s last name has to go.” Samus barked over the phone.

Furious, Darcy replied curtly, “We don’t want any part of the Vinland name change | care?”

“Woah. Are you trying to piss me off by calling me that, Darcy?”

Darcy hung up on Samus as the latter screamed and shouted.

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“Grandfather and the rest of them are the worst. The joke’s on them, but they can’t stand to see us doing well for ourselves either.”

Darcy put down her phone in frustration.

“It’s alright. We don’t have to care. We’re not members of the Vinland family anyway.” Trying not to laugh, Kaze consoled her. The incident was not something to brag about.

Darcy’s family quickly put the matter aside.

They doubted the Quints’ last name change would affect them.

Soon, the Vinlands held a press conference.

They announced their commercial expansion into Lilyrose.



The Vinlands stated that they would take over Quintessential Group.

The family would also resolve and improve the myriad of issues with the online lending platform and delayed payment. Multiple financial issues arose with the assets acquired by the Quints from the top three families.

The Quints' inability to straighten things out made matters worse.

The Vinlands' statement calmed all parties' fears.

Many companies' protests ended.

"That's the power of the mega-rich. One announcement is all it takes for everybody to believe all problems are solved." Darcy had been keeping an eye on the news. She sighed.

The things that drove the Quints to desperation were quelled by the Vinlands with the release of one statement.

The Vinlands' words carried more weight than the hundreds of millions the Quints spent.

Darcy's family received an invitation delivered by hand.

"The Vinlands learned something from the Lees. We are invited to a banquet at Dynasty Hotel tonight."

Agnes opened the invitation letter.

She turned to her husband and daughter for their opinion.

Hector said, "We should go. Darcy, your grandmother was good to you. Although we have not stayed in touch with the Vinlands, we are related in a way."

Darcy's wits won Tanya's adoration and the latter took Darcy under her wing.

That was probably the reason why Master Quint was unreceptive toward Darcy but favored Samus and Deborah after Tanya's passing.

"I think we should attend the party. Since the Vinlands are expanding their business into the city, we will cross paths sooner or later. I don't see why I should make them enemies."

Darcy had her considerations from a business standpoint.

In the end, they decided the entire family would attend the Vinlands\* party.

Kaze got a call from Winnie, who mentioned Shangrila Group received an invite

too.

Winnie was going to take Brenda with her.

After the party, Winnie intended to shop at the hotel's commercial street with her daughter. Work at Shangrila Group had been overwhelming.

Winnie finally made time for her daughter.

Kaze felt horrible as he had always taken a hands-free approach to business.

"I'll pick you up later. I haven't seen my goddaughter for a while now."

Kaze put down the phone and informed Darcy that he would be swinging by Winnie's to pick her and Brenda up. Sky could chauffeur Darcy and her parents.

That evening, Kaze drove to No. 9 Springville District.

"What have you been up to, Zenny? Where has the money gone? I gave you 100 thousand dollars a few days ago, and now you're asking for 200 thousand dollars."

At the entrance, Winnie looked angrily at Zenny.

After James' fatal accident, she remarried Zenny.

"I told you I'm starting up a business with a friend. Why are you still

- 108 suspicious? neue De) Groblerns with you Working as the general manager of Shangrila Group, but you are not supportive of my business venture."

Zenny said annoyedly, cigarette in mouth, "My family has spent a lot of

money on Brenda's treatment, you know."

"Make sure you do well in the business. Don't angle for money. Your mom is

already in hot water, so don't make your mom sad."

Winnie reluctantly took out a bank card.

Zenny's favorite pastime while working at the Traffic Department was gambling. He would often seek help from his dad, Benedict, for his mounting debts.

“Stop wasting my time and give it to me!”

Zenny snatched the bank card and walked away.

He paused at the sight of Kaze.

Zenny buttered Kaze up right away. “Here you are, Mr. Lee.”