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Anna has another pair of sons? Four sons... How does she manage that? Is she that short on sons? Even in vitro fertilization isn't meant to be used this way! Four sons; the dowry must be very expensive!

As wild thoughts ran through Sophia's mind, Anna and her family had already wandered elsewhere to look at the other pandas. However, Sophia could not help but feel as if Cade's words held a deeper meaning.

Watch out for the twins? What do they have to do with me? They're not even my brothers! No, even if they were my brothers, we don't know each other. Am I supposed to be afraid that they would sneak up and snatch my family fortune?

Her heart continued thumping in her chest, and she felt as if Cade was giving her a warning,

However, his tone seemed to imply that he was waiting for something interesting to happen.

Meanwhile, Anna and her four sons had left after they were done looking at the pandas. At the same time, Anne was trying hard to establish a relationship with Ryan and Henry. She had never heard anything about Anna having other sons.

These two sons were nothing short of remarkable. Although they were only twenty and had just publicly taken over the Yard Family's business, they had displayed exceptional levels of talent and intelligence. Pursuing their PhDs at Bayside City University was likely so that they could surpass their brothers in the future.

Not to mention, they were twins, and they had the right of inheritance to the Ronney Group. This time, the direct descendants of the Yard Family were two pairs of twins, and they were all males! How very prosperous indeed!

Presently, Anne walked in front with Ryan and Henry. Even though they did not seem to want to talk to her, they endured her constant chatter.

When Anna had spoken to the two brothers earlier, her tone was gentle and natural, but as soon as she turned around, her expression turned sour.

"So, have you warned Sophia?" Callum suddenly asked in a low voice as he stood next to Cade, sipping on his milk tea.

Cade's smile was pleasant, but he was gloating. Then again, he was probably just taking delight in his prank.

"I've warned her, but she seemed completely in the dark."

A similar smile appeared on the two brothers' faces as they imagined the frantic look on Sophia's face after she received their 'gift'.

Anna smiled as well, but there was no warmth in it.

"I don't even know if that girl can compete with those two brothers. Their methods are really..."

She did not finish her sentence.

They were her own 'sons', so naturally, she was aware of their methods.

The Yard Family belonged to her. Granted that she was once Jordan's puppet, and he had used her identity as a Yard to get into the family, but decades had passed since. Now, she possessed power of her own, so it was time to break away from Jordan.

The Yard Family was rightfully hers, and even if she died, it could only be passed down to her sole pair of sons; everyone else could forget about taking it.

Jordan regarded himself as an emperor, and Anna was the servant who managed to become the empress.

According to the rules, the sons of a concubine needed to be raised in the name of the empress.

However, Jordan seemed to have forgotten that Anna was not an empress... She was the rightful ruler of the Yard Family!

They were the b\*stard children of Jordan and another woman, and yet she was told that they were surrogate sons who had her genes. She already had to pretend to not know that

her husband had been unfaithful, and now she had to share her family's fortune with those b\*stards as well?

Haha...

Anna knew that she could not break ties with Jordan now, as there were many of his people in the Ronney Group. To make matters worse, Jordan had the largest portion of Ronney Group's shares as well as the most influence in the company.

But that did not matter, as she would get rid of Jordan's trusted subordinates one by one, starting with those twins of his!

When everyone else was dead, Jordan would be next. She would make him pay for the thirty years of humiliation she had had to suffer, and then she would burn him to ashes!

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After they were done looking at the pandas, Jordan invited everyone to Crimson House for a feast. It would be a waste not to enjoy free food, so a large group of people followed along like an autumn breeze.

Crimson House had emptied a floor today just to entertain them.

Upon entering the restaurant, everyone was photographed at the photo wall, where that group shot would subsequently be displayed.

After the photo was taken, Sophia stayed back to admire the wall, and she found her mother, Annabel.

Annabel had come to work in Crimson House when she was fifteen or sixteen, and she was one of their first employees, so her photo had always remained there.

Teenage Annabel had a smile as innocent as a sprite. No one would have thought that she was Jordan's spy.

Sam was still unaware that Annabel had been sent by Jordan, so as he looked at her photo, he sighed.

"Your mom is truly the smartest person I've ever met..."

Cooper stood in front of the photo wall as well, gazing intently at the young girl in the photograph.

Although she had come here with ill intentions, she had ultimately left him with an unforgettable memory.

She had made him contemplate about the meaning of life, had let him experience happiness he had never known before, and she had even brought him two children.

Cooper never regretted knowing her. If time turned back to when nothing had happened yet, he was willing to get to know her all over again. Unfortunately, it was all a thing of the past now...

When he was done reminiscing, Cooper turned to face Sam, who had a look of fascination on his face, and said coolly, "Back when you only had six employees, I remember you promising them each a 1% share when the restaurant was making profits."

Sam's smile gradually froze.

At Cooper's request, Linus fished out a yellowing contract. "This is the equity transfer agreement that you and Anna signed back then."

At this, Sam's smile vanished completely.

No wonder Cooper—the infamous recluse—would rise from the dead and leave his nest. It was all for the 1% of his restaurant.

At that time, Annabel had poured her heart and soul into Crimson House. Many of the current business ideas were proposed by her, and most of the corporate culture they practiced now was created by Annabel and the other earlier employees. Later, when Annabel and Cooper decided to elope, Sam had permanently transferred 1% of the shares to her as a guarantee because he was afraid that they would have no source of income after they eloped.

Who would have thought that so many things would happen after... He had completely forgotten about it.

Today, Cooper came prepared. With the contract that he found, he was determined to get that 1%.

Meanwhile, Sophia was still studying the photo wall. She found a photo of Sam and his start-up team—a group of only seven people. A young Sam had led his team of six employees, and they had acquired their first bucket of money that laid the ground for their accomplishments today.

Undoubtedly, Annabel was in the photo. She was the supervisor, so she was dressed differently from the others, and she was standing to the left of Sam.

On his right-hand side stood a bright-eyed girl with pearly white teeth. Beaming like a blooming flower, she looked young and extremely sweet.

Her clothes and her position were roughly the same as Annabel's, so she must have been Sam's right-hand person.

Sophia had never seen this person before, but somehow, she felt a sense of familiarity. Subconsciously, she said, "This is..."

Sam was still arguing with Cooper, so Nicole answered her. "Sam said her name is Lara Brooks, and that she used to work here with your mom. Not long after your mom left, she went back to her hometown to get married. She hasn't been in contact for decades now, so no one knows where she went."

She came here with Annabel! If Annabel was sent here by Jordan, then Lara was also one of Jordan's people!

Upon hearing Nicole's words, Sophia suddenly remembered her identity—she was Annabel's imposter!

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It turned out that her name was Lara Brooks, and that was her original appearance. However, she later underwent plastic surgery to make herself look like Annabel Johnson. Then, she returned to Cethos to drive a wedge between Cooper and Michael. After her plastic surgery, she looked very similar to how the real Annabel had looked when she was younger—just with some extra wrinkles on her face.

On the other hand, the real Annabel Johnson was completely different in both appearance and temperament nowadays.

Lara was probably both Callum and Cade's surrogate mother. Unfortunately, the children she missed so much didn't even know who she was. She suffered through ten months of pregnancy to give birth to them. Even if she knew that they were not blood-related to her, they were still her flesh and blood! How could she not care for them? Their biological mother didn't care for them, but this surrogate mother of theirs loved them from the bottom of her heart! I wonder what kind of feeling that is... Sigh... Sophia sighed before walking away.

Alas, Cooper took the contract, which was written by Sam himself back then, to coerce Sam into giving 1% of the shares to Sophia. Although Sam was miserable, he didn't dare to object. After all, he wrote the contract himself. I can't believe Cooper still remembers that contract after so many years!

After the meal at Crimson House, everybody went their separate ways. Meanwhile, Sophia headed to Pouri. Both Sophia and Sarah had been busy settling Pouri's affairs recently. Sophia had torn up the contract with the Yard Family, so the Ronney Group was withdrawing their investment, as well as the rights to use their trademarks. As a result, lawyers came and went every single day with various documents for her to sign—so much so that her hand hurt.

After breaking off with the Yard Family, Sophia's path toward moving out of the niche business of producing pet luxury goods to producing luxury goods for the general public had been cut off again. In the first place, the market for pet luxury goods was very small. Therefore, producing luxury goods for the use of people rather than pets was definitely more profitable. Damn it! Since the Ronney Group has withdrawn, I might as well do it on my own!

Before the Ronney Group, a company specializing in crocodile skin luxury goods, could fully penetrate the Cethosian market, she had to recruit her personnel and establish her business. Fortunately for her, she was not lacking in her design team. Her chief designer, Ivan, mainly designed luxury goods for human use. Designing pet luxury goods was just his side business and hobby. Over the years, he had built up his own design team, as well as a strong marketing team, and created a reputation for himself in the international market. The time was right for her to start her business!

Hence, Sophia was extremely busy during this period. She worked until late at night every day before returning home. By the time she reached home, Carmen was already asleep, and

when she left home for work in the morning, Carmen was still sleeping. This went on for several days, and both mother and daughter didn't see each other at all.

No more than two days after visiting the giant panda, Sophia suddenly received a phone call from Sandra. Nowadays, Sandra no longer dared to act presumptuously in front of Sophia. Every time she did, it would backfire. Therefore, she only dared to show off over the phone.

Sophia quickly answered the call; she couldn't wait to hear what stupid things Sandra had been up to recently. As soon as the call connected, Sandra's triumphant voice sounded through the phone. "Hahaha; Sophia! I heard that your contract with the Yard Family has been one-sidedly terminated by the Yard Family! You were kicked to the curb! I'm sure you must be very disappointed right now!"

One-sidedly terminated? That f\*cking Callum claimed that it was one-sidedly terminated to maintain his pride?! I was the one to dissolve the contract after I played him like a fiddle! Thus, Sophia coldly snorted. "Get to the point."

Then, she perked up her ears and listened to what Sandra said next. "You must be wondering how I know about this... Haha; it's because I've just signed a contract with the young master of the Yard Family, Callum Yard! The Ronney Group is joining hands with me! King will be entering the international pet luxury goods market! Moreover, the Yard Family has formed an in-depth strategic partnership with the Mitchell Family! They are injecting a lot of capital into our businesses! The projects that are currently being managed by Glory Entertainment have also received an additional investment from the Yard Family! Hah! You must be shocked! You let such a great opportunity slip out of your grasp, and now it has greatly benefited me instead!"

After hearing that, Sophia said in surprise, "Callum is working with you? Are you sure? Did you dream it up?"

Sophia's astonishment and envy were just what Sandra had been waiting for. She even believed that Sophia was utterly frustrated by now. "The Yard Family plans to enter the Cethosian market. Naturally, they needed to find a spokesperson with a positive attitude who is well-received by the public. Obviously, that's not you. I'm the only one that fits all their criteria! You probably never expected that, right?! Hahaha—" The way Sandra laughed was extremely exaggerated. It was easy to see that she was overjoyed. After all, she was about to ride on the coattails of the Yard Family; what was there to be sad about?

After that, Sophia hung up the phone decisively. Callum is investing in Sandra? The Yard Family is joining hands with the Mitchell Family? What sort of international joke is this

supposed to be?! Could it be that Callum doesn't know that I've beaten Sandra several times before? Don't tell me... Callum couldn't get over the fact that I played him? Is that why he deliberately invested in Sandra? Because he knew that the two of us held grudges against each other? But, investing in a project costs hundreds of millions! Did he really do it on a whim? That can't be it... The Yard Family isn't that rich!

Or perhaps, Callum was fooled by Sandra. Sandra might not have been good at anything else, but she was definitely good at fooling others. Furthermore, she was still a world champion and naturally had the air of a celebrity. It was possible that she had completely fooled Callum. Yeah; that must be it... It looks like Sandra is going to be my business rival. Oh, well; what can she do? I've already brought King down once. Even if she has Callum on her side, I'll just need to deal with them both. If one comes, I'll defeat one. If two come, I'll just deal with both!

Still, Sophia couldn't help feeling that something was weird about this matter. Sandra must be joking, right?! Even if Sandra could fool Callum, Cade and Anna were not that easily fooled. The mess she was involved in was not yet resolved. With the amount of dark history she had behind her, the Yard Family would definitely have investigated her.

To her surprise, the newspaper and the TV started reporting about it within two days. Pictures of Sandra and Callum shaking hands as they reached an agreement were everywhere. They really are going to work with each other! I can't believe how petty the Yard Family is! They're still mad about what happened!

No, the source of this entire fiasco is Cooper. The Yard Family considered themselves royalty and Anne Osborne was their princess, who was in search of a husband. In ancient times, the prospective husband's entire family would be slaughtered if he spurned the princess' marriage proposal. Since they couldn't marry Cooper into the family, they probably regarded it as a blow to their pride. Hence, they were trying to get back at Sophia, who hindered their objectives from the inside. Bah! Motherf\*cking outdated royalty!

This is so annoying! I'm going to designate them as the test centers for mid-term exams, high school entrance exams, university entrance exams, university final exams, and annual mandatory exams! The reason behind Sophia's way of thinking was that the Yard Family's sudden cooperation with the Mitchell Family was far too strange. She couldn't come up with a reason for their actions. Not only did the Yard Family provide large amounts of funds to form a strong business relationship with the Mitchell Family, but they also invested in Glory Entertainment and Sandra's business, King. Furthermore, they were fully cooperating with the Mitchell Family in all aspects. Aside from doing it out of hatred, she could think of no other reason for their behavior.



Apart from that, Sophia finally found the Yard Family's residence. It was very close to Sophia's home; it was just across the road. One day, Sophia was out for a post-dinner walk when she ran into Callum and Cade.

"Hey, Sophia! Are you out walking your pig?"

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The house Callum bought was a three-story villa with a separate garden and garage. In Bayside City where the sky was the limit when it came to housing prices, the price of this house located next to The Imperial was definitely comparatively high.

The Yard brothers were leisurely drinking flower tea in the garden when they saw Sophia passing by their gate. Even though she was wearing a mask, Callum still recognized her. In the nearby neighborhood, only one family raised a pig as a pet and even took it out for walks. Besides, the pig was wearing a fancy diaper. Even if he couldn't recognize Sophia, he would recognize the pig.

The pig Carmen brought back was not meant to be a pet in the first place. Now that it was well-fed, it grew larger and larger—so much so that the Villa No. 1 was no longer big enough for it. Therefore, Sophia had prepared another 'pigsty' for it. Since Carmen was out filming 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' today, Sophia took the chance to send the pig over to the pigsty. Taking off her mask, she replied, "Yeah, I'm walking the pig."

Callum held his teacup with his thumb and middle finger while the rest of his fingers were daintily raised. Standing by the gate, he leaned against the door frame and watched her. Then, he jokingly said, "I guess your family owns a diamond mine somewhere! Even the diapers your pig uses are branded!"

Cade followed Callum's lead and laughed.

Sophia glared at them fiercely and pursed her lips without saying anything. Maria, who came with Sophia, took out a key and unlocked the gate of the villa next to Callum's house. Then, she entered the open-air garden. Dragging out the pig feed from the garage, she poured it into a large basin. After that, Sophia brought the pig inside and closed the door.

The pig was separated from Callum's house by nothing more than a thin fence. Its movements were very large as it wolfed down the pig feed. Meanwhile, Callum stood by the fence, watching it with a frown.

Suddenly, Sophia pointed at the three-story villa in front of her and said in a solemn voice, "This was my ex-boyfriend's house."

According to Michael, her ex-boyfriend had the surname 'Harper'. His family used to deal in real estate—the properties in front of them were built by his family a few years back. Moreover, the Harper Family used to live in this house. When the Harper Family collapsed, all their assets were seized and frozen. Consequently, this house was forced to be auctioned by a court order. Disaster had befallen the previous owners of the house, so it was sold for a low price. Even so, nobody dared to purchase it. Most of the wealthy were rather particular about superstitions. The previous owner lost half his family to AIDs, and the family was wiped out. It was considered to be extremely inauspicious. However, Sophia did not care for superstitions back then and swiftly bought up the house.

Callum did not know what Sophia wanted to say, but he had a bad feeling about it.

Then, Sophia continued, "Now, it's where I raise my pig."

Pfft! Callum spat out a mouthful of tea at her words.

Sophia kept the pig there with a caretaker. The caretaker would take care of the pig and keep the place clean. After that, she would leave. Raising a pig at her ex-boyfriend's house was the best feeling ever. However, that wasn't a good thing for the people who lived next door. Thus, Callum and his brother were dumbfounded.

Cade put his teacup down and rushed over. "Hey, Sophia! Isn't this too much? Even if you hate us, you don't need to go so far as to raise a pig next to our house!"

Sophia ignored his complaints. After settling the pig next door, she got on her Segway and left. You're going against me and investing in my business rival! Raising a pig next door is already too kind of me!

Cade muttered, "How cruel!"

On the other hand, Callum was standing by the fence. Picking some flowers from the garden, he threw them over the fence to feed the pig. The pig had a good appetite, eating anything and everything. He found it rather interesting and decided to find joy among the hardships. Whenever he was free, he would go over to the fence and throw something into the garden next door. He fed Sophia's pig every day.

If she was truly retaliating against them over the investment, they would be recorded in modern history books by now. It wouldn't have been something as simple as raising a pig in the garden next door. With her personality, her retaliation was yet to come. Therefore, he couldn't wait to see what kind of tricks she was going to use against them...

Recently, one of Harry's movies had been released. Thus, Sarah hurriedly dragged Sophia to the cinema to buy tickets for the movie to support it. In the movie, Harry acted alone—Michael was not in it. Moreover, he was only playing a minor role. Therefore, Sophia was lazy and had no plans to go. However, Sarah was so excited that Sophia had no choice but to follow Sarah to the cinema.

In any case, Sophia wanted a holiday too. Ever since destroying the contract with the Yard Family, she had been busy preparing to go at it alone. Since today was a special day, she decided to give the entire company a half-day vacation to let them rest. Plum Technology, the Cethosian branch of Michel Group, and Mitchell International Energy and Technology were also given a half-day off for the day!

It was Friday today—a special Friday. The first episode of the second season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' would be premiered at prime time tonight! It was Michael and Carmen's first reality show together. Therefore, it was a huge deal for Sophia.

According to her estimation, if she returned home for dinner after finishing the movie in the afternoon, she would be just in time to catch the news broadcast. The second season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' would start at 7.30 PM, after the news broadcast. The timing of her plans was perfect! By the time she finished the movie, it was nearly 4.30 PM. Sophia and Sarah both came out holding a cup of coke and a bucket of unfinished popcorn while yawning.

The movie was terribly boring! Why did Harry agree to guest star in a movie like that?! Could it be that the price of baby supplies has increased? Still, Sophia didn't dare to voice her thoughts out loud with Harry's number one fan standing next to her. It was bad! Absolutely garbage! I'm so glad Michael didn't tag along!

However, Harry's number one fan, Sarah, felt that it was a magical work of art that could not be replicated! That's probably the power of a fan's rose-tinted glasses! Unexpectedly, they saw a trailer for a random blockbuster film playing on the giant screen at the entrance of the cinema as soon as they came out of the hall. Thus, Sophia munched on her leftover popcorn as she watched the trailer.

The movie was called 'Apollo'. It was a mythical blockbuster centered around a Cethosian legend. The lead roles in the movie were played by two Best Actor Award winners and a Best Actress Award winner. Moreover, the special effects were done by the Hollywood team that produced 'Avatar'. It was said to have an investment of 700 million, and the estimated lowest box office earnings for the movie was 4 billion. It aimed to surpass the earnings of 'Avatar'.

After Sophia watched the trailer, she confidently declared, "I'm betting 50 cents. If this horrible movie can achieve 100 million in box office earnings, I'll lose the bet."

Before Sarah could answer, a vicious voice sounded from behind them. "100 million in box office earnings? Aren't you looking down on my movie too much? During today's premiere, the earnings have already exceeded 200 million!"

Sophia immediately bit down hard on the straw in her coke. Turning back, she saw Sandra walking into the cinema under the heavy protection of bodyguards. She glanced at the banners hanging around the cinema—it turned out that the movie was produced by Glory Entertainment. Moreover, there was a celebrity meeting today since it had just premiered in this particular cinema. Therefore, it was not strange to run into Sandra here.

However, Sophia couldn't be bothered to talk to Sandra. She had to rush home to watch the reality show. Unfortunately, Sandra was not going to let Sophia leave so easily. The Yard Family had injected large amounts of capital into the Mitchell Family and her businesses. That could only mean that they were interested in her. It wasn't too much to say that she had already secured the concubine position of the Yard Family's prince! Now that she and the Mitchell Family were going to have a complete turnaround soon, Cooper and Sophia were no longer her opponents!

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"I'm sure you've seen the latest news recently. Let me tell you honestly; 'Apollo' received an additional investment from the Yard Family. This movie is not only being released globally, but it's also aiming to compete for the Academy Awards! It's not a horrible movie!"

Sophia pouted. It's a horrible movie, yet you don't allow anybody to criticize it. The trailer itself was all messed up. The actual movie is not going to be any better! This movie is a waste of time even if I watched the pirated copy! Besides, she probably paid for the pre-sale of 200 million herself!

Still, she had no intention of wasting her time with Sandra today. She simply wanted to leave as soon as possible. Many people were here today, so she did not wish to cause a scene. Moreover, she noticed that Anne and Sandra were here together. The Yard Family and the Mitchell Family had been very close recently, so it was nothing strange to see Anne and Sandra together. However, Anne was standing behind Sandra and glaring resentfully at Sophia. It seemed like she blamed Sophia for not being able to marry Cooper.

Thus, Sophia hurriedly dragged Sarah with her as she left. After they walked quite a distance, Sandra and Anne finally entered the cinema together.

After receiving the investment from the Yard Family, Sandra no longer considered Sophia as an opponent she needed to be wary of. She was about to expand her wings and achieve great things together with the Yard Family. She was also going to deepen their relationship while she was at it so that she could successfully marry into the Yard Family. When that happened, getting rid of Sophia was as easy as killing an ant.

Hence, she and Anne chatted happily as they entered the cinema to attend the movie premiere. She comfortingly said to Anne, "Don't take it to heart. Cooper is just being momentarily confused by her. Don't worry; I'll surely create chances for the two of you. Cooper genuinely loves you, but he highly cherishes his family and dotes on that illegitimate daughter of his. That's why he is being foolish!"

Even so, Anne wasn't happy. After being hit the last time, she became more well-behaved. She no longer dared to bring up the matter regarding the shares with Anna. However, she wasn't about to give up on Cooper. If Anna refuses to help me, I'll use Sandra instead! I'm definitely going to marry Cooper! He is the only husband for me! Besides, Sandra swore to help me remove all the obstacles in my way.

Meanwhile, Sandra was dreaming of a bright future. This time around, the box office earnings for 'Apollo' are going to explode! Everything after the investment of 700 million is real profit! This movie took years to film. A lot of effort had gone into this movie—from the novel of the same name released at the beginning to the promotion of the movie toward the end. The way the scenes were set up down to the costumes, were all exquisitely and carefully prepared. The cast was the strongest and the team was the best. Even 'War Dragon' could reach hundreds of millions with its low-quality special effects. It'll be a breeze for 'Apollo' to hit four or five billion for the domestic box office earnings! The global box office earnings will probably hit at least 1 billion Amons!

By the time Sandra started watching the movie premiere, Sophia was already at home. Harry came from next door too. Then, they hurriedly turned on the projector to watch the first episode of the second season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'.

Sophia was beside herself with excitement, and Michael was looking forward to it too. When he saw the edited version of the show, he had to admit that the show was very conscientious. The editing was perfect, and he was extremely satisfied with it.

As soon as the first episode began, Michael and Harry were given a lot of screen time. After all, both Academy Award winners were participating in a reality show for the first time. Thus, their handsome faces shone brilliantly even though they were without makeup. Meanwhile, Carmen stuck to her Daddy's side like a little butterfly. She was a little shy yet very much looking forward to it. The sweet way she said 'I'm the world's best Carmen Fletcher!' was incredibly adorable.

While everybody was watching the show on the projector, Sophia also watched the online broadcast of the show. Real-time comments were being posted when she watched it online. Whenever Michael and Carmen appeared onscreen, the comments section would blow up—so much so that she couldn't make out the contents.

Soon, the first episode was over. The national idol was promoted to become 'National Daddy'. The online audience ratings for the first episode of the second season reached 4.6. As a result, it was record-breaking among this year's reality shows, surpassing most of the reality shows and variety shows on the market this year. It also surpassed the previous hit 'Keep Running: Sisters!' and became a phenomenal reality show.

Everybody couldn't help being amazed. Academy Award winners were amazing indeed! Even when filming a reality show, they didn't seem to be under pressure! At the same time, Michael gained a lot of fans from the reality show. His childcare methods might have been a

little on the cold side, but he was very serious and responsible. He was clearly working hard to become a responsible father!

The next day, the whole internet was heatedly discussing the second season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?', and the popularity lasted for a long time. Thus, Michael invited the other fathers over to his house for a celebratory party. On the other hand, Sandra's movie was a complete disaster. Three days after the movie with an investment of 700 million first premiered, it recorded box office earnings of only 230 million—200 million of which came out of her own pocket! In other words, the movie she was so confident about only achieved 30 million in box office earnings after showing for three days! Therefore, many cinemas urgently removed the movie from their current screening lists due to the massive losses incurred. Meanwhile, the internet was filled with bad reviews of the movie. The movie had the best production team and the best cast, but when both were put together, the results were shockingly poor! The 700 million investment was a total flop!

Sandra couldn't believe it. No; how is that possible?! It's an all-star team! The best-selling online novel adaptation, the best screenwriter, and the best production team! How can the box office earnings be so low?! Somebody must be sabotaging the movie! It's impossible for such a perfect movie to receive such dismal box office earnings!

After doing a lot of research, she finally thought of something: it must be Sophia's doing! They must have deliberately arranged for the premiere of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' to clash with the premiere of my movie, which led to this box office fiasco! No; there must be a way to remedy this situation! Many movies flopped during their early stages but regained momentum by word of mouth during the later stages.

Hence, she spent a lot of money maintaining the ranking of 'Apollo'. At the same time, she spent money on marketing and promoting the movie, waiting for a chance to make her comeback. One week later, the box office earnings finally increased by 2 million. The total accumulated box office earnings were 232 million. Many of the cinemas couldn't hold on any longer. Even if Sandra offered them money, they refused to continue showing the movie and removed it from the listings in advance.

Consequently, Sandra was so furious that she was hospitalized. Still, she had another chance—her other TV series was about to start airing. She was very confident about this TV series too. It was adapted from the most popular online novel. Moreover, it had the most well-received celebrities and the strongest marketing team. It will definitely be a big hit!

Contrary to her expectations, the first broadcast of the weekly drama that she was so confident about was chosen to be aired on Friday. Not only that, but it was also set to air at

8 PM on Friday. As a result, it directly clashed with the weekly showing of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?', which aired every Friday like clockwork. Moreover, there was an epic scene of Michael carrying a pig in the second episode of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'. Therefore, the expected ratings of Sandra's TV series were disastrous, recording a pitiful 0.5 for its first episode. On the other hand, the ratings for 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' exceeded 5.

Sandra was dumbfounded. How did this happen...

Every night, Sophia would send somebody to bring the pig out for walks then let it roam in the villa next to Callum's house. Meanwhile, Callum sat in the garden watching the news on his tablet. Occasionally, he would throw some vegetable leaves over the fence, feeding Sophia's pig for her.

"Tsk. What a terrible loss. There's no hope of getting back the 700 million investment." He sighed after reading the news.

Cade was outside too. He said, "Everybody is saying that this movie is for money laundering purposes. They also claim that it was meant to be a joke."

The epically terrible movie 'Apollo' was a huge loss of money—the losses were so heavy that the issuer's share prices had dropped significantly. The Yard Family's additional investment in the movie was included among the 700 million investment, and all of it had gone down the drain.

Callum watched the news and smiled mysteriously. "In any case... it's not all our money."

Cade laughed too. After that, they both looked at Sophia's pig next door in unison. They were very satisfied with the performance shown by their useless teammates, Sandra and the Mitchell Family. Hopefully, Sophia won't disappoint us...

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After Callum finished reading the news, he quickly clicked on 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'. This is quite an interesting program!

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Sophia had been paying close attention to news on the Mitchell Family recently. After receiving an investment from the Yard Family, the Mitchell Family brazenly started up a rival business against her. Things were not going too well, as the movie and the TV series that the Yard Family invested in had incurred heavy losses. Even so, the Yard Family continued to increase their investment in the Mitchell Family.

Within a few days, Sophia heard something shocking: Callum and Cade had given up on expanding their business into the Cethosian market. Their two younger brothers were going to take over all matters regarding Cethos. Meanwhile, Anna did not reveal herself again. It seemed like she had returned to Lombardi River to preside over the construction of the ancestral hall.

Soon, Callum and Cade returned to Ronney City too. The three of them seemed to have handed all the authority over the Cethosian affairs to the inexperienced pair of twins, Ryan and Henry Yard. Ryan and Henry were tasked with completing the cooperation with the Mitchell Family, as well as carry out a series of market expansions into the Cethosian market.

Strange! This is way too strange! Could it be that they escaped after shifting the blame to somebody else because of the immense losses they suffered? Forget Sophia, even Michael and Cooper could tell that something fishy was going on.

In the past, the mother and son trio had seemed pretty confident about making it big in Cethos. Anna even went so far as to donate many cultural relics. The peace talks with the Fletcher Family were also to pave the way for them to expand their businesses into the Cethosian market. So, why are they just up and leaving all of a sudden? Can they really entrust such an important affair to two newbies that just stepped into society? Those siblings are only 20 years old. Moreover, they are taking their PhDs at Bayside University. Can they really take over the Cethosian market? I'm sure Anna isn't that stupid... It's strange! It's just way too strange! There must be a huge conspiracy going on behind the scenes!

Unknowingly, Sophia seemed to have gotten herself embroiled in their schemes. She didn't know what Anna was planning. However, Sandra relaunched King after receiving the Yard Family's investment and Lucy's support. With the stamp of approval from the Ronney Group, King expanded aggressively intending to completely surpass Sophia's Pourl.

Still, Sophia was not afraid. After all, Poul was not what it used to be. Although the team had been established, she felt that it was still missing somebody crucial. She needed an all-rounded talent like Kenny Blair. If Kenny joined my team, it would be perfect. Kenny was the head of the Cethosian branch of L/K, a major fashion brand under the Ronney Group. He was a designer and a marketing talent all rolled into one. As one of the few brands under the Ronney Group that managed to break through to the Cethosian market, L/K's journey in Cethos was full of difficulties. Despite that, it made a name for itself in the end. And, Kenny played a huge role in achieving that success.

Sophia had always wanted to headhunt Kenny and make him work for her. However, she used to be afraid of offending the Ronney Group. Besides, she wasn't powerful enough back then. Now that she had completely made an enemy of the Ronney Group and made a name for herself, Kenny would probably be willing to work for her. Therefore, she hurriedly started contacting Kenny, asking him to meet with her. Unfortunately, he always replied saying that he was too busy to meet her.

When the day they agreed to meet finally came, Kenny vanished mysteriously. Two days later, news of 'Kenny, Representative of L/K Cethos, Killed in Car Accident! Body Not Found!' spread all over the internet. Kenny was dead! Not only did Kenny die in an accident, but the head of the Cethosian branch of Ido—a jewelry luxury brand under the Ronney Group—was also replaced.

After that, the Ronney Group joined hands with the Mitchell Family to integrate and restructure brands such as L/K and Ido. In addition, they developed King and built a series of matrices. Simultaneously, several other luxury brands under the Ronney Group entered the Cethosian market. The Ronney Group was an aggressive and menacing force as it swept into the Cethosian market.

Sophia felt as if an invisible and intangible net was slowly opening up. Although it seemed like it had nothing to do with her, she had a strong feeling that she was slowly being trapped by this net...

Therefore, she was feeling rather worried. All of a sudden, Stanley came looking for her in a panic. "Aunt, I know you have a laboratory in your house. Judge received treatment there last time. This time, please save my son! My son is about to die!"

His panicked tone shocked her to the core. "Judge? What happened to Judge?"

He was so anxious that he was spinning in circles. "Not that son. It's my other son. It's Kenny! We used to play games together, and he was my son in the game!"

She was stunned... Kenny?! Then, she hurriedly prepared a plane to Africa, contacted the laboratory there, and asked Stanley to send Kenny there in secret. When she saw Kenny, she was taken aback. His body was covered in wounds, and tubes were going in and out of his entire body. He was on the verge of death.

Stanley said, "This is too cruel! We were gaming together when he disappeared suddenly. Luckily, he was using a Dragon Eye mobile phone. So, I asked Linus to search for his location and found him. By the time I arrived, he was no longer breathing. It took a lot of rescue efforts to just barely bring him back to life. He was shot seven times! Moreover, his parents and the rest of his family were being followed. For now, I've helped him secretly move all of his family away from danger. Oh, my poor son... I wonder who he offended... I can only rely on you right now."

Michael had gone out to film again. Meanwhile, Linus had witnessed the whole thing. When he saw that Sophia was about to intervene, he warned her. "This might be an internal conflict within the Yard Family. You need to consider this carefully. If you rescue him, you will be dragged into their mess."

Kenny's accident and the sudden change of heads for brands such as Ido were no coincidence. At present, the siblings, Ryan and Henry, were in charge of the Ronney Group's Cethosian branches. On the other hand, Kenny probably worked for Callum and Cade. Each emperor had his own officials working under him during his reign. Hence, it was only natural to remove all the previous king's aides when a new king took over... Kenny was just a pitiful casualty in the grand scheme of things.

Sophia hesitated for a moment. In the end, she gritted her teeth and said, "Let's save him!" We'll think about this once we save Kenny!

Upon hearing those words, Linus could do nothing but follow suit. Thus, he followed her out of worry.

Inside the plane, both Linus and Sophia ruminated over it for a long time.

The twins, Callum and Cade, were on the same team. However, they might not have been aligned with their younger brothers, Ryan and Henry. Judging from the current situation, they seemed to be fighting for the right of inheritance. Naturally, Anna was staying out of it and simply watching the struggle from the sidelines.

After Callum and Cade started a deep cooperative relationship with the Mitchell Family, they immediately handed the entire fiasco over to their two younger brothers. They certainly did not want their younger brothers to do well in Bayside City. Ryan and Henry were currently nothing but fledglings; if they suddenly did well for themselves, it would be detrimental to Callum and Cade.

But, why did Callum and Cade choose Bayside City as their battlefield? Why did they choose the Mitchell Family as their partner? Why did Cade warn me to be wary of his two younger brothers? The same idea flashed across the siblings' minds suddenly, and they exchanged a glance. At that moment, they were connected by the same realization—Callum and Cade were setting somebody up to do their dirty work for them. First, they chose Bayside City as their battlefield and joined hands with a lousy teammate. Then, they quickly escaped. All of that was because they not only found a lousy teammate for their younger brothers, but they also chose a troublesome opponent for them—Sophia!

Upon figuring out the reason, Sophia cursed, “F\*ck your—” She abruptly swallowed the last word. She couldn't curse their mother—their mother was her mother too.