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Most of the wealthy people in Cethos had migrated out of the country. The rich had no say in official matters as rights were placed above capital, but in some foreign countries, capital was placed above rights. Naturally, the rich knew where paradise was.

Anna, Callum, and Cade had a firm understanding, but the two newbies did not seem to have grasped the idea yet. Thinking that they were above everyone else, they caused trouble as soon as they arrived. Even though Sophia had a part to play in blowing up the issue, and they were not fully responsible for it, all the blame would still be put on the Yard Family.

Suffering a loss to capitalism, Sophia had another fruitless day and was starving by the end of it. After grabbing something to eat, she looked at the time and saw that it was almost time for Carmen to come home from kindergarten.

Michael had the kitchen staff prepare salamander today to help Sophia replenish her energy.

Meanwhile, Sophia quickly sent someone to the Harper Residence to bring their pig home and clean it up before Carmen returned.

Raising a child was a struggle. Every time Michael brought Carmen to film 'Where Are We Going, Dad?', she insisted on bringing a memento home, and it was usually a living creature. They were about to run out of space at home.

The last time they went up northeast, they brought several Siberian roe deers back to raise at their farm outside of the city.

These days, Carmen had even been begging Michael to bring back the water buffalo from the farm to raise at home.

Sitting there, he felt the hairs stand on the back of his neck as he watched a rooster in diapers walk across his magnificent golden living room. Suddenly, Sophia cried out, "Oh no! Our pig is gone!"

Michael almost wanted to clap with joy, but he still put on a concerned face and asked, "How did it go missing? Did you forget to lock the door before leaving the place?"

The pig was kept at the house that the Harper Family used to live in. They sent the pig there every morning and brought it back every night. Someone would go there to clean the place every day. No one was stationed there permanently, but the door was always kept locked.

To their dismay, when they went to pick the pig up today, they found that the door had been pried open, and the pig was gone.

Cooper frowned. "How did it just disappear?"

It was just wrong for someone to steal a pig in broad daylight!

Sophia was in a panic. When Carmen doesn't see the pig later, she is going to be devastated.

Even after Carmen got home, however, they were unable to find the pig. Looking at the surveillance footage, they found that someone had pried open the door and abducted the pig in a car, but the car had vanished.

Because it was just a pig, Sophia did not take great steps to search for it. She thought it was a bit much to start a search party for a missing pig, and that it was better for them to just lay low.

Nonetheless, Carmen began crying when she realized that the pig was gone, and Sophia had to spend quite some time consoling her.

By nighttime, Carmen had stopped crying. Sophia was now famished and began gobbling down all the food on the table.

At the same time, Michael was holding Carmen in his arms as he fed her. The loss of her beloved pig put her in a depressed mood today. While she ate, she looked sad and anguished with tear stains still on her cheeks.

In the end, the case of the missing pig came to naught.

They discussed all night, but still had no clues to pick up from. The pig was still missing.

However, the next day, Sophia received an unexpected video call from Callum.

"Hi, Sophia!" He greeted her in the video call. The background showed that he was in the Yard Family's garden. Cade also appeared in the frame and was seen petting a pig.

The pig was clothed extravagantly and had a presumptuous look on its face—even the diaper it was wearing was golden. It was currently playing with Anna's cat, the cat that had its own shares in the Ronney Group.

It was Carmen's pig!

"You... really stole my pig!"

Sophia was so angry that the veins in her head were popping out.

Callum was carried away by his own success. With a bright grin, he said, "That's right. I stole your pig! I even sent a private plane out just to bring the pig here. Are you mad? Come and beat me up then! Hahaha!"

Cade added, "Sophia, don't you think you've been raising your pig too poorly? Look. I even put Pourl's jewelry on it and it looks so good!"

Oink!

The Yard Family was filthy rich and also had a cat for the pig to play with. Surely, it was not going to leave their place now.

On the other side of the video call, Sophia was about to burst.

How bold of them to steal my pig right under my nose!

"Return the pig to me!" She stamped her foot.

Petting the pig on the head, Callum provoked, "Return it to you? Stop joking around, Sophia. We took a big risk stealing this pig. We can't give it back!"

Sophia was boiling with rage.

Callum and Cade were trying to infuriate her.

They wanted to use her as a marksman to attack their two younger brothers!

She took a deep breath. "You will pay for the consequences of your actions one day. I'm going to kick your whole family out of Cethos!"

Callum put a hand on his chest and pulled his brows together. "Oh, I'm so scared. Aren't you scared, Cade? Sophia wants to kick us out of Cethos! Haha!"

Cade was grinning and was even more brazen. "We've taken over all the markets in the world. Losing the Cethosian market won't affect us! What is Cethos in comparison to the whole world?"

Callum added, "Keep an eye on your pets, Sophia. I might send someone to steal them again!"

Sophia hung up the call out of anger.

The pig was a small matter, but their provocation was apparent.

The Yard Family really went too far in pushing people.

But, it seemed like she was able to gather some clues from their conversation—to destroy their younger brothers, they were willing to lose the big Cethosian market!

It looks like they have a rather big grudge against their brothers.

They were not up to any big schemes. They only wanted to steal some irrelevant animals to provoke Sophia.

Callum continued to send pictures to her every day to flaunt the lavish lifestyle the pig had at the Yard Residence.

Even though Sophia was boiling with rage, there was nothing she could do. Moreover, she had to become a marksman for them to destroy their younger brothers who were threatening their share of the inheritance.

Once Michael knew about Callum and Cade's infuriating actions, he urged, "We have to keep a close eye on the livestock at the farm and the pets at home to stop the Yards from stealing from us again!" It was not just an animal-theft issue now; their pride was also at stake.

Even though Michael kept watch and increased manpower, many of the livestock that Carmen had at the farm was stolen—the cows, sheep, deer, and most importantly, the water buffalo. Sophia had promised a heartbroken Carmen that they would bring the water buffalo home and raise it in the fountain to make her happy. She did not think that it would get stolen right after the promise was made.

The workers at the farm called to inform them. They had never seen someone steal such a big draft animal before.

"They came in a helicopter to steal the animal! Goodness! They made such a big scene just to steal a buffalo!"

When Carmen heard about it, she was upset for several days.

Sophia was so exasperated that she did not have an appetite for a while.

The Yards are too atrocious!

"Just wait until I catch those twins. I will strangle them to death!"

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Sophia spat those harsh words out.

Sooner or later, she was going to catch each of the four Yard brothers and make them pay!

At the side, Linus and Cooper had grown quiet as they looked at Michael who was trying to comfort Carmen in his arms.

Michael also looked back at them.

The three pairs of eyes met but none of them spoke up.

They felt like Sophia was spoiling Carmen. The mother and daughter practically brought home anything they found outside to raise.

Cats and dogs were one thing. They also put up with alpacas, lions, pigs, and chickens. But now, the two even wanted to raise a buffalo! A water buffalo!

They wanted to say no to them each time but could not bear to do it when they were so lovable.

Perhaps it was a good thing that the animals got stolen.

Suddenly, they felt grateful toward the Yard Family.

Cooper still thought that it was a bit unusual. He had a feeling that the Yard Family might not have been behind all of it. Nevertheless, stealing a buffalo in a helicopter was only something that the wealthy and extravagant Yard Family could do.

It was possible that this was an inside job.

In the current situation, though, the theft seemed like a good thing.

Cooper did not want to wake up the next day to find a giant water buffalo in their garden fountain.

If that were to happen, he would also find a pair of sheep on the balcony a few days after that, and an alpaca on the overhead roof in the days to come.

Callum still dropped in to provoke Sophia every now and then. Meanwhile, the pig looked like it was living a life of nobility, traveling around in sports cars and airplanes. It even had the chance, every day, to play with the noble cat that owned 1% of the Ronney Group's stocks. The pig was living a very content life.

Callum even threatened to steal the chicken and alpaca.

When Michael found out, he was delighted for several days. But, even after the excitement wore off, the Yards still had not come to steal the chicken.

Pfft. That coward. He's too scared to steal a chicken! Such a liar!

To get back at the Yard Family for stealing her pig, Sophia invested in opening the biggest seafood market next to the ancestral hall that the Yards had chosen. Just two days after their opening, the fishy smell spread across the vicinity and ended up lowering the prices of nearby houses by a few percent. People were also pinching their noses as they walked by.

The Yard Family's ancestor plaques were also enveloped by the fishy smell.

Shortly after, Professor Hill, a professor from Bayside University's history department who specifically did research on modern history, published a thesis that stunned other historians. Professor Hill uncovered the actions of the Yard Family when foreign allied forces invaded Cethos a hundred years ago. It caused a great stir among other historians. Domestically, many history professors came together and appealed to include the truth about this historical event in mandatory education and textbooks.

Apart from the community of historians, this also brought a great shock to the general public.

Who would have thought that the Yard Family had done something like that before?

Sophia was able to honor her word in making the Yard Family a test question in history textbooks.

She managed to tarnish the Yards' eighteen generations of honor.

At the mention of the Yard Family now, there was only a stench to their name; one with a blend of fishy odors!

Michael kept feeling that Sophia's tactics were no different from Callum and Cade's.

When Sophia helped Sandra replace Natasha back then, and even locked Natasha up, the public kept replaying Sandra's life as a noble lady after replacing Natasha. It was torture to Natasha and it eventually drove her to commit suicide.

Presently, Callum had stolen Sophia's pig and was sending her pictures to show off whenever he pleased, making her almost explode with anger.

Thus, she tarnished eighteen generations of honor in the Yard Family.

After all, they did come from the same mother.

But, Michael still prayed that Callum would take his next step soon—like stealing one of their chickens!

The alpaca can wait, but Carmen is about to introduce a mate to that big rooster. If he doesn't come and steal it now, it will be too late!

At the Yard Residence in Ronney City, Callum was keeping a close eye and intended on provoking Sophia. But, it did not seem like he had to intervene anymore because she was already ready to tear his younger brothers to pieces to avenge their pig.

After Callum stole the pig, he still wanted to steal a chicken and mess with the dogs just to aggravate her further. To his surprise, the pig was enough to get her riled up. A series of actions had already taken place on her end.

The Yard Family's reputation in Cethos had been ruined.

It seemed like that was Sophia's retaliation from being provoked.

Without approval from the relevant department, however, who would dare to do such a thing?

It showed that Cethos had already started to deal with the Yard Family. But, of course, the people in charge did not have to do it themselves; they just had to pay someone behind closed doors to take action.

Tarnishing the Yard Family's name was the first step. It laid the foundation for a more precise follow-up attack.

Nevertheless, Callum did not panic. Let them deal with us if they want to. For the time being, he had given up on the market in Cethos.

But, his two younger brothers who had offended the locals would not have it easy!

In fact, it was so much fun to watch.

He did not care about the stench at the ancestral hall anymore. Once his two younger brothers were gone, Anna would show up to help them. As long as the Yard Family was

sincere, lucrative, well-behaved, and showed their generosity through the donation of cultural artifacts, Cethos would still be willing to accept them back.

After Sophia ruined their name, she continued to take more action.

First off, she disclosed the agreement with Kenny and purchased several local fashion luxury brands in Bayside City all at once. Then, she reorganized and upgraded the current Pourl, and founded the JNS Group. She appointed Kenny as the art director while publicly signing over a group of employees that used to work at the Yard Group.

Furthermore, she took the lead in building the luxury goods industry in Bayside City with the government by uniting local luxury brands, the High Fashion Association, the Jewelry Association, and other officials. She wanted to revive the Bayside Fashion Week that had been neglected for years and create a Cethosian fashion week where they would announce and promote their local fashion goods to the world.

It looked like she wanted to consolidate the overall strength of Cethos' local fashion industry and have a face-off with the Ronney Group.

Would she succeed?

As Callum petted the pig, he watched Sophia carry out her big plans. That's impressive. I hope she doesn't get too disappointed!

Both Sandra and the younger Yard twins also saw through Sophia's actions.

"She wants to compete with the Yard Family in fashion. Sophia, you're overestimating yourself!"

Sandra could not contain her laughter after hearing the news.

Henry and Ryan also thought that Sophia was only indulging in her own imaginations.

The fashion week was not a simple matter. It was an event that everyone knew about. There were four major classic fashion weeks in the world that were impossible to topple. One of which was the Ronney Fashion Week. It was a grand occasion in the global fashion industry. It ranked at the top of the four fashion weeks and bore down on the other three fashion weeks.

**Bayside Fashion Week?** 

It had never been heard of before.

Just the idea of buying Cethos' luxury goods sounded so unsophisticated.

Moreover, the supposed Bayside Fashion Week was very old. Some unrefined 'luxury goods' business owners had created a knock-off of the Ronney Fashion Week. It was terrible. They were unable to hire even a single big name from the fashion industry. Even those that were invited refused to attend as it was humiliating.

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After the first year, it was so unrefined that they could not continue because of complaints from people. Then, they rushed through to complete the second one before they stopped altogether.

Sophia was only someone that sold dog collars and yet she dared to host a fashion week; it was an embarrassment.

"Since they want to outdo us at the fashion week, let's just wait and see!" Henry laughed.

Shortly after, the Ronney Group announced that the world-renowned Ronney Fashion Week fall/winter exhibition would be held in Cethos next year.

Bayside Fashion Week, hosted by JNS Group, was going to take place in February next year. Their fashion week was also going to happen in the same month! The announcement that Ronney Fashion Week was going to take place in Cethos shook the global fashion industry. It was the first time in a hundred years that the Ronney Fashion Week was going to happen outside of Ronney City!

It seemed like the Ronney Group had their eyes on the Cethosian market and were set on taking over it.

After all, it was a country that took up one-fifth of the world's population. Who wouldn't covet it?

The news of the Ronney Fashion Group taking place in Cethos buried news of the Bayside Fashion Week in an instant. The latter did not stand a chance against the former.

A sense of fear grew in the Cethosian fashion industry.

Fashion was a hobby for the rich. Cethos overcame poverty less than three decades ago and had just begun developing its fashion industry and luxury goods. They started late and were slow to advance. Their fashion industry was still considered a newborn baby. How could they compare to the Ronney Group's two-century-old fashion empire?

Wasn't Bayside Fashion Week just asking to be made fun of?

They had been around for two centuries. While they were already in fashion, Cethos was still being bombarded by foreign countries. Innocent people were massacred, the people could never fill up their tummies, and it was hard to survive. Fashion was far from a priority!

Cooper was very doubtful.

"Darling, do you really want to participate in fashion week?"

Sophia was so deeply buried in work these days that he only ever saw her at the dinner table. When she returned home that day, he decided to ask her right away.

"Yes, Dad. Why?" she replied as she was stuffing food in her mouth.

Cooper frowned.

He was not opposed to it, but neither the Mitchell Family nor the Michel Family had the talent for fashion.

The Mitchells used to work as diplomats, then they ventured into electronics later on. On the other hand, the Michel Family worked in creating the latest technologies, munitions, medicine, as well as dabbled in the mining industry, but they had never done fashion before. They did produce a couple of luxury goods. Did the gold phone count?

If Sophia had chosen one of the fields that Cooper was familiar with, he could still help her out when she needed it, but fashion was not a field that Linus or Cooper was familiar with.

Not to mention, she was facing the Yard Family in their expertise. She was really overestimating her own strength!

Michael was also doubtful.

He had the resources for fashion, but even if he brought them over, would Sophia know what to do with them?

She had even set the scale this big. If she failed in surpassing the Ronney Group, wouldn't she end up making a fool of herself?

Money was a minor issue. Her family had mineral deposits which were the source of their financial income. Once they used all their money, they simply had to dig out some more.

They were just worried that she would be depressed if she lost. If she was unhappy, then the whole family would be too.

She did not have to take it upon herself to bring them down as the Cethosian government was already going to destroy the Ronney Group, and so were Cooper and Linus. She could just focus on making her dog collars, playing with the pets, and raising her child.

Now that she formed the JNS Group and wanted to dabble in the fashion week, Michael was worried that she would be exhausted from it all.

But, Sophia did not want to remain idle. She swore to cook up something great with Kenny and did not care about being exhausted.

Michael was unable to stop her. Who gave her such a burning passion?

The only thing her family could do for her was provide money and power to support her.

*Clink!* In another small unknown bar at midnight, Sophia and Lucy brought their wine glasses together.

"You're not going to join in anymore?"

Sophia took a sip of wine before slowly putting the glass back down. The fragrance of the martini still lingered in her mouth and gave out a sweet scent when she spoke.

She was asking Lucy out for a drink pretty often these days, and it was because she wanted to get Lucy to join her.

Lucy was not someone who liked being under someone else's control, even if that someone was her father.

Therefore, Sophia had been actively trying to get her on board, but Lucy was even tougher than she had expected. If she had Lucy with her, she could also save herself a lot of trouble.

When she founded the JNS Group, she received a lot of valuable advice from Lucy.

Still, Lucy rejected her.

"No, I've been spreading myself too thin lately, so I won't join you. You should do it yourself. I don't know much about the fashion industry, but I do have some knowledge. I have invested in several brands before. If you need references, I can give them to you."

Sophia was not surprised to hear a rejection from Lucy. Even though she did not know why Lucy was still so wary, she did not want to get into a fight with her.

After that, the two started talking about other things.

"The three brands I recommended to you last time are all well-known in Cethos. They have top-notch quality, good reputations, good backgrounds, and are capable. They all have the potential to enter the international market for luxury goods, but their weakness is in their packaging. Luxury goods need to be wrapped up. Some brands are just helpless when it comes to packaging. It all depends on you. I'm only giving you suggestions. Working in fashion not only requires a lot of money, but it also requires a sharp sense of fashion that is accumulated over time; it's not something that can be gathered overnight." Sophia nodded. "I bought two of the three brands that you recommended last time. We're in the process of discussing contracts." She smiled. "I have money. My fashion sense may be lacking, but I have a talented individual in that department."

At the mention of that individual, Lucy thought of Kenny right away. "Kenny is not bad. He has a business mindset and an extremely sharp fashion sense. A lot of brands under the Ronney Group wanted to enter Cethos, but only two shone through. One is L/K, the brand that Kenny single-handedly brought up, and the other is Ido."

"I have the heads of both of those brands with me," Sophia quickly added.

They smiled at each other briefly, then continued to talk about business.

Lucy also mentioned the Mitchell Family and Sandra.

"Taking down the Mitchell Family and Sandra won't be easy. The Michel Group is an aggressive force. No one in the local electronics industry can beat them. There was no way Cethos would let a foreign-invested company monopolize the whole Cethosian electronics industry. When Cethos imposed restrictions on them, they inevitably had to support a local electronics enterprise. The Mitchell Family had the foundation that Cooper had built. It was a no-brainer. The higher authorities in Cethos won't let the Mitchell Family fall from power anytime soon."

Sophia nodded. She was already aware of all of this. The Mitchell Family was living off of Cooper's past merits, but they still could not beat the Michel Group. The Michel Group could get rid of the Mitchell Family easily.

Nonetheless, they were in Cethos. The higher authorities would not let Michel Group overpower the Mitchell Family and the whole electronics industry. Thus, the Mitchell Family was still around to this day. The higher authorities gave them various subsidies and green lights in order to keep them competitive in the industry against the Michel Group.

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Sophia replied, "The Michel Group's business in Cethos is already saturated and my brother isn't going to expand it any further. This slows down the strike against the Mitchell Family. Since the country only wants to keep a company in the high-tech electronics industry to compete with the Michel Group, it doesn't necessarily have to be the Mitchells. As long as it can compete with the Michels, anyone will do, like... Plum Technology."

Lucy nodded in response.

Plum Technology started the company developing online games, so it had long since begun to involve itself in the high-tech electronics industry. It had also released a series of gaming computers and office computers, and owned a number of independent high-tech intellectual property rights. The market response toward their electronic products was good. The Mitchell Family had a lot of shares in the company, and that was why those talented in this field, who had left Alex's company to join Cooper's, were arranged to work in Plum Technology.

The Mitchells, including Sean, Vincent, and Derek, were all working for Plum Technology. The company even paid a lot of staff from Alex's company to work for them, threatening Alex's status one step at a time.

If the Mitchell Family was taken down, Plum Technology would act as a backup to support the high-tech electronic industry of Bayside City. By then, the existence of the Mitchells would be greatly threatened.

But, it really didn't matter whether the Mitchell Family was taken down or not because the country was very much looking forward to Plum Technology taking over as the top local brand. This was the best opportunity for Plum Technology to take over the national market.

"You've made a good move. What about Sandra? How are you going to deal with her? After all, she's the pride of Cethos; she created many world records in the past. No one has been able to break her records up till today," said Lucy with concern.

Sophia had already thought about this problem.

"It's true that Sandra is difficult to handle. I've tried a few times before, but the plans did not go well. She's too famous in Cethos and has long become the face of the country. Even the relevant department doesn't want her to be overthrown. So, we have to give the matter some more thought and discuss it later. If we fail this time, we might screw up the plan. But, I was the one who put her up to the place she's sitting now, so I can also take her down." Sophia knew a lot about Sandra's dark history.

However, the point was that Sandra had many achievements and had a good reputation. The records she set when she participated in the Universal Games as a swimmer had never been broken. She was the pride of Cethos. Although she was quite foolish, to take her down would be disgracing the face of Cethos, and the country would not allow them to do so.

No one should wash their dirty linen in public.

And that was why Lucy settled the issue with the dual contract without making a fuss.

She was not the only one who had lent a hand in settling the matter. It was naturally because someone else had given her the green light to do so in order to protect Sandra's, the pride of Cethos, reputation.

Sophia retired from the discussion after it ended early in the morning. When she was out at the entrance of the pub, she was feeling tipsy. But, somehow, she saw a car parking in front of the entrance, and a familiar form was standing by the car smoking.

With a staggered pace, she walked toward the car.

When she came near the figure, she noticed that the person had a slender figure and they were wearing casual men's clothes. The person had one of their hands in their pocket while the other was lighting a cigarette. The sky was still dark, but the person still wore sunglasses. Even so, the drunken Sophia could still recognize the person. "What the hell... Aren't you the one from the Winston Family... Dana Winston? What are you doing here?"

Sophia was a little drunk and she couldn't speak eloquently.

Stepping onto the cigarette, Dana threw Sophia a glance and said harshly, "What are you looking at? Have you never seen people pick up bodies in front of the pub?"

To pick up bodies in front of the pub was an argot that meant taking advantage of drunk girls who were leaving the pub.

"Ugh! How disgusting!"

Sophia was drunk to the point that she was flushing. Gemma helped her into the car and sent her back home.

Back at home, because Sophia had been out all night, Michael was sleepless the whole night. He was watching 'My Fair Princess' in the living room.

Cooper and Linus couldn't fall asleep either.

Even Carmen, who had just lost her pig and buffalo, was restless. Sitting by the side, she was braiding the dog's fur to relieve her boredom.

Feeling bored, Michael held Carmen high up in the air. As he looked at her, he said, "Tell me, Carmen. Your dad, your mother, and your grandpa are twins. How come there is only one of you?"

When Michael found out that there was only one child back when Sophia took her first ultrasound scan, he was disappointed for a few days.

Even now, he still couldn't figure out why there was only one.

Pouting her lips, Carmen was annoyed. Due to the earlier trip she took to the northeast for the shoot of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?', she had picked up a mouthful of northeastern accent. "I'm your one and only precious little daughter. How can you despise me?"

Immediately, Michael denied, "I wouldn't dare."

Carrying Carmen upstairs, Michael put her to sleep. When he came down, Sophia had already come home. Her face was painted red from the alcohol and she was eating the noodles she had told the kitchen to prepare for her when she came home complaining that she was hungry.

Cooper and Linus were sitting on both sides, watching as she consumed the food.

They looked like they were intoxicated with satisfaction—as if watching Sophia eating noodles was way more interesting than watching a panda eating bamboo.

One was a siscon.

Another one was a daughter addict.

**Disgusting!** Psycho!

Joining them, Michael took a seat by the dining table and watched Sophia as she ate the noodles.

How pretty! Why does she look so good even when she's eating noodles?

Oh! How I wish I was the noodles she's eating right now.

Subconsciously, he also started looking at her with a mesmerizing gaze.

Seeing that Sophia had finished her meal, Linus handed her a cup of water and said gently, "Eat slowly. There's more if this isn't enough."

Michael was annoyed looking at Linus' behavior.

Linus' business in Cethos was saturated. If he were to continue with the developments, the relevant department would start checking his fire control, taxes, and business license every now and then. Thus, Linus decided to stop expanding his business in the Cethos market. He should have returned to Africa as planned, but he had been hanging around in Bayside City and was unwilling to leave. Looking at the situation now, it seemed like he was ready to settle down here.

Not only did he not want to leave, but he was even residing in Villa No. 2. As long as it was Sophia's mealtime, he would make sure to come over and visit her, and even have his meal with her.

Is he afraid of me treating Sophia poorly and not giving her a full meal?

Why is he coming over to watch her at every meal?

Michael had never seen such an arrogant brother-in-law before!

Cleaning her mouth, Sophia started reporting the results of her talk with Lucy excitedly.

After the talk, everyone fell into their own thoughts.

They really needed time to take down Sandra, the sports hero of Cethos...

However, they would not know if they could take her down until they actually tried.

The following day, Sophia went out and brought someone back.

The moment Cooper, who was feeding his rooster in the living room, saw the person she had brought home, something cold flashed before his eyes.

"Isn't this Master Levine?"

The last time they met, Daniel was trying hard to fool Cooper to take Michael as his son-in-law. Even though Cooper was smart, it took him a while to realize that he had been fooled.

When Daniel saw Cooper, he smiled. Sophia was very excited as she said, "Dad, I'm going to ask Master Levine to change the Feng Shui of the Ronney Group! I'm not only going to strike them economically but also metaphysically! I'm turning the headquarters of the Ronney Group in Cethos into stigmatized property!"

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Knitting his brows, Cooper felt that things weren't as simple as Sophia described.

Is she trying to get this demon Daniel Levine to curse the twins to death?

As Sophia continued talking, she was very excited.

"Master Levine was the one that suggested I build the seafood market next to the Yard Family's ancestral hall. The Yards' reputation is so bad right now and my next move is to kick them out from Cethos!"

Cooper was rendered speechless.

I'm afraid that you've been fooled, darling!

Shamelessly, Daniel laughed and said, "Still, Feng Shui is very important. Many people in Bayside City hire me to look for the best date for them to move into their new property. I'm quite proficient in this kind of thing."

But, Cooper found it hard to believe Daniel's words.

He still remembered the last time Daniel told him to open his household registry and wait for his son to fall from the sky.

Yet, all this while, his son was by his side. What nonsense was he saying when he said that his son would fall from the sky!

Daniel was simply conspiring with Michael to trick his daughter!

However, Cooper had to admit that Daniel was really good at fooling people. It was no wonder that he could become the head of the Levine Family. The Levines had mastered the art of bamboozling since the previous dynasty. Even their enormous family business was a product of the tricks they played. Cooper was also fooled by him last year.

He was indeed the first one who could fool Cooper to that extent.

And there was no way Daniel could hide the fact that he had fooled Alice into giving birth to a baby for him.

Indeed, he was a talented man.

But, how would these tactics be useful against the Yard Family?

After an afternoon of discussion with Sophia in the study, Daniel promised that as long as he was paid handsomely, he could make sure that the Yard Family would be ruined.

In the evening, Cooper tore open a tiny hole in the study's door and he saw that they had started to draw up a contract.

They talked about the price Sophia would pay if Daniel could overthrow the Yard Family.

Cooper had never seen anyone sign a contract for a shady deal like that.

They were even talking about taxes and wanted to transfer funds via the company's account.

After Daniel accepted the money from Sophia, he left.

A while later, Cooper was looking at Sophia as if he wanted to say something to her. He felt that she had been cheated. Although they had enough money for her to spend, they could not afford to be fooled by Daniel too!

But, because Sophia seemed very happy throughout dinner, Cooper couldn't get himself to say anything to her.

After dinner, Sophia went up to Cooper. Mysteriously, she announced, "Dad, Carmen's dad and I have big news to tell you!"

Cooper's brows tensed up and loosened within seconds.

They have happy news?

Could it be that Carmen is going to have a younger sibling?

Both Cooper and Linus were thrilled!

Suddenly, Sophia let out a chuckle. "Haha! Michael and I got into graduate school at Bayside University!"

The smile on Cooper and Linus's faces froze in unison.

When did Sophia take the graduate school entrance exams?

"You're already so busy and you're still trying to further your studies? Do you have the time?" Linus was very skeptical.

But, Sophia was very satisfied and content with herself. She said, "We have to make the time, don't we? Michael and I will go to campus together and we can keep Nate company. Am I right, Nate?"

Nathan, who was still eating, grimaced.

He was enrolled into Bayside University when he was five and it had been almost ten years since then. Meanwhile, he had started working in Plum Technology and was already well-known as a genius of the campus. He even represented the university to participate in a number of basketball tournaments due to his impressive skills in the sport.

Carmen was petting the alpaca after finishing her dinner while Justin was holding his daughter as he fed her with a bottle of milk. However, Celine was shocked and she called out, "Graduate entrance exam?"

Since the last time Sophia was looked down on due to her educational background when she went to an interview for Carmen's kindergarten, she realized that her bachelor's degree alone did not cut it. The parents at the kindergarten were all graduate students, and even all of Sophia's staff had at least a master's degree.

So, she had spent the year studying and finally passed Bayside University's graduate entrance exams.

"We're both majoring in financial management!"

Knowing that she would become classmates with Michael soon, Sophia felt extremely happy.

But, Copper's frown deepened.

Are the two of them trying to experience the youthfulness of university life that they had missed out on?

They are entering their thirties and forties! What youth is it that they are still trying to experience?

However, since this was still considered good news for Sophia, the family decided to celebrate it with some alcohol.

The news of Sophia getting into graduate school soon spread abroad. Even Callum had made a video call to 'congratulate' her.

"I heard that you've passed your graduate entrance exams. Congrats!"

Sophia stared at Callum, who was on the other side of the phone, viciously.

It looked like Callum was on a beach vacation because she could see chilled red wine, beach babes, and a pig in the background.

The pig was walking around in silver and gold, and there was even someone over there giving it a manicure!

Why would a pig need a manicure?

However, Callum seemed to have missed out on the vicious gaze Sophia was giving him, and said, "I heard that you are holding a fashion week in Bayside City. Sis, mind telling me where you found the courage to go head to head with the Ronney Group in fashion?"

Cade, who was in a pair of pink swim trunks, seemed to be ready to go underwater as he held the pig, who was done with the manicure. When he saw Sophia video-calling Callum, he raised his sunglasses and greeted her from afar, "Hey there, Sophia!"

With orchid fingers, Callum raised his chilled red wine and took a sip. Lying comfortably on the recliner, he said, "Sophia, what were you thinking when you decided to compete against my two little brothers in the fashion industry? Do you think that your Bayside Fashion Week will be able to rival Ronney Fashion Week? Our Yard Family has been in the luxury fashion industry for over two hundred years!"

There was no doubt that Callum had called to keep himself up with Sophia's progress.

It seemed like Callum and Cade were eager for Sophia to take down their two little brothers as soon as possible.

Gloomily, Sophia answered, "Yeah. It seems like I'm incomparable to your brothers. I'm about to be overthrown by them! What do I do now? I'm so scared! If your brothers were to take over the Cethos market, they would be able to use that as a springboard to join the Ronney Group officially and compete with the two of you, right?"

"It's okay. Your father and brother won't let them do that to you," chuckled Callum.

Sophia hung up the phone angrily.

What the hell is wrong with Callum? Is he trying to let my family deal with his two little brothers on their behalf?

Now that there was still time before she officially started graduate school, Sophia wanted to take down the Yard Family as soon as possible.

Soon, she took Daniel to a place near the Ronney Group.

Daniel was dressed in a priest's robe, looking like a wise man. Under the lead of Sophia, he marched into the Ronney Group and gestured around the building while holding a compass.

In the president's office located on the 32nd floor of the Ronney Group building, Henry had been notified that Sophia had brought over a man, who was dressed as a priest. Observing via binoculars, his brows knitted as he handed the binoculars back to Ryan.

"I know this man. He's Daniel Levine, a fraudster who has been running rampant in the celebrity circle in Bayside City for years! He's merely a joker!" said Sandra. She had been in the Ronney Group all this time preparing for the Ronney Fashion Week with the Yard brothers.

This was a global fashion event. After the grand ceremony, Ronney Group's business in Cethos would be unstoppable. As soon as the Cethos market stabilized, the brothers would take the opportunity to join the Ronney Group with the reputation they established—to compete with their older brothers. By then, Sandra would be promoted to become the director of their branch in Cethos.

What a sight that would be!