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That day, a tragic event occurred that shocked the Fletcher Family and the entire celebrity circle in Bayside City. A group of criminals had barged into the Fletcher Family's large farmland outside the city in broad daylight. They blocked the gate and entered the farm armed with AKs, indiscriminately firing at everybody regardless of whether they were adults or children.

Most of the people on the farm were children with only a few adults there to watch over them... The Fletcher Family's tradition of sending their children to the farm had been upheld for hundreds of years. Nobody had ever expected such a terrible tragedy to happen one day.

The entire Fletcher Family was completely shaken by the incident, and multiple helicopters immediately began flying toward the farm out in the countryside.

When Sophia and Michael arrived at the farm, they discovered that the once beautiful and bountiful farmland had turned into a wasteland. A large fire had burned down the barracks. Although the fire had been extinguished, they could see the bullet holes that penetrated the walls as well as the empty bullet shells covering the ground. The smell of blood and the charred remnants of the fire irritated their noses and their nerves. It was not hard to imagine what had happened here.

A group of heavily armed thugs had opened fire against a group of helpless children! Moreover, it was the children of the Fletcher Family, the top military family in Cethos! The Fletchers soon arrived, one after another, looking for their children. The entire scene was filled with crying sounds and the smell of gunpowder. What was once a beautiful wheat field was now a piece of scorched earth. Dead bodies and the wounded were being carried away as military doctors navigated the scene. Meanwhile, Joel expressionlessly took in the sight before him. Every corpse he came across filled him with an unspeakable rage.

Everything happened so suddenly. A group of people drove through the gates and forced their way in. They showed no mercy upon entry, attacking anything and anyone. The children tried to hide in the fields while the adults tried to fight back. Unfortunately, there were too few of them against the assailants. Who could have foreseen an attack on a group of children in broad daylight, much less an indiscriminate shooting by people with guns on a scorching summer's day?

The military camp located nearby quickly came to provide support, but the group of thugs had already escaped by then.

When Sophia and Michael arrived, they saw the wreckage and the empty bullet shells scattered across the ground. A group of dirty children was running around, crying for their parents. But, they did not see Carmen anywhere...

"Darling! Carmen! Carmen Sophia Fletcher! Where are you?! Carmen!" Sophia shouted her daughter's name at the top of her voice. Unfortunately, Carmen was no longer among the crowd. Even though Sophia screamed until her voice was hoarse, Carmen did not come running out to meet her. Then, she slumped to the ground in despair. "My daughter—"

Michael looked at everything in front of him. A fog of despair seemed to block his vision as he felt like a blade was stabbing into his heart. Our child... is gone...

Meanwhile, Joel quickly received information on the number of casualties. Everything had happened so fast that there was no time to escape. Who could have thought that somebody would dare to murder the members of the Fletcher Family so close to the military camp? During the incident, the adults did their best to protect the children. Most of the adults lost their lives as a result. Fortunately, the children managed to survive although some sustained injuries.

Joel looked at the corpses that were being carried out, remembering every face in his heart. At the last moment of their lives, only the courage to sacrifice their lives for the children was reflected on their faces. The children were taken away to safety as they took a headcount of all those that remained. Seven or eight children had been injured, but two children were missing. One of them was Lorelei Fletcher, and the other was Carmen Fletcher.

According to the surviving children, the thugs had rushed in and grabbed Carmen. Lorelei immediately chased after them and ran into the car. After that, the cars drove away.

Justin later found his son, Nathan, lying by the side of the road. Nathan had been injured during the incident. Despite bleeding profusely, he ran out and chased after the cars that had taken his two younger sisters for a long time. He ran until he passed out by the side of the road due to too much blood loss. When Justin discovered him, he was on the verge of death.

Similarly, Quinton was carried out on a stretcher too. He was severely injured with gunshots all over his body. When the tragedy occurred, he had hidden the children in the fields and led

the adults against their assailants. Unfortunately, they were greatly outnumbered by the assailants. The thugs split in several directions and rushed in to kidnap the children.

Theo glanced at Quinton, who had fallen unconscious. He had extremely complicated feelings toward this son of his. He even thought of Quinton as his eldest son's spare weapon. Even so, he was fully aware that this was his son. My biological son... My son who suffered all sorts of hardships since he was young; my son that I have never shown any care or love toward...

Quinton lay comatose after being badly injured, and the thugs had evacuated without a trace, going so far as to take their corpses with them too. Despite all that, Quinton was holding a piece of cloth in his hand in a death grip. It was a piece of cloth he had torn off from the other party's clothes at the risk of his life. Moreover, that piece of cloth had a logo on it. It was a logo Michael knew very well—it belonged to the Yard Family. It's the Yard Family again!

Only a few days ago, Henry and Ryan had publicly attacked the police with guns, causing a huge uproar among the ruling government and opposition party of Cethos. It was a blatant provocation to the basic order of the country. That incident ended with the deaths of many Yard Family members and caused the two young masters of the Yard Family to be deported back to their home country after they were diagnosed with severe mental illness due to trauma. Even so, Jordan knew that that incident was way more serious than pushing Christine down the building. Hence, he warned his two sons to be careful. Contrary to his expectations, what his two sons were capable of far exceeded his imagination. Rather, it surpassed everybody's expectations!

Sophia's hoarse weeping was mixed into the sobbing of all the other parents at the scene. Today was one of the darkest days in the history of the Fletcher Family. Even Michael could not stop his tears from overflowing. In just a few hours, he felt as if he had lost everything. My child... is gone...

"The Yard Family!" Michael gritted his teeth, turned around, and got onto the helicopter. They were heading toward the main city district. Sophia wiped away her tears, picked up a gun, and followed him into the helicopter. Similarly, Joel threw the Yard family's logo to the ground fiercely, turned around, and got onto the helicopter. After that, several helicopters took off toward the main city district. Their destination was the Yard Residence!

The Yard Residence in the main city district of Bayside City was a mansion that Anna had bought when she came back to search for her roots. It was specially meant for housing the members of the Yard Family within Bayside City. Louis and his family were staying here. Recently, Henry and Ryan had been staying here too after being sentenced to trial back in their home country. They were planning to board the plane back to their home country today.

Today, the Yard Residence was enveloped in a strange atmosphere. A car drove in from the back gate and parked by the garden. Then, the car door opened and a large man carried Lorelei out of the car by the back of her neck; he looked like he was carrying a baby chick. She was held by the scruff of her neck and dragged away without her feet touching the ground. Throughout the entire process, she was screaming and kicking but to no avail.

Following that, Carmen came out of the car too. However, she was carried out of the car by another large man. The large man put her down on the ground after they got out of the car. She lifted her head and said to him, "Mister, I need to pee."

The large man impatiently replied, "No!"

She pouted, and her dirty little face looked incredibly aggrieved. "But... I can't hold it in..."

The large man looked at her pitiful little face and felt a wave of compassion for her. Pointing at the small garden nearby, he said, "You have one minute."

Carmen turned and glanced at the small garden before saying in a pitiful voice, "I'm scared of peeing alone. I want to go with Lola!"

Upon hearing that, the large man looked annoyed. Even so, he waved his hand and allowed it. Thus, Lorelei was freed too. The two sisters held hands as they walked to the small garden together. "Mister, you can't peek, okay?"

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Carmen's voice came from the small garden. A small head wearing a military hat popped out, watching the two large men warily.

The men assumed that the two girls would not be able to do anything to escape since they were already at the Yard Residence. Besides, Henry and Ryan were packing their stuff right now. They were about to head to the airport and leave Cethos. They were also going to bring these two children along with them. Once they boarded the plane, nobody knew what would happen to the two girls. However, one thing was certain—once they left the country, neither the Fletcher Family, Mitchell Family, nor the Michel Family would be able to rescue the two girls anymore. What pitiful children; they are so adorable too...

The two large men waited for a minute before turning around to check on the girls. Seeing that the two hats were still there, they continued chatting leisurely for a bit. Another three or four minutes passed without any movement, and the two military green hats were still in sight. By the time the two large men noticed that something was wrong and ran over to check, the two girls were gone. Only two hats were left, hanging from a tree branch.

"They are still within the villa! Find them!" The large man panicked as he rushed about searching for the girls.

Lorelei and Carmen squeezed through a small hole in the small garden and ran next door. At first, they thought they managed to escape outside only to realize that they were still within the Yard Residence. Therefore, they ran inside the villa, avoiding people as they did so. Twisting and turning, they saw a door that was slightly ajar, ran into the room, and locked the door behind them.

To their horror, they immediately came face-to-face with the person inside. A young girl wearing a bathrobe came out with wet hair. "Mrs. Lynde, what took you so long—"

That person thought that it was Mrs. Lynde, who had gone out of the room to grab something. To her surprise, she was greeted with two dirty little children. She immediately recognized Carmen at a glance. "Carmen! Why are you here?!"

Anne could recognize Carmen instantly despite how dirty she looked. Carmen had appeared on a reality show with Cooper, and Anne watched every episode over and over again. It was only natural that she could recognize Carmen. Carmen looked very pitiful. Before she could say anything, a rush of footsteps, as well as many different voices, sounded outside the door. "You three, head to the left. Search upstairs carefully too. It's only two little girls; they can't have gotten far!"

Anne might not know what was going on, but it was no accident for these two girls to appear in the Yard Residence. Before she could say anything, she heard a violent series of raps on the door. Thus, she hurriedly said, "Hide!" Opening the door to the dressing room, she pushed the two girls inside and whispered urgently, "Don't come out no matter what happens later. And, don't make any noise either!"

The person outside the door was getting very impatient. "Open the door, Anne Osborne! What are you doing inside?!"

It's Ryan's voice! I don't know what's going on, but I do know that the two girls will be discovered immediately if I open the door. It's over if the girls are discovered! Henry and Ryan have been up to some crazy things recently. They won't show mercy toward children! Hence, she hurriedly said coyly, "Ryan, I just finished my bath. Wait a moment, will you? I'll come out after putting on some clothes—"

As soon as Ryan heard that Anne had just finished taking her bath, he immediately started having dirty ideas. I've been wanting to sleep with her for a while now. Since I'm leaving today, I might as well have a taste of her before I leave. She might have been his cousin, but that did not deter him from lusting after her. After all, she was certainly good-looking and young. Anna won't scold me even if I raped Anne. It's not as if the Osborne Family has any power. Well, even if they were powerful, I'd still have my way with her anyway. I'd ravage Fass' daughter if I could! It's just that I didn't get the opportunity to do so yet. Then, he knocked on the door hard. "Open the door. I just want to take a peek. I'll leave after that."

Anne quickly replied shyly, "Wait a moment, Ryan. I'm putting on my clothes."

Unfortunately, he kept pestering her impatiently. She didn't even have the time to make a phone call and ask for help. In the end, she gave up on calling for help. Glancing at the closed dressing room door, she then looked down at the clothes she was wearing. She had just gotten out of the bath, and all she had on was a bathrobe. She knew that Ryan had been having ideas about her, so she had been extremely cautious recently...

Outside the door, Ryan hammered his fist against the door urgently. After a while, the door finally opened, and Anne stood behind the door. She was very petite; she didn't even reach 160 cm in height and only weighed around 40 kg or so. That combination made her look

very small and slender. Moreover, her skin was as white as snow. With the white bathrobe wrapped around her delicate body, she gave off the fragrant scent of her shower gel.

"What's going on, Ryan?" She looked at him warily with her large, black eyes while she held on to her bathrobe tightly. Her face looked particularly clean and beautiful after removing all her makeup. There was no unevenness in her skin tone nor did she have any acne. Rather, her skin was soft and fair. She looked like the kind of woman he liked. For a moment, he forgot the reason he came as he smiled widely. "It's nothing. I was about to leave, so I dropped by to visit you, my darling cousin!"

As he spoke, he took a step forward and entered her room. Then, he closed the door behind him. The people behind him tactfully went elsewhere to continue their search. Inside the room, his gleaming eyes slowly approached her, step by step. Terrified, she kept retreating. Her tender feet shuffled across the grey carpet on the floor. She was so scared that she trembled in fear while gripping a corner of her bathrobe tightly. "W-What are you doing, Ryan?"

He revealed his true colors, rushing forward abruptly and hugging her fragrant body. "What am I doing? I'm doing you!"

Amid her screaming and struggling, he threw himself at her while his hands groped her body. The more she resisted, the stronger he became. He loved the feeling of forcefully conquering his prey.

Anxious and afraid, she suddenly found a vase nearby. She picked it up and desperately threw it at his head. Following the sound of glass breaking, he staggered backward suddenly and supported himself with the table. He touched his head and discovered that it was bleeding profusely. "You b*tch—"

When he saw the blood on his hands, he gritted his teeth and stalked toward her. Meanwhile, she backed away in fear, screaming and throwing everything she could find around her in his direction. Still, he came closer and closer with a savage expression. I'm not just going to rape her today. I'm going to rape her to death! He finally grabbed her with some difficulty. Taking advantage of the situation, he pressed her body under him, lifted his hand, and slapped her hard across the face. He wanted to hit her until her screams and her resistance stopped.

In his fury, Ryan failed to notice what was going on behind him. He only vaguely felt something nimbly jumping on him and grabbing at his throat. A pair of hands wrapped around his throat firmly and ruthlessly. Before he could react, he heard a 'crack' sound coming from his neck. Then, the world returned to a state of tranquility and eternal darkness.

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"Ah! Go away! Go away!" Anne was still throwing things in a panic. All of a sudden, Ryan slumped to the ground and collapsed in her direction. Falling to the ground in a twisted position, he did not move again—he wasn't even breathing anymore.

Anne was so terrified that her brain blanked out, causing her to lose her ability to think. It took a long while for her to notice the girl that looked to be roughly ten years old standing behind Ryan. The girl was much taller than other children of the same age. Moreover, she seemed to be of mixed race—she had a very special pair of green eyes. It was this girl that had leaped out suddenly, performed a sneak attack from behind, and broke his neck.

The whole world became quiet with Ryan's death. However, Lorelei's hands were trembling. She was scared; extremely scared. At that moment, she felt as if she had returned to the time when she was sold at the slave market in Ronney City. Back then, she had been trained by the Yard Family to complete many unspeakable acts.

Under the Yard Family's training, she, along with many other children, had been taught various techniques to kill. Since their opponents were adults, they were forced to learn how to disguise themselves and how to kill in one hit. After all, adults were physically much stronger than they were. If they failed to kill their target in a sneak attack, they would be the ones to die instead. They also fought and killed each other over the meager amount of food given to them. If they didn't kill, they would starve. Therefore, she had to kill to survive. That was her life until Sophia and Michael found her and brought her back to the Fletcher Family. That was also the moment she finally escaped from that kind of life.

Looking down at Ryan, who seemed to be lying peacefully on the ground, she realized that she had killed again. Her eyes filled with horror following her realization. She was scared of going to jail, she was scared that Joel would despise her for killing again, and she was scared that her friends would abandon her because she murdered someone!

On the other hand, Anne recovered from her shock. Grabbing a blanket, she covered Ryan with it and beckoned to Lorelei. "Come; I'll take you to somebody who can help."

Upon hearing that, Lorelei snapped back to attention and led Carmen out of the dressing room. In the meantime, Anne checked the situation outside the room. When she saw that nobody was around, she hurriedly brought the girls next door to where Louis was staying.

Louis had been wandering abroad for several decades. Finally, he decided to return to Cethos in his elderly years and live out his retirement life at the Yard Residence in Bayside City. He met with his friends daily to drink tea and play chess together. Today was no different. However, Anne suddenly barged into his study and disrupted the pleasant chess game he was having with his friend.

Moreover, she was dressed in nothing but a bathrobe. Her clothing was disheveled and her hair was a mess. He was just about to scold her when Carmen ran inside without warning. Carmen finally met somebody she was acquainted with. Thus, she ran into his arms in fright. "Mr. Louis, the bad guys are trying to catch me!"

Lorelei rushed inside too. The first thing she noticed was not Louis but the young man he was playing chess with. That young man also had a pair of green eyes that were similar to hers.

Louis was a great artist among the Cethosians. For that reason, Bailey, who had a love for Cethosian traditional culture, was acquainted with him and happened to be here for a game of chess today. To their surprise, two unkempt girls, Carmen and Lorelei, suddenly intruded on them halfway through their chess game.

Louis hugged Carmen in shock as she wept. "What's wrong?"

Carmen wiped her tears and sobbed, "Sob. The bad guys are trying to catch Lola and me!"

All of a sudden, Bailey stood up without warning. At the same time, somebody kicked the door from outside, and the door flew open. Henry led his men inside with a savage expression. He immediately saw Carmen, who was being held in Louis' arms, and his expression became delighted. "This is where you brats were! I'm going to skin you alive!"

Carmen was so scared that she hid under the table. Meanwhile, Louis shouted in a rage, "You lowlife! What do you think you're doing?!"

Louis might be Henry's grandfather, but neither Henry nor Ryan had ever held any respect for him before. Thus, Henry rudely retorted, "Stay out of my business, you old coot! Get out of my way!"

It went without saying that he had noticed Bailey standing by the side. Even so, he completely disregarded the young man. After all, Bailey was just a fifteen-year-old brat. He even threatened Bailey by saying, "This is the Yard Family's business. It has nothing to do with you! Stay out of it!"

Bailey said nothing as he stepped aside. Then, Henry barged inside arrogantly to grab Carmen, who was hiding under the table. In response, Louis desperately picked up a vase and threateningly said, "I'll kill you if you dare to come near, you beast!"

He did not understand why Anna's elder sons were so humble, courteous, and knowledgeable, yet her younger sons turned out to be such lawless lowlifes. Today, I'm going to teach them a lesson! Unfortunately, he was no match for Henry. Before he could even throw the vase in his hands, he was slammed against the ground by Henry's men. Hitting his head against the chessboard, his head immediately started bleeding.

"Grandpa!" Anne ran over in a fright to help Louis.

On the other hand, Henry walked toward the table Carmen was hiding under. "Little brat, where are you running—"

He reached out. As long as I have Cooper's granddaughter in my hands, that entire family will be under my control! If Cooper refuses to obey me, I will kill this little brat! I'll cook her up and serve her to Cooper for tea!

Contrary to his expectations, his hands had yet to touch Carmen when a strong arm suddenly wrapped around his neck and held him in place firmly. Immediately after that, he felt a cold black muzzle pointed against his temple.

Bailey took a step back and stood behind Henry. In the meantime, one of his bodyguards subdued Henry and pointed a gun at Henry's head. At this point, Henry was only one step away from having his brains blown out.

"Move aside or I'll shoot." A gun had appeared in Bailey's hands at some point. Standing behind Henry, he pressed his gun against Henry's waist.

Things happened so quickly. Nobody expected Bailey to make a move without any warning. Therefore, the people of the Yard Family nervously took several steps back. In response, Henry roared in anger and gritted his teeth. "What the f*ck do you think you're doing, Bailey?!" He was certain that Bailey would not dare to harm him. Thus, he confidently instructed his men, "He won't dare to harm me. Grab that brat!"

Several of the Yard Family's subordinates started to go after Carmen again. On the other hand, Bailey calmly pointed his gun downward and swiftly shot Henry in the leg without any hesitation. The bullet went through Henry's heel, causing blood to splatter in all directions. Then, Henry howled in pain. Even so, Bailey's expression remained impassive. Smoke was still coming out of the muzzle of his gun as he pressed it against Henry's waist again and repeated coldly, "Move aside!"

Henry was in so much pain that he couldn't say anything anymore. The only sounds that come out of his throat were searing screams of pain. His subordinates glanced at each other confusedly and decided to step aside in the end.

Bailey watched the crowd warily while beckoning toward Carmen, who was hiding under the table. "Come here."

Carmen swiftly crawled out from under the table and clung to Bailey tightly. She looked terrified as she grabbed his pants but did not dare to say a word. Bailey lowered his head and glanced at her. She was wearing a small military uniform and carrying a small bag. Her entire body was dirty and smelly. Her face was smeared with dirt with two clean lines forming where her tears ran down her face. "Close your eyes."

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Bailey held a gun in his hand while being wary of the crowd in front of him. Meanwhile, Carmen obediently closed her eyes. With one hand holding a gun, he picked her up with his other and turned to look at Lorelei. In response, Lorelei immediately ran over to him.

The reason he came to visit Louis today was simply out of literary purposes. While he was at it, he played a game of chess and enjoyed a leisurely chat. Therefore, he only brought two bodyguards with him. At present, one of them was using Henry as a meat shield as they pressed forward while the other was watching their rear. He walked between his two bodyguards, holding Carmen in his arms and cautiously leading Lorelei out of the door.

Throughout it all, Carmen did not cry. Instead, she obediently kept her mouth shut and her eyes closed as she lay in his arms.

They walked out of the Yard Residence, step by step, with Henry as their hostage. Everywhere they went, the people of the Yard Family did not dare to step forward out of fear. Restrained by them, Henry cursed endlessly but did not dare to act rashly with a gun pressed against his head. Besides, his body was weak from all the alcohol and other vices he indulged in although he was only in his twenties. As it was, he was no match for Bailey.

At that moment, the Fletcher Family and the Mitchell family's troops had arrived outside of the Yard Residence. The entire Yard Residence was surrounded by a wall of military green—even the wind could not pass through this airtight layer. They even brought out the heavy artillery. Fully armed with real guns and live ammunition, the riot squad was in position. Joel had already received authorization from the higher-ups to shoot to kill if they faced any resistance.

Sophia came along with Michael. She stared at the closed gates, feeling extremely worried. It felt like an invisible pair of hands was squeezing her throat, and she barely dared to breathe. Meanwhile, Michael held her pale and frail hands the entire time while whispering, "It'll be fine. Nothing will happen to our baby."

She was trembling all over. She knew that Henry and Ryan were lunatics that never considered the consequences of their actions. People like them were the scariest. Therefore, she was afraid that she might never see her daughter again.

Holding each other tightly, Sophia and Michael stared at the gates of the Yard Residence. They looked like they were trying to penetrate the walls of the building where Carmen and Lorelei were being held captive with their gazes.

The situation right now was very tense. Not only were they afraid of the Yard twins flying out of the country with Carmen, but they were also afraid that the Yard twins would take desperate measures to escape. Consequently, they only dared to lay siege against the Yard Residence but did not dare to rush in. They wanted to negotiate with the other party instead since Carmen and Lorelei were still in the hands of the enemy.

Joel was sweating profusely even though it was not midsummer yet. They had no way of predicting what the Yard twins might do through common sense and logic. After all, those two were monsters! While Jordan considered the pros and cons of his actions before doing anything, the same could not be said of the Yard twins. They acted on their whims,

regardless of the consequences. Nobody knew what could happen to Carmen and Lorelei with every passing second, and everybody had sweaty palms as a result.

Naturally, Cooper came along too. He gazed at the Yard Residence, flames dancing in his solemn gaze. Meanwhile, Theo had prepared several rescue plans. Unfortunately, even those plans could not guarantee the lives of Carmen and Lorelei under the current circumstances. The safest method was to contact and negotiate with Jordan. Even if the Yard twins were complete lunatics, Jordan was not. He fully understood the consequences of harming Lorelei and Carmen.

Similarly, Jordan also arrived very quickly. He was learning a little more of what his two youngest sons were capable of. I can't believe they dare to do something like this!

In his original plan, the Yard twins would be deported from the country; they would safely and soundly return to Ronney City without further consequences. Contrary to his expectations, they kidnapped the Fletcher Family's children instead. This isn't just about testing the Fletcher Family's limits anymore. Lives are at stake now!

The first time the Yard twins openly attacked the police with guns, he had to use his connections and sacrifice a group of people to get them out of trouble. At the time, he claimed that they were simply two unruly children. I can't believe they did it again!

Annoyed, he studied the army surrounding the Yard Residence, as well as the layers and layers of people crowding the vicinity. The Fletcher Family, the Mitchell Family, the Michel Family, the Winston Family, and the Edwards Family had all gathered there. Even the blind could tell that this chaotic situation had ruined his plans once again. I don't think I can save my two rebellious sons again this time!

When Joel saw that Jordan had arrived, he stepped forward expressionlessly to begin negotiations. "Mr. Edwards, I'm sure you understand the current situation. I don't want to waste more time. Hand over our children and I will let your sons leave the country."

Jordan might have been holding hostages, but he knew that it was not beneficial to him right now. If I force the Fletcher Family any further, they might take desperate measures! Unlike other families, the Fletcher Family holds military power within the country.

Jordan looked at the people standing next to Joel, including Michael, Cooper, and another unfamiliar young man. He did not know who that young man was, but he could tell that the young man was not an ordinary person based on the aura he gave off. "Of course."

He was about to ask Henry and Ryan to release the children of the Fletcher Family. However, he saw the Yard Family's men backing out as soon as he entered the gates. People from the Adams Family were present too. Although there were only three of them, they managed to take Henry hostage and were slowly walking out of the Yard Family's encirclement.

Henry's leg was bleeding. Moreover, he was cursing and screaming despite the cold and merciless gun pressed against his head. When he saw Jordan, he brightened up immediately and shouted, "Dad, save me! They want to kill me!"

However, Jordan only felt a deep sense of disappointment. Useless fools. You have my courage, but you don't have my abilities! You can't even capture a child properly!

"Carmen!" Sophia saw Carmen huddling in Bailey's arms. That small body seemed like it could break at any moment. She instantly felt her spirits lifting. Still, she did not dare to make any loud sounds. She was afraid that Carmen might start crying upon hearing her voice and disrupt the overall situation. Thus, she only dared to let her tears flow down her face.

On the other hand, Bailey was still as expressionless as ever. His expression barely changed even when he saw that the Fletcher Family and the Mitchell Family were here. With one hand holding the gun and the other hand holding a child, the fifteen-year-old seemed unnaturally used to situations like these.

Meanwhile, the Yard Family understood that they had lost the battle when they saw the army surrounding the Yard Residence in a neat and compact formation.

Joel glared at the Yard Family's men and coldly commanded, "Put down your guns!"

Jordan knew that this battle was a lost cause. Thus, he gestured slightly and all of the Yard Family's men put down their guns. Seeing that, Henry yelled angrily, "Dad—"

"Shut up!" Jordan cut him off fiercely, and Henry did not dare to say another word again.

Once the Yard Family's men put down their guns, Bailey carefully put down his gun too. At the same time, his bodyguard kicked Henry back to the Yard Family while he cautiously walked toward Sophia. Bending down, he placed Carmen down on the ground.

Carmen saw her parents as soon as she opened her eyes. Then, she threw herself into Sophia's arms with a loud cry like a pitiful cat.

Sophia hugged her as her tears flowed down uncontrollably. "Don't be scared, darling. Mommy and Daddy are here! The bad guys can't hurt you anymore!"

In response, Carmen wailed even louder than before and incoherently said, "The bad guys captured me and Lola. They said they were going to turn us into dumplings for Grandpa's breakfast! They hit Nate until he cried! They trampled on the tomato I picked!"

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When Carmen burst into tears, so did Sophia. Michael hugged the both of them, tears gathering in his eyes. Just moments ago, he had been paralyzed by an unimaginable fear that he would never see Carmen alive again. He was still consumed by the fear even now. Turning toward Bailey, who was about to leave, he said, "Thank you."

This fourteen-year-old—no, he was already a fifteen-year-old man—suddenly became more favorable in Michael's eyes. If it were not for Bailey, rescuing Lorelei and Carmen would have required far more effort. I'm sure Carmen and Lorelei had a hard time with those crazy twins around.

Bailey didn't even bother to turn around as he condescendingly answered, "I don't talk to youngsters. Let the elders in your family come to me."

If it wasn't for the circumstances preventing Michael from hitting Bailey, he would have done so in a heartbeat.

Meanwhile, Lorelei threw herself into Joel's arms. Although she wasn't crying as hard as Carmen, he could tell that she had experienced a huge scare. Her entire body trembled as she fearfully told him, "Daddy, I killed somebody!"

She was afraid that she would be sent away because she killed somebody. She thought she would be sent back to that gloomy place where the sun could not reach—the place where she had to kill just to survive each day. I love the Fletcher Family. I don't want to leave. I love

my daddy and mommy; I love my brother. I don't want to leave. She grasped the corner of Joel's clothes tightly.

At the same time, Ryan was carried out of the Yard Residence. They probably wanted to send him for emergency treatment. Unfortunately, his body had gone cold a long time ago. His neck had been broken, and he died on the spot.

Jordan stepped forward and lifted the bed sheet covering Ryan's body. Ryan's eyes were gazing blankly into the sky. The savage and triumphant expression on his face had yet to disappear from when he was killed. Jordan's hands shook and he lost grip of the bedsheet. My son! The son I devoted all my efforts into raising! Why is he nothing but a corpse now?! Who did this?! The look in his eyes looked like a volcano that was about to erupt. Sweeping his gaze across the venue, he saw that everybody else seemed to be happy about the news of Ryan's death.

When Sophia saw the corpse, she hurriedly buried Carmen's face in her chest. She did not want Carmen to see that terrifying scene. Fortunately, Carmen was still crying. She experienced the greatest scare of her life when Bailey was carrying her out of the Yard Residence. Even so, she desperately stopped herself from crying at the time. It had not been easy for her.

On the other hand, Joel glanced at Ryan's corpse before glancing back at Lorelei, who looked extremely nervous. He seemed to understand the situation. Ruffling Lorelei's messy hair, he said in a low voice, "Lola, he deserved to die. You protected your sister. You did a great job!"

Despite his reassurance, Lorelei had an expression of horror on her face as she was taken away by Maddie, who had rushed over to the scene.

Afterward, Joel confiscated all of the Yard Family's guns. He turned to Jordan and said, "Mr. Edwards, I will honor my promise with you since the children have been returned. I have prepared the transportation for your sons to the airport. Please, come this way."

After saying that, he drove a military truck over. Regardless of whether Jordan was willing or not, he stuffed all the Yard Family's men into the truck. Even Ryan, who was dead, was carried into the truck without further ado.

Jordan smiled mechanically. "I don't think the weather today is suitable for flying. Why not postpone it until tomorrow instead?"

He had a feeling that the Fletcher Family was not going to let them leave Cethos that easily.

Joel lifted his head to look at the sky. "On the contrary, the weather seems great to me. Besides, it's a good day for traveling according to the almanac of the day." Following that, he 'invited' all the men of the Yard Family, including Henry, into the car without any regard for whether Jordan was willing to comply or not.

Henry was still screaming. Jordan was about to say something when Joel turned around with a gun in his hands. The gun was aimed directly at Jordan, and his finger was on the trigger. He continued to smile as he said, "Your son is about to travel to a far-off land. It's a very long journey; I wonder if you have anything to say to your son, Mr. Edwards?"

Jordan seemed to understand the meaning behind those words. He glared at Joel as well as the rest of the men standing beside him. Still, glaring was a meaningless gesture. He knew that everything was in the Fletcher Family's hands now. At the very least, he could do nothing to them today as his side was in the wrong. Glaring at Joel fiercely, his eyes were filled with hostility. He smiled coldly. "Thank you for the reminder."

Then, he walked over to Henry. He first glanced at Ryan, who was dead, before turning to look at Henry. Henry had not received any treatment despite being shot in the leg. Therefore, blood was still gushing out. It hurt so much that he was grinning maniacally. When he saw Jordan walking over to him, he roared in tears, "Dad, it hurts so bad! They killed Ryan!"

After losing his son, Jordan seemed to have aged overnight. Looking at his son, he quietly said, "I know; I know. Take good care of yourself when you arrive. I'm getting old. I can't take care of you forever."

Henry continued to scream and cry. "I will never forgive you! The Fletcher Family and the Mitchell Family can all go to hell! I'm going to kill all of you!"

Jordan shook his head and hardened his heart. "Get into the car."

After that, Henry was helped into the military truck while Jordan watched. All of a sudden, a gunshot rang out and a bullet penetrated Henry's thigh. Henry collapsed to the ground after being shot in the thigh and prostrated himself in Michael's direction. He lay on the ground screaming and crying as blood splattered everywhere. Standing in front of him, Michael put his gun away and smiled darkly. "I'm sorry. My gun misfired."

However, Sophia, who was standing next to him, had already covered Carmen's ears in advance.

Henry's blood spilled all over the ground. Following that, he was carried into the truck, and everybody in the truck was hauled away. It was a grand procession as military vehicles cleared the road in advance and sealed the road to the airport for their special use. Joel delivered the Yard Family to the airport and ensured that they boarded the plane heading toward Ronney City.

After the incident, the army surrounding the Yard Residence gradually withdrew. Meanwhile, Jordan took Ryan's corpse away for disposal.

When Anne learned that Cooper had arrived, she got dressed and came out to see. However, she only caught a glimpse of his solemn figure. He had already gotten into his car and left in a hurry. Even so, she smiled in satisfaction. I protected Cooper's granddaughter! Even if he will never know about it...

Carmen continued crying even after she arrived home. She sobbingly complained about the bad guys that kidnapped her, as well as her uncle and her brother that had been beaten so badly that they cried. While wiping away her tears, she opened her little bag and took out everything inside. She had thrown out all her daily necessities and filled it up with souvenirs from the farm. "This eggplant is for Mommy! These are the cherries I brought back for Grandpa... but they've been smashed... Sob."

Everybody felt their hearts breaking as they watched Carmen crying while handing out souvenirs. After she finished handing out the souvenirs, she quietly set aside some of the most beautiful apricots. She was reluctant to eat them and nobody knew who she planned to give them to.