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Sophia recognized her own wedding dress right away. It had been kept at home for years. Michael told her that she had tried it on herself, and the designer designed it according to her request. It was the only one of its kind in the world.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, she never got to wear the dress. After she returned, the opportunity only slipped further away.

She never imagined that he would bring the dress along.

In high spirits, she walked up and admired it.

Personally, she thought her dress was much nicer than Nicole's, and that it was even nicer once she put it on.

If I wear this, I will be the most beautiful bride in the world!

"What is the dress doing here?" She was extremely excited. Michael had diligently maintained the quality of the dress after all these years. Even now, it looked brand new. The innovative design and one-of-a-kind charm of the dress did not make it look old-fashioned after all these years.

Even the gemstones on it looked like they were just attached recently.

When he saw how happy she was, a smile also grew on his face.

Looking at the dress, he felt like he was being brought back to the day it first arrived.

The dress came, but the bride had left.

He had kept the dress in the deepest corner of their walk-in closet. Whenever he missed her, he would put himself in the closet with the dress and try to picture her in it. He would get himself dead drunk and hoped that he could see the image of her in the wedding dress in his dreams.

Lifting a finger, he wiped the slight vapor forming at the corner of his eyes. "What do you think? Do you want to try it on? Everything is already available on this island. Once you put on the dress, we can borrow what they have and rehearse for our future wedding."

After hearing those words, she finally knew why everyone seemed unusual today.

No wonder Theo came today, and so did Joel. No wonder Carmen said there was going to be a wedding tomorrow. So, this was the reason...

Indeed, the only thing they had missed out on was a wedding.

She gazed at the dress with hot tears in her eyes, but she did not want to give him an answer that easily.

Besides a wedding, something else was still missing.

Looking back at him, she smiled warmly and batted her eyelashes at him. "Are you going to give me a ceremony now? But, it's not something that one wedding dress can make up for."

He quickly asserted, "Master Sam agreed to lend us the venue. I have people working on decorating all night. The guests have arrived. The bridesmaid, best man, and makeup artist are all here too. I've got everything ready for the wedding."

He was worried that she would be unhappy with the 'casual' wedding.

The truth was that he also wanted to hold a grand wedding for her and tell the whole world that Michael Fletcher and Sophia Edwards were getting married.

At least not here at a second-hand wedding venue where everything was borrowed.

To his dismay, he did not have much time left.

Sophia couldn't help but laugh at his panicked reaction.

She didn't prepare to have a wedding there, either. A wedding ceremony was cumbersome and there were too many things to prepare. It was better to keep things simple.

Holding a small-scale wedding on this small island did not seem like a bad option. Moreover, they already had everything ready.

A small wedding sounds nice. The big wedding can wait until we've crushed all the obstacles before us! We can treat this as a rehearsal wedding.

Sticking her nose in the air, she objected, "No. Even though we're doing this last minute, we still can't leave anything out. We can't miss a single step!"

He mused, What step are we missing? We're borrowing everything from Sam. We're not— Suddenly, a thought flashed across his mind, and he understood what she meant.

Grabbing her hand without another word, he pulled her out of the room and ran toward the beach.

At the beach, the waves were gently washing up the shore, and the bright moon was high above the water. It was peaceful as the rest of the world was fast asleep.

The two of them were standing on the sand with the sea breeze blowing through their hair.

All of a sudden, Michael got down on one knee in front of her and looked up with a passionate gaze. "Sophia Edwards, will you marry me?"

She had not expected a proposal from him when he dragged her out there.

But, quite so, they were also missing a proposal.

When he bought her ten years ago, she still had problems eating. Being with him was her only option, so she simply got married to him.

Fast forward ten years later, she was no longer the dependent and pitiful young girl that was sold for only eighty thousand. She was the young lady of the Mitchell Family and the apple of Fass Michel's eye. With her father's love and her own business, she no longer lacked anything, and her value was unfathomable.

Eighty thousand was not enough to marry her anymore.

If he wanted to marry her, he had to give his all.

Sophia was so excited and happy that she forgot to answer him.

"Why did you choose this place to propose?"

Still on one knee, he answered, "Since it's a proposal, it needs to be meaningful. Look at the sky, the moon, and this body of water; they have been in existence for thousands of years. It's only right that they bear witness to my love for you. At this moment, my love is one with the sky and this ocean. However long they exist for, that is how long our love will last. To me, it feels ritualistic."

He looked up at her with glimmering eyes and vowed that no matter what happened and no matter how drastically things would change, he was not going to change. One could not outlive their time, but his love for her had already manifested in his being. Even if he died and returned to the ground one day, he would produce a flower on his grave for her with the roots attached to his bones. The more radiant the flower, the deeper his love for her was.

When that time came, the fragrance of their love would travel with the wind out into the open to touch the senses of those who admired flowers. Their love would stay in the hearts of those people. The world would come to know that there was once a man and a woman who were bound to each other by the love they shared. Even though they were separated for various reasons and never got to grow old together, their love would still lead to the blooming of beautiful flowers.

Sophia was immensely touched by his sweet words and could not help but tear up. It had been a while since she last saw him look so serious.

Wiping away the tears in her eyes, she only felt pure happiness.

Each day that she spent with Michael made her feel like she was in a drama.

He was still looking up at her. His eyes were glistening with tears, and his voice was getting shaky.

"If you're willing to marry me, I will give you all the love in this world. If you're willing to marry me, I will..." He choked back tears. "I will love you forever; until the end of time and until I take my last breath. For as long as I can still think, my only thought will be to love you."

After getting the proposal she had longed for all these years, she wrapped her arms around his shoulders and exclaimed, "I will! I will!"

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In a burst of joy, Michael held her in his arms and spun twice on top of the sand. The sound of Sophia's laughter covered the surging waves.

He pressed his damp lips softly against her forehead.

She looked at him with tear-filled eyes, then turned to the ocean and yelled, "Sophia Edwards and Michael Fletcher will be spending the rest of their lives together!"

He looked at how excited she was but remained unmoved. He only wished that he could yell along with her and inform the whole world about their vow to stay together forever.

But, he knew that he could not stay with her for long.

The only thing he could give her was a wedding, yet Sophia had believed in all of it.

She genuinely believed that they would be together for eternity.

The next day, their wedding ceremony began.

Michael was extremely nervous. He did not know where to put his hands; putting them in his pocket did not seem right but neither did just letting them hang at his sides. Moreover, his nerves were making his palms sweat. With sweaty palms, he continued to pace back and forth at the venue.

It had been a while since he last felt this nervous. He was not acting now; this was live.

At a wedding, there was no such thing as a retake. Everything had to be done in one take and no mistakes were allowed.

Even though the wedding was small and rushed, it still had to be spectacular. To strive for perfection, he purposely put on some powder and trimmed his eyebrows. Otherwise, he might not have been able to match up to his beautiful bride.

Standing at the side, Quinton chided, "Okay, that's enough. Stop being so nervous. You're breaking into a sweat. Watch out for your makeup."

There were only a handful of guests. Sam and Nicole, who had gotten married two days ago, were now guests themselves. There were also a few people from the Fletchers and the Mitchells, as well as Bailey from the Adams Family. The Michel Family did not receive word. Because Michael and Sophia did not want outsiders to find out, they only invited several close friends and family they met on a regular basis.

They had only gone through a swift rehearsal early in the morning. Michael was so nervous that he kept going over the steps to make sure that he would not make a mistake.

Just yesterday, he was teasing Sam for being nervous even though he was already in his forties. Who would have thought that it would be Michael's turn today?

Meanwhile, Theo did not imagine that he would ever be able to participate in his son's wedding during his lifetime. He was always preparing for it, although he did not know much about it.

Back then, he and Elizabeth failed to get married. When Celine got married, he was still frozen. He had made it just in time for Michael's wedding, but he felt like it was a pity that Elizabeth could not be here to see it.

He also owed her a wedding. At the time, they did not even receive their marriage certificate.

I've never gotten married myself... No, I did get married once. The only time he got married was with Tanya at the drug dealers' den. At the time, however, he was locked up in his room most of the time and did not have to worry about much.

Tanya got everything prepared. After that, Theo simply followed along and became an obedient son-in-law. In actuality, he was still communicating with the outside world.

The day before the wedding, he gathered his men and weapons—rifles, cannons, and heavy weapons. Before the time came, he launched an attack at his own wedding and blew up his 'father-in-law' and many distinguished guests who had joined the wedding.

Dressed in his wedding attire, he held a submachine gun and fired in all directions, turning the wedding venue into a pool of blood.

He was not a good husband. In modern terms, he was a scumbag. Because Elizabeth loved him, she was willing to be with him unofficially and raise his children. In the end, he still fell into her debt.

Whenever he thought about that, he couldn't help but tear up.

How nice would it be if you were still here, Elizabeth?

There were a number of people who wanted to cry today.

It was common to see newlyweds smiling, but it was rare to see the elderly in tears.

Cooper had red-rimmed eyes. Although his grandchild was already five, he still insisted on living with Sophia until now because he just could not bear to let her go.

They had lost each other when she was little. While he was all-powerful and standing at the peak, his daughter was being trampled on by people and struggling to survive in the dirt.

It had only been a few years since they found each other. Before he could even adore her to his heart's content, she was going to leave to some place far away with an unknown man. She was leaving him to go build her own little family.

How could Cooper accept it?

He still owed her too much. Despite wanting to keep her by his side forever, he knew that she was going to get married sooner or later.

Once she started to build her own family, she inevitably had to leave.

He still lived with her and was able to see his beloved daughter every day, and he also knew that this wedding was just a formality for her and Michael, as they were already married a long time ago and already had a child who was this big. Yet, he could not help but feel like this ceremony was a defeat for him. Michael was taking his daughter away from him, but he could not do anything to stop it.

The more Cooper thought about it, the more saddened he became.

While the two elderly fathers wept, the rest of the crowd was extremely excited.

As the matchmaker, Daniel had deliberately taken time out of his metaphysics lecture tour to join the wedding.

Michael's notice of the wedding had come too suddenly. The moment Daniel received the news, he booked a plane ticket right away and after a long journey he finally arrived; any later and he would not have made it.

He was the one who sent Sophia's photo to Michael all those years ago and matchmade them. Undoubtedly, he was the most significant matchmaker.

On the other hand, Cooper was still wiping at his tears discreetly and growing sadder with each passing moment.

Suddenly, another private plane arrived on the island. When it landed on the apron, a shuttle bus quickly went to pick up the guests to drive them over. Through tear-filled eyes, Cooper saw a tall and elegant figure slowly coming into focus before him.

"Anna..."

Anna walked up to him with a smile on her face. "I'm here."

It would not have been right if she did not show up today.

She had come right as the ceremony was about to start. Previously, Sam had invited a professional band to the island. This band was being 'reused' now as they began to play the pure and romantic 'Wedding March'.

When the ceremony started, the bride finally appeared at the end of the red carpet in the garden with her hand on Linus' arm.

Originally, Cooper was supposed to escort Sophia to Michael, but Cooper was in too much sorrow to hand his little girl over to his son-in-law. Thus, Linus stepped up to do the job.

Linus was trying his best to keep a smile on his face, but he just could not suppress the ache swelling in his chest and stop his eyes from turning red.

The bride of the day, Sophia, was wearing a white wedding dress that made her look pure and beautiful. The veil was covering her face as she slowly walked down the red carpet.

Carmen and Hope were in front of her while a few other children held her dress from behind.

Wearing her wedding dress, the usually bright Sophia seemed to have a peculiar charm about her today. A professional makeup artist did her makeup for her and made it look like there was a light, filter-like halo around her face. It made her glow and her beauty was overwhelming.

The thin white veil was not enough to mask her beauty.

As soon as Michael saw her, tears began to well up in his eyes.

It was his wedding day. He did not want to let his tears ruin this perfect moment, but seeing how beautiful she looked, the joy he felt made the tears gush out and stain his cheeks.

He felt like he had the most beautiful bride in the world.

He was so happy that he only wanted to cry.

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When the bride appeared, it was as though all the light in the world was shining down on her and making her dazzle.

She had entered arm in arm with Linus. Originally, the two siblings looked completely different from each other; one was European and the other was Cethosian. Over the years, however, they started to grow more and more alike. Linus began to adopt some Cethosian

characteristics while Sophia began to adopt some European characteristics. They slowly began to resemble each other.

One was like a blazing sun, and the other was like a white lotus. They had inherited their parents' good looks and temperament. When they stood together, they were each remarkable in their own way.

Looking at his two children, Cooper suddenly felt proud of his perfect family.

It would have been better if his daughter was not getting married.

Nonetheless, she was already grown up; she had to get married and build her own family. As her elderly father, he would eventually fade out of her life and go from being the most important person to one of the least important people to her.

The thought of that was truly painful. Once again, he felt miserable.

Today, both Callum and Cade had followed Anna along to the wedding. Since their sister was getting married, they felt inclined to be there as the family members of the bride.

Callum even turned the money he stole from Sophia into a big red packet to give to her.

After Ryan and Henry were killed, Jordan became devastated. It gave them the chance to slip out and attend Sophia's wedding.

The wedding ceremony was rather shabby and only around thirty guests were invited.

Michael still made a special invitation to Anna because she was Sophia's biological mother, and she could not miss out on this wedding.

Currently, Anna was taking pictures on her phone. On the other side, Linus had given Sophia to Michael. Even though the two had gotten married a long time ago, Linus still felt reluctant at this moment.

While the wedding song was being played, Michael held Sophia's hands gently and looked at her with a profound gaze.

Beaming with a clear brilliance, Sophia also looked up and smiled softly at him. A peculiar yet contented look reflected in her bright eyes. They were just looking at each other, but he could already feel the pleasantness and happiness in her eyes.

A surge of warmth reached his eyes and forced their way out as tears.

He was just like most grooms who were seeing their beautiful brides for the first time. The rush of emotions caused them to tear up and made them unable to suppress the strong yet aching feeling in their chest.

Sophia smiled at him; her almond-shaped eyes crinkled into luminous half-moons. This became one of the images that would be forever etched in Michael's mind.

They continued to gaze at each other in silence as though time had already paused on that day, at that very second, forever.

In that second, they seemed to have found the true meaning of love and the entrance to eternity.

"Is the groom ready?"

The sound of the officiant's voice reminded Michael that they were still at their wedding and had rituals to complete. He quickly pulled his focus back and became extremely nervous.

The next step was most likely the exchange of the wedding rings.

He reached into his pocket to retrieve them. Because he was so nervous, his palms were completely covered in sweat. To his surprise, however, he could not find the ring box anymore.

They had worn their rings for years, but since it was their wedding day, they could not leave out the exchange of wedding rings. He had intentionally put the ring box in his pocket so he could present them at this moment.

Before he could find it, the officiate announced enthusiastically, "It is time now. Bride, groom, bow before the heavens."

Michael was dumbfounded, and so was the rest of the audience.

Wait, isn't this a modern wedding? Why are we praying? This is totally off script!

Michael was the dumbest he had ever been in his life today. While he was acting, even if his colleague improvised at the last minute, he was able to adapt and play along smoothly.

But, encountering this sudden change in plans today, he suddenly found himself at a loss for what to do.

Seeing the frozen look on his face, Sophia quickly tugged at him and explained, "I made a few small changes. It's nothing really. Come; let's pray."

She felt like offering prayer was ritualistic and would make it feel more like an actual wedding.

Michael was even more baffled now.

This is a small change? It changed the style of the whole wedding!

With dozens of eyes trained on them, though, he could not spend all day in a daze. Quickly kneeling next to Sophia who was in her wedding dress, he started to offer a prayer alongside her.

Despite looking calm on the surface, he was still perplexed and flustered on the inside.

This does not only change the style of the wedding, but also the whole atmosphere!

If this had been a traditional Cethosian wedding, the bride would not be in white, and the groom would not be in black.

Taking the current atmosphere into consideration, this wedding just looked preposterous.

Regardless of what Michael thought, the officiate continued to cry out, "Second bow to the parents!"

Michael was flustered again. He quickly followed Sophia and went to bow down before Theo and Cooper.

Cooper burst into tears while Theo's eyes reddened.

“Now, bow to each other!”

The two of them faced each other and bowed.

Since they had made three bows, they were now officially a married couple.

Sophia was content with her wedding day tradition.

If it wasn't hard to find and if her makeup artist wasn't in such strong opposition, she would have put a red veil over her head.

A combination of tradition and fashion was perfect.

The officiate's merry voice resounded once again. “The ceremony is over!”

When he applauded, the rest of the audience also began to applaud and cheer.

After that, parents from each side went up the stage to give speeches. Theo did not have much to say, but Cooper was eager to speak.

Walking up on stage, Cooper wiped away the warm tears in his eyes and took in the audience. In an instant, he occupied the stage with a strong presence.

A moment ago, he was a father who was shedding tears at his daughter's wedding. Now, he was like a fierce beast who had been waiting in hiding for a chance to attack. Even though he had his claws hidden, his powerful presence was still exposed from time to time.

The audience couldn't help but shudder. Even the warm wind from the tropics could not drive out the sudden chill that came so suddenly.

Finally, Cooper began his speech.

“I'm Cooper Mitchell, also known as Fass Michel. I am widely acknowledged as the second-largest entity in the arms industry; second because I kept a portion of the business hidden to not attract attention.”

The people at the venue were trembling slightly under the mention of the arms industry.

“The business that I run can easily destroy this world. If I want someone dead, no matter where this person runs off to, I will still be able to find them. Even if they escape the Earth, I can still hunt them down!”

It was Michael’s turn to tremble now. Why does he have to talk about this on our wedding day?

Cooper continued, “I also run the most advanced medical technology company in the world. I can easily save a person, but I can just as easily bring a person to his death.”

When he emphasized the word ‘death’, the ferocious and grim tone in his voice managed to make Michael cower in fear once again.

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Even though Michael felt terrified, he still tried to keep a smile on his face.

Yes, yes. You’re awesome! You’re the best!

Everyone looked in Michael’s direction, then back at Cooper. They all felt afraid for Michael.

One could only imagine the pressure he must have felt as the husband of the only daughter of the world’s second-largest arms dealer.

If a son-in-law from another family made a mistake, the worst that would happen was that he would be removed from the family with no possessions in his hands.

If Michael made a mistake, he would be lucky if he only ended up paralyzed.

Alas, Cooper concluded his speech.

“I, Cooper Mitchell, have committed many murders before. People are like ants to me. I can easily kill someone if I want to.”

Rolling his eyes, Quinton thought, Tsk. You can’t even get rid of Jordan.

Still, he could not refute it at a place like that.

If Michael ever made Sophia suffer one day, Cooper would definitely cripple him.

Cooper managed to get everyone's attention with just three sentences. They might not have been Cooper's son-in-law, but they could all feel the terror and could not help but look at Michael with empathy.

Feeling tremendous pressure, Michael watched as Cooper came over to hug Sophia and glare at him at the same time.

He simply smiled along and even started clapping pretentiously to keep the atmosphere alive. At least they were done with the formalities now.

Cooper had gotten off the stage after the brief speech. Sophia grasped Michael's hand and murmured, "He's just scaring you. He would never let you die!"

Upon hearing that, Michael only gave an insincere laugh.

When Cooper was done talking, Michael looked at Theo like a lost and helpless child hoping that his father could also say a few things to save him.

Theo, however, did not have a lot of experience. He was just a young man in his thirties, making him even younger than Michael and even more incapable of taking charge of the situation.

All the formalities were over, and it was now time for the awaited bouquet toss.

Sophia caught the bouquet two days ago, and now she was married—it was a cursed bouquet.

Since very few young unmarried women had attended the wedding, the young unmarried men and young married women came forward to scramble for the bouquet.

With her back toward them, Sophia was anticipating tossing the bouquet. Moreover, it was a bouquet that Michael had put together himself.

"Are you ready?"

She held the bouquet in her hands in preparation as she looked back at the unsettled crowd.

“We’re ready! Toss it!”

Stanley was standing on his tiptoes with his hands high up in the air.

“No one is allowed to fight with me!” Sarah was over two meters high in the air among the crowd. Looking closely, she was riding on Harry’s shoulders.

Harry had a look of resignation on his face. What’s so great about catching the bouquet? Does she want her second marriage to fail too?

Aside from the few who were present at the bouquet toss two days ago, Callum and Cade also joined in this time.

Since Sophia got married right after catching the bouquet, perhaps, whoever caught it next would also be able to find someone.

“Here I go!”

She tossed the bouquet behind her with all her might. While they made a fuss and fought over the bouquet, the elders were shaking their heads and smiling at the side.

Unexpectedly, Sophia was terrible at tossing the bouquet because she did not have any prior experience. The bouquet flew over to where the elders were. They were busy talking to each other and did not notice the bouquet. Only a pair of small hands reached up and caught it.

“I caught Mommy’s flowers!” Carmen shook the bouquet happily as she grinned at the crowd.

They all became quiet.

Michael was feeling touched just a moment ago, but he turned angry when he saw that Carmen had caught the bouquet. He started to take a couple of steps toward her when he saw Sophia lift her up in the air effortlessly and even caressed her forehead.

“Those who manage to catch the bouquet are the lucky ones. You have to be happy in the future, Carmen!”

“Okay!”

Carmen hugged the bouquet delightedly. Seeing the happiness on her face, Michael could not bring himself to intervene.

But, my little girl is only five... No, I can't accept this!

He could not accept the truth that Carmen was going to get married one day.

If she got married, Michael would cry buckets just like Cooper did today.

Following that, it was time to take photos.

“Anna, let's take a family photo,” Cooper suggested to Anna all of a sudden.

A family photo...

Those three words were filled with immense warmth.

She was Annabel; she knew it, and so did Cooper.

Although she wanted to agree, her gaze naturally went to her twin sons who were not too far away.

Callum and Cade were also her children—her successors. She might not have been blessed enough to give birth to them, but that had never affected her love for them.

Nonetheless, they were not Cooper's children.

Their biological father was Jordan, and that would never change. Even if they joined hands and got rid of Jordan in the future, it would not change the fact that the twins were Jordan's children.

Anna loved Cooper, but she was not blinded by love. Most women could not compare to her outlook on life. She was already thinking of the distant future.

Once Jordan was gone and they could be together without any obstructions, would Cooper be able to accept her two sons?

When Cooper invited her to take photos, he had intentionally left the twins out.

He knew that Anna loved them, but he did not like them because of who their father was.

Similar to how Lola was a source of pain for Justin, the twins were also a thorn in Cooper's heart.

That problem needed to be dealt with sooner or later, but, at least, it did not have to be dealt with now.

Today was Sophia's big day. Anna did not want to become a bother to her, so she simply walked over with Cooper and stood beside Sophia. When the mother and daughter pair were next to each other, it was as though a mold had been carved out. Anna was incredibly young. Since she had Sophia when she was eighteen, they did not have a huge age gap between them and looked very alike.

Sophia and Michael were standing together with a little Carmen between them. On either side of them were their parents, Theo, Cooper, and Anna, and also the other family members, Linus, Celine, Justin, and Nathan.

Standing away from everyone else, Quinton was like an invisible person watching them take a family photo.

Sophia was breathtakingly beautiful standing in the center.

Sadly, her beauty was not for him.

It was the afternoon, but he felt cold on the inside as if he should not have shown up.

Suddenly, Celine shouted, "Wait! Quinton isn't here yet. We can only say 'cheese' once he's here!"

Theo looked over at Quinton and beckoned him. "Hope! Come and take a photo!"

Quinton's existence was a pain in the head for him, but Quinton was also a victim.

Sophia pressed, "Hurry! You're the only one missing!"

I'm the only one missing...

Those simple words warmed his heart. He quickly walked over, stood next to Celine, and smiled.

They took the photo as one happy family. The deep affection they had seemed to overflow into the camera lens.

However, Sophia noticed that Anna did not look too happy.

At that moment, she could feel the wall that had already been erected between her parents that made it impossible for them to be as close as they used to be.

She knew what the problem was. Looking in the direction Callum and Cade were in, she noticed that the identical twins also seemed to be avoiding them.

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Letting out an inward sigh, Sophia knew that nothing could be done about this problem. Just like how Justin could not bring himself to accept Lola, Cooper could not accept Callum and Cade. As such, Sophia, who was leading a happy life, started to worry about Cooper.

After the big group photo, the younger people wanted to take more photos. Thus, Cooper, Theo, and the other elders took their cue to leave.

The siblings, Sophia and Linus, stood next to each other to take a photo. Once that was done, Sophia nudged Carmen and whispered, "Can you bring those two similar-looking guys over to take a photo with Mommy?"

Carmen did as she was told. Running over to them, she looked at Callum and said sweetly, "Mister, Mommy wants to take a photo with you."

The brothers were talking to each other in a low murmur. When they heard Carmen, they automatically looked at each other. "Your mom really wants to take a photo with us?"

She nodded. "Yes, yes."

Despite feeling perplexed, they still went over. After all, Callum had stolen tens of thousands from Sophia. He did not think that they would be able to be on good terms again, so when she took the initiative to invite them, they went over right away.

Seeing them approach her, Sophia moved slightly to the side. The four siblings stood in a row with Linus and Sophia on one side, and Callum and Cade on the other. Meanwhile, Carmen remained in the middle as usual.

Sophia could not help but marvel at her twin brothers. Even though she did not like their father, they were still her brothers who had the same mother as she did.

Anna was having a conversation with Cooper outside of the crowd when a glimpse of her four children standing together caught her attention. They might have had different fathers, but they were all her children. They had her features and carried her genes. She could not help but gaze at them with a great amount of tender love in her eyes. "Look at how beautiful my children are!"

Cooper was also aware that they were taking a photo together. He did not respond and changed the topic instead. Still, he did not stop them from taking a group photo. He did not like Anna's sons, but he did not stop Sophia from associating with them. Even though Cooper had nothing to do with them, they were still Sophia's half-brothers.

After the photo, Carmen asked enthusiastically, "Mommy, why do those two misters look exactly the same?"

Sophia answered, "Because they're twins! Mommy and Uncle Linus, and Daddy and Aunt Celine are twins too!"

Carmen pondered with pursed lips, then asked, "If both Daddy and Mommy have a twin, then why don't I have one?"

When she brought that up, Michael felt heavyhearted. He had imagined over and over again that Sophia would have twins. After all, both of them carried the genes for it.

However, Sophia only had one child. During her pregnancy, the examinations only found one child. And later, she also only came home with one child. Quinton claimed that there was only one during the delivery too.

Michael felt depressed as though someone had hidden his other child somewhere else. At the same time, Sophia was already bent over and talking to Carmen in a gentle tone. "You won't understand some of these things, sweetie. You'll know when you're all grown up." She added, "They're my brothers, so you can call them uncle from now on."

Looking back at them, Carmen called, "Uncles!"

They returned a smile. Hearing the word 'uncle' left them deeply moved.

The perfect wedding eventually came to a close. Although Sophia and Michael were still engaged in unlawful cohabitation, their state of mind changed after the wedding.

Cooper still lived with Sophia, and Linus still came over to eat every day. There was not much of a difference in their lives compared to before, except that Cooper was even meaner to Michael now.

In the past, Michael often slandered his father-in-law. But, once he put himself in Cooper's shoes and thought of the apricot beaded bracelet on Bailey's wrist, he could not help but squirm in anguish. He asked Cooper to take that bracelet back from Bailey countless times, but Cooper did not seem bothered. He even looked pleased whenever he talked to Bailey! Since his daughter was not the one being taken away by Bailey, he did not feel the pain!

In contrast, Cooper thought that Michael was being too sensitive. Carmen is still a child. What does she know? It's completely normal for friends to exchange gifts with each other! He's too paranoid!

But now, Michael was so frightened that he was about to get a heart attack. Soon, he was not going to be around anymore, but the three apricot seeds on Bailey's hand only filled him with overwhelming concern. He feared that when he woke up from his cryogenic sleep in a few years, Carmen would already have her own child while she was still young.

Every day, he had nightmares of Carmen giving birth to a baby as a teenager, and that the baby looked exactly like Bailey. In order to fulfill his own dying wishes, he started to monitor Bailey's every move in secret to find an opportunity to get the bracelet back. Otherwise, he would feel unsettled even when he was frozen.

It was too dangerous for Bailey to have that bracelet in his possession. Every time he saw the bracelet, it would possibly remind him of Carmen. Without the bracelet, he would forget

about Carmen in just a few days. Even though everyone felt like Bailey was a great figure, to Michael, he was just a deadbeat who sold insurance.

Bailey had also come to Bayside City to establish a branch of Adams Enterprise here. Like the Michels, they wanted to have a share of the market in Bayside City. In this big nation with over a billion people, they could make tons even if they sold insurance casually.

Alas, Michael found out that Bailey got a membership at Audistin and was working out there. At the same time, he also frequented the indoor basketball court at Bayside University that was open to outsiders.

Michael sent Nathan over to keep watch. Nathan had been associated with Bayside University for a decade and was well-connected with the people. Since he often went there to play basketball, he was familiar with the place.

“That’s him! The green-eyed goblin who has Carmen on his mind! If you see him around campus, make sure to teach him a lesson. Also, remember to get that bracelet back to me.”

Nathan glanced over the picture that Michael had sent to him and the bracelet strung with apricot kernels. He could not believe that someone had their eyes on his baby sister who was still a child! They even have a token of love! This is unforgivable! Nathan was also fuming with anger. That green-eyed goblin better not show up in front of me.

In just a few days, however, Michael received a sudden call from Nathan. “Come here now. I’ve caught the green-eyed goblin.”

Michael exhorted, “Beat him up!”

But Nathan sounded hesitant. “We have an unexpected situation. I think you should come and take a look.”