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In the end, Carmen wrote a letter of guarantee to promise that she would never shave the Imperial cats' fur again. A few of her pillows were confiscated as a fine, which finally concluded this case.

As her online shop gradually expanded, the orders began to pour in at such a rate that she did not have enough raw materials to use. Otherwise, she would not have had the courage to scalpe the fur of those Imperial cats.

Today, Sophia brought her to the pet shop and cat cafe that she opened in partnership with Sarah. After they signed a series of joint venture agreements, Carmen became the contractor to collect all the animal fur from the pet shop and cat cafe with immediate effect.

She even summoned courage to personally contact a few pet shops on her own accord to sign a series of joint venture agreements with them.

However, when it was time to discuss business, the meeting table was towering above her. Because she was not tall, she specially removed her shoes and stepped on the chair so that she could forcefully address her business partner at eye level.

After the meeting was successful, Carmen cheerfully returned home with heavy stacks of contracts in her bag. As soon as she jumped out of the car after arriving home, Sophia, who accompanied her to the business meetings, cautiously alighted as her belly was swollen like a pair of fruits that would soon be ripened.

Anna had already regained all of her memory, but Sophia still could not remember even the slightest bit of her past or the feeling when she gave birth to Carmem. Now, she could finally relive that experience again.

Michael was at home today, so he quickly came out to welcome his beloved wife.

While holding her stomach and resting her hands on her back, Sophia returned home like a high-ranking official visiting the countryside as Michael carried her bag and shoes.

Recently in Bayside City of Cethos, the JNS Fashion Group had officially merged with the Ronney Group with Sophia being in charge of the branch in Cethos. As expected, she was

more interested in the fashion industry, so she simply followed in her mother's footsteps to start her career.

Anna also provided her with the resources and manpower to kickstart her own career.

Even if Sophia was now pregnant, she could not give her career up, which resulted in her being busy with her work on a daily basis.

Then, Cooper and Bailey exited from Villa No.1.

Bailey had arrived to discuss business with Anna while congratulating her for moving to a new house.

When he exited the house, he immediately saw Carmen with her family. Sophia is alive and she is now having her second child. The whole family seems to be as happy as ever. This is great...

Carmen enthusiastically invited, "Mr. Bailey, please come and have dinner with us. Daddy said that we are having some delicious food tonight!"

Sophia was also enthusiastic. "Bailey, you should come. We can eat while having a chat! I have a project that I want you to participate in as well!"

However, Michael was the only one who reverted to his cold expression after being subservient to her earlier. This old man will never eat a grain of rice from my house!

Yet, Bailey completely ignored his junior's fierce eyes as he followed Cooper into Sophia's home.

Today, Carmen had gone out alone to discuss business with other shops and she succeeded in doing so. As news about it spread, everyone guessed that their family would definitely have a celebration, so they quickly came over to have a free meal.

"Great-uncle Michael, we're here again!"

Maisie eagerly walked in with Stanely and Sean behind her.

Recently, Sean started to wear women's clothing to work every day and he even wore a long black wig on his head, which made him look like a delicate lady.

Everyone was now trying hard to adjust themselves to Sean's new look—except for Stanley, who felt nothing. Besides, no matter how he looks, he'll always be Sean in my eyes.

Quinton also returned from work at Bayside University. After he successfully dismantled the bomb, Michael had awarded him with a 'Birdie Inspiration Award' as an encouragement. Cooper had also awarded Quinton with a 'Humanity Hope Fund'. In addition to the fact that he was promoted to the position of Bayside University's professor after resigning from Bailey's company, he finally had enough money to search for his next 'birdie'.

The adults gathered together to have a chat while the children also congregated to talk with each other.

As Poppy glanced at Bailey, she continuously gave him the cold shoulder. "Take a look at that old man. He doesn't even pet the cat when it walks past him. My daddy said that those who don't touch an adorable cat when it passes them must be a cold-blooded person. If you divorce him in the future, he'll definitely sue you until there's nothing left for you!"

Maisie was shocked. "Poppy, why do you know so many things that little babies don't understand?"

Meanwhile, Audrey spoke in an adorable way, "I still think Nate is the best!"

However, Carmen remained silent as she continued to observe Bailey in secret.

During dinner, Cooper realized that his family was almost reunited, except for Cade. That poor child...

The moment he thought about Cade, his expression became gloomy, but luckily, there was a happy event around the corner to cheer him up.

After they had all finished dinner, Sophia took out a big, red invitation card for Bailey. "The third day of next month is a great day for me to remarry. You must come."

Remarry?

On the sidelines, Callum reminded, "Sophia, you are restoring your marriage!"

She replied, "It's the same meaning. Besides, I'm scamming other people's money. Bailey, you must come."

Bailey accepted the invitation and he realized that it was an invitation to Sophia and Michael's grand wedding that they were holding in Bayside City.

According to Sophia and Michael's requirements, they wanted the wedding to be grand, extravagant and earth-shattering, which would then dominate the headlines for several days.

Not only had they planned to invite the noble families of Bayside City and Western Europe, but they also intended to invite celebrities, politicians, collaborators from every industry!

They wanted to inform the whole world that they were getting married with another child on its way!

Even though it was a remarriage, they wanted it to be an extravagant one!

Bailey then received the invitation and replied, "I definitely will."

After dinner, he discussed business with them before leaving with the invitation card. Everyone else who came for the free meal also took the chance to grab an invitation card before they left.

All of the names on the invitation cards were handwritten by both Louis and Michael themselves.

This is worth a lot!

When Louis received the compliment, he felt elated, so he continued working hard to finish writing all of the invitation cards in a matter of a few days.

After completing all of Sophia and Michael's invitation cards, Louis still could not relax because Cooper and Anna had also sent a design sample of theirs to him for an examination.

Cooper and Anna were getting married too!

After being apart for 20 to 30 years, they were now finally getting together.

Now, they already had four children and three grandchildren, but they still did not have a legal certificate to prove it. Therefore, they chose a perfect day to head to the civil affairs

bureau with Sophia and Michael to claim their marriage certificate. At the same time, Sophia had converted her divorce certificate into a marriage certificate.

Once Sophia and Michael's marriage was done, Cooper and Anna planned to follow up with another grand wedding to announce their union to the whole world.

However, two weddings in a row would cause the family's nerves to be at an all-time high because they needed to continuously worry about two things at once. That would not be good for the pregnant Sophia. In the end, Cooper made a wise decision to hold both weddings concurrently!

That was the reason why everyone came again to claim their invites while having another free meal.

Soon after, news about the grand wedding spread from Bayside City to Europe and America, which shocked the entire world.

The Michel Family also received news about the wedding. As for the matter of changing last names, they needed to provide an explanation...

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That day would have arrived sooner or later.

Sophia had an ambitious career plan because she was not content with merely being an Academy Award winner's wife. Instead, she wanted to be a dominant president and let Michael be the house husband, which was why she never gave up on her career.

Even though she retained the last name of 'Edwards' and refused to change it, her name was officially listed on the genealogy record book for the Mitchell Family. That made her the first person who did not bear the name of 'Mitchell' to make the list.

Not only did she refuse to surrender her side of the Mitchell Family, she also wished to be a part of the Michel Family. It made it look like she was a tad bit greedy. She figured, Since I'm already a member of the Mitchell, Michel and Fletcher Families, why should I break away

from my original family after getting married? Not only that; hubby has to change his last name with me or they would sever my ties with the Michel Family.

However, she wanted to combine the resources from the Michel and Mitchell Families to build her own fashion empire.

The Yard Family excelled in fashion while the Mitchells excelled in advanced technology. As Sophia had worked for both families before, she knew a little of both industries. Therefore, she was now planning to launch a concept of high-tech fashion by perfectly combining advanced technology and fashion to create an unprecedented industry.

However, the Michel Family had only allowed her to choose one family—if she chose the them, she would need to change her last name along with Michael, Carmen, and the unborn baby inside her.

If she refused to change, she would not have any further connections with the Michel Family whatsoever, which meant that she could not rely on their resources or communicate with any member of the Michels.

What kind of a lame rule is this? Sophia felt that the rule was a little weird, but they had retained it for thousands of years.

Alice said that Casper was now unable to openly acknowledge his own father because of that.

Cooper had also made concessions due to that rule, which was the reason why Linus had not changed his last name up until now. Cooper also refused to bring Sophia home to meet the Michels for the time being.

They had been escaping the Michels for many years, but she and Michael had already sent their wedding invites out. Cooper and Anna were also getting married too, so it was time for them to give the Michels some explanations.

The Michels had already arrived at Bayside City, so Cooper booked a hotel for them to stay in. The number of people from the Michel Family who arrived was more than before; it looked as if the entire family elder council tagged along.

In a huge family like the Michels, the authority of the elder council was irreplaceable and even he needed to be respectful toward them.

Now, they needed an explanation on whether Sophia, Anna, Callum and Cade wanted to change their last name. The emphasis was on Anna and Cooper because she also needed to change her last name after marrying him!

It stirred up a huge response from the Yard Family.

The ancestors of the Yard Family had ordered that once a member of the Yard Family married someone outside the clan and disrupted the pure royal bloodline, the person would then automatically lose their rights to inherit the throne. Even though there was no longer any throne to inherit, they still needed someone to inherit the fortune of the Ronney Group! Yet, Anna chose to marry someone who was not from their clan.

Although Cooper was a mixed race and from a noble family in Bayside City, the Yard Family still could not accept her marriage to him.

Therefore, members of the elder council of the Yard Family were also on their way to their wedding, so Anna had also arranged for them to stay in the same hotel.

As for the Mitchells and the Fletchers, they did not oppose their marriage, so they were as quiet as a Church mouse.

In the Fletcher Residence, the moment Mark knew about the wedding, he threw tantrums about heading to the scene so that he could watch his beloved son and grandson's marriage at the same time. This is double good news!

However, Joel kindly reminded, "Old Man, you've been dead for almost 2 to 3 years now."

He's right... I've been dead for a few years now. My death was publicly released in the news and I was even given an obituary. I can't reveal that I've been alive all along. That thought immediately made Mark sad.

Everyone in the Fletcher Family did not object to the marriage—even though the ancestors of the Yard Family did some unspeakable things, which led to the Fletchers killing most of them in the past. Hundred of years later, the Fletchers even led a rebellion against them, so the two families were sworn enemies. However, from Theo's generation onward, both families were already beginning to resolve the grudge between them.

Back then, Theo had saved Louis' life. Anna herself was grateful enough for Theo's help that she took the initiative to end the hatred between the two families. Just like that, both

families resolved their hundred years of grievance, so it was best for them to connect with each other through marriage.

As for the Mitchell Family, all of them were fully subdued, but there were still some who had the courage to secretly criticize the marriage. After all, not long ago, she had publicly announced that Jordan was her husband. Now, not only was she getting married to Cooper, she even bore two sons with him. Although many members of the Mitchells were happy that he was now a father, nobody was certain as to who Callum and Cade's biological father was. The two of them don't look like Cooper at all. Instead, they look more like their mother—unlike Sophia and Linus who bear features of both their mother and father.

A marriage was a huge matter, so it definitely needed to be discussed by the families of the bridal couple first.

Therefore, the Michel, Yard, Mitchell and Fletcher Families all gathered together.

Cooper and Anna were themselves the newly-weds, but they were also the parents of the pair of bridal couples. With both identities behind them, their work was doubled, so they did not have the time to deal with each family one at a time. In the end, they simply gathered everyone together, so that they could handle everything at once.

Upon seeing that the two families that came from afar were now staying in the same hotel, tension was brewing in the air.

At that moment, Sophia suddenly reminded him, "Since we are getting married, we can't forget our old home—the Johnsons!"

Cooper immediately smacked his own head. Oh yeah, I'm really getting old now. How can I forget something like this?

They were so busy that they almost forgot to invite the most important person—the Johnson Family.

Since they wanted to invite the Johnson Family, they needed to do it immediately. Therefore, Anna quickly asked Louis to rush the printing of an invitation card so that she could personally head to Riverdale.

Ever since she regained her memories, she never returned to the Johnsons in Riverdale. I can take this opportunity to send the invitation and take a look at my childhood home.

Back then, Louis was the one who left her in the Johnson Family Village. Although she had many unhappy memories about the place, it was still a place that she missed overall.

Even though both her brothers were inhumane and her foster father was not an intelligent man, she still had a mother and grandmother who loved her a lot. Not only that, everyone in the village treated her well.

After she left, Sophia also grew up in the village under everyone's care. I must go on this trip.

If Anna was planning to go there, Cooper, Sophia, Linus and Callum would naturally follow her. Her older son-in-law also decided to follow them while he brought Carmen along.

Just like that, the entire family packed up their luggage and departed for the place.

When they arrived at the small town of Riverdale, Anna excitedly exited the car and she walked along the streets.

Due to her son-in-law, Taylor's funding for the suburban town, the development of factories, resorts and a theme park for the past few years had helped with the local economy. Now, the delicate office buildings that were connected by subways had replaced those small houses. Not only that, lively pedestrian streets and theaters were built, which was completely different from her memories of the place.

She felt excited as the whole family ate street food. Then, they visited her and Sophia's old school before taking the bus at the school gate to the Johnson Family Village.

Due to the hard work of Anna's uncles, the village had massively developed in recent years. Now, every house was a little villa that came with their own television and phone. There was even a subway station at the village gate, but she still took the bus back home.

On the other hand, Cooper was also thrilled. Like a young man who was following his wife to her childhood home for the first time, he was feeling excited and nervous.

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As she exited the car, she followed the route that she recalled from memory. After crossing the road and heading up the small slope, there used to be a muddy passage in the past, but it has now been developed into two large highways.

It happened to be a weekend when Anna arrived at the village. Hence, there was quite a crowd in the village and she bumped into many familiar faces.

“Frankie Johnson! Sammy Johnson! Leslie Johnson!”

She yelled their names—all three of them were her childhood friends and although they were much older now, she immediately recognized them.

A few middle-aged figures, who were in their late forties to early fifties, turned when they heard her voice. They stared at her in confusion while giving her a once-over.

They did not recognize her, but they remembered Cooper and his family.

The villagers were utterly disappointed with the fact that he was about to remarry. Despite Anna’s death many years ago, he was still emotionally invested in the village—he established a factory and repaired its subway, which showed how devoted he was. Upon learning about his wedding, the village sent two representatives to deliver an expensive gift to him.

The villagers would be attending the wedding since Sophia was getting married to Michael. They were growing suspicious since they had witnessed Cooper entering the village with a strange woman who seemed to recognize the villagers.

“You are—” They were giving Anna a once-over. Although she was modestly dressed, she had an extraordinary elegance and temperament. Hence, it was obvious that the village was not her hometown.

Anna exclaimed in delight, “I am Anna—Annabel Johnson!”

“Anna!?” The crowd carefully regarded her again while they gazed at her in disbelief.

After she announced her identity, everybody seemed to look at her with a set of fresh eyes. The villagers seemed to gradually connect the woman in front of them with the pretty and mischievous young lady they remembered in their memories.

"It's Anna! Aren't you supposed to be dead?" Annabel did not die! She is back!

The entire Johnson Family Village was in shock. Anna's peers were able to recognize her, but the younger generation did not. However, those from the older generation remembered her well.

Once upon a time, she used to be the prettiest and most mischievous young woman in the village and its vicinity! Once the news of her dropping out of junior middle school was leaked out, many families came knocking on her door to ask for her hand in marriage. In fact, people from tens of miles outside the village hired matchmakers to propose to her. Unfortunately, her father was muddleheaded. In fact, her entire family was muddled.

Now that she had returned to the village, everybody rushed out to have a look at her. They realized that it was indeed Anna when they laid their eyes on her.

Despite leaving the village for decades, she felt as though she had only left yesterday. Most of the names of her peers were still fresh in her mind.

Upon entering the Johnson Family's ancestral hall, members of the older generation came forward to meet her.

"Grandpa? Are you still alive? Uncle, it's me, Anna!" Although Anna's adoptive parents had passed away, she still had other surviving relatives. Their family was destitute when she was young. Hence, she would search the village for food when she did not have anything to eat at home.

After she left, Sophia followed in her footsteps. Sophia would ask for food from other families when her aunt refused to feed her. Hence, she grew up on meals that were provided by the occupants of the village.

The villagers would gossip about them once in a while, but whenever they prepared delicious food at home, they would still invite both mother and daughter to enjoy the feast together if those two were to show up.

Therefore, both mother and daughter harbored profound sentiment for the village.

Everybody was both shocked and pleased to see that Anna was still alive. It was only then that they learned she was Anna, Cooper's bride-to-be. Mr. Cooper is still the same person as before!

After putting the things down, Michael distributed wedding invitations and health supplements for the older villagers. Not only that; he even handed some presents and red packets for the young ones. There were a few cars filled with gifts.

The villagers had never met such a generous man.

After meeting the older generation in the village, she happily returned to her previous home. Fortunately, the villagers maintained the house she used to live in, which was why it was well preserved. It seemed like it was waiting for her return.

A cob wall surrounded the courtyard and the weeds had been removed and cleaned up. The persimmon tree stood tall in the courtyard, whereas the hearth where Anna used to sleep in her room, had also been tidied up. Nothing has changed!

The whole family then took a group photo underneath the persimmon tree which withstood the test of time. However, the only difference this time was the addition of Callum and they did not need to Photoshop Anna's picture on it anymore.

However, it was a shame that Cade was missing, so they could only duplicate Callum to pretend that he was his brother.

Once Cooper thought about his son, who was in cryogenic sleep, there was a stab in his heart.

The whole family was on the go for the whole day, but they enjoyed spending their weekend at the Johnson Family Village. They also accompanied Anna to search for her family's tomb.

Since both Sophia and Anna were getting married at the same time, they needed members of the older generation to be present for such an important event. Hence, Anna invited a few elderlies from the Johnson Family Village to the city to stay in the hotel as matters involving the wedding needed to be discussed.

The hotel was in a state of chaos as a result.

The Michel and Yard Families were both trying to have a say in Cooper's marriage, whereas the Fletchers and the Mitchells were adamant about the issue of changing family names. The arrival of the elderlies from the Johnson Family Village drastically changed the atmosphere too.

In the end, they selected an auspicious date to formally inform the elderlies about the wedding between Cooper and Anna as well as her daughter, Sophia, and Michael.

Today, they booked the largest conference room in the hotel. Members from different families gathered together to get ready to have a proper showdown.

The first to arrive onsite was the ferocious Michel Family, whose members were all clad in black uniforms as they strode ahead in a unified manner. Their family emblem was a dragon, resulting in its ferocious aura shrouding over the entire venue with their arrival. The Yards appeared in a forceful manner too and they were all dressed in ivory-colored uniforms. Their family crest was the same one from the Yard Dynasty and it also represented the Ronney Group's logo. They brought about gold and precious jades with their arrival and it seemed like there was an infinite sense of imperial graciousness. Furthermore, the atmosphere was solemn, as if they were heading to court.

The Fletcher Family had also arrived, but they were all clad in army-green casual clothes. They also had a powerful aura since they were from the army, after all. They sat while maintaining a straight back with Joel leading the group. He wore a somber expression while he remained seated. I heard those bl*ody Michels expect Michael to marry into the family as a live-in son-in-law. Besides, they even expect him and Carmen to change their last names. Otherwise, it seems that they would disapprove of his marriage to Sophia. As the family head and Michael's friend, I have to support Michael with all that I have. Furthermore, Michael's father, Theo, is here too.

The Mitchell Family's council of elders were present too and it consisted of males and females, but they all held a grudge. Today, we have to fight for our rights! We do not have the courage to interfere with the marriage between Sophia and Michael or Anna and Cooper. Nevertheless, we have to fight for the naming rights of the twins in Sophia's womb!

In fact, the Yards, the Mitchells, the Fletchers and the Michels all eyed the naming rights of the twins with hunger in their gaze.

The Yards believed that the twins were legitimate royals; since the direct descendants of the Yards were few and scarce, they had to fight for the naming right of their next generation since Sophia and her brother did not adopt the family name. We have to make sure that the twins are Yards!

On the other hand, the Mitchells figured that the children would be a part of the Mitchell Family. Since Sophia and Linus did not assume the Mitchell Family name either, her children must bear the last name of Mitchell.

The Fletchers figured that according to the Cethosian culture, it was only natural for children to take after their father's name. The twins have to be Fletchers!

The Michel Family agreed that everyone—be it Gianna, the unborn twins, Sophia, Michael, or even Anna—should all assume the last name of Michel!

The Yards, the Mitchells and the Fletchers all shared the same thought, Why are you guys so greedy?

The Johnsons finally arrived and figured, We are honored to make your acquaintance, big bosses.

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Well, the Johnsons... The group of elders, who only had a handful of chances of leaving the village, was queuing up for fruits and snacks. They were watching the city people fighting in front of the queue.

It was undeniable that they did not have the right to say anything at the gathering. Therefore, they did not have the courage to be involved in competing for the naming right. After all, they were merely Anna and Sophia's adoptive family. The meeting, which resembled more like a conference for the fight of last names, was about to commence.

The families were already loudly arguing before the meeting could even start. They all had their reasons and excuses. Thanks to their family backgrounds, none of them were willing to take a step back, especially when it came to the naming rights. They seemed ready to fight to their deaths for that. Meanwhile, some were just there to watch the fun, such as Harry, Stanley and Quinton. They were busy watching the events unfold before their eyes.

Anna, Callum, Cooper and Linus were also present while Sophia and Michael were busy running around to arrange everything. They were worried that the atmosphere could become intense to the point where the different families would start a brawl.

On the other hand, Carmen led her partners to peddle sweets and accessories below the stage. She also took the opportunity to hand out flyers for Sophia's Remote Mountains Health Club Project and Cryopreservation Project.

Soon, the auspicious time had arrived. There was a stage in the conference room, so Sophia picked up the microphone. She then gently cleared her throat before announcing, "The Cethosian-Western European Last Name Culture Forum' is about to commence. Let's put our hands together for the renowned Metaphysics Grandmaster, Master Levine!"

The crowd below were at a loss for words when they heard that. Wasn't this supposed to be a clash of power and strength? I thought that we might be risking our lives if a fight breaks out. Isn't that why those who are here to watch have to prepare their own bulletproof vest? Why is the atmosphere completely different from what we expected?

Stanley loosened the bulletproof vest that he wore before removing his explosion-proof helmet from his head. He earnestly continued watching the progress.

Daniel walked up onto the stage under the scrutiny of the crowd. I didn't want to show up! However, Michael claimed that if I were to fail to handle this situation, he would send over Judge and both generations of its litter of puppies to my place for a summer vacation!

Once he walked up onto the stage, he saw Alice who was among the Michels and Casper seated beside her. I have to be here today.

After calming down, Daniel passionately started his speech, "Greetings, everybody. My name is Daniel Levine and it bears the meaning of soaring aspirations. It is my honor to host this forum on this fine day. Before the forum begins, let's start the ball rolling by watching a theatrical performance!"

The audience's expression gradually turned cold and distant. The regular army from the Fletcher Family, the mercenary from the Yard Family, the hackers from the Mitchell Family and the nuclear bombs from the Michel Family were all ready for action, so who could possibly be interested in watching the theatrical performance?

It is time for the theatrical performance! Carmen hastily tossed her merchandise basket aside before climbing up the stage. When the lights were switched on again, she was already striking a pose. The music started playing and she started her hip-hop dance routine. I must have a solo performance during such an event!

After watching her dance, the elders' initially cold expressions slowly turned into a smile. She is such an angel! Hang on, we have to appear more warm and friendly later. We must not scare the child away.

After the theatrical performance, the atmosphere significantly lightened. Once Carmen walked down the stage, Daniel went up again to continue hosting the event.

"Be it Cethos or the Western Countries, we all have our own unique and long history of surname cultures. Today, the Michels from Europe together with the Yards as well as the Fletchers and Mitchells are gathered here. Everybody is here for the selection of last names of Miss Sophia Edwards and her kid, Carmen Fletcher. Now, I'd like to invite everyone to voice their opinions. Let's start by inviting the representative from the Michel Family who has come a long way!"

Brilliant! After beating around the bush for the whole day, we have finally entered the main topic! The audience held their breath in anticipation.

The atmosphere was somber when the elder from Michel Group, who was Linus' adoptive father and Alice's biological father, went up to the stage. He was there as a representative from the Michel Family today to voice his opinion.

He was also the Grand Elder of the Michel Family, so he had an abundance of networks within the group. Before Cooper's return, he was the recognized family head within the Michel Family and the candidate for the director position. Unfortunately, with Fass' sudden return all those years ago, the Michel Group was steered in a completely different direction by him. Fass did everything he could to turn the tides and he became the family head and group director, causing Linus' adoptive father to be pushed to second place in the end.

Later, he retired from the group while his biological daughter, Alice, and his adoptive son, Linus, continued to hold important positions within the group. Hence, his status within the Michel Family remained unaffected.

A majority of the members within the Michels' Family Elders Council overlapped with the company's board of directors—they were often more forceful, domineering and intense as well. After all, they possessed nuclear weapons.

The elder took a forceful stance once he started speaking. In fact, he seemed adamant about his claims. "The Michel Family has been standing tall in society for centuries, so we have a long history. It is only natural to adopt our family name if one were to join our family.

Furthermore, members of the Michel Family are not allowed to marry outsiders. If one were to marry out of the family, it means that they've abandoned our family name. Therefore, they will have to sever ties with the Michels. We are the glorious Michel Family! We cannot allow our last name and bloodline to be stranded in destitution! This means that both Lucile and Gianna have to return to the family and they have to change their family names to Michel. As for Mr. Murray and Madam Anna, they have both successfully joined the Michel Family via marriage. Hence, they have to change their last names too."

The Michel Family had possessed such an intense aura that it made them look extremely aggressive. Nevertheless, the Yards were scornful whereas the Mitchells were staring daggers at them in return. The Fletcher Family was furious, but the Johnson family was oblivious to the events unfolding before them as they thought, What are the d*mn foreigners talking about?

Daniel was shocked by the intensity that the Michel Family radiated and he thought, No wonder such a spirited person, such as Alice, didn't have the courage to fight for me. After that, he pushed himself to continue hosting the event. "Next, let's invite the Yard Family's representative from North America."

The Yards' representative walked onto the stage to deliver his speech. He mentioned the glorious days from when the Yard Family possessed imperial power until the current business empire they have today. In the end, he emphasized, "The Yard Family is an imperial family, so every family member shares the unlimited glory. This is also the reason why we can never allow a Yard to be left out alone. A descendant of the family has to bear the last name of Yard! We aren't forcing the generation of Sophia and Linus, but one of Sophia's unborn children has to bear the Yard Family name."

The Mitchells cried out, "Sophia and Linus have already given up the Mitchell Family name. Therefore, the next generation has to carry the Mitchell family name!"

The Fletchers yelled, "Are you trying to get a member of our family to change his last name? Talk to the hand!"

At this moment, the Johnsons tried to make amends and soothe the growing tension. "Please do not be angry. Everyone should try to calm down since peace is to be valued!"

The atmosphere was finally moving forward in an expected direction—everything was intense and it felt that sparks would start to fly in all directions soon. Stanley hastily wore his explosion-proof helmet while tightening his bulletproof vest as well.

A sheen of cold sweat formed across Daniel's forehead. He tried to brush it off by chuckling awkwardly. "The world is such a huge place; there is constantly a variety of extraordinary things happening. In fact, there are all sorts of different traditions and practices everywhere in the world. Hence, it is only natural to have conflicts at times. Ladies and gentlemen, please calm down. Next, it's time for an advertisement. Let's invite Miss Sophia Edwards to share more about her new project! Let's give her a round of applause!"

The audience was dumbfounded. Why are they showing an advert as usual under extraordinary circumstances?

The sudden change of segments was especially obvious among the family members, who looked utterly bewildered. We are here to talk business! Why are they taking full advantage by advertising about an investment?!

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Sophia went onstage under the crowd's scrutiny. She cleared her throat before starting her speech. "Everybody, please have a look. A copy of the conference materials have been placed on each seat at the table. Kindly request for a copy from the server if you do not have one. Now, let's turn to the first page—this illustrates the concept of high tech luxury goods."

It was one of the new projects that she had been involved in—the high tech luxury goods. She combined high technology and luxury goods to create a completely new series of products as she wanted to create an entirely new industry. In fact, Anna and Cooper supported her idea.

The Michels and Mitchells are in the technology industry whereas the Yard Family is involved in luxury goods. I need both these families to share their resources to work together for this startup. Today, these families have shown up, so I'm taking the chance to talk about my project here. I already had this concept in mind for a very long time. High technology is able to provide a profound meaning to luxury goods whereas fashion can become mysterious with the addition of technology. These two complement each other and both serve as a contrast for one another. Besides, I have the resources too. If I truly want to do it, I'm sure that I'd achieve great results.

The crowd was obviously annoyed, but everybody wanted to give Sophia the benefit of the doubt. Hence, they tried their best to peruse the documents. The concept of combining technology and fashion seems promising. To be fair, her proposal looks well written too. Besides, she has a detailed PowerPoint Presentation. However, how sure are we that she'd be able to smoothly accomplish this?

After allowing the crowd to read her proposal, Sophia had a detailed discussion with them for some time. Without even realizing it, an hour had swiftly passed.

She had always been working on her own businesses because she never inherited any family enterprises. Despite being in charge of the Cethos region of Ronney Group, she had been doing her thing. In fact, she was merely borrowing their brand. It was most probably her first time having a work-related discussion with members of the different families.

Her wit and eloquence succeeded in attracting everybody's attention. Therefore, the crowd had high hopes for her project. True enough—she definitely resembles her father.

It was especially true for the Michels and Yards because they did not know Sophia well. They were only aware that she was the main agent in Cethos for the Dragon Eye mobile phones and it had achieved great results.

Nevertheless, Sophia was about to experiment with an entirely new field, so most of her thoughts were immature. Many seniors among the crowd provided her with timely advice and constructive suggestions. She earnestly recorded everything because she knew that those were valuable experiences.

The atmosphere was intense because everybody was engrossed in a heated discussion regarding her new project.

As the discussion progressed, they almost forgot about the main issue for the day.

It was not until a content Sophia placed the microphone down and walked away with a notebook full of useful pointers that the audience recalled today's main agenda.

The atmosphere instantly turned somber again.

The Grand Elder of the Michel Family slammed the table while abruptly standing up this time. "I don't care what everybody says today! We will never allow a member of the Michels to wander about in destitution!"

The rest of the three families started to retort in response to his words.

Currently, it almost seemed like the Fletchers, the Yards and the Mitchells had joined forces to rebel against the Michels.

They clearly lack values! The three families are merely competing for the naming rights of Sophia's unborn children whereas the Michels are forcing her entire family to change their last names! They are greedy, domineering and shameless!

Daniel felt as though he was losing control of the event he hosted. Hence, he turned to Alice, who had remained silent, while she was seated with the Michel Family. After that, he hissed through gritted teeth, "Next is another theatrical performance."

The adorable Carmen came onstage and she performed a piece, which finally significantly lightened the atmosphere.

She truly brought joy to the crowd.

Carmen was delighted too because she enjoyed performing more than anything else. It was especially true since there were many people in attendance today. It was a large audience, and Sophia promised to pay her an appearance fee.

Daniel took the chance to walk down from the stage to approach Cooper, Anna and the family. He complained with worry, "I can't keep things under control much longer!" The Michel Family is too forceful. It feels like there's no room for discussion!

Cooper kept quiet while he focused on Carmen's performance. However, in reality, he had been observing the reactions of all the families.

There are no arguments about my marriage with Anna. After all, it's the union of two strong parties. The most intense argument is the last name of Sophia's twins—the families seem adamant on that issue. Next, it's the matter of the change of family names for Sophia, Michael and Anna. The Michels seem dead set about that too. In all honesty, the true issue stems from the Michel Family because they are more powerful after all. Therefore, they have been aggressive while insisting on having their way. I know that we have to give them an answer today. It is obvious that the Michel Family is set on getting their hands on Sophia and Carmen. On the other hand, Sophia was interacting with the members of the Michel Family while jotting down notes in her small notebook. They seemed to have slightly learned

more about her, but they were in a hurry to include her into their genealogy record book. Carmen is extremely popular too.

“Coop.” Anna suddenly interrupted Cooper from his train of thoughts. Her lightly wrinkled hand softly held onto his paw, just like thirty years ago when they were still youths and everything had not changed. What changed instead was their identities.

Thirty years ago, she was a daydreaming server whereas he was a protected, genius little master of the Mitchell Family. Nothing seemed possible between the two of them because their statuses were vastly different.

However, at that moment in time, she was the director of Ronney Group while Cooper was a director of Mitchell Group. Hence, they both had the suitable background for each other and could finally be officially together.

Later in life, despite losing my memories, I still harbored a subconscious idea because I knew that I had to move forward no matter what happened. I might have lost my memories, but the past had affected me the most. I couldn't be with the person I love due to my background. I am also well aware of the difference between Cooper and myself. Hence, I wanted to make up for it. I've been working hard to achieve my goals despite my amnesia and finally achieved that today. I've jumped through so many hoops and overcome challenges; so, this is just a small matter for me.

Carmen's performance ended a short while later. Nevertheless, she felt that she was not done with the performance, so she refused to leave. Instead, she insisted on singing for the audience. After her song, the crowd erupted into cheers and applause. Finally, she walked down the stage while looking pleased with herself.

The crowd seemed especially pleased and joyous while watching her performance. However, once the performance ended, they returned to their stoic expression.

Linus walked onto the stage after her performance. He shared about a major project known as the Remote Mountains Health Cryopreservation, which he collaborated with Sophia and Daniel. On top of that, he took the chance to advertise the project and even managed to attract lots of resources and investments.

Carmen was unhappy about that; she insisted on talking about her future development plans for her online shop onstage. As a result, everybody was forced to give her twenty minutes to freely voice her thoughts.

Cooper had already made a decision a long time ago for the forum today. He was now merely giving Sophia the platform to gain more connections. These families are huge, so they have many people, businesses and resources. Under normal circumstances, it would be impossible to gather everybody under one roof. Hence, now is the best time to integrate and share the resources.

Soon, two to three hours had passed, which meant that it was dinnertime. It was time to get down to business after the advertisements.