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The guy fell silent immediately. The rich always had endless ways to force others to work for them. Money was indeed powerful!

After a moment of silence, he said in a low voice, "Let me think of a way..."

Kayla could no longer endure Sophia's existence. No matter what, she really itched to see her die at this moment!

The guy left shortly after, but Kayla stood at the same place for a while. As she thought about how the naked Sophia would be criticized at the training field tomorrow, she could not help but get excited!

After all, it would be unlikely for her to graduate successfully as she had lost all her military training points. Hence, she planned on furthering her studies overseas as soon as training ended, but she would not let Sophia off easily before that.

Since Sophia had framed her up, she decided to press her luck by making Sophia lose her reputation and not graduate!

Does she still want to study at Bayside University and marry into the Harper Family?

No way. No matter what she does, rags can never become riches!

Throughout the entire time, Kayla thought about multiple ways to let Sophia die at the barracks—all she needed was to carry her plans out. Little did she know

that her head would suddenly be covered by a shirt, causing her vision black out. This made her scream, "Ah! Who is this?"

However, the only response she got was endless punches which landed on her head and body mercilessly.

"Ahh!" Kayla screamed out of her lungs, but she was unable to defend herself because her hands had been tied.

After a round of punches and kicks, her leg was suddenly hit by a hard and thick object. The unbearable pain made her pass out in an instant...

When she regained consciousness the next day, she noticed that she was in the infirmary. Richard, Xyla, and the 23rd Company Commander were all standing by her bed.

"What happened to me?"

Kayla tried to sit up. However, she felt a sharp pain the moment she moved her body. When she took a look at herself, she realized that her leg was suspended and she could hardly move.

Someone had broken her leg!

The pain on her leg made her howl on the bed miserably.

Richard quickly asked her, "Kayla, do you still remember what happened last night? Who beat you?!"

Last night, someone heard a scream at the garden and went to check it out. The unconscious Kayla was the only one left on the spot and she was immediately sent to the infirmary. After the doctor's examination, they realized that her leg had been broken by someone else.

Kayla kept shaking her head and was crying so hard that she could barely speak. "I don't know. I don't know who it is!"

Last night, her attacker was relentless and acted at lightning speed. Kayla's head was covered as soon as the attacker showed up, and only her vulnerable parts were beaten. As everything happened in the blink of an eye, how could she know who the attacker was?

All of a sudden, Kayla seemed to think of something as she said with gritted teeth, "It must be her! It must be her! Sophia! She was the one who beat me!"

After realizing that she was the one who had released the snake, Sophia must have taken the opportunity to beat her when she was alone.

As she cried, Kayla held onto the 23rd Company Commander and shouted, "It must be Sophia because she has been wanting to hurt me! It must be her!"

Feeling helpless, the company commander could only ask Sophia to come here in order to resolve the conflict.

Sophia arrived soon.

When she entered the ward, she immediately saw Kayla lying on the bed. It seemed like it was Kayla's first time being beaten up, and she looked miserable while crying tearfully. However, she struggled to get off the bed ferociously upon seeing Sophia walking in; she looked as though she wanted to pounce on Sophia and eat her alive.

"It's you! You were the one who broke my leg!" Kayla shouted so loudly that her voice became hoarse, and her eyes turned red due to fury.

Sophia shrugged and said confusedly, "What did you say? What have I done this time?"

Commander Ford and another commander, Quinton, came as well. After the 23rd Company Commander briefed them about the situation, Sophia denied at once. "It wasn't me. After training ended yesterday, I went to apply medicine in the infirmary, so I didn't have any time to do this."

The nurse in the infirmary came to testify on behalf of Sophia too. She said that Sophia had been coming in daily after her chest was injured by the rove beetles' toxins.

Lately, several students have gotten themselves injured by the rove beetles' toxins. Although they did not feel anything at first, it was too late by the time they sensed something wrong because their skin was probably inflamed.

Since it was rather inappropriate to let Sophia show the wounds on her chest to everyone, she was allowed to leave after proving her innocence.

Kayla felt unfair as she howled on the bed, "It's her! It must've been her! She's the only one who has reason to do so! It must be her!"

Richard felt that Kayla was overreacting, so he quickly coaxed her by saying, "Kayla, don't accuse anyone if you don't have any evidence."

Kayla cried tearfully. "How can you still take her side?! She was the one who beat me last night! I am sure that she's definitely the one! I haven't offended anybody else!"

Sophia had almost left the ward, but upon hearing that, she could not hold back and said, "It's true that we have some misunderstandings between each other, but that is no reason for me to break your leg. Miss, I'm not you—I'm not such a petty person!"

Kayla was exasperated. Although it was clearly Sophia's doings, everyone still took her side. Hence, Kayla panicked upon seeing her leave and blurted out, "It's her! She took revenge on me after knowing that I was the one who released the snake into her dormitory!"

Her words enlightened both company commanders in the ward. "So, it was you who released the snake at the 49th Company."

At this moment, Kayla finally realized that she had said something wrong and hurriedly shut up. Unfortunately, it was too late because she had been completely disqualified to join the military training. If there were a precedence, she would be on a bus back to Bayside University now.

Meanwhile, Richard was also exasperated at this younger sister of his.

How dare she release snakes into peoples' dormitories?! He felt that he could hardly understand her mind now.

Due to Kayla's confession about her release of the snake, the culprit behind her broken leg seemed to have been forgotten; even the company commanders were unwilling to investigate despite knowing who the culprit might be.

The attacker was a cunning person because she had avoided all surveillance cameras, knowing the location of every surveillance camera like the back of her hand. Hence, nothing useful could be found from the footage that night.

In the end, this matter just passed quietly as Kayla had given up on this and the commanders had also ordered not to investigate the matter any further.

In the barracks' commanding general office, Joel was in his military uniform as he sat straight up, holding a laptop that was showing the barracks' surveillance footage. From the footage, it could be clearly seen that a man was sneakily putting a snake into the 49th Company's female dormitory.

As the screen toggled	, Nathan could be seen	crying	out of fear.
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"Nate!"

"Mommy!"

The wet Sophia dashed in and threw the basin in her hands. With a thud, the aluminum basin hit the floor and killed the snake on the spot.

Then, the laptop showed footage of Kayla being beaten that night. From the surveillance cameras nearby, a student who either turned her back to cameras or pulled her military cap low were repeatedly captured. Every time, she took the advantage of the crowds and passed by the cameras in a rush. Hence, she could hardly be noticed if one did not pay much attention to her. She clearly knew her destination and had the intention of doing something by walking in such a hurry.

Joel paused the footage and continued to enlarge the woman's figure who had her head lowered and face covered until she filled the whole screen...

"Ha. She's interesting."

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After Kayla had been beaten up, she continued to stay in the infirmary and did not need to attend the military training. However, this also indicated that she had failed the training and could only drop out if she were unable to be the top student and obtain the national scholarship in the next four years.

Of course, the rich could choose to further their studies at a better university abroad, but the fact that she was a Bayside University dropout in Cethos would probably decrease her chances of getting accepted by an overseas university.

Without Kayla's schemes, Sophia's life in the barracks returned to its normal peace. Besides, she was still the 49th Company's backbone, and everyone would listen to her orders whenever the commander was not around.

However, she felt that her life had become boring without the 24/7 companion of a moody child.

Fortunately, she would still be able to meet him on campus once military training ended.

On the seventeenth day of the training, a huge piece of news spread across the barracks; the crew of the sci-fi movie 'Doctor Invincible' had decided to film at the Audistin hunting ground beside their military base.

Hence, this year's freshmen got themselves a steal because the leaders allowed them to conduct their target practice at Audistin. Not only that, there was going to be a meet-and-greet session for students to meet with the main actors. The male lead and the second male lead of 'Doctor Invincible' were locals, and they were even alumni of Bayside University—which meant that Taylor and Ethan were their seniors!

"What?! Taylor is coming?"

"Oh my God, is this true?! I'm going to meet my hubby in person!"

"Am I about to finally meet Taylor?"

"Ethan is coming too?! Oh gosh, I'm so happy now!"

At night, the girls at the 49th Company's female dormitory discussed this news, and they were jumping with excitement.

However, Sophia was the only one who seemed disinterested.

Aren't they just a bunch of actors? Do we really need to be so excited?

Since all of them are loaded with money, can't they just meet with any actor they desire?!

From what she heard, Taylor was a senior actor who had debuted more than 10 years ago. Despite being a domestically and internationally famous movie star, he had been keeping a low profile and did not make appearances on any entertainment shows, advertisements, or commercial performances. In short, he was a really famous actor.

Since Sophia was not a fan of movies, she had no idea what Taylor looked like. She only remembered the film where the person weirdly resembled Michael.

After turning around, she went to sleep...

The Audistin hunting ground was Bayside City's largest upscale club franchise, and it was the only one that had a real-life hunting ground in the capital. Moreover, the hunting ground had a breathtaking scenery which preserved the virgin forest as it was, attracting many production crews to film there.

Even though the crew was in a mountainous area now, it did not stop Harry from playing his video games. Luckily, the hotel in Audistin was well equipped and had a great Internet connection.

At that moment, Harry was completely immersed in gaming in his hotel room. Since it was the start of a new school term, Sirius233 had been offline for a long time.

Although Harry's No.1 Beast of the Server had been downgraded to a smurf, his wealth allowed him to upgrade this account by buying experience and gear without hesitation. Hence, in just a few days, the No.1 Beast of the Server once again became a threatening opponent and had everything under his control.

Unfortunately, his happy days ended abruptly because Sirius233 was online again!

Sirius233 targeted Beast's new faction all of a sudden, and the bloody history between them was repeating itself.

At this moment, Beast's faction was being slaughtered and its followers either died or went offline. The No.1 Beast of the Server who had been arrogant was now defeated and ruined once again.

Sirius233 seemed to be in a bad mood because he killed everyone he met in the game. Over the last two days, he had killed more than ten factions and even managed to kill half of the channel's players within an hour!

It was finally the Beast's turn now!

At this moment, Sirius233's attacks were merciless and ruthless. Wherever he passed by was ruined and destroyed, making the game look as though it had met its doom. Not only had the paradise turned into ruins, but Sirius233 was even cheating now.

Although the Beast was never his match in the first place, he could not even escape by turning off his laptop because his account had been targeted by the cheating Sirius.

Hence, he carried his laptop miserably and went to look for Michael, who was in the next room.

"Father! Daddy! Help! This freak named Sirius is attacking me again!"

As he read the script for tomorrow's scene, Michael glanced at the game lazily and said, "Just let him kill you. He's in a bad mood."

Upon seeing that he was going to be defeated, Harry tried to defend himself hurriedly. Unfortunately, he was not a match with the cheating Sirius!

"Ahh, I'm dying! Daddy, you can't leave me to die! I'm calling you Daddy now!"

"His bad mood is none of my business. I'm in a bad mood too!"

Michael ignored him.

In the game, the Beast was caught by Sirius soon. Besides, Sirius seemed to really be in a bad mood because he was deliberately venting his anger on him. At this moment, he was using a weak knife to attack the Beast, so the Beast would not die in a short time.

This was torturous!

Michael continued to read his script calmly as though he could not see Harry's current state in the game.

Meanwhile, Harry was making weird sounds while trying hard to defend himself in the game. He was deliberately disturbing Michael from reading the script as he did not help him with the game.

"Ah! Ah! Oh! Mm! Gentler, it's painful!"

"Ahh! I'm dying! I'm dying!"

"I'm bleeding, I'm bleeding! Ah! Ahh! No, no!"

"Stop! Stop it!"

Although the hotel had a great soundproofing system, the slightly opened windows and Harry's loud voice made everyone hear Harry's moans coming from Michael's room.

This made them think about the erotic stories about the duo on the Internet, and everyone was grinning profoundly at the same time...

After half an hour of 'moaning', Harry was finally defeated in the game and he scurried away with his laptop.

After Harry was out of Michael's sight, he rubbed his temples and called a number tiredly.

"Son, call me Daddy and I'll let Gary bring you back."

The next day, Sophia woke up early and went for training as usual. When the morning training ended and everyone was about to leave, she suddenly caught sight of an adorable girl with dimples walking toward them while holding a boy's hand.

Sophia was surprised and elated. "Nate!"

Nathan, who was in his military uniform and holding a small backpack, seemed to be quite worn out by his journey. He finally had a faint smile on his face when he saw Sophia, but he immediately regained his usual, serious composure.

Meanwhile, the girl with dimples was adorable and looked lively whenever she smiled. She then brought Nathan to the 49th Company.

Commander Ford introduced them to everyone, "She's a freshman from the 34th Company, and she'll be joining our training in the future."

The girl greeted everyone, "Hello! You guys can call me Gem!"

When they were dismissed, Sophia quickly went to hug Nathan. Squeak. The toy frog in his pocket even made a sound because she was hugging him tightly.

"Where have you been these few days? Why has your Dad allowed you to come back? How are you? Are you okay?" Sophia asked anxiously after hugging him.

Nathan turned his face away and said succinctly, "He said that pesticides were sprayed in the barracks and only let me return when the odor went away."

However, Sophia knew that Michael had brought Nathan away because of the accident.

Nathan continued to stay with Sophia while Gem also moved into the 49th Company's dormitory.

Since almost all of the girls in the 49th Company came from the same class, their curiosity was piqued after seeing the sudden appearance of an outsider. Hence, they started beating about the bush and asked her a few questions. In response, Gem answered everything fluently. Nobody doubted her background anymore, but Sophia knew that Gem was probably someone Michael sent over to take care of Nathan.

Gem, Gem. Can she be the Gemma whom everyone has been talking about?

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She heard that Michael had ten great experts around him, and each of them had their own extraordinary ability. Sophia had only met Hale and Gary before, but Hale always mentioned Gemma. He said that Gemma was a psychopath, but he wouldn't say in what way she behaved that made her seem like one.

However, Gemma seemed like a cute Lolita girl to her—there wasn't anything psychotic about her at all! Since she was on Michael's side and couldn't possibly hurt Nathan, Sophia was relieved and allowed her to live here with them.

Ever since Gemma arrived, the average fighting strength of Company 49 had increased exponentially. She was the fastest runner, had the biggest appetite, and could eat a lot. Besides, she was smart and pretty good at socializing.

Gemma appeared very professional and charming, and her presence made Sophia feel threatened. She was worried that Gemma might replace her as the leader of Company 49.

With that being said, everyone in Company 49 was very happy when Nathan came back. Evidently, Nathan was the 'plug-in' of Company 49!

As soon as Nathan came back, he went into the drill instructor's camp immediately to find out about what they thought of Company 49. When he came back, he told everyone about the conversations between the drill instructors.

According to them, Company 49 had not been performing well lately; the team was not as fierce and strong as they used to be before this.

Upon hearing that, everyone in Company 49 became motivated immediately. After all, they were the company that was supposed to have dinner with the General!

With Nathan around, Sophia felt that military training had finally become interesting and fun again, just like how it used to be.

However, their little spy Nathan had definitely attracted too much attention to their company. When they trained every day, Nathan would run around the training base and eavesdrop on conversations between the drill instructors. Then, he would report everything back to Sophia; this was why Company 49 had been achieving exceptionally high scores and performing well.

According to the rumors floating around, there were lots of hidden and unsuspecting details in the military training where drill instructors would secretly deduct points if their cadets violated the rules. Naturally, the drill instructors did not inform the cadets about these details and were very secretive about it.

What were the hidden rules? No one knew. Since the drill instructors never mentioned anything about this at all, Nathan was the one who went around and eavesdropped to find out about these hidden rules before reporting them to the people in Company 49.

Being aware of such rules, the company managed to avoid getting their points deducted secretly and obtained high scores while training.

In other words, Nathan was like a golden goose. Many companies thought about luring Nathan into their company in order to help them achieve better scores.

Someone had investigated Nathan's background too. Based on the information gathered, Nathan was the grandson of a university professor from a third-tier city.

Since he was extremely intelligent with a high IQ, an exception was made for him and Nathan was accepted into the Junior Class of Bayside University through

some connections. Since he wasn't from a prominent family, many people began thinking about ways to trick him...

On the eighteenth day of military training, Company Commander Ford made an exciting announcement—the cadets were going to have a training session at the shooting center tomorrow. It was an actual shooting training involving real guns and bullets.

Naturally, the shooting center was the one in Audistin.

However, everyone wasn't particularly enthusiastic about this piece of news. After all, there were lots of wealthy students in the university; most of them were already Audistin premium members who often visited the shooting range in Audistin.

What really excited everyone was the fact that they could visit the set of 'Doctor Invincible' during training tomorrow! Most importantly, they were going to see Taylor and Ethan in person!

The two award-winning actors had ventured into the filming industry for over ten years now. They remained very popular in the entertainment industry for a long time and had worked together in many films before.

During the recent Cultural Revolution, the duo transitioned from golden partners to becoming a golden couple; it was rumored that both of them got married in the Netherlands. However, it wasn't sure whether the rumor was real or not.

The two award-winning actors were seldom involved in tabloid scandals. Besides, they kept a low profile and rarely appeared in public events. There weren't too many real photos of them on the internet; most of their photos were film posters and photographs officially published by their agency. Even for wealthy people, it was extremely difficult to see them in person.

Therefore, why wouldn't the students be happy and excited now that the two award-winning actors were just filming next door?

Sophia wasn't interested in seeing the award-winning actors. However, she was very interested in the shooting training. She had made the necessary preparations for it and was ready to show off her impressive shooting skills.

Since everyone in Company 49 received the news that they were about to meet the two handsome actors tomorrow, they trained very hard and with much enthusiasm that day. They were afraid that the company commanders would not allow them to visit the filming set and meet the actors due to their poor performance.

Even during recess, there were lots of students who took the initiative to practice their formation exercise at the training field. Since Sophia was the student who performed the best in formation practice, she tried her best and spent her leisure time teaching everyone the formation practice.

While she was busy teaching, she took a glance and accidentally noticed Nathan being surrounded by quite a number of boys and girls.

Nathan was the most well-liked member in their company, so he was constantly surrounded by girls. However, Sophia seemed to have noticed Xyla and Richard among the crowd this time. Hence, she went over immediately to see what was going on.

She pushed her way through the crowd and heard the following exchange of conversation.

"Nate, my cousin is a member of the Edwards Family. If the Edwards take you in as their godson, you'll be part of the Edwards Family too. Then, you can live in a big house every day; you can even buy lots of delicious snacks and lots of friends will play with you too!" Xyla stood in front of Nathan and persuaded him.

A blonde-haired girl stood right across Nathan. Girls were not allowed to let their hair down at military camp, but the girl was bold enough to break the rule. She let her blonde hair down without tying it up, which appeared eye-catching like a gorgeous but fake flower.

She was Faye Edwards, a member of the Edwards Family; they were one of the Four Great Families in Bayside City. As a member of the family, Faye had the exclusive right to let her hair down. Thus, her striking blonde hair became the noble representation of her unusual status, which was superior to others. Although everyone felt jealous of her, no one dared to protest. After all, she was an Edwards.

Nathan appeared sullen. He kept quiet and enjoyed his watermelon quietly with an impassive expression on his face.

Noticing how unresponsive he was, Xyla continued to persuade him. "Nate, Faye is a very nice girl. She'll keep you company and play with you every day in the future."

Faye looked proudly downward at the fair and chubby little guy. Realizing that he hadn't replied after a long while, she became impatient and frustrated. A subtle look of unhappiness crossed her face. She had exquisite features, which were beautifully and carefully crafted by the scalpels of a plastic surgery hospital. Xyla, who noticed Faye's displeasure, persuaded her immediately in a polite manner. "Don't be angry, Faye. He's just a child who doesn't know anything. We just need to be patient and persuade him, that's all."

"That better be the case." Faye became really impatient. If Nathan wasn't the only child in the camp, she wouldn't have paid any attention to him at all.

She heard that the kid could eavesdrop on conversations between the drill instructors easily and found out about several hidden details where their points could be deducted and added, which was why Company 49 always scored high marks. That was the only reason why she thought about luring him to her company. If she managed to trick Nathan and brought him over to their company, their marks would definitely increase as well.

However, she was reluctant to share such a useful pawn with everyone; she just wanted to have him all to herself. She only wanted Nathan to increase her score in hopes that Joel would notice her! Unfortunately, the kid was so ignorant that he completely ignored her offer.

Xyla was eager to fawn over Faye. Hence, she continued to persuade Nathan again immediately. "Nate, Faye is a great person from a prominent family. If she becomes your god sister, your father, mother, grandfather, grandmother and even your whole family will prosper in the future!"

Richard helped Xyla to persuade Nathan too. He said, "Yeah, Nate! Listen to us. Come over here and just call her Faye. From now on, she will play with you!"

Richard was desperate to trick Nathan away too. Since Kayla had already gotten a zero for her military credit score, there were probably some other ways to save their situation which he didn't know about.

Since the drill instructors wouldn't tell them about it, perhaps the unusually smart kid could spy among the drill instructors and obtain some useful information.

Everyone could clearly see Nathan's unusual capability; he always ran around and eavesdropped on the drill instructors' conversations while everyone was training. All the company and regimental commanders liked him very much, and one of the regimental commanders even held him high above the air frequently!

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However, Nathan seemed uninterested with their offers. He just sat there, eating his watermelon while looking at them impassively. He didn't even say anything.

The surrounding Company 49 students looked on; even though they were angry, they did not dare to say anything since Faye was an Edwards after all. Should they mess with the Edwards, they'd suffer serious consequences. Hence, there was nothing they could do except to watch Nathan being snatched away from them.

Right at that moment, Sophia pushed her way through the crowd and asked, "What's going on here?"

Nathan remained silent. Gemma, who had been enjoying her popsicle quietly beside Nathan, chuckled and explained, "Sophia, Faye wants Nate to be her god brother; she's planning on bringing him over to their company."

Everyone stared at Sophia. They were hoping that she could make Nathan stay with them, but they knew it wasn't very possible.

"Faye, this is Sophia. She is very close to Nate, and Nate will listen to everything she says!" Xyla pointed her finger at Sophia immediately as she whispered to Faye in her ear. A gloating look flashed through her eyes.

Faye was Xyla's cousin; they were very close to each other. Before they came, Xyla had reminded Faye to mess with Sophia whether she decided to hand over Nathan or not.

She had actually hoped that Sophia would act proud like how she behaved before this; it would be great if Sophia managed to offend Faye. In that case, she would definitely not be able to survive at Bayside University anymore.

Faye didn't look very friendly indeed; she studied Sophia from head to toe for a while. There was a look of disdain hidden in her arrogant eyes, and it seemed like she was looking at an insignificant bug. "So, you're Sophia?"

Sophia nodded in a dignified manner. "Yes."

Before Faye could say another word, Richard grabbed Sophia immediately and reminded her in a low voice. "Sophia, now is not the best time to fool around. She is Faye, the wealthy daughter of the prominent Edwards Family. If she wants Nate, you should just agree to it and hand him over to her!"

Still, Richard didn't want Sophia to offend the Edwards. If she did, then Sophia would definitely not be able to stay in Bayside University anymore.

Xyla was so furious that she almost fainted when she noticed how Richard still cared for Sophia during a time like this. Not willing to lose face, she pretended to act kind and advised Sophia too. "Yeah, Richard is right. My cousin is an Edwards; she likes Nate very much and is ready to take him back to the Edwards Family. If Nate agrees, then he'll be a part of the Edwards Family..."

At the same time, she didn't forget to hold Richard's hand as she said that. She sounded like Richard's kind and considerate wife who was giving advice to his mean and inconsiderate mistress.

"Hmph!" Sophia really couldn't bring herself to watch such an awful and disgusting show the duo put on. She protested bluntly, "Sorry, but Nate is my darling. I won't give him away."

Nathan quietly swept away Richard's hand that was holding onto Sophia's arm before he grabbed her delicate hand and glared at Richard alertly. Sophia was

his father's woman, and he was determined not to allow anyone to have their eyes on her.

Xyla was ecstatic when she saw Sophia rejecting Faye's offer in a rude and harsh manner. Carry on, carry on! Just keep on acting arrogant! It's even better if you offend Faye!

She couldn't wait for Sophia and Faye to fight against each other. Xyla really hoped that Sophia would offend Edwards for good, and she would no longer be able to stay in Bayside University or Bayside City for that matter.

She pretended to persuade Sophia again. "Sophia, my cousin is..."

"Sorry, I'm not giving him away," Sophia rejected coldly. However, a gentle and cheerful expression crossed her face when she turned to face Nathan. She pinched Nathan's delicate cheek gently and said, "Don't worry, I promise I won't give you away to anyone."

He was Michael's only son and Joel's nephew; if she gave him away to someone else, she would certainly be skinned alive! Besides, Nathan was so cute. She wanted to keep him for herself and couldn't possibly give him away to someone else.

Nathan nodded coldly with an unemotional expression on his face. However, he felt slightly content deep within his heart. Then, he continued to enjoy his popsicle; he just liked to see Sophia fighting with others over him. It proved that he was far more important to Sophia compared to Michael!

Everyone was impressed by Sophia's courage and agreed with her decision secretly. However, they noticed the grim look on Miss Faye's face at the same time.

Faye stared at Sophia in disbelief. "What did you say?"

Sophia replied to her seriously word by word. "Sorry, I'm not giving my son away to anyone."

"How dare you reject me?"

Faye was already very frustrated when she had failed to persuade Nathan to come and join her team. Now, Sophia rejected her offer in front of everyone! She lost her temper as a menacing aura emitted from her body, which frightened the surrounding students as they took two steps backward quietly at once.

The fight has started! Sophia and the wealthy daughter of the Edwards Family have started fighting!

The ecstatic Xyla took several steps backward. She immediately stopped Richard and pulled him away when she noticed that he was about to put in a good word for Sophia. She reminded him in a low voice, "Richard, don't you see that my cousin is very angry now? Don't go..."

Looking at the furious Faye, Richard had no choice but to step back. He felt very sorry for Sophia.

The students slowly moved away from the duo, and a huge space appeared around Sophia and Faye.

Seemingly not worried about Sophia at all, Gemma took Nathan to one side. She continued to enjoy her popsicle while watching the drama unfold at the same time.

Faye snickered coldly while folding her arms across her chest. She looked so proud that a sense of intense superiority emitted from all over her body. A triumphant smile flickered in her eyes; she looked like a high-ranking officer who had gone undercover to check on his neighborhood. On the other hand, the Sophia in front of her was a low-ranking, ignorant and corrupt officer.

She held her head high up in the air arrogantly and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

Sophia answered honestly, "I don't know."

Faye chuckled. She then glared at Sophia with her bulging eyes and put on a weak, intimidating look on her face. "I'm Faye from the Edwards Family!"

Sophia looked puzzled. She even asked, "So what if you're an Edwards?"

The surrounding spectators held their breaths for Sophia. Even if Sophia was just an ordinary student, she should have learned about the basic social hierarchy in Bayside City first! Oh no, she's finished! She's doomed! She doesn't even know what it means to be an Edwards and what the family represents in Bayside City!

Faye was so furious with Sophia's arrogance and ignorance that she chuckled drily. "I'm an Edwards, one of the Four Great Families in Bayside City!"

It was as if Sophia had finally realized why Faye was so proud of her family name. "It's not a big deal if you're an Edwards! Nathan is a Fletcher—he has the same surname as General Joel!"

Everyone was almost bewildered by Sophia's incredibly amusing response!

It was just a coincidence for Nathan to have the same family name as Joel. However, Faye was indeed part of the Edwards Family who were known as one of the Four Great Families in Bayside City. One simply couldn't compare Nathan to Faye at all!

Faye goggled at Sophia as her jaw dropped. She's probably never seen a bigger idiot than Sophia before! How did a girl as dumb as her get accepted into Bayside University?

She insulted viciously, "It doesn't matter if you don't know about the Edwards. You just need to know that I have the final say in Bayside University as well as in this camp!"

Sophia snickered instead. "If you're so capable, why did you join the military training?"

Faye couldn't refute Sophia. The military training may seem very strict, but if one really had the power and influence, they could simply skip this module. Clearly, people who joined the military training were those without powerful connections.

Students who were really powerful and influential didn't have to join the military training and go through these hardships at all; even if their family wanted them to join, they wouldn't be arranged to train in the same platoon as the ordinary students.

Sophia continued, "If you're so incredible, why don't you just ask the drill instructors to give you a perfect score immediately? It would be great if you could just receive a perfect score while enjoying some watermelon at home in your air-conditioned room!"

Everyone started to gossip among themselves upon hearing Sophia's words. That's right—if Faye was really that powerful, wouldn't she be able to get a perfect score anyhow?

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Faye didn't know what to say anymore.

Sophia questioned again, "If you're so great, why don't you ask the company commander to kick me out of here immediately? Why do you still need to babble so much here?"

Faye glared at Sophia, but she was unable to refute the latter. "I..."

Right at that crucial moment, Company Commander Ford arrived. He shouted loudly, "What the heck are you people gathered around there for? Have you gathered around to eat sh*t together? Everyone, get back into your teams now! All of you have ten seconds to do so—those who are late will have to do 20 push-ups!"

Students who were gathered around here moments ago dismissed themselves immediately. Faye escaped in a haste too, whereas Sophia regrouped and carried on with her training.

After the incident with Faye, everyone looked at Sophia differently.

She is such a courageous warrior; she is actually bold enough to openly argue with an Edwards! However, what will happen after she argues with an Edwards? She's probably doomed—she might have even dragged the entire company along with her!

However, Sophia wasn't bothered by that; she wasn't scared of Faye at all.

While Faye was indeed a member of the Edwards Family in Bayside City, the Edwards were an extremely large family. Besides the main branch, the family had branched into countless side branches.

For example, Faye was just one of the descendants from a side branch in the Edwards Family. In fact, Faye's father was just an illegitimate son. Even though he was an Edwards, he was barely related to the main branch of the Edwards Family in Bayside City.

Moreover, Faye's father was Joe. He was a seriously obese man who used to be so poor back then that he sold his illegitimate daughter to an old man as a wife for only 80,000. Sophia was that illegitimate daughter. In other words, Faye and Sophia were half-sisters who shared the same father!

Back then, Joe's wife was pregnant when he slept with a young nanny in their household. Then, they had Sophia.

Joe was just an illegitimate son from a side branch of the Edwards Family; even if Joe was from the main branch of the Edwards Family, Sophia wasn't afraid of him too, not to mention that he was just an illegitimate son from a side branch of the family.

What she had said earlier was true; Nathan and Joel were from the exact same family, and they were the only Fletcher Family in Bayside City.

Ever since that incident, everyone seemed to be afraid of Sophia. They were worried that she would drag them along with her to her doom after offending the Edwards.

After training ended at noon, Sophia called Nathan over and reminded him about something.

Nathan was upset after listening to Sophia and looked at her angrily.

Almost immediately, Sophia pleaded with him nicely. "Okay, Nate—be good and listen to me. Please, I beg of you. I'll take you out and we'll play and have fun every day when my military training is over, okay?"

Suddenly, Nathan remembered Sophia's gaming account. Because of his plug-in, her character had massacred the entire game server and destroyed countless guilds. It became the highest number of kills ever recorded in the game.

He had managed to kill seven to eight guilds within a single day, and almost half of the online players in the entire game server were killed by him. The gaming system was so overloaded by his kills that it became unresponsive from time to time.

Now, the gaming management personnel were searching high and low for him just to kill his character, which scared Nathan a little. Since he felt sorry for that, he nodded and agreed with Sophia.

Everyone was slightly unfocused during their afternoon training; the enthusiasm and motivation everyone had previously vanished into thin air. It was all because of Sophia, who had offended the Edwards! Sooner or later, Company 49 would be doomed!

They might not even receive any scores to pass their military training! It was useless no matter how good they performed!

Company Commander Ford noticed their peculiarity too; they were still very motivated and passionate about their training a few days ago. What happened to them today?

"Look at all of you! You people look like a bunch of wimps who've lost their fighting spirit! Did you guys not have lunch at noon? Stand up straight, all of you!"

As a result, all of them were punished by Commander Ford. They had to stand in a military posture for half an hour, and many girls started to cry during the punishment.

It's over. Everything's over! Their dream to have lunch with the General was crushed. Not only that, they couldn't even get their military credit score, and all the hard work they spent on training over the last two weeks had gone to waste!

Everyone stood there quietly without moving an inch, and their sobs could be heard.

Sophia pursed her lips tightly. She remained silent and stood there seriously.

Suddenly, everyone heard an icy male voice which pierced through the blazing sun and fell on their ears instantly. "What happened to Company 49?"

Everyone was startled as they raised their heads and saw Joel standing right in front of them; they weren't sure when he had arrived.

The cold and aloof aura emitting from him traveled thousands of miles away and froze everything in its way, making everyone nervous as their breaths became rapid. The General is here!

Furthermore, Joel was holding a little boy's hand. The little boy was cladded in a military uniform, and Nathan was the only child in the military camp.

The General is holding Nate's hand! He's actually holding Nate's hand!

Everyone stared at Nathan, feeling extremely jealous and envious of him—how they wished they were the little boy instead.

Commander Ford stood still and gave Joel a salute when he saw him coming. Joel frowned and asked Commander Ford, "What's going on with Company 49 today? Why do they look so depressed?"

Commander Ford reported, "Sir, it's my responsibility that my company isn't in good shape today!"

Joel snorted coldly. Then, he walked away while holding Nathan's hand. He was cold and distant with everyone else, but when he talked to Nathan, the icy expression on his face disappeared as it was replaced by a warm and gentle expression.

He said in a low and gentle voice, "What would you like to eat, Nate? I'll send someone out to bring them in for you."

Of course, everyone else couldn't hear their conversation—they just saw the huge difference between Joel's treatment toward them versus Nathan.

They were surprised that Joel was so cold when he talked to them, yet he was so gentle when he talked to Nathan. Joel has such a loving side to him and can be so gentle with kids! The General actually likes Nathan so much!

Nathan had always disliked Joel before this, but for some unknown reason, he actually took the initiative to stay beside Joel today. Hence, Joel held his hand as they walked around the camp all day. They watched as everyone trained at the training field.

Then, he took Nathan to have lunch at the cafeteria which was exclusive to high-ranking officers only. At times, he would even display his affection for Nathan by holding him high up in the air.

Nathan only came back in the evening, bringing back presents of different sizes for everyone. Joel had even sent a regimental commander to escort him back to the barracks.

Everyone in the barracks of Company 49 became very excited when Nathan arrived. They surrounded him and asked him about his day excitedly. "Hey Nate, why did you spend the whole day with the General today?"

"What's this? Who bought this for you? Was it the General who bought you this?"

"Oh my, Nate. You are so lucky! You actually had lunch with the General!"

Nathan continued to put on a cold and impassive expression on his face while being bombarded with questions from his teammates.

He replied to them with a short and simple answer, "Yeah, the General bought all of it. He asked me to give these snacks to all of you."

The General actually bought these snacks for us! Moreover, is he giving it to us for free?!

As the girls screamed in surprise, they stared at Nathan in disbelief and asked, "Did the General mention about us?"

Nathan put on a sour face and explained, "The General said that Company 49 didn't perform very well today. He told me to bring something back in order to cheer everyone up and motivate you guys."

The girls screamed in excitement as they fought among themselves over the snacks brought back by Nathan. Although they were just some ordinary snacks, the girls thought they were just as delicious as those expensive cuisines as they munched on the snacks happily!

Company 49 finally became happy again after being depressed for the whole day. Suddenly, they realized that even though Sophia offended Faye, they still had Nathan in Company 49!

Judging from Nathan's popularity, even the General liked him very much. Moreover, all the company commanders were keeping a close eye on Company 49, so even if Faye wanted to get back at Sophia, she couldn't possibly do it in the camp too! In other words, they still had a chance to have dinner with the General!

Everyone regained their energy and confidence after enjoying their snacks. They went to bed really early. Tomorrow, they were ready to undergo their training seriously like they used to do so.

After everyone had finished their snacks, Sophia went to hug Nathan. She kissed him lovingly at the same time and said, "My adorable son, you are such a nice boy!"

Nathan continued to put on a sullen face; he felt really humiliated today. He had actually taken the initiative to fawn over Joel!

If he hadn't accidentally turned Sophia's Sirius233 into a homicidal maniac whom all the players wanted to kill, he wouldn't have cast his pride aside and looked for Joel. He didn't like Joel at all!

Still, it was extremely useful for Nathan to give up his pride and 'sacrifice' himself. Soon, news about Joel holding Nathan's hand and walking around the training field went around the entire camp. Soon, Faye heard about the news too.