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“Debt? What debt?” Cooper asked immediately.

With an unfathomable expression, Daniel frowned as he silently studied Cooper’s palm. “Mr. Mitchell, I have made it very clear. Someone has paid your debt, but she has not paid her own debt yet! I’m afraid you and her will both have to repay this debt.”

Looking at Daniel, Cooper was in complete shock for a long time.

He stared at him in a daze and couldn’t even speak.

His debt was repaid for him by his daughter and Annabel, but who was going to repay their debts?

After a few minutes, Cooper shot up. “Bullsh*t!”

He pulled his hand away, causing Sophia to jump up.

“Dad, what’s wrong? Dad—”

At that point, Cooper had already stormed out. Sophia hurriedly followed while bidding farewell to Daniel. “We’ll be going now; I’ll see you soon.”

Watching them depart, Daniel breathed a sigh of relief.

He was so close to being chopped up and made into eggplants with minced meat!

On the cable car going down the mountain, Sophia was holding her two dogs.

Since Michael was not home and Nathan had to go to school, Sophia had picked up Snowball, who went up the mountain with her and Bubbles. Bubbles was afraid of the cold, so it was dressed in a thick coat, its large body curled up and shivering in Cooper’s arms. Meanwhile, Snowball was not afraid of the cold at all and excitedly ran around ‘naked’ with its tongue out.

Snowball’s smile was so contagious that Sophia felt happy whenever she looked at its smiling face. In fact, she was smiling the whole way.

Stroking the dog's head, Cooper couldn't help but touch his daughter's soft hair as well.

However, because Sophia's hair follicles were dead, her hair was implanted at the cosmetic hospital. Cooper touched her hair, his heart aching unbearably.

All his sins were passed on to his daughter. He thought he had conquered the world, but ultimately he found himself unable to protect his very own daughter.

Looking at Cooper, Sophia couldn't quite understand why he was unhappy. She smiled and comforted him, "Dad, everything's going to be alright. We'll find him."

Upon hearing her words, Cooper forced a smile.

Sophia paid off his debts, but who was going to pay hers?

He understood very well what Daniel said.

Sophia had returned Quinton's kindness, but what about Michael's kindness to her?

In other words, it was just a way to get him to marry off his daughter to that son of a b*tch Michael!

Since he caught Michael crawling through the dog door, his hatred toward him deepened even more.

His son-in-law should be a person like himself—an excellent and fearless man. Someone who crawled through a dog door was clearly a low-life.

Cooper would repay her debt! However, Michael could forget about taking his daughter!

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Since Michael had left town to film and would be away for a few months, Cooper took the opportunity to plan a matchmaking event for Sophia. He planned to gather Bayside City's single and talented young men for her to choose from.

Although he did not really want Sophia to date anyone, he wanted to let her meet other men and set reasonable expectations for the man she would end up with.

After meeting them, she would learn what type of men would be the best match for her.

And so, Cooper began to secretly prepare the guest list of the matchmaking event. He was directly in charge of the list and was extremely strict with the selection process.

First, he eliminated the one who crawled through the dog door.

Then, he eliminated those who did not have a PhD.

Next, he eliminated those who were above the age of thirty-five.

Those who were divorced, had a criminal record, were ugly, and had a chaotic private life were all eliminated.

On top of that, he also made a list for those who earned extra points according to Sophia's personal preferences and he would be lenient to those who met those requirements, such as those who had pets, liked playing games, and preferred daughters.

He wanted to take advantage of Michael's absence and get him out of Sophia's life forever.

However, he later realized that even if Michael was gone, Sophia would still be under his influence.

As the days got colder, Sophia finished work and went down to the store next door to look at hand creams and moisturizers.

"This hand cream is a century-old local brand and the first ever hand cream that was endorsed by Taylor Murray. It was all snatched up the moment this hand cream was made available. And now, it's all sold out in the whole of Bayside City, but we saved this one specifically for you.

Taking the bottle from the shop assistant, she saw a picture of Michael holding the hand cream on the package.

"Huh? When did my Tay Tay take on a hand cream endorsement?"

Sophia was completely unaware about this. She sat there for a while when several people came into the shop looking to buy the hand cream.

The shop was an exclusive store that only sold that one specific brand of high-end cosmetics. The hand cream was worth thousands and a makeup set was worth tens of thousands. In fact, Sophia had always been using this brand. Meanwhile, Michael had endorsed the entire series of cosmetics. And so, she went home with the last set of cosmetics. When she reached home, she opened it up, only to find that everything had Michael's face on its packaging. It even came with a limited edition poster of him.

After that, she put up the poster in her bedroom so that she would see him every morning when she woke up.

As a matter of fact, Michael even instructed Hale to send over a truck full of cosmetics for Sophia. When Cooper found out, he ruthlessly kicked Hale out and threw all the cosmetics into the garage—no one was allowed to use it.

Despite that, Sophia thought it would be a waste, so she secretly sneaked it out of the garage and had a giveaway event. She also gave some to her friends, while the rest were sent to her employees as part of the employee benefit.

On top of that, the supermarkets were having a sale on the twelfth of December, so Sophia and the housekeeper went to shop for sanitary pads and pet food.

The promoter highly recommended a brand of sanitary pads, as it was hygienic and prevented leakage. Also, it was endorsed by Taylor Murray.

Then, they also recommended an imported baked pet food endorsed by Taylor Murray.

Because it was endorsed by Michael, that brand of sanitary pads were not available online and they were only available in stores. Everything was on sale except the sanitary pads, which were in high demand. Sophia battled against a group of women and finally managed to grab two packs of the pads, going home happily with them.

Recently, she had been stocking up on a lot of stuff such as jewellery, accessories, and clothes that were endorsed by Michael. She also stocked up on Michael-endorsed sanitary pads, cosmetics, and face masks. On top of that, he also endorsed a feminine wash product, which Sophia had piled up at home and could last her a lifetime. Even in the food and beverage section, there were drinks, snacks, and Eight-Treasure Congee that were endorsed by Michael.

Meanwhile, Cooper had secretly been getting rid of those cosmetics, face masks, Eight-Treasure Congee, and sanitary pads. But then, Sophia would immediately bring back

phones, laptops, as well as underwear, toothpaste, toothbrush, and stainless steel wash basins that were endorsed by Michael.

When Cooper saw Michael's face on the new wash basin Sophia bought, he was instantly repulsed.

Without hesitation, he threw away the basin in anger. Let's see what else Michael can endorse...

Cooper thought there was nothing else Michael could endorse but in reality, there was nothing that he couldn't endorse.

Every time Cooper stepped out, he would see Michael's endorsements everywhere. Michael was literally everywhere—from the big screen in the plaza to the television on the streets, even on the toilet lid in the public bathroom. On top of that, his endorsements and photos were all over the places Sophia often went. Even the bus stops and subway stations near the Edwards Residence were covered in advertisements of his endorsements. Michael would also occupy half of the advertisements that were broadcasted on television.

To pursue his future wife, Michael gave up his dignity. He even crawled through a dog door, so what else wouldn't he do for her?

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The only place where they would never see Michael would be the drama Sophia had been watching.

The TV series was called 'I Am The Village Chief', which was broadcasted from a local unknown station and starred a group of unknown actors. The series centered around a girl who had graduated from university and returned to her village as a village chief, and the various incidents that she encountered.

The plot was about how May, who studied journalism and graduated from a major media university, gave up her well-paying job in the city and returned to Peshaw Village. She took over her father's role as the village chief and led the village to a better future.

In order to follow her dreams, she went as far as to dump her beloved boyfriend from the city. After returning to the village, she realized that it was much more difficult being the village chief, as many of the villagers did not understand her. They were skeptical of her ability as the chief and deliberately gave her more work by creating all kinds of obstacles while they heavily criticized her the whole way.

On top of that, there was a contractor who unsuccessfully pursued May and held a grudge against her, and Madam Linnie who was a matchmaker who repeatedly failed in setting May up with the contractor and ended up creating nasty rumours about her. Moreover, May also faced difficulties with the village committee who were stubborn and old-fashioned, refusing to obey any of her commands...

May had to deal with these people as soon as she took over; it was emotional and climatic.

Sophia found the series addictive and it kept her on the edge of her seat.

In recent episodes, May successfully got a resort project through her university classmate. She planned to develop the village and repair the roads. However, the villagers were against the idea. They deliberately made unreasonable requests just to prevent the project from starting. As such, May lost hope and wanted to give up on the entire project at one point.

In the preview of the next episode, May's ex-boyfriend from the city came to see her at the village to win her back. He even found her a stable and high-paying job in the city.

It was a choice between a good life in the city with a loving boyfriend and a job in the village that was refusing to make any progress. What would she choose?

At eight o'clock in the evening, Sophia sat in front of the television that was endorsed by Michael while she waited for the series to start. She waited excitedly with her popcorn and a bottle of Coke that were both endorsed by Michael too. Then, she cut up a fruit with a fruit knife—endorsed by Michael—and placed the cut fruit on the wooden tray, which was also endorsed by the man himself.

Meanwhile, Cooper and Linus were forced to watch the show with her. Initially, they were annoyed but after watching a few episodes, they were hooked. Every night, the family would wait in front of the TV for the series to be aired.

When the episode began, Sophia was eager to see May's boyfriend from the city.

At first, Cooper was sure that Michael would never ever appear in this series. However, when May's boyfriend made his first appearance, Cooper realized that he had been too naïve...

It was Michael again!

He was the Academy Award winner for Best Actor, so why would he be in this local drama?

He seemed to appear out of nowhere!

When Michael made his first appearance, there was even a special subtitled introduction.

May's ex-boyfriend, Miles, guest appearance by Taylor Murray.

There were even the feminine wash, sanitary pads, and lipsticks that he endorsed. Again and again, Cooper's tolerance reached new heights. This time, Michael even guest starred in a local drama!

How shameless could he be?

He even crawled through the dog door!

Come to think of it, Cooper should have taken Dimon's suggestion and grabbed him from the dog door, stripped him naked and beat him. He should have filmed it and destroyed Michael's reputation!

At that moment, Sophia was caught off guard too.

What the hell?

Her idol was actually in the series!

Suddenly, the whole series instantly felt like it was highly rated!

But, can her idol nail this role?

As winner of the Academy Award, could he manage this genre that was vastly different from all his other roles?

The character that Michael played, Miles, was born and raised in the city by his parents who were teachers. He loved May and they always talked about building a better future together. They worked in the same news company and had saved up for the deposit for their future home. In addition, their leaders were very optimistic about them and their futures were promising but when they were close to getting married, May suddenly wanted to go back to the village.

Miles was furious and he felt that May had betrayed him and their dreams. As such, they separated when May returned to Peshaw Village.

In this episode, Miles showed up and tried to win May back. He had hoped for her to go back to the city with him and get married. However, May was torn. If she chose to go back, she would have a high-paying job with a stable life but if she chose to stay, she had to deal with all the obstacles in the village. Clearly, she was swayed.

When Miles appeared, he had glossy eyes and his face was plain and pure, his skin tanned. As soon as he saw May who had come to greet him, he smiled and spoke.

“May, I’m here!”

“Poof—”

Upon hearing this, Linus couldn’t control himself and spat out the Michael-endorsed Coke that he just drank.

He stared incredulously at the unpretentious Michael on the TV. Michael obviously had the face of a superstar but in the show, he seemed so plain and did not stand out at all.

Also, that voice was not a voice over; it was indeed Michael's voice with a country accent.

"May, I... I missed you. Leave this place and come back to the city with me. This place is only holding you back..."

Cooper was dumbstruck.

This man was shameless to the core!

In the series, Miles' family came from the countryside, hence the accent. Michael had accurately grasped this and perfected his speech, portraying Miles' character perfectly and realistically, as if he had always had this country accent.

Not only that, those glasses he wore seemed to have a magical effect that concealed his handsome face. Now, he was just Miles.

Miles and May walked through the village as they reminisced their love and vows toward each other over the years. However, May knew they could not be together anymore.

In fact, Miles' family moved to the city from the village and their household had been relocated, so it was impossible to move back. However, May was from the countryside and her whole family was here. She wanted to build her village into a rich village with a GDP per capita of eighty thousand and she wanted to lead everyone in the village to a better future. The problem was that those who were capable had all left the village for work, leaving behind only the women and children who were conservative and backward thinking.

In the end, Miles told May that he would be leaving early next morning and he told her to meet him at the dock at eight o'clock if she chose to leave with him. If May went with him, they would get married as soon as they were back in the city. The house was ready and as long as she went with him, her name would definitely be on the property ownership certificate.

If she refused to leave, then Miles would be under the pressure from his family to start dating as soon as he returned. His father was severely sick and wished to have grandchildren, so he wanted to fulfil his father's dying wish.

When May got home, she was in a dilemma, not being able to decide between her vows with Miles and the earnest hope of her father, who implored her to stay and build up the village.

After struggling, May finally decided to stay. After all, she was the village's only hope.

The next morning, Miles waited at the dock at eight in the morning. He thought May was just late or something had cropped up and she was delayed, but she wanted to leave with him. And so, he waited and waited, missing one boat after another. He waited until nightfall, but May never showed up.

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It was the last boat to the city and the captain, who had gold teeth, grinned at him. "Hey kid, are you coming?"

Miles mumbled sullenly, "Y-Yes."

As he wiped his tears, he willed his stiff legs to move forward as he boarded the boat. With that, the boat slowly sailed away.

However, what he didn't know was that May had been standing behind the little commissary at the dock. In fact, she had been waiting there the entire day. She watched Miles get on the boat and silently cried as she walked along the dock, following the boat that Miles was on...

Watching the TV, Sophia sobbed and constantly pulled out napkins that were endorsed by Michael, wiping her tears and snot.

"That is so sad! Why didn't May go with Miles? Why? How can they act so well?"

Sophia huffed and puffed. After watching three episodes, almost all of the napkins were used up by her.

Hurriedly, Cooper handed her another box of napkins. "There, there. It's all fiction; nothing is real."

As Sophia cried, Carmen cried too. She was wailing miserably when Cooper wiped away her tears as he grimaced. "Why are you crying? You don't even understand the series."

Pouting, Carmen sobbed pitifully, "I'm learning from Daddy on how to act in a crying scene!"

Upon hearing this, Cooper was speechless.

Undeniably, Michael's acting skills were superb. He had embodied the desperation and hopelessness that Miles was feeling as he waited for his lover that never came. He did not need to cry hysterically nor did he need artificial tears; his longing gaze was enough to touch the hearts of the viewers.

He could have been extremely noble, but he was getting more and more creepy instead! Shame on him! Cooper thought.

Although Cooper strongly disliked him, Michael made sure that he would always be with Sophia in a cheeky way. Even if he was away from Bayside City, Sophia was still surrounded by his presence.

Initially, Cooper thought Michael's reputation would drop after his role as Miles. He had even hoped that Sophia would be reminded of Miles every time she thought of Michael and she would stop liking him. However, he did not expect she would still talk on the phone with him every single day.

Not only that, she would either be on voice call or video call with him for an hour or two.

During their calls, they would talk about Carmen, the dogs, the plot from 'I Am The Village Chief', and they would be analysing Miles' tragic past. Their topics of conversation were endless.

Eventually, the news of Michael's appearance on the local TV drama blew up and the ratings for the series soared. The series went from the local station's entertainment channel to satellite TV. Not only that, it was also introduced on several other TV stations, causing a sensation.

Michael's fans were all stunned. He really was the best actor, perfectly embodying every role he took on.

On top of that, there was even a reporter who went up to the snow mountain to interview Michael, asking him the questions the fans had been dying to know.

"Mr. Taylor Murray, in 'I Am The Village Chief', how much did the producers pay you for your appearance in those three episodes?"

At that moment, Michael had just finished filming an action scene and still had makeup on. He had transformed from Miles to Mark Fletcher and was clad in a military coat for the interview. "I did it for a friend for free."

The reporter was even more curious. "So what made you try out such a role? Were you aware of the role you were casted for?"

At that moment, Michael faintly smiled at the camera. His smile was as simple as Miles', as if he had immediately turned into Miles who loved May deeply. "Because my wife likes this kind of drama!"

Upon hearing that, the reporter was speechless.

When this was broadcasted, Michael's public display of affection was spread all across the country.

This couple had just returned from years of absence from the public eye. Even if the times had changed, their love still remained. While they took advantage of every moment to display their affection to each other, they were constantly rubbing it in the faces of all the singles out there!

When Cooper saw the interview, he was at a loss of words. He took the TV remote and angrily switched from the entertainment channel to the movie channel, which was playing Michael's film 'War Dragon'. Seeing Michael's face on the screen, Sophia happily chirped, "This is a good movie; let's watch this!"

However, Cooper pressed the remote forcefully again and changed it to the opera channel, where a female actor was singing.

Finally, something that was unrelated to Michael!

Holding tightly onto the remote, Cooper said sternly, "I want to watch this!"

Displeased, Sophia pouted and munched on a mouthful of snacks as she was forced to watch the play.

At that moment, the opera channel was playing the classic traditional opera excerpt 'The Drunken Concubine'. The female singer sang beautifully with a graceful posture and a melodious voice. Her performance was incredible.

Coincidentally, this opera was Cooper's favourite.

Back then, he used to watch this with Woody. In fact, he would constantly reminisce about it during his years abroad.

As Cooper was enjoying the music, he casually clapped along to the beat. Meanwhile, Sophia and Carmen were staring intently with their eyes wide open at the screen.

With his eyes closed, Cooper was immersed in the song.

Only the experts could tell real talent from the fake.

Although Cooper could not sing, he was a connoisseur. The singer was clearly familiar with opera so she must have been in the field for a long time.

“This actor is really good!” he praised as he listened. Then, he turned to Linus, who was also listening with fascination. “Linus, do you know who this actor is?”

Linus enjoyed traditional opera, so he knew which actor from Bayside City was good.

In fact, he knew who the actor was, but he did not dare to say it. “The makeup is too thick so I can’t recognize her.”

Meanwhile, Sophia munched on her snacks. “The credits will be shown after the performance.”

Carefully, Cooper watched the credits roll when the play ended. He wanted to get acquainted with this actor so that he could invite her over to perform for his birthday or something in the future. Finally, he saw the credits.

Taylor Murray as Concubine Yang.

Upon seeing this, Cooper almost had a heart attack.

Before Cooper exploded, Sophia snatched the remote control from him and switched it back to the movie channel, and continued watching Michael’s film.

The fact was that she had seen this movie about twenty to thirty times, but it always left her amazed.

On the other hand, Carmen went to Cooper and said shyly, “Grandpa, can I sing ‘The Drunken Concubine’ for you? I promise I can sing better than Daddy.”

With an icy expression, Cooper remained silent. He was afraid he would explode if he spoke.

Are we done with him yet?

He really wanted Michael's face to disappear from his and Sophia's lives forever!

However, was it possible?

Could he stop Sophia from using the sanitary pads that were endorsed by Michael? Or the stainless steel wash basin? Could he stop her from eating the snacks that he endorsed?

The simple answer was no, he couldn't. He couldn't stop her at all!

As soon as he got rid of the stainless steel basin, she would immediately bring home a brand new ceramic basin that Michael endorsed and it even came with a face wash with his face on it!

In fact, Sophia knew Cooper hated Michael. Since he caught Michael crawling through the dog door, Cooper hated him even more.

She wanted to think of a way to make them warm up to each other...

Meanwhile at the Mitchell Residence, Sandra Mitchell was watching the news and saw that Michael had starred in a local TV drama and also displayed his affection publicly during the interview. Being a gossipmonger, she invoked more mockery and trolling.

After watching the news, Sandra panicked a little.

It seemed like she had received the wrong information—they never actually divorced!

The defamation lawsuit was still ongoing and she had to win this case. Otherwise, her image would be ruined! Sophia and her ghostwriters would not rest until she was completely destroyed!

And so, Sandra called Abby again. In order to be in Abby's circle, she had been paying her tens of millions. As long as Abby was willing to take a shot, everything would be fine.

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Although she could not help Abby get that house in Riverdale, Sandra had paid her a lot of money to make amends and please her. Not only that, she also gifted several houses and shops to Abby. Now that their relationship had improved, Abby would definitely help her since she had promised to.

Meanwhile, Abby murmured down the line, "Don't worry; I won't let that little b*tch go. She won't even know what hit her!"

After getting Abby's response, Sandra felt slightly better. If Abby took action, she would surely win this lawsuit. Sophia was no match for the Michel Family!

Then, as they made small talk, Sandra tried hard to bring up Lucile.

"When is Miss Lucile coming to Bayside City? If she comes, you have to inform me in advance so I can prepare a gift and treat her to a welcome dinner."

On the other end, Abby paused before her tone became serious. "You should know Miss Lucile's status... She is a highly respected individual and has been under the protection of the Michel Family since childhood. Even now, no one from the media nor the secret service

can find any photos or information of her and Fass. Her whereabouts have always been top secret and will not be easily revealed to outsiders. You've been asking about her a lot; what are you trying to do?"

In an instant, Sandra was alarmed by Abby's tone of voice. "I'm just curious; I'm not trying to do anything.

Abby grunted in displeasure. "Miss Lucile's whereabouts must never be revealed. As the Michel Family's No. 1 Young Lady, she will be the successor of the Michel Family in the future. Her identity is a mystery so you need to stop prying before you get yourself in trouble."

Upon hearing this, Sandra did not dare to pry further. Some people were so powerful that even inquiring about their identity would land you in trouble.

However, after a brief moment, Abby added, "Actually, Miss Lucile happens to be in town. I was with her for days but I will not reveal her residence nor her photos to you."

Upon hearing this, Sandra was overjoyed. Lucile is in town, which means Vincent's chance is here!

And so, Sandra dropped her ego and tried for a few days to persuade Abby with money, cars, and jewelry, before Abby finally agreed to let her tag along when she went to see Lucile. However, she was not allowed to sneak any photos or reveal Lucile's identity in public.

No matter what, Sandra must find a way for Vincent to meet Lucile. Furthermore, she could not give up on Linus too. However, he was always busy so she simply could not get in touch with him at all.

By striking up a friendship with Lucile, Sandra thought she would be a step closer to the Michel Family. As soon as Alex found out, the family celebrated. As such, he belittled Cooper even more and was prepared to use the family's connections to get Sandra and Vincent married into money.

That day, Sophia went to visit the store.

Recently, the company and the store had been busy preparing for the launch of their new products for the new year. Hence, Sophia brought the dogs and alpaca to the store to monitor the progress.

Looking at her two big dogs and alpaca that were all dressed up, smelled great, and were sitting next to her, she suddenly remembered Judge. She wondered how Cerberus were doing in the mountains.

Lately, the house was much quieter without the three rowdy dogs.

She gave a call to Michael. While asking her idol about his filming routines, she also asked about the dogs.

“Oh—the trio? They’re doing great. Everyone is treating them well and they have high salaries. There’s also a little cart for them. Everyone hikes up the mountain by foot while they get pulled up by the staff.

Through the video, Sophia saw the three dogs clad in old, ugly cotton jackets, sitting in the wooden cart. They were resting with their tongues out and the background was a snowy scenery.

Furrowing her brows, she asked, “Did they lose weight?”

“Although I’ve been giving them the best treatment, it’s tough when we’re always out early and coming back late. So, it’s normal for them to lose some weight.”

“Oh—”

She had nothing else to say. As a matter of fact, she knew there was something different about the dogs but she just couldn't put her finger on it.

Patting the dogs' head, Michael continued, "The three of them are very popular in the crew and everyone is especially fond of them."

Surprised, Sophia exclaimed, "Really? I was afraid they would only be causing you trouble!"

"Don't worry; I'll take care of any trouble they cause. After all, they are our fur babies; of course I will spoil them!"

Upon hearing this, Sophia's lips quirked and she smiled.

Cerberus must have caused a lot of trouble for Michael and the crew but since Michael was the producer and main actor, everyone naturally endured it.

Frankly, Sophia felt embarrassed for troubling him and affecting the progress of their filming. "I think I should come and pick them up and stop troubling you with caring for them. The shooting is almost done, right?"

Suddenly, Harry, who had been eavesdropping for a long time, couldn't help but lean over and blurted, "No! Filming in the mountains is boring and they have been entertaining us. Our entire crew loves them!"

As soon as he said this, most of the crew immediately echoed his words.

"Yes! The dogs are adorable!"

"Let them stay for another few days; we don't mind."

"I love them so much that I don't think I can continue filming without seeing them everyday."

Sophia did not expect there to be so many people eavesdropping.

Was Cerberus so popular?

Although Judge was handsome, his looks could not hide its lack of intelligence. Truth was, it was a miracle that he did not destroy the whole film set. But who knows, maybe the cold had automatically unlocked the husky's IQ?

Meanwhile, Judge's tongue hung from its mouth and it looked happy. Any staff that walked by would pet its head.

Seeing that the dogs were popular, Sophia was relieved. "Thanks for taking the trouble to care for them, Michael."

Petting Judge's head, Michael said warmly, "It's nothing. Your fur baby is my fur baby; whatever's mine is yours too."

At once, Sophia blushed. "Stop it—"

Just then, a staff member came and informed Sophia, "Miss Edwards, there's someone outside who wants to see you."

"I have to go now. Happy filming! I'll come and visit when I'm free. Kisses!"

Pouting and making a kissing face to the camera, Michael repeated, "Kisses!"

After hanging up, Michael looked at his phone wallpaper, which was a photo of Sophia and Carmen. He smiled faintly before gripping his phone tightly, as if he was afraid it would spoil from the cold.

When the shooting was completed, he would be able to return home and spend the new year with the both of them.

Every day, he would send her videos of the dogs and she would send him videos of their daughter.

In the videos, Carmen was always so cute and she would always be smiling. In fact, she even knew her best angles. All worries would be gone whenever they saw her smile.

She was such an angel!

Watching Michael giggle at his phone, the crew rolled their eyes.

He was oozing with the stench of love and the whole crew thought it reeked!

Only a fool like Sandra would think they were divorced!

Meanwhile at Pouri flagship store's lobby, Sophia put away her phone and went out. Sandra Mitchell was here again and this time, she was with Abbie and a group of bodyguards. They were making a commotion, as if they had come to destroy the store.

While the guards were standing, Sandra, Abbie, and a foreign woman with blonde hair and blue eyes sat there.

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As soon as they came in, they chased the customers out and drove off the staff into the office at the back.

As a result, the lobby became Sandra's territory.

Raising her chin, she was arrogant beyond comparison as she commanded, "Come here, Scarlet. I want to introduce you to a guest of honor."

Sandra was so respectful of that foreign woman that she did not even dare to look straight at her.

"This is Princess Lucile of the Michel Family."

At a loss for words, Sophia thought she had heard wrongly. "What the hell?"

As soon as she said that, Sandra immediately shot up and her appearance became commanding, much like a Tibetan Mastiff. "How dare you? You better watch your mouth, Sophia Edwards! How dare you disrespect Miss Lucile?"

At that moment, Sophia was startled by Sandra's sudden shout. She flinched and looked at 'Lucile' incredulously with wide eyes.

The woman looked to be in her twenties and about the same age as her. She had a pair of blue eyes that looked as elegant and bright as gemstones, shiny blonde hair and defined facial features. She was indeed graceful as she sat there silently. Even just slightly looking up, she was giving out a powerful aura.

The moments her eyes were focused on someone, they would immediately feel the pressure of someone superior. It made breathing difficult and they would instantly be respectful.

This is... Princess Lucile... of the Michel Family?

After a long moment of eyeing her up and down, Sophia suddenly smiled.

Sandra really had the guts to have someone impersonate Lucile.

No—it wasn't necessarily her.

Sophia's sharp eyes looked at the boastful Sandra and then at Abbie before she seemed to understand something.

A burst of laughter was creeping up but Sophia held it back and said in a serious and respectful manner, "You must have come a long way; please make yourself at home."

In fact, Sophia rarely visited the store. The day she came was when Sandra coincidentally dropped by too, so this must have been planned in advance. She was interested to see what they had planned.

Were they going to provoke her alpaca to spit on them again and then get rid of her using the Michel Family's name?

This time, Sophia was not going to sit back; she wanted to know what these little crooks were up to.

It seemed like they were taking advantage of her concealed identity. When she was in Africa, she often tagged along with Cooper to see the Michel Family's properties but because her face was ruined at that time, she was either covered with gauze or she was wearing a mask. To this day, there weren't many people who knew what she looked like.

When the trio entered the shop, they just sat there and chatted with a dozen bodyguards standing behind them. Looking at the bodyguards' clothes, Sophia saw that half of them carried the Mitchell's Family crest, while others carried the Michel's Family crest.

Taking a look at 'Lucile Michel' sitting in the middle, Sophia wondered if she was really someone from the Michel Family.

In fact, with her aura, she looked more like Lucile than the real Lucile.

Since the store was focused on pets, it was inevitable that there would be a few pets roaming around. Just then, an Alaskan Malamute wandered before Sophia before she casually instructed someone to lead the dog away. She gazed at Sandra and the others and spoke respectfully. "Is there anything specific you're looking for? We offer a series of luxury goods for pets."

However, the trio ignored her and spoke among themselves. They casually chatted in French, thinking Sophia would not understand and made up stories about her right in front of her.

“This b*tch is the daughter of an outsider. They’re shamelessly committing fraud using the Mitchell Family’s name and they are extremely disrespectful to the Michel Family too,” Sandra commented. “It’s outrageous; don’t be fooled by her appearance. She looks respectful but she will curse you as soon as you turn around!”

At that moment, Sophia looked nonchalant, as if she hadn’t heard them bad-mouthing her.

While Lucile did not speak, she looked at Sophia with an unfriendly gaze.

Glancing at the guards, Sophia saw that they were all carrying bags. This was a high-end consumer area and there were many luxury flagship stores located nearby. It seemed like they had just gone shopping before dropping by her store.

They bought a lot of things—jewellery, accessories, and clothes. They were all famous brands too... Sophia guessed that Sandra had paid for everything.

It looked like she must have spent a fortune just to trick ‘Lucile’ into coming here to show off.

Surely they did not plan to just sit around in her store?

Finally, she heard Abbie gloating, “We should teach her a lesson!”

Upon hearing this, Sandra snickered discreetly.

She had spent millions to bring Lucile around today just so she could come to Sophia’s store and show off her strong connections.

Of course, it would be best if Lucile could teach her a lesson!

Just then, Abbie suddenly changed her tone and spoke in Cethosian. “This store of yours is filthy. Look—Miss Lucile’s shoes are all stained.”

Glancing at Lucile Michel’s pointed diamond high heels, Sophia saw that her shoes were indeed stained. “Cheryl, come and clean our guest’s shoes.”

Cheryl was an employee in the store who was responsible for assisting their guests in cleaning their shoes, carrying their bags, holding their umbrellas and the like. When she heard the call, she immediately came over with a warm smile. "Leave it to me."

However, Abbie hissed, "Miss Lucile is a highly respectable person. Her shoes are not to be touched by just anyone!"

Wearing a pair of coloured contacts, her faux blue eyes glanced at Sophia repeatedly.

Obviously, she was implying that Sophia should be cleaning Lucile's shoes!

Smiling, Sophia nodded. "You're right; not just anyone should be touching Miss Lucile's shoes."

Then, she patted the Alaskan Malamute's head. "Go on! Lick it clean for her."

Understanding the command, the Malamute leapt forward and licked Lucile's shoes before coming back to Sophia's side for its reward.

Looking at her shoes that were covered in dog saliva, Lucile's eyes went wide before she could react. Then, she let out a piercing scream. "Ah!"

As soon as she screamed, Abbie and Sandra instantly stood while the bodyguards tensed up.

Sandra was furious as she roared, "How dare you disrespect Miss Lucile? Guards, destroy this shop!"

Here we go again!

Calmly, Sophia pressed the emergency alarm button and three patrolling officers from next door came in. They came to investigate just as Sandra's men were smashing up the store. The lot of them did not even acknowledge the officers and hit anyone that was in their way.

Things were getting out of hand.

The officers made a call and dozens of police officers from the special forces were called in. When they arrived, the entire neighbourhood was barricaded and the girls from the Mitchell and Michel Family were all arrested and detained in the Public Security Bureau.

As the victim in this incident, Sophia followed the police officers to the station to give a statement.