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"Mr. Stone!" Dudley and the others shouted. Everyone was on edge at the moment.

It seemed that Barry had lied to everyone when he announced the match as this was a means for him to settle his personal score with Skylar.

If Skylar was to kneel to Barry, this meant that their entire city would have to kneel to Barry. No one wanted to see that happen. However, if Skylar refused to comply, his family's lives would be at stake.

"Barry is such a scumbag to use such underhanded methods to deal with Skylar!" Hailey exclaimed while the people on Barry's side looked very smug.

Skylar is still a brainless brute no matter how good he can fight. Barry is the genius here! I'm pretty sure he will have to obey Barry since Barry has control of his family!

However, just as everyone assumed that Skylar would kneel, Skylar said, "Are you sure, Barry? Why don't you call your men to confirm if that's true?"

Since Skylar was heralded as the Dragon Commander, he was exceptionally skilled at mobilizing troops. So, such tricks would be unfazed by him. Skylar had already anticipated this before he left Cloudtopia. That was the reason why Dianne did not accompany him there.

Barry had a bad feeling about the whole situation as soon as Skylar said that. However, he was unwilling to back down.

"Hmph, don't think I'm joking with you! Since you want to know so much, I will pity you and let you witness their sorry state!" Barry made a video call as soon as he said that. However, no one answered the call after a long wait. So, he called the number again. But, his expression changed as soon as a female voice echoed through the other end before his call was sent to voicemail.

The ominous feeling engulfed Barry even more. However, he refused to back down and called someone else, only to be greeted by the same response. Barry was starting to feel nervous then as he called the third person and the fourth only to yield the same response. If they were having bad reception, some of them might be able to answer Barry's call. However, all four of them were unreachable. No one would leave without their phones then. This could only mean that his men had all perished.

"No! Impossible! This is absolutely impossible!" All the trump cards were gone, and Barry became extremely flustered. He could not understand how someone in Cloudtopia was able to kill his assassins when Skylar was there. Everyone on Barry's side was also shocked when that happened.

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"Where are your men? Can you reach them?" Skylar asked and continued, "Oh, don't worry, I can help you find them." Skylar made a video call to Dianne as soon as he said that.

Dianne answered immediately, "Sir!"

Skylar nodded, and asked: "Those four men. Have you prepped them yet?"

"Yes sir!" Dianne reported.

"Barry couldn't reach them and is getting anxious. Could you show them to Barry?" Skylar showed his phone to Barry.

So, everyone peeked over before their faces turned pale.

"This, this, this..." No one was able to mutter a complete sentence as they were greeted by four bloody heads. They were none other than the assassins sent to hunt Skylar's family down. All four heads shared the same frightened expression. It was the last reaction they had before they were beheaded.

Everyone stared at Skylar again and was completely frightened by him. So, he told Barry. "Alright, now that I've shown you what you wanted to see, it's time for you to meet your maker."

Barry trembled and pleaded, "Sky... Skylar... I'll give you money!"

"Do you think I'm short of money?" Skylar sneered.

Even if Barry were to offer everything he had to Skylar, Skylar would not want any of it. Since Barry was bold enough to attack his family, this alone had sealed his fate.

Barry's face darkened when Skylar approached him as he said, "You can't kill me! I belong to a very prestigious family! You've killed my brother already and if you kill me, my family will not let you go!"

It seemed that Barry's family was from the capital and was indeed prestigious.

Everyone from Barry's side was stunned to hear that as they did not expect Barry to have any relations to the capital. However, Skylar did not care about that as he said, "So what? They should just leave me alone or I will destroy their entire family!"

Everyone was frightened when they heard that as they wondered just who exactly Skylar was to make such bold claims.

Skylar was like the boss of Cloudtopia to them. They did not think he was even a match to the capital. They wondered what motivated Skylar to make such bold claims. This was too much for anyone to handle. However, only Dudley was pleased by this. He knew that no one would even remotely pose a threat to Skylar. The Dragon Commander's rule was absolute.

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Barry panicked after noticing how calm Skylar looked. He had spent years abusing power and never thought that someday he would perish in Skylar's hands.

"Stop!" Barry stumbled backward and took out a gun before pointing it at Skylar. He said, "Stop, or I'll

shoot!"

Barry felt calm with the gun in his hands. He was known to be a sharpshooter and could hit any fast-moving targets. No matter how good Skylar was, he knew that Skylar would be slower than a bullet.

So, everyone from Barry's side were relieved to see that. However, Skylar sneered, "Go ahead! Do you think that can stop me?"

Skylar continued walking toward Barry. However, just as he was about to reach Barry, Barry said, "If you dare take another step forward, I will shoot!" He was not sure if he could kill Skylar with a single shot based on how skilled Skylar was. If he was unable to kill him with a single shot, he would no doubt perish. He only meant to deter Skylar with the gun. However, he did not expect Skylar to be unfazed as Skylar said, "Go ahead then! Only cowards refuse to shoot!"

So, a loud boom could be heard as Barry pulled the trigger, causing a golden bullet to fly out directly to Skylar's head. Everyone was nervous for Skylar. They wondered if he could stop a bullet no matter how powerful he was. That was a bullet that was fast approaching him!

"Mr. Stone!" Everyone from Cloudtopia was nervous for Skylar while Barry's men could not wait to watch Skylar perish.

They even decided to take over Cloudtopia after crushing their morale.

"Dragon Commander!" Hailey called out in fear. Zach on the other hand did not seem bothered at all.

Is he out of his mind? Did he really think that he's invulnerable? How could he be so arrogant when

Barry has a gun! He really has a death wish!

Something shocking happened as soon as they thought about that. They were all baffled when Skylar did not dodge out of the way as he caught the bullet with his fingers.

"What? He caught the bullet?"

"Am I dreaming?"

"Wait, he is holding the bullet in his hands!" Everyone was baffled by this as they could not imagine anyone catching a bullet with their bare hands. Skylar had completely stunned everyone as Barry's face contorted. Although he was certain that the bullet would not kill Skylar, he did not expect Skylar to be completely unscathed by this.

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"Not even Toxic armed with a sniper rifle can kill me. Do you think that broken gun of yours is enough to take me down? How foolish!" Skylar sneered.

With a quick flick, Skylar threw the bullet back at Barry, hitting him in the head. Blood began pouring out of his head as soon as that happened as the impact had caused him to be nailed to the wall behind him.

It seemed that Skylar was more powerful than a gun.

With a loud plop, Barry slumped over lifelessly on the ground. Barry had perished then.

After that, Skylar told Barry's men, "So, who's next? Go on, stand up, make your presence known and I will send you to meet Barry!"

Everyone backed away slowly as soon as Skylar said that as they immediately knelt in front of Skylar, begging for mercy. "Please spare us, Mr. Stone. We're forced by Barry!"

"Barry is too powerful. If he says to kill someone, he will kill him. We have no choice but to support him!"

Seeing the powerhouses in the front row all kneeling down, the others followed suit."

"Mr. Stone, we have no grievances or enmities, and absolutely have no intention of going against you."

Skylar sneered, "I don't care if you are forced or here willingly, I will give you a chance. Surrender now or die!"

Everyone looked stunned as soon as they heard that before exclaiming, "We are willing to pledge our undying fealty toward you, Mr. Stone!"

They could clearly see Skylar's unrivaled powers. They would never forget how Barry Perished.

How could anyone refuse to surrender then? That would be a deathwish! All they could do was surrender.

Seeing that everyone had submitted, Skylar turned his gaze back which startled the others who met his gaze.

So, he decided that his job was done and needed to return home to Cloudtopia.

On the way, he called Dianne and asked Dianne to issue necessary warnings to Barry's family in the capital/

Although he wasn't afraid of Barry's family at all, he just wanted to be with his wife and children at ease, with as little trouble as possible.

Meanwhile at the Jenkin's family mansion in the capital.

A man who resembled Parker and Barry was inside the house, admiring an ink painting hanging on the wall.

This painting was completed by him just last week. From the perspective of brushwork and color use, it already looked like a master's work.

This person is Parker and Barry's elder brother, Frank Jenkins!

"Sir, something has happened!"

The next moment, the housekeeper, Mr. Chase ran in with panicked eyes.

"Sir, Mr. Barry was killed by that kid named Skylar!"

"What?"

Frank stared at the housekeeper, Mr. Chase.

Mr. Chase gulped, and continued: "Silence was defeated by Skylar without much effort. The other four members were also killed by Skylar's men in Cloudtopia. Barry was also shot dead by Skylar."

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"Skylar..." Frank looked menacing when he muttered that name. He continued, "You should really look at who you're offending. You should really think about me, before you kill my brothers..."

Frank was about to get angry when the cell phone on the desk rang suddenly.

He walked to the table and picked up his phone.

When he saw the name, his whole body trembled.

He quickly answered the call before he could react.

No one knew what happened as Frank's demeanor changed as soon as he answered the call.

After a while, he said respectfully: "Yes! I understand! Please rest assured, sir, I will never offend that person!"

The person on the other end hung up the phone.

And Frank, maintaining the posture of answering the phone, couldn't slow down for a long time.

The housekeeper, Mr. Chase, was baffled by this.

He had been working for their family for decades, but he had never seen Frank look so scared.

Who is the person on the other end of the phone? Who is that person Frank was talking about?

Meanwhile at Tawnley.

It was the private club in a secluded location last time, in the living room.



Ninety percent of the rich and powerful in Tawnlee gathered here.

The old man in robes on the main seat was Grandmaster Wexler. He was relaxing in his chair while the others spoke.

"Have you all heard about what happened in Tawnley?"

"What happened?"

"Two days ago, the remaining assassins of Barry's organization went to Cloutopia to assassinate Skylar, but Skylar killed him in the end."

"In a fit of rage, Barry set up a ring in Tawnly and even declared war on Skylar, asking Silence to fight to the death with Skylar."

"I heard that the reason why Barry is stronger than Parker is because he has a lot of eyes, he is cunning, and he keeps a hand in everything."

"Since he dares to start a war against Skylar, it means that he is fully prepared."

"That's right! Although Skylar can kill an expert like Toxic, I heard that Toxic only ranks second among the assassins. It's Silence who ranks first who fears no one!"

Listening to everyone's discussion, Grandmaster Wexler calmly sipped some tea.

Suddenly, Grandmaster Wexler's phone vibrated.

He immediately put down his tea and answered it.

The entire living room was suddenly silent, and everyone held their breath, waiting for the latest news from the person on the other end of the phone.

A man's voice could be heard coming from the other end of the call saying, "Grandmaster Wexler, Silence was defeated and murdered. The other four assassins were beheaded and put on public display. The worst of all is how Barry was shot through the head by Skylar. He died on the spot. This prompted everyone to submit to Skylar right there and then."

"What? Barry is dead?" exclaimed everyone.

They were just talking about how Barry was in command of six incredibly powerful assassins and that Skylar would not be able to defeat all of them. However, they did not expect to receive news about how all six assassins working under Barry's command had been murdered. More importantly was how everyone had pledged fealty to Skylar after that.

Skylar is too scary!

The only person that could stay calm in the entire living room was Grandmaster Wexler.

He responded calmly and hung up the phone.

"Grandmaster Wexler, what should we do? Do we need to make any preparations?"

A group of people asked in panic.

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The very few who were just moments ago feeling confident about themselves and were stubborn to submit to Skylar were feeling very anxious about the situation then.

"What are you panicking about?" Grandmaster Wexler glared at everyone and said, "Haven't I made myself clear three days ago? Even without Barry, we still have the support of our family in the capital. They've been around for centuries and you can imagine just how powerful they truly were."

Grandmaster Wexler was incredibly confident when he explained the situation. However, as soon as he said that, a man gasped behind him. The man screamed, "Good gosh! What is going on?"

So, everyone immediately turned toward him. All they could see was how shocked he looked while staring at his phone.

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"What's going on, Mr. Parker?" Everyone asked.

Grandmaster Wexler turned around and said, "Haven't I told you countless times to stay calm in every situation? How could you be so easily rattled by some news you saw on your phone..."

However, before he could finish, the man interjected, "Sir, I received word that the Jenkins family back at the capital had made a statement claiming that they had broken ties with both Barry and Parker. So, they would not do anything about their deaths nor would they seek out vengeance."

"What?" Everyone was shocked to hear that.

Everyone was so shaken by this that all they could do was stare at each other in disbelief while Grandmaster Wexler was also starting to panic.

"How is this possible!" Grandmaster Wexler exclaimed.

He knew that the only reason that the Jenkins family from the capital to make such a statement would be that Skylar's power and influence was too terrifying for them. So, with that thought, everyone gulped nervously. They were wondering just who exactly was Skylar to be that terrifying. So much so that the Jenkins family from the capital would sever ties with Parker and Barry immediately without being bothered by how others would think about their actions.

They knew that Parker was not a good person, but was still the patriarch of his family. However, even after being so openly challenged, none of them were willing to intervene. This was just too unbelievable to them.

Meanwhile, Skylar would obviously be oblivious to what was happening behind the scenes. However, even if he did, that would not bother him at all. The only people he cared about then was Lola and his wife, Yulla.

After leaving Tawnley, Skylar made his way back to Cloudtopia. However, he heard Lola's singing before he could enter the mansion.

He could hear how someone was guiding Lola while she sang. It seemed that Valerie was tutoring her then.

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So, Skylar could not stop himself from picking up the pace. He called out, "I'm home!"

When Lola noticed him, she cheered and before Skylar could unlock the door, she opened it immediately before jumping into his arms and saying, "Daddy, you're home! I missed you!"

Skylar spun her around which made her laugh.

"Slow down there, Lola. Watch your step!" Valerie rushed down the stairs then.

It seemed that as soon as Lola spotted Skylar, she rushed down the stairs which startled Valerie so much that she ran after her immediately. However, since Lola knew the place better than Valerie, she was unable to catch up.

However, she was able to calm down when she noticed Lola in Skylar's arms. She said, "Gosh, what on Earth did you feed her? How is she able to run so fast? Why can't I catch up to her?"

Skylar laughed without saying much. However, he clearly knew why exactly Lola was able to run that fast. That was because he had been training her every week which strengthened her body.

While hugging Skylar, Lola said, "Hey daddy, after you left, this pretty lady here has been teaching me how to sing and I already learned how to sing well now!"

"Oh? Why don't you sing for me then, honey!" Skylar said.

'Sure!" Without hesitation, Lola immediately started to sing for Skylar.

Skylar was immediately stunned by her voice. That was because as a four year old, she was able to master every single difficult tone. If she was to practice for a few more days, she would be able to shine like a star during the competition.

"That was awesome, honey! I am already your fan." Skylar praised.

Valerie said, "I didn't want to teach her that song initially, but after she was able to master some nursery rhymes without much effort, I decided to teach her something a little harder. Lola is incredibly smart and very gifted. If she wants to be a singer in the future, she will no doubt sing better than me."

Lola blushed after she was praised by Valerie. She said, "It's all thanks to this pretty lady here. I was able to understand what she's trying to teach me."

Everyone laughed as soon as they heard that. They did not expect someone that young knew how to flatter.

"Hey honey, let's pick your mother up with the pretty lady here. I'll treat all of you to dinner later."

Although it was the weekends, Kareem Fashions was still incredibly busy, so Yulia told Valerie to babysit Lola before she went to work. Since it was almost time for Yulia to get off work, Skylar drove everyone to Kareem Fashions. As soon as they approached the main entrance, they could hear Yulia's voice.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Xander, Kareem Fashions belongs to my family and we have never thought about selling it to others."

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All they could hear was an arrogant man's voice saying, "Why don't you have a good look at how exactly you're talking to right now, Yulai! I came all this way myself to buy Kareem Fashions because I see your potential! Even with your anti-blemish cream, your entire property isn't even worth more than five billion dollars. I am offering you ten billion dollars, so tell me, what are you still so unhappy about? You better understand your current position!"

Skylar's expression dimmed as soon as he heard that. He could not believe that someone was bold enough to threaten his wife.

You have a deathwish!

So, Skylar kicked the door open and strode in the building. All he could see was Yulia sitting in front of her desk with a man in his thirties. This man was clearly a spoiled brat.

However, Skylar did not care about who the man was as he yelled, "Scram! Or else, I will hurt you!"

The man was stunned when that happened. He did not expect anyone to be that arrogant to him in that city.

However, he was able to calm himself down immediately as he scoffed and said, "Who do you think you are? How dare you..."

"Shut up!" Skylar did not waste any time as he strode over and lifted the man up by the collar from his chair.

Somehow, the man was unable to do anything despite his size when he was being grabbed by Skylar. When he regained his senses, he was already hovering midair. The man was insulted by this, so he screamed. "Let go of me, or I will kill you!"

Upon hearing this, Skylar grabbed the man and walked to the window and said, "If you dare say another word, I will drop you from here!"

Skylar pressed the man's face firmly on the glass when he said that which made the man nervous.

They were on the nineteenth floor and if Skylar was to drop him then, he would perish immediately. He knew that Skylar was serious, so he felt even more afraid then.

"You... Let me go. I'll leave on my own!" The man dared not say another word after that.

"Scram!" Skylar released him which caused him to fall on the ground hard.

"Hmph! Just you wait!" The man bolted out of the office after that.

Skylar was completely unfazed by it, but Yulia was a little baffled by what Skylar did. She said, "Say Skylar, why do I think that you're becoming a little more violent lately?"

Skylar was not pleased to hear that as he asked, "Skylar? Shouldn't you call me honey? Say Yulia, I feel like you'll only call me honey when you need something. Is that right?" Skylar teased.

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That joke somehow made Yulia blush as Skylar had made a fair point. It seemed like she had never thought about that, but it would be very easy to get Skylar to misunderstand her... Somehow, Yulia felt extremely guilty when he said that. But, she found it very difficult to call him honey in front of Valerie. That was because they were not married yet and she still had her pride. But, in order to calm Skylar down, she nervously mumbled, "Honey, why do you seem like you're becoming more violent recently?"

This only made Yulia blush harder. Somehow that small change had made her seem like she was flirting with him. She felt embarrassed by the whole ordeal.

Seeing how much Yulia was blushing pleased Skylar, so he said, "Well, the last person who threatened my wife is already six feet under! I mean, I'd kill whoever that seeks out trouble with me!"

"Wow, you are incredible!" Yulia rolled her eyes at Skylar. She wanted to tell Skylar about how powerful that man from earlier was, but she decided to leave it be after seeing how arrogant Skylar was.

That was because she knew that Skylar was a reasonable man and he would not care about status and would always punish indiscriminately.

Valerie, on the other hand, was envious of how protective Skylar was toward Yulia.

Meanwhile at the main entrance of Kareem Fashions. The man who was sent away by Skylar could be seen storming into a purple Porsche.

His bodyguard and his driver seemed to have been waiting for him for a long time. The bodyguard handed him a bottle of water and asked, "Is it done, sir?"



"No!" The man sounded furious as he violently opened the bottle and chugged the water down as he said, "How dare him! She should be honored to be graced by my offer! I didn't expect her to refuse me on the spot! Ten billion dollars is more than enough for that woman to live the rest of her life without worries. Who does she think she is!"

The bodyguard found the situation amusing. Although Kareem Fashions was not a huge company, a single project from them was worth more than any huge companies out there. He understood why Yulia was unwilling to sell her company then. Although ten billion dollars was a lot of money, this seemed more like a robbery than a business deal. But, the bodyguard decided to keep his thoughts to himself. Instead, he said, "How dare she! Don't worry about her, sir. She's not worth it." The bodyguard paused and nervously asked, "Where are we going now, sir? Should we return to the capital?"

"The capital?" The man scoffed and said, "Do you think I will let this slide that easily? Just you wait, it won't take long for Yulia to beg me to buy Kareem Fashions off her. When the time comes, that offer won't be as generous anymore. If I can't have it, no one can!"

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A new week began the following day. So, Yulia drove herself to work in the morning. Skylar, on the other hand, sent Lola to the kindergarten before driving Valerie to a commercial shoot.

That was because the photographer wanted to take some extra shots. However, as soon as he arrived, he received a call from Yulia. He teased, "Aww honey, do you miss me already?"

However, Yulia was in no mood to joke with him. She sounded panicked as she said, "Have you sent Valerie over? If so, could you hurry back? Something's wrong and it's pretty serious."

"Something's wrong? Alright, stay calm, I'll be there right away." Skylar hung up and immediately made his way over to Kareem Fashions.

As soon as he arrived at Yulia's office, he noticed a crowd gathering around a woman in the hallway. Upon closer inspection, it turned out to be his sister, Naomi.

Naomi looked incredibly sad and seemed to be at the brink of tears as he asked, "What's wrong, Naomi?"

"Skylar!" Naomi broke down immediately when she spotted Skylar.

She leapt into his arms and cried. "It wasn't me, Skylar! It really wasn't me. They framed me!"

Before Skylar could say anything, the other people started yelling at her. "What is wrong with you?"

"We noticed you sneaking around, so it has to be you who leaked our formula!"

"You traitor!"

"Why are we still keeping her around, Madam Sue?"

"That will be too easy for her! She has leaked sensitive information and charges have to be made! She needs to pay for what she has done!"

It was only then did Skylar notice Yulia.

She believed Naomi because of Skylar. However, before any evidence was presented, she could not side with anyone yet. Or else, she would not be able to please anyone in the future. So, the first thing she did was to call Skylar. It seemed that Skylar had somehow become her anchor.

It would be up to Skylar to prove Naomi's innocence then. After seeing what was going on, Skylar understood the situation, so he asked Yulia, "What's going on, honey?"

Yulia sighed and said, "Someone leaked our anti-blemish cream's formula last night. Although I've made sure the formula was deleted, it's still too late. It was already posted online and a lot of people have downloaded it. Although I've hired professionals to take care of this, if anyone who has ulterior motives wanted to, they can change the formula, brand and packaging before selling their product out there. So, this will be an extremely huge loss for us. But, let's not talk about that now. The more important thing is our reputation. It seems that our plans to conquer the whole country are not going to happen anymore."