Guardian 121

Chapter 121 Overconfident Dan was baffled. Roger Hilfinger was not even a threat.

With Kaze's prestigious status, one word from him was more than enough to destroy the entire Hilfinger family, yet Darcy seemed to worry about him a lot.

Gold Tooth bitterly smiled and said, "Master Lee, Ms. Quint asked me to come here as well. She even called me and offered me a million.

bucks. | said | didn't want to but she insisted." He then gave the bank card to Kaze.

"This is the bank card that Ms. Quint asked Dan to give me. Master Lee, please give it back to Ms. Quint. I'm afraid she will be mad at me if | reject it."

Kaze was speechless and moved at the same time when he took the

bank card.

Darcy's savings were used on the housewarming party and she did not have a million dollars in her bank account at the moment. She must have borrowed money from Miru.

He had the best wife in the world.

She even asked Gold Tooth and Dan for help even though she disliked making contact with the people from the underworld.

Even her best friend Miru dared not tell her that she herself was the goddaughter of Alan Cummingham, the former king of the underworld.

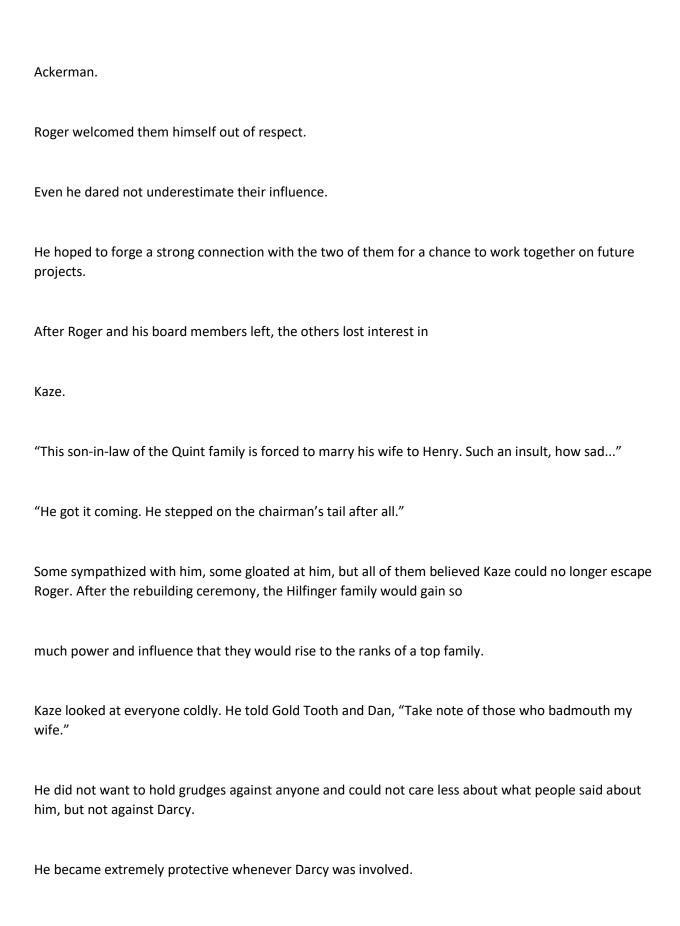
Miru actually went to Dan to settle the problem without Darcy's knowing.

Gold Tooth said with flattery, "Master Lee, we might not be of much. use here but we can still scare people off and make you look good!"
Dan nodded repeatedly.
Kaze was not concerned at all. He never hoped for the two of them to destroy the Hilfinger family after all. "Hmph. You two useless trash won't make anything look good!"
A frosty voice was heard.
Roger and the board members of the new Construction and Material Society, who were practically the other gangster bosses of the underworld, came over.
He heard from Kelly that Dan and Gold Tooth had come, so he came to have a look, worried that they would ruin the ceremony. However, when he saw Dan and Gold Tooth each bring only two men
with them, he felt an instant relief.
Not only the board members were present, their henchmen were all
over the venue as well.
Dan and Gold Tooth were not enough to cause a problem.
Dan said fiercely, "Roger Hilfinger, you really think having those idiots at your side scares us?"
The board members glared at Dan.
One of them scoffed and said, "Dan, you were known as the most ferocious gangster in the underworld but you are such a coward now in front of some useless retard. Why would you want to flatter him? You are the biggest joke in the underworld now!

"And you, Gold Tooth! He told you to extract your golden teeth and you did? Are you stupid?" The board members sneered at the two of them. Gold Tooth and Dan were infuriated, but with Kaze around, they had no right to speak, so all they could do was ignore the provocations. The board members thought their sneers worked, so they mocked the two of them even harder. Roger did not take them seriously either. He looked at Kaze coldly and said, "Kaze Lee, | didn't expect you to show up alone. Since I'm in a good mood today, I'll give you a chance to beg me. If you divorce your wife and let her marry Henry, | will grant you a swift death." Everyone was surprised by how arrogant and outrageous Roger's request was. Aside from asking Kaze to divorce his wife and have her marry Henry, Roger wanted him dead. Though no one suspected his ferocity and threats with the numerous gangster bosses on his side. Roger was the master of the Hilfinger family, the chairman of Hilfinger Corporation and now the chairman of the new Construction and Material Society. He had countless ways to make Kaze disa ar. He was bold enough to openly threaten Kaze, not because overconfident, but because his power had increased greatly! Chapter 122 The End of The Hilfinger Family Everyone looked at Kaze.

They assumed the useless idiot would surely hand over his wife and could not escape death. No one knew why Roger resented Kaze that much.
Even if Darcy married Kaze and not Henry, it should not be the reason
either.
Then, Kaze provided the answer to everyone's question.
He scoffed and said, "Roger, where's your son? Today is your big day and he's not here?" Roger was instantly infuriated with veins bulging all over his forehead.
He bellowed, "Shut up, you little piece of shit!"
Kaze would not stop. He looked around and continued, "Is he still at the hospital? heard he was castrated a few days ago. Roger, heard you only have one son, and if he's useless now, how are you going to continue the bloodline?"
His words left the crowd astonished. How could they not know t something this serious? "Mr. Chairman, what happened to your son? Can he recover from this?" someone asked out of concern. There was no way Henry could recover from losing his penis, having been flushed down the drain and was gone forever.
Before Kaze could speak, Roger immediately said, "Kaze Lee, gave you one chance and you wasted it. promised my son to take your wife for him and make her his slave. And you will die from the
Kaze's pupils dilated in anger.
Sharp killing intent exploded and shrouded Roger whole.





Soon, Roger led Andrew and Liv into the hall. Their arrival sparked a little commotion at the entrance, especially among the ladies. Kelly and Jessica screamed excitedly and went over for an autograph. Chapter 123 VVIP "Those two aren't young anymore and they still idolize celebrities." Kaze was speechless as he shook his head. Dan chuckled and said, "Master Lee, it's normal nowadays. Many housewives and mature women like young idols, and even nickname. them as sugar babies or whatnot. Those women are as playful as us men!" He was the owner of many nightclubs and bars in the underworld, so it was not surprising that he knew all these. "Ladies and gentlemen, friends and family, the rebuilding ceremony is about to start, please be seated!" The emcee's voice echoed across the hall. Most of the guests had arrived. They took their seats based on the placement of their name tags. The Quint family's seat was arranged at the back, where the seats of smaller companies were.

back to humiliate them. Kaze was the only representative and he was not concerned about where the seat was. He went over and sat down.

The Quint family was a second-tier family and they should be sea closer to the main stage but Roger

arranged for them to sit at the

Dan and Gold Tooth had no seats reserved for them, so they followed Kaze to the back and managed to fill up the seats designated for the Quint family together with the men they brought.

Jessica was one row in front of them.

When Kaze came over, she grinned and mocked him, "Kaze, are you sitting here? Has the Quint family declined? Oh wait, | almost forgot. You are just the son-in-law who married into the family. Without the Quint family, you wouldn't even be sitting here."

Kaze said coldly, "Stop bragging about where you sit. You better think of what to say when you kneel before James' grave." Jessica grunted scornfully.

She sneered at him, "If you can make the Hilfinger family disappear, as you said before, then I'll go. Too bad it's not going to happen, not in this life or the next."

Kaze ignored her. Soon, almost two thousand seats were all filled, except for the front rows reserved for honorable guests.

The rebuilding ceremony of the Construction and Material Society gathered most of the influential figures from the world of business and politics-CEOs of different companies, heads of famous families, persons in charge of different government departments, and the like.

The connections of the Hilfinger family combined with the Construction and Material Society's were terrifying. Without Kaze as the hindrance, the Hilfinger family would surely

ascend to the ranks of top families in Lilyrose.

Roger was proud and delighted to see the scene.

His seat was at the forefront and he was talking to the people in charge of the Traffic Department, local government financing platform, and more.

Then, Haiden went up to him with a bright look and whispered into his
ear.
The bright look then shifted onto Roger's face.
He took the mic and said, "Everyone, would like to welcome several
VVIPs to the ceremony. Please welcome them with a round of applause!"
Everyone was curious about who the VVIPS were.
Roger gave the mic to Haiden and the latter looked proud and confident as he announced the names of the VVIPs. "First, let us welcome the Mayor of Lilyrose City, Mr. Johnson Brooks!"
The other guests grew tumultuous when they heard that the mayor had come to the ceremony. The Hilfinger family was indeed influential to be able to invite the
mayor.
Then, Johnson strutted in from the entrance and was welcomed by thunderous applause.
"Next, we have the Deputy Mayor cum the Chief of Police, Mr. Don
Braders!"
Don was Johnson's right-hand man, known for his righteous iron fist in policing the city. He too possessed high power in Lilyrose. His arrival caused quite the commotion as well.

After Don, Haiden announced several more reputable figures from different government departments They were all crucial figures in Lilyrose's political scene.
Then, Haiden grinned as if an even bigger surprise was coming.
"Let us now welcome two VVIPs from the Strategic Department of
Lilyrose!
"The Commander of the Tiger Fangs Militia Group, Brigadier General
Shin Scarlet!
"And the Commander of the Garo Spec Ops Team, Brigadier General Koga Atlas!"
The lively atmosphere in the hall reached the climax following the
announcement.
The thunderous applause and cheers were so loud they could pierce the sky.
Chapter 124 More Surprises
No one thought that the Lilyrose Strategic Department, who rarely attended local events, sent a representative over to attend the ceremony.
Shin was a well-known figure among the citizens of Lilyrose.
His Tiger Fangs even arrested Dan and his men who caused problems at the construction site two days ago during their routine practice. It made the headlines for days and became the hottest topic.

As for Koga, he was lesser known but he too was a powerful figure- the commander of the special operation team, ranked the same as Brigadier General Shin, and only one more rank away from general.
The two powerful figures came to the ceremony of the Construction and Material Society.
The Hilfinger family was well-connected!
Even Roger was overwhelmed by their presence.
He invited the mayor and the chief of police, but he did not invite the two brigadier generals.
He did not expect that they would pay him a surprise visit.
The ceremony was full of surprises!
When the news got out, even the top families and Lefteria Group who rejected his invitation would be in awe.
The top families teamed up to blunt his confidence and now he got the chance to surprise them back.
Roger believed that the two brigadier generals showed up because of the Lee family.
Then, the mayor followed the brigadier generals to the back. Don and the rest of the people in charge did the same. At the forefront, Andrew and Liv, the two top celebrities, looked pale
and mortified.
From the moment Koga entered the hall, they were petrified.

The two of them were brought back to Koga's base yesterday and were forced to write an apology letter of ten thousand words. They were taken "good" care of and were asked to type the same letter from their phones and post it online.
They wrote and typed so much that their hands went numb after they were released.
Not even signing autographs for fans was this tiring.
They were afraid of Koga, so they had been watching him since he
entered.
They saw Koga walking to the back and after a closer look, they spotted Kaze. Their faces turned as pale as paper immediately.
Chapter 125 Messed Up Compared to Koga, Andrew and Liv were more afraid of Kaze.
Andrew said in a trembling muffled voice, "Liv, Commander Atlas went to the back because he doesn't want to sit in front of that great one. If we continue to sit here at the front, we will suffer again when they notice us!"
"Yeah!" Liv nodded.
The two top celebrities stood up.
"Mr. Chairman, can you change our seats? We want to sit there as
well."

Everyone looked to the back.

The representatives of smaller companies were arranged to sit at the back. No familiar faces except for one-Kaze.

Everyone knew Kaze was the son-in-law who married into the Quint family. He challenged Roger openly just now and claimed he would destroy the Hilfinger family.

However, no one took his words seriously. They simply assumed he was talking nonsense, a jester who could not read the room. From the moment he challenged Roger openly, he had already set one. foot in his grave.

Everyone searched but did not find the mysterious person whom the two brigadier generals, the mayor, and other influential figures dared not disrespect.

They thought it was not a VVIP but something else. What could it be?

Roger went over and asked, "Mayor Brooks, Commanders, | have arranged for you to sit in front. Is there something wrong that made you come to the back?"

Johnson glanced at Kaze who did not speak a word. Before he understood Kaze's intention, he dared not simply reveal Kaze's identity.

"Mr. Chairman, everything is fine. Today is your big day and | don't want to steal the limelight from you.

Johnson came up with a lame excuse and tried to brush Roger off.

Shin chimed in, "We are from the military and we usually don't attend events like this, so we want to keep a low profile." The powerful figures wanted to keep a low profile?

Everyone was struck with realization.

" see. understand. Humility is a virtue that we must all learn!"
Roger breathed a sigh of relief and flattered them. As long as it was not his fault, things could proceed as planned. Then, the others who remained seated in front suddenly got up.
CEOs of big companies, heads of first-tier families, and people in charge of different departments, every one of them got up from their
seats.
"Mr. Chairman, if the mayor chooses to keep a low profile, then we should do the same. We want to be seated at the back as well."
The most powerful people were sitting at the back and if the CEOS and others remained in front, it would be disrespectful. Therefore, everyone moved to the back and the entire seat arrangement was messed up.
Chapter 126 Low Profile
Astrange scene happened.
Every row in front of Kaze swiftly got empty.
Only him, Gold Tooth, Dan, and their men remained seated at the
same place.
There was no one left in front of him but it was extremely crowded

behind him.
Kaze came under the spotlight as the crowd moved behind him.
Jessica followed everyone to the back. When she noticed Kaze was still sitting at the same spot, she scoffed. "Kaze, all the VVIPS had gone to the back but you are still sitting there. Are you trying to embarrass them?!" She was loud with her sneers.
Kelly, Haiden, and the others were busy arranging the seats for the guests and they too laughed when they heard Jessica. "What's the problem with me sitting here? Who said can't sit here?"
Kaze leaned back and sat comfortably on the chair. He was not
moving.
Haiden bellowed, "You stupid idiot! How dare you sit in front of the mayor and the other VVIPS? Who do you think you are? Get the hell back there!"
He and Wayne wanted to drag Kaze to the back.
Slam!
Then, Johnson slammed the armrest of his chair and bolted up. He
VITUL UV you
, the mayor of this city, enjoy the privilege and be seated at the forefront?" The mayor's angry shout silenced the entire hall.



They were looking at a brigadier general with real power. Anyone who crossed him would face his wrath.
"Commander Atlas, Commander Scarlet, we are so sorry!"
The heads of families apologized and quickly went back to their original seats.
They thought changing seats was necessary to show respect to the VVIPs, but they were wrong.
The VVIPs wanted to stay a low profile and they made them stand
out.
It was not a good idea.
However, everyone realized that the mayor and the brigadier general were not mad because of Kaze. Jessica, Kelly, and the others breathed a sigh of relief.
Kaze was still a useless idiot. Why would the VVIPs stand up for him?
He was not worthy.
"Kaze, you're really lucky that the VVIPS sat behind you. Look at you, you little clown!"
Jessica returned to her original seat, which was right in front of Kaze. She turned around and mocked him softly. She was both jealous and contemptuous.

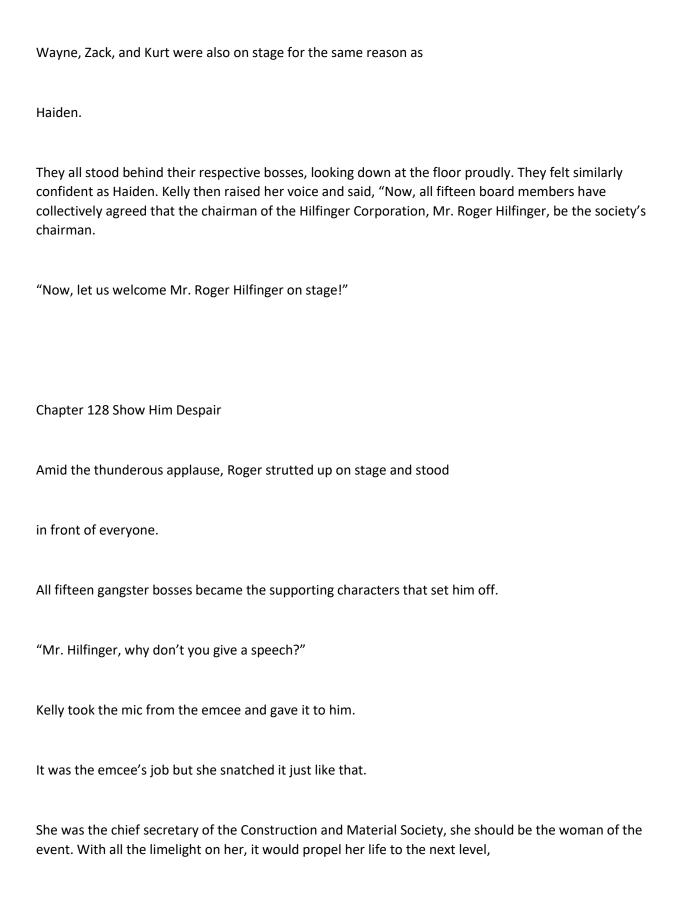
Chapter 127 Fifteen Board Members
Kaze did not want to waste time on the woman. He was more interested in Roger's performance.
The emcee was on stage with the mic.
The rebuilding ceremony of the Construction and Material Society had officially begun.
"Ladies and gentlemen, today is the big day that the Construction and Material Society will be rebuilt. Welcome" The emcee gave an uplifting speech.
There were almost two thousand people on the floor, applauding like rumbling thunder.
Next, as the chief secretary of the new Construction and Material
Society, Kelly was invited on stage to read the new system and projects.
They were just some beautiful but empty words.
After the standard speech, Kelly smiled and said, "Now, let me introduce you to the fifteen board members of the new Constructio and Material Society!"
Then, many people stood up from their seats.
As a matter of fact, the list of board members was not a secret. They were all the gangster bosses of the underworld. Fifteen of them joined the society and became the board members.

It made the headlines for days.

The most people talked about was how Roger got all fifteen of them

life.
When the news got out, almost the entire city assumed that Roger would be the new underworld king of the city. Every man that worked under him was a ferocious gangster boss.
Who else dared to offend the man? Even the top families would avoid
him.
Kelly then started to read names.
"The first board member, Mr. Bob Damian! Please welcome him on
stage!"
Amid the thunderous applause, a fat man with buck teeth came on stage. He bowed, waved, and smiled at everyone. Bob was a veteran in the underworld and because of his buck teeth,
he was also known as Buck Bob, but no one dared to call him that in
his face.
Those who called him Buck Bob in his face were either dead or ina
coma.
There was someone else who followed Bob up on stage-Haiden!

Haiden looked extremely proud. He became Bob's secretary in the society.
In just a few short days, he had gotten closer to Bob and they already called each other brothers.
He stood behind Bob and looked at the floor filled with people. He felt like he had reached the peak of his career. He even looked at Kaze and scoffed at him.
"Idiot. He mocked me for sucking up to Henry. Can he do what did
and we up more enjoymy in av
He saw himself as a VIP now because he had the Construction and Material Society as his support.
Soon, he would be able to rise to prominence in the city.
"The second board member, Mr. Frank Dodger. Please welcome him
"The third board member, Mr. Richard Flemming
"The fifth
"The fourth":
All fifteen board members got up on stage together. Every one of them looked more like a criminal than a businessman. Their ferocity was more than enough to deter the people on the floor.



Soon, she would become the daughter-in-law of the Hilfinger family! In the future, she might even be the missus of the top family in

Lilyrose. Kelly had high hopes for her future. Roger looked at the guests on the floor.

Some of them were CEOs of local and foreign companies, so them were heads of top families, and some were in charge of var government departments.

There was also the mayor, the chief of police, and the two brigadie generals from the military. They all attended the event because of him.

Today would be the day that the Hilfinger family rose to prominence in Lilyrose.

It would also be the peak of Roger's life.

Roger was filled with unprecedented enthusiasm as he took the mic. He said strongly, "I prepared a script for the speech today but | don't think | need it anymore."

He tossed the script away and then looked at Kaze at a distance.

Everyone looked in the same direction and felt bad for Kaze. All the guests knew that Roger's speech would target Kaze specifically.

He wanted to make an example out of Kaze.

However, Kaze was just a shameless son-in-law of the Quint family, some nameless guy that no one cared about. Why would Roger want to target him specifically?

It would be flattering the idiot.

No one knew the grudge Roger had against Kaze.

"Kaze Lee, you claimed that you are going to destroy the Hilfinger family. Let me ask you now, what do you think about the new and rebuilt Construction and Material Society?"

Roger stared at Kaze coldly. He was staring at the culprit who turned his son into a eunuch and ended his lineage! He wanted to make an example out of Kaze by humiliating him in public before pummeling him into the ground. Then, he would use Kaze's death as a warning to all the top families who dared to march against the Hilfinger family. Kaze remained seated despite all eyes on him.

He said calmly, "I think the new and rebuilt Construction and Material Society is ending soon. So is the Hilfinger family. You and your son will also be gone!"

His words shocked everyone on the floor.

Such arrogance!

How dared he say that to Roger who had risen to prominence with the society's influence?

It was pure nonsense!

The Construction and Material Society was stronger than ever and it had fifteen gangster bosses as board members. Who would dare to cross them, especially in public?

Kelly bellowed, "Kaze Lee, you must be having a death wish! How dare you speak to Mr. Hilfinger like that? Are you trying to get your entire family killed?"

"Yeah! With Mr. Hilfinger's influence and status, with his one word, your wife's family will be over!"

"Kaze, if | were you, I'd apologize immediately and hand over your wife to be Henry's slave for life!"

Haiden and the others joined the fray and sneered at Kaze.

Kaze glanced at them coldly. "Just because of what you people said, after the Hilfinger family, you guys will be next!" Roger was infuriated by Kaze's stubbornness.
"If you are this arrogant, then let me show you what the Construction and Material Society could do!"
He then waved his hand.
"Turn on the screen and show him what despair is!"
Chapter 129 Do You Confess
Following Roger's order, the massive LED screen embedded on the
wall behind him lit up.
Something started to appear on the screen.
The first scene that appeared was a huge construction site.
"That's the Golden Edge construction site!"
Someone immediately recognized the site project.
Golden Edge was a new mall in the city, currently undergoing construction. It had a total investment of over a billion. The scene then cut to the front gate of the site. A red banner was being pulled up. "Golden Edge Project Department Congratulates the NEW

Construction and Material Society on the Rebuilding Ceremony!"
Below were the workers at the site, lining up neatly and clapping their hands.
Judging from the time frame displayed on the screen, it was live.
The scene reminded everyone of an incident that happened recently.
It was said that Bob sent his men to cause trouble at the Golden Edge construction site.
The person in charge of the site ultimately submitted and agreed to stop purchasing materials from Perfect World Group. They also signed an exclusive contract with the Construction and Material Society.
Now it seemed like the rumors were true.
However, it was obvious that the workers were not happy with it and they were forced to congratulate the society. There seemed to be gangsters off-screen, watching and threatening them to comply.
The screen shrunk into a corner and other construction sites were
shown.
Then, more and more construction sites were being displayed on the
screen.
Similar to the Golden Edge construction site, all the front gates had congratulatory red banners pulled up.
"Sky Palace Residence"

"Lotus Moon Bay..." The screen was showing different construction sites back and forth. The floor was completely silenced because there were at least a hundred construction sites shown on the screen. Meaning, more than a hundred construction projects were going on simultaneously in the city and they all succumbed to the coercion of the Construction and Material Society. There were a little over a hundred construction projects going on in the city at the moment. Other than a handful of construction sites, all the others were forced to comply. It might seem like a congratulatory live but it showed how scary the Construction and Material Society could be. "Mr. Hilfinger, all the construction sites that worked with Perfect World Group have been taken away by the society?" someone asked. Roger nodded. He said, "From today onward, there should be no more Everyone was shocked by Roger's bold statement. Half a month ago, Perfect World Group made headlines because of an acquisition worth a billion. Now, the company was being targeted by the Construction and Material Society and was on the brink of bankruptcy!

"Mr. Hilfinger, Orange Light Corporation must work closely with the society..." "Broadway Corporation as well..." Many CEOs and heads of top families tried to flatter Roger. Even though they already knew Roger had taken over the business by force, when Roger showed it off before their eyes, they finally realized how powerful the Construction and Material Society was. The Hilfinger family had grown to an unprecedented height. "The society is all that you can work with," Roger said coldly. Everyone else was silenced but they had no words to retaliate. It was not because of Roger's arrogance but it was because the Construction and Material Society grew too strong. The society had monopolized the industry! All the developers in the city would not dare to cross the society under any circumstances. Roger then looked down at Kaze again like a god looking at an an Like a god, he questioned Kaze emotionlessly, "Kaze Lee, do you confess your sins now?" Chapter 130 Kneel! This time, everyone looked at Kaze as if he was a corpse. They believed Kaze would not continue to be stubborn after witnessing the power of the Construction and Material Society, but they were wrong. "Roger Hilfinger, you are not worthy of judging me."

Kaze remained seated with a scornful look. He stared at Roger, finding it amusing for all that he had done just to display his power.

Roger said coldly, "A stubborn one | see. Your support, Perfect World Group, is going down. Ray Forrester is just a coward and he's not even here at the ceremony!

"Gold Tooth and Dan Niners are useless. | can kill them if | want to. What else do you think you have against me? Your status as the son- in-law of the Quint family? Hahaha..."

He cackled. "The Quint family is just a second-tier family. | just need to send one board member there and even Master Quint would kneel before me, let alone your wife who has no power in the family. No one. can protect you now. | can kill you with just one pinch!"

His frantic voice echoed across the hall, and he had the right and confidence to provoke Kaze.

He was the chairman of the new Construction and Material Society, commanding fifteen gangster bosses, earning him the title of the underworld king. The Hilfinger family, to which he belonged, would soon become one of the top families.

He had risen to the top of the hierarchy of power in Lilyrose.

He got so confident that not even Ray Forrester was a problem

Roger toned down his laughter and stared at Kaze. He bellowed, "You little bastard, kneel before me!"

"Kaze Lee, kneel!" Kelly shouted as well.

Haiden echoed the same. "Kaze Lee, why are you still sitting there? The chairman demands you to kneel!"

"Are you stupid? Kneel before the chairman!"

Wayne, Zack, and Kurt joined the fray.
"Kneel!"
Jessica slammed her armrest and turned around to glare at Kaze.
"Kneel!"
"Kneel!"
"Kneel!"
Those who were not related to Kaze all got up on their feet and
condemned Kaze.
Other than a handful of guests, all of them chanted for Kaze to kneel before Roger.
Almost two thousand guests chanted. Their voices combined into storm and could almost blast the roof of the building away. Kaze was the target of the ferocious storm.
Others would have succumbed to the pressure and kneeled with their weakened legs, but Kaze remained seated like a statue.
Two thousand guests chanting was nothing compared to two million soldiers roaring on the battlefield. He did not even flinch in the face of death.
Kaze chuckled.

"I'm sorry, my legs are not good. can't kneel."
He raised his hand and signaled Shin and Koga, who were sitting
behind him.
"Do it. Arrest all the gangsters of the Construction and Material Society. want every single detention center and even the prison cells to be full within the day!"
Everyone was stunned by Kaze's words before they laughed at him.
Kelly's laughter was extremely irritating. "Kaze Lee, are you being stupid again? You want to arrest all the board members? Apart from the fact that you have no power to do so, do you even have that many men to arrest them?"
"Does he think the brigadier generals would help him to arrest the gangsters just because they sat behind him? How stupid! He's the strangest guy I've seen"
The others continued to laugh.
They saw Kaze wave his hand and say the most outrageous thing. What they did not see was that the sign was an order to Shin and Koga. In the next moment, someone screamed.
"Look at the screen!"