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Emily decided to participate in Seaton High School's decennium celebration to take Crestfield High School down a notch. She was sure that Jack didn't harbor any fond feelings for Crestfield while being endlessly grateful toward Seaton for allowing him to reach his true potential.

With Emily's and Quintis' status, their appearance at Seaton's decennium celebration would undoubtedly improve the reputation of the school. It would also be Seaton's honor to host esteemed guests such as themselves.

Emily had even taken the time to analyze the differences between Crestfield and Seaton. While Crestfield had become a famous school for nurturing talents, the same could not be said of Seaton, which paled in comparison.

Emily wasn't able to accept how Jack was a graduate of such a school, which was why she decided to improve its image and make it bigger and better. Her goal was for Seaton to overtake Crestfield.

When Emily shared her plans with Quintis, hesitation flashed across his face. Although he was slightly moved by Emily's intentions, his rationality won out in the end.

"I think we should keep a low profile to avoid getting on Jack's bad side. However, it's a must for us to improve the reputation of his school. We can't allow the scale of his school's celebration to lose out to another school."

Especially since the other school in question was Crestfield that had expelled Jack once upon a time.

Quintis was deep in thought for a moment before he suggested, "How about this? I'll call the company right now to look up the partnerships we have with the big conglomerates in Perthter City and Vashington. I'll also contact the friends I have who are working in the government. I'll ask them if they're free to participate in Seaton High School's decennial celebration for Jack's sake.

"I'll also ask them for their support to invest in Seaton. We have to turn it into the top school in Perthter City no matter what it takes."

Since they couldn't participate in the celebration directly in fear of incurring Jack's ire, they could send their business partners and government friends in their stead. If Tristan, who was a reputable figure in his own right, led the operations, the proceedings wouldn't be too shabby. At the very least, it would certainly be better than whatever the high school staff came up with on their own.

Emily immediately agreed with Quintis' suggestion. It was a shame that they couldn't participate in the celebration directly, but at least they were actively doing something for Jack's sake.

Crestfield High School's and Seaton High School's upcoming celebrations had caused an uproar in Perthter City. Crestfield was a well-established school in Perthter City and had a reputation of nurturing countless talents.

There were rumors that the top brass of the government, a former vice minister, would also be attending the celebration, along with a deputy mayor and two other deputy department officials. Others who had received invitations were reputable individuals such as bureau heads, science department heads, entrepreneurs, multimillionaires, billionaires, company presidents that were worth over billions as well as executives that graduated from prestigious universities.

There was no doubt that Feena would also receive an invitation to Crestfield High School's anniversary celebration despite how she was still a student. After all, she was already famous throughout the country and stood at the same level as the other esteemed guests that were invited. She was considered an outstanding result of Crestfield's education system, the pride and joy of their school.

The invited guests also included countless other leaders of their respective fields. It can be seen that Crestfield's celebration was being hosted at a massive scale, drawing the attention of many.

Seaton High School, which had only been established a mere decade ago, paled in comparison. After all, the scale of a school celebration relied heavily on funding from the school's alumni.

Crestfield had many powerful individuals amongst their alumni, but the same could not be said of Seaton. Amongst Seaton's more reputable alumni were businessmen that had found some moderate success and low-level officials.

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If the head of a public security office came to visit, the principal of Seaton High School would personally welcome him. Apparently, the most successful person amongst the Seaton alumni was a section chief, but even he would not be attending the celebration, probably due to the fact the school was not prestigious enough for him to make an appearance.

But it cannot be denied that Seaton High School had been striving hard to improve itself in recent years. Ever since they managed to nurture a top scholar in their province, their reputation had been steadily rising.

Although they still couldn't be compared to an established institute such as Crestfield High School, they've already climbed up from the fourth division to the edge of the second division on the Perthter City high school rankings. It was truly a magnificent feat for a private school.

Following the rise of their reputation, more and more students began to enroll in Seaton. In the past, it was difficult for the school to produce even one student with some degree of talent.

But things had changed. They had managed to nurture 985 outstanding students in the past two years alone. It was an incredible achievement in Seaton High School's history.

Seaton was now taken into consideration when middle schoolers with excellent results were deciding on where to continue their studies instead of being completely overlooked like before.

But not everyone was supportive of Seaton's recent successes. Other than those who already had their own prejudices, there were other schools that looked down on Seaton such as the students from Starfield High School, Meadowfield High School, and Seafield High School.

In Perthter City's education circle, Crestfield High School was the undisputable cream of the crop amongst the famous schools. Although Galaxyfield High School was quite far behind in terms of quality, it still stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Crestfield and formed the first division in the high school rankings, setting the standard for Perthter City's highest education level.

Starfield, Meadowfield, and Seafield formed the second division. Although these schools could not be compared to Crestfield and Galaxyfield, they still occupied important positions in Perthter City's education world. Meanwhile, Seaton had always been ignored in the past in such topics.

But ever since a Seaton High School student graduated as the top scholar of the province, the parents of Perthter City began to have a completely different view of the school in their hearts. They no longer viewed it as just a fourth division school that didn't have any achievements it can boast of. Instead, it was now a serious contender to the other second division schools such as Starfield, Meadowfield, and Seafield.

Considering the sharp rise in enrollment numbers, there were those who predicted that Seaton High School would eventually break into the first division. Naturally, these predictions elicited negative reactions from those who looked down on the students of Seaton. There were too many who would rather belittle the school.

"They want to challenge us? The students of Starfield High School? They're seriously biting off more than they can chew."

"There are only a few students who can actually study well in Seaton High School. Most of them are more suited for hard labor."

"All this just because they produced a top scholar of the province? What's so impressive about that? Don't tell me they really believe they can squeeze their way into the top high school rankings?"

But there were also those who approved of Seaton High School's advancements.

"It's true that more and more students have been enrolling in Seaton High School."

"Two years ago, there were 30 students who made it past the second line. Last year, there were 50 students. This year, there were 100 students who made it in!"

"Although they still can't compare to Crestfield High School and Galaxyfield High School, they're already in the same league as Starfield High School, Meadowfield High School, and Seafield High School."

"Only 50 students from Seafield High School received a reward of excellence while double the students from Seaton High School received one!"

"That's right! I heard that Seaton High School manages their classes very seriously these days. They even hired famous educators to conduct their classes."

"Last year, a colleague of mine transferred their son from Starfield High School to Seaton High School. When he was in Starfield, he would only score about 300 to 400 points during his exams, but last year, he managed to hit the second line."

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These were all reflections of the leaps and bounds that Seaton High School had achieved in improving their quality of education.

However, Crestfield High School and Seaton High School were hosting their school celebrations on the same day. Furthermore, the two schools were close to each other. Those who did not look kindly upon Seaton's recent advancements were giddy with excitement to watch the school be humiliated.

"This is a good opportunity for us to compare the two schools' guests since they're hosting their celebrations at the same time."

"We can see which side is more luxurious and powerful."

"Considering how they produced a top scholar of the province two years ago, I bet Seaton High School will have more awesome guests!"

"I heard that several senior high-ranking officials are going to join Crestfield High School's celebration! There was also a rumor that the legendary retired provincial deputy minister will also make an appearance!"

"Then, let's try guessing which esteemed alumni Seaton High School will invite for their celebration."

"One of the section chiefs in the Water Conservancy Bureau graduated from Seaton High School. But apparently, he's not willing to admit that he's a graduate of the school."

"I also heard that the head of the public security office of our district will attend the celebration. The principal of Seaton High School is even going to welcome him personally."

These people were just waiting to make Seaton High School the butt of their jokes. Did Seaton really think they were so great? They still had a long way to go if they wanted to go up against Crestfield.

On the afternoon of the celebrations, both schools were decorated with colorful flags and banners that added to the joyous atmosphere permeating the air. Confident smiles were stretched across the students' faces. Many students and parents arrived to join in on the festivities, no matter which school they belonged to.

It was undeniable that Crestfield High School's celebrations were on a larger scale compared to Seaton High School. Many cars drove into Crestfield in the early morning, eventually forming a line outside of the school. Some cars had even parked in the designated parking spots for Seaton's guests.

Not only did the parents, teachers, and students of Crestfield treat those from Seaton with a level of haughtiness and contempt, but there was also an odd sense of animosity in their actions. The source of this animosity was due to the fact that Seaton, which they had looked down on in the past, was currently being debated to be on the same level as Crestfield and could possibly even be part of the first division with them.

Those from Crestfield considered such thoughts to be blasphemous and wholly unforgivable. The animosity also stemmed from how the students of Seaton now behaved differently when encountering a student from Crestfield.

In the past, whenever a Seaton High School student ran into a student from Crestfield High School, they would unconsciously feel a sense of low self-esteem, no matter if the student was a reputable figure or just an ordinary student of Crestfield. If the beauty queen of Seaton dated the most normal and insignificant student of Crestfield, they would still think that she had ulterior motives such as wanting to climb the social ladder using their relationship.

But things were different now. The students of Seaton could face the students of Crestfield with their heads held high, and not with low self-esteem like before. It also became more difficult for the male students of Crestfield to successfully pursue the female students of Seaton since they had higher standards now. All these changes made the students of Crestfield High School feel as if their pride had

taken a blow. The superiority they once felt had also disappeared. Another reason for the animosity was how Seaton High School had received more investment funds following the increase in enrollment numbers. With these funds, the school was able to attract better quality students and also invest in improving the classes they offered.

Seaton had managed to employ a large number of special-grade teachers, even surpassing the number of teachers that were in Crestfield's employment, which caused the teachers of Crestfield to lose their sense of superiority as well.

However, many believed that the superiority that the students and teachers of Seaton had just a taste of will be unceremoniously snatched away once the celebrations were over. One just had to look at the long stretch of luxurious cars lining up outside Crestfield and compare it with the motorcycles and electric tricycles parked outside Seaton.

One just had to look at the people who were participating in Crestfield's celebrations-high-ranking officials, executives of Fortune 500 companies, conglomerate presidents, and entrepreneurs. Every single one of them were excellent talents in their respective fields. Meanwhile, the guests of Seaton High School paled in comparison.

Many of Crestfield's alumni had made an appearance. Besides the leaders from different fields, there was also Samson Goth, the executive deputy mayor, and Liam Faulkner, the chief of the education, science, culture and health department, as well as other important figures from different education departments. These people had all made an appearance to support Crestfield.

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Although the retired deputy minister was unable to attend Crestfield High School's celebration due to unforeseen circumstances, which led to the atmosphere dampening a little, Feena's arrival as the celebrity that had taken Zargonia by storm set the atmosphere alight with excitement once more.

Silas dropped off Feena and Jack in front of the entrances of both schools. He had allowed them to take control of their own relationship ever since the couple made things official. Since Jack was now the founder of a successful business, Silas felt that he made a good match for Feena.

Besides, the two of them were childhood sweethearts who knew each other like the back of their hands. Silas approved of Jack's character, and he had even hoped that Feena would get together with him one day.

When they alighted from the car, Feena asked if Jack wanted to walk around Crestfield, but Jack shook his head. He became the provincial top scholar as a graduate of Seaton, so he was going to attend their decennium celebration, leaving Feena no choice but to enter Crestfield by herself.

She was surrounded by reporters and important figures from the moment she revealed herself.

When Feena walked through the entrance of Crestfield with the executive vice mayor and other alumni, they were greeted by the deafening sounds of firecrackers being set off along with thunderous applause. The students were dressed neatly in uniforms as they gave it their all while banging on the drums.

Red flags were fluttering in the wind everywhere in Crestfield, adding to the festive atmosphere. Shane led a group of school administrators as they shook hands with the alumni enthusiastically. It didn't take long before Liam also made an appearance with a group of education department heads. Shane was all smiles as he shook hands with all of them.

Reporters from both the municipal and district channels vigorously snapped photos to commemorate the occasion. They wanted to capture this wonderful moment and preserve it forever in Crestfield's 60th anniversary celebration. There were even reporters from the provincial channel on the scene, who specifically made a trip to report on Crestfield's school celebration.

Outside the school, many parents looked on in shock. They were awed by the massive scale of Crestfield's 60th anniversary celebration.

From afar, they could see Shane, who was dressed in a crisp suit that was matched with a pair of sunglasses. He had a piece of paper clasped in his hand, courtesy of his assistant, as he read aloud all of Crestfield's achievements as well as the reputable figures the school had produced in a booming and clear voice.

Every time Shane read out a name, he would be met with deafening applause from the crowd below. It was an honor to have your name be written down on Shane's list. However, Crestfield's celebration was overshadowed by Seaton's decennium celebration that was taking place across the road.

The scale of Seaton's decennium celebration was astounding, completely disrupting the harmonious atmosphere of Crestfield's celebration. When Jack stepped into Seaton's school grounds, he was met with an extremely warm welcome. The exaggerated enthusiasm even made Jack feel a little uncomfortable.

He wasn't sure how, but Seaton had somehow found out that he was the founder of Genesis Games. At first, the school had been in a pinch as they fretted about which outstanding alumni or esteemed guest they should introduce. Even the principal of Seaton, Darius Leyman, felt a little awkward as he scanned through the list of alumni.

Compared to the alumni of Crestfield, they seemed rather disappointing. Their best candidate was a department head, but even he wouldn't make it onto Crestfield's list.

Arthur had been looking up Jack's identity when he accidentally stumbled upon an earth-shattering news. Jack was a graduate of Seaton High School, and he was also the founder of Genesis Games despite how he was still a junior in university. The news had pleased Darius greatly, and his face had shone with hope and anticipation.

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Darius had immediately ordered Arthur, who had been promoted to grade-level principal, to prepare all types of banners. They were going to pull out on the stops to promote Jack. They wanted to show Crestfield that despite being established for only a decade, Seaton could obtain the same achievements as them.

Once the news broke, the people who had been waiting for Seaton to become a laughingstock were shocked instead. They assumed that Seaton didn't have any outstanding alumni and didn't expect that the founder of Genesis Game was a graduate of their school.

The entire scene was thrown into chaos when Seaton released the news. The people investigated more about Genesis Games and found out it was a company that was worth over 100 billion dollars.

Furthermore, it was also a public-listed company on the Masdaq Stock Exchange. It was extremely shocking to say the least.

Crestfield had been established for 60 years, but even they had never nurtured an individual of such impressive caliber. Jack's reputation did not match Seaton's status, but it was the undeniable truth that he was a graduate of the school. He was undoubtedly the most important figure amongst the guests of Seaton's decennium celebration.

To be able to lead a company that was valued at over 100 billion dollars was a clear indicator of the all-powerful authority that Jack wielded. He was the pride and joy of Seaton High School. His presence had greatly disappointed those who were waiting for Seaton's downfall.

On the other hand, the students of Seaton were able to puff out their chests in pride and stand tall thanks to Jack's existence. Seaton had only been around for a decade, but they had already produced such amazing results. The outsiders no longer had a valid reason to look down on them.

After all, Perthter City was such a small place. How many other schools could boast about having such an outstanding alumnus?

Jack was arranged to sit in the most eye-catching spot amongst the other alumni. It was clear that he had become the face of Seaton High School.

However, the guests of Seaton weren't limited to just the founder of Genesis Games. Even Darius himself had no idea that he would be welcoming such impressive guests not long after ushering Jack into the school.

Darius had just picked up the microphone and was about to begin his passionate speech when the crowd erupted in an uproar once more. It was then followed by thunderous applause and loud hooting and hollering.

Another impressive figure had arrived. Frank strolled leisurely into Seaton High School while leading a party of his staff. Frank's sudden appearance plunged the whole of Seaton into a sea of silence. When everyone's gazes fell on him, surprise and shock flashed across some of their faces while some showed confused expressions.

They assumed Frank must have taken a wrong turn somewhere. No matter how one looked at it, it was more reasonable for the mayor of the city to attend Crestfield's school celebration instead of Seaton's decennium celebration. Furthermore, if Frank attended Crestfield's celebration, his presence would also raise their standards.

Except Frank had entered Seaton instead, and no one present could grasp the reason for his sudden appearance.

Jack was also momentarily stunned when he spotted Frank. He never imagined that Frank would show up for Seaton High School's decennium celebration. When Darius realized that Frank was in the vicinity, he was also at a loss for what to do.

Seaton High School's reputation would tank, and they would become a laughingstock if it turned out that Frank had simply walked in the wrong direction. Except Lucius whispered to Darius that Frank was in the right place he had indeed made this trip specifically to participate in Seaton's decennium celebration. The truth of the matter nearly made Darius, the alumni, and the guests' eyes pop out of their sockets from how wide they grew.

Darius still had no idea how to approach the situation. Although he was the principal of a high school, he had never entertained someone who held such a high position such as the mayor of the city.

Jack finally realized what was happening when Frank winked at him after they locked gazes. Frank was probably here to pay off his debt to Jack.

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Frank waved at Jack the moment he stepped onto Seaton High School's grounds. A friendly smile curled his lips upward.

No one was surprised by this exchange, considering that one was the founder of a company that was worth 100 billion dollars, while the other was an important leader of Perthter City. It seemed only natural that they would be acquainted with each other.

Everyone came to the same realization. Frank's appearance at the decennial celebration was for Jack's sake, and it became overtly obvious that Jack's impact was extremely significant.

Meanwhile, news of the mayor's appearance at Seaton's decennium celebration spread like wildfire around the campus, eventually reaching the ears of those in attendance at Crestfield's celebration.

At that moment, Crestfield's school celebration had originally been proceeding smoothly. The atmosphere had been so harmonious before news of Genesis Games' founder appearing in Seaton High School broke out. Shane had been giving out his speech on the stage. There was not a single empty seat to be seen below the stage, and the audience all wore expressions of love and pride toward Crestfield High School.

The alumni with the most outstanding achievements sat in the front row, along with the invited guests. Colorful flags fluttered in the air as far as the eye could see. Those who were not allowed to enter the venue were crouched next to the fence, hoping to catch even just a glimpse of the grand Crestfield celebration that was taking place inside.

After all, Crestfield High School carried the hopes and dreams of countless people. As the principal of such a prestigious school, Shane was of course beyond honored. However, as he continued on with his speech, he failed to notice that the reporters of various media outlets that had originally formed a perimeter around the school slowly began to disappear.

First it was the reporters from Perthter City Daily, followed by Perthter City Evening News. The next to leave were the reporters for The Perthter Forum and Perthter Construction Network. One by one, the reporters quietly took their leave. Even the reporters from the provincial channel that had made a trip specifically to cover the Crestfield school celebration also left in a rush, leaving Shane at a loss for what to do.

As Shane continued with his speech, the parents who had gathered around to see what the commotion was about also left together with some Crestfield High School students. Some band members also took their leave after the rumors reached their ears.

Cold sweat beaded on Shane's forehead. He had no idea what was going on, but his gut was telling him that Crestfield's school celebration was about to collapse in on itself. However, he had no choice but to continue on with his speech till the very end.

Shane finally completed his speech and descended from the stage while a city leader got ready to take his place. Shane couldn't help but ask, "Why did all the reporters leave? What's happening?"

A teacher that was seated next to him answered carefully, "Apparently a lot of prestigious guests showed up at Seaton High School."

Shane's expression hardened instantaneously. "What guests?"

"I heard that one of Seaton's graduates is the founder of Genesis Games. The name of the founder is... is..." the teacher mumbled before letting her words trail off.

Shane's brow furrowed in displeasure. "Who is it? Speak up and speak clearly."

The teacher wiped the cold sweat from her forehead before replying, "It's Jack Holland."

She noticed the confused look on Shane's face. It was obvious that the name was familiar to him, but he couldn't put a face to it, so she added, "He's the provincial top scholar that our school expelled in the past. He joined Seaton High School before passing the college entrance exam to enroll in Alnewgo University."

Shane was finally able to recall Jack. He was the student that Shane often thought about. His expression became even more upset as he asked, "Isn't Jack a junior in university? How can he be the founder of a company?"

He was extremely familiar with Jack, since the incident that had transpired in the past had left a lasting impact on Crestfield High School.

The teacher continued to explain helplessly, "That's right! He established the company when he was still a junior. Furthermore, the company recently became public-listed on the Masdaq Stock Exchange and is valued at over 100 billion dollars. It caused quite an uproar in Perthter City when the news broke."

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Jack's identity as the president of a company that was worth over 100 billion

dollars was like a knife stabbing into Shane's fragile heart. In the 60 years since Crestfield High School was established, they had never produced a talent of such amazing caliber.

His face was steely as he listened to the teacher's explanation. An achievement of this magnitude would leave a mark in the history books of any school, but to think that the person behind that achievement was Jack, who was expelled from Crestfield High School. Could the situation be any more preposterous?

It felt as if Seaton had stolen the fruit that Crestfield had painstakingly nurtured from right under their noses. The mere thought made Shane so angry that he felt like he was about to spit blood. However, what angered Shane the most was what the teacher told him next.

"Principal Sayer, I just received more news. Perthter City's mayor, Frank Grant, has also shown up at Seaton High School to attend their decennium celebration. Apparently, he's giving a speech right now."

"How could that be? What on earth is going on?" Shane exclaimed in shock.

It was simply unbelievable. He wondered if anyone could tell him what was happening. Only a deputy mayor who was in charge of education had shown up for Crestfield's school celebration. How did Seaton manage to get the mayor of the city to personally show up for their celebration?

The sudden turn of events had left Crestfield High School's reputation in shambles. How could Crestfield fail to compete against Seaton in this matter?

"I'm telling you nothing but the truth! Mr. Grant is giving a speech in Seaton right now!" the teacher insisted.

Shane didn't need the reminder. He already treated her words as fact. From the moment he noticed the reporters and leaders leaving quietly one after the other, Shane already knew that a big shot must have made an appearance in Seaton High School.

Just the founder of Genesis Games wouldn't be enough to attract so much attention, especially not the attention of the leaders. The teacher's words had to be true.

The pride that the teachers and students of Crestfield had carried around earlier slowly morphed into panic. The ones who were prejudiced against Seaton High School and had hoped to turn them into the butt of their jokes also could not believe that Seaton's invited guests were not only on par with Crestfield's guests, but were also much more impressive.

They were greatly disappointed with how things had unfolded. They wanted to see Seaton turn into the laughingstock, but in reality, the laughingstock was Crestfield instead.

However, the surprises for Seaton High School were far from over. Even more alumni and guests arrived at Seaton, with the most important figures bringing up the rear. These newcomers drove into Seaton with luxurious cars that had car plates from all over the state, such as Linkhaven City, Venturia City, and even Perthter City.

The unique car plates weren't the most eye-catching feature, instead it was the fact that all the plates were specially registered with the transportation department, indicating that these cars were more than just luxury cars.

BMWs, Mercedes, Bentleys, and Rolls-Royces were some of the many car brands that the newcomers were driving, and these vehicles could only be owned by the wealthiest people. The cars all drove into Seaton High School, jamming up the roads. Compared to the luxury cars that were parked in Crestfield High School, the cars that were in Seaton were far more luxurious and imposing.

When the mysterious figures finally showed their faces when they alighted from the cars, the people of Crestfield could only look on in shock. The esteemed guests of Crestfield High School that Shane had treated so graciously earlier were also forced to trade their haughty demeanors for respectful ones when they noticed who were making their way toward Seaton High School.

The newcomers were of much higher status than them, leaving them no choice

but to clasp their hands tightly as a form of respect. Some even handed cigarettes to the newcomers and lit it for them.

These bigshots only gave a slight nod before strolling away languidly. Their destination was Seaton High School.

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It became clear for all to see that the alumni of Seaton High School were all extraordinary people. They were much more powerful and imposing compared to the alumni of Crestfield High School. The crowd were already placing guesses regarding the identities of the important newcomers and were ultimately shocked by the reveal.

The newcomers were all people who wielded extreme authority and power such as Vashington Mining Group's president, Donnie Slate. There was also Sonya Heathers, the president of Illustrious Stocks that was valued at over 100 billion dollars, and Rufus Shazam, the president of Shazam Electric Company that was worth more than 300 billion dollars. The founder of Millicent Group was also amongst their ranks, as well as Grandeur Corporation's vice president, Emilio Kane, and other titans of the business world.

The businesses that these big shots of the industry ran were worth well over 50 billion dollars respectively, and they represented over half of the tycoons that dominated the business circle of Vashington. The leading figures in the mechanics field and academic circle had also made a surprise appearance, leading many scholars from Perthter City and Vashington to rush to Seaton High School after catching wind of the news.

In comparison, there weren't many people from the political circle present. However, there were still a few big players in attendance, such as two heads from the provincial department, as well as a deputy director. They were all here to join in on Seaton High School's decennium celebration.

The sudden turn of events left the teachers and students of Crestfield shocked speechless. Even Darius as well as the teachers and students of Seaton were at a loss for what to do. They had even assumed that they had committed a grave crime for so many people to appear on the scene at once.

They would never have guessed that they were all here to participate in Seaton's decennium celebration.

The deputy director of the province making an appearance was the most shocking. Although Seaton had been doing quite well in the past couple of years, Darius still couldn't help but feel a little in over his

head. He was aware of his own capabilities and knew that the achievements of the school itself alone wouldn't have attracted the attention of so many esteemed guests. It was all thanks to the support of the alumni.

After he recovered his composure, Darius fixed a smile on his face that was so wide that his pearly-whites were on full display. He kept up a polite and humble demeanor as he engaged with the newcomers, terrified of accidentally offending any one of them.

The appearance of these guests undoubtedly added to the pride and honor of Seaton High School. As Darius marinated in his gratitude, he also quickly arranged for some of them to go onto the stage to give a speech. Due to the sheer number of people that were present, it was impossible for everyone to have a turn, so he selected the most important leaders to take the stage to speak their mind.

Meanwhile, Darius begged for the other guests who didn't get a chance to go on stage for their kind understanding. He even promised to apologize to each of them personally after the celebration was over.

The deputy director, Frank, as well as the presidents of the companies that were worth over 100 billion dollars were invited up to the stage and took their turns to give a speech to the audience. They expressed their anticipation for Seaton High School's future and implored for the school to continue improving itself to produce even better results.

Most importantly, the guests also offered financial support. When the president of Millicent Group announced that she was investing 50 million dollars toward the betterment of the school, the entire audience erupted in approving cheers. The huge sum would be put toward the advancement of Seaton High School, allowing the school to build upon the foundation it already had.

At that moment, no one would dare question if Seaton High School was worthy of being part of the second division of Perthter City's high school rankings. Seaton had proven its capabilities, no matter if it was regarding the number of enrolled students, or the massive scale of their alumni and guests.

The ones who were still anticipating for Seaton High School to be the laughingstock were met with a rude awakening when they found out about the 50 million dollar investment that would be put into Seaton's advancement.

It was clear that Crestfield High School had turned into the butt of the joke of the people. The guest seats were mostly abandoned, and even the quality of their guests could not be compared to those who were present at Seaton High School. Crestfield never expected such a turn of events, so they did not have a failsafe for a situation such as this. They could only stare at the empty seats in a daze.

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From every angle, Crestfield High School's anniversary celebration was a

complete disaster. Meanwhile, Seaton High School became the unexpected star of the show, oozing in popularity in comparison.

With the attendance of high-profile individuals like provincial and municipal leaders, business tycoons, and news about tens of billions of dollars of investments spreading, Seaton High School's reputation soared to new heights. This had become the top trending topic throughout Perthter City.

As expected, the news about Crestfield High School's failure and the lavish lineup at Seaton High School's anniversary celebration quickly spread the next day, becoming the talk of the town and dominating headlines everywhere.

"I heard that the deputy director of the province and the mayor personally attended Seaton High School's anniversary celebration yesterday. Many owners of listed companies were present too!"

"Oh, I also heard that the top scholar of the state was from this famous school too. This school is not a force to be reckoned with!"

"My kid is taking the high school entrance examination next year. I plan to let him apply to Seaton High School."

"Weren't you planning to let him apply to Starfield High School?"

"Starfield High School is no match for Seaton High School. Seaton High School had the best connections and faculty. With its admission rates steadily climbing, the recent recruitment of elite teachers, and increasingly rigorous discipline and academic standards, Starfield High School just can't compete."

Those who were previously skeptical of Seaton High School were not rendered speechless.

With the attendance of the deputy director of the province and the mayor, Seaton High School, previously ignored by the media, became the most promising headline on every news channel.

Media outlets such as Perthter City Evening News, Perthter City Times, Perthter City Education Daily, and Perthter City Youth Report had reserved all prominent spaces. They were originally planning to feature Crestfield High School's anniversary celebration on their front pages.

However, they changed their plans at the last minute and decided to feature Seaton High School.

No one expected Seaton High School to pull up such an all-star lineup. Seaton High School successfully brought in business tycoons and political heavyweights that Crestfield High School couldn't dream of inviting.

Sharp in their instincts and politically astute, these reporters and editors from various media outlets swiftly revised their front-page plans, redirecting focus to Seaton High School's anniversary celebration. "A glorious tribute: Seaton High School's Tenth Anniversary ends on a high note!"

"Perthter City's mayor, Frank Grant, made an appearance at Seaton High School's anniversary celebration."

"Deputy director of the province, Brady Meyers, gave a speech at Seaton High School's anniversary celebration."

"Seaton High School, the rising star of Perthter City's high school education!"

It didn't matter if they offended Crestfield High School now; the crucial decision was to support the right side.

Undoubtedly, this completely overshadowed Crestfield High School's anniversary celebration.

News about Seaton High School quickly flooded the governmental and educational websites, and it was presented as the headline that overshadowed Crestfield High School.

At the same time, various media outlets aggressively advertised Seaton High School's rapid development and accomplishments over the recent years.

At the same time, the government showed undeniable support for Seaton High School.

After receiving an investment of 50 million dollars, the government of Perthter City had decided to allocate special funds to support the development of schools like Seaton High School, hoping they would soar to new heights.

The government hoped that Seaton High School would nurture another top scholar and develop more talent.

From this day forward, Perthter City was committed to becoming a city of top scholars.

With news reports from various media houses in Perthter City, Seaton High School had become renowned.

Now, Crestfield High School students no longer dared look down on Seaton High School. Although they didn't think Seaton High School had surpassed Crestfield High School in all areas, they started to see them as equal rivals.

Seaton High School students no longer had to bow their heads before Crestfield High School students shamefully. They could now hold their heads high, meeting the other's gaze on equal footing.

Some students were even bold enough to pursue their romantic interests at Crestfield High School, which they were interested in. These girls also started considering boys from Seaton High School.

Goodness arrived so suddenly that even the principal of Seaton High School was caught off guard.

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However, the rise in reputation also came with greater responsibility.

The principal wanted to strike the iron while it was still hot, to seize the upcoming holidays to move around more so that he could attract more academically strong students to apply for the school and work hard to make Seaton High School an even more exceptional school.

However, for Jack, the countless changes at Seaton High School felt like a distant past.

All that remained were his memories, but when he saw how much Seaton High School had achieved, he couldn't help but feel happy. After all, he went to school here before heading to university.

As the school break approached, and the New Year's bell was about to toll, Wesley and Eddie invited Jack and Feena for a meal three days before the New Year.

During their meal, Wesley and Eddie kept asking Jack and Feena about what happened during the anniversary celebrations between the two schools.

Jack and Feena told them it was very lively.

Wesley and Eddie felt envious and unresigned. With drinks in their hands, they sighed it had been less than three years, but how did the gap grow so wide between old classmates who practically grew up together, almost without anyone noticing?

One was the CEO of a company worth hundreds of billions of dollars, with a net worth of ten billion dollars, while the other was a locally renowned celebrity.

They took a good look at themselves. Although they had minor successes in the company, they were nothing compared to what the two had achieved.

As emotions ran deep, they drank more and more. Before they knew it, night had quietly fallen.

The four of them were drunk and they planned to ride their bicycles home.

Wesley and Eddie went home earlier, leaving Feena and Jack behind.

At this moment, Feena suddenly mentioned she might have drunk too much and was slightly woozy, so she couldn't ride her bicycle home.

Jack sent Feena home. Feena's parents and grandparents were home, and her house was not far from his.

With a blushed face, Feena nodded. Then, she sat on Jack's bicycle.

Jack was riding a sturdy old-fashioned bicycle. It was solid enough to carry Feena with ease.

He headed toward home with Feena.

However, as they were riding along the riverside, Feena suddenly asked, "Jack, would you like to stroll along the riverside with me?"

"It's cold today. Do you really want to head to the riverside?" Jack asked in surprise.

Feena firmly nodded. "Yeah. I had some alcohol, and I need to sober up. Otherwise, my parents might nag at me."

"Okay, hang tight. We'll head there," Jack reminded.

"Okay," Feena replied.

As the bicycle bumped on the uneven road, she couldn't help but wrap her arms around Jack's waist. A gentle warmth rose in her chest, quietly flowing through her heart.

Although the road was uneven, Feena felt surprisingly steady.

They arrived at the riverside. The river carried a chill upon its surface, while Perthter City New District shimmered beneath the night sky across the water, appearing especially enchanting.

After years of development, this fifth-tier small city had begun to take on the air of a bustling metropolis.

"Jack, I have something to say," Feena gently said. Her eyes glistened under the starry night. "From now on, can you call me Fee? Calling me Feena seems distant to me."

Jack nodded. "Okay, Fee."

However, he was perplexed, wondering why Feena would ask this of him.

Honestly, he also felt that calling her Fee was more endearing. However, after she rejected him at Norhaven River, he didn't dare harbor any hope toward Feena.