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This sudden turn of events startled those who were eating in the dining area. Sophia thought Michael was going to be beaten up by Cooper, but never did she think that Cooper would ask such an abrupt question.

Carmen was frightened by the scene and burst into tears. Sophia quickly carried her in her arms while Linus pulled Michael away from an agitated Cooper.

"What happened, Fass? Calm down! You've frightened Carmen!"

Cooper finally controlled himself as he took a few deep breaths and pulled out the ultrasound.

"Anna had another child; I still have a child! Where is he? Tell me, where's my other child?"

Michael did not expect Cooper to have such a huge reaction. Nevertheless, his plan would not be affected. "Please calm down, Mr. Cooper. I was made aware of this by accident too and I've been sending people to look into it but have not heard any news yet," Michael explained.

Staring blankly at him, Cooper was stunned for a moment before he turned around and grunted, "Mr. Michael, please come to my office and explain this matter in detail."

Michael was thrilled deep down but he still turned around and said to Sophia, who was carrying their child in her arms. "I'll be back soon. Take good care of Carmen."

Frightened by the scene, Carmen was sobbing in Sophia's arms. Worried, Sophia asked, "What's going on? I have a sister?"

Michael replied in a hurry, "Yeah, I've mentioned this to you before and we've been searching for your twin this whole while."

With that, he left with Cooper, leaving a startled Sophia behind.

She had a sibling?

Goodness, what an incredible surprise!

Meanwhile in Cooper's office, Cooper was staring numbly at the two shadows on the ultrasound. The two fetuses which lay next to each other were both his and Anna's children!

He still had another child!

"We found the nurse who was quite close with Ms. Anna back then. The nurse found a family with a good background to adopt the children and managed to send away the first child, but the second child didn't make it."

"Unfortunately, there has been no news about the couple since they left the country. I couldn't trace them and the child's whereabouts remained unknown."

Cooper listened to Michael quietly as he explained in detail. After Michael finished speaking, Cooper asked, "Is the child a boy or a girl?"

Michael answered in all honesty, "It's a boy."

A boy... Upon hearing that, Cooper didn't know whether he should be happy or sad.

He still had a son!

Cooper's Adam's apple bobbed as he forced his tears back and murmured, "I'd like to meet this nurse. Where is she now?"

Michael hesitated before answering, "She died in a car accident a year ago."

The nurse passed away a year ago in an accident, so there was no witness left!

Instantly, a gloom fell upon Cooper as he stared blankly at the image.

Secretly observing Cooper's expression, Michael had something brewing in his mind.

His plan was rather straightforward—Cooper would have to depend on him since he had on hand the information. It was a golden opportunity for him to develop a positive relationship with his father-in-law-to-be.

He would be making a great contribution if the son was found. By that time, Cooper would be pleased and thereafter agree to let him remarry Sophia.

However, it was a bold plan to be executed because Cooper would surely tear him into pieces if Michael accidentally exposed his true intentions.

Nevertheless, fortune favored the bold, so he had to make a bold move in order to pursue his lover too.

The higher the risk, the greater the reward!

Meanwhile, Cooper was completely flabbergasted at the news. He sent everyone out of the room and sat alone for a long while.

Upon knowing this news, it felt like he was brought back to the time when he first found out that he still had a daughter. He proceeded to send every one of his men out to search for the child and he had asked Michael for his child's information so that he could go looking.

Back then, Michael had a hard time finding the child and it was by pure luck that he bumped into Linus. Who would have thought that Sophia's biological twin brother was from a different race as her!

Cooper was so carried away in finding his son that he didn't even realize Michael had been staying at his place for days.

Of course, Michael would gladly let Cooper search for his son as he knew Cooper's effort would be in vain. The only lead was the nurse and even she had passed away in a car accident—Cooper would not be able to discover anything!

Cooper was completely focused on finding his second child. His feelings were indescribable when he found out the existence of his other child and was determined to find him no matter the cost.

On the other hand, Cooper and Sophia were busy preparing for the press conference too. The reporters had their days off over the weekends, so the press conference was set to take place on the following Monday. Meanwhile, Carmen too didn't have to attend school and stayed at home to accompany her parents.

The main yard was a fun place to play at and Carmen was having a great time there.

Just then, Stanley and Sean brought Judge over to hang out.

In the previous kindergarten, Judge was bullied by Carmen. Though he was upset, Judge did not hold a grudge against the little girl. He stuck to Carmen as soon as he met her and accompanied her to watch Peppa Pig throughout the morning. Besides, Judge even groomed Sophia's other orange cats by licking them. Truth was, he had been bored without the cats being around to play with him.

Sophia was having a barbecue in the yard and the savory aroma spread out and the sizzling sound could be heard. As for Carmen and Judge, the two were sitting next to each other watching Peppa Pig while waiting for the food to be served. The scene was extremely adorable as the lolita was surrounded by a few huge dogs.

Linus took out some ingredients from the house and prepared them carefully.

Although Harry was still outstation filming, Sarah came along with Hope as she was bored at home.

Staying at the Edwards Residence, Michael would go fishing by the pond whenever he was bored. The fish in the pond were all artificially bred and he could easily catch one in just a short while. He would let go of those which were beautiful and feed the cats with those which were unattractive.

Stroking Sophia's alpaca, Stanley mumbled in a perplexed tone, "Uncle Michael, what's going on between you two? What's the point of getting a divorce then? You had better not get one in the first place since there's so much hassle!"

Stanley simply couldn't understand the couple—they were obviously deep in love with each other, yet they got divorced.

Even after getting a divorce, they were still interacting with each other on a daily basis as they didn't want the others to know about their divorce. They even liked each other's posts on Twitter. *What's the point?* 

Meanwhile, Michael caught another fish. Looking at how plump the fish was, he decided to not feed the cats with it. Putting the fish into a basket, he then said to Stanley, "Kids shouldn't poke their noses in adults' matters."

Michael gutted the fish on his own and had even reluctantly killed the eel that he had kept for years, to be used in the barbecue.

Linus prepared the ingredients together with Michael, brushing the chicken with honey and marinating the fish.

As for Sarah and Sophia, they were secretly chatting at the side.

"So what's going on between you guys?" Sarah asked. "Did you two really get a divorce or is it a fake one?"

Frowning, even Sophia did not know what state they were in.

Let's take it one step at a time.

Sean, on the other hand, was silently observing Linus.

He somehow felt that the way Linus looked at Sophia was different.

He was hesitating if he should spill the beans. Now that Michael had exposed the existence of Cooper's other son, Linus' true identity would soon be revealed too. They would soon acknowledge their true relationship and they might be left awkward if he took the lid off now. Hence, Sean did not mention this matter to Michael.

Meanwhile, Michael and Sophia were having a sweet time over the barbecue. Looking worried, Sophia mumbled, "I wonder if Dad has found my brother." How amazing that she still had a brother!

From now on, she would have a brother and she wondered what his appearance would be like. If they were twins... would he have a similar appearance to her, just like how Celine resembled Michael? Thinking someone resembling her would soon appear, Sophia became excited.

"I wonder where my brother has been all these years. Has he been living a good life?" Sophia sighed.

Busy marinating the fish, Michael comforted her, "Everything's going to be fine. We're living in an era of advanced communications technology and I'm sure we'll be able to reach your brother soon."

Sighing, Sophia shifted her focus back to the barbecue. Just as she was grilling the food, someone called from the guardhouse. "There's a group of people at the entrance stirring up trouble."

"Who are they?" Sophia asked curiously.

The voice on the other end replied, "I'm not sure, but they're cursing vulgarly outside the gate. It'd be better if you came and took a look."

Upon hearing that, Sophia took off her apron and headed to the main entrance.

The bungalow was as huge as a park and the distance between its North and South Gate was similar to that of two train stations. It was as if Sophia had walked the distance from one train station to another and as she reached the main entrance, she could hear the uproar from outside the gate coming from a distance.

"Ask the b\*tch Sophia to come out!"

"Shameless b\*tch, show yourself!"

"The wh\*re must be having an affair with another guy in this house. Show yourself!"

Hearing the noise, Sophia frowned and peeked through the gate. There was a mob gathering outside and leading them were a few malicious-looking old ladies who were cursing all sorts of vulgar words. Besides the paparazzi, those at the nearby bus station were all staring at the scene too.

The old ladies were slandering Sophia in an extremely spiteful manner, as if she had ruined their ancestors' tomb. People nowadays loved to gossip, especially about stories that had to do with divorced young women. They would surge in immediately like sharks attracted to blood.

Sophia just got divorced and here there were people who wanted to slander her, thinking she was a pushover. In their loud voices, the old ladies cursed Sophia usings all sorts of swear words, as if she was a lonely whore who lived a promiscuous life. Even the security guards couldn't do anything to them.

Obviously, these old ladies were hired to stir up trouble in groups and were paid by the hour. With an average age of seventy, they scammed people out of their money by pretending to be injured if they were knocked down in a fight that could possibly occur. Given the high commodity price in Bayside City, a few million could easily be their checkup fees at the hospital. Moreover, the mastermind had not shown up yet and since the motives remained unrevealed, the security guards had to first ask for Sophia's instructions before they could take further action.

Sophia wasn't sure what the trap was. The bunch of silver-haired old ladies were swearing at her while using crutches to support themselves. She had never even seen them before

and there couldn't be any grudges between them, yet they were cursing her in such a malicious way. She knew there must be something fishy going on.

Just as Sophia was standing by the entrance observing the scene through CCTV, Sandra called and announced arrogantly down the line, "Sophia Edwards, I'll let you off if you kneel before me right now. Otherwise, I'll ensure your reputation is ruined in Bayside City." With that, she hung up immediately.

Dumbfounded, Sophia stared at the phone while Michael rushed over to her, his hands stained with chilli. "What's going on?"

Even before Sophia replied, he could roughly tell what was going on just by seeing through the gates and the footage on the CCTV. How despicable it was to hire some old ladies to slander others and make groundless accusations outside the residence! How could they bully a divorced woman just like that? Sandra, the mastermind, must be hiding somewhere nearby to watch the show!

Expression turning dark, Michael's ruthless personality surfaced. *This woman needs to be shattered into pieces!* 

Gathering around, the others trembled in anger too after learning what had happened. What a despicable attempt, trying to slander a divorced woman in front of her house! Was it enjoyable to bully a divorcee? Nevertheless, once they went out and accidentally injured the old women amidst the chaos, things would get complicated.

Brushing off the chilli on his hand, Michael was ready to go confront them. "Sean and I will go and drive them away. These old women are best at bullying ladies and they'll be scared once men enter the equation."

Everyone thought what Michael said was reasonable, except Sophia and Linus. They thought they should report it to the police since they were the ones being insulted. Linus still did not quite understand certain feudal cultures in Cethos while Sophia had been learning everything from scratch since she lost her memory, and did not have a firm grasp on such matters yet.

It was only after Sarah's explanation then Sophia understood what was actually going on. In Cethos, gossip could be a scary thing. Slandering a divorced woman like what the old ladies were doing now could cause great damage to the victim.

Widows were usually the weak and marginalized community. Not only would they be stressed out financially, they would also be harmed by all kinds of rumors as the gossipers could be very hostile toward them. Depending on the situation, they could either be continuously cursed or to be extorted for money. If it was the latter, the mob would definitely stir up more trouble following that. Making a police report would not be a solution either, since even the police might be extorted if they come. That was how ridiculous these old women were!

Just as Michael was about to step forward, Sophia stopped him. "Roger, Markee, Thomson, bring a few men and throw these people out on the streets!"

Following her command, a few two-meter, sturdy bodyguards who were hired by the Michels showed up. They were a mix of black and white and they headed out in a threatening manner to disperse the mob.

There were two teams of security guards in the residence; one was brought over by Cooper from the Michels while the other one was dispatched from the Edwards, because Cooper thought foreign bodyguards might not be the most suitable choice. While the security guards from the Edwards were aware of the tricks and did not dare make a reckless move, the foreign guards were fearless.

Meanwhile, Sophia stood by the gates as she silently observed the scene. The few old ladies had attracted many spectators and a large crowd was forming at the entrance. Now that the bodyguards went out to disperse them, the old ladies displayed their professional acting skills and looked aggressive as if they were ready to fight against the guards. Nevertheless, they fell down on the ground even before the guards laid their hands on them.

Moments later, all the old ladies had collapsed on the ground and they put on miserable looks. Unaware of their tricks, the bodyguards threw the trouble seekers out onto the streets now that they were defeated.

Before this, there were already groups of paparazzi outside the residence stalking the family. Now that such a big scene had been caused, they had gotten enough materials for a breaking news tomorrow. *Taylor Murray's ex-wife condoned guards to beat up old women!* 

The paparazzi snapped photographs of every detail they could. In their opinion, the news of Taylor's ex-wife letting her guards beat up people was far more attractive than news of her being insulted. Once the footage was released the next day, it would surely become trending news.

After being thrown out onto the street, the old ladies lay on the ground and acted as if they were seriously injured. Some compassionate passersby called the ambulance, and even the paramedics furrowed their brows when they saw the scene upon arrival. Given the number of injuries, the medical cost could amount to over tens of millions!

Sophia sent Roger to follow up on the matter before going back to the yard and continuing with the barbecue. With that, the shocking chaos had come to an end. Nevertheless, everyone was not in the mood to have the barbecue anymore after the whole episode.

Sophia had stirred up a hornet's nest!

If Sandra was really the one who was behind this, she would surely go after Sophia and kick up a big fuss about the incident.

Though Sophia had her strong family background as her support, the incident would still have a negative impact if the public made a big deal out of it. In fact, Sophia should've just sent Michael and Sean to scare the evil crones away. This approach would definitely work and would avoid the troubles that might follow.

However, Sophia thought her method was just fine. She couldn't be leaving them to continue slandering her in front of the residence, could she?

To her, throwing the mob out was the best solution as it did not make sense to let them off even after they insulted her maliciously.

#### Damn it, you motherf\*ckers!

Sure enough, Roger, who tagged along to the hospital, called Sophia moments later. Hereported that the few old women could barely stand up and appeared to be severely injured. Their families demanded compensation and would not let the incident pass without a compensation of at least tens of millions.

Sophia replied, "It's alright; just pretend you can't understand them and slip away. You can leave the other matters alone."

Meanwhile, the others were rendered speechless upon hearing Sophia's response.

Following that, Roger managed to vault over the hospital's wall, successfully avoiding the old women's families who blocked the hospital's entrance.

However, this matter was not settled yet.

In the afternoon, police officers came to the Edwards Residence and took Roger and a few other people away. Even Sophia was asked to go back with them to assist in the investigation.

At that moment, Sophia was the only house owner left in the residence as Linus had left for the office and Cooper was busy finding his son. The house owner would definitely be held accountable now that their bodyguards had beaten someone up. And so, Sophia followed Roger and the others to the police station with Michael tagging along worriedly.

As expected, upon arriving at the police station, they saw the old women's families gathered around fiercely, awaiting their compensation.

On the other hand, a huge crowd arrived at the Edwards Residence within two hours after Sophia left for the police station.

A posh car stopped in front of the main entrance and Sandra got down, wearing a fur coat. Taking off her sunglasses, she was amazed at the magnificent building behind the wall.

She had heard about the huge residence at Riverdale and that it was owned by the Harper Family, the real estate magnate in Bayside City. The residence was a masterpiece created by a few generations of the Harpers upon their meticulous design and expansion, hence its magnificent appearance today. It was extremely spacious and resembled the size of a town park; every person who walked past the building was deeply attracted to it. She had heard through the grapevine that this was Taylor Murray's property and the film crew would occasionally shoot some scenes at the residence, but it was given to Sophia after the divorce.

It was only until recently that Sandra became aware of the existence of this magnificent building.

But all of that did not matter, because Sophia and Cooper would soon lose this glorious residence.

"So this is the residence that you mentioned. It looks pretty good!"

Gorgeously dressed up, Abbie too got down from the posh car as she took off her shades and marveled at the residence.

The residence was surrounded by high and thick walls which looked ancient and noble, and had probably been there for over a hundred years. Behind the walls were pavilions surrounded by greenery, which further complemented the majestic building. It was indeed a marvelous spectacle!

Abbie was amazed by the majestic and ancient residence in front of her.

"The interior is even better. Come on; let's go inside and take a look!"

They sent their bodyguards to knock on the door while the two women continued to comment on the magnificent residence.

"Be patient and this residence will soon be yours! No one in Bayside City deserves to stay in this residence except you!" Sandra fawned over Abbie as she observed her fervent expression.

Abbie was extremely pleased by the adulation and she said triumphantly, "I haven't even told Linus about that woman offending me. I let her off easily by only aiming for her residence. If my cousin becomes aware of the matter, she would have to pay more than that!"

Sandra's scheme was finally taking place. She was determined to snatch this residence from Sophia as a price for her alpacas spitting on them. Now that Sophia was detained at the police station, she would not be able to secure this residence anymore.

Furthermore, the agents that Sandra hired to stir up trouble were from an infamous company run by the underground forces in Bayside City. Besides its ruthlessness, the company even had strong connections and was supported by professional lawyers, so they were highly sought after to settle businesses that remained unresolved.

Since she had decided to go after Sophia, she desired to get rid of her once and for all!

And then, this residence would belong to Abbie!

As much as Sophia would not be willing to give in, she should know her limitations.

Abbie would surely not let Sophia off if she refused to hand over the residence. After all, everyone in Bayside City had to obey Abbie Michel!

Though this residence was deemed as compensation from Sophia, Abbie recognized Natasha—the lackey—as the main contributor in this event.

Nevertheless, Natasha had her own motives too. On one hand, she wanted to make use of Abby's power to punish Sophia; on the other hand, she desired to mingle with the socialites and celebrities through Abbie.

"By the way, what is Linus up to recently? I haven't seen him at any events."

Sandra asked casually while the bodyguards were knocking on the door.

Obviously, Linus was her target.

Having mentioned Linus, Abbie instantly became arrogant. "He's been very busy lately. As you know, he's the vice CEO of the Michel Group and the successor of the family. My eldest cousin, Fass, has left him in charge of the business, so he has always been on the go. Even I can barely meet him!"

Listening to Abbie's response, Sandra was anxious. She had been trying to meet up with Linus but to no avail, and she knew that things would be made easier through Abbie.

As long as she appeased Abbie, she would have a chance to meet Linus for sure!

Meanwhile, no one opened the door even after the bodyguards knocked for a long time. Beating around the bush, Sandra tried to trick Abbie into exposing more information. "This residence will soon be yours. According to the Cethosian traditions, moving into a house is a significant event and a housewarming party is a must. By then, you can take the opportunity to invite your relatives from Northern Europe to attend the banquet."

"Of course!"

Tilting her chin, Abbie wore an arrogant look on her face. She was extremely fond of the residence and it would be an honor to stay in such a marvelous place. She was determined to throw a grand banquet thereupon and have the members of the Michels over so that she could boast about the residence.

"By the way, you've always been wanting to meet my niece, Lucile, don't you? Though I'm her aunt, we have been very close to each other since we were young. She will definitely show up at my housewarming party and by then, I'll introduce her to you!"

Sandra was overjoyed.

Many other members of the Michels would surely show up at the banquet, including Linus and Lucile. That would be a golden opportunity for her and Vincent.

Their plan was to send the most outstanding members from the Mitchell Family to be married into the Michel Family.

As a national champion who brought glory to the country, Sandra was well-known at an international level and had been well-received by the leaders of various countries when she went overseas. Besides, many politicians and celebrities with decent qualities had been courting her upon knowing she was single. Hence, she was extremely confident that she would be able to conquer Linus as long as she was given enough chances to approach him.

Meanwhile, it would be Vincent's duty to conquer Lucile.

For now, all they needed was a chance to approach the Michel Family.

I have to get this house for Abbie. That's the only way Vincent and I will stand a chance!

Finally, the door opened. A few bodyguards stood at the doorway; they used to work for the Mitchell family but now they worked for Cooper.

"What's the matter?"

A person came to the door and Sandra recognized him at a glance. "Dimon, it's you!"

Sandra had ordered Dimon to stab Faye to death in the past and later blamed it on Sophia's lion. He was left on the island when it was bombed but was later taken in by Cooper, so Alex scratched his name off the genealogy book. Sandra didn't expect him to be at Cooper's place.

With a cold smile, Dimon asked, "I'm part of the Mitchell family. Why can't I be here?"

Sandra was infuriated. "Traitor! You betrayed the Mitchell family!"

Hearing this, Dimon laughed. "I'm sorry; don't you know that this is also the Mitchell family?"

The elders and genealogy books don't matter at all! The Mitchell family will only be whole with Cooper in it. Without him, the Mitchell family will surely fall!

Sandra was furious and she ordered her few bodyguards to barge in and capture the traitor, Dimon. Seeing this, Dimon quickly retreated behind the door. Sandra's bodyguards had already rushed in and Sandra and Abbie followed in behind excitedly. They were going to use this opportunity to kick Sophia and Cooper out of the house and take this house as their own.

Sophia is still at the police station right now and it will be hard for her to get out. Cooper isn't home either but if he is, I'll ask Abbie to drag him out of here! I'm not a robber. Since Cooper and Sophia are part of the Mitchell family, their property should be controlled by the Mitchell family!

The group of people rushed in and saw that there was a screen wall with a carved dragon and phoenix in the center. Situated behind the gates, it made the whole house look imposing. The screen wall blocked the sight of outsiders. It was only after they passed through the screen wall could they see what was inside.

Right in front of them was the main building, which was an ancient, Western-style villa. It looked like it was built not long ago and its style matched the whole garden.

Looking over at the archway on the left, they saw a small bridge, a river, and a pavilion. On their right were several yards, rows of wings, and a small forest.

Land in Bayside City was really expensive. Even though the price of this land was not as expensive as Riverdale—which was in the city center—the cost of building such a large garden that resembled a park was also staggering.

This garden is amazing! Abbie and Sandra were amazed by the beauty around them and at that moment, they were even more determined to take over the place!

"Get everyone out of here!"

Sandra gave the order and the dozen bodyguards that she brought over immediately began to do their work. They rushed into the villa in front of them that seemed to be the main building.

Sophia and Michael had already gotten a divorce. Furthermore, Cooper's daughter killed Irene so they had a falling out with the Fletcher family. They even offended Abbie and the Michel Family, so they had no power in Bayside City.

I shall be the one who gets rid of them completely!

But unexpectedly, as soon as they rushed into the place, the gates closed with a loud bang and it was quickly locked. All of sudden, Dimon, who had disappeared without a trace a moment ago, appeared with a group of men and instantly surrounded Sandra and the others.

Sandra was shocked and thought that she had fallen into a trap. However, she noticed that Dimon only brought five men while she had a dozen bodyguards, so it was impossible for them to defeat her.

In order to show her loyalty toward Abbie, Sandra acted like a qualified thug. When she passed through the gates, she pointed at the villa in the center and yelled, "Take over that building and drive away everyone in this house!"

The doors are closed anyway, so nobody will know what happens here. Besides, I have Abbie supporting me so I can do whatever I want! I'm going to help my father chase away Cooper, who shouldn't be here in the first place!

The commotion in the garden was so loud that Cooper, who was on the second floor of the main building, could hear them. He had just returned home less than half an hour ago after heading out to search for his son for the whole day. Cooper did everything by himself because he didn't want to miss any news about his other child.

Unfortunately, he did not manage to find anything. The nurse had died and they checked all of her past relationships and even investigated eighteen generations of her ancestors, but they still couldn't find the Moore couple that she mentioned.

Perhaps those people are not her relatives, but patients she met when she was a nurse.

According to Michael's investigation, the Moore couple were infertile. After hearing this, Cooper investigated the hospital again for infertile patients they received thirty years ago, but he still couldn't find them. Twenty-eight years ago, the small hospital in the suburbs of Riverdale didn't even have computers and all the information was handwritten. Over two decades had passed and they were long gone, which was why Cooper had taken a different approach to find the Moore couple who had immigrated twenty-eight years ago. Even though he was the mighty Cooper Mitchell, it was still very difficult to find a baby boy who was secretly taken away twenty-eight years ago! The hospital could even be called a small clinic because they only had one doctor and three nurses. The equipment they had was outdated and it was impossible that they had surveillance cameras.

Back then, my darling Anna gave birth to my two children under such backward and crude conditions. How desperate she must have been to ask the nurse to take her baby away... When all of that happened, I was detained in the Mitchell family house for half a year because I was heartbroken after Anna's departure. When I left the house half a year later, I was a completely different person. I became ruthless and unsympathetic because the person who taught me to be kind and gentle had died right in front of my eyes. At that time, I didn't know that my darling Anna was giving birth to my two children in despair!

After Cooper returned home, he hid in the study and wasn't willing to see anyone. He cried silently as he looked at Annabel's ultrasound.

My child, where are you?

The door of the study opened quietly and a small head appeared at the door.

Standing at the doorway, Carmen asked in a sweet voice, "Grandpa, can I come in?"

Hearing her sweet voice, Cooper felt a strong surge of warmth fill up his pained heart.

Although I haven't found that child, I found Sophia and Carmen, and that is the greatest consolation in my life.

Cooper wiped away his tears and smiled at Carmen. "Come here, Carmen. Come to Grandpa!"

Hearing this, Carmen ran over happily, followed by Judge, who had a headful of braids. Nathan, who also had two pigtails, stood outside the door. Cooper picked Carmen up and placed her on his lap. Looking at him, Carmen said happily, "Grandpa, my brother came to see me!"

Cooper glanced at Nathan, who was standing outside the door. He was as cold as ever and wasn't close to anyone.

Petting Carmen's head, Cooper said in a soft and doting voice, "Your mother is not here, so I'm afraid you have to stay home and play with your brother." Carmen smiled and looked at him. "Grandpa, I want to braid your hair."

Upon hearing that, Cooper was rendered speechless.

When Sandra's voice could be heard coming from the outside, Carmen was fully focused on braiding Cooper's hair. Cooper had a pigtail on each side of his head as he read through documents, silently bearing something a grandfather shouldn't bear.

Carmen was really excited and she was even humming a tune. With a head full of braids, Judge lay on the carpet and snored. As for Nathan, he silently stood in front of the bookshelves and read Cooper's books.

In the past, Sophia collected many out-of-print books and she brought them wherever she moved. The books followed her from Villa No.8 to Villa No.2, and to this place. Nathan planned to borrow two books back home to read that day.

When Cooper found out that there were people causing trouble outside, he felt that it wasn't suitable for him to head out with two pigtails, so he took a look at the surveillance tapes.

He saw that the group of people outside the door was acting very arrogant.

Abbie was standing tall and proud while Sandra yelled arrogantly, "This is Miss Abbie from the Michel Family! You have offended her, which means you have also offended them! Miss Abbie is the cousin of Mr. Fass, the family head of the Michel Family, and he is very fond of her! Miss Abbie is of noble birth and she likes this house, so the Mitchell Family should be honored!"

"Miss Abbie and Miss Lucile grew up together and they are basically sisters! The Michel Family loves this house, so all of you should move out by the end of today!"

Hearing this, Cooper was rendered speechless. He switched off the surveillance tapes, fearing that it would be an insult to his intelligence. Fortunately, the sound insulation of the house was great so they couldn't hear the sound outside at all.

All Cooper could hear was Carmen's sweet humming and... Judge's snoring. He glanced at Judge in disgust, who was sleeping on the carpet with his tongue out.

This dog is here to eat for free again!

All of a sudden, Carmen asked, "Grandpa, do you think Judge looks like a wolf?"

"No; he doesn't," Cooper muttered.

Carmen pouted her lips. "I promised Stanley to let Judgey play the role of a wolf in Daddy's movie."

Upon hearing that, Cooper frowned. He had read the script before; naturally, it was based on a true story. Back when Mark hid in the snow mountains, there were packs of wolves there. They had to deal with even more ferocious enemies after dealing with the wolves so they had to keep every single bullet to fight their enemies, which was also why they could only use bayonets to fight the wolves and use as little ammunition as possible.

It was like hell on earth—they not only had to watch out for the enemies who might attack at any moment, they had to be careful of the man-eating wolves! They lacked food and clothing and were always surrounded by danger. It was a miracle to have survived all of that!

Many people couldn't afford to wait for Woody's reinforcements to arrive. Even if they didn't die from the enemy's attack, they would be eaten by wolves. Having no energy due to lack of food, they were dragged into the snowy mountains and disappeared without a trace.

Naturally, they had to include this in the movie. After all, this was an extremely tragic scene.

The wolf packs in the movie would be made out of real wolves and special effects.

Let Judge act as a wolf...

Cooper glanced at Judge, who was sleeping with his legs spread wide apart and mouth wide open; there was even a pool of drool nearby. Cooper refused to let Judge be in the movie! However, Carmen pouted her lips and said grumpily, "Grandpa, does Judgey really not look like a wolf? But I already promised Stanley. If Judgey doesn't look like a wolf, Daddy will definitely refuse..."

Cooper frowned hard. How could he disagree with her?

And so, he gritted his teeth and ignored his conscience as he replied, "Of course Judge looks like a wolf! Judge is actually a real wolf! He's a Siberian wolf that is famous for pulling sleds so he's really tough! All he has to do is to show his true character to play the role of a wolf!"

Hearing this, a smile appeared on Carmen's face and she said, "When Daddy comes home, I'll tell him that you said Judge looks like a wolf, so he will definitely not dare to say otherwise!"

Cooper went silent.

She probably knows that Michael will definitely refuse her so she came here to ask for my help. If I say Judge is a wolf, Michael won't dare to say otherwise. She's just as slick as her father!

In order to please Cooper, Carmen decided to braid more of his hair. However, at that moment, the commotion outside was still ongoing. Sandra kept talking nonsense and said that this house was cursed, as if they didn't move out of here and give up the house to Abbie Michel, they would start a war and would be sinners.

"You should know how powerful the Michel Family is. It's not just them, the Fletcher Family, the Winston Family, and the Edwards are no match for them too!"

Meanwhile, Dimon was silent and wasn't afraid of Sandra's threats at all. In fact, he wanted to burst out laughing.

I didn't realize that I was once loyal to a family full of fools. Sandra is a classic example of what it means to be blind and foolish!

Dimon moved into this house with Cooper and realized that Linus Michel lived here too. However, Linus was really low-key and he directly entered the house from a secret garage door every day.

Nobody had ever told Dimon about Cooper's relationship with Linus. After all, Dimon was just a security guard of the outer courtyard, so he fulfilled his duty and didn't ask about his boss' affairs. However, he knew that Linus greeted Cooper as 'Fass'.

He also knew that other than 'Scarlett Mitchell', Sophia went by the name 'Lucile Michel'. Dimon suddenly understood why Sophia and Michael didn't bother about getting their names in the genealogy book at all, and realized why they were disgusted by Sandra's provocation.

A true lion will naturally ignore the provocation of a barking wild dog who doesn't know its place! In their eyes, rather than using the family name to threaten others, it is better to crush enemies using their own strength. A lion will definitely stay silent when it wants to eat a wild dog and a lion's roar is meant to deter its opponent. It's obvious that a wild dog is not worthy to be a lion's opponent!

Dimon crossed his arms and watched Sandra continue to spew out threats. However, no matter how threatening she was, he didn't let her through.

"Sorry, but this is a private residence. If you don't leave, we'll call the police!"

Seeing that her dignity was being challenged in front of Abbie, Sandra felt humiliated. In order to show her extraordinary position in the Mitchell Family and prove that she had the power to be friends with the young madam of the Michel Family, she stopped talking nonsense and ordered her men to attack!

"Capture that betrayer and beat him to death!"

Dimon was also tired from watching Sandra bicker and was about to attack. However, at that moment, they heard a knock on the door.

"Is anyone home? Open the door! I'm back!"

Dimon glanced at the surveillance and saw that it was Sophia, Roger, and the others who were taken to the police station. Among the four men—who were all two meters tall and fully dressed in black—stood Sophia, and they were waiting for someone to open the gates for them.

Dimon was confused... Usually, they never entered the house through the front door and always came in through the garage, taking the elevator in the garage and going straight up into the house. People who walked through the front door were mostly guests, or uninvited, shameless people like Michael.

Wasn't Sophia taken to the police station? Why is she back and coming in through the front door no less? Moreover, it's just the few of them; where's Michael and Sean?

In the end, Dimon decided to open the door. As soon as he did so, Sophia smiled as she crossed the threshold and entered. Roger was holding a few bags in his hands, as if he had just come back from a shopping spree.

Sandra was shocked when she saw Sophia who suddenly returned. "Why are you back so soon?"

She had offended the Michel Family and was even involved in a huge trouble. How is she released so quickly?

Sophia walked over slowly. Her sea-blue eyes looked calm and she flipped her long black hair as she replied, "Haven't you heard of diplomatic immunity? That's why we were released!"

Diplomatic immunity?

Sandra glanced at the men behind Sophia. Judging from their skin color, she knew that they were not Cethosian. Foreigners who committed crimes in Cethos could not be judged, even if they were involved in a murder. Instead, they had to be transferred back to their country and judged according to the laws of their home country.

Sandra had obviously never thought about this and she looked extremely furious.

So what if she has diplomatic immunity? She had offended the Michel Family!

Sophia's blue eyes were looking everywhere for someone. "I heard that there is a good friend of Lucile's who grew up with her. Where is she?"