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Sasha was against the idea due to personal reasons, but she couldn't think of anything to rebuke the man because he was right.

In fact, his sole concern was their children's development. Thus, his arrangements were the best for their children.

In the end, she acknowledged with a nod and said, "Sure, I'll leave them in your care for the time being and return to spend some time with them in the future."

As soon as she wrapped up the conversation, she hung up the call and thought that was the best out of the worst possible outcomes.

Sasha and Rufus boarded the next available flight, making their way to Clear from Avenport three days before the festive seasons.

Standing in front of the entrance of Royal Court One, Luke's mind was all over the place due

to the well-decorated villa for the upcoming joyous occasions.

"Mr. Hayes, I think Mrs. Hayes has finally departed."

Sebastian, who was next to Luke, stared dead ahead of him when he heard his assistant.

Is Mr. Hayes looking at the plane? Has he lost his mind or something? I mean, it's pretty obvious there's no way he's able to ensure she's in the plane.

Luke felt heavy-hearted and stood next to Sebastian in silence for a long time.

Two days later, it was finally time for the fight to take place.

Yancy took the internet by storm as soon as she revealed her trump card—the letters she had retrieved with Sasha's aid.

Seriously? The late director of Hayes Corporation was a playboy when he was young! I can't

believe he had tried to get his hands on a minor!

Oh, God! This is definitely the news of the day!

What is it about?

Within a few hours, the photos made it to the internet. The netizens expressed their disbelief

and continued sharing the photos with their friends and families.

The topic became the talk of the town due to the convenience of communication enabled through the advancement of technologies.

By the time Luke heard of the scandal, it had topped the trending chart. The journalists had been bombarding the company with all sorts of follow-up questions.

She's such a shameless b*tch!

Luke kept a copy of the photos and rushed his way to Sebastian's office. He announced, "Mr.

Hayes, those were the letters they had been writing one another back in the day."

He showed Sebastian the photos, but Sebastian was relatively calm. In fact, he had been

pretty calm ever since a few days ago when he was aware of the things awaiting him,

including Eric's plan to assert dominance over the corporate players in the city and the plan of those from Jetrouna to take him out.

Although others had taken the fight to him, he couldn't care less and announced in a hushed voice upon a simple glimpse at the photos, "These don't belong to him."
"What?" Luke was confused and had a hard time fathoming the things Sebastian brought up a few seconds ago.
What does he mean these don't belong to him? Also, who are we talking about?

"Mr. Hayes, are you indicating these aren't the things Mrs. Hayes has smuggled from Mr. Hayes Sr's room?"

"Yes."

"H-Huh? If that's the case—"

"Sasha was no fool—there was no way she would hand these to Yancy since she could easily figure out the things awaiting us if those were truly the letters Dad had written Yancy." The man was certain the letters in the photos weren't the ones Sasha had handed over to Yancy.

He was spot on since Yancy was the one confessing the sort of affection she had for Frederick in a lustful manner.

Therefore, Sasha wasn't against the idea of returning those to Yancy since she thought Yancy was the one who would stand something to lose.

To be precise, she might easily tarnish her image if those were to make it to the internet without her consent.

If that's the case, what has gone wrong with the letters? Why are these different from the ones Mrs. Hayes has handed over to Yancy?

The confused Luke looked at the almighty president of Hayes Corporation. A few seconds later, Sebastian remarked, "It's the papers doing the tricks. The initial content can be easily altered through a special method, leaving the altered content behind."

Sebastian showed him the suspicious part of the letters and exposed Yancy's dirty little tricks in front of Luke.

Luke started burning with rage and felt a strong urge to confront the vicious woman in person.

Seconds after he retrieved his phone, Sebastian stopped him and asked, "What do you think you're doing?"

Irrked, Luke said, "I'll go teach her a lesson and stop her from accusing your father! Otherwise, she's going to tarnish the late Mr. Hayes Sr's image! On top of that, it's over for Hayes Corporation!"

Slouching against the chair, the calm and collected Sebastian asked nonchalantly, "Why are you in such a hurry when the best is about to begin?"

He had his eyes glued on the stack of documents on his table shortly after he finished his rhetorical questions.

Seriously? What are we waiting for when they have taken the fight to us?

As confused as Luke might be, he knew he needed to have faith in Sebastian. Thus, he stopped trying anything rash and continued observing the progress of the incidents.

Shortly after the photos made it to the internet, a famous influencer with millions of followers hopped on the bandwagon.

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He attached the photos of a parcel as well as the photo that seemed to have been around for decades.

Holy moly! What is this again?

Is this some sort of big expose?

The netizens gathered around immediately after they found out the existence of the influencer.

The Truth Of The Mysterious Incident Two Decades Ago!

The so-called influencer included the description for the mysterious items and took the netizens by surprise when he included the identity of a woman with the surname of Young. Who's this Ms. Young he's talking about?

Although the youngsters might not be aware of the identity of the woman, those around Rufus and Jackson's age were well aware of the woman's identity.

Ms. Young? Is he talking about one of the renowned heiresses of Avenport two decades ago?

It rings a bell! Are we talking about the homewrecker who ends up being an outcast of the Young family after the scandal?

Yes! I have heard rumors of the man abandoning her as well!

A few boomers were surfing the internet. Immediately after they found out the scandals had something to do with Yancy, they recalled the incident that had occurred decades ago.

Thus, the name of Frederick and Yancy made it to the headline shortly after the big expose of the influencer.

It was then Yancy's name finally showed up in front of others after two decades.

That was merely the first step of the vicious woman's plan. All along the years, she had always wanted to do something to prove herself innocent.

The netizens went berserk when they saw the content of the so-called letters Frederick had written Yancy. They started reprimanding him for being a shameless man.

Luke was on the verge of losing his cool as he couldn't stand others ridiculing the late Frederick anymore.

"I can't take it anymore! It's time to teach her a lesson!"

Muttering to himself, the enraged man started returning the favor and picked on the keyboard warrior by replying to their comments.

He tried to explain those were merely the papers doing the tricks, but the keyboard warriors seemed to have been anticipating him.

As soon as he tried to defend the late Frederick, he became the center of the keyboard warriors' witch hunt.

Some of them started going after him and his IP address. In the end, they successfully located the person behind the defensive comment and found out he was affiliated with Hayes Corporation.

Damn it! Things have just escalated real quick over there!

Luke was utterly dumbfounded. As infuriated as he might be, he knew he couldn't keep that from Sebastian anymore.

The moment he made it into Sebastian's office, he found out Sebastian had departed and was on his way to the customer's office.

In short, Sebastian would be away for two hours. Things might have long spiraled out of control by the time he returned to his office.

Luke's speculation was spot on—things had long spiral out of control by the time Sebastian returned to his office.

On top of the persistent netizens, the entire building had been surrounded by countless curious journalists.

Sebastian couldn't even make his way back to his office had failed to make his way back through the back entrance too after being notified of the journalists' presence.

Horrified by the consequences of his actions, the startled Luke stammered the moment he saw Sebastian, "M-Mr. Hayes, I—"

To his surprise, Sebastian was relatively calm as if he couldn't be bothered by the comments of the netizens at all.

"What's with that aggrieved look? Well, she's just trying to leverage her relationship with my late father for her personal gain. Stop getting worked up over something trivial."

"H-Huh?" After pausing for a few seconds, Luke asked, "Am I not supposed to be anxious when she has exposed the sort of relationship—"

Luke was afraid the woman would come after Sebastian, who wasn't related to the Hayes at all, as soon as she shared the sort of relationship her son had with the rest.

After all, he would have to get rid of Sebastian to ensure her son could inherit the assets of the Hayes.

Luke glared at Sebastian in the eyes, but Sebastian assured him in a callous tone, "Just let her make a scene out of it if that's the case."

"B-But—"

"Have you nothing else on your schedule? If there's nothing else, why don't you go ahead and call it a day?"

Instead of getting worked up due to the ongoing scandals, Sebastian's assistant had gotten on his nerves for bringing up the same issue over and over again.

In the end, Luke had no choice but to leave Sebastian alone.

What is he trying to do? Isn't he aware he's going to bring upon his own undoing?

Apart from Luke, the staff of the company was on pins and needles due to the ongoing scandals.

To make things worse, the president had never once addressed their concerns and the issues. Within a few hours, the part where Yancy had to brace herself through others' humiliation and give birth to Solomon made it to the headline.

Yancy included the part Frederick dismissed him when they needed her the most. Instead of

taking care of his biological son, Frederick took care of his sister-in-law's son and acknowledged him as his son.

Once again, the scandal took the public by surprise since no one could foresee the truth of the series of incidents.

Most importantly, it had something to do with the almighty Hayes Corporation.

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What the heck is wrong with the late Mr. Hayes? I can't believe he had a thing for his sister-in-law! It turns out the so-called mistress was never the one at fault!

What on earth is going on with this family? Are they even in their right mind?

Hayes Corporation's shares plunged due to the scandals. The journalists couldn't resist the urge to break into the building and ended up blocking the entrance of the company.

"M-Mr. Hayes—"

As much as Luke was against the idea of approaching Sebastian, he had to brace himself since a few shareholders of the company was there.

Sebastian glanced at him and switched off his laptop before asking Luke to show the shareholders the way to his office.

"Mr. Hayes, what's going on with the scandals? Are you not going to stop the woman? Don't you think it's time to ensure everything is under control?"

"He's right, Mr. Hayes!"

The ones urging Sebastian to do something were none other than Peter and his party who had helped Sebastian regain ownership over Hayes Corporation in times of emergencies.

In other words, they had never once doubted Sebastian and reprimanded the ones spreading baseless accusations against him and his family.

Nonetheless, Sebastian shook his head and showed them the way to the couch in his office upon a simple glimpse at the watch on his wrist.

"All of you need to stay calm because I'm trying to lure the mastermind out of hiding."

The shareholders' confusion was written all over their faces. They asked, "The mastermind?"

Sebastian nodded and started puffing at the cigarette. He said, "I have to take out the mastermind before handing over the company to the rest of you. Otherwise, I'm afraid she's going to try something silly."

"Huh?"

The confused bunch got increasingly confused due to Sebastian's remarks, but Sebastian went dead silent and started scrolling through his phone.

It wasn't much of a surprise for Sebastian to become the target of the netizens' upcoming witch hunt since Yancy had accused Frederick of having an affair with his sister-in-law.

All of a sudden, everyone had their eyes on Sebastian and considered him the illegitimate son of the Hayes.

Subsequently, Sebastian, who had always been a public figure, became the talk of the town.

Great! It's about time!

Sebastian cast his phone aside and instructed Luke to serve their guests a few glasses of tea.

Luke and the shareholders were at a loss for words. They couldn't fathom the reason Sebastian was relatively at ease, but they had to play along with the man.

After a few cups of tea, Luke couldn't keep his curiosity in check anymore. He retrieved his phone and found out Sebastian was no longer the talk of the town.

"W-What's—"

He stammered and piqued the curiosity of the shareholders. They ended up checking their phones as well.

Sebastian remained calm throughout the session, but those around him were surprised by

the drastic turn of events within a few hours.

The officials of the social media announced they had terminated the account of the so-called influencer for accusing others.

On top of that, the spokesperson of the police mentioned they had taken those in charge into custody.

The footage of the letters being drenched in some mysterious-looking solution took the netizens by surprise again.

The content of the letters was no longer the same once they retrieved the letters from the mysterious-looking solution.

Those were no longer written by a man. Instead, those were lustful confessions from a woman to a man.

Sir? What the heck? How dare she address him in such an intimate manner?

Is this the freaking truth of the entire saga?

Oh, God! Isn't this the technique to alter the content of the letter? I think the mysterious-looking solution is the key to the initial content! In other words, Ms. Young has been playing the victim when she's the mastermind!

If that's the case, is she still alive or what?

At the same time, the news of a foreign woman being taken into custody by the police of Lostaria in Jetroina made it to the headlines of the international news channel.

“According to the spokesperson of the police from Jetroina, Keiko, who's better known as Yancy, is the mastermind behind the series of incidents. As a member of Sinch Enterprise, she was also involved in the conflict between Sinch Enterprise and Hayes Corporation quite some time ago. In other words, this is one of her attempts to get her revenge against Hayes Corporation. The police have taken her into custody after gathering the evidence to prove her guilty.”

The so-called scandals were brought to an abrupt halt because of a video that lasted for a little less than a minute.

The police from Jetroina showed the journalists the rest of the so-called letters prior to taking those away with them as evidence for Yancy's trial.

The contents of those letters had yet to be altered by Yancy. Thus, once those made it to the

headlines, it took the public, including the ones in Sebastian's office, by surprise.

“Mr. Hayes, it turns out you have all sorts of countermeasure in place, huh? I can't believe you have acquired the aid of the police from Jetroina and the international journalists!

You're awesome!”

“He's right, Mr. Hayes! I'm impressed! You have done a magnificent job!”

Those in Sebastian's office showed him a huge thumbs up. Instead of taking the credits, Sebastian responded with a smile and took another sip of tea.

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As a matter of fact, Sebastian wasn't the one pulling the strings when he was merely the president of Hayes Corporation.

It would be impossible for him to assert influence over the police from Jetroina and the international journalists within such a short span of time.

In other words, the only one capable of asserting influences over so many parties at the

same time was the Jadesons.

Yancy had successfully gotten on their nerves with her vicious plan. In an attempt to gain ownership over Hayes Corporation, she thought of a series of things to force Sebastian into submission.

Unfortunately, she had brought the fight to the wrong party because even though she was aware Sebastian was a member of the Jadesons, she had tried to paint the picture differently.

In an attempt to mislead others into perceiving Sebastian as the illegitimate son of Frieda and Frederick, she had successfully irked the Jadesons.

The almighty Jadesons, the family superior to the rest of the families due to their influence in the army, would never allow others to pick on their successor even though Shin was merely an outcast of the family.

As much as they were against the idea of acknowledging Sebastian, they would never allow others to pick on him.

Aware of the plan of the Jadesons, Sebastian had long made up his mind to let them take care of the nuisances on his behalf.

He thought it wasn't a bad idea to take out Yancy with others' aid.

Shortly after he finished his cup of tea and showed the shareholders the way out of his office, the one behind the scenes showed up in front of him.

Infuriated by the truth, Eric glared at Sebastian and yelled, "It turns out you're Frieda's son!" Sebastian sneered and asked with a scowl, "Yes! What's the matter? Is that a big deal or something?"

Eric couldn't stand Sebastian's contemptuous look anymore. Unable to contain the strong murderous intent to himself, he asked, "If that's the case, why have you mentioned nothing about it? Have you a death wish or something? Why have you taken out my comrades?"

The infuriated man response was the epitome of the Jadesons' response. Sebastian's father

was the Jadesons' sole successor back in the day.

The father of the man in front of him was nothing more than a leader of a branch family, but the man had the guts to challenge the heir of the legitimate successor of the family.

Sebastian chuckled and puffed at the cigarette, asking with a scowl, "What? Are you going to do me a favor and take me out if I have a death wish?"

Eric was at a loss for words because those were precisely the things he had in mind. In fact, the urge to take out the man in front of him was written all over his scrunched-up face.

He warned Sebastian, "If you don't wish to die a miserable death, you better bring along your

mother's corpse and follow me to the Jadesons' Residence!"

Sneering, Sebastian asked in a sarcastic manner, "Since you're aware we're biologically related, why do you want my mother's corpse? Am I supposed to hand her corpse over to the old geezer and allow him to take things out on a deceased?"

"Sebastian!" Unable to suppress his wrath anymore, Eric reached for his gun and took aim at

Sebastian.

"I'm warning you to stop challenging us unless you truly wish to make an express trip to hell! Since they have sent me to take you home with me, it means they're still trying to do you a favor!"

Am I supposed to consider myself lucky because I'll get to live as long as I grovel myself at his mercy and make my way back to the Jadesons with him? Is he indicating I need to express my gratitude over their courtesy?

Seconds after Sebastian burst out laughing, he brought himself to an abrupt halt and glared at the man in the eyes, indicating he was ready to take Eric out without a second thought.

"Sure! I'll follow you!"

"Huh?"

Sebastian's reply took Eric by surprise as Sebastian had changed his mind in split seconds when he was still pretty arrogant a few seconds ago.

At the same time, Sebastian sprang up from the couch and snatched Eric's gun away from him.

A loud crack could be heard as Sebastian broke Eric's arm without any hesitation. After being in the army for more than a decade, Eric couldn't believe someone was actually a match for him in terms of combat skills.

"On one condition—I'll return with your corpse instead of my mother's!"

Sebastian took aim at Eric with a vicious grin. Overwhelmed by angst, it seemed as if he was about to pull the trigger at any time because he was aware the man in front of him had taken his mother out.

Eric's face turned pale and haggard. He warned Sebastian, "You better not try anything reckless! If you kill me, the Jadesons will never let you off the hook!"

"Huh? Are you indicating they're going to let me off the hook if I don't kill you? I mean, you don't think I'm going to fall for your promises when you have always intended to take me out on our way back, do you?"

Sebastian slapped Eric's face with the gun in an attempt to provoke the almighty member of the Jadesons.

Unable to withstand the humiliation, Eric tried to break free from Sebastian.

Unfortunately, the man Eric deemed just another corporate player launched a powerful strike in his direction and sent him flying to the ground with a punch.

"Argh!"

Consequently, Eric shrieked in pain and puked a mouthful of blood.

"It turns out the Jadesons' presence is the reason my father has always wanted me to practice martial art ever since I was young! He must have foreseen likes of you coming after me!"

Stepping on the heavily injured man's shoulders, Sebastian took aim at the defenseless man's back.

Truth be told, he had been having nightmares all this while because he would recall the last moment of his mother prior to passing on in his arms as soon as he tried to close his eyes. She had passed on after sustaining a serious injury due to the bullet fired at her spinal cord. As much as it might hurt, she braced herself through the racking sensation and muttered, "S-Sebby, it's fine! I-I'm just joining your father!"

At the last moment of her life, she had finally regained consciousness. However, he had never once acknowledged her as his mother.

No longer could Sebastian withstand the heart-wrenching sensation torturing him anymore. He took aim at the defenseless man's spinal cord and pulled the trigger as much as the man

begged for mercy.

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On the other hand, Sasha, who had long made her way to Clear, finally figured out the series

of incidents after spending a week at the hospital.

She had to help out at the hospital since her colleagues were aware she was back after dropping by the hospital to check his father into the ward.

Thus, she had no time for the internet until Willow showed up at her place for dinner together during their day off.

“Nancy, have you seen the news? Are you aware your ex-spouse was in quite a nasty situation a few days ago?”

Sasha, who had just served the dishes for dinner, repeated Willow’s question when she heard her friend, “What?”

It had been two years ever since she last heard someone addressing Sebastian in such a manner. She just couldn’t get used to it yet.

Willow showed the confused Sasha her phone and said, “A woman from Jetroina had been mocking your husband and mentioned he was the illegitimate child of the Hayes. Currently, she has been taken into custody by the police.”

Sasha lost herself in a train of thought while her friend continued gulping down the dishes served.

She finally linked the missing pieces of puzzles together and snatched her friend’s phone away from her.

“Why are you in such a hurry? Are you afraid I’m going to take the phone away for you or what? Can you do me a favor and take care of my newly purchased phone over there?”

Sasha paid no heed to her friend and started perusing the content of the news.

She couldn’t believe so many things had occurred for Hayes Corporation within the span of a week.

Yancy! It’s that vicious woman again!

Shortly after she figured out the timeline of the series of incidents, she started panting heavily as she couldn’t believe Yancy had been making use of her to bring upon others’ undoing again.

She was glad the authorities had clarified that the Hayes had nothing to do with the scandals. Those were nothing more than baseless accusations, and the one stirring things up had been taken into custody as well.

Well, I’m just glad things turn out just fine for the accused ones! Otherwise, I’m going to feel guilty because I was the one who had gotten her the letters!

Sasha returned Willow her phone and asked, “What’s with this new phone of yours? Is it a gift from your fan or something?”

Willow rolled her eyes and asked sarcastically, “Hello? Are you trying to pull my leg when you’re the one who has all sorts of luxurious gifts from different men?”

Her friend had no intention to play along with her. Instead, she headed into the kitchen to wash her hands.

Seconds after she returned, Sasha said, "What's so great about wealthy men? Aren't you aware I'm just a divorcée?"

"What about it? I'm pretty sure you can easily get yourself another man if you're keen to get into another relationship! A colleague of ours thought of dropping by to visit you when he found out you were back!"

Willow inched over and made fun of Sasha, indicating she was jealous of Sasha's look and luck in terms of relationships with men.

She just couldn't think of the reason she was never involved in a serious relationship with a man.

Sasha had no intention to carry on with the conversation. She handed her friend a piece of note and urged, "You need to hold on to this and make sure you don't lose it anymore! Otherwise, I'm going to teach you a lesson for nagging in front of me!"

Willow was confused for a few seconds. As soon as she returned to her senses and found out it was someone's contact number, she started jumping for joy.

"You don't have to worry because there's no way I'm losing it again!" She stuffed the paper with Brandon's contact number into her pocket.

Over the past two years, Sasha had been keeping in touch with him. However, he couldn't make his way back due to the ongoing issues of the Emmanuels and the Hayes.

She thought it wouldn't be such a bad idea to do her friend a favor since Willow was head over heels in love with Brandon.

In the end, they had a great night catching up with one another over a meal.

Sasha brought the meal she had set aside for her father to the hospital to keep him company for the night.

As soon as Sasha reached the ward and saw Rufus pacing back and forth in the corridor, her heart skipped a beat.

She rushed to her father's side and reprimanded, "Dad, what are you doing here when you're

supposed to be taking a nap? You can't leave the ward without anyone around you! It's dangerous!"

"I'm fine! After spending so many days in bed, it's about time for me to take a walk to ease up the pent-up tension! Speaking of which, when will I be discharged?"

Her father assured her it was not a big deal when he caught her getting worked up again.

In the end, Sasha brought her father back to the ward because she knew it would take a long

time for those affected to get rid of the toxin in their system.

When she recalled the vicious woman was the one behind her father's current misery, she started gritting her teeth in angst again.

After showing her father the way back to the ward, she served him his meal and took a seat next to him.

"Sasha, have you gotten in touch with Sebastian or not? Have you heard of the things going on with his company? Aren't you supposed to keep him company?"

"H-Huh?" Sasha was about to serve his father some fruits for a balanced diet, but she almost ended up skinning her thumb due to her father's question.

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She never had the chance to tell him they had filed for divorce because she was afraid of sharing the news with him.

After all, he might not be able to take the bad news when he wasn't even in his prime in terms of health.

"He told me to take it easy since he had everything under control. Well, it's just one of Yancy's attempts to mess with him. The police from Jetroina had long taken her into custody. Therefore, you don't have to worry as well."

Rufus heaved a sigh of relief once he found out his so-called son-in-law was fine. Little did he know his daughter had been lying to him by repeating the information she acquired in the evening.

"I'm just glad things turn out fine for him! I can't believe she's such a vicious woman! She was nothing similar to her current self when she was affiliated with your mother back in the day!"

He got increasingly irked the moment he brought up Yancy in front of Sasha.

Sasha smirked and said, "It's not much of a surprise for you and Mom to fall for her tricks when she could even trick Sebastian's late father back into dancing to her tune back in the day."

Unwilling to carry on with the conversation, Rufus started savoring the plate of fruits Sasha had served him.

It was then Sasha thought of getting her father a pail of water to wipe his body clean.

Out of the blue, Rufus asked, "Since she had thought of exposing Sebastian and Frederick's

relationship, did she mention anything about Frieda?"

Sasha, who was in the bathroom, answered without giving it much of a thought, "She did accuse Mr. Hayes of having an affair with Sebastian's biological mother. Why?"

"If that's the case, she's in deep trouble because Frieda is Shin's wife! If the Jadesons is aware Yancy has been trying something silly against Sebastian—"

Bam!

Sasha dropped the pail of water when she heard her father.

Why have I not thought of this? We're not the only ones aware of Sebastian's actual identity!

His so-called father was never involved in an affair with his biological mother because she was pregnant with him when Mr. Hayes took her in!

The Jadesons will never forgive the ones accusing the successor of the family!

After linking the missing pieces of puzzles together, Sasha's mind went completely blank.

She felt a chill running down her spine and lost herself in a train of thought.

"Sasha? Sasha, are you okay?"

Rufus knew something was wrong with his daughter. Thus, he got out of bed and rushed in the direction of the bathroom.

It was then Sasha rushed out of the bathroom and mentioned, "D-Dad, I have something to tend to! Why don't you go ahead and finish your meal without me?"

Her face had turned pale and haggard in a matter of seconds. She couldn't even remain calm anymore as much as she was afraid of startling her father.

Rufus glanced at her and knew she had something else in mind even though he wasn't sure of her concerns.

Nonetheless, he could vividly feel her anxiousness and the feeling of unease bothering her. "Well, just get going and take good care of yourself."

"Alright, Dad!"

Sasha catapulted in the direction of the entrance and started blaming herself for neglecting the vital piece of information as soon as she finished her sentence.

If the Jadesons are aware Sebastian's Frieda's son, there's a huge probability they have reached him! What's going to happen to him if that's the case?

Are they going to kill him or force him into submission and bring him away against his will?

She accelerated her car and whizzed through the bustling streets in fear of the things awaiting the man she once held dear in mind.

In spite of being hurt at the last moment of their relationship, she couldn't help but feel concerned when she heard the bad news.

As soon as she made it home, she reached for her phone in an attempt to reach the man.

"Hello?"

"The number you have dialed is unavailable—"

Colors drained from Sasha's face when she heard the default message of the system as her

call couldn't get through to the man.

Has he freaking blocked me? He's such a heartless man! It has merely been a few days after

our divorce! On top of that, he has never once expressed his concerns over me!

Sasha started burning with rage and got in touch with another person she had in mind.

The person on the other end of the call picked up the call as soon as it was made.

"Hello, Mrs. Hayes? What brings you to me out of the blue?" Luke asked in a hushed voice, indicating he was equally astonished by her call.

The observant Sasha knew something was wrong when she heard the man. She asked, "I have just come across the news! Is everything fine on your end? I-Is he fine?"

She stammered when she brought up Sebastian during her conversation with the man's assistant.

Luke shook his head and assured the woman, "You don't have to worry, Mrs. Hayes. Mr. Hayes is doing just fine. In fact, we have just wrapped up another conference."

The doubtful Sasha asked, "Are you sure you're not lying?"

Out of nowhere, a man's voice could be heard, asking because he was irked, "Luke, what do

you think you're doing? Have you nothing else to do? Why are you in the middle of a call?"

Luke and Sasha were at a loss for words when they heard the man reprimanding his assistant.

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As Sasha's worriedness turned into anger, she hung up the phone right away.

So, it turns out that I was nosy and had overthought it!

Sebastian blocked me and even reprimanded Luke for talking to me! Why was I so stupid to think that he was in danger?

Angst, Sasha slapped herself in the face!

However, she was unaware that Sebastian, who just had his wounds stitched, had collapsed

into his bed once the call ended.

At that moment, he was too feeble to sit up.

“Mr. Hayes, I—”

“You’d—better remember what I said today. From now on, don’t answer her call!”

Sebastian scolded Luke strenuously while sweating profusely.

Luke immediately agreed with it with tears in his eyes.

A few minutes later, Karl came into the room and said, “Mr. Hayes, Charles will not let us go because you killed his son Eric. He will burn this place to the ground. Also, I guess the people that Charles sent earlier were merely the first batch.”

Karl felt sad as he gazed at Sebastian, who was too weak to look up at him.

Although Karl expected a hard battle, SteelFort’s heavy loss in three days caught him by surprise. Besides, even Sebastian was severely injured and could only lie on the bed.

“It’s okay. It’s worthy as long as Calvin can arrive at Jadeborough.”

Even though Sebastian was severely injured, his lips still curled into a cold smile, making Karl’s hair stand on end.

Such an expression is terrible.

We don’t know what Calvin took with him when he left three days ago.

However, Sebastian looks incredibly composed for the past three days. When he killed Eric in the office, he asked us calmly to get rid of the corpse with a sack. Then, he changed his clothes upstairs and continued working till the evening.

A man as such is terrifying, for no one can tell what is on his mind. Of course, don’t expect that he will tell us about it.

Could it be that he instructed Calvin to go to the Jadesons’ Residence and kill the old man directly?

My goodness!

Karl couldn’t help but shiver once the shocking thought flashed through his mind.

Luke asked, “What are you doing?”

Karl took a deep breath and came to his senses. He began to think that his thought was indeed absurd and impractical. After a while, he responded slowly, “Nothing—”

“In that case, let’s go outside so that Mr. Hayes can get some rest. Besides, I’ve to go back to the company,” Luke mumbled and left the room.

After returning to Hayes Corporation, Luke planned to meet a few old shareholders. After all,

given Sebastian’s health condition, Sebastian couldn’t manage the company for a few days at least and had to rely on the shareholders’ help.

Suddenly, Luke saw someone at the building entrance.

“Solomon? Why are you here?”

Luke was shocked to see Solomon, and stopped walking. At that moment, Luke felt that Solomon in glasses was different from how he usually looked as he wasn’t as energetic. Ever since Yancy was arrested, Luke didn’t receive any news from Jetroina about Solomon. As such, he thought that Solomon had been put behind bars alongside Yancy.

“Where is Sebastian?” Solomon asked while staring at Luke with his bloodshot eyes.

Luke burst into laughter and said, "Why must I tell you?"

With that, he turned and left.

"Stand right there!" Solomon reached out to grab Luke's shoulder as if he had lost his mind.

"Tell Sebastian that I'm not seeking revenge against him. Instead, I only hope that he can let

go of my mom. If he agrees to it, I can hand over Sinch Enterprise to him!"

Gripping Luke tightly, Solomon made an inconceivable offer that left Luke stunned.

Is Solomon insane? Is it worthy to do so for his cold-blooded mom? Doesn't he know that she had sold him out many times for her benefits?

Luke couldn't believe what he had heard but didn't taunt Solomon for it.

Instead, he merely wriggled free from Solomon's grip and glanced at Solomon coldly.

"Go home. Mr. Hayes isn't interested in Sinch Enterprise. What he wants is to avenge his father by making sure that the murderer pays."

With that, Luke entered the building and left Solomon.

Solomon was rooted to the ground for a long time.

Deep down, Solomon was aware that Yancy had no right to ask him to save her.

Yancy always claimed that she did everything for the sake of Solomon; nonetheless, she went overboard many times and only treated Solomon as her pawn.

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For instance, Yancy killed Solomon's father and fought over Hayes Corporation by using Solomon's name.

After being rejected by Luke, Solomon left, dejected.

Suddenly, Karl showed up before him and asked, "Mr. Solomon, are you looking for Mr. Hayes? Please come with me."

Solomon was startled for a while but got into the car with Karl. Soon, they left the city and headed toward a remote rural area.

Two hours later, they arrived at a great expanse of wasteland. As the car entered the land, a

barrier appeared out of nowhere.

"Please say the passcode!"

"0113!" Karl responded.

Solomon was struck dumb when a series of numbers in 3D was shown on the barrier. A moment later, an image of a face appeared.

"Scanning completed. Verification done. Please come in," the system responded in a mechanic female voice.

Bam! Suddenly, the wasteland disappeared and turned into a white entrance that rose slowly.

Solomon couldn't believe his eyes.

His mind was still blank when they entered the base.

What is it? Is it some modern technology?

What exactly is Sebastian up to in this piece of wasteland?

Solomon had no idea where he was and why he was brought here.

“Mr. Hayes, we’ve brought him here.”

When Karl brought Solomon to the center of the base, Sebastian had woken up and was writing something at the table.

However, Sebastian had to stop after writing for a while due to his injury. Covering his wound with his hands, he sweated profusely.

That was the sight that greeted Solomon as soon as he walked into the base.

“What happened to you? What’s wrong?” Solomon had never seen Sebastian look so disheveled and pale, as though he would collapse anytime.

After all, Sebastian always looked a lot more imposing than Solomon whenever they encountered each other.

So, what happened to him?

Is he going to die?

Solomon’s eyes suddenly glinted at the thought.

“Rest assured that I’m not going to die yet,” Sebastian scoffed as if he could read Solomon’s

mind, and Solomon’s expression turned grim immediately.

Infuriated, he asked Sebastian to hide his uneasiness, “So, what do you want? Why did you bring me here?”

Sebastian responded mockingly, “Don’t you want to see me? Am I wrong to bring you here?”

Solomon was rendered speechless.

“Alright. In that case, you should’ve known why I’m looking for you. Do you agree to my offer?”

“I don’t.”

Much to Solomon’s surprise, Sebastian rejected his offer without hesitation.

Solomon was infuriated by the answer; he had an emotional outburst and yelled, “Why do you bring me to this place then? Are you trying to humiliate me and enjoy the pleasure of becoming the winner?”

As Solomon kept scolding Sebastian, Sebastian didn’t utter a word to stop him.

After Solomon finished venting his feelings, Sebastian gazed at him and explained coldly, “I don’t agree to it, for I believe that you’re a smart guy. As such, you should choose Hayes Corporation over a woman who betrayed you many times.”

“What did you say?”

Solomon was stunned upon hearing Sebastian’s remark.

“What do you mean by choosing Hayes Corporation?”

“I mean Hayes Corporation that you’ve always coveted. Solomon, I’m now giving you a chance. Kill Yancy, and Hayes Corporation will be yours.”

As the light cast a faint glow upon Sebastian’s face, Solomon could see his cool and aloof expression.

The next moment, Solomon jumped, for Sebastian put on a spooky smile as he spoke.

“Are you insane?”

Overwhelmed by shock and anger, Solomon could only come up with a few words.

Sebastian flashed him a faint smile and replied, “She deserves to die, doesn’t she? I mean, she killed your father and abandoned you for so many years. Do you think you can stay alive

if Heather and her husband didn’t raise you?”

He stopped for a while and added, “Besides, Sabrina is your biological sister. If Devin didn’t save Sabrina in advance, do you think Yancy would let her go? Also, remember what happened to Sasha—”

Sebastian clenched his fingers in hatred once he mentioned the name.

Yes, Sasha was also a victim.

A year ago, Sasha fell into Yancy’s hands because of rescuing me at the Empire State Tower.

I had no choice but to hide Sasha on a deserted island so that Yancy couldn’t harm her. Moreover, to make sure that she would stay on the island, I even had to give her a drug injection, and thus she lost her eyesight.

Has he thought about all these?

Solomon shivered once Sebastian finished reproaching Yancy.

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When Sebastian brought up what Yancy did, a pained expression flashed across Solomon’s face.

Pained, Solomon wailed, “Please stop. Please—”

Nonetheless, it didn’t mean that things that had happened could be undone merely because no one talked about them.

“Indeed, the videotape showed that my dad wanted to transfer the shares to you willingly. However, Yancy killed him as soon as he signed it. Did he do anything wrong to deserve such a punishment?”

Sebastian paused for a while and added, “Was he wrong because he didn’t know you’re his son? Even though he knew that he could lose his life, he was willing to be manipulated and hand over everything to you.”

Sebastian choked on his words occasionally, his eyes reddened.

Although Sebastian wasn’t an emotional man, sorrow and hatred surrounded him as he recalled the past.

Besides, Sebastian remembered that he used to be a jerk like Solomon in the past.

Meanwhile, Solomon was rendered speechless. He staggered backward and collapsed into a chair behind him.

The atmosphere fell silent, and they uttered no words but were immersed in mixed emotions. Also, they recalled many things they did, be it good or bad; forgivable or unforgivable.

“I can’t kill her.”

“Well, allow me to help you.”

The pin-drop silence resumed for a while until they heard some liquid dropping on the floor. Drip! Drop!

Moreover, a pungent stench of blood slowly filled the air.

Solomon pursed his lips and asked, “Why are you doing this now?”

“Well, I’m not a member of the family. So, the only thing that I can do for the Hayes now is to

preserve their belongings. Remember to do the same once I’ve handed them over to you.”

Bam!

A loud noise ensued, for Sebastian finally couldn't hold on any longer.

"Mr. Hayes!"

"Hurry! Get the doctor now!"

"Mr. Hayes—"

Instantly, many people swarmed in and rushed toward the table. Meanwhile, Solomon was rooted to the floor and only stared blankly at the commotion.

At that moment, it felt like a dream to Solomon.

It was already the third day when Sasha realized that something was off.

Simon finally met Sasha and told her that Hayes Corporation already had a new person-in-charge—Solomon. In other words, Sebastian wasn't at the helm of the corporation anymore.

Besides, Simon persuaded Sasha to give up on Sebastian and worked with him.

Solomon is in charge now? How is it possible?

Sasha ignored Simon and rushed toward the hospital.

Much to her surprise, when she searched news about Hayes Corporation on the internet, Solomon was the figure widely reported by the media.

He always wore a suit and a pair of golden-rimmed glasses when facing the reporters.

However, his confident smiles and graceful demeanor reflected that he was now the person in charge.

How could this happen? What happened between them?

As Sasha got impatient, she took out her phone.

This time, she didn't call Luke but Gregg from the operational department.

"Hello, Mr. Anderson. I'm Sasha."

"Oh, Mrs. Hayes! Why are you calling me? It's an honor!"

Gregg was enthusiastic as usual when answering the call.

However, Sasha noticed that he still called her Mrs. Hayes like before.

Since I got a divorce, why is he still calling me Mrs. Hayes?

Isn't the news supposed to be announced in the company already?

As Sasha felt increasingly suspicious, she continued to dwell on it. "Yes, I've gone abroad recently. Mr. Anderson, can I talk to you for a minute? Why does Solomon always show up in

the company recently? Where is the president?"

"Oh, are you referring to Mr. Hayes? Well, he has handed over the company to Mr. George. Besides, he hasn't visited the company for quite some time. I heard that he is busy dealing with another project?"

"Another project?" Sasha was startled. "What project is he involved in?"

Gregg shook his head and responded, "I'm not sure about it. Anyway, we haven't seen Mr. Hayes for a long time. Mrs. Hayes, may I ask if you haven't heard about it?"

Sasha turned pale when Gregg asked her back.

Well, does it mean that no one knows where Sebastian is now?

Feeling anxious, Sasha continued to make a few long-distance calls to her maid, colleagues,

and even the housemaids in the Hayes residence.

Unfortunately, they told her the same thing—they hadn't seen Sebastian in these few days. As expected, some of them, such as the housemaids and bodyguards in the Hayes residence, came up with excuses.

However, Sasha believed that the colleagues in the company wouldn't have to lie to her. As powerful as Sebastian could be, he wouldn't be able to remind everyone to hide the truth. Therefore, Sasha could make a conclusion after asking so many people—Sebastian was missing!

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Why has he gone missing? What is he trying to do?

As her mind was in turmoil, she flung her phone away and swiftly booked a flight ticket to go home.

Rufus didn't stop Sasha from leaving after she explained the current situation to him.

"Sure, go back and find out what happened. After all, I'm worried that the Jadesons will target Sebastian once they know his identity."

Sasha was on the brink of tears upon hearing it.

Sasha couldn't remember how she left the hospital and went to the airport.

All she knew was that she took an eight-hour flight and arrived at Avenport at midnight.

Then, she staggered to the Hayes Corporation as though she was sleepwalking and knocked on the entrance downstairs.

"Sebastian, get out!"

"Sebastian—"

She slammed the door for a long time and screamed until her voice became hoarse.

Finally, someone came downstairs and opened the door. Sasha looked up and saw Solomon, who wore a black suit and a pair of golden-rimmed glasses.

At that moment, he was overlooking Sasha quietly.

Sasha was at a loss for words upon seeing him.

The next moment, she sprang upon him as though she had gone mad and yelled, "What did you do to him? Where are you hiding him now? Give him back to me!"

She was in hysterics and kept grabbing his collars.

It was as if she would tear Solomon into pieces if he didn't give Sebastian back to her.

At that moment, Sasha finally realized how important Sebastian was in her heart, and she was willing to risk her life for him.

Solomon's expression turned grim under the dim lights.

"I'm not keeping him anywhere. He left by himself."

"What did you say?"

Sasha stopped screaming and stared at Solomon in disbelief.

"What did you mean? Did he leave by himself? Where did he go?"

"Someone from the Jadesons looked for Sebastian not long after you went abroad. After Sebastian killed him, Charles wanted to seek revenge. Rumor has it that Sebastian had killed Charles' son. So, since the Jadesons are about to destroy the Hayes, he has brought his men to the Jadeborough. I guess he should've arrived by now."

Solomon explained calmly, as though it had nothing to do with him.

Sasha was shocked upon hearing Solomon's explanation.

Feeling that the world turned topsy-turvy, Sasha collapsed and was about to fall to the ground.

"Nancy!"

Solomon immediately reached out to help her up.

At that juncture, Sasha raised her hand and slapped Solomon in the face as though her strength had restored suddenly.

"Are you satisfied? You finally got what you've always wanted." As Sasha questioned him, crystal clear tears rolled down her cheeks.

Meanwhile, Solomon's face moved to the left, while his glasses were sent flying after being slapped. However, he kept the posture and didn't move an inch.

Deep down, he admitted that he and Yancy did "contribute" a lot to such a situation today.

In the end, Sasha staggered away and disappeared into the darkness.

As the SteelFort's bodyguard was not far from Solomon, he came out and asked, "Mr. Solomon, should we protect her?"

"Yes, send your men to follow her. Remember to stop her from going to Jadeborough." After giving the instructions coldly, Solomon turned around and went upstairs.

Preventing Sasha from going to Jadeborough was Sebastian's last request.

However, they didn't expect that a woman could become immensely resilient in the face of despair.

Sasha returned to Frontier Bay that night to confirm one thing.

"Wendy, I'd like to ask you a question. Where are Ian and the other kids?"

"Mrs. Hayes—"

"Please tell me the truth. Since Sebastian is in trouble, I must know everything to save him. Do you understand?" Sasha questioned calmly and imposingly.

Since it was the first time Sasha behaved so sternly toward her, the housemaid was frightened and spilled the beans.

"I understand, Mrs. Hayes. Mr. Calvin took them away."

"Mr. Calvin?"

"Yes, his name is Calvin Woods. He's the brother of Channing Woods, who used to work for the late Mr. Hayes. Mr. Calvin never returned after he left with the three kids," the housemaid

explained.

Sasha's heart sank upon hearing it.

In other words, the kids did not go to the Soprano's residence. Instead, knowing that a bloody battle would ensue, Sebastian had sent them to somewhere safe to protect them.

What about me?

Back then, he always had rows with me and questioned my fidelity. In the end, I had no choice but to divorce him because he slept with Roxanne.

"Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Hayes didn't take the divorce agreement after you signed on it. Instead, he tore it apart as soon as you left."

The housemaid's revelation dropped a bombshell.