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Darius turned to his grandfather with shock in his eyes.

His grandfather knew who the culprit was? "You know who the culprit is?" Darius asked.

"Yes." Darius grandfather replied.

"How bold." Darius grandfather sneered. "They dared to harm you; completely ignoring your identity as a member of the Reid family." "Are they not afraid of the Reid family anymore?" Darius grandfather asked in a cold tone.

Darius looked at his grandfather and felt shivers run down his spine. The look his grandfather had on his face was the look of someone who had been in charge of a company that was on top of the food chain for over 40 years. Darius was still a student and was yet to graduate from his university, so it was completely normal that his aura paled to that of his grandfather who was a seasoned veteran.

However that didn't stop Darius from asking his grandfather who the culprit was. He was incredibly curious to know who sent an assassin after him. He had not offended anyone recently and was always respectful to people. Why then would anyone send an assassin after him?

"Grandfather, could you tell me who the culprit is?" Darius asked.

"Yes. The triangular mark on the back of the palm of the assassin is a trademark tattoo of the bodyguards of the Erihal group. They perform their dirty deeds and are considerably stronger than average humans. I just didn't expect them to lay their hands on a member of the Reid family." James answered angrily.

He couldn't believe the audacity of the Erihal group. Even after conceding several business projects for them, they ignored all his deeds and launched a deadly attack on his grandson. They must be seeking death!

Darius eyes widened in surprise when he heard his grandfather's answer. He had not come in contact with anyone from the Erihal group apart from Luke Erihal, which he beat to a pulp after his attempt to rape Helen. Who would have thought he had such a vile character? Not only did he not feel any iota of remorse, he even had the heart to send a professional and trained assassin to take his life. How evil!

Darius was a hundred percent sure that Luke was the person behind the attack on him, as he had even threatened him when he rescued Helen. Darius felt extreme anger bubble up in his heart as he thought about it.

In the end he only had himself to blame. If only he was as strong as the assassin, then he wouldn't have been injured so badly. When he recalled his fight with the assassin, brief anger welled up in his heart. He had practiced several martial arts including Kick boxing and

Taekwondo, but even that was not enough to help him defeat the assassin.

He was still lost in his thoughts when his grandfather's words jolted him out of his reverie.

"I know what you are thinking." His grandfather started. "Don't worry too much about it for now."

He reached into the drawer in the mahogany desk and brought out the tattered book. He dusted it carefully so as not to remove the other pages before handing the book over to Darius. "Take this book. Follow the procedures in the book everyday for thirty minutes before you practice your martial arts. It will help you improve your strength greatly." James said. Darius collected the tattered book from his grandfather's hands and went through it. The book contained several strange breathing exercises with different tiers. Darius looked at it skeptically before shrugging it off. It was a gift from his grandfather, which meant that he had to cherish it with his heart; after all he knew that his grandfather had his best interest at heart.

"You should go back to your room and rest now. Although it seems like you are completely healed, you still need to be careful for the next three days." His grandfather suggested warmly.

Darius nodded his head lightly. He wholeheartedly agreed with his grandfather's suggestion. He was still feeling a bit weak as a matter of fact. Perhaps after resting for three days he would be back to full health.

He thanked his grandfather sincerely for his help before exiting the study room. His grandfather maintained a smile on his face as he spoke to his grandson, but the moment his grandson left the room, a sinister gaze appeared on his face.

He picked up his phone and gave Bruce a phone call. The phone rang only once before Bruce picked up the call.

"The Erihal Group was behind the attack on my grandson. You know what to do." James ordered angrily before disconnecting the call without waiting for a response from Bruce.

Since the Erihal Group took his kindness and merciful act towards them for granted, he would remind them just how powerful and unforgiving the Reid consortium is. He sat down on his seat and took a sip from the glass of wine on the table.

[HKN Diamond Hotel; VIP Section, Room 41)

Luke Erihal laid on a very luxurious king sized bed in a room in the VIP section of the HKN Diamond Hotel. Beside him on the bed lay a naked lady. She was incredibly pretty with swelling twin peaks and a curvaceous behind.

Beads of sweats rolled down from Luke's well developed upper body. It didn't take a genius to know that the two people on the bed had been involved in some intense sexual activities.

Luke glanced at the lady who was sleeping peacefully after several rounds of intimate sessions. His lips turned upwards and a triumphant smirk crawled on to his face.

This was how it should be. He could get any lady to spend the night with him if he so wanted.

There shouldn't be anyone capable of stopping his actions! His eyes turned crazed as he thought about Darius. He had gotten a report from the assassin he ordered that Darius had been severely injured by him.

He was very glad at the report. Although he would have preferred that Darius was killed, this also worked fine as well. The assassin informed him that the injuries were too severe and he would probably die in a few days. Luke let out a sinister chuckle. He remembered how humiliated he felt when Darius beat him

up and insulted his dignity as a man in front of Helen. He wanted to be the one who beat Darius up, but he knew that he couldn't win Darius in a fight. He could only settle for the aid of the assassin.

Now that Darius was out of the way, he could now renew his pursuit for Helen. This time around there would be no one to stop him.

He was still relishing in his joy when his phone rang. Excited, he picked the phone call without checking the caller ID. The excited expression on his face instantly faded when he heard the voice from the other end of the phone. "What exactly have you done this time, Luke Erihal?!"

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Luke flinched in fear when he heard the caller's question. As for what the identity of the caller was and why he could make Luke flinch in fear, the answer was very obvious.

The caller was none other than the current head of the Erihal Group and Luke's father, Ian Erihal!

"Are you deaf?!" Ian bellowed from the other end of the phone in rage.

"N-No sir!" Luke stuttered fearfully.

"I asked you a question! Answer me!" Ian bellowed in rage.

Luke flinched again in fear, but said nothing. He could not bring himself to answer his father's question. He dared not tell his father that he made use of his private bodyguards to take out a nobody. It wasn't because he severely injured Darius, but because he made use of his father's special bodyguards even after the harsh warning his father gave him.

Ian let out an audible sigh of frustration at the other end of the phone. Over thirty seconds passed before Ian finally broke the silence. "I see you have refused to talk. No problem, I'll find out the truth myself!" Ian declared before disconnecting the call

Luke trembled from fear after Ian disconnected the phone call, but he forced himself to calm down.

His father Ian Erihal was the head of the Erihal Group, and had three sons, with him being the last son. His two brothers were incredibly brilliant and were currently studying outside the country. Although people refused to say it out loud, everybody knew that the two brothers were competing with each other for the position of head of the Erihal Group, hence their equally brilliant records. As for Luke, no one even considered him to be a threat.

Their thoughts were perfectly normal and on point. Even though he was younger and still just a university student, not only was he bad at education, he was also involved in several controversial cases. Not only that, he was also rude, arrogant and extremely condescending towards other members or workers in the Erihal Group

Sadly no matter how angered or disgusted they were by Luke, there was nothing they could do. He was the son of Ian Erihal after all. Not to mention his father covered for him a lot several times, and used his influence to sweep his many crimes under the rug. As such, Luke completely feared and respected his father. He knew fully well that if he were to lose the protection of his father, there would be no chance of redemption for him.

It was why he forced himself to calm down. What made his father suddenly veil at him? Apart from sending a member of his private bodyguards to secretly fall Darius he had not done anything out of the ordinary. He even spent three days in the hospital and was only discharged recently. Luke fell deep into his thoughts. No matter what conclusion he arrived at he couldn't help but feel that he had committed a grave mistake.

(Erihal Headquarters, Erihal Group)

Ian Erihal grasped his head with his two hands. There were dark circles under his eyes, showing how much stress he had been since the last 24 hours. What started as a normal workday for him had turned out to be his worst nightmare.

The Erihal Group was a wealthy conglomerate that was worth up to \$200 billion, but they were now on the verge of being bankrupt!

Their major investors and shareholders had pulled out from all their ongoing projects, making them lose billions of dollars at once. Their stock price had also witnessed a free fall in the stock market, dropping over 1,000% in the last 24 hours. 1

Ian knew that this misfortune was as a result of targeted action from a very powerful figure; otherwise there was no way that a conglomerate worth over \$200 billion will suddenly lose more than half of their net worth in 24 hours!

As he was still lamenting the crisis his company was facing, his personal assistant rushed into his office without knocking. Ian was about to reprimand him out of reflex, but with what was going on in the company at the moment, he knew this wasn't the time to be strict with the rules.

"Mr. Ian! The branches of our company in different countries have just witnessed several setbacks! All the deals they signed and were close to signing are now being called off. Considering the amount of money they've invested, they are hurting terribly from this move!" His assistant announced with a panicked voice.

Just as he expected, his personal assistant brought more bad news for him. Ian slumped down to his seat in his office. There was no doubt about it now. This was an attack by a figure that was way powerful and scarier than the Erihal Group.

However Ian was very confused by the sudden attacks on his company. He had not offended anyone that shouldn't be offended recently, so why was he being targeted? The only people he had gotten into a quarrel with were his business rivals, and they certainly did not have the power or capability to make his company suddenly bankrupt. Who then was behind the attacks on his company?

He was still lost in his thoughts when his phone abruptly rang. He quickly answered the phone call and placed it to his ear thinking that it was a call from the workers in his company regarding the huge mess they were in, but was surprised when the caller

spoke from the other end of the phone. "You have the nerve to send your bodyguards after my grandson." The caller accused. What grandson? Ian questioned in confusion. He removed the phone from his ear and checked the caller ID, but nearly dropped the phone in shock

James Reid?! Why was James Reid accusing him of attacking his grandson? Ian didn't know why, but he had a bad premonition when he heard his words. If James Reid was the one behind the attack on the Erihal Group...

He shook his head. He dared not think about such a possibility. He quickly replied James, denying the accusation placed against him.

"You're sorely mistaken, Mr. Reid!" Ian yelled frantically. "I would be insane to do such a vile act. Please reconsider!"

"I hope this will teach you a lesson not to take my mercy for granted." And with that statement James disconnected the call.

"Mr. Reid? Mr. Reid?!" Ian yelled, but there was no response from him.

Terrified, he ordered a background search on James Reid grandson; however nothing important came up. It was to be expected. It was only the information the Reid consortium released to the media that would be available. The only thing available to the public was his general details.

Yet that wasn't enough to make Ian give up. After one hour of intense research, he finally understood what happened. By the time he knew what happened, there was intense fury in his eyes. It was so intense that his assistant shivered in fear. 1

Ian turned over the huge mahogany desk in his office before yelling at the top of his voice. "Luke Erihal you son of a b*tch!"

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The past three days had been smooth sailing for Darius, as while the Erihal Group were battling bankruptcy on different fronts as a result of James Reid concentrated attacks, he was recuperating peacefully from his injuries.

He woke up this morning as early as usual, and was still brimming with energy. He obeyed his grandfather's words and practiced the breathing techniques in the book his grandfather gave him before practicing his martial arts routines. As he practiced over the days, he found out that the moves were executed easier than before. The moves

that used to be rigid were now executed as fluidly as water. Not only that, the time taken to perform all his routines cut short by more than half!

He also noticed that his kicks and punches had increased in power, and he could process things faster than usual. Unknowingly to Darius, the golden potion that his grandfather used in treating him not only improved the external attributes of the body, but also the internal aspects. It was why his brain power was improved. If there was a way to check his lifespan, he would also be shocked to see that his life span had been extended! 1

Darius was oblivious to the effects of the golden liquid, and therefore did not think that far. When he was done with his martial arts routines, he took a quick shower before joining his

grandfather in his study room.

As expected, his grandfather was relaxing in his study. There was a book in his hand while a half empty bottle of exotic whiskey on the mahogany desk when Darius walked in. He took a seat opposite his grandfather. His grandfather arched an eyebrow at Darius sudden visit. During the past three days they had only spoken to each other a few times as Darius was mainly recuperating inside his room.

“Grandfather.” Darius greeted politely. His grandfather waved his hands in response to his greetings but did not remove his eyes from the book.

Darius knew his grandfather was an avid reader hence he wasn't bothered about that. He simply went ahead and stated the reason he wished to speak with his grandfather. “I am fully healed now, so I would be leaving here today.” Darius said. When James heard his grandson's words, he removed his gaze from the book and stared at his grandson with concern in his eyes. “Are you sure that you have completely healed from your injuries?” James asked concernedly. “I am fine now.” Darius answered. “Are you sure?” James asked. “Why not stay for a few more days?”

“Thank you grandfather, but I can no longer afford to stay here. I have a lot of work waiting for me and a lot of documents to sign. Besides, our exams are coming up too. I have to study too.” Darius replied, politely rejecting his grandfather's suggestions.

Although Darius didn't mention it, he also wanted to leave so that he could find and exact his

revenge on Luke. He had no idea that the whole Erihal Group were now facing the brunt of Luke's vile deed, and wanted to take down Luke himself.

James didn't give up trying to persuade Darius to stay behind, but Darius turned him down every time. It wasn't until Darius promised to return in the near future that James agreed to leave.

As Darius cars were now parked at his penthouse in Dragon Estate, his grandfather arranged for him to be driven back in the Rolls-Royce cars. He had arranged for Bruce and twelve other bodyguards to escort him, but Darius who didn't want to draw so much attention to his self by taking the bodyguards with him declined the gesture, but his grandfather was having none of it.

In the end, his grandfather agreed to take a step back but only if he allowed Bruce and three other bodyguards to escort him. Exasperated and backed into a corner, Darius had no choice but to agree to his arrangements.

Soon enough, three beautiful white Rolls-Royce cars with the name 'REID' customized on the license plates drove to where Darius and his grandfather stood. By then Darius had changed into a casual but classy looking outfit, and he looked incredibly attractive.

The bodyguards exited the cars orderly and opened the door for Darius to get in. Darius, not used to this kind of treatment was a bit embarrassed but got in anyway. He knew that it was his grandfather's way of expressing his concern for him.

When he was settled, the bodyguards closed the doors and got into the driver's seat before driving off, leaving the mansion behind.

Along the way Darius instructed the bodyguards to drive him to his university. He had checked his departmental group chat and saw that an important lecture was about to begin in thirty minutes time. As he had missed three days of lectures due to his injuries, he made up his mind not to miss this one.

Meanwhile at the venue where the lecture was to take place, a lot of students had arrived at the venue and were now discussing among themselves. Surprisingly, the topic of discussion wasn't what was going on in the university, but about the crisis that the Erihal Group was facing

As one of the top universities in the district, gossips in Lockwood University were easily carried around the two other universities, Kingston University and Evergreen University. Luke Erihal, who was a well known figure mainly in Lockwood University, was now known in the other two universities.

As Erihal Group was now on the verge of bankruptcy after three days, and such, all the evil deeds Luke was involved was now being exposed by the media. Details of how he forced himself on several women, beat up and severely injured so many innocent people for no reason and other evil deeds could now be found on the internet.

Everyone was repulsed by his evil deeds. They had no idea that Luke Erihal was that kind of person. They all thought that he was a kind person because of how he behaved in public, and

but now that they had seen his true colors, they were disgusted by him.

However, although the students were shocked by Luke's evil deeds, they were even more shocked at how the Erihal Group suddenly became on the verge of bankruptcy. The wealthy ones among the students knew that the Erihal Group had offended who they shouldn't have,

and were now being targeted by that entity, but they had no idea who the entity was. As they were still engaging in several discussions regarding Luke Erihal and the Erihal group, something truly shocking happened, leaving them utterly speechless.

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Three beautiful Rolls Royce drove into the venue for the lecture. Everyone present had a shocked expression on their face when they saw the expensive line up of the white Rolls Royce cars.

The Rolls Royce came to a stop and three intimidating, bodyguards all dressed in black suits aligned from the vehicles. The intimidating aura of the three bodyguards gave the students a fright. They could tell that the three bodyguards all had top notch combat skills. Such fanfare made them wonder the identity of the figure in the second Rolls-Royce car.

A bodyguard opened the door to the Rolls-

Royce and when the person in the car stepped out, the students all had bewildered expressions on their faces.

The person was none other than Darius Reid!

Everyone there knew who Darius Reid was. After he donated \$4.1 million to charity and outbid Earl Chamberlain in the auction at the charity gala, they knew that he

was no longer a poor person like before and his name had been widespread in the university, but they were incredibly shocked at this display of wealth!

Sarah who was present at that moment was feeling very unpleasant when she saw Darius arrive in three beautiful Rolls-

Royce cars. She couldn't help but wonder how their relationship would have turned out if she didn't leave Darius for David, but there was nothing she could do now. Darius was now rich, and even more handsome than he was before. She believed that there was no way he would consider getting back with her anymore.

This showed to show how pretentious of a person Sarah was. Now that Darius wasn't as miserable as she thought he was, she was now having second doubts about her relationship with David. If she knew how rich Darius currently

was, she would definitely dump David without a second thought!

Darius walked towards the lecture hall with a stoic face, with the three bodyguards following him. Bruce had wanted to follow him, but Darius had pleaded for him to

remain in the car. He didn't want to draw more attention than necessary to himself. As he walked, he noticed that the stares of everyone were on him, which made him feel uncomfortable.

He had wanted to come alone, but his grandfather had personally instructed them to take him to his destination, therefore he had no choice than to comply with his grandfather's arrangements. Now that he had gotten to his destination, he could finally dismiss the bodyguards.

He quickly dismissed the bodyguards after thanking them politely. The bodyguards were reluctant to leave, but when they saw his intimidating gaze, they quickly backed down. Even though they felt obligated to obey Mr. Reid,

the person in question was the grandson of their master. They didn't want to get on his bad side.

Soon enough, they drove away in all three Rolls-Royce, leaving Darius behind. Darius breathed a sigh of relief at their

departure. He then walked to his class room and took his seat.

Darius classmates all had shocked expressions on their faces at the turn of events before them.

Not only had he arrived in three expensive Rolls-

Royce, he had also arrived with bodyguards! Everyone knew that only high profile figures were escorted by bodyguards; and although it was not every high profile person who employed the services of bodyguards, it was still a

service exclusive to the wealthy people.

At this point they all started questioning Darius' identity among themselves. They knew that he was rich, but this was way above their expectation. The ladies in his class in particular even stared at Darius like they wanted to eat him at that moment!

Darius was very uncomfortable at the stares he

received, but there was nothing he could do about it. He couldn't just tell them to

stop staring at him, as that would put him in a very awkward situation. As such, he had no choice but to endure the stares that were directed at him.

Finally, the door to the lecture venue opened and the lecturer walked in, saving Darius from the uncomfortable situation he was in. As the lecturer walked in, all the gossips and stares died down, returning the much needed peace to the lecture hall

The class went smoothly as expected. As it

was an important lecture, everybody was intently focused

on the lecture. Their exams were coming up soon and since the students knew how vital the lecture was for them, they placed a hundred percent focus on the lecture.

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After an hour, the lecture came to a conclusion. Everyone started packing up to go home when a blue Lamborghini Gallardo drove hastily into the clearing, stirring up dust as it did.

The students instantly paused what

they were doing and shifted their attention to the car that just arrived. They all had curious expressions on their faces. The car cost around S150,000, so whoever was driving such a car would be no ordinary person.

Darius also looked at the car with mild curiosity. Though he wasn't moved by the cost of the car, he was interested in knowing who the car belonged to. The car door abruptly

opened, and a person exited the vehicle. When the students present saw the entire figure, they all had surprised expressions on their faces. Their surprise was perfectly understandable, as the figure was none other than the person whose name was on everyone's

lips an hour ago, Luke Erihal!

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The looks on everyone's faces instantly changed. At first they were surprised by the appearance of such a flashy and expensive sports car, but when they saw who the car belonged to, any trace of surprise and admiration they felt for the owner of the car vanished immediately.

They now had looks of contempt on their faces. It was expected, as the crimes Luke Erihal had committed weren't petty ones. They were grave ones, and not only that, he was even a repeat offender!

Luke noticed the looks of contempt directed at him, but could care less about that. He didn't care about what some students thought about him, especially at this crucial juncture. His family was on the verge on being bankrupt, and it was a well known fact that if they were unable to receive external funds to improve their stock prices, by the end of today, the Erihal Group would cease to exist.

The top business tycoons knew that the Erihal Group had most definitely offended a tall figure in the corporate world, which was why their Group was now being targeted and on the verge of bankruptcy. The only way for them to get back on their feet was

hem to get back on their feet was to pacify whoever they offended.

The business tycoons had researched who the Erihal Group had offended, but they came up with nothing. In the end, they informed all their heirs and high ranking staff to stay low-key for now.

If the mysterious person could afford to make the Erihal Group bankrupt in less than 72 hours, then theirs would take even less time!

Naturally, Ian Erihal knew this fact as well. He had pulled all the connections that he had at his disposal yet he was unable to save his company from going under. Since he knew his son Luke was the offender, it was expected for Luke to apologize and plead for mercy for his misdeeds.

Luke himself knew how dire his situation was. He knew he was only able to ignore the consequences of his crimes and go scot free because of the protection of his father. Now that the Erihal Group was in dire straits, his prior cases were now being dug up. If he was unsuccessful in convincing Darius to spare them, he might have to spend a lot of years behind bars.

Meanwhile, the moment Darius saw Luke alight from the sports car, it took him all he had not

to rush up to him and attack him. He was boiling in rage!

Luke had committed a severe crime, yet the only thing he got from Darius was a beating. Instead of being remorseful for his crime, he had the audacity to send an assassin after Darius. He was clearly aiming to take his life!

Darius glared at Luke coldly. His glare intensified when Luke walked up to Darius. Just being in the same place as Luke irritated Darius greatly. Luke was a vile person after all.

Perhaps Luke unexpected appearance was even a good thing. He had sworn to take revenge on Luke for his attempt to take his life. As a matter of fact, he was just going to get to that when he got home. Who would have thought that Luke would appear before him?

It didn't matter what brought Luke here. It was a great opportunity for him as he could finally settle all the grievances he had in his heart.

"My God how shameless can one be?" A student gossiped; her tone laced with contempt. "You don't say." Another student chimed in.

"I mean, even after all the allegations leveled against him, and the situation his family is in, he still has the pride to strut around in campus with his sports car?" the first student said in a disgusted tone.

They all knew of the crisis the Erihal Group was facing; hence they expected Luke to be giving in all in reviving the company. His current action therefore made little sense to them. Coupled with the facts that they now bore deep grievances against him after reading the several crimes he committed on the internet, they spared him no mercy.

Darius had a look of surprise on his face at their words. He had no idea that his grandfather had already taken matters into his own hands and punished the Erihal Group

As they were gossiping audibly, Luke heard everything they said, but he didn't respond. Instead he kept on walking towards Darius.

The gossips increased in volume when they saw Luke walking towards Darius. It became even louder when they noticed Darius was glaring at Luke with unbridled hostility. They all wondered what was going on.

When Luke got closer to Darius, there was a brief stare off he did the least thing that anyone present would expect.

He knelt down and placed his head on the ground, bowing completely to Darius! There was a brief moment of silence, before everyone started talking loudly. "What is going on?!" "Are my eyes deceiving me?!"

"This can't be real!"

They all had exaggerated reactions at what happened. It was understandable, as the sight before them was completely unbelievable.

They all knew Luke Erihal to be a proud man with a large ego. As someone who was the member of the Erihal Group, he was always rude and arrogant. It was shocking that the rude

and arrogant person was now on his knees before Darius!

Now that they looked at Luke closely, they noticed that his former high and mighty attitude was nowhere to be found. He looked very unkempt, like he hadn't taken his bath in days, which was very out of character for him. They were too blinded by his flashy arrival; otherwise they would have noticed his shabby appearance earlier. Darius looked at Luke kneeling before him. Being the observant person he was, Darius deduced what the situation was from the gossips of the students and arrived at a fitting conclusion. As far as he knew there was no other person capable of making the Erihal Group go bankrupt in 72 hours except his grandfather. He figured out that the reason Luke appeared before him was to beg for pardon. As expected, Luke's next words confirmed Darius' hypothesis. "Please pardon me and save my family!" Luke begged loudly in a very distressed voice.

The students all turned to each other in confusion. They were confused as to why Luke was suddenly begging Darius for pardon. There was no reason for Luke to beg Darius to save his family, unless ...!

The students' eyes widened in surprise as they realized what had happened. Wouldn't this mean that Darius was the one responsible for the bankruptcy of the Erihal Group?!

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The students all sucked in a cold breath when they arrived at that conclusion. Such conclusion meant that Darius was even more impressive than they thought. It was very unnerving that such a brilliant figure was frolicking in the university as a poor and wretched fissure!

Darius on the other hand was still glaring at Luke with unbridled hostility. He didn't care a single bit about Luke's apology. He wasn't a saint or a martyr, so how was he supposed to forgive someone who came after his life? It was simply an irreconcilable action!

He was also having a hard time believing that Luke was truly remorseful for his actions. Perhaps he was only willing to beg for leniency because the protection of the Erihal Group would be non-existent if the Erihal Group went under.

"I'm sorry, but I cannot help you out. I have no idea who is behind the targeted actions toward the Erihal Group, therefore there's nothing I can do." Darius said coldly.

Even though he was itching to beat up Luke, he reigned in his anger. He couldn't just attack Luke out here in the open, especially in front of his fellow students.

He was also being honest with his answer; and was even willing to go as far as put his differences with Luke aside that moment. Even if he had come to the conclusion that his grandfather was behind the bankruptcy of the Erihal Group, it was still a deduction. He couldn't really tell unless he spoke with his grandfather and confirmed his deduction.

"Please! I'm sorry for my crimes!

Please save my family!" Luke begged loudly. He had completely discarded his pride and humbled himself before Darius in front of the student body.

When Darius saw how sincere Luke's plea

was, he had a complicated expression on his face. Even though he was feeling aggrieved and boiling with rage at Luke's attempt to take his life, he still had human empathy. Seeing Luke in such a miserable state made him feel a little bit sorry for him.

Darius however didn't reply to Luke's plea. He instead turned his back and started walking away from Luke. He still needed to confirm if his grandfather was the one behind their downfall before he decided on what to do next.

"Look at him. He looks so pathetic." A student gossiped when they saw the pathetic state Luke was in.

"Hmph! Serves him right!" another student chimed in. She did not feel the tiniest bit of pity for Luke, not after reading through his crimes he committed on the internet. They were just too vile!

Luke raised his head from the floor and looked

around. He saw that Darius had ignored him completely and left him there, completely disregarding his plea for mercy.

Luke's confidence level was severely hit at Darius' actions. He in fact was not the least remorseful for his actions. Not even one single bit! The only reason he was here was because his father had informed him of how dire his situation was and yelled at him greatly.

As a result, he swallowed his pride and came here dressed shabbily in order to earn pity points. However, he did not expect Darius to not even spare him a single glance at all!

He looked around once more and saw that majority of the students were looking at him with contempt, pity or indifference. Luke couldn't stand that. Even if they were not students of Lockwood University, they still had peers and friends there. As such, his shameful situation would definitely be broadcasted around the whole Lockwood University!

Luke clenched his fists as he glared at the ground. He had never been so humiliated in his life before. In the end it was all Darius' fault!

If it weren't for Darius, he would have had his way with Helen.

If he had gotten his way with Helen, he wouldn't have to make use of his father's bodyguards. If he didn't make use of his father's bodyguards to severely injure Darius, his grandfather would never have gotten involved.

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If his grandfather had not gotten involved, the Erihal group will still be very much alright. They wouldn't have been in danger of bankruptcy.

If his family wasn't in danger of bankruptcy, he wouldn't have to kneel before Darius for mercy.

In the end, it all boiled down to Darius. Darius was the one who was responsible for him and his family's misfortune. As if to make matters worse, he had even set Luke up to be ridiculed by the rest of the student body!

Luke's pride and ego couldn't deal with such blatant display of disrespect. Since

Darius had refused to help him and his family, he had nothing left to live for. With his family business going bankrupt and

no one to protect him, he would spend majority of his years behind bars. It was an outcome he least desired.

There was a crazy glint in his eyes. All this had happened because Darius existed in the first place . If he didn't exist, then none of

this would have happened, and he would still be on top of the world like before.

Since that was the case, it would be better to take care of Darius

right then. As such, he fumbled in his pockets

and brought out a knife before getting up from the ground and dashing towards Darius. He was aiming to kill Darius.

The students who were mocking Luke all let out frightened screams at his sudden action. Their screams reached Darius ears, and coupled with the foreboding he felt looming over him, he turned back in time to see Luke running with full speed at him with a knife in his hands!

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Darius was incredibly shocked at Luke's action, but he recovered very quickly. After drinking the golden liquid, he had received a tremendous boost to his physical attributes and his combat prowess also received a drastic power up.

He quickly leapt back before launching a powerful kick to Luke's wrist. The kick was incredibly powerful, dispossessing Luke at once. The knife fell from his hands and landed a safe distance from Luke.

Everyone present breathe in a sigh of relief at the turn of events. They thought that Luke would be successful in his attempt, but luckily Darius was well versed in combat, therefore thwarting Luke's murder attempt.

Darius stared at Luke with unchecked hostility. One look at him and one could tell that he was incredibly furious!

He was a fool to have ever felt an iota of sympathy

towards Luke. He thought that the dire situation his family was in would make him remorseful of his actions since he was the one who put them in a difficult situation in the first place, but it was far from his expectations. Not only did he not feel any form of remorse at his crimes, he was even bold enough to try to take his life in broad daylight!

Darius glared at Luke. His glare was

very bone chilling, and it sent shivers down Luke's spine, who was on the receiving end of the attack.

This was the second time he had tried to take his life. It was indeed true that a leopard couldn't change his spots no matter how hard it tried. It was the same for Luke; he couldn't change his vile character no matter how hard he tried.

Darius now understood why his grandfather

had made the Erihal Group on the verge of bankruptcy. If he didn't show that he wasn't someone that should be trifled with, his foes would keep trampling upon him.

If he had taken care of Luke

when he found him trying to force himself on Helen, none of this would have happened in the first place.

Luke on the other hand was now panicking greatly. Now that his attempt

to end Darius' life had failed, he was in an even direr situation

than before. Darius glare was even more soul piercing, sending shivers of

fear down his spine. Before Luke could even get a grip of himself, a blinding pain assaulted him his cheek. Darius had punched him right in the jaw!

Luke screamed loudly and fell to the floor in pain. Darius had no idea that his physical attributes had increased tremendously, so his punch was incredibly powerful. It was so powerful that it almost broke Luke's jaw.

Darius was about to continue his assault on Luke, but loud sirens sounds started echoing in the distance, which made him halt his actions.

A quick witted student had called for the police when she

sighted the knife in Luke's hands. This action had

undoubtedly saved Luke's life, as Darius would have definitely killed him if it weren't for their arrival.

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More than three police cars arrived at the scene, creating a loud commotion. The second the police cars arrived, several policemen alighted from the cars.

They walked over to where Luke lay on the floor with handcuffs in their hands.

"Mr. Luke Eribal, you are under arrest for the attempted murder of Mr. Darius Reid. This is necessary to allow the prompt and effective investigation of this offence and to prevent escape. You have the

right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law." The policeman said as he handcuffed Luke,

The Erihal Group had finally gone under, meaning that there

was no longer any protection for Luke. He was no longer under the shelter of his father's influence and it was finally time to face the repercussions of his actions.

The police men arrested Luke and took him into their custody. Darius was very aggrieved at the way the events played out. He wanted to release all the pent up anger he harbored towards Luke, but was unable to do so now that Luke was in police custody. No matter how aggrieved he was, he had no choice but to accept it.

After Luke

was arrested by the policemen, everyone finally left the lecture venue. However, the events that happened undoubtedly raised Darius' status in their hearts, especially after he defended himself properly against Luke's murder attempt. There was no doubt that this would be broadcasted around the whole university.

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next day went on as usual for Darius. He meditated, practiced his martial arts routine, and took a quick shower. He was about to have his breakfast when he received a phone call. He checked the caller ID and saw it was his personal assistant Erin. Seeing that, he quickly answered the phone call.

"Hello, Mr. Reid." Erin said. Without wasting a single minute, Erin went straight to the point. Now that Luke was in police custody to pay for his crimes, and his father also in custody to face the repercussions of covering up Luke's crimes, the whole Erihal Group was in shambles.

So many of the company workers had resigned, and the few left were also thinking of resigning. Erin then suggested that Darius purchase the whole Erihal Group now that they were at an all time low from the two Erihal brothers, and then revive the company in his name.

Darius thought about it and saw that it was indeed a great idea. As such, he gave Erin the permission to go ahead with her idea.

Erin thanked Darius before

disconnecting the phone call. Darius let out a small smile after the call disconnected. He was glad that he had gotten himself a personal assistant with great foresight.

The acquiring process was very smooth and was completed in less than a day. In the end, Darius bought the whole Erihal Group from Luke's brothers for 20 billion dollars. He was being very generous, as the Erihal Group wasn't worth that amount with the crisis they went through. The brothers quickly agreed to such a huge sum

of money. After all with such a huge amount, they would be able to live the rest of their lives without any worries.

Darius then named the company 'West Atlantics Inti.' and handed over the management to Erin after signing all the documents.

Luke was now convicted and would most likely be spending the rest of his years behind bars. He had also acquired his father's company. Although he didn't get to take matters in his own hands, the fact that Luke was being punished for his crimes was enough for him.

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The following days were peaceful for Darius. Helen still refused to pick his phone calls or reply his texts, leaving Darius at a loss on what to do. Since the matter with Luke had been settled, he then focused on his studies. The second semester exams were fast approaching and he needed to pass effortlessly.

After two weeks of intense studying and preparation, the semester exams came to a conclusion. As expected, Darius was the best student in the exams when the result came out, Darius had an apathetic response to that. He had always emerged as the best student in all the exams he had taken since he got admitted to Kingston University, so this time wasn't any different to him. 1

Now that the exams were over, the students were given a two months break, before they resumed school for the next semester. This meant that when school resumed for the next session Darius would be in his final year of study.

The whole student body was bustling with excitement after seeing their results. Majority of the students in Darius Business Management department had passed the exams with ease, therefore explaining their joy.

They were even happier at the two months break that was given to them. They started discussing among themselves about the plans they had for the break.

They made mention of several luxurious restaurants, entertainment villas and tourist attractions.

Darius listened in on their conversation as they discussed. Their discussion made him recall that he didn't have any plan currently. Just as he was thinking of what he would do during the two month break, his phone rang.

He checked the caller ID and saw that it was Erin, his personal assistant. He quickly answered the phone call and placed his phone to his ear.

"Hello, Mr. Reid." Erin said professionally.

"Yes, Erin. Is anything the matter?" Darius asked.

"Mr. Reid, regarding the West Atlantics Int'l acquisition, there are several documents that you have to sign personally before we proceed." Erin answered. "Alright. I'll head over immediately." Darius replied before disconnecting the phone call.

He walked briskly to where his Bugatti was parked, as he hadn't retrieved his Lamborghini from maintenance shop. He got into his Bugatti and drove off from the parking lot, eliciting looks of admiration and envy from the few onlookers present,

He switched on his car inbuilt GPS system and input the location for his new company, following it closely.

The journey was without incident. When he arrived at the former Erihal Group Headquarters building, he parked his car neatly in the parking lot.

He got out from his car and looked around the headquarters. It was incredibly deserted. Not a single soul was present outside the building,

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He shook his head lightly before entering the building. The interior of the building was the same as the exterior. It was empty and lifeless. Darius was a bit skeptical about the lifelessness of the company, but quickly thought otherwise. After all since the Erihal Group was no more and he was yet to formally complete the procedures of registering the company; it would be strange if he could see workers moving around the building. He walked briskly to the conference room and entered the room. Three people with his assistant were already waiting for his arrival in the conference room. As such, the moment he entered the conference room, they all stood up and bowed, acknowledging his presence. "Welcome Mr. Reid. We're grateful to be blessed with your presence." The leader of the three strangers greeted. They knew that the young man in question

definitely had a very impressive background if he was able to pay 20 billion dollars at once to purchase a conglomerate group. Therefore they hoped to leave a favorable impression on him. Darius waved lightly to them, responding to their greetings, before taking his seat at the head of the table.

Erin walked over to where he was seated and handed over several documents to Darius. Darius read through them and saw that they were several documents regarding the formal registration of his company on his name.

It took him over two hours to finally complete the signing and formal registration processes. When he was done, the company 'West Atlantic IntT was finally registered as both a local and international company.

Darius felt a huge sense of accomplishment at that moment. It had only been a few months ago since he discovered his identity as wealthy heir, but he was now the founder of his own company.

It was a very impressive feat indeed, as Darius was still just a university student!

He thanked Erin generously for her insight and the help she offered.

"It's nothing, Mr. Reid. I'm just doing my job." She downplayed his thanks humbly, but there was an affectionate and admiring shine in her eyes.

Darius was about to respond to her shy reply when his phone rang. He didn't glance at the caller ID before picking the phone call.

"Darius." The caller said once the call connected.

Darius knew who the caller was the moment he heard his voice. It was none other than his grandfather!

"Grandfather." Darius answered in a surprised voice. He had no idea why his grandfather suddenly called him.

"I heard about your acquiring of the Erihal Group." Darius' grandfather said.

Darius was a bit shocked at his grandfather's statement. It had not been long since he purchased the group, and the transaction was very low-key, yet the news had already reached his grandfather. It was indeed a bit scary.

"Yes. I felt it was a huge waste to let the company die out, so I purchased it and registered it under my name." Darius answered,

There was a brief moment of silence, before his grandfather spoke up. "Alright. I'll like to discuss with you about that. I'll be meeting you at the company location." Darius

instantly declined his grandfather's suggestion. He felt his grandfather was too old to be moving around recklessly and was worried for his grandfather's health. "I'll drive to meet you now!" Darius said hurriedly; however, his grandfather was having none of it.

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"Nonsense! I'm already on my way! Just send me the address!" his grandfather insisted adamantly. Then he hung up the phone without even waiting for Darius to respond.

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Darius let out a helpless sigh at his grandfather's words before sending the company's address to his grandfather's e-mail. There was nothing he could do than to obey his grandfather's wishes.

He quickly exited the conference room with Erin following closely behind. He rushed downstairs and stood at the entrance to the building to wait for his grandfather.

Just thirty minutes after he sent the company's address to his grandfather, three beautiful white Rolls-Royce cars pulled up outside the company's building.

The bodyguards who escorted his grandfather alighted from the Rolls-Royce cars and opened the door to a Rolls-Royce car. His grandfather and Bruce then alighted from the car slowly.

The bodyguards quickly surrounded his grandfather and Bruce, providing them maximum security from any security threats. Darius quickly walked over to his grandfather and greeted in a polite voice.

"Grandfather! You didn't really need to come over here!"

However his grandfather just waved off his greeting. He didn't have time to spare for pleasantries.

"Take me to the conference room at once. We have a lot to discuss." His grandfather ordered.

Left with no choice, Darius could only do as his grandfather wished. He instructed some of the bodyguards who escorted his grandfather to remain behind and guard the building while the rest of the bodyguards escorted them inside.

They then walked briskly to the conference room. On their way there, Darius noticed that his grandfather kept glancing around the interior of the company. Darius could tell that he was very unsatisfied with the interior of the building, however Darius said nothing.

When they got to the conference room, his grandfather instructed both Bruce and Erin to wait outside. Bruce instantly obeyed his instruction, and Bruce and Erin took their seats just outside the conference room.

Darius and his grandfather then both entered the conference room. His grandfather took the seat at the head of the table, while Darius sat close to his grandfather.

When they were settled in, his grandfather spoke up.

“I am really pleased with your foresight.” His grandfather started.

“It didn’t cross my mind to purchase the Erihal Group. It is indeed a wise move.” Darius’ grandfather praised.

Darius blushed slightly at the compliments. If he were being honest he was just like his grandfather. He had no intentions of purchasing the Erihal Group. If it weren’t for Erin’s timely advice, he would not have considered it at all.

“Actually, grandfather, it wasn’t my idea to purchase the Erihal Group. It was rather my assistant’s idea.” Darius said. He didn’t want his grandfather to misunderstand him, and thereby overestimate his abilities.

Darius grandfather however had little reaction to Darius’ confession. It didn’t matter if

it was Darius idea or his assistant’s idea. It took nothing from the ingenuity of the idea, “To be honest, I wanted you to build your own company corliec Even though the Reid consortium is a very affluent group, and you’re currently the consortium’s head, you are still a university student for you to lead the Reid consortium, you still need a lot of experience” His

randratier said,

Darius’ eyebrow twitched when he heard his grandfather’s statement. It showed how annoyed he was!

Who was it who abruptly made him the consortium’s head the same day he was found? It was his grandfather of course!

Now his same grandfather was lecturing about experience!

When his grandfather noticed his grandson eyebrow twitching a wave of nostalgia hit him. He was also a bit embarrassed at that moment,

When he had discovered his grandson was still alive, he was overwhelmed by a lot of emotions, and therefore hurriedly appointed him as the head of the Reid consortium. However it just dawned on him that he had made a hasty decision. Darius was just 20 years old and a third year university student. There was no way that he would have the experience to lead the whole assois of the Reid consortium.

Even at that, he was glad that he had given Darius access to a few of the assets that the Reid consortium owned. He was sure that Darius had garnered a bit of experience from the few months he managed the assets, and that when he grew his company to become a titan in the corporate world, he would be able to manage the whole assets effortlessly.

“Ahem. His grandfather coughed lightly.

“I admit I was indeed too hasty in the past.” His grandfather admitted remorsefully. “But I was just thinking about the future of the Reid consortium.”

Darius nodded lightly in agreement. He understood where his grandfather was coming from,

“I understand grandfather.” Darius said quickly. He didn’t want his grandfather to feel bad about his decisions,

“Alright. So what do you have in plan for your company?” his grandfather asked straightforwardly,

“I plan on creating an investment company.” Darius answered steadily.

Hebad thought deeply about it and came to that conclusion. Since several of the assets he owned were already giants in different fields, it would be self destructive to create another company and focus in that same field, but it would be a different case if he created an investment group

If his company were based on investments, then they could dabble in many fields both locally and internationally, indearn profits by investing in companies or projects with huge potential. It was a very solid design,

Darius’ grandfather was indeed pleased with Darius’ plans for his company. It was truly an inventive aspiration

“That’s a great objective.” Darius’ grandfather praised sincerely.

“However, to start up an investment company, you need a lot of capital.” His grandfather pointed out.

Darius fell silent at that. It was true that he needed a lot of capital to start up his investment group. While he was indeed very wealthy, he had just used all the money he had to acquire the Erihal Group from Luke brothers. As such, he didn't have more than a few thousand dollars on him.

His grandfather naturally knew about his situation, therefore he spoke up. “Don't worry about the capital. I'll give you a considerable sum as capital.” His grandfather said indifferently. Darius felt elated after hearing his grandfather's words, but before he could celebrate his small victory, his grandfather's next words cut his joy short.

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“I can only give you the capital to start up your company under one condition.” Darius' grandfather declared in an authoritative tone.

Darius gulped slowly at that, but braced himself to ask the condition.

“What condition, grandfather?” Darius asked tentatively.

“You have to make a profit of five times the original capital I give you in one year.” His grandfather answered domineeringly. Darius eyes widened in surprise at his grandfather's condition.

He had to make five times the original capital in a single year?! That was a very tall condition, especially for him!

Darius had only little experience which was gained only after managing a few assets like Nix Inc. and other businesses for a few months. Even at that, he had not made five times the profit they usually earned.

Darius was feeling very unpleasant at that moment, but he

forced himself to calm down. He had not yet known how much his grandfather was willing to give him as capital. Hopefully it won't be a very

large sum. If it was, it would be really impossible to earn five times the profit in a year.

As Darius was beginning to see a glimmer of hope, his grandfather's next words once again crushed his spark of hope.

"I'll be giving you 50 billion dollars as capital, which means that next year you should have made a profit of 250 billion dollars." His grandfather said imperiously,

Darius' eyes bulged wildly in shock at that statement

so billion dollars?!

It was the complete opposite of what he expected!

He was imperting his grandfather to give

him a capital of about 1.2 billion dollars. That way, he would be providing profit of 5.1 billion dollars at the end of the year. Balthus was completely beyond his expectations; his grandfather had given more than ten times the

Darius was feeling very contacted at that moment, but before he could even think further about his situation, his grandfather stood up suddenly

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As he walked, he thought deeply about his actions towards his grandson. He indeed thought that it was a bit of a stretch for an inexperienced Darius to make so much profit in a year, but he knew that he had no choice but to do so. He knew that Darius was still inexperienced when it came to matters like this, and what better way to make Darius more experienced than to throw such a challenge at him? James was sure that if Darius could overcome this challenge, he would be way more capable than he was now!

He let out a helpless sigh as he walked. As soon as he came out from the building, the bodyguards rushed out and surrounded him.

Without even uttering a word, the three beautiful white Rolls-

Royce cars appeared and drove to where he stood. A bodyguard from the side instantly rushed to the door of the Rolls-Royce and opened it while bowing deeply.

James and his assistant Bruce got into the white Rolls-

Royce car in the middle, before the bodyguard closed the door. A few seconds later, the three beautiful white Rolls-Royce sped off.

At this time, Erin was inside the conference room with Darius. Darius had a dejected look on his face as he recounted some details of his conversation he had with his grandfather to Erin.

Darius was really troubled at that moment. Two hundred and fifty billion dollars was no joke. He let out a troubled sigh. While others were busy scraping for money to get by, Darius was busy thinking on how to spend so much money.

Although Erin was indeed really troubled at the moment,

she was not as troubled as Darius was. She felt that he was thinking too much about it. They still had a year to make the required profit. It wasn't something they should rush.

It took a lot of time before she managed to convince Darius to not place too much worry on it, but Darius was finally convinced.

The rest of the week passed quickly. The former Erihal Group headquarters was demolished and renovated into a very regal building. It was twice as regal as it was before. Darius didn't know how much

his grandfather had spent on the renovations, but Darius knew that his grandfather must have spent a very hefty sum. While the renovation was going on, Darius wasn't idle. That was far from it. He and Erin took their time in scouring through the details of several people who were searching for jobs, as well as experienced veterans in the corporate world.

After several days of sleepless nights, Darius finally got 40 new employees for his company. The number of employees was supposed to be more than that, but majority of them were skeptical about 'West Atlantic Int'l'; after all it was a newly established company with

no background. Anyone would be skeptical

about leaving a well established company and working for a company with no name and background.

Darius wasn't too miffed about that. He was extremely confident

that with enough time, he would be able to attract even the most experienced of employees,

He was still thinking about his business matters when his phone rang. He quickly picked up his phone up, thinking that the call was related to business matters and answered the call without checking the caller ID.

When he heard the caller's voice, his eyes widened in surprise. The phone call turned out to be from someone he least expected!