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Faye and Vincent came to the venue together. Just like the day before, Faye sported delicate make-up, and her white wedding dress perfectly outlined her curvy figure. Although she was still greeting the guests in a gentle and elegant manner, it was apparent to everyone else that her body was stiff, and she was walking in a strange way.

On the other hand, standing beside Faye, Vincent still appeared to be confident, as though he had no clue what had happened. In reality, the scandal was already taking a toll on him.

They still appeared to be lovey-dovey, but deep down inside, Vincent was burning with rage as he wanted to strangle her on the spot. Despite the fact that he was utterly ashamed of the scandal, he had to go on with the wedding.

Just then, Jordan and Alex arrived at the venue together and headed straight to Cooper.

The island was located on the Pacific Ocean within the territory of Demarca. It was also the property of Vincent and Faye. Since Demarca had been gripped by internal conflicts recently, they had arranged enough troops and firepower on the island. However, they had never expected that Cooper was bold enough to deploy a naval ship and submarines, which were enough to take control of Demarca.

Twenty years had passed, but Cooper remained the mad man who would destroy his opponents at all costs, even if he had to be brought down as well in the process. If a missile was dropped on this island, all of the important members of the Edwards and the Mitchells would be dead. Cooper thought of himself as only one man, so the sacrifice would be worth it.

Even though Jordan and Alex were enraged, they had to pretend to be gentle while dealing with Cooper.

“Hey Cooper, we haven’t met for more than twenty years!” Feigning surprise, Jordan clinked glasses with Cooper.

In an impassive manner, Cooper replied, "It's nice to meet you again after so many years."

They were beating around the bush as though they were clueless about what had happened. In reality, they were eager to kill each other on the spot.

Cooper understood that it was impossible for Phantom Wolf to snatch Sophia from the Fletchers and the Winstons without the help of a local in the past, and that local was Jordan.

While people of the older generation were having a chat, the young people gathered in another place.

At that moment, Sophia was taking a rest with Barney under the umbrella. Sarah was very fond of Sophia's pet, so she kept stroking the lion until its fur was in a mess.

"Oh, my goodness. It's so cute!" In an envious manner, Sarah rubbed her face against the lion's fur. In fact, she had kept a lion in Harry's mansion in Africa, but the animal retained its wild nature. When it was set free a few years ago, it almost killed Faye. On the other hand, Sophia's pet had been domesticated for a long time, so it was now as obedient as a dog.

With her sunglasses on, Sophia was drinking a glass of juice when she caught a glimpse of Faye and Vincent, who were entertaining other guests, but they did not have the courage to walk up to Sophia. Faye would never dare to go near her.

Just then, a dark figure whizzed past Sophia and charged at Faye, who screamed in response.

It was Judge, who seemed to have figured out the culprit who framed it. The scandal had affected its reputation negatively in the dog model field. As a result, it had to go through the painful process of being vaccinated and almost lost its job as a dog model. Seeing the culprit, it decided that it had to bite her on this day.

Fortunately, Hale, who was beside Michael, stepped on the dog leash in time, thus preventing this ordeal from happening. However, Judge was still barking at Faye like a mad dog, which caused her wine to splash and soak her dress. At that instant, she was hiding behind Vincent in a pitiful manner.

Although Vincent was disdainful of her now, he had to endure this three-day wedding no matter what. As her husband, he chided, "Scarlett, look what your dog has done!"

Under the umbrella, Sophia put down her wine glass and rose from the recliner. As she walked over in her stilettos, her fair skin glowed under the hot sun in the climate of the Pacific Ocean.

Reaching them, she took off her sunglasses and flashed a smile at them. "Mind your language. According to the family tree, I'm your aunt."

Loathing Sophia as much as he hated Faye, Vincent snorted. "Can you even be considered a member of the Mitchell Family?" *She had found out what Faye was like, and what the latter had done, but she never warned me about it earlier. However, during my wedding, she decided to expose the video and made me the laughing stock of the whole world. I'm gonna kill her!*

With a frown, Sophia chuckled. "Are you blaming me, your aunt, for not reminding you earlier? Since you've bought a car that's worth a hundred million for her, it proves that you really love her. I thought she'd change! It's alright though. Now that she has learned her lesson, she will be a good wife and never do anything immoral again."

"Scarlett Mitchell!" Vincent growled as he was on the brink of losing control. He had tried very hard to calm himself down, but Sophia's words enraged him.

His growl attracted the attention of the other guests. Although they didn't go over immediately, they were staring at him, awaiting a good show.

One of the Mitchells immediately rushed over and took Vincent's arm so that he wouldn't embarrass himself further. Panting heavily, Vincent composed himself and said through gritted teeth, "Aunt Scarlett, thanks for your lesson."

Sophia put her sunglasses back on to hide the coldness in her eyes. "Give me your contact number later. I'll send you more shocking videos of your wife that have yet to be exposed. Don't worry. I won't keep any copy."

Vincent was so incensed that he wanted to kill Sophia on the spot. Nevertheless, he couldn't do anything to her, so with his eyes reddened, he clenched his teeth and said, "Thanks, Aunt Scarlett."

Suddenly, Sophia's voice turned stern. "Vincent, as a member of the Mitchell Family, you have to remember our ancestors' teachings. You are framed by your opponents not because they're too sly, but because..." She then poked his chest and continued in a glacial tone, "You are too weak."

The veins on Vincent's forehead popped as he gnashed his teeth together. He was known to be a ruthless businessman who had helped save Alex's business empire. Even if he was a seasoned man, he was still being cheated on by a woman. Never had he imagined before that the woman he was to marry was this kind of person.

He was fooled by Faye and her family members. Before this, she was presented to him as an innocent girl who came from a privileged family, but he could not have expected that she was actually a slut.

"You're right, Aunt Scarlett." Vincent was on the verge of tearing up. At this moment, he hated Sophia, but he was more resentful of Faye and the Edwards.

After giving him a lesson, Sophia turned to Faye and shouted, "And you, Faye. I've gathered enough evidence to prove that you've falsely accused Judge of biting you. Just get ready to go to jail. You will not be spared the consequences of committing a fraud. Hopefully, the Edwards and the Mitchells will still try to save you by then."

Although Faye was trembling, she still tried to keep herself calm and pretended to be innocent. "I don't know what you're talking about."

The sunglasses had concealed the emotion behind Sophia's gaze, but her lips were seen curving into a contemptuous smile. "Do you remember that during the freshers' week at Bayside University, I broke your nose with a punch?"

Faye was startled. Now that she recalled that period of time in her life, she realized that only one person had broken her nose before.

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During the freshers' week at Bayside University, Faye fell into an argument with someone. Amidst the chaos, that person broke her nose with a punch.

But it has been four years since that person passed away! Suddenly, Faye widened her eyes and stared at the woman before her, whose face had become an online sensation and a sample for people who planned to undergo plastic surgeries. Even Faye used the woman's face as a reference when she had her face modified at the clinic.

However, a modified face could never be as perfect and natural as the original. That person was Scarlett Mitchell, who was also Sophia Edwards!

No way! Sophia Edwards was dead! How did she come back to life and even become Cooper's daughter? Faye thought.

Upon finishing her words, Sophia turned around and met with Michael, who was gazing at her in a loving manner.

On the other side, Faye returned to her room in a dazed state. At this moment, she had lost her ability to think. Sitting on the bed, she started spacing out. *She's back.*

The Mitchells had been trying to figure out Cooper's whereabouts for years, but their attempts always failed. Hence, they didn't have the foggiest idea about Scarlett Mitchell's background. The father and daughter simply returned to the family one day out of nowhere.

However, Faye couldn't have imagined that Scarlett Mitchell and Sophia Edwards were the same person. She had witnessed her ruthlessness before. Back then, Sophia alone was enough to bring down the entire Harper Family. Because of her, Mr. Harper jumped off from a building; Xyla was killed with a disease; Richard's life was destroyed. Ever since Sophia agreed to give them 50 million, it had always been a trap.

Faye almost forgot that Sophia had the proof of her salacious activities. *Her goal is to destroy the political marriage between the Mitchells and the Edwards through me. Now, she's done it!*

The dinner party would commence soon. No matter how disdainful Vincent felt about Faye, he had to pretend that they were still a loving couple. When the wedding was over, he would do all he could to divorce her.

Seeing that Faye's make-up was ruined from all the crying, Vincent mocked coldly, "What are you doing here? Get changed and go to the dinner party now. Also, fix your make-up. It's revolting!"

Oblivious to him, Faye was still sobbing. Since last night, she had been gripped by fear and sorrow. She knew that her life was ruined. For the past two days, she didn't even have the courage to watch the news. While the Edwards wanted to kick her out of the family, the Mitchells were eager to kill her. The moment her scandalous videos were exposed, her marriage with Vincent was over, and she could never go back to showbiz.

My life is over... It's all Sophia's trap. She has the ability to keep a person's hopes high and then ruin their life completely. Hugging her own knees on the bed, Faye sobbed as she mumbled, "She's back... She's back..."

Meantime, Vincent had changed into new clothes, ready for the party. Seeing as Faye was still murmuring like a mad woman, he felt irritated. Suddenly, he recalled that Sophia had mentioned about the freshers' week.

So, they knew each other a long time ago. It means that Faye should know about Scarlett's background! Holding his irritation in, Vincent asked in a soft voice, "Faye, did you know Scarlett before this? Can you tell me her background?"

Faye's eyes were soaked in tears. Having gone through an emotional roller coaster for the past two days, she was on the brink of going mad. The moment she found out that Sophia and Scarlett were the same person, the strings in her mind snapped. After all, she had witnessed how ruthless Sophia could be.

Aside from the downfall of the Harper Family, the Edwards Family was also Sophia's target for revenge. A few years ago, Judy suddenly went missing for no reason. After Victoria offended Scarlett, who was also Sophia, she was forced to go bankrupt. Also, Sarah's

father's life was ruined because of Sophia. Additionally, Joe went missing after Scarlett and Mitchell returned to the family.

Now, everything had fallen into place. It was no wonder that Sophia didn't look like Joe at all. It was because she was Cooper's daughter, and Annabel was his woman! The father and daughter had returned to the family to take revenge!

"My life is over... My life is over... Both the Mitchell Family and the Edwards Family want to dump me... My dad's dead... I'm going to die as well... She's back! Sophia Edwards is back!"

Seeing as she had gone mad, Vincent stared at her in a derisive manner. However, he had managed to get a piece of useful information from her—she mentioned Sophia Edwards. He had been pursuing his doctorate degree for the past few years in a foreign country. Having returned to the country just two years ago, he didn't know who Sophia was.

When he stepped out of the bedroom, he came across Sandra, who was going to check on Faye.

"Vincent, how's Faye?" Sandra asked.

With a contemptuous expression, Vincent replied, "She's gone mad. Don't worry. She's still alive."

Sandra let out a sigh, thinking that it was a shame that Faye was destroyed. *She's no match for Scarlett after all! It seems that Scarlett is cleverer than I expected. In one easy move, she managed to ruin the political marriage between the Edwards and the Mitchells. I guess I have to come up with a better plan.*

With a frown, Vincent continued, "Just now, she kept mumbling that Sophia's back. Who on earth is Sophia? What a crazy woman!" He then turned to leave, failing to notice Sandra's expression that had turned dark in an instant.

What did I hear? Sophia is back?! In that instant, Sandra immediately figured out that Scarlett and Sophia were the same person. With her eyes widened, she gasped in disbelief. Remembering how she had gotten her position within the Mitchell Family, she couldn't believe that not only was Sophia alive, but the latter also returned as Cooper's daughter.

She didn't think Sophia had any proof of her wrongdoing. Even if anything happened to her, the Mitchells would protect her. However, she had offended Sophia earlier. Moreover, the

reason for Sophia's return was that she wanted to get back the title as the young lady of the Mitchell Family from Sandra. Of course, she would never allow her hard work over the years to be destroyed just like this. *I have to come up with a solution! No one can snatch my position from me!*

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Here on this island, a typical luxurious dinner party was going on pretty smoothly. Clad in a formal dress, Sophia walked into the venue arm-in-arm with Michael, which was a rare permission from Cooper, who was trying to be inconspicuous in one corner.

On this night, Michael was a gentleman who would fend off all the trouble for Sophia.

"This party looks great," Sophia said. "The Mitchells must have spent lots of money to get this done."

Michael replied, "Our wedding will be grander than this."

Without refuting him, Sophia held his hands and they walked toward the dance floor before dancing to the music in the background. They looked like a loving couple.

Holding her hands, Michael asked in a gentle voice, "How do you want our wedding to look like? A traditional one? Or an exotic one? However you want it to be, I'll get it done for you."

Chuckling, Sophia was about to speak when a woman covered in blood rushed into the venue and shouted, "Help! There's an attacking lion! Help! Miss Faye was bitten to death!"

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Growling, a lion soaked in blood jumped into the venue, pinning down the woman who just rushed in, and started gnawing at her neck. At that instant, blood spread across the floor. The crowd immediately broke into a panic and started screaming.

Sophia was stupefied, as this was her first time seeing a lion biting a human. Moreover, Barney was the only lion on the island.

At the moment, Barney's fur was covered in blood, and its eyes were bloodshot. With its wild nature ignited, it was now acting like a wild beast from the forest. Its sharp claws were pressed firmly against the woman's neck.

The blood-soaked woman's scream cut across the tranquility of the night. No matter how hard she tried to struggle, she was no match for the beast.

"Barney!" Sophia yelled.

Oblivious to her call, Barney clawed at the woman's body and dug its teeth into her flesh.

"Back off! Back off!" Cooper came to his senses and pulled Sophia away. Now, she could do nothing but watch her lion turn into a human-eating beast.

Just then, another beast covered in blood leaped into the venue and spat something out from its mouth—a bloodied head, which rolled on the ground. It was probably the most frightening sight these people had ever seen in their lives; some guests passed out on the spot.

After making out whose head it was, someone shouted, "It's Faye's!"

The Mitchells and the Edwards turned to look at it and confirmed that it was indeed Faye's head. The beast that was holding Faye's head a moment ago was the husky that had harmed her before.

"The lion and the dog are eating humans!" The sight was beyond everyone's wildest imagination.

When Stanley saw his dog jumping into the venue with a human head in its mouth, his legs turned to jelly.

After Judge hurled the head away, it started barking at other guests like a mad dog, making it resemble a wild wolf. Ignoring Stanley's yell, it kept barking and was ready to bite.

“Judge, what’s happened to you? I’m your daddy!” Stanley tried to approach his dog.

As though Stanley was a threat, the dog growled and went into an attacking posture.

All of a sudden, more than ten bodyguards in black charged into the place and started smashing at Judge with the weapons in their hands. Judge turned around and launched itself at them. Then, three bodyguards rushed over and smacked its head.

Right then, more men in black advanced into the place and started attacking Judge and Barney. With rods in their hands, they were trying to kill those animals.

With her eyes widened, Sophia stared at the sight right before her eyes, but she couldn’t even utter a word. A dark memory from the past sprang back into her mind, and she started tearing up as her mind went blank.

“Stan! Sean!” Michael charged forward. Although he had no idea what happened to the animals, it was apparent to him that the other party was trying to destroy the evidence. If Barney and Judge were dead, the death of Faye would remain a mystery forever.

Justin, who had been waiting outside the door, rushed in and started shooting his tranquilizer gun at Barney. After Barney was paralyzed, Michael ran over with some people to protect the animal.

After Judge was shot as well, it fell to the ground and panted heavily. With its fur soaked in red, it was hard to tell whether it was its own blood or Faye’s.

Gazing at the paralyzed Judge, Stanley fell into a dazed state. Upon wiping his tears off, he lifted the animal off the floor and went to the veterinarian. Fortunately, Cooper had brought a veterinarian along because he was afraid that Barney wouldn’t be able to get used to the climate on the island.

Finally, the situation was under control. Lying on the ground, Barney’s 2.5 meters-long body was bathed in blood, some flesh still hanging on its claws. The neck of the woman who rushed in moments ago was still stuck between its teeth. Blood was still streaming out from her neck, but she was no longer breathing.

On the other side of the floor lay a bloodied human head.

All of the guests were dumbfounded as they had never expected this to happen. While they were approaching the animals, one of them shouted, "Kill these two human-eating beasts!"

Sophia brushed off her tears. Of course, she would never believe that Barney would suddenly turn into a human-eating beast. It was sleeping in the room a while ago, guarded by some men. Why would it suddenly run out of the room and attack Faye?

With her body still trembling, she rushed toward her pet, but someone managed to come to the animal's side before her.

"No one dares touch my pet!" Cooper growled.

In an instant, Cooper's men surrounded Barney to protect the animal and fend off those men in black. Meanwhile, Michael's men had come over with a cage. After placing Barney into the container, they brought the animal to the ship for treatment.

Cooper's lion has killed humans in broad daylight. I believe he will be held responsible for that. As the groom, Vincent was terrified to see that his wife's head was right by his feet. However, after his sorrow subsided, his heart was filled with glee. Faye is dead, so I don't have to tolerate the fact that she'd cheated on me any longer. Moreover, the culprit is my opponent. It's like killing two birds with one stone!

Pretending to be sorrowful, he fell on his knees and started bawling beside Faye's head. "Cooper, you will be held responsible for the fact that your lion has killed my wife! I will not let your lion leave this island today! Come on! Kill that beast!"

As the leader of the Edwards Family, Jordan came forward to stop the chaos, while Sam dispersed the guests. The timid ones immediately returned to their own rooms, and the bolder ones stayed to watch.

Distressed, Sam said, "Let us find out what really happened first..."

While his men were protecting the lion, Cooper snarled at Jordan, "Before we get to the truth, no one shall touch my pet, or I'll kill him right now!"

Sam was really terrified that Cooper would do anything irrational. At this moment, a few armed helicopters were hovering above the island, ready to drop bombs at any moment. Hence, he hurriedly said, "All of you, please calm down first. Something must have gone wrong in this matter. Let us find out the truth before accusing anyone."

Summoning her courage, Sandra yelled, "Yes, let us figure out the truth first!"

"Before the investigation is completed, no one can leave this island!" Upon finishing his words, Jordan turned around and went to inspect the crime scene with his people.

Without uttering a word, Cooper turned to look at Sophia, who was sobbing in one corner. It seemed that she had been traumatized. Rushing over, Cooper asked in a lowered voice, "Darling, are you alright?"

With a stiff face, Sophia looked up at her father and cried, "Dad..."

Hearing the way she called out to him, Cooper was heartbroken, but at the same time, he was enraged. He raised his hand to help wipe off her tears, but there was nothing else he could do. Just then, Michael said, "I'll keep watch here. Leave this to me."

Cooper gave Michael a look. Although he wasn't fond of him, he could trust him for taking good care of his daughter.

"I'll come back soon." After Cooper left the place to inspect the crime scene as well, some daring guests followed him.

Sandra took a look at the sobbing Sophia and sneered. After that, she also followed the crowd. Countless people have witnessed this act of brutality. I'm sure Cooper will be prosecuted for this!

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"Sophia! Sophia!" Michael called out to her in a hushed voice as he held her face with his hands to make her face him. Like a string of pearls that had snapped, her tears were streaming down the back of his hands.

Staring at him, Sophia wailed, "I seem to have recalled a sad memory, but I cannot remember what it is. I don't know what the event is about..."

When Judge was being assaulted by those men in black, a fragment of her forgotten memory sprang back to her mind. It seemed that she had witnessed a similar sight before, in which she was left helpless, crying in despair.

She was sorrowful, but she couldn't remember the reason behind that. She had forgotten what she had gone through!

On the other hand, Michael knew that bit of her memory. There was once when her dog was trying to protect her, but it was later beaten to death.

That was a trauma she had suffered from when she was a child. Even if she had forgotten about it, it had left a mark in her heart. So, when she witnessed a similar scene again, she was gripped by the same negative emotion.

Hugging her gently, Michael said, "You're safe. Let's go to the bedroom and take a rest."

He wanted to help Sophia get to the room, but she couldn't even stand on her own. In a decisive manner, he lifted her off her feet and said, "Let us take a rest and go home later. Do you wanna go home on a plane or a ship?" He was trying to distract her so that she wouldn't fall back into her wild thoughts.

In a low voice, Sophia replied, "I wanna go home on a ship."

Michael said, "Alright. Your wish shall be granted."

He could never believe that the lion and the dog, which were inside the room, would suddenly go berserk and start attacking humans. Having no trust for the Edwards and the Mitchells now, he helped Sophia get into the car and drove to the port. After that, he carried her into his small naval ship. *This place is one hundred percent safe.*

After entering a bedroom, he placed Sophia on the bed and gave her some sleeping pills so that she could have a proper rest. When he was certain that she was asleep, he went to the infirmary to check on Judge and Barney.

Barney was still asleep. At that moment, the veterinarian was shaving all its fur to get its wounds treated. The wounds on its body were a frightening sight to behold, and its blood was splashed across the floor.

Meanwhile, Cooper, the Edwards, the Mitchells and some guests were reaching for the crime scene. Linus boarded the ship to check on Barney and said, "It's fine. These are all flesh wounds."

However, Judge was badly injured. Its skull was broken, and there were wounds all over its body. Fortunately, the animal had stopped bleeding.

While Stanley was sobbing on the side, Sarah was patting his back, trying to comfort him. Although Judge was paralyzed by the tranquilizer, it hadn't passed out. As a living animal with emotions, it was tearing up in fright. With its mouth open, it was whimpering.

Holding its paws, Stanley said gently, "Judge, don't be afraid. I'm here for you..." *My dog has never bitten anyone before. What happened to it today?*

As Barney was a huge animal with thick skin, it only suffered from some flesh wounds. However, Judge's organs were severely injured, so they were racing against time to save its life.

It is just a dog. Why do those people want to make it suffer? Stanley thought as he brushed off his tears. By now, his clothes were soaked in Judge's blood.

After patting Stanley's shoulder, Michael told Shae to go into Sophia's room to accompany her.

As the sky was darkening, the sun disappeared into the horizon, and the smell of the breeze was tinged with a metallic tang. At this point, the Edwards, the Mitchells and some bold guests were going from the wedding venue to the beach, where the crime happened.

According to some witnesses, Faye didn't attend the party because she was feeling unwell, and she went to the beach with her assistant, who was bitten to death by Barney at the venue.

For some reason, Faye was attacked, so the assistant fled the scene to ask for help. Although the bodyguards of the Edwards Family had stepped in to help, they failed in their attempt to stop the lion from running away. Subsequently, the animal jumped into the venue and killed the assistant.

Firstly, they went to the room where the lion stayed. Inside the room, there were two more dogs, which were a giant poodle and a black Labrador.

The dogs seemed to have been frightened as they started barking at the guests. Meanwhile, the two animal trainers, who were responsible for keeping watch on Barney, were lying on the ground, clearly intoxicated. The door had been broken with the animals' claws.

One of the guests made a rash guess. "It seems that these animal trainers fed some wine to the lion, so the animals became drunk and started attacking humans!"

The others nodded in agreement.

With a dark expression, Cooper told some people to keep an eye on the dogs and wake those trainers up before he headed for the crime scene.

Reaching the beach, they once again witnessed another horrifying sight. Countless footprints of humans and the lion were left on the sand, and human organs were spread across the beach.

It was probably the cruelest way a human could lose her life. With her body dismembered, she couldn't die with an intact corpse.

It was apparent to everyone by now that these body parts belonged to Faye, who was the hottest actress currently as well as the protagonist of those scandalous videos. Just a few hours ago, she appeared before the crowd in an exquisite dress, but she was now dead with her organs splashed across the beach.

Some people surrounded the corpse, which was full of claw marks that resulted from the attack of a beast. Smelling the blood, some seagulls were hovering above the body.

"Oh, God. She's dismembered!"

"What a miserable way to die."

As the guests were gossiping, the Mitchells and the Edwards put on face masks and started picking up the body parts.

Walking over, Justin took a look at the scene and whispered in Cooper's ear, "Most of the wounds were caused by humans rather than by an animal. Her body seems to be torn apart by something like a harpoon."

Over the years, in order to hunt Phantom Wolf down, Justin taught himself forensic science because those who knew Phantom Wolf's whereabouts were all killed. Now, his expertise was on par with those forensic specialists. That was why he could easily figure out what was wrong with the corpse.

Upon hearing that, Cooper remained impassive.

Firmly believing that it was Barney who killed Faye, Jordan growled, "Cooper, you allowed your lion to attack humans. You must be held responsible today!"

Not willing to appear weak, Cooper said in a glum voice, "I will not accept this accusation before we find out the truth. I want to check the security footage and have a post-mortem performed on the corpse!"

"No way!" Right after Jordan yelled, dozens of men in black immediately surrounded Cooper. "If you don't hand over the lion to me, I will never let you go!"

Oh wow, are they trying to compare firepower with me? With his armed helicopters ready to strike, Cooper was unafraid of the threat he was facing. He would never believe that his lion would harm humans for no reason.

Just then, Sam voiced his opinion. "Cooper, it isn't entirely your fault that your lion went berserk. You shouldn't damage the friendship between our families for the sake of an animal. Please pass the lion to us."

There was no way Cooper would let them have Barney. Otherwise, the accusation against him could never be proven wrong.

If he wanted to kill, all of these people would lose their lives on this day. However, he would never tolerate any false accusations against him. Furthermore, he had returned to Cethos to expand his business. Unlike some war-torn countries, there was the law in Cethos, hence he had to protect his own reputation.

The sea level was rising. Just when they were in a stalemate, a figure was coming over from the other side of the beach. His expensive black leather shoes were submerged in the sea, and his socks were soaked wet, but he didn't seem to mind.

With a pair of bloodshot eyes, the person was shuffling toward the crime scene with a bloodied dog chain in his hand. "Let me tell all of you what really happened!"

They turned around and saw a young man, whose white shirt was dyed crimson. His face, his hands and the dog chain were all caked in dried blood.

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“Stan!” Sean ran toward Stanley. He had never seen Stanley in such a state before. At this moment, Stanley looked like a razor-sharp blade that had been unsheathed, tainted with dried blood.

Walking along Stanley was Michael, who, unlike his usual calm self, was now burning with rage.

With the dog chain in his hand, Stanley never looked at the scattered body parts or Vincent, who was pretending to be sorrowful on his knees. After sweeping a look over the Edwards and Mitchells, he held out the blood-soaked dog chain at all of them.

“I am Stanley Fletcher, the owner of the husky accused of killing someone. Previously, after my dog was blamed for biting someone, I installed a hidden camera on its dog chain in order to find out why my obedient dog would attack humans all of a sudden.”

As soon as he finished his words, the expressions of some of the Edwards changed drastically. While the guests were stupefied, Jordan and Alex were terrified that their wrongdoing might have been captured by the camera.

Despite the fact that his eyes had turned bloodshot, Stanley tried his best to hold back his tears.

The sky had darkened, and only a few street lamps lit up the beach. Harry told some people to set up a projector screen, after which Stanley inserted a chip into one of the ports of Nicholas, which then projected the video taken by the camera at the screen.

The video on the screen was crystal clear. Harry had set up a home entertainment system on the beach complete with loudspeakers.

The crowd fixed their eyes on the screen, which showed the viewing angle from the dog chain. Sometimes, the dog would sit up, and when it lay on the floor, its fur would cover the camera. A while later, it was sent to the guest room, in which two more dogs, the lion and the animal trainers were taking a rest.

The lion wanted to play with Judge, but Judge was terrified and went to hide in one corner. Seeing this, the animal trainer lugged the lion away. The other dogs didn't seem to be afraid of the lion as they were lying on the floor together and licking each other.

After the two animal trainers got some tap water to quench their thirst, to everyone's surprise, they fell to the ground. At that time, no beer bottles were seen, and the animal trainers never consumed any alcohol.

After the animal trainers passed out, the lion walked over and patted them with its paw. Seeing as the humans never responded, the lion lay down beside them and wagged its tail, seemingly waiting for them to awaken. The lion just looked like a bigger cat and didn't seem like it was about to kill any humans soon.

Judge immediately opened the door in an attempt to flee from the room. Unexpectedly, more than ten men in black were already outside the room. They stormed into the room and captured the lion and the husky. If the animals resisted, they would strike them with rods. Although the lion was groaning in pain, it didn't seem to have the intention of harming humans. The most it did was to claw at the men lightly.

While the dog was growling in pain, the lion extended its head in an attempt to save the dog. One of the men immediately hit the lion's head with a harpoon, which caused the animal to howl as blood streamed out from its head.

The men seemed to have a particular plan. While some of them were standing guard, the others lugged the dog and the lion toward the beach. At that moment, all the guests and staff members were still at the party. On the beach, some men in black were killing a woman with harpoons and then dismembering the body.

After the animals were brought to the corpse, they were howling in fright, but they were then mercilessly beaten up.

The woman who was killed with harpoons was Faye Edwards. At the sight of that, all the guests were shaken to the core.

The following scene was even more horrifying. Those men surrounded the lion and tortured the animal. The harpoons that were used to kill the woman were now deployed to harm the lion. Even the rods were split into two in the process. However, the lion seemed to have forgotten how to resist as it was only growling in response.

A while later, the wild nature within the king of the forest seemed to have been reignited. It became incensed and killed some men in black on the spot. Although the image was shaking now, the guests could see that the lion was truly infuriated. After attacking those men, the lion went on to dig its teeth in Faye's flesh.

The dog turned mad as well. After gnawing at the corpse, it then held the head in its mouth and fled from the scene.

Then, the image turned black suddenly. After Stanley turned off the video, Harry hurriedly told his people to pack up the entertainment system. Otherwise, his system would be smashed if the others went into a scuffle.

At that instant, no one had the guts to utter a word. The Edwards and the Mitchells were left flabbergasted. The guests felt that their world view had been shattered.

"Oh, God! Did you see that? Faye was pierced to death!"

"Yes. The woman was still moving initially. Oh my goodness! That was cruel!"

While the expressions of Jordan and Sam had darkened, the look on the faces of Alex and Vincent was even gloomier, because those men in black worked for the Mitchells.

Stanley was so enraged to the point that his expression was eerily calm. By now, he had memorized all the faces of those men who had harmed Judge. Still, they were just executing the order of the Mitchells, who were Stanley's real enemy.

Pointing at them, Stanley sneered. "The Fletchers are not as rich as the Mitchells, nor are we as powerful as you are, but that doesn't mean you can harm us as you please! That is my dog! Since you've hurt my pet, it means that you have no regard for my family whatsoever. I, Stanley Mitchell, will never let you off!" Upon finishing his words, he turned to leave.

The crowd fell silent; no one even dared to let out an audible breath.

The Mitchells had killed Faye, who had just married Vincent, in the cruelest way possible, and even shifted the blame to Cooper in an attempt to sow discord between Cooper and the Edwards. However, they didn't expect that they had offended the Fletchers along the way.

What a magnificent show! those people in the crowd thought.

After Stanley left, Cooper stared at the silent crowd with a glacial expression. Meanwhile, a naval ship appeared at the port that was some distance away. Cooper shot a look at the Edwards and the Mitchells. Rather than feeling angry, he was just utterly disappointed.

Although he was ruthless, he was an intelligent man. On the other hand, these people were cold-hearted, but somehow, they were also foolish.

"Do you see that naval ship? In half an hour, it will launch a missile and destroy this island. Whoever wants to live, flee now." As soon as Cooper finished his words, he turned around and left.

Trembling in anger, Jordan snarled, "Cooper Mitchell, you've crossed the line!"

Without stopping, Cooper replied, "So what?"

While Jordan's chest was heaving in a fury, Sam had run off. After packing up his stuff, Sam took Corrado away and boarded his private jet to flee from the island. All the guests went into a panic. Without even retrieving their belongings, they boarded the ship and the plane to run for their lives.

No matter how much the Edwards and the Mitchells were resentful of Cooper, they did not have the courage to stay on the island. In half an hour, the island had been deserted. Faye's corpse was left on the beach, serving as the food for the seagulls.

Thirty minutes later, a missile was launched from the sea within the territory of Demarca. The wedding venue that took hundreds of millions to build vanished in an instant. When a mushroom cloud sprouted on the island, it signaled the start of the war between the Fletchers, the Edwards and the Mitchells.