

TECHNOLOGY 691

Chapter 691 - A Boss Queen

Lucy looked at everyone's shocked expressions and sneered.

"What sort of father watches his own daughter get beaten, framed, thrown out of her father's house and kept on the streets?"

And if you truly cared about me, then from the time that I was taken into the palace, why didn't you find a way to inquire about?"

"Don't talk nonsense!

We had already felt bad about not contacting you after you were left on the streets.

But when you were taken into the palace, we feared his Majesty Alec Barn's wrath so we didn't dare to contact you then.

After all, you were taken in by his unfavoured wife.

So you have to understand where we are coming from too." Elvira said calmly.

In her mind, if she could reason with Lucy and calm the fool down, then the idiot would still be willing to aid one of her daughters in being queen.

To her, Lucy just had daddy issues.

So if it's a father she wanted, why not give it to her?

The idiot was probably mad because her father abandoned her.

She looked at Lucy and scoffed.

As expected, the child still yearned for fatherly love after all this time.

If that's the case, then why not make it look like Gustav was forced to forget all about her?

All that mattered at this point was to make the fool believe their story.

Of course, Gustav had also assumed that her little temper came from her daddy issues too.

Both husband and wife had similar minds that worked like clockwork.

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"Oh?"

So you said that it's because of his Majesty Alec Barn that father didn't contact this one?"

"Yes of course!

If not for him, your father would have long contacted you."

"Hmm..."

And I'm guessing that the reason why he still didn't contact me after getting exiled was because of his majesty Alec Barn right?"

"Yes, yes, yes, yes!

You really know your father well."

"Hm?"

If that's the case, then why are you now willing to face Alec's wrath for me?

I mean... it's not a secret that my fiance disgraced his majesty Alec Barn when he visited sometime back.... which angered your Arcadinian king.

So, why are you now willing to face Alec's wrath for me now?"

--Silence--

Everyone felt their words get stuck in their mouths.

What could they say?

That they were indirectly sent by Alec to manipulate Landon?

Again, they couldn't possibly tell her that they too felt the need to take over Baymard, get richer and throw her out of Baymard right?

Elvira swallowed hard and forced a soft smile from her lips.

"Child... it's not that we don't want to tell you.

But believe us, we have a very tangible reason for doing so.

It's just that if we tell you, you might be in danger.

So let's just leave it as it is, alright?" Elvira said warmly.

"Okay."

The moment Lucy agreed, everyone was internally celebrating as well.

'Hehehhehe... stupid girl.

Of course, we have a tangible reason.

But sadly, your not included in our plans.'

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Lucy smiled and calmly crossed her arms against her chest confidently.

"Well, whatever your reasons are, since you don't want me to know... then let's forget about it.

But as for your request of possessing my man, all can drown yourselves in a sea of boiling water and drown for all I care."

'Boom!'

Everyone's mind felt like it had exploded from rage.

"You b**ch!" Debbie yelled in fury while standing up as well.

Of course, Praila stood in rage too.

"Mom!

I knew that this sl** wouldn't be easy to deal with.

Now, she's hugging my man and doesn't want to let go."

"All of you, shut up for me!" Lucy said arrogantly.

What?

Everyone's eyes opened wide in shock again.

When did this little imp's wings grow?

"I don't know what made you all think that I'm the same Lucy from before.

But just in case you don't know my current identity, then please... use your brains and your eyes to look around you.

Do you see those statues over there?

Do you see the giant name written across the lawns and decorations around?

I'm guessing you do.

Because from the way you're all acting, one would think that you all have gone blind or something.

But just in case you have what we Baymardians call cataract, then let me spell it out for you.

I... am... the future queen of Baymard.

That's right!

I'm the future queen.

And not only have you all insulted me, but you've also threatened me multiple times within my territory.

Now, I don't know if you all are stupid, overly confident or just plain dumb.

But do you all know the consequences of what you all have just done?"

Listening to Lucy, everyone froze for a bit before sneering arrogantly.

"Stupid little sister.

Even if you report us to your fiance, who's going to believe anything that you say?

If you haven't noticed, we have left very good impressions on everyone here... including the maids.

So if all of us deny your accusations, can you really win over us?

After all, your fiance is a man.

And most men are weak to crying ladies.

Just a little tears here and there, and you'll be doomed."

"Oh?

I'd like to see you try!"

The confidence that Lucy excluded angered everyone again.

"You scarlet woman!

You harlot!

You cheap p.r.o.s.t.i.t.u.t.e!

Why didn't you just die or get taken in by any drunken man in the streets?"

"How dare you dream of being the queen of Baymard?

Do you think that you're worthy?"

"You vile child!

How dare you speak up to us in this manner?

As a child from the Gustav family, you have to do what we say!!"

Lucy just smiled coldly while watching everyone jump around like zoo animals.

"Heh!

Let me make one thing clear!

I don't care about your so-called reason for visiting me.

But last time I checked, I'm no longer a member of the noble Gustav family.

So I don't have to follow your rules or orders.

With that said, I'm growing fairly tired of seeing your pretentious faces.

So after today, do me a favour and buzz off!" Lucy said calmly, before giving them the middle finger and turning around in attempts to walk away.

But how could they let her go just like that?

How dare she turn her back and walk out on him?

Who the hell did she think she was?

No!

He had to stop this horrid child from giving his son-in-law a bad impression of himself.

Gustav quickly recovered from his shock and stretched his hands to grab her in anger.

It was best to force this abominable child into the ground and make her remember his terror.

But just when Gustav's fingers were about to touch her... a loud ear-splitting sound echoed within the garden.

'Boom!'

"Touch her, and you die!!"

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'Boom!'

"Touch her, and you die!!"

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--silence--

The Gustav's all jumped back in shock, especially Gustav himself.

How could he not?

Just when he was about to touch Lucy, the loud noise cracked from the heavens and scared the living daylight out of him.

And even though he didn't know what it was, the sound instinctively made him jump back in fear.

For heaven's sake, he almost had a heart attack from it all.

It was like a ghost he just popped out of nowhere in an attempt to terrify him to death.

He clutched his heart in fear and when the sound broke out, and funny enough... he took on a 'Shaggy-Scooby Doo' frightened look, as he stood on one leg with his hands hovering in the air.

In fact, he wasn't the only one who took on a bizarre pose.

Elvira quickly grabbed a fork while making a karate pose, while her son hid behind her instead.

'You go ahead and die first mom.'

And even though Elvira had never practiced Karate before, when people got scared, they would end up making some crazy poses.

Of course the girls dropped to the ground and kept their heads low in fear, as their bodies trembled uncontrollably.

What the hell was that?

For that brief second, their minds seemed to think of a million things at once.

But before they could think any further, they heard someone else's voice.

And in a blink of an eye, several men who wore green outfits and had green coloured painted faces, popped out of nowhere and surrounded them with strange black sticks.

Again, could someone tell them what the hell was going on?

A complex mix of feelings spread out through their hearts, as they observed the situation.

Were these people spies or assassins sent to kill Lucy?

No!

If that was the case, then why would they threaten them not to touch her?

For sure, while everyone's heart was now in turmoil... Lucy on the other hand, blinked her eyes in confusion too before finally understanding the situation.

Sure enough!

These were all her personal bodyguards.

But didn't they say that she would have absolute privacy with her family?

Lucy couldn't help but smile helplessly at the situation.

How could they leave her alone with people who could possibly threaten her?

When Landon mentioned privacy, he meant that he would withdraw his royal guards from the scene.

But Lucy's private security would always be there to watch over her no matter what.

Who knew if these people would poison her instead?

Lucy calmly looked at her old family and smiled coldly.

How naive!

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"Touch her, and you die!!"

Hader, who was the Chief of Lucy's security was currently pointing his gun at Gustav.

He had watched everything from the bushes and had tried to restrain himself when he saw them force Lucy to kneel.

F**king Bastards!

Who did they think they were?

He wanted to make a move earlier on, but he remembered Landon's instructions to let her fight her battles for herself.

He was told to only reveal himself if they were about to lay a hand on her.

And in truth, he was glad that he followed Landon's instructions.

Because due to that, he got to see a very Badd**s side of Lucy.

Damn, she was awesome!

He just never expected that she would have that side within her.

After all, before today, he always felt like Lucy was just too soft and too kind.

She just looked like the type who would really forgive an enemy.

But some enemies need to be dealt with heavily, or else they would just take her for granted.

So seeing the little lady who he had protected for the last 3 and a half years grow up so fast, made him almost clap loudly for her.

Bravo princess!

Of course he wasn't the only one who felt like that since the entire team had deep love and respect for Lucy.

Hader quickly took out his Walkie talkie while still pointing his gun at Gustav.

"This is Princess Team 1 reporting directly to his majesty.

The situation has been handled.

Over."

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The Gustav's quickly came back to their senses and looked at Lucy viciously.

"You unfilial child!

You set us up!

Do you know what you have done?

Do you know what this will cost me?

You!... You!... You!!!" Gustav roared while painting angrily.

He was so red from rage that he looked as if he had been sunburned hard.

Elvira and her son were the same too.

"I knew that you were always evil within.

What?

Now that you're wealthy, you want to kick us out and not even give us a share of it all?

Do you think that we let you eat, sleep and live with us all those years for free?

If you think that we will go back empty-handed, then dream on!!!!"

"Little sister, I'm utterly disappointed in you.

As your elder brother, I'm advising you to tell your men to stop glaring at us like this.

Do you want to kill us and bury us here where no one will find us?

Little sister, I'm disappointed by how wicked your heart had grown throughout the years."

Of course, Debbie and Praila hastily rose from the ground and also aired out their grievances too.

"You good-for-nothing seductress!

You planned it all along didn't you!!!

You knew that his majesty Landon would fancy me, so you brought your men here to give his majesty a bad impression on us right?"

"Why the hell are you so stingy?

Why would you set us up just so that you can enjoy all this wealth alone?

All I'm asking is to share your finance with you, and you've already become a scheming b**ch!"

Lucy just looked at the jumping zoo animals before her and massaged her temples.

"Enough!

You all are giving me a headache.

Now you either shut up on your own, or I'll have my men assist you in it."

"Hmph!

Little sister, we haven't lost yet." Praila said angrily.

"That's right sister, these are your men.

So it's obvious that whatever you say, they will support you.

In other words, we will just have to wait and see who his majesty will believe."

"Alright, I'll play your little game.

Let's wait then." Lucy said while sitting in the chair which her men had brought for her.

And after a minute, everyone heard the garden gate open from a distance.

His Majesty was here.

The Gustav's sneered at Lucy while quickly putting on their most pitiful expressions.

The girls didn't believe for one second that Landon would be able to resist a damsel in distress.

Even the famous Demi-God Hercules in the Baymardian tales fell for Megara who was a damsel in distress.

He even acted stupidly just to save her from a blue river guardian.

And the Demi-god film for her weak act.

So what more of a Mortal?

'Hmph!

Just you wait, dear sister!'

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'Crang!!'

The garden gates were opened, and in came Landon, mother Kim and several other guards and maids who were here to clear up the dishes on the table.

They walked for quite a bit before arriving at the scene.

And as they advanced, the Gustav's on the other hand, had ample time to put themselves together.

The girls even dipped their hands in water and hurriedly placed fake teardrops on their cheeks while making themselves seem as if they had been crying for a while now.

And while they were doing this, Lucy's private security team was even more disgusted and shocked by their acts.

Were they so confident that their actions could make his majesty Landon believe their words over princess Lucy?

Heh...

They must not know who his majesty Landon was.

Of course Lucy who was the real victim here, just smiled confidently as she watched her man approach her steadily.

Yes!

This was her man.

Her rock and her heart.

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Very soon, Landon, Mother Kim and the rest arrived at the scene and acted neutral.

From the moment they saw the Gustav family's pitiful appearances, they had decided to play along with them.

"Oh my!!

What is going on here?

Why is everyone so moody?" Mother Kim asked with 'concern'.

And seeing this, of course the Gustav's chose to jump onto the pitiful wagon to save their skin.

"Woo.... q...queen mother Kimberly.

We can't say anything about the matter." Debbie said while wailing.

"Why?"

"B... .." Praila stammered while making an obvious glance at the smiling Lucy.

Without a doubt, mother Kim saw it too and secretly sneered.

She had lived within Alec Barn's palace for more than 15 years from being a maid to becoming his wife.

So how could she not know about all these petty tricks?

"Come on child, don't be afraid.

You can say whatever you want with me around.

I will always give out justice to those who were truly bullied or oppressed.

So state what's on your mind to your heart's content.

Is that understood?"

"Y...yes queen mother.

Thank you for being so kind to this lowly girl."

"Alright child, enough with it.

Just say your mind alright?"

As soon as everyone heard Mother Kim, they secretly celebrated within their hearts at how easy it was to fool mother Kim.

Humans were sometimes very predictable people.

If one saw a child crying near another who just smiled or stayed silent... everyone would assume that the silent one bullied the one crying.

Even if the silent one was innocent, everyone would subconsciously see him or her as stubborn or even evil.

So with this little trick, Mother Kim should have some doubts or dissatisfaction with Lucy for buying them.

But this was all their own conclusions.

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"Queen mother Kimberly... we were all sitting here and reminiscing about old times peacefully.

But when we asked princess Lucy for forgiveness, she continuously insulted us and threatened to kill us here." Debbie said pitifully while choking on her words like a little child.

"My sister has said it all, queen mother.

We know that in the past, we did a lot of terrible things to princess Lucy.

But that was because we were influenced by those around us to do so."

"Yes, queen mother!

Many people said that she was cursed and told us to act in that way to save our lives.

But now we know better and want to mend our relationship with her.

B...but she kept threatening to kill us instead.

If she doesn't want to forgive us, that's fine.

But why does she want to kill us?"

"Sigh...Queen mother Kimberly, I have to apologize on behalf of my entire family's behaviour today... including my daughter Lucy's.

It's very shameful to have you witness this little family fight of ours.

I, as the head, am terribly sorry for today's trouble."

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One by one, they all came up with so many ridiculous plots that could even win an Oscar in future.

And good old mother Kim was there to patiently listen to their cries, like a loving joy mother listening to the grievances of her followers.

As for Lucy, she was trying desperately hard to hold in her laughter while watching Landon's pretentious amazed expressions.

He really acted as if he believed them.

Tsk!

What a clown.

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The Gustav's expressed their complaints for a bit.

And when they were done, mother Kim turned towards Lucy calmly.

Even though she knew Lucy was innocent, if Lucy couldn't defend or protect herself against this much, then she needed more training if she ever hoped to sternly and rightfully aid Landon in governing Baynard.

She wanted Lucy to take this as training.

"Princess Lucy, you all heard all the allegations against you from your family.

So what do you have to say in defence?"

Lucy quickly got up from her chair and faced mother Kim calmly.

"Queen mother, I'm innocent of all their accusations."

"Liar!

She's lying queen mother!"

"Alright.

She gave you all a chance to speak without interruption.

So now that it's her turn.

And unless you are asked to speak, everyone else should keep quiet.

Now, princess Lucy... continue."

"Thank you, queen mother.

As I said, I'm innocent of all their allegations."

"Oh?

How so?"

"Queen mother, the way they treated me here is different from the way they treated me in the audience room.

After everyone had left, they showed their true colours and asked me to step down as the future queen of Baymard.

Additionally, they also wanted me to recommend one of my half-sisters for the position of Baymard's future queen.

Due to my fear of them plotting or trying to scheme their way into Baymard, I pleasantly refused.

But then they took it a step further and started threatening and name-calling me instead.

Queen mother, I agree that I did speak rudely to them during our interaction.

But that was all in self-defence.

And as for the matter of them apologizing to me, that's also a lie.

All they did was give me reasons why they acted the way they did.

Again, I also have my team here as witnesses too." Lucy stated simply.

Mother Kim nodded in satisfaction and turned to the Gustav family again.

"Is there any truth to what she's saying?"

Everyone gritted their teeth and denied it ruthlessly.

"Queen mother, don't believe her lies.

My daughters are well brought up noble ladies, and would never dare to seduce his royal majesty Landon.

It's obvious that princess Lucy is somewhat resentful towards her half-sisters and wishes to use this opportunity to tarnish their reputations.

If word got out, wouldn't my daughters be called vixens throughout the Pyno continent?

Princess Lucy, why are you so wicked?

Haven't we already apologized enough?" Elvira said pitifully while kneeling and pretending to cry her eyes out."

"Queen mother, my wife speaks the truth.

Princess Lucy has deep animosity towards us.

So the so-called witnesses that she has had planned to lie against us according to her orders."

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Once again, the family continued their drama.

And once Mother Kim had aged with them enough, she decided to stop the play.

Well, today has been fun.

"Princess Lucy, do you have any other evidence to add to win your case?

Because at this point, if we don't put a stop to this matter, people will say that we, the Baymardian royals were bullying the common folks."

Of course, the Gustav's who heard this were secret dancing within their hearts.

That's right!

Unless the queen mother or Landon personally witnessed the whole thing, they could always stick to their claim that Lucy was just plotting against them and bullying them with her royal status.

They all looked at Lucy as a fool and decided that once they got back to their hotel, they would come up with a new plan to deal with the b**ch once and for all.

But how would they have known that everything was still under Lucy's control?

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The Gustav's all looked at Lucy and scoffed.

Without any proof, there would never be a clear winner in this matter.

Sure!

The royals could just convict them on the spot.

But Baymard was a place like no other that valued justice, rights and freedom.

So convicting them when they didn't actively confess might only backlash on them later on.

There needed to be hard evidence and not just vocal evidence in this matter.

Of course, the Gustavs had done their own fair share of research on Baymard, so they were very clear about their rights to even drag Lucy to court and defame her if they wanted to.

After all, all they needed to do was cry, shed some crocodile tears, even refuse to eat and do other things that women typically did to get away with sh**!

It had been a skill that noblewomen throughout the Pyno continent could do.

All they had to do was act pitiful just to garner pity and empathy from others, and just like that... they had successfully framed their enemies.

So of course the Gustavs knew that if they relied on this skill alone, they would always have a few supporters in the crowd who would pity them and might also stick up for them too.

And since Baymard liked justice so much, they could even manipulate these simple-minded people to fight for them too.

Hehhehehe... the press would definitely want to hear their side of the story.

So no matter how they looked at it, without any solid evidence, who could tell them that they were wrong?

But of course, they were sincerely mistaken if they thought that no one would be able to find evidence about the matter.

If police inspectors and forensics were here, they would be able to find several clues and even guess the walking paths and steps that some of them had taken.

From the way the heels of their shoes dug into the grass, to the rumbles of Lucy's dress around the knee region that had dirt and plant pollen which indicated that she had been kneeling, to the fact that Gustav's white gloves had pale powdery makeup on it and a bit of lipstick which matched Lucy's facial powder indicating that he had grabbed Lucy's face harshly, to the fact that some of the tableware that been thrown in about of rage to other things... the clues would all be there if the inspectors came here immediately.

In fact, the Gustav's had left too many clues on them that would make the inspectors chuckle if they knew what these people were thinking about.

No physical evidence?

Please!

This was Baymard alright?

For sure, calling the inspectors didn't seem necessary because Lucy had something else up her sleeve.

As for the ignorant Gustav family, they all looked at Lucy victoriously when they heard Mother Kim asking for more evidence.

Heh!

They've won!

Or so they thought.

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"Well princess Lucy, do you have any other evidence that would solidify your claim against your family other than witnesses?"

"Yes Queen Mother, I do!

But sadly, I can't present it right now."

"Oh?

Then how long do you need before you can present it?"

"3 days Queen mother."

"Hmm...

If that's the case, then I'll give you 3 days to get everything ready and present it to myself and his majesty Landon Barn."

"Thank you, queen mother."

"Okay, okay, before then, this matter must be kept a secret between us all.

Without any evidence, accusing each other will be seen as a crime is that understood?"

"Yes, queen mother!" The Gustavs answered merrily.

For them, Lucy was just stalling in attempts to find a solution to the matter.

They all felt that when she would be at the end of her rope, she would then secretly come to them and bribe them to drop the matter.

After all, Queen mother Kim seemed disappointed in Lucy, as she had been talking to them in a gentler tone compared to when she spoke to Lucy.

And seeing as his majesty was also quiet as well, he too might be dissatisfied with this fiancée of his.

Hehehehehe!

But now that things had come to this stage, how could they back down?

Even if Lucy begged them, they would never agree to her request and shamelessly drag the b**ch away from Baymard.

The Gustav family gave out real smiles this time, as they planned to enjoy these 3 days even more.

In their minds, that was the decline for them to take down Lucy and finally become official royals!

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Of course seeing the 'disappointed' Landon, Debbie and Praila continuously gave shy expressions towards Landon.

How could they let this moment pass?

This was the time to let him know that they were real women of substance!

Not that disease-carrying dog who called herself Lucy!

They displayed their bodies in full view and shook their bodies severally to make their 'goods' jiggle.

And when they saw Landon's concerned expression, they were even more delighted than ever.

Ahhh!!

He was definitely falling for them now.

But how could they have known that Landon was actually on Lucy who was at the back?

Lucy's mouth twitched when she saw how her half-sisters were behaving.

Her men also looked up to the sky, as they felt that their patience was almost running out.

It was true that a man should never hit a woman.

But for the first time in their lives, they felt like these women deserved some spanking.

"Princess, how should I say this?"

Your family is really shameless!" Hader said in a whispery tone.

"I know.

Even I can't believe that I came out of the same family as them." Lucy replied helplessly.

What would she do?

She too felt embarrassed alright?

"Hader, let's forget about my family and focus on what's important."

"Yes princess."

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Hader stepped a little closer to Lucy and briefly communicated all the key points to her.

"Princess!

Even though we are your subordinates, we do hope that you will learn from this experience.

This time, your majesty had prepared everything for you.

But one day, he might not be able to do it if his hands are tied or if he isn't around.

So it's your responsibility to also handle these sort of small commotions and give us instructions on what to do too.

We as your team might never have known about this matter if his majesty hadn't stated the importance of it.

Princess... we thought that this was one of your typical audience meetings where one would send in a request to see you.

And even though we were aware that it might be a relative, as your private team... if you doubt tell us that you are entering a war zone, then we might not be as fully prepared as we were today.

If it was a typical meeting, we wouldn't even have to disguise ourselves, as some of us would be present by your side as your bodyguards for all to see.

And if that was the case, the enemy would never show it's true face to you.

Again, we might have not prepared a camera the day before and secretly hide it in the bushes for this event.

By then, we could have no real evidence to back your claim.

Princess, you have at least 4 request audience meetings daily during weekdays... so recording everything would definitely not work as privacy is called into the matter in most cases.

But if you ever feel like you are about to meet an enemy, you should always give us your true opinions for us to be fully prepared in protecting you.

Please princess!

Telling us these things will also protect us, your bodyguards too.

So never forget that."

"Yes grandpa."

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'Please princess... can you take me a bit more seriously.'

Lucy looked at Hader and chuckled.

Evidence? They had plenty!

Chapter 695 - Keeping a Good Royal Resume

Hader was really going on and on about this matter for Lucy's own good.

He was 38 years old and had been taking care of Lucy from the moment Landon ordered for Lucy to have private bodyguards years back.

It was almost as if he had raised Lucy too, so he sometimes treated her like a child.

She was just too innocent and could easily be fooled by others.

Additionally, just because she didn't want to 'burden' them, she always kept troubling matters to herself.

But what was the point to that if it would only get her into more trouble?

If Landon hadn't told them about her family, they wouldn't have been extra careful about the matter.

If one was going out on a mission, depending on the mission difficulty, one would assess their weapons and gadgets based on that.

In that way, they would know what to bring during the mission.

Whether they had to climb Rick's, blow things up or silently do things assassin style.

Mission difficulty was a must for them.

If they hadn't hidden and prepared everything in advance, Lucy would've made even more trouble for herself.

Sure, the inspectors might be able to aid her in winning the case.

But the moment things went to court, it would be a public matter.

And so far, no one had taken any royal to court, and they intended to keep it that way.

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Lucy listened to Hader helplessly.

She had definitely learned her lesson this time.

But honestly speaking, Hader reminded her of an old whining man.

She couldn't help but chuckle a bit when she listened to grandpa Hader here.

She was truly blessed.

Well, as for the hard evidence... Yup!

They had recorded everything.

And as far as she knew, the recording was still going on.

What surprised her was that hidden underneath the table and even disguised around the flowers were several microphones.

So everything was being picked up by the many hidden cameras that captured them at different angles.

Hader told her that it would take 3 days for the royal security team to put the tap and everything else together, forming it into a Cassette for viewing.

This wasn't a movie that needed them to rehearse and take several shots or make drastic changes.

This was just a recording that needed to be put together.

And with the team placing all hands on deck on this matter, in 3 days they would produce the finished product.

So all she could do was wait.

But while the wait was on, it was important for her to show a defeated look in order to make the enemy feel like things were going their way.

Hader had reminded her of the matter and had even made plans to contact the Gustav family within these 3 days to make things seem more realistic.

They even planned on sending money to them, so that they could see their sincerity.

Playing the enemy was a big part of winning the battle.

Because even though they knew that they would win, if the enemy felt it... they might do something that would become a public matter.

And that wasn't something that they wanted.

If that happened, Lucy's head secretary... who was Hader's wife would kill him, as she handled a Public Relations (P.R) matters involving Lucy.

She was like a P.R agent who also made sure that Lucy had an outstanding image in the public eye.

So if the Gustav family smelt defeat, then might put a stain on Lucy's good resume.

Therefore, it was better to play the enemy and keep this matter private until they won effortlessly.

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The Gustav family looked at Lucy's nervous expressions and tried to hold in their arrogant expressions while leaving the palace.

Of course, Mother Kim and Landon also showed their disappointed expressions as well.

And when they received word that the Gustav family was out of the palace, they all burst out in laughter.

"Mother, you were awesome!" Lucy said while giving Mother Kim two thumbs up.

"Mom, do you know that you could win an Oscar for your performance?"

"You little brat!

Are you insulting your mother?"

"No! No! No! No!

You are the honourable queen mother of Baymard.

So how could I dare?"

"Hmph!

These shameless people dared to lie against a girl who I had practically raised till now.

So why shouldn't I play with them a bit before trampling on them later on?

Served them tight for treating my baby Lucy like that.

On top of that, they had the guts to lie to my face with no fear at all.

How could someone lie like that without even blinking?

Their skills are truly legendary!"

"Hmhm... and 3 days from now, we will show them what happens when one plots against us," Landon said coldly.

He hadn't shown it before, but he was truly mad when he watched everything go down from the system's monitors.

They dared to make his princess kneel?

Heh... they were simply looking for death!

And so while the Baymardian royals made plans, the Gustav's on the other hand seemed to be in ecstasy.

"Hahahhahahahaha!

I can't believe we did it!

We actually disgraced that tramp in front of queen mother Kimberly and his majesty Landon Barn!"

"Yeah!

Did you see the disappointed looks on their faces?

By now, they should still be lashing out on her harshly."

"Hahahhahahaha!!

She's probably crying like she used to do.

Tsk!

What a fool!"

"Hmph!

She deserves it!

Who told her to go against father?

If she had just agreed to our requests and stayed out of it, then we would have been a royal for a little bit longer.

But because she just wants to have his majesty Landon all to herself, this is the result that she will get!"

"Screw her!

Even if she was willing to share, I wouldn't want to share such a handsome and nobleman as his majesty Landon with that disease infected chicken.

Wouldn't that be an insult to my future royal self?"

"Debbie!

I've told you many times, his majesty Landon is mine.

So go find another wealthy bank to cash in!"

"In your dreams!

Just relying on your skinny arms that look like twigs and those pimples on your chest that you call b.r.e.a.s.ts... Do you think that they would be enough to attract such a man like his majesty Landon?

Your body can only attract a beggar.

You need more meat!"

" "

And so the ladies began wrestling for Landon, while their family did their best to separate these WWE wrestlers.

But who won the fight before the family separated them?

Well, that was a story for another day.

All in all, the Gustav family was looking forward to the 3rd day.

Royalty, here they came.!

Chapter 696 - The Stars Of The Show!

Time went by in a flash.

And just like that, 3 more days had gone by.

Of course within this period, Lucy and her team didn't forget to call the Gustavs pitifully and pleaded with them to tell the truth.

She had given them the illusion that everyone was disappointed with her.

So she begged her father to do this one last act of kindness for his daughter she promised that if he did, she would make sure that they weren't punished.

And she would also pay them their monthly allowances for at least bringing her into this world.

In this era, it was customary for parents to get their monthly upkeep from their children once they passed the age of a.d.u.l.thood.

So Lucy still opted to do that for Gustav.

care of them after they left Baymard.

But how could he agree?

From what Gustav could see, this stupid daughter of his still desired fatherly love from him and was stupid enough to think that he would ever confess to what he did.

She had called him anxiously with her voice all panicky.

And even the number of times she called, showed him that she was getting more and more nervous as the days went by.

She begged him separately and even told him that if he didn't say anything, then she might have to leave the palace.

Again, she also agreed to his deal in letting her sisters marry Landon.

But wasn't it too late for that now?

Finally, when she couldn't get what she wanted, this daughter of hers had the guts to threaten him.

That's right!

She said that if he didn't agree to her conditions now... then one day when the truth came out, she wouldn't give him a dime or protect him too.

He sneered and scoffed at her idiocracy because in his mind... that day when the truth would be revealed would never happen.

And even if it did, it might only be revealed years after this.

By then, they would've already integrated into royalty and one of his daughters could manipulate or make Landon easily forgive them.

So what was more important, living in the present or the future?

Of course it was the present!

For him, listening to Lucy's goodwill warnings were like threats which stimulated him to trample on her even more.

Hmph!

It was already too late for that low classed daughter of his to beg for his forgiveness.

As a man, he wouldn't allow anyone to trample on his ego and get away with it.

Not even his late mother!

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The Gustav family dressed up even more lavishly than they did when they had previously visited the palace.

They raised their chins, pushed their chests out and moved boldly like egoistic peac.o.c.ks.

And all the time, they had been treating everyone around them like dirt.

How could royalty mingle with these common people?

"Boy?

Are you stupid?

Don't you know that I'm about to become royalty?

Open the door for me immediately!"

"How rude!

Is this how you all treat royalty here?

Quickly tell these other people to step aside for us now!"

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Everyone looked at them in confusion, as if they were looking at clowns.

Were these people idiots?

Or were they on some sort of TV show right now?

Everyone looked back and forth in hopes of catching a glimpse of film cameras within the hotel lobby.

But sadly they saw none.

'What a weird group of people!'

And so the oblivious Gustavs arrogantly made their way to the palace once more.

Now the show was really about to begin.

"Your majesty, they're here!"

"Good!

Tell everyone to get ready."

"Yes, your majesty!"

With that, Landon, Lucy, Mother Kim, and Lucius calmly went to the throne room.

Today, Lucius had decided to see the live show in the flesh.

He wanted to see these bold enemies who dated to march into the palace, look everyone in the face and lie with no respect.

These sort of people could even lie without blinking while stabbing you.

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"Alright everyone!

Places, places!

The stars of the show will arrive any moment from now.

So get ready, because we start broadcasting at 10 A.M on the dot."

"Yes director!"

(^_^)

Of course, 3 days ago... the royal family made a huge announcement saying that today they had some important news to share.

No one knew what the news was about, except the Gustavs who had personally gotten a call from Landon, saying that he would officially recognize them as Baymardian royals.

He even told them about what to do and what not to do during the entire welcome procedure.

Additionally, he sent them some portraits and books that highlighted Mother Winnie's acceptance day years back.

When Mother Winnie, Little Linda and Beri had been exiled from Yodan... Santa had brought them to Baymard.

And even though Landon had said that they would be seen as Baymardian royals... it wasn't until a year and a half later that they had their welcoming ceremony that was celebrated by all.

They took oaths and were sworn by priests to do their best and never let Baymard down.

So seeing portraits, books and the museum art that all described the day, the Gustavs were utterly convinced that they too would have this sort of ceremony as well.

Again, the clueless news broadcasting station crew members who had already been contacted by Landon... all agreed to set up the live broadcast within the audience room.

And now, everything was set up for the grand occasion.

This was a national moment that everyone would be watching live.

So even though they didn't know what was going to be announced, they too were very excited as well.

They looked at the door anxiously while waiting for the so-called stars of the show.

Who exactly were they?

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"His majesty is ready for you all now.

Please follow me.

And once again, welcome!"

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Hearing the very cheerful manner in which they were greeted, the Gustavs couldn't help smiling from molar to molar victoriously.

They almost skipped and hopped in joy as they followed behind one of Lucy's secretaries.

Gustav himself began visualizing his own customized garden again.

No!

He abated statues of himself all over Baymard.

Why stop in a garden when he can leave statues or portraits of himself everywhere?

From billboards to museum sculptures, art and even massive statues at certain entertainment squares... he wanted to be placed everywhere!

That way, his friends and enemies in the Capital would think twice before ever disrespecting him.

He would be the overlord of his clique.

And might even turn them into lackeys who did things at the snap of his finger just for some Baymardian benefits.

Hahahahaha!

with this, his name would undoubtedly go down in history!

Of course, Gustav wasn't wrong.

His name would definitely go down in history... but not the way he wanted it to.

Today, the noble Gustav family were the stars of the show!

Chapter 697 - Going Live!

The Gustavs walked in and were immediately taken aback by the many crewmen, cameras, studio lights and other equipment that had been set around the place.

What was all this?

This was their first time being on set so they were utterly confused if they had come to the right place or not.

They paused for a bit before finally spotting his majesty Landon up ahead.

And sure enough, they also saw that useless girl too.

She still looked at them anxiously with pleading eyes as if still begging them to reconsider.

But all this just made them lift their chins even more.

And seeing the curious gazes from the crew members, their egos were overly charged up now.

Hmph!

Today, they would be rotary, and no one would be able to stop them!

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"Your majesty Landon Barn, King-Father Lucius, Queen Mother Kimberly, and Princess Lucy... we the noble Gustav family greets you all," Gustav said while bowing.

And of course, his family did the same too.

Landon just looked at them and smiled slyly.

"Welcome! Welcome!

Today, you are all important guests.

And just like I said earlier on, all of you will become well-known within the entire Pyno continent after the announcement.

Today's event will be recorded down for all to see, and you will also become legendary figures too."

"Thank you, your majesty!

Thank you!" Gustav said excitedly while trying to stop himself from jumping around merrily.

Landon and the rest just looked at them mysteriously.

"Alright!

There's no need to thank me.

Now, let's go over what you have to do before we begin the big announcement."

"Yes your majesty!"

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And so just like that, the Gustavs were briefly told where to stand and what to do during live filming.

They had light powdery makeup put on them and underwent the full preparations before going on screen.

Time passed by swiftly, and before they knew it... it was almost 10 A.M"

The director looked at the set in satisfaction and quickly gave out his orders fiercely.

"Alright everyone!

We are live in 3... 2... 1!

Action!"

The cameras started rolling, and now, the entire Baymard was watching the show curiously.

People within the barbershops paused for a bit and looked at their screen, and within some Academy institutions, some teachers had decided to cancel their classes that fell within this time slot, so that everyone could watch the news.

All around Baymard, it was as if a public notice had been issued for work to only begin after the announcement was over.

Because even within some industries, the workers were told to wait in the cafeteria until the news was over.

It was as if people had gathered to watch a soccer or basketball match instead.

Diners, restaurants and other places with public T.Vs were super crowded now.

And everyone had a good reason why.

One should know that the last time the Royals had made such a big fuss, was when spies were publicly executed in front of everyone else.

In short, everytime the royals had to call everyone's attention, it always meant that something grand was about to happen.

Unlike the treaty signing with Carona or even Landon's Coronation event... the royals would always tell them several months ahead of time.

But at the last spy execution event, they had no clue about the matter and were also told that his majesty had a special announcement too.

Again, it didn't always mean that surprise announcements were a big thing, as years back there was a time that the royals had gathered everyone out of nowhere and introduced a new sort of language for them to learn.

And now bits and pieces of the language were even used at some breakfast dinners, food establishments and other places too.

The more they spoke the language, the more they understood it.

Anyway, with this surprise life announcement... they couldn't help but wonder if it would be filled with drama just like the execution one, or if it would just be an ordinary announcement.

They kept their eyes glued to the screen impatiently while already munching on their snacks.

Dammit!

The wait was really killing them

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As soon as the cameras rolled, those watching within Baymard all fell into silence.

The normal intro song came on, and the famous BBC logo appeared on their screens too.

"Good morning, welcome to the BBC national news, with Brad Gardai and Charlene Cohen." Brad said, before allowing his co-host to continue.

"News on Project 21, where an update on the charitable treatment of several foreigners will be fully discussed alongside guests; Reverend Timothy and Minister Ferguson.

But first, let's view our top story today.

That's right, we are talking about the big announcement from the royals.

Most Baymardians speculate that it might be world-shaking, but others feel like the news might just be somewhat ordinary.

Well, we have our man Scott Wellington on the scene reporting to us live.

Scott!... how is everyone over there."

"Well Charlene, as you can see... we are currently within the throne room.

And his majesty Landon Barn, King-Father Lucius, Queen Mother Kimberly, and Princess Lucy are all before me, looking as dashing as breathtaking as ever.

Also, we have some surprise guests here as well."

"And do you have any clue about what the announcement is about?"

"Not a clue, Brad.

But I'll tell you what, the whole scene just gives me goosebumps from anxiety.

Oh, wait!

It's about to begin!"

With that, the station seamlessly switched to another camera on set that was completely focused on the royals.

Many people sighed from relief when they saw that the actual show was about to start.

All this time, they had almost shot their shoes at their TV screens urging the TV presenters to shut up and let his majesty speak.

And now that they saw the scene change to the royals, they couldn't help but sigh from relief.

Great!

The show could finally begin!

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Landon began by briefly talking about his love for Baymard and his family.

He stated the moral bases on which Baymard was built, and also focused on the importance of unity too.

And soon, he looked at the Gustavs and smiled while gesturing towards them.

"Now, I'll welcome some very important guests for all to see.

They are the noble Gustav family from Arcadina.

They are the family of our gorgeous and generous Princess Lucy."

And just like that, the audience all stared at the scene in shock.

What?

Princess Lucy still had a family?

Wasn't she an orphan who worked as Landon's maid in the Capital?

The audience soon realized that they didn't know anything about their goddess.

And while they were in shock, the Gustavs on the other hand smiled victoriously.

Yes!

Everything was going as planned.

Chapter 698 - Becoming Famous

Everyone looked at the Gustavs with mixed feelings.

Some felt like they were just taking advantage of the situation.

While others felt that if Landon could introduce them warmly, then that meant that they were all on good terms with Lucy.

So they shouldn't be bad right?

"Oh?

As expected, Princess Lucy's sisters are also very pretty."

"Yeah!

And they also look at her lovingly too.

So they must have now been able to reunite after all these years."

"Wooooo..... I feel happy for my Goddess!

She has finally seen her long lost relatives."

"Aiyy!

You all are just too trusting.

My gut feeling tells me that this matter might not be as simple as it looks."

"Pui!

You just want drama.

Why can't you be happy for the little princess?

I believe that her family had been looking for her all through these years and had finally found her.

After all, who can willingly know that their daughter was around and not want to see them?

That would just be too bizarre!

That's why there's definitely a heart-warming story behind this."

"Tsk!

What do you youngsters know?

What an old man can see sitting down, a younger person such as yourself shouldn't be able to see it even if you climbed up a tree, alright?"

"Hmph!

This has nothing to do with age, old man!

You're just being paranoid."

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And so just like that, many conspiracy theories and speculations came from the viewing audience as they looked at these so-called guests.

But as for the noble Gustav family back in the palace, their mood was currently on cloud 9 while listening to Landon who was patiently introducing them one by one.

They all looked at the cameras and tried to give it their most handsome expressions ever.

Landon and those who knew about today's true intent secretly looked at them as if they were fools.

Since they wanted to be famous, then they as kind Baymardian royals will help them fulfill their wishes.

Once Landon finished introducing them, he signalled for the director to roll the cassette that he had given them this morning.

Of course the crewmen and a way of transmitting taken videos to the viewing audience live.

So this wasn't an issue.

Landon looked at the Gustavs and smiled broadly.

"As my princess's family, I've prepared a warm gift for you all.

Please, watch the screen to your left.

As for everyone else, this is today's big surprise."

With that, the viewing audience at home 'shushed' all those who continuously voiced their conspiracy theories here and there.

Now the scene changed.

And it all began in Lucy's garden.

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[..."Little sister, so he really treats you that well?"

"Yes, he's very nice to me."

"Ahh... I'm so happy and jealous of you at the same time.

Such a man is definitely hard to find and one in a million."

"Yes little sister, you are indeed lucky."...]

Everyone saw Lucy and her family walking into the garden and talking about how much they missed each other dearly.

The whole atmosphere was filled with so much love that everyone who was watching the scene couldn't help but like the Gustavs even more.

"Hah!

I told you all!

My princess's family will definitely be as kind and gracious as her."

"Yeah!

Just look at how lovingly they held her?

Ahhhh!

This family is so sweet!"

"Princess, I've never been able to cry since the day I was born.

But for this scene, I'll willingly produce some tears for you princess."

"Goddess Lucy, we're so happy for you!"

"My Goddess's family is the best!"

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Everyone continuously watched the scene while praising her family.

And soon, after the food was set and the maids and guards were gone, these praises almost puked blood from what they were about to witness.

[--Lucy, you cheap s.l.u.t!

Why didn't you die after all these years?!!--]

--silence--

What the hell was this?

What sort of quick reversal was this?

Even the famous Baymardian actors and actresses didn't have these skills.

Damn!

These people almost had them fooled!

At this moment within the palace, the crewmen all looked at the Gustavs in shock.

And the Gustav family themselves almost fainted from watching the scene too.

Their faces turned pale and their minds almost went blank.

They all turned towards Lucy to see her confidently smiling at them.

F***!

They had been fooled by this b**ch!

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Heh!

What a good Gustav family!

The entire audience watched everything in rage.

How dare they talk to their goddess like that?

On top of everything else, they made her kneel and threatened her fiercely.

Just who did they think they were?

Those in the military, police stations and other armed forces all clenched their fists furiously.

Some of them even punched the walls too.

This was an insult to them!

To insult an empire's queen or ruler, was the same as insulting them.

After all, Lucy had fought some battles against some enemies when Landon wasn't around.

And the sweet girl had been trying her best to learn more about governing and protecting Baymard.

So how could they not be angry?

Even the news reporters had their faces turn cold from watching it all.

How dare they even try to make their goddess breakup with his majesty?

And how were these so-called half-sisters better than their goddess?

Please!

His Majesty wouldn't even look at them even if they were stark n.a.k.e.d, alright?

Anger as hot as lava boiled within them.

And as it churned, the pressure from their raging heart almost made them break their TV screens.

Everyone almost couldn't stand watching anymore, as they felt like they should just go towards the palace and beat these people up themselves.

And just when they were all depressed, they watched their goddess fiercely stand up for herself and Baymard too.

From the moment she gave her reason for refusing to hand over Landon, they all clapped for her happily.

Yes!

She refused to allow these scheming people to destroy Baymard's foundation, and she also revealed that she too could have a 'quick-mouth'.

Just watching her insult them mercilessly, made them feel relieved.

It was as if she had soothed away their pain instead.

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"Hahhahahahaha!

My Goddess is amazing!

Who said that she was too soft?

Obviously, she was just giving them face earlier on because they were her blood.

But who asked them not to be reasonable?

I can't believe that I praised this scheming family earlier on.

Ugh!

I need to wash my mouth with soap after this."

"Me too!

I can't believe they can be so devious."

"Hahahahaha!

Who is the man in charge of the Goddess's security?

He was so cool right now: 'Touch her and you die'

Ahhh!

That's my new favourite line!"

"Shameless!

How dare these people still refuse to apologize even now?

They even told the goddess that his majesty would believe their fake tears.

Damn!

Women are really scary."

"Ayy!

Not all of us women are like that.

And don't you see that those men there are also shameless too?

Just look at the Goddess's father?

Both women and men here are just plain rotten, and that's it!"

"I agree!

But funny enough, even though I'm angry, I still want to know what happened when his majesty finally came into the scene.

This drama is really interesting!"

"Everyone keep quiet!

His majesty is coming and I want to hear what he will say."

The audience watched the Gustav family reverse black to white and almost had a heart attack just from watching their performance.

This was some next level sh**!

They even dared to make the ever kind mother Kim show them pity.

Their act alone could give the movie stars a run for their money.

And when they saw Debbie and Praila relating their own version of what happened while jiggling their bosoms at Landon... the entire audience felt like these women were really something else.

This was just too embarrassing okay?

The men who had daughters secretly planned to have a talk with them in future to prevent such shameless acts.

No!

They had to make sure that their children were morally grounded... or else wouldn't they end up like those 2 on TV?

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Everyone had their own thoughts while watching the show.

And soon, the clip finally came to an end.

The Gustav family looked at the smiling Landon and knew that they were screwed.

Deceiving a ruler was a grave sin!

Dammit!

What do they do now?

They had to escape, and fast!

Chapter 699 - The Gustav Family's Crime

The moment the entire video ended, the cameras quickly focused back on the royals and the Gustavs again.

But this time, everyone's eyes mostly fell on the shameless people standing beside the royals.

The Gustavs began sweating due to fear, as they looked at the murderous eyes coming from the crewmen around them.

And before they could even think twice, several guards entered the room, adding to the already tight security that was there earlier on.

This alone made them tremble weakly, as they knew very well that the sun of receiving a monarch was an indirect slap to the entire empire.

Worse of all, they had also intended to manipulate and play with the feelings of the kind-hearted and simple-minded people of Baymard.

The moment the Gustavs saw more guards come in, they decided to still take advantage of Baymard's kindness and beg with all their might.

They didn't want to be executed, and neither did they want to be licked up forever.

What a joke!

If they all ended up here, then wouldn't their properties, knights and wealth all fall into the hands of others?

In fact, they didn't care about Baymard anymore.

All they wanted was to leave Baymard forever!

They had already planned to use the fact that Lucy once lived with them to plead for their freedom.

At least she should consider the father-daughter relationship right?

Right now, even though they knew that they were thoroughly disgraced, escaping and avoiding execution or imprisonment was the best option.

At least back in Arcadina, they still had their statues and power in their hands.

Plus even though they were weak, they still planned to use another person's hands to get their revenge.

And who did they have in mind?

Of course it was Alec!!

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Revenge!

Once they told Alec about the situation here and told a few lies on how Landon was planning to target Alec... They were sure that the big man would make his move.

With how obsessed Alec was with Baymard, wouldn't that be enough stimulation for him?

Heh.... and by then, the Gustavs would watch Alec tear these motherf***ers to pieces.

But how would they have known that their avenger was already taken care of?

Please!

Arcadina's new ruler was now William Barn, son to Oden Barn... and not Alec.

Of course, the clueless Gustavs wallowed in their self made revenge plans while not forgetting to strategically plead for their lives.

Since they were stars of the show, then why shouldn't they continue their acts even now?

As for the royals, they all faced the Gustavs without a hint of expressions on their faces.

"Kneel!" Landon said coldly.

And unconsciously, the trembling Gustavs fell to the ground in one swoop.

"Your majesty, your majesty... it was the Devil that made us do this.

We...we are sorry!"

"Sister Lucy, please forgive us, we've really learned our lesson this time.

If you let us go, we'll leave and never return!"

"That's right sister!

You are so kind and forgiving, so you'll definitely let us go.

Thank you little sister Lucy, thank you!"

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The audience almost coughed out blood when they saw this shameless family grovelling on Lucy's feet as if they wanted to kiss her legs.

And why were they thanking her when she hadn't even said anything?

This family was just too much!!

"Silence!" Landon commanded, before pulling Lucy away from them.

"The Noble Gustav family of Arcadina.

You all have truly opened this king's eyes!

Not only did your family kill my princess's mother... but you also had the guts to bully her day in and day out.

Even though she was your blood, you still treated her far worse than slaves.

She never had enough to eat and would go hungry for days while working tirelessly to please you all.

You whipped her, punched her, stabbed her and slapped her mercilessly.

And after her mother died, you threw her pit on the streets and turned her into a beggar.

But after obtaining your goal, you still didn't stop there.

You still found your friends and things to beat my princess whenever you felt like it.

Luckily, my mother picked her up and brought her into the palace soon later.

But as her family, you never bothered to visit her in the palace all those years.

Rather, you always denied having any link to her at all.

Additionally, when we were exiled, you still didn't show up to comfort or see princess Lucy.

You all thought that she would die of starvation or turn into a beggar.

Unfortunately, fate had played a cruel joke on you, and now she is not only fine... But she is now Baymard's future queen.

And being the greedy scoundrels that you are, how could any of you miss this opportunity?

You came here in hopes of becoming royals and raising your status too.

If you tried this out within another empire, you might've had more chances of getting away with it.

But sadly, you just had to do what you did in Baymard.

That said, do you know the punishment for deceiving a monarch?!!!"

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The more Landon spoke, the more his aura became cold and threatening.

It was so scary that even the crewmen couldn't help but tremble.

Could anyone tell them what was going on?

Was there some sort of supernatural occurrence happening around that could make the room feel cold and frightening?

Of course, if Landon could give out these sort of auras to the Warden and several hands in different armed forces... then he as the Boss would definitely have an even more frightening aura no?

It was as if the aura was almost transmitted through the TV screens because even those viewing felt like maybe there were some special effects added to the mix.

Their king was indeed quite scary when he was mad.

They knew this from the last time they watched their king execute those spies.

On that day, his aura was so cold that even the Baymardians shivered and looked at the spies somewhat pitifully.

Their king might be kind, but he was extremely ruthless to his enemies.

And they never forgot that.

Their king was truly one of a kind.

Chapter 700 - The Gustav Family's End

Back in the palace, Landon had almost lost himself in hatred the more he spoke.

Of course, the Gustavs couldn't take his murderous aura that kept growing steadily.

The women all broke out crying silently, while their son also peed himself just from the pressure alone.

And even Gustav felt weakness in his bladder too, as most of Landon's hatred was directed towards him more than anyone else.

And all this was because Landon recalled how Gustav had squeezed Lucy's jaws painfully when he asked her to kneel in the garden.

Gustav couldn't help but wonder if Landon was a demon or something.

Because the rage that was specifically targeted towards him could make one commit suicide if they weren't somewhat strong.

Everyone else just looked at the Gustavs pitifully

Sigh... you just had to piss off his majesty.

Well, it was time to light some incense for these idiots.

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"Do you know the consequences of deceiving a monarch?

Answer me!!!" Landon thundered.

And immediately, the Gustav family lowered their bodies even more in fear.

The women had even laid flat on the ground just from Landon's ear-shattering voice.

Gustav gritted his teeth and forced himself to speak.

"Y...your majesty, its execution."

"Good!

I'm glad that you know this, so you shouldn't be too surprised.

After all, not only did you deceive this monarch, but you also bullied the empire's princess right under my nose and went as far as threatening her for your selfish means too.

You calculated this king and wanted my fiancée to step down.

Again, you had bad intentions for my people since you planned to use your daughters in hopes of manipulating me.

And this not all, you also took advantage of Queen mother Kimberly's kind nature.

Hence thoroughly insulting my mother!

Now... if I recall, the princess had called your hotel room several times and begged you to turn yourselves in.

If you had done that, your outcome would have been better.

But since you decided to lie and not repent, then you all only have yourselves to blame!" Landon said coldly.

And the moment he made his stance, the Gustavs almost lost their souls in terror.

Would they be executed?

Didn't they say that these Baymardians were extremely kind and forgiving?

No!

They had to survive!

They had to beg for their lives, even if it meant physically licking Lucy's toes.

'Bam!'

They prostrated even more on the ground and banged their hearts against the floor loudly.

"Your majesty, please forgive us!"

"Please forgive us, your majesty.

We were temporarily possessed by demons!"

"Yes your majesty, or else how would we able to do all those things to our own blood?"

"Please forgive us your majesty, please forgive us!"

Landon sneered in his heart as he listened to them continuously blame the devil for their deeds.

At this point, he couldn't help wondering if the devil himself was tired of people using his name.

Bruh!... the dude was getting all the blame these days.

They were possessed?

Please!

They did all those things and didn't for one minute have any signs of reluctance or repentance.

So what devil?

It was all their doing!

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"Enough!

You all need to thank your lucky stars that you raised the princess early on.

It's because of this that your lives as a last act of kindness.

So, you will neither get executed nor imprisoned.

But make no mistake!

If you or anyone else ever deceives this king, then only execution will await you!"

As soon as those watching heard him, even the spies from different regions who just wanted to learn basic things like cooking, also shivered uncontrollably.

They knew in their hearts that this warning was to them.

They could come and learn how to cook so as to better food in their empires, or even come to observe how things were done here so as to organize or improve basic things like traffic in their empires.

But if they ever went just a tad bit too far... hehehehe... they knew in their hearts that they would be executed without a doubt.

The only reason why the Gustav family was exempted this time was because of Lucy.

But if they dared to do so again, then for sure... their heads would roll.

The Gustavs who heard Landon's words all beamed with joy and thanked Landon continuously.

No execution and no imprisonment!

Hhaahahhahh!

This was great!

Now they would have a chance for revenge.

But how could it be that simple?

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Landon looked at their relieved expressions and sneered.

"But even though you won't get imprisoned or executed, as agreed upon by Arcadina's new ruler... you are to become peasants!"

--silence--

Gustav and his family almost choked when they saw the document that one of the guards had handed over.

What the hell?

What new ruler?

What happened to Alec?

They looked at Landon in confusion and fright.

"With that said, all properties and wealth owned by the Noble Gustav family will be seized and sold.

This money will then be sent to princess Lucy as an apology.

And as for the noble Gustav family, they are required to report back to the Capital at once, as they are prohibited from ever staying outside Arcadina's Royal Capital.

There, they will live and work as peasants.

Of course, they could still become rich.

But that can only happen by doing legal jobs and nothing more.

The noble Gustav family should take note that the new Arcadinian ruler has already sent his shoes down here.

So from the moment you leave Baymard, they will be following you discreetly.

If you go anywhere else other than the Capital, then your lives will be forfeited.

Additionally, the Gustav family will be banned from stepping on Baymard's land.

Once again, disobedience will result in death!

That said, the noble Gustav family will have a class change and be called the Gust family.

This is the agreement between Arcadina's new monarch and I."

"□"

The moment Landon finished reading their punishment, Gustavs felt like committing suicide on the spot.

The Gustavs listened and shook their heads frantically.

"Why? Why? Why?"

No way!

Your majesty, I prefer to die honourably.

Please kill me!"

[The audience: (*-_-)]