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That was a threat.

It was a threat; plain and simple as that; laid bare for all of them to see.

That was a warning to everyone in Oriental Star Group that if they dared to go against him, they'd regret that decision for the rest of their lives.

"Remember, none of you have the right to retaliate against the Suarez family, so don't even try," Zachary said coldly before leaving.

In the end, the higher-ups were left staring after him in disbelief.

Was the Oriental Star Group about to get bought over right after they'd just begun developing?

"Ms. Lopez, I think it'd be for the best if we let them buy the company."

"That's right. The Suarez family has been buying companies left and right. The ones who tried to retaliate ended up defending themselves to death."

"The Suarez family has way too much power in South City. We don't have the power to fight back against them. In fact, we might end up dead, too."

The higher-ups of the Oriental Star Group had given up completely.

Zoey, however, remained silent.

Deep within, her heart was crumbling in hopelessness.

Why did they have to get on the Suarez family's bad side?

Zoey was ready to give up.

Based on everything that had happened recently, the Suarez family would stop at nothing to get what they wanted.

In order to force the hands of those business owners, they had used all kinds of twisted methods.

Zoey was especially terrified that her parents or her husband would get into trouble because of her.

Recently, Levi had been rather satisfied with how North Hampton was coming along.

There were a couple of obstacles along the way, but overall, everything was going smoothly.

Once he reached home, however, the first thing he saw was Zoey's unhappy face.

"What happened, honey? Did something happen at work?" Levi asked, concerned.

Zoey shook her head. "I'm just frustrated because of the recent developments with the company."

The next day, Zoey had just stepped foot into the company when she caught sight of Zachary strolling in with a bunch of his underlings.

Everyone else shivered at the sight of the man from the other day who had used the throwing knives with such ease.

“So, Ms. Lopez, what’s your final decision?” Zachary asked with a smirk on his face.

“You could at least try to be a little more sincere with your request. What’s your price?” Zoey asked.

Zachary was taken aback for a second before replied, “One billion!”

Everyone inhaled sharply at the sound of Zachary’s price.

The Suarez family was truly overbearing!

How dare they try to buy a company with a net worth of six billion for only one billion?

Zoey scoffed coldly, “Mr. Suarez, are you insane? How could I possibly sell it to you for a mere one billion?”

Zachary burst out laughing.

Coldly, he jabbed, “Ms. Lopez, I don’t think you know what’s going on right now. You’re in no position to make any negotiations. I named my price to save you some face. If you piss me off, you’re not going to get even a cent from me.”

Ridiculous!

How could the Suarez family be this ridiculously overbearing?!

Sadly, they could only seethe in silence.

Two days ago, someone tried to retaliate against the Suarez family. They ended up with four broken limbs and their family got dragged into it too.

Who wouldn’t be afraid of such a force?

“This is the contract. Sign it now, and the money will be transferred to you instantly.” Zachary tossed the contract to Zoey.

“If you refuse to sign this, Aaron Lopez and Caitlyn Black will be joining me for dinner tonight.” Zachary laughed chillingly as he laid his threats down.

His meaning was clear enough. If Zoey refused, he’d find a way to get rid of Aaron and Caitlyn, and it didn’t matter whether they were dead or alive.

“You’re being unreasonable!” Zoey shouted in anger.

Even after so long, she had never met such an overbearing person.

Sadly, she couldn’t do anything about it.

“Ms. Lopez, just sign it!” The other higher-ups started clamoring.

“I don’t think so.”

Right at that moment, a voice called out.

Levi was here.

He had noticed Zoey’s worrisome expression during dinner the other day. He did some investigations of his own to find out what was wrong.

To think that it was caused by the Suarez family!

“Levi Garrison? What are you doing here?”

Zachary had seen Levi in pictures before, and the very moment he laid his eyes on him, he knew he hated his guts.



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It's normal for enemies to want to finish off each other upon meeting. Zachary couldn't help but want to kill Levi on sight.

With a deep frown on his face, Levi asked, "Who are you? Have we met?"

"I'm Zachary of the Suarez family. Zayn Suarez is my brother."

Levi nodded. "Oh, that cripple!"

"You-!"

The moment he heard of the way Levi referred his brother, Zachary's anger flared up.

"You should have stayed in South City. What are you doing here in North Hampton? Are you asking to be killed here?" Levi asked.

Zachary laughed coldly. "Don't go thinking you're safe with the Morris Group behind you. I'm warning you, the Suarez family is not going to stop until we've conquered a good part of North Hampton! You'd better sign the contract before you regret it."

"Just screw off already." Levi shoved Zachary away.

"You asked for it!"

Zachary's subordinates started moving toward Levi.

Zachary stopped them.

“There’s no need for that.”

Zachary smiled at Zoey and asked, “Ms. Lopez, I hope you’ve thought about this properly. You’ll regret it if you make the wrong move.”

“I told you to leave, didn’t I?” Levi yelled.

“Okay, okay. Just you wait and see.” Zachary smiled menacingly.

“Mr. Shorts, why didn’t you just get rid of that guy?” After they exited the area, Will Brown asked Zachary in confusion. Will was the strongest fighter on Zachary’s team.

Zachary looked pissed. “You think I didn’t want to? That man has the Morris Group backing him up. Even Sebastian Lopez faced a hard time with them.”

“Then, what should we do? Just take it?” Will said in anger.

Zachary, on the other hand, smirked mysteriously. “Of course not! We’ll settle the Oriental Star Group first.”

“What about Levi Garrison?” Will Brown asked.

“I heard about Sebastian Lopez wanting to make a comeback.”

“Huh? Even the Black and White Guards suffered greatly. What could Sebastian do?”

Zachary smirked. “It will be a whole different story when Sebastian managed to call on him.”

“Him? Wait... could it be?”

Will suddenly looked terrified at the thought of someone and inhaled sharply.

“Sebastian Lopez is truly putting in his all. How’d he manage to call upon someone who’s been in hiding for the past thirty years?!”

The others were just as amazed.

“That’s right! That’s the real boss of Quebec and the one Sebastian is scared of the most.”

“The Morris Group is really something. They managed to drag him out of hiding,” Zachary said.

Will figured something out and smiled. “Mr. Shorts, you’re waiting for Sebastian Lopez and that man to get rid of the Morris Group before getting rid of Levi, right?”

“Yes. Without the Morris Group behind his back, how is Levi going to act all high and mighty?”

In South City, there was a small, rundown temple in the corner of Mount Amethyst.

Anyone in the upper class of South City knew that this temple was off-limits. That was because it was the home to the most terrifying figure in South City, and even all of Quebec.

He had once ruled over Quebec.

Thirty years ago, he retreated back here and became a vegetarian. Apart from that, he started reciting Buddhist mantras everyday.

Highly skilled professionals surrounded the temple and no one was allowed to go near it.

However, today, the Lopez family approached the temple.

Sebastian knelt in front of the temple personally, waiting for him to appear.

“Sir, the Lopez family is in trouble. Quentin Lane has been killed; Wesley Lane and James Lane have been crippled, and the Black and White Guards have been spliced into pieces. I, Sebastian Lopez, beg you to get rid of them. In exchange, I will give everything I have.”

Sebastian begged with all his sincerity and kowtowed three times.

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Everyone present at the temple instantly held their breaths at that sentence.

They stared at Sebastian in disbelief.

What could possibly have pushed Sebastian to make such a daring exchange?

He was even willing to give up his fortune in order to beat this mysterious person, or force.

Sebastian continued kneeling as he waited for an answer to come from within the temple.

Finally, after about ten minutes, the rundown wooden door of the temple creaked open.

A man dressed in a suit walked out of the temple. Everyone looked on in shock and fear as the godson of the ex-ruler of the underworld walked toward them.

Even Sebastian looked terrified.

The young man said simply, "Sebastian, please return. My godfather will handle this."

"What?"

"Thank you, sir!" Sebastian yelled in glee.

He agreed!

That meant the Morris Group was done for.

To Sebastian, this man was practically on the same level as God himself.

There was nothing in Quebec that he couldn't get his hands on if he were willing to step up.

Right after that, the news of this man finally returning to society started spreading around South City like wildfire.

Once, he had been the ruler of Quebec. He had locked himself away for thirty years, but he was finally emerging once more.

Everyone could tell that North Hampton was about to undergo great changes.

The fact that this man was willing to show himself once more meant that Quebec was about to go through a massive transformation.

All the other forces and families in South City started preparing for this man's arrival.

Early on the next day, the ten most powerful families of South City gathered along the twisting and turning roads of Mount Amethyst in two lines as they waited for this person's arrival.

Sebastian stood among them.

There was finally some people coming from the end of the road.

They had come down the mountain on foot.

This group of people surrounded an old man with white hair and a ruddy complexion who looked full of spirit.

Even though he was already 80 years old, his steps were steady and he was clearly of good health.

He was once the ruler of Quebec, Scott Yates.

Everyone in Quebec called him by 'sir' and 'sir' only.

At first sight, he looked like any other esteemed figure, perhaps a well-read professor or master.

No one would have connected him to the role of an underworld ruler.

Apart from Fernand Yates, Scott's godson, there were four other people walking next to him. They were also known as the Four Mighty Generals.

The first one was all skin and bones, and resembled a walking skeleton. His skin stretched taut over the angular frame of his skull. He was known simply as Bones.

The second stood at around 2 meters tall and looked like a human mountain. He was named Golem.

The third was as bulked up as a bull and his head was completely bald. There were six scars on the thin skin of his scalp. His name was Titan, and he was a priest.

The last one appeared completely normal, and nothing stood out about him. However, he was the most fearsome among all.

The Black and White Guards were an indestructible force in South City.

But in the face of these four, they were mere ants.

In South City's extensive underworld, the Black and White Guards would only be the fifth or sixth most powerful forces.

The first four places belonged to these four generals.

These four taking action was just as terrifying as any natural disaster.

They were much too scary.

They were rumored to be able to beat an army of thousands.

"Congratulations Sir, on your return!"

When the families saw Scott Yates and his lineup, they welcomed him enthusiastically.

So what if they had countless riches?

So what if they had enough money to overthrow the country?

All that could disappear at any second with just a word from Scott Yates.

As compared to Liam Macy and Sebastian Lopez, Scott Yates had experienced much more. He had made his breakthrough during the peak of Quebec's underworld, so he had a much stronger background.

There was nothing he could say that Quebec wouldn't obey to instantly.

Sebastian stepped up. "Sir, now that you are back, there's a favor I have to ask from you."

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“Sebastian’s reputation has been completely ruined!”

“The Morris Group? Is that a new corporation?” Scott Yates asked.

Sebastian nodded. “Yes, sir. The Morris Group appeared only recently. They appear to be run by the Rogers family. The collapse of the three main pillars of North Hampton have a lot to do with the Morris Group.”

Scott Yates stayed silent at that.

His godson, Fernand Yates, piped up, “Yes, I’ve taken notice of that as well. The reason that this Morris Group managed to gain so much power in such a short time is due to someone extremely powerful working behind the scenes. Furthermore, it’s next to impossible to find any information about their mysterious boss or Neil Atkinson.”

Fernand also held a lot of power. Despite Scott Yates lived in seclusion away in the mountains for the last thirty years, the family business had continued under Fernand’s management. However, he had chosen to stay subtle about it and only worked in the background.

Anyone in South City knew that Scott Yates was number one when it came to accumulated wealth.

“How dare they act like this in North Hampton? There must be a powerful figure behind the scenes.” Scott Yate’s expression changed abruptly. “Investigate! No matter who that person is, I will chase him out of Quebec regardless.”

“Understood. I’ll begin investigations right away,” Fernand replied.

The citizens of South City let out a sigh of relief.

With Scott Yates helping them out, the Morris Group would definitely be done for.

They could finally gobble up North Hampton with ease.

Every time anyone tried to take over North Hampton's businesses, they either got held back by the law or got targeted by the Morris Group and the Rogers family.

The people of South City had been holding back their frustrations for a long time. The Suarez family and the Lopez family were especially bothered by that.

Despite that, all of them were more than aware of the fact that the Morris Group would be done for the moment 'Sir' left the mountain.

It didn't matter how strong and powerful the Morris Group was.

It didn't matter what their reputation was in South City.

In Quebec, Scott Yates' word was the law.

Even a dragon would find it hard to control a snake in its old haunt.

North Hampton wasn't as closely updated, so they had no clue of the imminent danger.

Zachary had caught wind of Scott Yates' return.

He couldn't be more ecstatic at the news.

"The end of the Morris Group is near! We should quickly wrap up our deal with the Oriental Star Group."

The Oriental Star Group was an essential component of the Suarez family's battle plan.

The entertainment department of the Oriental Star Group was something the Suarez family urgently needed.

"Mr. Suarez, the Oriental Star Group has recently been shooting seven blockbuster online-only movies. This was all produced by Zoey Lopez. Around fifty million was invested into each production. They'll probably increase as time goes by. The final cost has to be around five hundred million at least!" Will Brown reported.

"Hmph! Zoey Lopez, I bet you were trying to make a real profit, weren't you? Well, not a chance!" Zachary murmured as he chuckled darkly.

Zoey Lopez was definitely eager to make some achievements.

The property arm had already been established.

Naturally, she had to pay more attention to the entertainment segment.

Today, Zoey decided to visit the set personally.

This set belonged to the movie that they had invested the highest amount of money in, which was around seventy million.

They didn't spend that much money on special effects or the plot. Most of the money had been invested into casting the male and female leads, who were both top-notch actors in the industry.

Casting the both of them would cost around fifty million at the very least.

The actual cost of the production itself was only about twenty million.

However, she believed that the movie would become a hit and generate a sizeable return given the actors' fame.

The crew was currently preparing for filming while the actors were going through their lines.

Niall, the male lead, spotted Zoey once he lifted his head.

"Who is that?" he asked his assistant.

"This is the new boss of the Oriental Star Group, Zoey Lopez."

Niall's eyes lit up as he smiled. "I have to get to know her well then."

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So far, Niall was the most famous actor in the Oriental Star Group. He was extremely popular and had a ton of fans.

However, anyone who knew him personally knew how messy his private life was.

He slept around with fans and other female celebrities alike.

He had even had a fling or two with his assistants and makeup artists.

He had no problems hooking up with female higher-ups of various companies that had their eyes on him.

From just his appearance alone, Niall had risen from a barely-there social media influencer to a highest-paid actor within just three years.

Every time he took on a new job with a new company, he would immediately flirt with the female higher-ups as long as they were decent enough.

Even if the female boss in question was old and ugly, he'd still say yes if she was willing to pay a huge amount of money or benefits.

Niall was entranced the very moment he laid his eyes on Zoey.

How could there be such a beautiful and young boss in the industry?

The appearance and figure of all the other celebrities he had met so far paled in comparison to Zoey.

On top of all that, she was the boss of a multimillion company.

Zoey was watching the crew do their work when a scented breeze suddenly blew past her.

She lifted her head to see a tall and handsome man looking at her.

“Hi, nice to meet you. My name is Niall Xander!” Niall reached out his hand for a handshake.

“Niall Xander?” Of course Zoey knew who he was.

“I’m sorry, my husband doesn’t allow me to have physical contact with other men,” she turned him down.

Niall lowered his hand awkwardly.

He hadn’t considered the fact that Zoey was a married woman.

Despite that, a glint of ecstasy flashed in his eyes.

He loved married woman.

They were on an entirely different level from immature young girls.

He had already set his sights on Zoey as his next target.

“Wow, I can’t believe how young you are, Ms. Lopez. The fact that you managed to pull off filming seven movies at the same time is really impressive,” Niall complimented.

Zoey smiled. “It’s also thanks to your contributions as an actor. Hopefully, it’ll bring us good results.”

“Of course it will! I’ll put my everything into this movie,” Niall promised.

Gerry Wade, who was in charge of the entertainment department, reported, "Ms. Lopez, we've officially started advertising on the seven movies to the public. So far, the ones with Niall in the cast are the most well received. Based on our early calculations, we can earn up to four hundred million. In fact, it might end up being even more."

Zoey smiled in excitement and said, "Mr. Xander, you are truly the hope of Oriental. Please, if you need anything at all, just let us know."

Zoey understood what was going on.

In order to gain the most out of the movie, they had to treat Niall and their female lead like royalty.

"Of course! In fact, I wanted to ask if you are free tonight. I have something I need to discuss with you. It has to do with the future developments of Oriental Star Group," Niall said with a smile.

Gerry whispered to Zoey, "Ms. Lopez, Niall's management team is pretty impressive. They're the ones we hired for a huge sum last time. In my opinion, you should say yes."

Zoey agreed. "Alright. Since I'm new to the entertainment industry, it'll be great to have a light to shine my way."

Niall exchanged glances with his assistant and he smiled.

The fish had taken the bait, and he would be enjoying it tonight.

"Niall, what are you doing here? We were going through our lines just now," Yvonne, the female lead, asked unhappily.

She had always liked Niall.

The company was also desperate to sell Yvonne and Niall as a couple, to which she was more than happy to oblige.

All along, Yvonne had seen the girls Niall took interest in as enemies.

When she saw the way Niall looked at Zoey, she was instantly furious.

“Who are you? Why are you interrupting our practice?” Yvonne asked frostily.

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Niall yelled, "What are you doing? This is our new boss, Ms. Lopez!"

"So what if she's our boss? She shouldn't disrupt our practice!"

Yvonne was the star of Oriental Star Group, so she was haughty and did not care about others.

"Alright then, I shan't be disturbing you! Mr. Xander, please don't forget about tonight!" Zoey reminded in good nature.

Niall was excited and nodded immediately, "Don't worry, I'll make the necessary arrangements!"

Yvonne was enraged by this. She knew what Niall was up to.

For the entire shoot today, both Niall and Yvonne were distracted.

To begin with, both of their acting skills were mediocre.

The quality of the shoot was especially bad that day, but the directors had to call it a good take.

After all, they could not afford to offend either of them.

Yet, the two of them were involved in five major movies that day.

"Nevermind if the quality is bad. They have a large fanbase. We'll get our money's worth from their fanbase alone!" the directors, scriptwriters, and other crew members consoled themselves.

That day, Levi returned to the Morris Group once again.

Iris did not let him slack off and arranged for him to be an interviewer.

Even though she felt that Levi was incapable, he had a good eye for talent.

Hence, Levi spent the entire day conducting interviews.

A few young men came for an interview.

Levi glanced at the contract and was puzzled. He inquired, "You're from the North Hampton Film Academy? You're trained as an actor? Why are you applying for a job in sales?"

"To be honest, Sir, the entertainment industry is too stressful and competitive. Without a good background or funding, it's difficult to make a name for yourself! We're all from the countryside and have neither of them, so we're struggling to make ends meet. We wanted to find a job to survive." The youngsters hung their heads in disappointment.

That was not an uncommon sight. There were only so many successful artistes. Most artistes did not even find success as internet celebrities and had to find another job, even if they were talented actors and actresses.

When he heard about the entertainment industry, Levi immediately thought of his wife's firm.

He recalled that they were expanding the scale of their entertainment business and were lacking manpower.

"In that case, you guys have a minute to perform something for me. You have a minute each. Feel free to exercise your creativity!" Levi smiled.

The interviewees were confused, but Levi was the interviewer after all. They did as he asked.

“Not bad. You really have talent!” Levi commended sincerely.

These men were all skilled actors, but their talents were not appreciated.

Sadly, there were many talented actors who did not get a chance to act. The movies were all filled with famous stars with poor acting skills, resulting in low-quality films.

“Please show me any other skills you have!”

Some of them showcased their dancing, singing, and other skills.

“All of you are great! Sign this, please!” Levi smiled.

“I beg your pardon?” they were all bewildered. You can get a sales job just by singing and dancing?

They had no idea that Levi was giving them the opportunity of a lifetime, transforming them from people barely making ends meet to superstars.

Meanwhile, at night, after work.

Zoey made a trip to the drama department.

“Hi Ms. Lopez, Mr. Xander is too busy and has returned to his residence. After that, he has to attend a dinner. Time is tight, so if you’re looking for him, please head to his home!” his assistant said.

“Alright, please lead the way,” Zoey replied. She did not dwell too much into it and followed the assistant to the artistes’ lodging.

She did not have any stray thoughts.

For one, the place was crowded.

For another, Niall was a star and would not do anything to harm his reputation.

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But Zoey was wrong.

His management team had long known about him and he did not care about his reputation at all.

Zoey headed to Niall's room. He had just finished taking a bath and walked out in a bathrobe, showing off his muscular body.

Zoey immediately turned to leave.

"Ms. Lopez, why are you leaving? It's fine!" Niall hurriedly blocked Zoey.

Zoey turned around and smiled embarrassedly, "Sorry for coming all of a sudden. I didn't expect you to be in the shower."

"I'm a simple man. Ms. Lopez, please, have a seat!" Niall offered.

Zoey questioned him, "Mr. Xander, you said earlier that you had something important to discuss. What is it?"

"Winnie, help me get something!"

Niall waved her off. Winnie, his manager, left with a knowing look.

Zoey had no idea that Winnie would not be returning.

Before Winnie left, she closed the door behind her.

Zoey became alert the moment the door closed.

After all, she was alone with another man in a room.

Niall smiled and enquired, “Ms. Lopez, how do you feel about me?”

“You’re a great star who has a large fan base!”

“No, I meant about my looks. How’s my figure? Did I get your heart racing?” Niall flirted directly.

“Huh? What do you mean?” Zoey felt something was amiss.

Niall closed in and explained, “Ms. Lopez, I decided to give you a chance – a chance to have me for one night!”

In the past, when Niall said this, those rich lady bosses would have pounced on him.

However, Zoey’s reaction was far from what he had expected.

She was not tempted by the offer and was even filled with an icy rage.

“Mr. Xander, please show some self-respect! I’ll be off!” Zoey spat.

“Wait, hold on. Let’s talk things through!”

How could Niall allow her to escape?

“Let me go! If you try anything funny, I will be sure to persecute you!” Zoey roared.

Niall scoffed, “Woman, I looked for you because I felt you were worth it. Stop being so full of yourself. Do you think you’re the boss here? I’ll tell you honestly. In the Oriental Star Group, I’m the real boss! You have to listen to me!”

“You...” Zoey was fuming.

She did not expect to meet an artiste like that!

Niall sneered, “Zoey Lopez, you’d better obey my every command. I’ll guarantee that all of your movies sell well and Oriental Star Group’s business excels! Otherwise, I’ll cripple your company!”

Zoey bit her lip and glared at Niall.

“Come, as long as you listen to me, we will both benefit from it!”

Niall was about to pounce upon Zoey.

Bam!

The door slammed opened and Yvonne entered.

Whew! Zoey heaved a sigh of relief.

Meanwhile, Niall was enraged.

This stupid woman is at it again! Why does she have to ruin everything?

“Zoey Lopez, you wench! As the owner of the Company, you’ve overstepped the boundaries and seduced your own artistes! How shameless!” Yvonne accused her.

Zoey was bewildered. Niall was the one who tried to seduce me. Why am I in the wrong now?

“Zoey, you’re so shameless! I’ve heard that you were even married for six years! How could you even do that!”

“You slut!”

Niall fell silent and acknowledged Yvonne’s actions.

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He wanted to maintain the stance that he was not in the wrong and that it was all Zoey's fault.

Zoey flared up, "Niall, you'd better explain what's going on here!"

At this point, Niall's manager and a few assistants had arrived.

"I'll explain alright! Zoey here seduced me and was refused by me, simple as that!" Niall sneered.

When she heard Niall twisting the facts, Zoey was about to burst with rage.

"Bullshit! You were the one who tried to rape me!" Zoey screamed.

Yvonne pushed Zoey and spat, "Stop pretending to be innocent! I saw everything earlier. You were clearly seducing him!"

Yvonne loved Niall, so even if Niall were in the wrong, she would protect him and push the blame to someone else. This was one such example.

"You two..." Zoey nearly fainted from the rage.

Winnie sided with them as well, "Ms. Lopez, you can't do that! Even though you're the boss, there are limits! Niall is an actor. If word got out, his career would be destroyed and your company would suffer as well!"

"That's right! A woman like you can get any man you want. Let Niall off!"

"That's right, Ms. Lopez, don't make life difficult for him!"

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Niall's manager and team started to defend him anxiously.

"You... I... It wasn't me..."

Zoey was livid but she did not know how to explain herself.

She was framed and everyone present were on his side.

She would not be able to defend herself even with concrete evidence.

"Ms. Lopez, please leave. We will pretend this never happened and won't pursue this matter!" Winnie said as she dragged Zoey off.

Zoey was flabbergasted. I'm the victim here! Why did I suddenly become the villain and even get blackmailed by them?

Zoey's first reaction was to fire all of them.

She dialed Wade's number and informed him of this.

"You can't do that, Ms. Lopez. Oriental Star Group's entertainment business depends on Niall and Yvonne. We can't possibly fire them. Calm down and hear me out, Ms. Lopez! This will not benefit the company in any way!"

"I...!" Zoey clenched her teeth angrily.

I am the victim here! Yet, there's nothing I can do about it!

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In Niall's room, Yvonne scorned, "How could you do something so reckless? This woman isn't any ordinary person. The moment she gets ahold of your weakness, you're toast!"

"Hmph! I'll get this woman someday!" Niall spat. He was still angered by Yvonne for ruining his opportunity. Otherwise, Zoey would not have been able to escape back then.

"Alright, Ms. Wren. Calm down. Niall is still young and reckless. It's okay," Winnie persuaded her.

At this point in time, Winnie received a call.

"Huh? What? Mr. Suarez from South City wants to meet Niall?"

Meanwhile, Yvonne's manager also received a call.

The contents of the call were the same.

"I'm not meeting anyone tonight! I don't feel like it!" Niall declared angrily.

"But you just have to meet this man! He's from the Suarez family in South City. No one can afford to offend him!" Winnie explained.

Soon, a car came to pick Niall, Yvonne, and a few other artistes up.

These ten people were all the pillars of Oriental Star Group.

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Zoey was fuming with rage but there was nothing she could do about it.

She had to wait for the movies to finish filming.

“Honey, is your company’s entertainment side short on manpower?” Levi queried.

Zoey nodded, “Yep, we’ve always been understaffed and were on the lookout for new talents!”

“Well, it happens that I’ve signed all of them for you during the interview yesterday. I’ve interviewed them all myself. Their acting skills are superb, but they don’t have a chance to showcase their talents!”

Levi told her about what happened during the interview earlier.

“What a pity. They were trained in acting and singing but had to find work elsewhere,” Zoey sighed.

“I’ll get them to look for you tomorrow!”

“Sure.”

The following day, shortly after Zoey arrived at her office, the four men hired by Levi appeared.

A man and a woman caught her attention immediately.

The man was Maurice Lorraine while the woman was Helena Engler.

At least, they had the looks.

Normally, they would both have an opportunity to become famous. However, they did not have the background since they were from rural areas, and at the same time, they were unwilling to play by the unspoken rules.

Hence, they ended up in this state.

Zoey got professionals from the entertainment department to interview them and they all passed.

After signing the contract, they officially became artistes under the Oriental Star Group. Even if they had to start from the bottom, the four of them were excited.

They also knew that with Oriental Star Group's reputation in North Hampton, this would not have been possible without Levi's help.

Helena immediately sent a message to Levi to treat him to a meal.

At the drama department, Niall, Yvonne, and the other top artistes were usually lazy and treated work lightly.

However, that day, they were slacking even more than usual.

Forgetting or memorizing the wrong lines were common.

At times, Niall's expression even wandered and did not look at the camera at all.

The stage crew was furious, but there was nothing they could do about it.

After all, they were famous stars that no one could afford to offend.

They could only take scene by scene and hope for the best during editing.

Niall and Yvonne exchanged knowing looks and had an elated expression.

This had happened because of what occurred the previous night.

Both of them were angry at Zoey and wanted to get their revenge. At this point in time, Zachary called them up and strengthened their resolve. They were bent on getting revenge on the Oriental Star Group.

“Let me introduce everyone. These are artistes newly signed by the company. They graduated from North Hampton Film Academy and are very talented. That’ll reduce the burden on the drama department!” Gerry announced as he brought the four over.

Many were disgusted by the four daft-looking individuals. Most people disliked newcomers.

“Can we treat them as we like?” Niall asked.

Gerry responded, “Of course. Niall, you’re their senior. Ordering them around is a privilege to them!”

Helena and the others recognized stars like Niall and Yvonne. They were eager to be of help to them.

If they could establish a good relationship with them, their career would be set!

“Alright then! You, go get me some water!” Niall pointed towards Helena.

“Me? Sure!” Helena felt privileged by this gesture.

She immediately went to pour him a cup of water and carefully brought it in front of Niall.

“Senior, please have some water!” Helena offered him with a smile.

Niall scrutinized Helena carefully. This lass has got the looks. She isn't inferior to Yvonne in any way.

"Ahem," Yvonne cleared her throat. Only then did Niall take the glass of water.

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“Pfft!”

“Argh!” Niall screamed and spat the water out on Helena.

“What the hell?”

Splash!

Niall splashed the remaining water in the cup towards Helena.

“The water is so hot! Were you trying to burn me?” Niall roared.

“Huh?” Helena covered the parts of her body which were wet and was taken aback.

“Newcomer, what’s up with you? Did you do this on purpose? What’s with the hot water?”

“Yeah! What’s up with this? Do you not want to act anymore?”

“Are you looking for trouble?”

Several people started accusing Helena.

Several dozens of people ganged up on a young lady.

Helena was frightened and started sobbing.

“Heh, see? Zoey is here to make life difficult for us!” Yvonne started fanning the flames.

“That’s right! The timing was too coincidental! The newcomers came right after what happened last night!”

“She’s sent them to deal with us!”

They quickly pushed the blame to Zoey.

Niall cast his gaze upon Helena and demanded, “Hey! Kneel down and apologize! Otherwise, I won’t let you off!”

“That’s right! Kneel!” the others chanted.

Helena was frightened out of her wits.

It was her first day and something so major had happened.

If she had known earlier, she would have stuck to sales.

Just as Helena was about to kneel down, Maurice stopped her.

“Apologize? What for?” Maurice demanded.

“She gave me a cup of boiling water on purpose! She’s clearly trying to scald me,” Niall burst out in rage.

Maurice argued, “You only said to get you some water. You didn’t specify if you wanted it hot or cold! That’s your own problem.”

Niall scoffed, “You could have asked! That’s common sense. God gave you a mouth for a reason. If you don’t even have this much common sense, you shouldn’t be an actor!”

“I...” Maurice was speechless when faced with the unreasonable Niall.

“Is this the way you should be talking to a senior? I didn’t offend you, did I? Do you really take me for granted?” Niall continued ferociously.

Maurice was scared as well.

Offending a famous star like him would mean the end of his career.

They were just some commoners from rural areas, to begin with. They were no match for these people.

“W-we’ll apologize...” the other two stammered.

They were worried that things would blow up.

Niall sneered at Maurice and pointed at the water on the ground. He demanded, “You’ll kneel down to apologize to me as well and lick the water on the ground clean. If you do that, I’ll forgive you!”

Maurice was a hot-blooded youth and got angered by Niall.

“Don’t push your luck. I’ve got nothing to lose here!” he spat as he glared at Niall.

Slap!

Niall slapped Maurice hard on the face.

Maurice was bewildered.

“You’re a few years too young to talk back to me like that!” Niall scoffed.

“I’ll kill you!”

Maurice was about to pounce on him, but several people held him down.

At this point in time Niall, Yvonne, as well as the other actors Zachary had assembled exchanged glances.

They would carry out the plan the Suarez family had requested.

Bam!

Niall kicked a camera aside and yelled, "Damn it! I'll quit! This is taking things too far!"

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Crash!

Niall went berserk and smashed anything he could see.

“Right! We’ll stop acting! This is just bullying us! They got a few newcomers to come and pick on us!”

Wham!

Yvonne kicked the equipment aside as well.

“Zoey is trying to force us to quit by using these newcomers! Why bother acting? I won’t work for her!”

“Exactly! What’s the point?”

The other artistes and managers were livid and started destroying the equipment.

The other filming crew was scared out of their wits. Have the actors gone mad? Surely being offended by two newcomers won’t warrant such a reaction! What’s going on?

The ones who were most confused were the four newcomers.

Their illustrious career had ended the moment it started, just because they had offended a few top actors.

They had no way to take responsibility. Even the men started crying out loud.

Unbeknownst to them, Niall and Yvonne had planned this from the start. They were bribed by the Suarez to destroy Oriental Star Group.

They were simply being used as an excuse. Even if they had not shown up, Niall would have found trouble with someone else!

Not only that, but the top artistes from other groups had gone on strike as well! The part that was affected the worst was that Niall and Yvonne had co-starred in five movies.

Several filming sets worth of artistes had gone on strike.

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“Ms. Lopez! Something terrible happened! Actors and actresses from seven different sets have gone on strike! They even started smashing the equipment and the scene is in a mess! Follow me and have a look yourself!”

Zoey was shocked when she received Gerry’s call.

However, she quickly calmed down.

There must be a reason for the strike. First, I offended Niall Xander. Second, Zachary Suarez might be behind this.

Zoey rushed to the scene as soon as possible.

When she saw the set in such a mess, Zoey’s heart sank. Why do things like this happen all the time?

Gerry had arrived at the same time. He inquired, “What happened? What’s going on?”

Winnie scorned, “Mr. Wade, Ms. Lopez is trying to make life difficult for us!”

“Huh? What’s wrong?”

“The four newbies you just brought in were here to make life difficult for us! One of them tried to scald Niall with boiling water while the other tried to hit him! If you want to fire us, just say it outright! Why does it in such a roundabout manner?” Winnie demanded.

“That’s right! Just fire us! We’ll be welcome everywhere else!” Yvonne and the other artistes burst out in rage.

Gerry took a look around and questioned, “Is that so?”

The others agreed, “It’s true! These newcomers were clumsy and making life difficult for Niall!”

“That’s right! Ms. Lopez, Mr. Wade, I’ll have to discuss things with you two. There’s nothing wrong with getting new members, but you’ll have to train them first before sending them here. How could you just send them here?” Shaw Timmons, the director with a neutral stance, grumbled as well.

He did not care about who was in the right and who was in the wrong. All he was concerned about was that these newbies had affected his shoot.

“You guys? You’ll be the death of me!” Gerry was furious. However, since they were brought here by Zoey, he did not dare to comment too much.

Zoey bit her lip. She knew that this was no simple matter and these newcomers were simply unlucky.

Niall and the others used Helena as an excuse to vent their frustration.

She had to admit that that was a powerful move. It was the perfect excuse!

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“Mr. Wade, we’re going on strike. This isn’t fair at all!” Niall protested.

Gerry consoled him, “Niall, please calm down. This is a small matter!”

“How can we calm down? You’ve already pushed us so far. If you’re unhappy, just fire us!” Yvonne snarled.

Zoey asked, “What are your terms?”

Niall smirked, “Someone’s quick on the uptake. Winnie, tell them our terms!”

Winnie looked Zoey in the eye and began, “Ms. Lopez, if you want us to continue to work, you have to be sincere about it!”

“Well? How much do you want?” Zoey had seen this coming. They will definitely ask for an increase in pay.

Winnie held up three fingers and demanded, “We want triple the pay for all seven films with the ten actors involved! Otherwise, we will continue going on strike!”

Boom!

Gerry was stunned. Triple the pay! That’s fifty million! The budget for the seven movies combined was fifty million already. Yet, they were demanding for all fifty million to go to the cast! Have they gone mad?

Director Timmons inhaled sharply. That’s outrageous!

However, they were in no position to bargain. The Oriental Star Group's entertainment business only survived because of these ten actors and actresses! If they left, the entertainment business would crumble. They were severely disadvantaged and had nothing to bargain with.

"Wait, can we..." Gerry tried to negotiate.

Niall interrupted him, "Triple. I won't be taking a cent less!"

Helena and the others were perplexed. Because of them, Oriental Star Group was now in a crisis.

"Zoey, you're new to this place, so you don't know how important we are! Oriental Star Group only made it to the top of North Hampton because of us! Why else will Gerry listen to our every demand?" Yvonne declared fearlessly.

Gerry hung his head and did not say anything in response. They're right! These ten people are our source of income! We need to take good care of them!

Niall sneered, "Not only that. If you want this matter to be resolved, I want the rights to deal with the two of them as well!"

He then pointed at Helena and Maurice.

Helena was a beauty that he had set his sights upon.

Meanwhile, Maurice had attempted to defy him. He would not let him off easily.

Gerry pleaded softly, "Ms. Lopez, please agree to their terms! Even if we make a loss here, we need to keep them!"

Niall looked at Zoey smugly.

"Give us a day to reconsider. I'll give you a reply tomorrow!" Zoey decided.

“Alright! A day off today then!”

With that, Niall and the others left.

Maurice, Helena, and the others ran towards Zoey and apologized, “Ms. Lopez, we’re sorry. This all happened because of us!”

“It’s not your fault. This would have happened anyway,” Zoey assured them.

Meanwhile, Levi, who was in the office, heard of this matter from Helena.

He immediately looked Zoey up.

“Why are you hesitating? Fire them all! How hard is it to hire a new star?” Levi scorned.

Under Levi’s encouragement, Zoey called Niall and the other actors’ managers and said, “Let me inform you that you’ve been fired!”

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When they received the call from Zoey, Winnie and the other managers had a smug look on their faces.

They had not expected Zoey to fire them.

Impossible!

“What did you say? Repeat yourself!” Winnie nearly dropped her phone onto the floor.

“Let me repeat myself then. Niall, Yvonne, and the other eight actors have been fired by the company!” Zoey roared.

“Tch, don’t regret this, Zoey!” Winnie had an icy expression.

“I won’t regret it! Get the paperwork done and leave. Oriental Star Group doesn’t welcome you!”

When Zoey finally hung up, she felt immense satisfaction.

She had finally gotten a weight off her chest.

“What? Zoey actually fired us? That’s impossible!” Niall and the others were fuming when they heard this.

How dare Zoey fire us?

In the past, they had acted arrogantly because they were the Oriental Star Group's pillars of support. They were sure that Zoey would not dare to fire them. Yet, the result was not as they had expected.

"Tell that to Gerry! I'll make sure she regrets it!" Niall instructed with his eyes narrowed.

Yvonne smiled, "Just wait. Sooner or later, Zoey will beg us to return!"

When Gerry and the upper management of the company found out about this, they confronted Zoey.

"Ms. Lopez, you can't do this!"

Zoey was adamant, "Give up. I've already made my decision!"

"Please rethink your decision! Without these ten people, Oriental Star Group's entertainment business is a goner! We owe our viewership to them!" Gerry pleaded between tears.

"That's right! The loss is too great! The moment they leave, the seven movies we've planned are toast! We'll lose fifty million!"

"That's right! We'll lose all of our contracts in the entertainment business!"

The others tried to highlight the severity of the issue.

At this point in time, Levi laughed, "What do you mean? The show must go on! We'll just get another actor!"

"You're not from the industry, so you wouldn't understand! The advertising had already been done and the movies will only earn money because of their popularity! If you change the cast, you'll still lose money!" Gerry spat angrily.

“Hehe, perhaps I’m not from this industry, but from the point of view of the audience, the quality of the movie matters the most. If the movie is entertaining, it will spread through word of mouth and definitely sell well! In fact, movies that star famous actors have been losing a lot of money!” Levi defended himself.

Gerry and the others were speechless. That is indeed the case! Nowadays, the movies to be screened in cinemas no longer hired actors who had a large fanbase. The poor quality of the movies often resulted in losses. Most of the movies that starred these internet celebrities were online movies which targeted fans with a hit-and-run policy.

“You’ll definitely earn money from the fans by hiring celebrities to act, but your reputation will only get worse! Without good reviews, it’ll eventually be toast!” Levi continued.

Gerry sighed.

Levi was right.

The first movie would earn the greatest revenue, but the rest will have diminishing profits.

There would be an increase in the number of complaints online as well.

In essence, if the quality of the movie were bad, the fans would no longer watch them to support their idols.

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“How about this? Zoey, the four people I’ve recommended have good acting skills. Get a few good actors and let them be the lead actors instead!”

That way, we’ll be saving a lot since we’re not paying the celebrities. We can spend that money on special effects and other scenes! Other than that, we’ll increase the commission for the directors, scriptwriters, and editors. If we focus on quality for these seven movies, I don’t believe that they won’t sell!” Levi declared.

Zoey felt that it made sense and agreed, “Alright, we’ll do it as you say!”

Gerry agreed with Levi’s proposal but hesitated, “We’ve already announced the cast for these movies. If we change the cast at the last minute, there’ll be a lot of protests!”

“That’s a good opportunity! The fact that there’s protests would mean that many people pay attention to this. We’re using new actors without any fame, so this will pique the attention of the audience!”

The advertising team can just create some hype for this movie. When the movie airs, we’ll become popular through word of mouth and the movie will definitely sell!” Levi explained.

Gerry’s eyes lit up, “Mr. Garrison, you’re a sharp man! Although Niall and the others left, we can use their popularity to hype up our new movies!”

Levi nodded, “Just go ahead and do it! Nurture a few new stars and I’ll try my best to advertise the movie when it screens!”

Meanwhile, Niall and the others were still waiting for Zoey to apologize.

When Gerry arrived, he declared sternly, "This is the official statement. All of you are fired. Leave now!"

"Huh?" Niall was perplexed.

Gerry came to fire us? What's wrong with him?

"Gerry, have you gone mad? If we leave, what will happen to the seven movies? What will happen to Oriental Star Group?" Niall and the others spat furiously.

Gerry was livid as well. After all, he had let these people lord over him for such a long time.

He scoffed, "All of you are cancer to Oriental! If you stay, then we truly are finished! As for these seven movies, we've already found replacements for all of you!"

Gerry glanced at Helena and Maurice, who were trembling with fear.

"Maurice, Helena, you'll be the main lead!"

Helena and the others were bewildered. What a roller coaster ride! Earlier, we just got ourselves in trouble! Moments later, we're suddenly the lead of a movie with a budget of fifty million!

"Hahaha..." Niall, Yvonne, and the others burst out in laughter.

"Gerry, have you gone mad? You're getting these newbies to act in a fifty-million movie? How will you secure your box office? You'll definitely lose everything! Idiot!"

To these artistes, getting newbies to act in such a movie is absolutely impossible!

Without our fame and fanbase, they'll definitely make a loss!

“Haha, let’s leave! We’ll just watch them struggle! Don’t beg us to come back when that happens!”

With that, Niall, Yvonne, and the other eight artistes left promptly.

Gerry was nervous as well. After all, no one had dared to try such a plan before. The road ahead was full of unknowns, and if they had made the wrong bet, Oriental Star Group would be a goner.

After leaving Oriental Star Group, the ten artistes immediately got a contract under Shanks Entertainment under the Suarez family.

The news quickly spread across the entire North Hampton.

They regretted it!

Gerry and the others had regretted it after all. Even Zoey started to wonder if she had made the wrong call.

They had essentially sent their aces to their competitors for free.

They would use them to deal a huge blow to Oriental Star Group!

“Oriental is full of idiots! Especially Zoey! Oriental Star Group will be mine sooner or later!” Zachary was unbelievably excited.

He suddenly felt that he had overestimated Zoey this whole time.

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“Hahaha, next, we’ll create seven online films to air at the same time as their movies! I’ll have them wallowing in regret!”

“Sure, no problem! We’ll put in our best effort and destroy Oriental Star Group!”

Niall and the others looked forward to it.

“How about this? We know their script, so let’s create seven movies with similar content as well!”

Zachary was bent on destroying Oriental Star Group.

“Good idea, President Suarez! If the content is similar, we’ll take up all the viewership! Their films are full of newbies, so no one will watch them! Their fifty million will go down the drain!”

“After that, we can sue them for copyright! They’ll be a goner!” Yvonne suggested.

Zachary smiled, “You’re more devious than I am! We copied their ideas and are even suing them for copyright!”

“Hahaha... We’ll wait for the downfall of Oriental Star Group!” All of them laughed maniacally.

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That was no time for regrets.

Since she had already made such a decision, Zoey would have to do her best to make it happen.

She assembled the cast, directors, screenwriters, and producers for a meeting.

“I’ll triple your pay for these seven movies! If the film succeeds, I’ll give you a bonus as well!” Levi suggested. Shawn and the others were extremely motivated by that.

It was useless to give a motivational speech or anything like that. Money was the most reliable motivator.

If you paid them well, they would help you earn more revenue.

“Ms. Lopez, Mr. Garrison, relax! We will take this seriously! Furthermore, I’ve decided to change these seven movies into two! We will release the best quality films in the shortest time frame possible,” Shawn declared.

To begin with, these seven movies had never focused on quality. There were seven of them so that they could scam the fans of seven times the money.

They focused on quantity rather than quality.

However, this was different. With sufficient funds and support, they could produce a film of good quality.

The screenwriter, Sylvester Zoldyck, nodded, “Alright, I’ll improve the script to keep the audience hooked throughout.”

“Alright, we can guarantee the special effects. Back then, the funds were all spent on the cast and we barely got enough money to do it well. Now that we have sufficient funds, this is no problem!”

The special effects team nearly burst out in laughter. That was the first time in decades they had so many funds.

Several millions worth of funds on special effects; that was something they had previously never dreamed of having.

“I will make sure everything runs smoothly, so don’t worry, Ms. Lopez!” the producer assured her.

The young cast knew that this was a rare opportunity, so it was a given that they would do their best.

The production of the movie was set.

The only problem left would be advertising.

The advertising team had already started to work on promoting the movie, but Helena and the others were completely new actors. It would be hard to maintain the hype.

“Nevermind, let’s focus on finishing the movie first!” Levi smiled.

He had predicted that Zachary would steal their content as well, so he had recommended for the drama team to lock up all information such that he would have no idea what they were filming.

After Zoey heeded his suggestions, there was no news from Zachary.

“Hmph! So what if they film in secret? We already know the script of all seven movies!” Zachary scoffed.

Shanks Entertainment continued to film the seven movies as they had previously planned.



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At this point in time, Shanks Entertainment was gaining popularity in North Hampton.

The change of company by Niall and the others was a hot topic.

The audience and fans looked forward to the movies produced by Niall and the others for Shanks Entertainment.

As the days passed, the Morris Group and Rogers Family progressed greatly as usual.

However, the business in the city was not doing badly either.

In the short time span of one month, they've bought over several enterprises and finally got a taste of profit.

Business in North Hampton was great. It was the top economy in Quebec after all.

This was coupled with the fact that there was no regulation on their extreme measures. Hence, they decided to take things up a notch.

More and more people moved into North Hampton to get a piece of this pie.

The Suarez family was a notable example. Zachary had entered to test the waters and lead the way for his father and uncles.

The Lopez family was progressing in secret as well, taking advantage of Harry's influence.

In this month, Scott had been checking on the background of the Morris Group.

It was no easy task, so it took an entire month.

“Godfather, as of now, we aren’t able to find out who is backing them. Moving forward, we’ll have to wait for the search results from the dark web. After that, we can make a move on the Morris Group.” Fernand reported.

The so-called dark web referred to sites which specialized in intelligence in the dark web.

These websites had a membership system, and there were less than a hundred members in the entire Erudia.

In the entire Quebec, only Scott was a member. Other than him, no one else could gain intel from the dark web.

“Alright. Tell Lopez to be prepared. I’m ready to take down the Morris Group!” Scott replied plainly while fiddling with the prayer beads in his hand.

Throughout the course of the month, the Oriental Star Group worked overtime to finish the two high-quality films.

Helena and the others did not disappoint and displayed all their skills.

They were truly skilled actors and actresses!

“These are the two most perfect movies I’ve filmed!” Shawn sighed.

The other crew members were excited as well due to the sheer quality of these movies.

No other movies could compare.

On the other hand, the Suarez family's Shanks Entertainment filmed all seven movies in that one month.

The content was shabby and the quality was mediocre. However, Niall, Yvonne, and other famous actors were starring in them. There were a lot of pre-booked tickets from fans, amounting to a total of four hundred thousand in revenue.

Coupled with the fact that they had done their advertising in full force, they expected the total number of pre-bookings to total one million!

Niall and Yvonne scoffed, "Let's destroy the entire Oriental Star Group!"

Both movies had already been sent to the National Radio and Television Administration for screening.

As long as they passed the screening, they would be able to start airing immediately.

Shanks Entertainment had bought over all the main pages of major streaming sites. To them, the cost was no issue. They simply wanted to drive Oriental Star Group out of business.

"What should we do about advertising? All these proposals are no good!" Zoey expressed her dissatisfaction with the proposals given to her.

That was why there was no hype for the two movies up to that point.

The only news about those movies was how Niall and the others had flamed Oriental Star Group.

"Let me handle it!" Levi requested. He had plans for advertising.

"I'll leave it to you, then!"

Zoey had a fair amount of confidence when it came to Levi.

The following day, the headlines read: Oriental Star Group's seven newest movies had copied content from Shanks Entertainment!

The news spread across the entire North Hampton.

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For the past month, Oriental Star Group and Shanks Entertainment had been exchanging blows.

Now that such a thing had happened, everyone was shocked.

These seven movies were copied? Has Oriental Star Group gone mad?

The one who reported such news had even listed evidence.

He did a side-by-side comparison of the plots of the seven movies.

Anyone could tell that it had been copied.

To the fans, the screenwriters used were Yvonne and Niall's private screenwriters and did not belong to Oriental Star Group. After they were fired, they had become a part of Shanks Entertainment. Hence, to them, the Oriental Star Group's seven movies were all copied!

The net was suddenly bustling with people criticizing the Oriental Star Group.

This was especially so for the fans of the ten artistes who had left Oriental Star Group. Some fans had already organized protests on the internet attacking Oriental Star Group. They were prepared to stop at nothing to drive Oriental Star Group's entertainment business out of business.

The relevant departments had even formed an investigation team and prepared to look into this.

The Oriental Star Group was shocked by this.

“That’s playing dirty!” Gerry slammed the table.

“I know, right! They copied our script and now they’re accusing us? How despicable!” the other executives spat. They were enraged as well.

Zoey laughed, “Levi, you’re so smart! You predicted their moves up to this point. Do they honestly think that they can sue us for copyright? How naïve. We’re airing two movies instead of seven, and the content is greatly different!”

Gerry was excited, “I can’t wait to see their faces when they see our movies!”

Levi had a glint in his eyes, “And here we were worrying about advertising! Let’s leave the internet be about the copyright issue. The more they attack us, the better! This will be free advertising for our movie!”

Zoey’s eyes lit up. Levi is a genius in finance and business!

“Alright, I’ll get straight to it!”

Levi added, “Release the news that Oriental Star Group’s movies will be airing soon. Don’t give away any titles or information! Just keep it as mysterious as possible!”

“Alright, got it!”

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The news of Oriental Star Group’s film being aired in all major streaming sites had spread soon.

For some unknown reason, the media started attacking them more heavily.

All major mass media, blogs, and news channels were filled with criticisms.

It was as though they were going to force Oriental Star Group out of business entirely.

“That was brutal of them! That’s a few dozen times worse than what we had expected! Have we stirred up a public outrage?”

Niall, Zachary, and the others were excited.

Oriental Star Group would soon crumble and Zachary would be able to purchase it at a low price.

Yvonne analyzed this calmly and felt skeptical, “Why do I feel that something is amiss? The attacks on Oriental Star Group seemed to have increased tenfold, as though someone was behind it.”

“You worry too much. It’s just because the Oriental Star Group was accused of copyright. Soon, the investigation group will take action!” Niall replied.

Yvonne bit her lip, “I sure hope I’m overthinking things.”

“You definitely are. It must have been the people I’ve planted to attack the Oriental Star Group!”

“Furthermore, I’ve talked to the leader of the investigation team. They’ll be able to delay the release of Oriental Star Group’s screening by a week,” Zachary added.

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“Haha, our movie will be airing in three days! By the time their movie airs, we’d have already stolen the entire market! They won’t get a single cent!” Niall quipped excitedly.

The others looked forward to it as well.

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The following day, the National Radio and Television Administration and related agencies formed an investigation team and headed to Oriental Star Group.

“We’re the investigation team! We’ve received a public complaint that the movie you’re about to air has copyright issues! Get your boss here!” Johnny Lerna, the head of the investigation team, demanded emotionlessly.

In the meeting room, Zoey, Gerry, and the others had arrived shortly.

“Zoey Lopez, was it? Your movie was accused of copyright infringement and we have sufficient evidence! How would you like to defend yourself?” Johnny demanded as he passed a thick stack of evidence over.

Zoey did not bother looking at that so-called evidence.

The others were calm as well, as though nothing had happened.

This made Johnny infuriated.

Bam!

Johnny slammed the table and got up.

“Why? Are you proud of the fact that your work is copied? Are you happy that you’ve violated copyright laws? No wonder everyone says the Oriental Star Group is a lousy enterprise! I’ve finally seen it for myself!” Johnny bellowed.

Deep inside, he was laughing.

Before this, Zachary had instructed him to stir up as much trouble as possible.

This made things a lot easier for him.

“Oriental East Group! What’s the meaning of this? Can’t you see that we’re angry? Why are you laughing?” the other members of the investigation team were fuming as well.

Johnny pointed at Zoey and demanded, “I order you to pass me a copy of your film now! I’ll investigate it!”

Zoey chuckled, “I’m sorry, the film has been sent to the National Radio and Television Administration for screening. Now, the film is top-secret and no one has the right to order me to give it away!”

“Bullshit!”

“I’m the leader of the investigation team. How dare you ignore me?” Johnny spat.

“Tell the related departments to delay the screening of Oriental Star Group’s movie by at least two weeks!” Johnny instructed.

“Got it!”

Johnny then turned to Zoey, “Zoey Lopez, I’ll ask you this one last time. Will you cooperate with the investigation? Otherwise, I’ll decide that you’re guilty of

copyright! When that happens, you'll be blacklisted, your reputation will be ruined, and you'll have to pay the penalty!"

Zoey laughed, "I didn't copy anything. Do whatever you want!"

"You..." Johnny was bursting with rage.

How can the Oriental Star Group be so calm? It's like they don't care at all. Have they given up?

"Very well then," Johnny sneered. "Since you refuse to cooperate with the investigation, I'll hereby conclude the investigation!"

"Oriental Star Group is charged with infringement of copyright! Below are the penalties. Firstly, the entertainment business of Oriental Star Group shall be shut down for half a month. Secondly, the movie shall be modified and its airing delayed. Third, a fine of ten million! Finally, the person in charge will have to make a public apology!"

Gerry and the others' faces fell. They did not expect the investigation team to deem them guilty of infringement of copyright directly.

Even if they had not copied anything, they would not be able to screen those two movies. At this point in time, Levi dialed a number, "Hello? Aurora, I need you to contact the person in charge of the National Radio and Television Administration in North Hampton!"

# The Protector Chapter 450

Now that Levi had a personal secretary, Aurora, his work became a lot smoother.

Aurora immediately contacted the man in charge of the National Radio and Television Administration in North Hampton, Colin Shanks.

She then told him everything.

Colin got the shock of his life. He set aside all of his work and brought his men to the Oriental Star Group.

The Oriental Star Group conference room was filled with dead silence.

Many had a worried expression while Johnny was smug.

“How’s that? Do you still refuse to cooperate? To tell you the truth, I decide whether your movie gets to air or not! If you have a better attitude, perhaps I’ll reconsider my decision,” Johnny kept dropping hints.

He had already received a bribe from Zachary, so he wanted to get some benefits from the Oriental Star Group as well.

Everyone in the National Radio and Television Administration knew that this was a part of the competition between two companies.

It was not necessarily the case that Oriental Star Group was copying them.

Johnny was no exception. He knew that this investigation team was just a sham. Since he could get some benefits out of it, he would try to milk them as much as possible.

He would side with whoever paid him more.

“Sir, what do you mean by that? I’m a little slow, so you need to explain it in simpler terms,” Levi requested.

Johnny smiled, “Stop feigning ignorance. Well then, let me make this clear. I alone decide whether you guys are copying or not. As long as you guys make me happy, I can choose the fate of your movie.”

“Johnny Lerner, how dare you!”

The door to the conference was slammed open.

Colin and the other executives of the National Radio and Television Administration burst in.

“Huh? Sir, why are you here? I can’t possibly trouble you for such a trivial affair,” Johnny and the rest of the investigation team said.

“If I didn’t come, you’d be a disgrace to the entire National Radio and Television Administration!” Colin spat.

“What do you mean by that?” Johnny was perplexed.

“I’ve heard everything you said earlier!” Colin roared.

Johnny hurriedly attempted to cover it up, “That was a misunderstanding! I was scaring the Oriental Star Group. I had no choice since they refused to cooperate with the investigations!”

“Wrong! You’re completely wrong!” Colin glared at him.

“Huh? Who’s in the wrong, sir? What’s wrong?” Johnny and the others were perplexed.

“Why should the Oriental Star Group cooperate with you if they haven’t copied anything? This entire matter is absurd!”

“Sir, please be clearer. I don’t understand at all!”

Colin threw the script at Johnny and bellowed, “Take a look at this! Copyright? Shanks Entertainment made seven movies, but Oriental Star Group only made two! Can you even count? Look at the content! It’s completely different and it’s much better than Shanks Entertainment’s movies!”

Johnny immediately understood after seeing the scripts.

Zachary didn’t get the situation clear at all! He didn’t know what Oriental Star Group was filming and accused them of copyright infringement! So that’s why Oriental Star Group filmed in secret! They didn’t want others to know what they were filming!

“Johnny Lerner, you and your investigation team did not investigate based on facts and carelessly believed others, causing misjudgment. All of you are suspended for three months without pay! We’ll settle things based on your future performance!”

# The Protector Chapter 451

Colin Shanks immediately doled out the punishment.

“What?”

Johnny Lerna and his gang grew infuriated.

We didn't get a single cent, but we still need to be suspended without pay for three months?

Isn't this a huge loss to us?

But this guy is someone powerful... so what can we do?

“Additionally, two movies from the Oriental Star Group have passed the audit. We'll start showing them after three days!” Colin announced.

Meanwhile, the higher-ups from the audit department exclaimed, “We've never seen such a well-produced movie! This will be a huge hit!”

Zoey and her colleagues breathed a sigh of relief.

The person in charge of the National Radio and Television Administration grinned and said, “Ms. Lopez, are you happy with this result?”

However, Colin stared at Levi, who stood by the side.

“I'm pretty satisfied! Mr. Shanks really is amazing!” Zoey smiled and said.

“It's alright!” Levi answered.

“Phew!” Colin breathed a sigh of relief.

It doesn't matter if anyone else isn't pleased with the results; only her opinion matters.

Shanks Entertainment received the news in no time.

Meanwhile, Johnny's investigation came to a dead-end because he couldn't delay the release of the Oriental Star Group's films.

They needed to release their movies three days later.

“Useless! You can't even do a simple task like this!” Zachary Suarez was irate.

Niall Xander grinned. “It's fine, Mr. Suarez. We already achieved the effect we wanted. They will definitely lose to us when our movies are released concurrently!”

“That's right. The movies' contents are identical, so they will definitely watch ours instead. Besides that, I already bought a lot of spots on the recommendations list on streaming websites. On the other hand, the viewers can't find their movies even if they wanted to. How can they possibly compete with us?” Zachary was confident.

Their promotions undoubtedly completely overshadowed Oriental Star Group's efforts.

Besides that, the plagiarism accusations plaguing the Oriental Star Group doomed them.

That was what Zoey and the gang were the most worried about.

“We contacted most of the streaming websites just now. They said that there weren't any spots left in the recommendations list on the main page and even the

subpages, because they have all been bought by Shanks Entertainment. It will spell disaster for us if this continues. Our movie qualities are good, but the viewers can't even find it." Zoey sounded frustrated as she spoke.

Levi stroked her hair. "Honey, forget about the promotions for now. Things will get better as time passes. When they compare our movies with theirs, our movies' reputations will soar. Besides that, we are still popular from the plagiarism accusations! Everyone is waiting to compare our movies to see if we copied them!"

"Hahaha! You're right. Our haters are our fans as well. They'll probably turn into real fans when they watch our movies!" Zoey chuckled.

Levi flashed an indecipherable smile. "Besides that, I still have some tricks up my sleeve I can use after the movies get released!"

The day everyone was waiting for finally arrived.

It was eight p.m.

Seven movies from Shanks Entertainment were released at the same time on four major streaming sites.

They hogged all the spots on the recommendations list on the main pages; the first thing one would see if they opened the streaming website was advertisements about their movies.

As their popularity soared, a few million people were waiting expectantly for their release. They all rushed to watch it when they came out.

The reviews quickly came pouring in.

Terrible!

All seven movies are terrible!

The acting, special effects, and plot are terrible. Everything's terrible! There's nothing redeemable about it!

Apart from a few good reviews by some fans, the rest of the viewers gave bad reviews.

The average score for all seven movies was only six point seven.

“Oh, right. Isn't the Oriental Star Group's movie plagiarized from somewhere? I think it got released today too. Let's go watch it!”

Everyone started to search for the Oriental Star Group's movies.

# The Protector Chapter 452

In the Shanks Entertainment's president's office.

Niall, Zachary, and a few other people were present. They all looked displeased as they watched the real-time box office results.

Niall snorted. "It seems like the audience isn't that gullible anymore!"

The manager, Winnie said, "That's right. Viewers nowadays tend to care more about the content of the movie. Movies rarely cast young, handsome men now! Focusing on production quality is important!"

Niall chuckled. "Yes. That is why we need to take this opportunity to scam the dumbass fans' money!"

Yvonne Wren agreed with that statement. "That's right! The fans are stupid and easy to scam. We need to hurry up and make more movies of this kind! Once the dumbasses realize what's going on, they won't be so easy to scam anymore!"

If their fans heard what they said, they would probably blow up in rage.

"Oh, aren't the Oriental Star Group's movies being released as well? How are they doing?" Zachary couldn't help but ask.

Niall chuckled. "I tried searching them in the streaming websites just now, but I still can't find them."

"They're destined to fail! Even though our movies are trash, we are hogging all the spots in the recommendations lists! They can't possibly succeed!" Yvonne chuckled coldly.

“President Shorts said he found their movies. They only have two of them, not seven!” The assistant showed Niall the tablet.

“Haha! Are they afraid of cutting a loss? They only filmed two movies, and who the f\*\*\* are the main actors? I haven’t even heard of them! They should be prepared that their movies will become a box office bomb!” Zachary guffawed as he played the movie.

After about three years, the netizens finished watching the two Oriental Star Group’s movies.

“Can those who already watched the movies tell us if it’s good or not?” Some netizens were eager but afraid to watch the movies. They were scared the movies might turn out horrible.

“It’s amazing! It really is super good!”

“This is the most well-produced movie I’ve ever watched!”

“The plot is well-thought-out, the art is tasteful, the pacing is appropriate, the special effects are perfect, and the acting was superb! I give five stars out of five!”

“This movie is showing in the cinemas! It’s so amazing! I need to watch it again!”

Good reviews started to appear all over the internet.

The netizens regarded the Oriental Star Group’s two movies as masterpieces!

Furthermore, the ones who gave good reviews weren’t fans. They were the ones who had lambasted Oriental Star Group before for plagiarism. They had watched the movies just because of the scandal.

When the higher-ups in the Oriental Star Group saw the good reviews and the rising popularity of the two movies, they breathed a sigh of relief.

“Well done! Levi, you’re amazing!”

Zoey hugged Levi.

Cough cough... Levi coughed out of embarrassment.

Zoey’s face immediately flushed red because Gerry Wade and the others were in the office. She had been so excited she forgot that they weren’t alone.

Levi chuckled. “Let’s officially start our promotions! Try to generate as much public attention as possible, including doing what Niall did before. In short, do everything you can to promote the movies!”

“Alright!”

The higher-ups were excited. Judging by how things were progressing, the two movies might generate more revenue than they have ever imagined!

“I still have a trump card. I’ll use it tonight!” Levi chuckled.

“I’ll be looking forward to it!”

Levi grinned. “Besides that, the people in charge of those streaming websites will start knocking on our doors soon enough!”

# The Protector Chapter 453

“What? I can’t believe their movies are this good! Even I was engrossed!”  
Zachary seemed genuinely entertained after they finished watching the movies.

Niall, Yvonne, and the rest were anxious.

“How are their movies so good? Look at how their popularity is booming! I can’t find a single bad review!”

“Even though they’re not on the recommendations list, they’re one of the top ten most popular movies right now! Their popularity is still rising too!”

“What now? Should we do something about it?”

The artists were as anxious and as nervous as cats.

The fact that the Oriental Star Group’s movies were spectacular was a huge embarrassment to them.

More importantly, the main actors were the rookies that they’ve seen before.

How are they so good at acting?

This made them feel indignant.

Their manager, Winnie sighed.

She was good at judging the current consumers’ needs.

People like Niall are more suited to join variety shows or just become a public figure.

Acting in movies requires actual acting skills, which they lack.

Oriental Star Group's two movies' popularity was rising in streaming websites.

"I get it now. The fact that Shanks Entertainment said that Oriental Star plagiarized their movies is a whole ruse to sabotage them! You have seven movies and they only have two, how dare you accuse them of plagiarism?"

"Yeah! Can your seven terrible movies be compared to their two masterpieces? How shameless can they get?"

"Everyone listen to me. Don't watch those terrible movies anymore. Go and watch the Oriental Star Group's two movies instead! They really are good!"

An intense discussion sparked in the comments section of the seven movies starred by Niall and the rest.

While everyone was lambasting the seven movies, everyone went to watch Oriental Star Group's two movies instead.

Furthermore, the Oriental Star Group's publicity team reignited the discussion about the plagiarism accusations to hype the movie up even more.

They then brought up the incident where Niall and his gang had acted all high and mighty and quit their jobs.

There was even video proof about how Niall had splashed Horace Engler with water, and how he had beaten Maurice Lorraine up.

The netizens were enraged when they caught hold of the news, and they started to lambast artists like Niall and Yvonne.

Even their fans started to attack them.

“Niall Xander, you b\*\*\*\*\*d! Give me back my f\*\*\*ing money!”

“This bastard only knows how to scam people! He can’t even act! What a piece of trash!”

“Helena Engler is my idol from now on! Yvonne Wren can get lost!”

“Pigs like Niall Xander don’t deserve to be artists. I’m gonna be Maurice Lorraine’s fan from now on. He’s so handsome and so good at acting!”

After that incident, Shanks Entertainment not only suffered a major loss, Niall and the other actors’ and actresses’ reputations were tarnished as well.

In no time, everyone knew that Shanks Entertainment’s seven movies were horrible; no one bothered to watch them anymore.

The only ones watching them right now were the ones who wanted to lambast them.

On the other hand, Oriental Star Group’s two movies rose in popularity even though they weren’t on the recommendations list.

They quickly took the first and second spot in the popularity rankings.

Bang!

Crack!

Zachary was so furious that he smashed the tablet on the floor.

Niall and his colleagues had thunderous expressions as they fell silent.

At that moment, Zachary received a phone call.

“Hello, President Shorts, I am a representative from Penguin Films. I’m here to inform you that your films have been kicked off the recommendations list!”

“Hello, President Shorts, I am a representative of Kiwi Films. I’m here to inform you that your company’s seven movies’ reviews were too bad, so we took it off the recommendations list!”

“Hello, President Shorts, I am a representative from U-Cool. Your movies are not gaining enough revenue, so we’re planning to take them off the recommendations list!”

# The Protector Chapter 454

Zachary felt despondent when he received the calls.

He had never thought the major streaming sites would call him one after another to inform them that they would remove the seven movies from the recommendations lists.

Eventually, none of the movies they produced were left on the recommendation lists.

All seven movies were replaced by the two movies from the Oriental Star Group; those two movies dominated the main page of the streaming websites.

Furthermore, Zachary had spent about fifty million to buy the spots on the recommendation lists, while the major streaming sites had offered the same thing to the two movies from the Oriental Star Group of their own volition without requesting any form of payment.

The popularity of the two movies continued to rise!

Zoey beamed brightly when she saw the real-time box office results.

The production costs of the movie were two hundred million; they gained that much revenue in just six hours.

This broke the box office records of all the major streaming sites.

It was originally estimated that it would take about one week for the movie to offset the costs.

“It’s time to use the trump card!” Levi chuckled.

Not long after, the superstars from Erudia, Zak Copland and Yelda Zamora started their promotions at the same time.

“Up next, I would like to recommend two movies... they are absolutely awesome! I guarantee that with my honor!”

“If you don’t like it, I can refund you your membership fees! I, Zak Copland, promise you that!”

Twenty of the country’s A-list stars stated to promote the Oriental Star Group’s movies together, and its popularity boomed once again.

The members they gained exceeded fifty million, and they were about to reach the one hundred million members milestone.

Furthermore, all the major media companies started to give coverage to those movies as well.

The two movies were considered the pinnacle of the film industry.

The industry experts were excited as well. Everyone started to guess how much the movies would gain in revenue in a month.

One billion is probably a piece of cake. Can they reach two billion?

A box office result like that used to be reserved for movies traditionally shown in cinemas. But movies streaming online managed to achieve such a spectacular result! It’s unbelievable!

However, while some rejoiced, some suffered.

For example, Shanks Entertainment was one of those who were in a tough spot.

The negative influence from the public opinion about the movie itself was overwhelming. That caused a lot of investors to revoke their funding.

Their artists started to terminate their contracts as well.

In no time, a crisis befell the company, something Zachary had not been expecting.

After all, the Shank family's venture into the entertainment industry was their most successful one. Yet now, everything was crumbling apart in just one month!

Zachary's father, uncle, and grandfather all called to berate him.

"Useless pieces of trash! You can't even act! Why are you even acting? What were you f\*\*\*ing doing?" Zachary vented his rage at Niall, Yvonne, and the rest of the actors.

Slap!

Slap!

He slapped them forcefully; they didn't dare to say anything.

"Get lost! Get the hell away from here! Give me back your salaries. I'll kill whoever wants to keep the money!"

Zachary flailed around furiously and chased all the people out.

When the actors stepped outside, Niall discussed something with his team and manager.

"We never thought something like this would happen! We can't stay in Shanks Entertainment anymore!"

The manager, Winnie, replied, "Yeah. Your reputations are heavily tarnished! We can't keep doing this anymore! How about we go back to Oriental Star Group?"

Yvonne asked anxiously, "Can we really do that?"

"Sigh. They will definitely be angry, but no matter what happens, we can still bring profits to them. I don't think they won't take us back!" Winnie said.

Niall nodded. "That's right. After all, we were the most important artists there! They don't even have anyone else except for us! And those rookies? They are not even experienced!"

# The Protector Chapter 455

“We shouldn’t have left. We would’ve executed the direction of those films much better. Our wealth and reputation would’ve increased as well. Let’s go back and get those guys to plan something for us,” Yvonne said coldly.

She had a feeling Helena and Maurice were popular only because the movie itself was good.

The next morning.

“Ms. Lopez, Niall Xander’s and Yvonne Wren’s managers want to meet you!” Gerry Wade approached her and said.

“Alright. Let them in!”

A posse of people showed up in the office in no time.

“Ms. Lopez, we were foolish. We’ve made a mistake. Please forgive us!” The manager, Winnie, said.

Zoey smiled. “It’s alright. You all just wanted to go to a better company. They really are stronger than us!”

“We really made a mistake! We hope to rejoin your company now. After all, we were once a team, and we know each other well!” Winnie smiled.

At that moment, Levi suddenly appeared and mocked, “How shameless can you get? Didn’t you say we will regret our actions? What happened then? Are you here to get a taste of our wealth now that our movies became popular?”

Niall and the rest felt indignant, but they still needed to keep their tempers in check. After all, they were the ones asking for a favor.

Niall stared at Zoey and asked, “Ms. Lopez, can you tell us what we should do to rejoin your company?”

Zoey was about to say something when Levi interrupted her. “Rejoining Oriental Star is a piece of cake. You just need to show us how sincere you are.

How about kneeling here for six hours? It shouldn’t be that tough, right?”

“You...”

Niall was about to lose his temper before Winnie stopped him.

“Alright. We agree with that. I hope you keep your promise as well!”

“Yeah. I promise!” Levi guaranteed.

Thud!

Thud!

Niall and the rest kneeled on the ground; that pleased everyone.

After all, Niall and his gang had bullied them for the longest time.

They kneeled for six whole hours, and Niall was utterly embarrassed.

Phew!

He exhaled sharply and smiled coldly. “Alright, we’ve kneeled for six hours already. I hope you keep your end of the promise!”

“What promise?” Zoey asked.

“Didn’t you say that if we kneeled down for six hours you would let us rejoin the Oriental Star Group?” Niall almost shouted.

Zoey smiled. “Go and look for the one who promised you that!”

“The man beside you just now promised us that. Why are you eating your words right now?” Niall tried his best to suppress his anger.

“I’m so sorry. That guy isn’t even an employee from our company. Did you really just do whatever he said?” Gerry chuckled.

“Hahaha...” Everyone else laughed too.

“D-Did you trick us?” Niall and his team soon realized that they had been fooled.

“We are not responsible for that. You haven’t seen that guy before, have you?”

Niall exchanged a horrified glance with his team because they knew she made sense.

They had indeed never seen him before.

“I’ll kill you!” Niall finally lost his temper.

“Security, chase them out!”

The security guards kicked Niall and his team out of the building.

Zachary hit a stump. He started to ask about what was happening in South City.

At the same time, there were some news on the dark web today.

“Stepdad, the Morris Group’s boss doesn’t have an interesting background, but he’s very sly and methodical! That was how he managed to devastate Winston Gonzales and his allies!” Fernand Yates said.

Scott stopped turning the prayer beads in his hand as he slowly opened his eyes and said coldly, “Alright. Let us begin now!”

The most prominent character in Quebec was about to make his move.

# The Protector Chapter 456

“Stepdad, I’ll bring someone there!” Fernand Yates volunteered himself.

“Alright! Bring Bones, Titan, and Golem with you! The fact that they can handle the Black and White Guards signifies that they are pretty powerful!” Scott Yates ordered.

His Four Mighty Generals were individually stronger than the Black and White Guards, so the fact that Scott dispatched three of them was a testament to his resolve.

Fernand hesitated for a while before saying, “Stepdad...”

“Bringing Typhoon along is out of the question! He’s way too intent on killing! It took a lot of effort over the past few decades trying to tame him, so we can’t afford to let him massacre everyone in North Hampton!” Scott said.

The Four Mighty Generals under Scott all had their own individual strengths.

Bones was ruthless and apathetic. During a underground boxing battle where he had to face a few hundred opponents at once, he pulled someone’s ribs out and used it as a weapon to kill everyone.

Titan was exceptionally skilled in wrestling ever since he was young.

Golem was like a beast because his body was as tough as steel. Normal weapons couldn’t dent him.

However, the strongest of them all was Typhoon.

He had been raised by an assassin's organization ever since he was young.

The organization adopted one hundred orphans and made them fight and kill each other after a few years of training. Only the final child left standing had the right to enter the organization.

Typhoon was the one who had killed all of his comrades and made it out alive.

His murderous intent was overwhelming, and at least seven hundred people have been killed by him.

Once his bloodlust was triggered, he couldn't be stopped.

Scott was once captured during a war in Quebec's underground scene, and Typhoon had killed a few thousand people just to rescue him.

He derived pleasure from murder, and he was quite literally the harbinger of death.

That was why Scott wouldn't request his service unless it was necessary because Typhoon would cause a whole flurry of catastrophes.

"Besides, the three of them will be enough to handle the Morris Group! I can't take responsibility for the consequences that might arise if we use Typhoon this time!" Scott sighed.

Fernand was incredulous. "What? Stepdad, why do you have something you can't responsibility for? How is that possible?"

"Have you forgotten who's in North Hampton right now?" Scott asked.

Fernand's expression changed as he said in horror, "Are you referring to the God of War?"

“Yes. He will definitely turn a blind eye to the melee in North Hampton, but if Typhoon went there and stirred up trouble, he might step out personally to deal with it...”

Scott was afraid of the God of War.

“Wow, stepdad, you really are prudent. I never thought of that! I’ll go to North Hampton now in that case!”

“Go and take care of that issue quickly. Keep a low profile. If things spiral out of control, I won’t be able to help you anymore,” Scott reminded him.

When Fernand took his leave, a casually dressed, average-looking man appeared.

He was the Harbinger of Death, Typhoon.

He said, “I heard the God of War has a team called the Five Great Wars Regiment, and they are all exceptional. I want to challenge them...”

“Hahaha. Typhoon, what are you saying? We can’t possibly offend them! Regardless of how strong we are, we are still mortals, and they are gods! They can kill us with just a snap of their fingers!”

When Sebastian found out about Fernand’s plans, he headed to North Hampton with Fernand.

“Three Mighty Generals are here! I thought Mr. Yates would only send one of them with us!”

Sebastian was excited when he saw that Bones and the other two mighty generals were embarking on the same mission.

He had thought only one of them was required to solve the problem; he had never expected Scott to send out three of them at once.

This is a piece of cake. Morris Group will definitely be obliterated.

“North Hampton, just you wait for the South City’s ire!”

# The Protector Chapter 457

Sebastian was excited when they arrived at North Hampton.

Zachary and his friends, who had received the news of their arrival beforehand, waited for them at the highway.

“Mr. Yates, Sebastian, we are being oppressed by them ever since we came from South City! The people in North Hampton kept bullying us because we didn’t have anyone around, so it’s great now that you’re here! They can go screw themselves!” Zachary said.

Everyone started to exaggerate about what happened to them during their stay in North Hampton, and that infuriated Sebastian and Fernand.

On the surface, Fernand seemed poised and methodical, just like a sly fox. However, he was actually a ruffian!

He had committed a lot of crimes and was cocky and arrogant.

He just never showed that side of himself because Scott loomed over him at all times.

Now that he came to North Hampton and no one was here to control him anymore, he wanted to unleash his wild side.

“Hmph! Underestimating the South City? They’re digging their own graves!” Fernand exclaimed furiously.

“Mr. Yates, what should we do next?” Sebastian asked.

“Didn’t the Rogers family publicly support the Morris Group? We’ll go to the Rogers family’s residences in that case!”

A menacing glint flashed in Fernand’s eyes.

Meanwhile, in the Rogers family’s house.

The Rogers family was having dinner together.

The Rogers family’s wealth had boomed lately; their assets had already exceeded a hundred billion in value.

Even though they were just taking care of the money on behalf of Levi, they were still overjoyed by it.

Bang!

A loud bang could suddenly be heard as the dining room’s door was kicked open.

A large horde of men barged inside with menacing expressions on their faces.

Glenn Rogers recognized a few of them. Sebastian and Simon among the others.

However, Sebastian wasn’t the main character today.

They stood aside as a young man stepped forward.

The young man looked docile and polite, yet the three people standing behind him were terrifying.

Golem was two meters tall; he towered over everyone and everything.

Moreover, Bones was emaciated to the point where his bones could be seen. His face was deathly pale.

Titan's bald head was shiny, and he had a murderous expression on his face.

The three of them had an oppressing aura, and the atmosphere was suddenly suffocating to everyone.

Glenn knew Sebastian would never forgive him. That prospect seemed even more unlikely now.

"Glenn Rogers, let me introduce them to you. This is the stepson of Scott Yates from the South City, Fernand Yates!" Sebastian grinned.

"Scott Yates?" Glenn gaped in shock.

Isn't that the person rumored to oppress the entire Quebec area?

Scott Yates!

The most powerful figure in Quebec!

Even people as powerful as Sebastian need to show that man respect.

"Hm? Didn't you say he's retired for thirty years already?" Glenn asked.

Fernand smiled. "Thanks to the Morris Group, my stepfather came out of his retirement."

"What? He came out of his retirement?" Glenn was so shocked he almost shrieked.

"Yeah! My stepfather said the Morris Group should be exterminated!"

Fernand then approached the dining table, sat down and smiled, "It looks delicious! Make me an extra portion!"

He was being cocky and rude.

One of the younger people from the Rogers family snorted. "Get up! Who do you think you are? How dare you come to the Rogers family's territory and make a scene! Are you looking for trouble?"

The Rogers family have been doing very well lately, and they were a powerful presence in North Hampton.

That was why they looked down on everyone, especially people who taunted them.

Glenn was about to warn him, but it was already too late.

Of course he doesn't know who Scott Yates is!

Fernand didn't speak. Instead, he just glared at Franklin Rogers.

"What are you staring at? Are you gonna beat me up?" Franklin shouted angrily.

Bang!

In the next moment, Titan suddenly swung a punch at Franklin's head.

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Poof!

Franklin was sent flying, and when he landed on the floor, blood flowed out of all of his orifices.

He was undoubtedly, dead!

One punch from Titan was enough to make someone bleed profusely.

Suddenly, the room was as silent as the dead.

“Who are you? How dare you kill my son! B\*\*\*\*\*ds!” Franklin’s father, Alexander was furious. Something like this shouldn’t happen in the Rogers family’s territory!

Alexander and his wife, Snow Wahlberg, pounced at them.

Thud!

Golem landed a kick on Alexander’s head, causing everyone to be dumbstruck.

On the other hand, Bones swung a punch as fast as lightning and felled Snow.

At that moment, the Rogers family was petrified, and they didn’t dare say anything anymore.

Zachary and his friends, who had come along with Fernand, were mortified by the gory scene as well.

They tried to stop themselves from puking when they saw that, and they finally understood how Scott Yates could rule over Quebec.

They are absolutely merciless!

Snow squirmed on the floor in pain, her shrieks lasting for a few minutes.

“They are Mr. Yate’s Three Mighty Generals – Bones, Titan, and Golem. Don’t move!” Glenn soon recognized who they were, and he started to perspire out of horror.

“Happy now?” Fernand smiled and asked.

The room immediately fell silent. No one dared to speak or doubt their power because they were the kind of people who killed without hesitation.

Crossing them would only mean certain death.

“Where’s my cutlery?” Fernand asked.

“Go and get it!” Glenn instructed.

In no time, the cutlery was prepared.

Everyone stood and watched. They trembled while Fernand ate.

“Come, eat! What are you doing?” Fernand smirked.

Glenn forced a smile. “We already ate. We won’t be joining you. Mr. Yates, please enjoy your meal!”

Fernand looked up and scanned through the people present in the room, his gaze lingering on the women.

“Eating alone is so boring. Come and eat with me!” Fernand stared at the women in the Rogers family and said.

Sebastian and Simon knew Fernand was a pervert and that his tastes were very varied.

He fancied all types of women, from ten-year-old girls to forty-year-old ladies.

The women in the Rogers family were quite attractive, so they suited Fernand’s taste.

“Hm? Mr. Yates, do you want us to accompany you?” Glenn’s voice wavered.

Fernand’s expression changed abruptly. “Get lost! Do I look like I need a man to eat with me? Are you playing dumb or are you actually dumb?”

The Rogers family exchanged glances of apprehension because Fernand made it very clear what he wanted.

He doesn’t want a man, so that means he wants women, right?

The Rogers family’s women trembled out of fear.

They realized Fernand probably didn’t just want them to eat with him!

He wanted to sleep with them as well!

Anthony immediately said, “Mr. Yates, you like pretty ladies, don’t you? I’ll arrange a few for you. You can have anyone you want, from celebrities to models! North Hampton is famous for its ladies!”

Leo added, “Yeah. We can get any woman you fancy for you!”

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Fernand glared at both of them. "I don't want any other woman because the women I want are right here. You... you, you, you, and you..."

Fernand pointed at seven or eight women present in the room.

Anthony's and Leo's wives, as well as their cousins' wives, were included in Fernand's list.

Besides that, the wives of the younger people in the Rogers family were included as well.

"No! We can't do this! Mr. Yates, please find someone else! They are ordinary ladies!" Anthony's cousin, Silas Rogers, said.

Smack!

Zachary slapped Silas forcefully.

"How f\*\*\*ing shameless can you get! Mr. Yates wants those ladies! How dare you talk back to him!" Zachary shouted.

Silas rubbed his face and said pitifully, "But that is my wife! No, means no!"

Rumble...

Golem, who was as tall as a large boulder, approached him and picked him up.

Wham!

He then slammed Silas forcefully on the floor.

Crack!

The cracking sound signified that Silas' waist had been broken.

"Ahhhh..."

Everyone felt numb when they heard Silas' screams, and they could feel their blood run cold.

"Hm? Keep talking!" Zachary laughed.

"What are you doing? Go to Mr. Yates!" Zachary commanded.

Silas' wife and the other ladies approached Fernand.

"Ahhh!"

Fernand pulled two women into his arms, and they screamed while the other women surrounded them.

Fernand groped and kissed them from time to time.

"What are you two doing?"

Zachary stared at Anthony's and Leo's wives, Fiona and Marybelle.

He then stepped forwards and forcibly pulled them towards Fernand.

Fiona and Marybelle urgently shot Anthony and Leo looks of desperation.

"No!"

“Yeah! Not in your wildest dreams! How can our wives be humiliated like this?”

The brothers Anthony and Leo protested vigorously and they were about to pounce on Fernand.

However, Bones and Titan approached them as well.

Anthony and Leo felt their chests constrict because they could feel a menacing aura.

“No, no!” Glenn immediately stopped Anthony and Leo in their tracks because he didn’t want his sons to die.

“Anthony... Leo...” Fiona and Marybelle cried out helplessly.

They were then trapped in Fernand’s arms and molested.

The men in the Rogers family watched as their wives, daughters, and sisters get violated, yet they couldn’t do anything even though they were furious.

They could only stare as the scene unfolded.

This is so utterly humiliating!

When Anthony and Leo saw their wives getting groped in front of them, they clenched their fists so hard that their fingernails dug into their flesh and bled.

They felt so despondent that tears started to stream down their face.

“Get out! Or do you want to stay and watch the show?” Fernand chuckled.

The men in the Rogers family were so angry they almost lost their marbles because they knew what Fernand was about to do.

How could they tolerate the fact that Fernand harassed their women in their own territory?

However, they couldn't fight back because death awaited them if they did so.

They were all chased out of the dining room. The three mighty generals guarded the entrance so they couldn't get in.

Shrieks of horror were heard from the dining room.

Thud!

Anthony and Leo kneeled on the floor and exclaimed, "Revenge! We must have our revenge. Let's go and look for Mr. Garrison!"

The two brothers exchanged a glance.

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Glenn had that thought too. Only Levi could stand up against Scott.

He was the only hope the Rogers family had!

However, Sebastian stopped them in their tracks.

“Are you about to ask the boss of the Morris Group for help? It doesn’t matter anyway because Mr. Yates is here to deal with him too! It’ll be great if you asked him to come over!”

Glenn had a despondent expression because they didn’t even get the chance to ask for reinforcements.

An hour passed, and Fernand soon stepped out of the room with a tired expression.

In the dining room, the women’s clothes were tattered, and they huddled together and wept softly.

“Ah!”

Leo and Anthony bellowed in rage.

They wanted to kill Fernand right there and then, but they fell silent when they saw Bones, Titan, and Golem.

Pouncing on him would only mean death for them!

“From now on, we will be staying here!”

Fernand really took it too far; not only did he humiliate the Rogers family, but he now wanted to live in their house.

The Rogers family's women were horrified when they heard that because this meant they would fall victim to him again.

Glenn had a sudden realization that Fernand was forcing them to call Levi over!

If they didn't call Levi, Fernand would never leave.

"Hm? Are you not happy with Mr. Yates staying here?" Golem asked in a low voice.

The Rogers family didn't dare protest.

"It's an honor to the Rogers family that Mr. Yates is staying here!" Glenn immediately answered.

The news that Fernand Yates was staying in the Rogers family's house quickly spread across North Hampton.

Everyone in North Hampton soon knew Scott's stepson was here along with three of The Four Mighty Generals.

The Mighty Generals were way more powerful than Sebastian, so everyone in North Hampton felt terrified.

The Mighty Generals were the ones who had oppressed Quebec, and their arrival meant that the person who had retired for thirty years had come out of his retirement!

Besides that, Fernand Yates' behavior was absolutely abhorrent.

He headed straight to the Rogers family after he arrived at North Hampton, killed a few of their men, and raped their women.

He was even living in the Rogers family's house now!

Furthermore, Glenn Yates was forced to extend his warmest welcome to Fernand and satisfy his every need!

He was willing to go that low to protect the Rogers family.

Glenn knew that if they angered the three Mighty Generals, they would probably massacre the entire Rogers family.

Meanwhile, at night, Fernand was visited seven or eight times in the Rogers family's house.

He wore a bathrobe and swirled his glass of wine as he chuckled and said, "My stepfather suppressed me so much back in the day! This is how I'm supposed to be living! I think I need to extend my stay in North Hampton."

Being in North Hampton meant that he could do whatever he liked.

"These two movies are pretty popular these days. I can see them everywhere! The main actress is pretty good. I heard that she's a rookie," Fernand said in amusement.

Zachary, who stood by his side, immediately said, "Mr. Yates, I know who the main actress is. Her name is Helena Engler, and she's under the Oriental Star Group."

"Oh? You know her?" Fernand looked up and asked.

"I'll bring her to you if you're interested!" Zachary chuckled.

Fernand patted Zachary and exclaimed, "Good. You know your place. The Suarez family is blessed to have someone like you!"

"I'll bring her over right now! Um... but..." Zachary hesitated.

A hint of frustration could be seen on Fernand's face. "What's wrong? Why are you stuttering?"

"The Oriental Star Group's female president, Zoey Lopez, is a stunning beauty as well! Let me show you some pictures of her!"

Zachary wanted someone else to do the dirty work for him.