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Nodding, Cooper said, "I'll be focusing on energy technology in this period of time, so I'm entrusting the company to you and Linus."

Alice was ten years younger than Cooper and she had always been close to him. Besides, Cooper was a brother that she respected the most so naturally, they spoke to each other casually and cordially. As someone who didn't like to beat around the bush, Alice saved all nonsense and got straight to the point. "I'll expand the phone business in Cethos and I plan to find a famous celebrity in Cethos to be the ambassador. Considering that we're mainly selling business phones, I've tentatively decided to find only male celebrities. I have high requirements for the ambassador and currently, the candidates that meet these requirements are Harry and Taylor. However..."

Because of Cooper, Michel Group did not venture into the Cethos market. Therefore, their phones were popular overseas, but they didn't even have an official authorized reseller store in Cethos. Those who wanted to buy their phone had to buy it from overseas since the phone was not available in Cethos.

Alice looked at Cooper and said, "After that incident, these two might not be willing to collaborate with us."

Now, Michael refused to talk to her, and so did Harry.

Again, Cooper sank into silence. To be able to enter the Cethosian market, they needed to select their ambassador carefully because he or she played an important role.

As one of the oldest phone brands in the world, Michel mobile phones had history, quality and reputation. Therefore, ordinary celebrities couldn't bring out the quality and prestige of the phone.

Thinking of the ambassador, Michael and Harry were also the first two people that came to Cooper's mind. These two male celebrities, who were once extremely famous, were definitely qualified as they could bring out the best of the phone. But after that incident, Michael had probably figured out who Alice was, so asking him to be their ambassador would be a rather shameless act.

Besides, Michael advertised for sanitary pads and stainless steel basin in the past, so Cooper eliminated him directly and said, "Let's go with Harry. Taylor accepted too many advertisements, so he lost his value long ago."

Alice was slightly disappointed because she felt that the best move was to hire both of them. Michel had always positioned themselves in the high-end phone market but she was aiming to sell a middle-end phone now, which had a much acceptable price to the majority, just like Apple products that cost a few thousand each.

But since Michel targeted the high-end phone market and it cost around a few hundred thousands on average, it was only favored by the high society. Therefore, it was challenging to enter the middle-end market as it was not widely-known.

She had high confidence in her phone. With a quality phone, all that was left was to find a quality ambassador.

"Alright then. I'll leave it to you, Fass. I'm going home now."

Alice got up gracefully and left the study after bidding farewell to Cooper. Then, she walked down the stairs. Cooper sent her off since he was going to the teahouse, which was in the same direction.

When Alice got to the living room, Casper dashed toward her and shouted, "Mommy!"

Holding Casper's hand, Alice looked at the two other children in the living room. She had long known who they were—one was Michael's child and the other was Celine's child.

"Hi, Carmen!" She called out Carmen's name directly.

Carmen was shocked. "How do you know me?"

Alice crouched down and looked closely at the adorable girl. She resembled Sophia and Michael, and the longer she looked at her, the prettier she seemed to be.

Smiling gently, Alice replied, "Because I'm your grandfather's sister. You should call me your aunt!"

Carmen sweetly greeted her, "Hi, Aunt!"

Alice found herself to be very fond of Carmen. No wonder Cooper was willing to stay at Cethos for Sophia and Carmen's sake. If she had such an adorable granddaughter, she would do the same. Seeing that Casper and Carmen were getting along nicely, Alice joked, "Do you think Casper is handsome? When you grow up, do you want to date him, Carmen?"

Looking serious, Carmen knitted her eyebrows and replied hesitantly, "But I already have a boyfriend. Look, that's my boyfriend!"

Looking in the direction that Carmen was pointing, Alice saw a brown female alpaca...

Cooper then held Casper's hand and led him to Carmen while saying, "Cas is your uncle, Carmen. From now on, you must respect him."

Casper was Alice's son and he was now five years old. Other than Alice, no one knew who his father was. Once he was born, he was recorded in the Michel Family's genealogy record book. As long as the mother was from the Michel Family, the Michel Family would accept the child as one of them as long as Alice didn't marry into another family.

Although Alice often got into relationships, she was undoubtedly a celibatarian. Her exes all broke up with her because of her non-marriage doctrine.

Before Casper appeared in her life, she was very religious and strongly opposed to having sex before marriage. But after Casper was born, she stopped holding on to her religion.

Cooper respected Alice's privacy so he never once asked about Casper's father. Even when he asked her to come and seduce Michael, she only teased Michael. Indeed, she was interested in Michael, but that was all and nothing more. She had never thought of being with Michael. Besides, her pride didn't allow her to be a third wheel in someone else's relationship, and Michael wasn't the type she liked.

Yet, no one knew what type of man Alice liked because she dated all kinds of men in the past. Therefore, no one had an inkling of what type of man Casper's father was.

Ever since Alice came to Cethos, she had been staying in a hotel. It wasn't suitable for children to stay in a hotel long-term, so Casper had been staying in Edwards Residence. Afraid that she would trouble Cooper, Alice decided to stay in the hotel herself.

When Linus heard that Alice failed her task, he was surprised. After all, he knew how attractive his sister was, and she had never failed to get any men she wanted. Unexpectedly, she failed this time round.

Yet, this was somehow a reasonable outcome because Michael was deeply in love with Sophia. Therefore, it was impossible for Alice to interfere with their relationship.

Linus had probably anticipated this outcome from the beginning.

The issues of the adults were too complicated for the children. Just like that, Casper moved into Edwards Residence and played with Carmen, who was enjoying her winter break. In this matter, Carmen was overjoyed because she gained a new friend.

If Casper's identity was subjected to Cethos's feudal principles, he was an illegitimate child of an anonymous father. He would suffer the same way Sophia did, who grew up receiving criticism and mockeries from others. Fortunately, Casper had a strong mother and a family that accepted him. Therefore, he enjoyed the same inheritance rights as the other legitimate children of the Michel Family.

The Michel Family treated both girls and boys fairly and didn't practice the tradition where only males could inherit the family's assets. In fact, there had been numerous female family heads in the past. The Michel Family even hoped that they had more illegitimate children like Casper because in that case, outstanding female members of the family like Alice would remain unmarried, and no weird men could take the opportunity to get married into the family for their own interest. Children with the family's noble bloodline would never be abandoned, and neither would they have another surname besides Michel.

Therefore, many of the successful women in the Michel Family would remain unmarried in order to prevent issues that might come with marriage.

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For them, marriage was a hair-pulling issue. They weren't interested in weak men while outstanding men weren't willing to marry into the women's families. Besides, if they were to marry a man, they would have to give up their surname. Therefore, many of them would either get into a relationship but not get married, or give birth to a child with an anonymous father to inherit their family business. If the father of the child tried to stir trouble, the Michel Family's legal team would fight for the child's custody and his or her surname by all means.

For example, to the Michel Family, it was absolutely unacceptable for Carmen, who had the bloodline of the Michel Family, to inherit her father's surname. Therefore, it was only a matter of time for the family members in Northern Europe to come and fight against Michael for the sake of Carmen's surname. That was what Cooper worried about.

Ever since the family members in Northern Europe knew about the existence of Sophia and Carmen, they had been eagerly asking them to change their surnames, but Cooper kept rejecting them with all sorts of excuses. Now, they were starting to feel annoyed.

The Fletcher Family was also a huge family with a long history, so it was impossible for Michael to be married into the Michel Family, not to mention changing his surname to his wife's surname. However, Sophia and Michael were deeply in love, which made things even more difficult for Cooper.

In the meantime, Daniel still frequently visited Edwards Residence to examine their feng shui. To be honest, Cooper didn't understand how feng shui worked, but it must have its own logic so he might as well ask Daniel to examine it.

"Mr. Mitchell, the direction of your building is not right. It should be facing 15° to the East, where wealth and luck come from. Besides, you mustn't use a wooden door. You should use an alloy door because metal attracts wealth. Although your house is fine, its placement and direction indicate the lack of wealth according to feng shui. Therefore, you should find a son-in-law with a strong soul to guard your wealth. I'm just going to put it out there—although your house has great feng shui, it's actually built on where an ancient tomb once was, which later on was converted to a Yang house from a Yin house under the advice of a feng shui master. But even though it has become a Yang house, the negative energy in the ground hasn't completely dissipated even after a few centuries. In fact, it's only being temporarily suppressed and once the feng shui is disrupted, this house will return to a Yin house, which will harm the descendants of the people that live in this house. As time passes and the world changes, the feng shui of a particular place will also change. Did you realize that the downfall of the previous owner, the Harper Family, started when the subway was built a few years back? Due to the construction of the subway around this area, the feng shui was disrupted, which converted a Yang house to a Yin house. What's worse is that the

subway had dredged a ghost path, causing the area to be filled with negative energy. Your door faces the ghost path directly, attracting all the negative spirits and ghosts to this house.”

Holding a compass and wearing a Taoist robe, Daniel walked around the house to examine its feng shui while explaining what he found, which sounded like a ghost story. It made Cooper’s hair stand on end.

Daniel continued, “The previous owner, the Harper Family, didn’t find this out so his family died off. Therefore, the Harper Family either ended up with huge debts or was infected with malignant diseases. Suffering from a troubled home, unfilial descendants, invasion of ghosts and roaming evil spirits, the century-long family was destroyed and the culprit is poor feng shui. Since this is a Yin house now, it’s only suitable for the deceased to stay. If humans moved in... Pardon me for my unpleasant words, Mr. Mitchell, you’ll meet with a dreadful misfortune sooner or later. You’re safe now only because you and your family have just moved in and you have many dogs, so the evil energy is temporarily suppressed.”

Cooper followed behind Daniel, seemingly in deep thoughts. He was frowning and calculating the date, only to realize that what Daniel said was accurate.

When Sophia was harmed by the Harper Family, the Harper Family was still at the heights of their power. At that time, the construction of the subway nearby had started. When the subway was complete, Sophia had started to wreak revenge on the Harper Family and that was the time they gradually fell. It wasn’t right to say that it had nothing to do with that because it somehow seemed to be related. Otherwise, how could Sophia alone destroy a highly-respected family with centuries of history without effort?

Walking beside Daniel while listening to his nonsense, Cooper was convinced by him without him realizing.

Casper seemed to be interested in feng shui as well so he walked beside Daniel and quietly listened to him. At this moment, they arrived at the subway and Daniel sniffed the cold wind that was blowing from the direction of the subway. Then, he seriously explained, “There’s a tinge of blood smell in the wind so this route is undoubtedly a ghost path. Your house door is facing the ghost path directly, so the ghost will enter your house once they exit the ghost path. On top of that, your house is a Yin house and with the door facing the ghost path, your house is now haunted. It’s pointless even if you rear countless black dogs.”

Looking at the bustling subway entrance, Daniel added, “Ghosts will come out from the subway station and harm humans. Therefore, this route has many accidents.”

Cooper became even more convinced by him because this subway route indeed took many lives every year. Last year, a working adult pried open the safety door and tried to enter the train because he was in a rush. Unexpectedly, the train door closed and he was caught in between the train and the safety door. Tragically, he died on the spot. Another accident happened in the year before the last, where a passenger died due to a heart attack right after he got off the train. There had also been an incident where someone died on the escalator.

Other than casualties, the subway often broke down because of all kinds of reasons. Therefore, many people believed that this area had poor feng shui. It seemed that he should believe it rather than not. Cooper started to panic. "How do I change feng shui?"

In a serious tone, Daniel replied, "Firstly, you must change the direction of the door and move it away from the ghost path. Secondly, you should give the mythical beast guardian at the entrance a face-lift since it has lost its power to protect the house after placing it there for more than ten years. Then, you should adjust the structure of the house. Lastly, you should find a son-in-law that has a strong soul to move in and suppress the negativity. The best candidate would be someone who was a soldier and killed people before. It's even better if his ancestors are soldiers. If you can find a general who has held command of an army, or a descendant of generals, that would be the best because this kind of man has a spirit of righteousness, which can suppress evil and malevolence."

Cooper was speechless. After so much talking, Michael was the one who fit the description. The ancestors of the Fletcher Family were all soldiers and many generals were from this family as well. In addition, Michael's father was a general with outstanding military exploits. In this peaceful era, not many soldiers fought in a war before, but Michael had taken lives when he participated in joint military operations abroad during his time as a soldier. In fact, he had killed many. According to Daniel's description, Michael fulfilled every criteria.

Seeing that Cooper was silent, Daniel continued, "Deaths happened every year consecutively for a few years in this subway, but after I examined the feng shui here this year, it has been peaceful because the ghost didn't dare to make trouble. It's up to you to trust me, but don't blame me for not warning you if something happens."

Cooper knew about that incident too. After numerous deaths happened, the leaders of the subway company became as anxious as ants on a hot pan. But no matter how flawless their safety measures were, there would always be a few death cases every year. Even the subway would break down frequently. Therefore, at the beginning of this year, they hired Daniel at a high price. After they employed a group of retired soldiers as their security

guards according to Daniel's advice, the accidents significantly decreased because soldiers were able to suppress negativity and evil.

Daniel shocked Cooper with his nonsense, luring Cooper into believing him beyond a shadow of doubt from being sceptical in the beginning. On the other hand, Casper looked up at Daniel and his eyes were filled with amazement and admiration, exclaiming inwardly, Mom, this man is so impressive. He knows everything including astronomy and geography. Is he a god?

Holding Casper's hand, Cooper followed Daniel and roamed further. After all, feng shui had to be examined slowly and detailly.

Meanwhile, a man, who was selling roasted sweet potatoes at the subway entrance, stared blankly at them. He had overheard their conversation. Is that the reason for the Harper Family's fall? Just because the construction of the subway disrupted the feng shui in this area, which converted a Yang house to a Yin house that was supposedly inhabited by dead people? He laughed bitterly at the sky while tears flowed from the corner of his eyes.

That man was none other than the former young master of the Harper Family, Richard Harper. Now, he was selling roasted sweet potatoes by the roadside.

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The last time Sophia saw Richard, he was selling insurance but as his health worsened, his illness gradually got out of control and he could no longer withstand the heavy workload of working as a salesperson. Therefore, he came to Riverdale to sell roasted sweet potatoes. Knowing his character, the local government agency did not dare to chase him away so he had been selling roasted sweet potatoes for a living since a few months back.

His hair had become gray, his eyes seemed murky and his complexion was sallow. He looked like an old man in his fifties or sixties. No one knew that he was only 27, which was the same age as Sophia.

Now, the Harper Family was completely ruined and the once glorious Harper Family had its name completely removed from Bayside. Was it all because the feng shui of the house was disrupted?

In fact, the Harper Family actually spent an enormous amount of money and requested to change the subway route to this place, which in turn increased the value of the nearby land that was developed by them. Without them realizing, they had created a ghost path!

Richard laughed hysterically and after laughing, he looked at the subway entrance that had more than ten steps of stairs. Then, he suddenly dashed toward it.

Wasn't that a ghost path? He dared it to take his life today!

Sadly, he didn't pay attention to the step under his feet so before he even reached the stairs, he tripped over it and knocked his head on the cement floor. At once, blood splashed from his head and his brain splattered all over. Tragically, he died on the spot.

He wanted to die in the subway but his wish wasn't fulfilled. It was just a step away.

On the other hand, Daniel was explaining to Cooper, "Mr. Mitchell, although you have a dog in your house and it temporarily suppressed evil, your house was converted to a Yang house because a thousand-year-old ancient tomb was demolished. That tomb shouldn't be taken trivially. Now, not only is the house packed with negative energy, but it's also facing the ghost path, so some evil beings have already entered the house. The dogs will soon lose their suppressing power against those things and if you don't find someone with a strong soul soon, I speculate that someone will die in your house within ten days."

Shocked and terrified, Cooper was drenched in cold sweat. Right at that moment, someone suddenly shouted, "Someone died!"

With his hair standing on end, he turned around only to see a dead person in front of his house. It so happened that the person didn't die at the subway nor the bus station, but within the perimeters of Edwards residence.

Daniel knitted his eyebrows and said, "Look, someone died as I speculated. The feng shui in your house must be changed and you must find a son-in-law."

Not only did someone die outside the house, but Casper also fell ill after he moved into Edwards residence. That deepened the crease between Cooper's eyebrows while he became even more convinced that his house had bad feng shui.

Under Cooper's earnest request, Daniel moved into Edwards residence so that he could improve the house's feng shui.

Daniel was an expert in fooling people. Apart from fortune telling, he was also skilled in analysing one's future, palmistry, bone reading, astronomy, horoscope and even tarot-card reading. Using his expertise in every field, he successfully fooled Cooper. Even the few bodyguards from the Michel Family couldn't stop admiring him.

Casper was sick and had a fever. His body temperature didn't seem to decrease even after being hospitalized for two days, causing Cooper to be anxious. It so happened that Alice and Linus had gone abroad for business so he was reluctant to inform Alice about Casper's situation, afraid that she might be worried.

Besides, Cooper felt embarrassed to tell Alice that Casper fell ill right after he moved into his house.

Upon knowing this, Daniel took the initiative to visit Casper at the hospital. Upon a brief examination, he noticed that Casper's blue eyes seemed to have lost their vitality so he said, "Cas must have come into contact with an evil energy. Children have weaker immune systems but it's nothing serious. He'll be fine with some black dog's blood."

Without delay, Cooper sent his men to his house and collected a big bowl of his beloved dog, Corrado's blood. Then, Daniel dipped his fingers in the black dog's blood and smeared it on Casper's face. At the same time, he said gently, "Everything's going to be fine. Now that I've applied the blood of a black dog on you, you'll be as good as new tomorrow."

Looking at Daniel, Casper's sapphire blue eyes seemed to be sparkling.

Casper seemed to be extremely fond of his mystical 'protector'. Every day right after he woke up, he would search for Daniel and follow him around while witnessing how he fooled Cooper. Similarly, Daniel doted on this child, which came out of nowhere, and would always read his future whenever he was free.

Knowing that Casper was sick, Daniel was heartbroken as well. Since he wasn't busy, he decided to go to the hospital to accompany Casper.

“Cas, does it still hurt?” Showing his rare gentleness, Daniel tucked the blanket under Casper.

Casper replied, “It doesn’t hurt anymore.”

Since Daniel had free time now, he gave full play of his expertise, chatting with Casper while reading his palm.

“Cas, you have a great life. You must cherish it and in the future, you’ll be successful. It seems like you’re lacking something in your life, but you’ll soon find it.”

Daniel furrowed his eyebrows. Earlier, he noticed that Casper’s parents weren’t with him when he was ill, so Cooper disclosed that he only had a mother, who was still abroad, and he didn’t have a father.

Learning about that, he generally knew what he lacked in his life.

Poor child.

After Casper was smeared with black dog’s blood, he couldn’t fall asleep and kept staring at Daniel, who was sitting beside the bed while reading Confucian classics. Noticing Casper’s gaze, he closed the book and looked at this adorable child. Then, he said, “Cas, don’t worry and go to sleep now. I won’t leave. I’ll stay here until you recover from your illness.”

It was only then did Casper go to sleep without concern.

Daniel tucked Casper in and smiled before continuing to read his book.

Uncertain whether it was the intravenous drip that Casper got at the hospital or the black dog’s blood that was effective, he recovered the next day, so Daniel brought him home. Because of that, Cooper trusted Daniel even more.

Since then, Daniel spoke with the airs of an expert and he seemed even more confident in criticising Cooper’s house.

“Rearing more dogs in the house is a right move since dogs are able to chase evil away, especially black dogs. Although a husky is not a black dog, it represents half a black dog. So, three huskies make a black dog. It’s not a rumor that dogs can protect houses. Pay attention to the dog and if something happens to the dog one day, it means that your house

has become so haunted that even dogs can't help you. By that time, the only solution is to move out as soon as possible. Children have low tolerance toward evil energy. Carmen is safe since I'm her protector and she has a safety amulet. As for Casper, he's safe too because his room is smeared with black dog's blood, but you need to pay attention to the other children."

Beside him, Cooper didn't even have the courage to interrupt him.

Since Daniel had nothing to do, he stayed at Cooper's house comfortably while babysitting the children. Carmen turned her nose up at his tricks and never trusted his lies. However, Casper, who came from western countries, admired him a lot and followed him wherever he went.

Holding Casper's hand, Daniel strolled around Edwards residence while enlightening him. "Cas, feng shui is a cultural treasure that our ancestors passed down to us. It encompasses vast knowledge. Come, let me explain it to you..."

It was winter break. Sarah and Harry, who just finished shooting a movie, went on a vacation somewhere so naturally, they sent their children to Edwards residence. Hope, Ashton and Carmen formed a small group and they turned their nose up at Daniel's tricks. They also repeatedly warned Casper not to be taken in.

However, Casper was completely mesmerized and he spent his days learning witchcraft from Daniel. Lately, he even made some progress in palmistry. Through examining Judge's paw, he even speculated that he had recently earned a bucket of gold by luck, which was confirmed by Carmen. According to Carmen, Judge brought Michael lunch boxes and managed to earn a few thousand. Now that he was rich, he became arrogant and looked down on everyone when he got home.

Casper was overjoyed and felt that he had talent in this skill. Therefore, he secretly swore that he would follow Daniel up the mountain to cultivate his skills.

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Daniel loved Casper too and felt that he was gifted. So, he said to Cooper, "I feel that this child clicks with me. Why don't you let him come with me to the mountain? I'll surely teach him everything I know."

Overjoyed, Casper nodded repeatedly.

He wanted to go to the mountain, cultivate himself and become a god. In the future, he hoped he could be like Daniel, who knew everything including astronomy and geography, ghosts and gods as well as Yin and Yang. In addition, he wanted to travel around to examine feng shui and read futures.

Cooper shot daggers at Daniel.

Daniel didn't stop at fooling him into agreeing to marry his daughter. Now, he even tried to fool him into sending Casper to the mountain and be his apprentice!

"Impossible!"

Daniel was rejected mercilessly by Cooper but he had anticipated it. Casper's mother must have a prestigious status in the Michel Family, so Casper was probably being nurtured to be the successor to the family. Therefore, he definitely couldn't follow him into the mountain.

Feeling regret, he said to Casper, "Cas, I sincerely want to bring you with me but your mother and uncle are not allowing that. But don't worry, I'll still pass down everything I know to you."

He honestly loved Casper.

In the past, Daniel wanted to pass all his knowledge to Carmen, Hope, Ashton and Nathan, but all of them rejected his kindness. Not only did they turn their nose up at him, but they even secretly gave him a nickname—Mr. Eighty Thousand, which was now deeply rooted in everyone's mind.

Casper was the only one who admired him.

During the winter holiday, Carmen enjoyed her life to the fullest. She had snowball fights, skied and rode on sleds every day. Fortunately, the house was huge and in order to have a place for Carmen to play, Cooper built a small skiing park and skating rink at home. Carmen looked extremely graceful when she skated.

Thus, the yard wasn't despondent and cheerless because of winter. Instead, it became even more lively because Carmen didn't have classes.

When spring arrived, Carmen turned four and she had grown stronger. When she was born, she was as weak as a new-born kitten. With painstaking care, Michael had nurtured her into a lovely, cheerful angel. Of course, she got on Cooper's nerves when she behaved mischievously, driving him up the wall.

Every day after work, Cooper would spend most of his time with Carmen. He didn't manage to spend time with Sophia when she grew up, so he didn't know how it felt like to take care of a daughter. Therefore, he cared for Carmen like his own daughter and it was a bittersweet experience.

Usually, kids loved to play outdoors, and they couldn't even stop running around as if their butts would be burnt if they sat still on the stool for more than a second. Only Casper could remain still. He would follow Daniel around all day and listen to him explain about scriptures, Yin and Yang and the eight trigrams. Daniel would also teach him to read bones, face and fortune as well as tricks.

As expected, all the Michels were geniuses. Although Casper, who just reached five this year, was still young, he already had a good grasp of languages. He was fluent in three languages and recognized numerous Chinese characters. Every day, he would learn new things from Daniel and Daniel would patiently teach him. He was extremely fast in learning.

Cooper counted the days every day, eagerly waiting for Sophia to come home. Now, he had accepted it and as long as she came home, he would keep quiet even if she brought him a son-in-law.

On the other side, the Michel Family had been urging Sophia and Carmen to go back to the family. Cooper didn't want Sophia and Carmen to give up the Michel Family, but he couldn't ask Carmen to leave just like that either. Therefore, he was extremely stressed.

A few days before the new year, Sophia finally came home. After going on a vacation, not only did she gain weight, but she also became darker too.

Michael was beside her and he almost had the same skin tone as her. Carrying several bags at once, he cordially greeted Cooper as soon as he stepped into the house. "Dad."

Cooper was almost fooled by Daniel so when he saw Michael, he had mixed feelings of love and hatred. He didn't even respond to Michael's greeting. Yet, when he looked to the side and saw Carmen looking at him sternly, he knew that she would criticize him for disliking Michael. Therefore, he quickly replied to Michael with a groan, and only then did Carmen smile.

"Dad, look at how many presents Mikey and I brought you!" Sophia displayed all the presents that she brought for Cooper. They were local specialties from all over the world, which she bought from all the places she went during her vacation.

She even calls him Mikey... Cooper was even more frustrated now, but since his daughter was back, all other emotions were overtaken by happiness.

When Michael saw Daniel once he came in, he winked at him. In return, Daniel raised his eyebrows at him too. That was their discreet greetings to each other.

Michael knew that once Daniel got into action, no one could escape from his trick.

Now that Cooper had lowered his guard, the next step would be revealing some clues about his son to him. Then, he would try his best to find his son before Tomb-Sweeping Day. After the Dragon Boat Festival, he could urge for a marriage and hopefully, he could announce his marriage to the whole world while creating hype for his works before 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' and his new movie were screened.

He had even chosen the venue for the marriage and was now secretly listing the guests.

Noticing Daniel and Michael's interaction, Cooper figured out that they colluded in scheming against him. Nevertheless, he had fallen into the trap and was now in a difficult situation. He didn't want to be fooled by Daniel but what he said seemed accurate. What if it was actually true?

Cooper was truly looped into Daniel's trick and he was stuck in a difficult position now. He even started to doubt his life for the first time.

Sophia had heard about Casper for a long time and knew that he was Alice's son. Yet, she was still surprised that he had grown so much.

During this period of time, she found out who Alice was as well as Cooper's plot. Therefore, she was even more curious about Alice.

To be honest, Alice was an extremely cool woman. She took care of a son without a father, and she did it proudly. What was even more impressive was not only did she take great care of her son, but she also developed her career at the same time and grew to become Linus's largest competitor.

Knowing that Alice only came to test Michael and not to snatch him, Sophia became even more interested in Alice and she hoped she could meet her in person.

She wanted to be a strong, successful woman too, so Alice was her idol.

Unfortunately, Alice and Linus had gone abroad for business and they hadn't returned.

After that, Michael openly carried his luggage to Sophia's room. Then, he went to meet Daniel in private.

Sternly, Daniel told Michael about his speculation.

"Sophia is not the old Sophia. While nurturing her to be the future head of the Mitchell Family, Cooper also wants her to grab the interest and benefits from the Michel Family. I think that he's planning to make her the heir of the Michel Family's business too. If both of you are planning to get married, it won't be easy."

Michael bowed his head and sank into a deep ponder.

From the beginning, he had figured that it would be extremely difficult to marry Sophia from the Michel Family, especially when Cooper was nurturing Sophia to become the head of the family.

If he were to marry Sophia, it would mean marrying Scarlett Mitchell and Lucile Michel as well.

Asking Sophia to follow his mother, Beyoncé's footsteps to abandon the family and sever ties with them was definitely not what Michael wanted. He didn't want her to clip her wings and marry him in wounds.

While he was pondering, an icy, indifferent voice rang.

"Isn't this Master Levine, who touches breasts and reads futures for a living at River Seine? It has been a few years since we last met and you seem to be living a great life!"

What?!

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As soon as Daniel heard that voice, he was instantly startled and lost his composure as he spat out his tea.

Holding his cup, Michael looked at the woman standing at the door. She had blonde hair, blue eyes, and a seductive figure. Wasn't this Alice Michel who joined the filming crew? Surely, Michael knew her identity. She was the Vice President of the Michel Group, her identity and prestige only second to Linus.

Was Daniel fortune-telling by examining... breasts?

To Michael's knowledge, Daniel wasn't that kind of person. Although his nickname 'Mr. Eighty Thousand' had been firmly established, he never had any dark past. In fact, he was honest and decent, and he was a man of taste. He would never be involved in these acts, and Michael knew this.

Despite that, it seemed like Daniel had become a completely different person when Alice showed up today. "A-Alice?" He looked like he had just seen a ghost.

Meanwhile, Sophia, who came with Alice, was also dumbfounded.

Are there such things as fortune-telling by examining breasts? And Daniel did that?

She looked at Daniel's hands before turning to look at Alice's breast. Then, she shifted her gaze to Casper's black hair and Alice's blonde hair, before looking at Daniel's black hair. She

finally connected the dots when she associated the 'fortune-telling' to Casper's absent father.

This information was too overwhelming, and she had to take a moment to process it.

However, Michael pretty much figured it out in a few seconds.

First of all, Daniel's whereabouts were always uncertain. One-third of the time, he would be at Bayside City, while other times, he would either be at Reverie Mountain or touring the world fortune-telling.

According to Sophia, Alice usually kept a low profile. Other than going to work, she travelled and did photography.

On top of that, she used to be religious and a devoted worshipper, while Daniel's targets were usually those who were believers.

Casper was five now, which meant that six years ago...

Six years ago, there was an international metaphysical convention held by the river Seine which Daniel was invited to.

At that moment, Alice scoffed as she walked in. When she saw Daniel, she did not know whether to laugh or cry.

"Mr. Psychic, this is my Mommy."

Casper sat next to Daniel and proudly introduced her.

In complete disbelief, Daniel looked back and forth between Alice and Casper before he realized that Casper's hair color was natural, and not dyed!

At once, his jaw dropped.

“Casper... Alice...”

His mind was completely blown as he looked at the pair of mother and son in disbelief. In fact, he did not know what to say.

Just then, Michael cleared his throat. “It’s warm in here, I’m going to get some fresh air.”

Then, he quickly left with Sophia, leaving Daniel alone to face Alice and Casper.

Sophia, who had wanted to watch the fun, was dragged away by Michael.

Then, there were only Alice, Daniel, and Casper left in the tea room.

Lifting his head, Casper looked at the two of them as his blue eyes blinked.

In fact, Alice and Linus had just returned from their business trip when they heard Casper talking about an incredible fortune teller, and that he wanted to follow him to Reverie Mountain to train as his apprentice. As such, Alice wanted to meet this fortune teller who had the ability to trick not only Cooper, but also her son. She did not expect the crook to be Daniel!

Due to Alice’s imposing aura, Daniel did not dare to speak nor breath too loudly. He felt extremely guilty when he recalled the incident where he had drunkenly taken advantage of Alice and then ran away after sobering up the next morning.

However, it had been consensual, and none of them had expected this to happen at all.

He did not actually think that Alice would get pregnant and give birth to Casper.

What was more, it never occurred to him that he would get involved with someone from the Michel Family during his encounter abroad.

“Hi... Alice...”

Summoning up his courage, Daniel smiled awkwardly and tried to liven up the mood.

Looking at him, Alice’s blue eyes were ice cold. She was comparable to an angry mother dragon, who seemed like she was going to breathe fire at Daniel and tear him to pieces at any time.

The word 'Michel' originally meant a kind of evil dragon, and the Michel Family had always been jokingly referred to as the 'Evil Mitchell Family' by Daniel.

True to its name, the evil dragon lived in Cooper and Alice, who both had the fury of a dragon as well.

Fortunately, Alice only glared at Daniel before she turned around and left, leaving Casper and Daniel behind.

After Alice turned around, her expression was completely indifferent.

Six year ago, she was a faithful worshipper and devoted herself to her religion. She lived by His will, and refrained from drinking and premarital sex. But on that fateful night, she had betrayed her God and herself when she committed the sins for an Eastern man.

Who knew that when she woke up the next day, the man was already gone.

Watching Alice go, Daniel finally took a deep breath. He looked down and saw that Casper was still staring at him.

"Mr. Psychic, do you know my Mommy?"

Gazing at the innocent Casper, Daniel did not know whether to cry or to laugh.

Casper was actually his son.

Ruffling the child's hair that was the same color as his own, he had a lot of mixed feelings.

"I do. Of course I do."

After they exited the house, Sophia and Michael passed through the courtyard and went into the garden to have a stroll. Originally, this was an underdeveloped area in the suburbs, but the Harper Family elders had bought a large piece of the land here to build this mansion. They had also built a man-made lake, pavilions, and also a small plum blossom garden.

The two walked hand in hand through the garden.

"Alice and Daniel together... Who knew that this would be possible?" Sophia sighed. *What a small world.*

"I didn't expect that either," Michael nodded too.

Now that they had found out Casper was Daniel's son, this was going to be troublesome as Casper's name was already under the Michel Family's household registry.

Silently, Michael frowned. He didn't know how Daniel would react to Casper, but it would be impossible for him to take Casper away from the Michel Family. If it was Carmen, Michael would have fought ruthlessly to keep his daughter!

Suddenly, Shae came and reported, "Linus is back!"

Upon hearing this, Sophia happily ran over and soon saw Linus who just came out of the garage.

Recently, Linus had been travelling overseas for work, and he even went back to his home in northern Europe along the way to deal with some matters. When he came back, he was wearing a black wool coat and a black-and-white scarf. He looked exhausted from travelling.

"Linus!" Sophia enthusiastically greeted him. When Linus saw her, he smiled gently and went up to give her a big hug.