Even after a few days, the Fletcher Family was still saddened by Irene's death. However, what happened to Celine in the subsequent days completely diverted their attention.

After all, both Irene and Celine were the two most popular young women in the Fletcher Family. Irene used the platform that her parents had laid before her, which made her no different from a decoration. However, Celine had relied on her own abilities to become the first Young Lady of the Fletcher Family.

Back then, in order to protect Celine, Joel had almost fought with Cooper since she was more important to the Fletcher Family due to her position as the genuine descendant.

As the matter slowly died down, weeds started to grow on Irene's grave. After Sophia was bailed, she worked from home.

At that moment, a guest had arrived at the Edwards Residence.

"Quinton, I've told you this before—if you continue to pester my daughter, I'll turn you into minced meat!"

As soon as Quinton had appeared at the entrance of the Edwards Family, Cooper tied him up in the house.

Sophia heard the dogs barking loudly, so she ran out in her flip-flops just in time to see Cooper punching Quinton. Upon seeing that, she quickly tried to calm her father down.

"Alright; that's enough. Dad, just let him off the hook for once. It's because of him that Carmen is able to safely return to us. Stop turning people into minced meat at any time you like. When Carmen returns, she's going to be shocked upon seeing you this way." At the mention of his darling granddaughter, Cooper finally calmed down and released his grip on Quinton's collar.

Even though Quinton was almost punched, he smoothed the wrinkles on his black tuxedo while retaining the same expression after he was released. Then, he smiled at Cooper. "Mr. Mitchell I've just saved your granddaughter. Don't you think that your attitude is a bit uncalled for?"

Cooper replied, "Get lost."

Sophia knew the reason why Quinton was here. With just a video call, she was able to summon him to the place and caused him to be behind bars, where he almost lost his life in the process. Even though he finally came out unscathed, she wanted to at least thank him and give an explanation.

"Dad, let me speak to Hope. After that, I'll send him away," she quickly said.

Cooper obviously refused to grant her request. Even though Quinton had done something good once by rescuing Carmen, Cooper did not forget that he was still Phantom Wolf—the same one who killed many people. If he wants to kill Sophia, there are at least ten different ways for him to do so with his bare hands in seconds!

In the end, Cooper obliged and agreed for them to virtually bid farewell.

Just like the last time in Africa, Quinton was brought into a room and faced a screen that Sophia was in.

Quinton himself knew that it was reasonable for Cooper to forbid her from getting close to him, seeing how many murders he had committed. If there is a choice, who would want to choose the high-risk path with lots of effort but little in return?

Then, the video-call with Sophia started.

On the other side of the screen, she looked beautiful even though she had no makeup on. The video was in high resolution, which revealed every inch of her skin. It was obvious that her skin was now in great condition and the scars she had were also very faint. Even if she did not wear any makeup, her scars could no longer be seen. However, Quinton could never forget how she looked when her entire body was rotten to the point where her bones could be seen.

It was a miracle that she could still sit there and have a word with him.

Upon looking at him on the other end of the video call, Sophia had mixed feelings.

Up until now, she still did not know her feelings toward Quinton. Is it hate? Or guilt? Or... love? He was the one who snatched me from my family. My life had just started yet he took it away, causing me to be separated from my husband and my daughter. Carmen almost died in Africa. I should hate him, but with my mixed feelings, I don't even know what I'm feeling.

"Thank you for your help this time. Unfortunately... I can't return to Africa with you." Sophia looked at Quinton with an earnest expression.

He was still in his black tuxedo, looking like a novelty who was about to attend a banquet. As he crossed his hands on the table, the ring on his pinky finger gleamed brightly.

Then, he smiled bitterly at the table.

It was never his intention to hear her gratitude after coming all the way. What he wanted was to bring her away with him, but unfortunately, it was no longer possible.

If she followed him, she would have to travel around without a fixed house. She loved the city, the wealth, and running her own business—everything that she wanted, he did not have the means to provide her.

He could not bring her way and she had no intention to leave with him as well. It was something that Quinton was well aware of.

After a moment of silence, he finally asked arduously, "Sophia, have you ever loved me? Please don't lie to me, alright?"

With a forced and rigid smile on his face, he looked at her.

However, Sophia hesitated for a while and did not reply.

It was not because she was unsure of her feelings; it was more like she was hesitant to tell the truth.

She knew very well that Quinton loved her. Otherwise, he would not have arrived alone to save Carmen.

However, Sophia could not deceive him.

She finally replied, "Hope, when I lost all my memories, my life completely became blank.

When you appeared and told me that you are my husband, I believed you. I also believed you when you said I loved you a lot. It was because you were the first person I met after I lost my memories and you meant the entire world to me back then. I treated you as my family, I relied on you, obeyed you, and loved you." However, her tone suddenly became anguished. "But, why didn't you tell me that you almost killed my child? You kidnapped me when I was pregnant and we were running around, trying to escape. You were the reason why Carmen was less than 2kg when she was born. My baby nearly died—did you know that? Do you know how much effort both Michael and I exercised just to have this child? He had stayed with her in a hospital for an entire year! She's so young, yet she has needle scars all over her body. Are you aware of that?

Quinton remained silent with his head hung low, afraid to look at Sophia.

At the mention of her daughter, she became agitated—she could not stop sobbing and barely spoke clearly as her rage and accusation blended with each other.

Sophia's family of three could have been blissful where Carmen could be delivered healthily and safely. But...

As soon as Sophia remembered all the scars on Carmen's flesh while giving her a bath, she could not bring herself to forgive Quinton.

He brought her to many different countries since they were always on the run. Her pregnant body could not endure the stress and the malnutrition. Without a stable environment during her pregnancy, she went into an early and difficult labor. When Michael finally found Carmen, she was just a newborn who weighed less than 2kg!

When Sophia calmed down, she continued to speak, "Nicole was the one who found my father for me. He loved me and provided a better life for me. He also brought me to see my

beautiful scenery. With my dad and my uncle, I finally understood what a home feels like. I finally know what I want, but you've never given me that. Hope, I can tell you that I loved you, but I have been clear that my love for you is nothing more than the platonic love for my family. I used to treat you like my family, but I can't love you like how I love Michael. I'm sorry. He's the only one I love."

It was a cruel answer for Quinton, but Sophia still replied to him since she had nothing to be guilty of. Yes, he was the one who saved me, but he ruined everything for me at the same time. I will not fall in love with him just because he has treated me well for two years.

Quinton's love for Sophia was incredibly selfish. He thought that he loved her by causing her so much pain, which did not resemble love at all! It was abnormal behavior!

She had used half her life to return his favor. They now owed nothing to each other!

During their two years of relationship, Quinton created an illusory dream for himself, making her stay by his side. He thought he had gotten her love but later found that it was all just an illusion! He had woken up from the dream and it was time for her to go.

Quinton clenched his fists and trembled slightly. After getting her answer, he still couldn't help his tears. Lowering his head, his tears dripped onto the table, falling down like raindrops. She had lost her memory and forgot what she had promised him that night. She forgot that he met her first and that Michael only met her later on! She lost her memory and forgot how he patiently answered her questions when they used to study together at Bayside University. She forgot how she smiled sweetly at him when they were walking through the verdant campus, melting his heart with her beautiful smile.

She had lost her memory and she had forgotten all the good things that he had done for her. Now, she only remembered his selfishness and cruelty. She only remembered that he had separated her from her husband, and that Carmen was once less than four pounds!

However, he asked himself... Who was the one who made her lose her memory? Wasn't it himself who caused this? Quinton cried silently, never thinking that one day he would become so vulnerable. It felt as if he was destined to be abandoned by the world and exiled in the lonely wilderness.

After a long time, he choked out sadly, "Sophia, I don't blame you. You've already paid off everything that you owe me but I still haven't paid back when I owe you and Carmen. Still, why did you have to fall in love with Michael? What's so good about him?" As he spoke of Michael, Quinton was filled with hatred. He hated everything that Michael had; even Sophia's heart belonged to Michael.

Since birth, Michael had everything Quinton wanted. He had loving parents and a loving home, but what about Quinton? He had nothing! He hated him—he hated everything about him and hated him for taking away his lover!

Unfortunately, all of his hatred was in vain. Time could not be reversed. If Quinton could go back in time, he would risk everything and return to the hospital as quickly as possible to pick her up before Michael could.

Sophia choked on her sobs and finally said to him, "Hope, be a kind person and you will meet a better woman." With that, she switched off the camera.

Watching her disappear from sight, Quinton remained silent for a long time before finally leaving the Edwards Residence. This time, he had decided to give up. He had now given up completely...

A car stopped at the entrance of the Edwards Residence and the car door opened, revealing Michael and Carmen. It was November and the weather was getting cold. Michael was wearing a black wool coat and Carmen was in his arms, dressed in a pink dress. She was happily holding onto Michael's neck with one hand and grasping a pink balloon with the other.

Meanwhile, Michael had a cat mask on, his hair tied up into two small buns. The two of them had just come back from the playground. Although Cooper refused to let Michael see Sophia, he still allowed him to see Carmen once a week. Today was his visiting day, so he took Carmen to play with her favorite equipment in the playground.

When Michael got out of the car, he saw Quinton standing at the door in despair. Obviously, Cooper must have done something to him. Quinton also saw the father daughter duo and their eyes met as they looked at each other.

With a crown on her head, Carmen waved to Quinton happily. "Mister!" She recognized Quinton at a glance; he was the mister who played the good guy the other day.

She kept struggling to get out of Michael's arms to go over to Quinton. Thus, Michael slowly took off his mask and said to Carmen, "Darling, Mr. Quinton is busy filming, so let's not disturb him. Come on now; put your mask on and go show Grandpa your new mask."

Carmen pouted her little mouth and finally put on her kitty mask. Michael then lowered her down, letting the Mitchell Family's bodyguard take her home. Carmen waved to Michael from a distance as she shouted, "Goodbye, Daddy! I hope you'll come visit me after you're done filming!"

Michael waved back at her. Then, Carmen went in and the red lacquered door closed with a heavy thud. For a few moments, Michael continued to stare at the door that had been bitten by Judge and then repaired.

Only Michael and Quinton were left standing at the entrance. The two stayed silent for a while before Michael finally left; he seemed to have nothing to say to Quinton. On the other hand, Quinton looked at Michael's departure, his face expressionless. In the end, he also turned around and left the Edwards Residence.

Soon, the investigation results of Irene's case were revealed. Sophia was ruled to be not guilty as what she did was self defense and the victim's family had no objections either. Thus, the matter was settled. Some people wanted to make a big fuss out of this matter but they couldn't win against the wealthy Mitchell Family, so it wasn't long before other news took center stage.

Meanwhile, Justin had left the research institute along with Celine and no one knew where they had gone. Michael also returned to the set to continue filming, while Carmen went to the new kindergarten to study. Sarah wanted Hope to win over Carmen as soon as possible so she hurriedly transferred him over to the same school, while Hale also transferred Ashton over to accompany Carmen. Thus, the three little kids gathered again in the kindergarten.

However, Carmen didn't seem to like Hope very much. She thought that Judge was more suitable to be her boyfriend. Judge was big, made her feel safe, and had soft fur. On the other hand, Hope also sneered at the thought of dating at such a young age, so the two had not made any progress in their relationship. As for Ashton, the minute he was transferred to the new kindergarten, he secretly went and got himself a girlfriend...

The new kindergarten was located in the south of the city and was also an international elite kindergarten. The kids in the class were all very good looking and some of them were even descendants of celebrities.

For instance, there was a little kid who had participated in the first season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' with his father, propelling the kid to fame. The girls in the class even lined up to give him love letters. Feeling jealous, Carmen would ask Michael when he would bring her to participate in the show every day after she came home. The crew of the show had begun to recruit participants for their second season so if they weren't able to make it for this year, they would only be able to participate one year later!

She wanted to go on 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' badly, but didn't know that her daddy and mommy were getting divorced. The divorce was a foregone conclusion; all conditions had

been negotiated and the divorce agreement had been signed. Both parties did not have any objections or disputes regarding the divorce, and Cooper didn't care about Michael's money. Thus, he gave all the Kuwait and subsequent proceeds to Michael.

In terms of property, Sophia only asked for the shares of Plum Technology and Pourl that she managed. She also asked for some of her own real estate investment and shops. Compared with the huge amount of wealth that Michael had, she was basically leaving the marriage with nothing. She only asked for the right to raise Carmen and did not even ask for Michael to pay for spousal support. Meanwhile, Michael was allowed to see Carmen once a week. To protect Carmen, the divorce between the two would not be announced for the time being. They married secretly back then and now they divorced in secret as well.

Michael did not have any objections. After Sophia's 'death', all her property was transferred to Carmen. He happily signed the divorce and the divorce procedures went through quickly. On the day of the formal divorce, Michael and Sophia met at the Civil Affairs Bureau. It was the first time they had met since Carmen's accident happened.

They signed the papers without a word, completed the formalities and received the divorce certificate quietly. Then, the two left the Civil Affairs Bureau. They had entered the place with their marriage certificate but came out with a divorce certificate. Truth was, the divorce certificate felt particularly cold to the touch.

At the Civil Affairs Bureau, there were many couples who were getting a divorce. Most of them were either arguing furiously or crying sadly; only a few of them were as peaceful as the two of them. The two stayed quiet but they were even more depressed than those couples who cried or quarreled hysterically.

Sophia was so overwhelmed by the divorce certificate that she could not breathe. However, she stood at the door and said to Michael, "Mr. Michael, the divorce procedures have been completed. You can rest assured that I will take good care of Carmen."

When she said this, she did not dare to look at him and stood a few meters away. The unique smell of his made her suffocate.

Keeping his calm, Michael said with a smile, "Miss Sophia, I'll leave Carmen in your hands from now on."

However, if one were to look closely, they would be able to see the redness and tears in his eyes.

The chauffeur drove her car over, thereafter Sophia lowered her head and mumbled, "Right then; I'll see you when I see you."

With that, she got into the car. The moment she closed the door, the last bit of her sanity fell away and she curled up into a ball, crying her heart out.

It turned out that she loved him more than she thought.

Even if she no longer had memories of him, she had loved him all this while. Now that she had lost him, her heart felt as if it had been torn into two by a pair of invisible hands; she was in deep pain as if her whole heart was being pulled out of her chest.

Why did she love him? Why did they have to go their own ways?

Michael watched Sophia's car slowly leave. Wearing a mask, he stood on the side of the street with the divorce papers in his hand, only moving when her car was out of sight.

Meanwhile, Harry and Stanley had been standing behind Michael, waiting for him. They were afraid that he would do something stupid or undecent because of the divorce. Hence, they kept watch on him, but saw that Michael was very calm throughout the whole process. Standing on the side of the road holding the divorce certificate, he remained there in the cool breeze for a long while.

However, this unexpected silence stunned them even more.

Harry sighed and patted Michael on the shoulder. "You really got divorced, eh?"

Michael didn't speak and instead took out the lighter from his pocket. Thinking he was about to have a smoke, Harry advised, "You should smoke less. Are you trying to destroy your voice?"

But to his surprise, Michael didn't smoke. Instead, he used the lighter to light the divorce certificate on fire.

Michael looked at the lit divorce certificate. No one could see the expression on his face as he was wearing a mask, but Stanley saw his eyebrows twitch—he was smiling.

After burning the divorce certificate, Michael stepped into the car quickly, leaving Stanley and Harry behind staring at each other.

Damn; Michael has gone completely crazy after his divorce! He's nuts!

In the car, Michael took off his mask and looked out the window. Massaging his temples, he cried and laughed at the same time. He laughed with tears flowing down for a while before sobbing hysterically, alternating between the two. Back and forth he went, and no one knew what he was thinking.

They had finally parted as destined.

He had finally repaid all that he owed her.

Everything was back to the starting point.

Michael once thought that they could begin again after she came back, since she had forgotten him.

But today, he suddenly understood that the starting point was the moment they received the damn divorce certificate!

Michael was relieved; the grievances between Quinton and the Fletcher Family were finally settled while Sophia had lost her memory, repaying Quinton with her life and her marriage.

From now on, he, Quinton, and Sophia didn't owe each other anymore!

Divorce?

If they could get divorced, they could get married again!

Sophia loved him and she would always belong to him!

When Michael returned to his senses, he found that the car had stopped. Thinking he had arrived home, he got out of the car, only to realize that he was at an unfamiliar place. When he looked up, he saw a sign—Bayside Mental Hospital.

Seeing this, Michael was speechless.

With a dark expression, he sat back in the car and stopped crying or smiling. Stanley leaned over with a frightened expression and murmured, "Uncle Michael, why don't you go in and take a look?"

Michael gave him a cold glare, making Stanley shrink back in shock.

If Michael was truly mentally ill, he could strangle Stanley to death right then and there without having to go to jail!

Michael then looked away and said to Gary who was driving, "Go to Asco International."

When they reached the company, he saw Nicole there.

Nicole now held shares in Asco International and was also one of Imperial Entertainment's executives. She brought new talents along with her and she had also cultivated a group of popular artists. When she saw Michael and Harry coming together, she was surprised. "Taylor, you haven't left yet? How have things been recently..."

She kept in touch with Sophia so she knew that Sophia and Michael were going through a rough patch in their marriage. In the past two months, Michael had abandoned the crew at the film studio in order to deal with his personal issues in Bayside City.

Michael hurried over and said, "Nicole, accept any recent endorsement deals that suit me and get in touch with the crew of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'. I want to participate in the second season. Also, don't forget to help me negotiate for higher appearance fees."

"Huh?"

Nicole was puzzled. However, Michael had already taken his personal elevator to the upper floor without any explanation.

Michael used to be very low-key and rarely accepted endorsement deals, only accepting those of his own dog chain store and L/K.

No matter how big or popular the brand which offered him an endorsement deal was, he always refused, let alone a reality show.

What's going on?

Nicole got the answer from Harry. "It's probably because he's divorced and some of his assets have been transferred to his ex-wife. Plus, the alimony is quite high. He has to save money to find a second wife, so he wants to earn more money."

Divorce?

Nicole was startled, so she called Sophia after getting off work.

Sophia's voice sounded very hoarse over the phone, as if she had been crying. She reassured down the line, "I'm fine, Nicole. We had a mutual break up, so don't worry about me."

Nicole didn't know what was going on with them and didn't know how to comfort her. Thus, she hung up relatively quickly.

Ending the call, Sophia turned her cell phone off and put it aside, crying silently as she faced the piano in front of her.

After their divorce procedures were completed, Michael had her things that she had left at The Imperial, Villa No. 8 delivered over.

He sent over her custom wedding dress, her blood red diamond ring, and the piano in front of her.

The piano was custom made, with her name engraved on it. Even now, the black and white keys seemed to have her fingerprints left on it.

She cried silently at the piano.

She didn't understand why they divorced, but the divorce seemed to be beneficial to each other.

At that moment, Linus opened the door and walked in quietly, her sad sobs covering the sound of his footsteps.

Seeing her crying there secretly, his heart ached as if it had been cut with a knife.

He walked over lightly, holding Garfield in his arms. Sitting beside her and putting the cat aside, he patted her on the shoulder and whispered, "It's alright; don't cry. It's all over now. I will teach you to play the piano, okay?"

Sophia nodded, wiping away the tears with the back of her hand before putting them on the keyboard.

Linus then reached out his hand to hold hers. He could feel the cold tears on the back of her hand through his palm and his heart ached slightly.

Back then, Sophia probably knew how to play the piano but now that she had lost her memory, she couldn't play well no matter what. After pressing the keys for a while, she finally lost interest. Looking at Linus, tears fell down her face as she choked out, "I don't want to play anymore."

Linus wiped her tears and said, "Then I will sing a song for you."

Sophia nodded in response.

He put his hand on the piano and pressed on the keys lightly as he started to play. He then sang the new song that he had learned.

"Let's hug,

And pretend as if we have never been together,

Alright?

It's too late to explain,

Forget it,

It doesn't matter what I have given you,

I've forgotten to love myself,

Just because I met you..."

His voice was pleasant and full of emotion. Compared to Michael's singing, it touched her heart in another way. As Sophia listened to the song, she let her tears flow freely and leaned her head weakly on Linus' shoulder.

Hearing him sing, she let her sadness turn into tears. From now on, she wouldn't cry for anyone again.

Linus played the keys lightly, looking down at her from time to time as she leaned on his shoulder.

Since Carmen's accident happened, Sophia had lost a lot of weight. She was now very skinny and her chin became even sharper.

This whole time, wasn't she the most innocent one?

why was it her who suffered the most?

Maybe it's because Michael is her curse. I hope she can move on.

In fact, if Sophia insisted on not divorcing Michael, Cooper would not really force her. She agreed to the divorce probably because of Quinton... She said that she hated him, but in fact she still felt guilty toward him deep down. After so many things happened, she could no longer be with Michael without burden; she was not able to forget what had happened in a short time.

Sophia and Michael's divorce had been carried out discreetly and not many people knew about it. Meanwhile, Michael also went to film in the studio after the divorce as he wanted to finish the filming of 'The Winter Breakthrough' before the end of the year. Carmen had also started going to the new kindergarten.

The first season of 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' was over and it had a good rating. The show had made a few of the celebrities' children famous and it was even made into a movie which managed to top one billion at the box office, shocking everyone.

Taking advantage of its popularity, preparations for the filming of the second season began. In the second season, the crew wanted a new batch of dads and kids. And so, the list of the second batch of participants was announced.

Because of the success of the first season, many male stars in the entertainment industry were interested in participating in the second season. Those male celebrities who had hidden marriages and had kids all revealed that they had children, while those who did not have children also rushed to make their wives conceive. Now, anyone in the entertainment industry who had no children would probably be left behind.

Michael called Carmen to tell her that he had already contacted the crew and that he had gotten the contract. After Cooper agreed, the contract could be signed immediately.

The problem was that Cooper firmly opposed the matter of Carmen being on TV.

Meanwhile, Sophia moved on from the divorce and focused on work and taking care of Carmen. She, too, was very concerned about the matter of Carmen appearing on TV.

"Dad, why can't Carmen appear on TV? Why don't we let her give it a go?" Sophia grumbled in dissatisfaction while holding a crying Carmen.

However, Cooper's expression was cold as he argued, "No! It will never happen! The entertainment industry is too complicated and I don't want my grandchild to be negatively influenced!"

There were too many perverts and pedophiles nowadays who specialized in tricking these little cuties. How could he rest assured to let Carmen make her debut?

There were tears on Carmen's face and her little hands held Sophia's clothes as she looked at Cooper, tears in her eyes.

She wanted to be on TV and she wanted to be on 'Where Are We Going, Dad?'. She dreamed of becoming famous and she yearned to act in a TV series. Also, she wanted the boys in kindergarten to line up to give her love letters too! She dreamed of it everyday!

"Wah-" Carmen cried in a low voice.

Upon seeing that, Sophia took Carmen into her arms and said, "Times have changed. In the past, celebrities had to sleep around to be successful. It's not the same for idols and

celebrities nowadays... Plus, our family has the resources. If Carmen enters the entertainment industry, others won't look down on her! The Edwards, the Winston Family, and the Mitchell Family all have relatives who are working in the entertainment industry. Carmen's father also has his own agency. With him paving the way for her, she will not be bullied!"

However, Cooper still had on an icy expression.

It's no wonder that Michael so happily agreed to the divorce without any objections. It turns out that he had this in mind all along!

Sophia would definitely have to go to supervise Carmen if she starred in a variety show and as the main lead, Michael would have many chances of hooking up with her!

Dream on, sucker!

Seeing Cooper deep in thought with a dark expression, Sophia knew that he was hesitating so she patted Carmen and whispered, "Go and act cute in front of Grandpa."

Immediately, Carmen ran into Cooper's arms. She grabbed and tugged at Cooper's clothes gently with her little fingers, sobbing as she begged, "Grandpa—"

Cooper simply couldn't hold on any longer after hearing her calling out to him with her soft and gentle voice.

His dear daughter and granddaughter truly made him worried; he was constantly concerned about both of them.

Cooper then hugged Carmen and asked seriously, "Do you really want to participate in 'Where Are We Going, Dad?"

Carmen pouted. "Yes."

Cooper sighed and relented, "Alright then!"

It was only then did Carmen burst into a smile.

Of course, Cooper's grandchild's debut would not be an ordinary one.

The well-informed Michael soon learned that an experienced foreign agent had been poached to Cethos, even including their cleaner and driver. Rumor had it that the daughter of a Cethosian tycoon was about to make her debut and the tycoon spent a huge sum of money to poach that team to make the necessary arrangements.

Michael thought that this matter might have something to do with Cooper and when he inquired about it later, he realized that he was right.

Cooper set up a company specifically for Carmen and prepared a strong team to handle Carmen's debut.

He must have spent an insane amount of money!

Even if Carmen really made a debut, her one year income would not be enough to pay for the wages of the staff.

Sure enough, she was fortunate to be the grandchild of a tycoon!

Michael and Sophia had always been in contact this whole while. Although they had not been seeing each other, they would talk a little when Carmen called Michael to say goodnight every night. Every day, they would check each other's Messenger and Twitter. When Spohia posted a photo or status on social media, Michael would always rush to be the first one to give it a like.

Meanwhile, Michael began to update his IG Stories and Twitter frequently. He would post pictures of his abs and chest muscles. Sometimes, he would post a non-mainstream selfie of looking up at the sky at 45 degree angle, effectively showing off his sexy collarbone. However, these photos were only visible to Sophia alone.

If he tried harder, they would definitely be able to get back together in the next year!

How great it was to live in this era of information technology!

On the other hand, Cooper had poached an expert team to handle Carmen's debut in the variety show. Soon, a management company dedicated to Carmen was established. Although it was a studio in name, its scale was much larger than that of ordinary management companies. The people in the studio all had resources and connections in the industry. Adding Michael's resources into the equation, Carmen would definitely act in great international blockbusters if she were to debut.

In order to act in international blockbusters in the future, Carmen began to practice her languages. During this time, her family would alternate between speaking in Russian, English, and French.

Speaking in multiple languages was as easy as pie to Linus and Cooper, but it was a bit difficult for Sophia. However, she still tried hard to keep up, not wanting to drag Carmen down.

In kindergarten, Carmen also began to learn how to dance, enthusiastically preparing for her prolific debut.

Cooper was the one handling Carmen's acting career, while Sophia was busy with her own business. She had to handle the dog chain store's new year products again and she had gradually taken over the affairs of Plum Technology.

During the divorce from Michael, she didn't request to get his assets and had basically left the marriage with nothing. Moreover, all her Kuwait funds—her biggest wealth—had been given to Carmen.

However, when news that she divorced Michael and left the marriage with nothing was spread out, another version of the story came about.

"Sophia, I heard that you and Taylor divorced, yet you left your marriage with nothing. You and your father were also kicked out after you finally managed to move into The Imperial. Tsk... What a pity! You were driven out without being given even a single property. I heard that you're now living in that slum in the south of the city?"

The unrelenting Sandra sneered as soon as she entered Sophia's shop.

Sandra had been keeping an eye on Sophia and Michael and she had learned the news of their divorce from others. Not only that, she even found out about the division of property during their divorce.

Sophia had left the marriage with nothing!

She now only had some shares and a few shops as well as Pourl. She had nothing else!

Although these were already very valuable, compared with Michael's huge net worth, it was nothing.

At the same time, the alliance between Cooper and the Fletcher Family had completely collapsed!

Sophia killed the apple of the Fletcher Family's eye. Although he was saved in the end, how could the Fletcher Family let her go so easily? They got a divorce right away and she didn't even get any of the Fletcher Family's assets. How miserable she must be!

Meanwhile, Sophia brought her pair of alpacas to the store to make a custom outfit. In the afternoon, she was about to go to the studio to shoot a new film but unexpectedly, she ran into Sandra, who came over to show off.

Recently, Sophia was too upset about her divorce and about Phantom Wolf until she had completely forgotten Sandra's existence.

Now, Sandra appeared to have come over to make fun of her after learning the news.

Sophia, on the other hand, touched her alpaca and didn't even look at Sandra; she didn't want to respond to anything she said.

She knew that Irene would definitely not be able to do such major things alone, so she definitely had help behind the scenes.

Seeing that Sophia didn't answer her, Sandra got even more excited. She walked into the store and said loudly, "You and Cooper finally got to live in The Imperial, yet you were driven out in such a shameful manner. You must be sad, huh? The Mitchell Family would love to take you and your father in as we have many more houses. We also have a two-bedroom and one-living room house in Ring Avenue and we can give it to you. Unfortunately, there is no toilet, but I think you won't mind."

Sophia snorted in response.

She had just been through a divorce. Although she didn't take any money from Michael, she still had a lot of money. How dare Sandra mock her?

Sophia held 17 percent of Plum Technology's shares and its market value was a few billion.

She lowered her head and continued exchanging details about the design of the alpaca outfit with Ivan, not bothering to respond to Sandra.

In the shop, no one paid any attention to Sandra. She kept flaunting and showing off, but no one took notice of her from beginning to end.

Sophia was definitely going to bring down Sandra one day. She was collecting evidence now and was almost done. When the right time came, she would then release the evidence.

Meanwhile, Sandra was unable to release her anger.

She didn't buy that Sophia could be so indifferent, that she could be so calm after she divorced and left the marriage with nothing. She bet that Sophia probably wanted to hang herself at this time badly!

She rolled her eyes, raising her voice as she said in a high-pitched tone, "I already expected that you'll get a divorce since a long time ago. Taylor is our nation's idol and countless rich ladies want to hook up with him! Rumor has it that there were many young ladies who came to visit him while he was filming! News of his divorce has now spread in the upper class. I heard that he recently got very close to a young lady of our Mitchell Family and they even appeared in a hotel together."

She carefully observed Sophia's expression as she said this and saw a trace of pain in her eyes.

I knew it...

Sandra was overjoyed and tried to flame the fans even further. "They've probably been together for quite some time. It's been more than three years since you left, so how can a man stay single just for you? I'm sure that if you didn't come back, they would've gotten married a long time ago. After you appeared, they were forced to be separated. It's good that you guys got divorced. Truth is, you shouldn't have come back in the first place."

Sophia remained silent.

Now that they were divorced, they had no right to interfere in each other's love lives anymore. She would only wish him nothing but the best if he wanted to look for a second wife.

However, this heartache... It was too hard for her to bear! Perhaps she would get used to it over time.

She lowered her brows, hiding all her thoughts.

Sandra was still boasting about the relationship between the lady of the Mitchell Family and Michael. She spoke as if she had experienced it herself and knew all the details clearly.

However, Sophia knew that she was just bluffing.

Michael was still actively contacting Sophia now and she could also see that he still wanted to win her back. She silently accepted his pursuit, never rejecting him.

She knew her feelings very clearly. Although she and Michael were divorced, she still loved him, so she couldn't resist his love at all.

Divorce was not what she wanted.

She did it just to make it up to Cooper and Quinton. She agreed to go with Quinton but in a blink of an eye, she married Michael. Although she had no other choice at the time, she still wanted to make it up to Quinton by divorcing Michael. She now had completely ended their doomed relationship.

As for remarriage... It was up to fate.

She didn't have any specific plans or expectations. She just hoped that Carmen could grow up happily. She wanted to leave everything else to destiny.

Sandra, who didn't know the inside story, wanted badly to hurt Sophia and make fun of her. She tried her best to hit her sore spot, as if in this way, she could hurt Sophia and increase the competitiveness of Alex and his companions. Unfortunately for her, Sophia was extremely calm and indifferent from start to finish.

That being said, Sophia's patience had reached its limit and she blurted out, "Enough about me. What about you? Why did you suddenly break the marriage contract with lan?"

Sandra and the young man from the Edwards Family had broken off their marriage contract not long ago. This marriage was originally arranged by their family but now, the alliance between the Edwards Family and Alex was fragile. Under Cooper's powerful offense, the Edwards Family had long since taken Cooper's side, so it was expected that the two would break up.

Sandra thought that Sophia was going to say something extreme to insult her and did not expect her to just say something like that after holding back for so long.

"Ha! You really are well informed!" Sandra sneered. "I indeed broke up with Ian and the alliance between the Edwards Family and my dad is gone, but it doesn't mean we lost."

Sandra was very confident, as if she was holding a trump card. "I now have a new boyfriend who is no weaker than the Edwards Family. The Mitchell Family will soon find a new partner. Pay attention to the news these days and you'll find out!"

Upon hearing that, Sophia's ears pricked up.

Judging by Sandra's tone, Alex seemed to have found a new partner who was even better than the Edwards Family?

In Bayside City, only the Fletcher Family and the Winston Family were comparable to the Edwards Family.

It was unlikely that she was talking about the Fletcher Family. Cooper was now the most attractive target in the eyes of the Fletcher Family. They desperately wanted the top-secret military technology in his hands, so it was impossible for them to join forces with Alex.

The Winston Family maybe?

The Winston Family, on the other hand, were more mysterious. It was an underground force so it wouldn't be beneficial for them to be too high-profile. In fact, Sophia didn't know who the Winston Family consisted of right now.

Seeing that Sophia seemed to be trying hard to guess who she was talking about, Sandra was overjoyed and said proudly, "Then I will tell you who I am talking about. My future fiance belongs to the Michel Family of Northern Europe!"