In a blaze of glory, Sophia went to the Public Security Bureau. Before she left, she made a call to Maddie so she could join in on the fun too. She also called Ivan and instructed him to pass the surveillance footage of the store being smashed to Maddie, so that she could report this incident with the exclusive footage.

At the Bureau, Sandra was still very arrogant. "Sophia, if you send out the footage, you'll be offending the entire Mitchell Family and Michel Family! Think about that! By then, the whole of Cethos would suffer from the economic sanction imposed by the Michel Family!"

Pursing her lips, Sophia looked down and played with her phone, going home after making her statement.

As soon as she got home, she got some information from Roger.

The Lucile that Sandra was with today was really named Lucile, and Lucile Michel at that.

Being a big family, it was common to reuse names. There was even an ape named Lucile. This name was casually picked by Cooper. In other languages, this name was extremely common.

In fact, Lucile was an ordinary member of the Michel Family who lived in America and was born in an ordinary middle-class family.

With a huge family that were all over the world like the Michel's, they were divided into classes too. In fact, only a small percentage of them were in the higher class. Clearly, Lucile did not belong to that small percentage.

It looked like Lucile was persuaded by Abbie to come to Cethos.

Not only that, Sophia also discovered a record of the Mitchell Family and Sandra's recent expenses. They have been spending lavishly!

Jewelleries were bought in full sets, while they also paid for Lucile's accommodation at a villa while she was in Bayside City.

On top of that, Vincent and Lucile had gotten close. Someone reported to Sophia that they were seen dining together many times and that Vincent was very generous with Lucile. Obviously, he was bent on marrying into a rich family.

Not only that, he had already gleefully announced on some occasions that he would be connected to the Michel Family by marriage. Now, news was starting to spread in Bayside City. There were rumors that Vincent and Lucile's relationship was stable and that they would be announcing it soon.

"No wonder Mitchell Technology's stock has been rising recently," Sophia muttered as she looked at their stocks. Someone must have heard about Vincent's marriage, causing the stocks to rise.

Ever since Sandra's public accusation toward Sophia, the Mitchell Technology's stocks had dropped significantly. Who knew that they would be able to turn it around using Lucile Michel's name?

Sophia thought about it as she said to Roger, "Inform the Public Security Bureau that we accept the mediation and ask them to compensate for the destroyed items. It doesn't matter if they pay or not, since it's only a small amount. But remember, you have to make it look like we are terrified of them."

Upon hearing this, Roger was confused, not understanding what she meant by that. Did Sophia mean climbing-over-the-hospital-wall-and-escaping terrified?

Receiving instructions, he immediately went to settle everything at the bureau.

Sophia then contacted Maddie, who had ruthlessly blacklisted Sandra in the exclusive news. As such, the newspaper and magazine sales increased significantly. Although Sandra was released, Mitchell Technology's stock dropped again. Overnight, its market value had lost a few billion.

The glorious image that Sandra had spent years building was ruined once again.

However, Sandra seemed to not care about it.

As long as there was enough money and she could afford a strong PR team, her image would bounce back sooner or later.

Also, it didn't matter that the stock was down. As soon as they were connected to the Michel Family, Mitchell Technology would rise again.

Even though Sophia made such a big deal, in the end, she still obediently begged for mercy and slipped away.

This made Vincent and Sandra even more certain of their decision to ride the Michel Family's coattails.

Meanwhile, Vincent and Lucile's relationship progressed quickly. Indeed, Vincent had an attractive face. With an oriental gentleman's elegant beauty, it was especially attractive to foreign women.

Once Vincent latched onto Lucile, Sandra was confident she would win over Linus!

Every day, Sophia guietly watched Vincent throwing money at the pair of crooks.

While being cheated of money, he was being cheated of sex too. Rumors had it that Abbie had been sleeping with several young men at the Mitchell Residence. That woman was extremely promiscuous and could not function as soon as a pretty boy appeared.

Meanwhile, Cooper's business had been making significant progress, far beyond Vincent's. In fact, Sophia enjoyed coming up with little tricks, even planting her own spy at Vincent's side.

The latest news reported that Lucile had secretly moved into the Mitchell Residence. Although her identity remained confidential, everyone knew she was Vincent's girlfriend. As such, the Mitchell's treated her really well, as if she was a goddess.

Not only that, Abbie moved in too. Initially, the Mitchell's thought of letting her marry into the Mitchell Family just to be safe. However, they did not expect her to be this promiscuous. She was constantly seducing and hooking up with men, partying every night and treating the Mitchell Residence as a harem. Knowing that they could never control her, the Mitchell's shot down the idea.

Then, Sophia's spy reported that Vincent had spent hundreds of millions of dollars on Lucile. It was more than what he had spent on Faye.

Meanwhile, when Ian learned about Vincent and Lucile from various sources, he even went to hook up with Lucile; it seemed like the Edwards Family wanted a piece of the pie too.

The spy also saw Ian and Lucile dining together alone and they were caught by Vincent. The two had a row and were very unhappy.

Soon after, the spy came crying when he was reporting to Sophia. He had been following too closely and was unfortunately noticed by Abbie, who then forced him into bed. He wanted to quit and leave!

So, Sophia arranged for him to go to Michael. The spy was good looking and would make a good living as an actor. She assured him that Michael would arrange a promising role for him.

Upon learning about the spy's unfortunate encounter, Sophia felt incredibly sorry.

Who knew the Mitchells would stoop to this level? They let two crooks in, cheating everything off them.

In fact, they were not just cheating off of one family, they were cheating off of the Edwards Family too.

Speaking of the Edwards Family, the old man Sam knew Lucile's true identity and that would end badly!

Hurriedly, Sophia called him and invited him over to the Edwards Residence for a cup of tea.

Not expecting Sophia would take the initiative to ask him out, Sam was surprised and happy. Despite that, he asked her in a cautious manner, "Will your father be home?"

"He's away."

Upon hearing this, Sam was thrilled. He hung up the phone and instantly got ready before heading over to Edwards Residence.

At the Edwards Residence, it had stopped snowing and the weather was sunny, but the ground was still covered in snow. Nathan came over and he was skating on the frozen pool, while Carmen was building a snowman. Meanwhile, Corrado was wearing a gaudy fluorescent pink coat as it played with Snowball.

In the teahouse, Sophia poured a cup of fragrant tea for Sam.

With an awkward expression, Sam murmured, "This... This is bad..."

This was the first time he had heard about Ian and Vincent pursuing... Lucile Michel!

Wasn't Lucile Michel Sophia herself?

And yet, Sophia actually asked him to keep it a secret?

Now that he knew that Ian was being cheated on, as the 9th Old Master Edwards, he could not just sit back and let it happen! It was a lot of money! Besides, the money was not as important as the reputation of the Edward Family! Compared to being cheated of money and a ruined reputation, it was worse to be cheated of sex!

Although Ian and Sandra had broken off the engagement, he was still an unmarried young man. He was a popular, handsome and wealthy man, not to mention an eligible bachelor in Bayside City. If he really was cheated by that fake Lucile, then he would lose his value! Plus, this was about the reputation of the Edward Family!

Clearly, Sam was very hesitant. After a whole day of having tea and chatting with Sophia only did he relent. "I'll think about it when I get home. Don't worry; I won't say anything for now."

With that, Sam left. Sophia kept thinking about it and was afraid that he would accidentally reveal their secret, so she would often go to his shop and have lunch with him, brainstorming and coming up with ideas. Coincidentally, his company had opened a new shop next door and Sam was there almost every day. And so, Sophia would eat with him daily and chat with him while she was there.

When Cooper finally found out, he personally went to the shop and ruthlessly threatened Sam. He knew that this was just a trick to coax Sophia to go to Sam, or that Sam was taking the opportunity to come to Sophia. This way, there would be many opportunities to talk to Sophia! They were overused tactics by Michael, so Cooper could see through it at a glance!

Meanwhile, Sam did not expect Cooper to see through him, so he hastily obliged Sophia. Anyway, the Edwards Family were divided into factions and Ian was in Jordan's branch. His embarrassment would bring happiness to Sam. So, he watched as Ian was cheated of his money and sex.

Meanwhile, Cooper took the opportunity to take away his dog. In fact, Sam was always away from Bayside City and was all over the world, so Corrado would be bored at home alone. It was more fun at Sophia's—there were cats, dogs, and a lolita there. Hence, it followed Cooper back without resisting.

During this period of time, Sophia watched Sandra's movements closely and hired more spies along the way. She specifically chose those who were not good looking, in case Abbie wanted to sleep with them again. The spies then brought back a stream of news which was simply entertaining!

Vincent and Ian were pursuing Lucile feverously, while Lucile was also very tactful. She had the two of them wrapped around her little finger as they willingly fought for her favor.

December came and Maddie dropped by all of a sudden.

Recently, Sophia would always tip Maddie off with exclusive news. As such, their company was earning a lot. "Every year, our company has to work with dozens of other influential media agencies in the country to organize the 'Light of Cethos' star selection event. This is the largest competition in our country and it's very influential."

Sophia looked at the promotional materials uncertainly, not knowing what Maddie was up to. Then, Maddie added quickly, "Taylor was disqualified due to his lack of work in these three or four years. Back then, he and Ethan would always be in the top one and two spots but even if they won, they would never attend the award ceremony. So, I was hoping you could convince Taylor to attend the ceremony this time."

Skimming through the data, the award was the most influential artist competition in Cethos and even in the Cethosian language world, involving many aspects of film, television and music. A few years ago, the best actor and best male actor awards were always swapped between Michael and Harry. However, ever since Sophia's accident, Michael had withdrawn from the entertainment industry, along with Harry. And so, the award was passed on to others. It was good enough that they were in the top ten spots every year. With no recent works, they were not as popular anymore.

This year, they both returned to the industry together and their appeal had risen again. This time, they would surely take first place! What Maddie meant was to let the two of them take part in the competition and convince Michael and Harry to attend the award ceremony to increase the two over-the-hill actors' popularity.

"It's all been settled at Sarah's end. Now, it's just you!" Maddie's eyes lit up as she spoke. She knew that talking to the idols themselves would be of no use and it would be more useful to speak to their wives. In fact, she grew up watching their movies so she was a super huge fan!

However, Sophia did not immediately agree. Instead, she called Michael to ask for his opinion. Their current relationship was a mess. To call them divorced would be untrue, since they occasionally slept in the same bed and would chat intimately on the phone every day. Yet, they were clearly divorced and the divorce certificate was still relatively fresh...

Before she slept, Sophia video called Michael. He was staying at a small town at the foot of the snowy mountain, which was an hour's drive from the film set. The hotel condition he stayed at was not bad but was not as good as those in Bayside City. Also, it must be freezing at night too.

As soon as the video call connected, Michael excitedly said, "Where's my daughter? Where's my little Carmen? Carmen Fletcher, let Daddy see you!"

As soon as Carmen heard Michael's voice, she darted into view. "Hi, Daddy!" Carmen leaped onto the bed and snuggled into Sophia's arms as she looked at Michael through the screen.

Upon seeing his baby, Michael beamed with joy. Back then when Celine and Justin had an accident, Nathan's presence saved him but when Sophia's accident happened, it was Carmen who gave him the courage to live.

Excitedly, Carmen told Michael about every little thing that happened at home.

"Corrady is here again! Grandpa even gave it a big kennel!"

"A boy from class wrote me a love letter! I got a rose from my teacher last week too!"

"Stan came to visit again!"

After reporting everything, Carmen went to get her beauty sleep. Then, Sophia took her phone to the study and continued talking to Michael.

After seeing his beloved daughter, Sophia wanted to see her three fur babies too. Hence, Michael flipped the camera and angled it at the dog kennel. In the kennel were three dogs that were all sleeping like logs. If they weren't snoring, Sophia would have thought they were dead. That's odd. In the past, they would never sleep before eleven. It was only nine right now, yet they were sleeping so soundly.

Just then, Michael explained, "Filming is tiring; everyone's exhausted, the dogs too. As soon as they come home, they would not even be able to open their eyes. Sometimes, they would even fall asleep while eating."

Sophia was having a hard time believing this and she kept thinking that something was off. However, she just could not pinpoint it. Then, she told him what Maddie had said. Michael was a regular winner on the show, yet he never attended the award ceremony. This was making things difficult for the organizing committee. If she could convince him to attend the ceremony, then the influence of 'Light of Cethos' would definitely shoot up.

Shamelessly, Michael said, "You were the one who always canvassed for me in the past. You're the reason I've always had the highest vote. When you were gone, I was disqualified. As for this year, if you can canvas for me, I'll give it a go."

Sophia laughed, knowing that he would never agree so easily. "Don't worry; I'll definitely canvas for you. If you win, you'll have to attend the ceremony. I already said yes to Maddie."

Thinking about it, Michael still refused. "No.... Not unless you let me into bed."

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Carmen said pitifully, "Daddy knows. If you call him, he will come back immediately."

Carmen knew that Michael was busy, so he might not necessarily come back. However, she knew for sure that he would definitely come back if Sophia gave an order!

As long as Michael could come and perform this stage play with herself, she would definitely become the most popular girl in kindergarten!

However, Sophia looked reluctant. Michael was already so busy with his film now, and it would take several days to prepare for the stage play. How could he leave the crew for so long?

However, Carmen looked at Sophia pitifully with her pair of big, black eyes while she grabbed her sleeves with her tiny fingers and pouted. "Mommy, I am not your favorite baby girl anymore, huh?"

This was Carmen's ace in the hole! It was very useful in persuading Cooper and Sophia, who would not be able to say no to her after hearing that.

In the end, Sophia bit the bullet and called Michael to talk to him about Carmen's kindergarten anniversary celebration.

After listening to her words, Michael's face scrunched up.

"Um... I'm afraid I won't be able to come back. I can't ask for leave now as I have many scenes to film in the next few days."

Sophia also knew that Michael was in a difficult position. He had already taken several days leave during the filming of this movie. This period of time was the most critical moment during the filming, so she didn't want to insist that he come back just for Carmen's kindergarten anniversary celebration.

Seeing that Carmen was on the verge of tears, Sophia couldn't bear it any longer and gave the phone to Carmen, asking Michael to coax her.

When Carmen got the phone, she sobbed, "...Daddy, am I still your favorite baby girl?"

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Michael could not resist these words, and within a few days, Michael appeared at the gates of Edwards Residence.

"Why are you here again?!"

Cooper's eyes widened, looking at the travel-stained Michael.

Although Michael came in a hurry, he was still well-dressed and looked neat. He was going to meet his wife, so he specially tidied up his hair.

He touched his head and said, "Carmen asked me to come back and help her prepare the show for her kindergarten anniversary celebration!"

Cooper was furious. "I was already planning to go to Carmen's kindergarten anniversary celebration anyway, so you shouldn't have worried about it!"

Carmen looked up at Cooper while holding Michael's big hand, pouting. "Grandpa, are you going to act with me in the stage play?"

Cooper frowned as he obviously didn't know how to act in stage plays. He hurriedly touched Carmen's hair and said gently, "My dear baby girl, your dad is busy filming these days. I will find you a better actor to act with you in the stage play, okay?"

Carmen became even more upset. "Then will the actor you hire have better acting skills than Daddy?"

Cooper said confidently, "I guarantee that they'll be better than Daddy!"

Carmen was not convinced and said with her hips akimbo, "My dad is an Oscar-winning actor. How can a random actor be better than him?!"

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"…"

Cooper fell silent again.

"But the other kids will be acting with their grandpa, daddy, or mommy... Are you sure that I am still your favorite baby girl?"

" "

Cooper continued to keep mum.

Carmen and Sophia were Cooper's precious babies and simply the bane of his existence. Everytime he saw Carmen pout her pink lips, he would give the whole world to her.

In the end, there were 4 roles in Carmen's stage play—Weslie, Paddi, Slowy and Doctor Invincible.

Weslie was played by Carmen, Paddi by Nathan, Slowy by Cooper, and Doctor Invincible by Michael, of course.

Michael again dauntlessly lived in Cooper's house.

The kindergarten anniversary celebration was approaching, and they only had five days to prepare. Cooper frowned as he read the 'script' written by Carmen.

What on earth is this?

Carmen's vocabulary size had indeed increased, but writing scripts was still too difficult for her. Her spelling was a mess, and she drew symbols in the stead of the words which she didn't know. Cooper couldn't understand the script at all, but Carmen insisted that he act as Slowy. He didn't know how to act as he didn't understand the script, and he was afraid that he would embarrass Carmen.

Fortunately, the professional Michael came to the rescue. He initially worked as a drama and opera actor, and only later turned to acting in movies.

He took Carmen's script and modified it, and then he showed it to Cooper. With that, Cooper actually understood it.

Michael then quickly sent someone to prepare the background music and stage background. Everyone's costumes were prepared overnight as well and sent over.

Everything was ready, and they were just waiting for the arrival of the kindergarten anniversary celebration.

At this time, the difference between a professional actor and a non-professional actor was evident. Cooper really couldn't perform well in this kind of childish stage play. He often couldn't remember the lines.

Meanwhile, Carmen had many years of at-home performance experience. She remembered the lines after memorizing them once, and she was very confident on stage and did not have any stage fright at all. She was great at reciting the lines, and she had a professional actor dad to help her, so she had no issues with preparing for this small stage play.

This time, Carmen was determined to be the best. One of the boys in her kindergarten had participated in 'Where Are We Going, Dad?' and was very popular. All her peers liked him, and Carmen herself had fewer fans than him. She was jealous, so she was even more determined to act well during the play, striving to be the best actor in her school.

Sophia had prepared a large rehearsal room specially for Carmen. When she was four years old, she would hire a professional dancer to teach her dancing full-time, but now, they would use the room to prepare for the stage play.

Nathan was also forced to act as well, but fortunately, he had many years of awkward acting experience as a supporting role for Carmen, so he could cope with this occasion. The only person that dragged Carmen down was Cooper.

Cooper wanted to escape all the time, but he couldn't leave because Carmen wouldn't let him, so he had no choice but to bite the bullet and continue acting.

The kindergarten these days was truly torturing as they often held parent-child activities and events. It seemed that all the programs for this anniversary celebration were prepared by parents and their children together as well.

Truly, one could not become a parent if one didn't have any skills these days.

Sophia couldn't help much in this stage play either. She really didn't have any talent for acting, but Carmen seemed to have inherited Michael's skills perfectly. She would remember her lines after reciting them once, and she would even improvise on the spot.

The heater in the rehearsal room was turned on to the max, so Michael was sweating profusely. Thus, Sophia gave him some water and wiped off his sweat. Michael took the hem of his shirt and started fanning himself while talking to Sophia, revealing a bit of his abdominal muscles. When Sophia lowered her head and saw his well-defined muscles, her cheeks flushed red.

He was covered with sweat, and a strong scent that was unique to men emanated from him.

The older he got, the more handsome he was...

Michael looked down at her, and he looked as if he was talking to her. Then, Sophia lowered her head and pursed her lips before chuckling.

Cooper was furious. He was about to go forward to separate them, but Carmen grabbed him with her little hand. "Grandpa, are you going to sneak away?"

Cooper said hurriedly, "Of course not. I'm just going to talk to Mommy."

Carmen continued hugging his thigh tightly while her big, black eyes widened and stared at Cooper vigilantly. "Grandpa, don't leave!"

Everyone thought that she was just an ignorant child, but in fact, she knew everything. She knew that Cooper didn't like Michael and wanted to separate her Daddy and Mommy!

She had worked so hard to create opportunities for Daddy and Mommy to reconcile. After all, her job was to unite the family!