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Two days later, Richard called Sophia. "Mark Fletcher's character in the documentary has already been changed. There's a vacant position available right now and the filming crew is starting to search for a replacement. In two days' time, I'll be having a meal with the director. If Tyler Murray signs with me before that, I'll bring him along."

Sophia replied, "Alright, I'll discuss with Tyler."

After hanging up on the call, she smiled coldly while reading the news. Then, she called someone at the Imperial Management Studios. "You guys can prepare to send a clarification letter and the lawyer's letter."

The Imperial Management Studios and Michael himself had given up on their pride by that point. Only Sophia, the diehard fan, worked hard while Imperial Studio lazed around. It was by sheer luck that the studio managed to groom Harry and Michael into Oscar-award winning actors.

Richard had already released the news that the actor portraying Mark Fletcher had been replaced. He even created an online poll named 'The Best Actor for Mark Fletcher.' Once the poll was released, Nicholas from Glory Entertainment had ranked the first.

In addition, news of 'War Dragon' halting their filming was also released, hinting that Taylor had been replaced. It made the public immensely happy and created an illusion that he had already been removed—to force the crew to really replace him with someone else.

The filming crew of 'War Dragon' insisted that they would not change Taylor's character, even if they were threatened with the possibility of the investors withdrawing from the movie. Upon seeing that the public wanted Taylor to be replaced, Richard wanted to see whether the crew would concede if the public continued to firmly object to the idea.

Not only did they intended to remove Taylor Murray from the crew, but they also wanted the main female protagonist, Nicole, to be replaced by the second female protagonist, Bethany.

After Richard signed the contract with Tyler, he would immediately evaluate the latter. If Tyler was ready to make his debut, Richard would recommend him to be the male protagonist for the documentary. If not, Tyler would have to be trained for some time before making his debut.

Richard had the perfect plan up his sleeves.

That day, Sophia took the initiative to head to the military compound to play chess with Old Master Fletcher.

However, halfway through their match, she deliberately heaved a long sigh.

He asked, "What's wrong, young lady?"

Sophia said, "Michael was supposed to portray you, but I heard that the filming crew has replaced him."

"What?"

The old man was shocked to hear that. After all, he had spent a lot of effort in convincing Michael to take his role in the film. Who is the bastard brave enough to change the character without telling me?

Hence, she overheard the succeeding conversation.

"Security, call the damn filming crew! F*ck them! What, misconducts?! Tell me what the f*ck he has done! My grandson won't do anything bad! Everyone's speaking about it online? Do you think you can believe them? I know my grandson very well and I know even better if he has committed any misdemeanours! If my grandson is not the person who portrays me, I won't allow you to shoot this film!"

On the other hand, Richard was establishing contact with the director of the documentary film for the first time. Since he had finally secured this opportunity, he quickly handed the list of actors from Glory Entertainment to him.

"Please have a look at this. It's the first batch. In my opinion, these few actors matched Mark Fletcher's image and had similar works in the past."

Mark Fletcher was an important character in the documentary, so the director treated it with significance. Initially, Taylor would have been the perfect candidate, but could not retain the role due to his scandals. Hence, the crew had no choice but to choose another actor.

It was serious business to film a documentary film. Hence, every character needed to be well chosen. Even if it was an unimportant character that only had a few seconds of screen time, a popular celebrity was selected. It could be seen from there that the cast comprised a strong lineup.

Just as the director read through Richard's list of recommended actors, he received a phone call. After having a conversation that Richard had no idea of, the director was immediately shocked, asking, "Why?"

The other party continued to explain while the corner of the director's lips twitched in annoyance.

After hanging up, the director remained silent for a long time, looking as though he was in a daze. Upon seeing that something was amiss, Richard quickly asked, "What's wrong?" The director replied, "Nothing much. The higher-ups suddenly called to inform me that the actor portraying Mark Fletcher still remains the same—Taylor Murray will be the lead."

"What?" Richard was also shocked to hear that. Didn't he say that he is about to change the actor involved? Why is he turning back on his words?

Hence, he quickly asked, "What's going on? This is a documentary film! Can an actor with a bad track record star in it?"

The director did not reply and merely waved. "Stop asking me. This is my boss's instructions. I have to make a move now. See you."

After putting down the documents that Richard combined for him, he took his briefcase and left hastily.

What his boss meant was that Mark Fletcher had personally appointed Taylor Murray to star in the film. When the director asked for the reason, his boss replied, "That's his grandson!"

Richard was immensely taken aback by the news. After all, he had planned the huge 'anti-Taylor' movement that the entire nation had participated in. At this point, they are telling me that they are not going to change the lead actor?

On top of that, the planned movement had sparked discussions among many verified accounts and forums. He even hired ghostwriters and purchased the front page headlines. Those are money! All cold, hard cash!

After working hard for half a month, everything is back to square one—just like this?

After Richard returned to the company, he quickly asked around. As he had strong contacts within the industry, he soon received his answer—Mark Fletcher had specially appointed Taylor Murray to portray him.

"That old guy is still alive?" He was incredulous upon hearing the news.

The youngest of the Founding Generals would be over a hundred years old. Logically speaking, they were all probably dead. However, many of them were actually still alive; it was just that they stopped showing up at public events.

Like Mark, the rest of the Founding Generals basically no longer ventured out of the military compound—apart from quietly watching the annual military parade. Sophia herself even thought that he had been dead for a long time.

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"This is something that Mark Fletcher has personally requested. He even said that Taylor Murray is the only actor who can play the role. Otherwise, we aren't even allowed to start filming!" the person on the other end of the phone replied.

After hanging up on the phone, Richard dejectedly slumped in his chair at the office.

So many calculations later and I missed the fact that Mark Fletcher is still alive!

The money that I've spent is all for nothing!

It's okay. Even if I can't secure the role of the documentary film, I still have a chance on the male lead for 'War Dragon'!

However, the filming crew of 'War Dragon' had unexpectedly announced that they would start to shoot scenes of the male protagonist, which was Taylor Murray himself, on that day itself. Everything seemed to have been perfectly arranged.

Meanwhile, the Imperial Management Studio's official Twitter page had issued an announcement. In short, they had presented three concise points:

Taylor Murray was already happily married and hoped that fans would not disturb his life.

He was heterosexual, so it was untrue that he cheated on his marriage partner and used her as a surrogate mother. If there were more discussions about this, everything would be brought forward to court.

The bunch of accounts that gossiped for the entire month have been recorded and the lawyer, Calvin Fields, was already on the way to the office. Fake apologies are not needed, but a genuine compensation with cash was required.

As soon as the statement from the Imperial Management Studio was issued, everyone in the Glory Public Relations Team panicked and Richard was busy running around. Not only had he spent all the money for nothing, but many of his accounts would be suspended. The multiple gossip accounts that the entertainment industry owned were useful in promoting celebrities and it would be a nightmare if they were all frozen.

The Imperial Management Studio meant business at that stage—they had gathered the number of accounts who bad-mouthed Taylor Murray and directly sued them for compensation. Otherwise, the accounts would be suspended. The fanbase of the gossip accounts from Glory Public Relations Team was rather big—even if they did not promote their own celebrities, they would have earned a lot by placing advertisements for others and collecting advertisement fees.

If they really had to compensate, they had no idea what the amount would be, seeing that they had many accounts. If they didn't and all their accounts were frozen, it would be another great loss for them.

At that moment, Richard suddenly received a phone call from the vice chancellor of the Bayside University.

"Richard Harper, I'm giving you half an hour to immediately come to my office now! I want to talk to you about the slandering posts!"