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Howard's jaw dropped in disbelief, prompting him to swiftly power up his smartphone and dive into TikTok to unravel the unfolding drama.

Clicking on Bruce's third video, he found Bruce staring defiantly into the camera, declaring, "I'm well aware that once these videos of mine hit the airwaves, the Rothschild family will pull out all the stops in the PR crisis. They'll wield their money and influential connections to sway seemingly impartial internet platforms. So, don't be shocked when those major websites scrub my videos and any mention of me. This is the true power of the Rothschilds. They can silence nearly any American media outlet on this matter. Right now, my only hope lies in the righteousness of the American people. I implore you to share my video and prevent my voice from vanishing into the abyss of the internet!"

In a surprising twist, Bruce's desk phone interrupted the monologue. Howard Rothschild's voice echoed through the video.

Subsequently, Bruce recounted the entire phone conversation verbatim in the video. As viewers absorbed the contents, their perception of the Rothschild family and Howard, the legendary businessman, plummeted several notches.

After concluding the call, Bruce sneered at the camera, "The Rothschild family believes everything in this world has a price. My wife has a price and so do I. But today, I'll make it clear that my dignity is priceless. No amount of money can make me forfeit it, even in the face of the mighty Rothschilds. I won't back down! For me, the Rothschild family's power is no longer significant. What matters is they've besmirched my manhood. Without dignity, one can still live. What's the point? So, from today, I'll take the fight to the Rothschild family!"

Bruce issued a chilling warning, "If I vanish, get arrested on inexplicable charges, or suddenly go mad after this video drops, don't doubt that it's the Rothschild family behind it. If one day I confess to today's actions, apologize and claim the Rothschilds framed me, don't believe it. That person either isn't me or is under their control! In short, I, Bruce Weinstein, declare today that I sever all ties with the Rothschild family. Rothschilds, bring it on!"

Howard was utterly bewildered by this turn of events. He hadn't anticipated Bruce's bold move. Instead of seeking peace, Bruce had recorded the call and exposed it online.

Instinctively, Howard turned to his grandson, "Is everyone on the internet berating us now?"

"Yes," the grandson cautiously nodded, "Grandpa, we've tried, but now only TikTok still has the videos online. However..."

Impatiently, Howard snapped, "But what? Tell me!"

"Grandpa, users across the internet are now insulting us. In other words, people are criticizing us everywhere online!" the grandson explained.

"This is outrageous!" Howard exclaimed angrily. "Instruct these platforms to block all keywords. Whenever the Rothschild name is mentioned, no one should see it except for us!"

The grandson hesitated, "Grandpa, I've tried that, but they refuse. It will look too much like censorship."

He continued, "Currently, the social media sector is hit the hardest. Almost every platform is discussing our affairs. The situation is extremely unfavorable."

Howard, seething with rage, regretted reaching out to Bruce for reconciliation. If he hadn't made that call, he could've pinned everything on Matt. With the third video, that option was obliterated.

His eldest son suggested, "Father, the think tank has a plan to salvage the situation. The person in charge is waiting online. Would you like to hear it?"

Howard's family had its own think tank, a colossal brain trust. They analyzed major events objectively, offering solutions promptly.

Initially hesitant due to the secrecy of Four Treasures of the Study, Howard now realized the cat was out of the bag, and the think tank's expertise was needed.

Curious about their plan, Howard said, "Connect the call."

"Sure, Father!" His eldest son signaled, and the landline phone before Howard rang promptly.

Answering the call, Howard inquired, "What's your plan?"

A respectful voice responded, "Mr. Howard, considering the circumstances, we believe the best course of action is for you to swiftly issue a public apology to the people of the United States."

Howard erupted, "What did you say? Apologize?"

The think tank representative explained, "Mr. Howard, I propose you admit publicly that the Rothschild family failed in guiding Matt. Frame your apology as a grandfather's genuine concern. This will mitigate the impact of your recent attempt to bribe Bruce."

Adding detail, the think tank representative suggested, "After admitting fault and apologizing, shift blame to Matt, Brooklyn Prison, Peter Cole and Bruce's wife. Invest in guiding media, influencers and opinion leaders to focus on Matt. With time, we can redirect attention and our crisis will fade."

Despite the humiliation, Howard reluctantly accepted, realizing it was his best option. He asked, "When is the best time for me to apologize?"

The think tank representative advised, "The sooner, the better. Ideally, right now!"

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Late at night, a video suddenly appeared on the front pages of all media outlets except for TikTok.

The video's title read, "A Sincere Apology from Howard, the Current Patriarch of the Rothschild Family."

In the video, Howard intentionally dressed himself to appear elderly, projecting an image of decadence and illness, which gave viewers the impression that his demise was imminent.

Howard adopted this appearance based on advice from his think tank. Their strategy was rooted in the belief that downplaying one's age and misfortune could evoke sympathy and subconsciously mitigate public resentment.

In essence, it was akin to theft. A healthy twenty-year-old might steal someone's wallet, while an eighty-year-old terminally ill person, on the brink of death, could commit the same crime. Though the actions were identical in nature, society often displayed more leniency toward the latter.

While allowing Howard to portray himself as old and miserable would undoubtedly tarnish his image, it would ultimately soften the public's hostility towards the Rothschild family.

The think tank's judgment proved accurate. When Howard appeared on camera, struggling as though he were on his deathbed, viewers couldn't help but feel sympathy.

Upon opening his mouth, Howard wasted no time and expressed deep regret, "You are likely aware that Matt Rothschild, a descendant of the Rothschild family, has committed unforgivable mistakes and crimes. While Matt's actions were entirely his own, I, as the patriarch, bear an inescapable responsibility for oversight."

"As the head of the Rothschild family, I failed to promptly step forward and offer a public apology. Instead, I attempted to resolve the matter with money and interfered with the course of justice on his behalf. My actions were undeniably foolish and wrong. Therefore, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our clients and the American public, and I offer my sincere apology."

Howard's think tank understood the importance of diverting attention from the core issue and keeping the host in control. Blaming Matt from the outset would have fueled public anger. Instead, they advised Howard to accept a so-called unshirkable responsibility for negligence while shifting blame onto Matt.

This approach not only quelled audience hostility but also portrayed Matt as the sole wrongdoer, with Howard emerging as a parent who couldn't control his child but still took responsibility.

Furthermore, Howard openly admitted to attempting to bribe Bruce Weinstein, a rather bold admission on his part. Moreover, the released phone call between Howard and Bruce contained no evidence strong enough for legal consequences. Despite this, Howard's confession garnered public favor, showcasing the subtlety of their strategy.

Howard continued with a somber expression, "Although Matt is my beloved grandson, he has committed numerous errors, even violating U.S. laws. As a member of the Rothschild family and its patriarch, I pledge, on behalf of all fellow Americans, that we shall not shield Matt or seek leniency on his behalf. Regardless of the court's verdict and sentencing, the Rothschild family will always regard him as family. As a testament to our century-old credibility, we will not interfere in any way."

"I also request the police to investigate my conduct. If I am suspected of violating U.S. laws, I am prepared to accept all legal consequences."

"Lastly, on behalf of the entire Rothschild family, I offer our most sincere apologies to Mr. Bruce Weinstein and Mr. Peter Cole. We will continue to engage with them and strive to make amends for the harm caused by Matt."

Following this, an elderly Howard rose with some difficulty and bowed deeply to the camera.

This apology indeed helped restore some of the Rothschild family's reputation. Coupled with their media control, the family's image underwent a significant transformation.

Many accepted Howard's statement, believing that Bruce's revelations were solely Matt's actions and unrelated to the entire Rothschild family. Howard's attempt to resolve the issue with money was seen as a natural instinct for a parent protecting their child.

If this trend persisted and Matt received a fair trial, paying the legal price for Peter Cole's matter, the situation might come to an end. As long as the Rothschild family ensured the removal of Matt, the "cancer cell," they could prevent future troubles.

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Meanwhile, Charlie watched the Rothschild family's counterattack from his cell, as he had anticipated. He knew that a family of their stature would possess strong crisis management capabilities, fitting for the world's foremost family.

Yet Charlie remained undaunted because he held a trump card.

At the same time, Gustavo, the prominent drug lord, watched Howard's video on his mobile phone. Annoyed, he cursed, "Damn, Howard, this old fox! I thought he'd struggle more. I didn't expect him to rebound so easily."

Charlie glanced at Gustavo and calmly asked, "Gustavo, do you want to survive?"

Gustavo's excitement surged, and he hurriedly approached Charlie's bedside. Nervously, he said, "Mr. Wade, of course, I want to live! You mentioned before that there's a way for me to survive. What is it?"

Charlie pointed to his mobile phone and smiled. "I'm afraid you won't leave prison in this lifetime. But if you want to lead a comfortable life here, you'll need to learn to strike a balance between your son and the Rothschild family."

Gustavo urgently inquired, "Mr. Wade, could you clarify how we can balance things with them?"

Charlie questioned him, "Gustavo, do you value your reputation or your life more?"

Gustavo replied without hesitation, "Of course, I value my life! What use is reputation at this point?"

Charlie nodded and continued, "Now, go to the bathroom and record a video to your son, explaining your previous agreement with the Rothschild family and why you're imprisoned here. Share how the Rothschild family leveraged your Sanchez family's power in Mexico for their hidden motives."

Gustavo blurted out, "Mr. Wade, if I reveal this information, won't the Rothschild family try to kill me?"

Charlie smiled and said, "Let me finish. In the video, you'll ask your son for help and reveal that you nearly lost your life in prison today, suspecting it was an attempt on your life. You must emphasize that you don't believe anything your son is accused of."

"Next, state your theory. Claim that the Rothschild family wants you dead because you've outlived your usefulness and know too many of their secrets. Accuse them of wanting to eliminate you and framing your son. Finally, appeal to your son to protect your safety."

Gustavo appeared puzzled. "Won't I be antagonizing both parties in this scenario? My son already wants me dead, and once the video is out, won't the Rothschild family come after me too? How can I survive this?"

Charlie assured him, "After your video is released, I don't want you to die. The one who would want you dead would be the Rothschild family. If you die in a prison under their control, they'd have no plausible deniability. They'll do everything to ensure your safety."

"As for your son, once he knows about the video, he won't dare to harm you further. He'll be afraid the Rothschild family will find out. He'll become a target of public scorn within the Sanchez family."

"I believe that under the pressure of public opinion, the Rothschild family will strive to uncover the truth. Once they discover your son's involvement, they'll deal with it immediately to alleviate their own public image."

"Your son will then be in a precarious position. He'll have to mend fences with you and the other members of the Sanchez family to survive public scrutiny."

"As for the Rothschild family, they'll work tirelessly to save your life. As long as you're alive, they won't bear the blame for your death. Thus, the truth will remain hidden, and no one will dare to harm you."

Charlie added, "Furthermore, if the Rothschild family uncovers the truth, you need not worry. Your son will deny it, and the more he denies, the less likely he'll be implicated in your predicament. As the conflict escalates between the Rothschild family and your son, you'll find peaceful refuge in the midst of their struggle."

Gustavo asked with excitement, "Mr. Wade, can this truly work?"

Charlie nodded calmly. "Consider that your son already harbors murderous intentions. Once the Rothschild family realizes you've outlived your usefulness, they'll abandon you. Your only chance of survival is to prevent your son from harming you and make the Rothschild family fear your demise. This way, you'll ensure your survival."

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For Charlie, Gustavo became useless once he had successfully approached Bruce Weinstein.

A once-powerful Mexican drug lord now found himself locked away in an American prison, while his son harbored thoughts of ending his life as soon as possible. In Charlie's eyes, such a man had little practical value left.

There was a way to restore Gustavo's usefulness, though, taking him out of prison, returning him to Mexico, and aiding him in regaining control of the Sanchez family.

However, this wasn't a feasible option for Charlie.

Firstly, Gustavo was a notorious drug dealer. Deep down, Charlie didn't want to get tangled up with such a person, especially regarding their shared interests. Secondly, Gustavo was a significant investment for the US government. The painstaking effort to extradite a major drug lord like him was a critical win for the government's anti-drug campaign. For the sake of their own reputation, the US government needed to ensure Gustavo stayed imprisoned. His escape would be a blow to US justice, prompting an intensified pursuit that might jeopardize Gustavo's survival if he returned to Mexico.

So, Charlie decided the best course was to make use of Gustavo's remaining energy. If Gustavo would comply by incriminating the Rothschild family, he could compensate for what they had just lost. That tiny initiative could vanish in an instant.

Charlie's intentions weren't solely to exploit Gustavo. If Gustavo succeeded in creating a rift between the Rothschild family and his son, he'd secure his safety. This would not only strike the Rothschilds but also ensure Gustavo's life and earn him gratitude, effectively hitting three targets with one stone.

Gustavo, having analyzed Charlie's plan, was awestruck and quickly praised him, "Mr. Wade, your strategy is brilliant! I never considered... Someone once suggested I read Sun Tzu's 'The Art of War.' I didn't take it seriously, but now, it seems I must study this profound Eastern wisdom."

Charlie smiled faintly, "You needn't bother with that now. After all, you'll never leave this prison alive. Just do as I say, and you can live out your days here."

Gustavo scoffed sarcastically and nodded, "You're right, Mr. Wade. My remaining years will be spent in this prison."

Charlie nodded, gesturing, "Alright, hurry and record the video. I'll review it afterward. Once it's clear, you can upload it online."

"Okay!" Gustavo hurriedly agreed, "I'll start recording right away!"

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The online conference of the Rothschild family finally ended.

An FBI-led investigation team arrived at Brooklyn Prison and discovered the secret passage shown in the video within the warden's office.

They found the passage, leading to the rescue of Peter, the imprisoned individual below.

Peter, a criminal involved in theft, was swiftly brought in by the FBI. They had limited time to question him, rushing him to Manhattan Hospital.

Due to the inhumane treatment he faced while being coerced for a confession, the FBI, for humanitarian reasons, needed a detailed medical examination before deciding whether he could continue his sentence in prison based on his physical condition.

Since Peter was a victim in the scandal, the judiciary planned to discuss compensation and potentially reduce his sentence to avoid any lawsuits against them.

From this moment, Peter Cole regained full control of the situation.

As for Bruce Weinstein, manipulated by Charlie, he was temporarily detained by the FBI for his abuse of power. Once the investigation concluded, the team would prosecute him.

Under family pressure, Matt Rothschild surrendered to the police.

Though a key member of the Rothschild family, his personal interests were insignificant compared to the family's. Furthermore, he was the root cause of the entire debacle, forced into the role of scapegoat.

Meanwhile, far away in Mexico, Gustavo Sanchez's son, Hector Sanchez, felt uneasy. Joseph's crew had failed in their attempt on his father's life, leaving Hector somewhat agitated. While he wasn't initially concerned, the sudden string of scandals in the United States made him apprehensive. He believed the US authorities would tighten security in Brooklyn Prison after such a significant scandal, making it harder for Joseph's team to strike again. He felt frustration, wondering if Joseph had acted a day earlier or seized the opportunity today, perhaps all their problems would've been resolved.

However, despite his annoyance, he realized he couldn't change the current situation. He could only hope Joseph would find an opening. If not, he'd dispatch an assassin to Brooklyn Prison to seek an opportunity to eliminate his father.

With the arrest of Bruce Weinstein and Matt Rothschild's surrender, the situation seemed resolved for the United States.

The Rothschild family breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Especially Howard Rothschild, elderly and exhausted from anxiously staying up late. Only when the dust settled could he finally relax and rest in bed.

At that moment, another video surfaced on major online platforms.

The main character is Gustavo Sanchez, a renowned drug lord in the United States.

When Gustavo was extradited and put on trial in the US, the government's extensive publicity made his deeds known to almost all Americans. He was undoubtedly one of the most famous prisoners in the United States.

As far as everyone knew, Gustavo had a life sentence without parole, destined to spend his days in a US prison until death.

But, late into the night, an unexpected occurrence shook everyone. Gustavo's selfie video appeared online.

A prisoner serving time in prison had managed to post a video online. The implications were astounding. Firstly, this guy had a mobile phone in prison. Secondly, he could access the internet. This sparked immense curiosity among Americans.

However, the content in Gustavo's video was even more explosive. He began angrily, facing the camera, "Greetings, I'm Gustavo Sanchez from Mexico, currently imprisoned in Brooklyn Prison, New York, USA. I'm here to accuse the Rothschild family. It was their betrayal that almost cost me my life today in Brooklyn Prison!"

At this point, viewers were utterly shocked. Yet another bombshell dropped in the dead of night! And it was a massive one!

One of the world's most powerful drug lords had taken on the biggest family in the world, all within prison walls. Such drama wasn't an everyday occurrence, maybe once in three to five years.

Given Gustavo's notoriety, the video's traction was intense from the moment he appeared. Almost no one clicked away. Everyone sat glued to their screens, eyes fixed on the unfolding drama.

Gustavo continued angrily, "When the US government wanted to extradite me from Mexico, I resisted and attempted multiple escapes. It was the Rothschilds who assured me that if I were successfully extradited to the US, they'd place me in a prison they controlled, ensuring comfortable living conditions. They even promised to work on reducing my sentence for eventual retirement in Mexico.. But the Rothschilds betrayed their word. They sent killers after me, nearly costing me my life!"

Gustavo's expression shifted to sorrow, "Hector, my dear son! Don't fall into the American trap! If I die, avenge me! And remember, the Sanchez family must never collaborate with the treacherous Rothschilds. They are shameless deceivers! Furthermore! All Sanchez family members must uphold unity and loyalty. Betraying the family is unforgivable. Anyone who dares cross that line will face the wrath of the entire Sanchez family!"

In the midst of the video, Gustavo reflected on his narrow escape from his son's attempt on his life. Still, he felt compelled to counsel his son and other family members in the video about unity, simmering with both sorrow and rage within.

Initially, his impulse was to openly divulge that it was his own son conspiring against him, urging the Sanchez family to seek retribution and even consider removing his son from the family leadership position. However, upon careful consideration, he grasped the suitability of Charlie's plan.

His son held considerable power now. Revealing the truth and inciting rebellion within the family would unmask his son as a patricide, completely shattering his facade of deceit and unveiling his true nature to the world. Even if other members were disgruntled, they lacked the might to challenge his son's dominion. Moreover, the family's interests now gravitated around his son, making it improbable for other members to speak up for Gustavo.

Hence, the most practical course was to heed Charlie's counsel, maintaining a façade with his son. So long as his son's dignity remained unscathed, providing him an exit, he would refrain from breaking ties and becoming a patricidal figure.

Yet, being a loving father and offering room for his son tormented Gustavo deeply.

Focusing his fury on the Rothschild family, he grinned in the video, declaring, "I want the world to remember, Howard Rothschild is the ultimate hypocrite! He orchestrated every grim event in Brooklyn Prison! When I was incarcerated, attempts were made on my life, even the demise of that antique dealer, Peter Cole, trapped in an underground chamber, every bit was at the whim of that scoundrel, Howard! Now that the truth's out, he's using his grandson as a shield. One word for such a person, curse him! All who betray trust deserve damnation, damnation!"

During this segment of the video, Gustavo's visage portrayed pure malevolence, gesturing with his right hand mimicking a pistol, relishing the idea of executing Howard.

Subsequently, he regained composure and ended the recording.

The authenticity of Gustavo's video was beyond doubt for everyone who watched it.

Gustavo resided in Brooklyn Prison, a place that had just been revealed to be covertly controlled by the Rothschild family.

The Rothschilds had pinned all blame regarding Brooklyn Prison on Matt not long ago. Initially, many believed Howard's narrative, but Gustavo's personal declaration swiftly contradicted that narrative.

Even a powerful drug lord like Gustavo standing against Howard convinced everyone that Howard was the mastermind behind these events.

Howard, striving to remain as distant as possible from any controversy, was suddenly thrust into it by Gustavo, delivering a definitive blow.

Instantly, disparagement against Howard flooded the internet.

The Rothschild family never anticipated Gustavo would betray them, leaving them momentarily frantic.

Making deals with drug dealers, offering prison perks, and exploiting them for benefits in Mexico was inconceivable.

In the semi-civilized 19th century during the Opium War, it might have been overlooked. However, in today's 21st-century modern society, it's an abhorrent deed. The Rothschilds reputation plummeted instantly.

Angrily rising from his bed, Howard glared at his eldest son, demanding, "Who plotted to kill Gustavo? When did I order his demise?"

The eldest son awkwardly replied, "Father, we had an agreement with Gustavo. Why would we want him dead? There's either a misunderstanding or Gustavo fabricated it."

Howard pressed, "Gustavo had an agreement with us long ago. Why would he fabricate this and implicate us now? And what baffles me is, despite enjoying considerable favor in Brooklyn Prison, only we can provide such treatment. Now, by stepping forward, he's exposing us. Won't he lose all these privileges once the US government investigates?"

Puzzled, the eldest son admitted, "I can't fathom why this is happening. It's illogical, it serves him no benefit to stand against us now."

The eldest son inquired hastily, "Father, who do you think would want to kill Gustavo? Why now? Gustavo is no longer the same man he used to be. Regardless of the privileges he enjoys, he's still a prisoner of the US government. Killing him at this point would not only anger the Sanchez family but also provoke the US government. What's the purpose?"

Howard responded with a cold tone, "Go and investigate this matter. I want to uncover the whole story."

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Meanwhile, in Jalisco, Mexico.

The headquarters of the Sanchez family was nestled in this region renowned for its agave cultivation.

The mansion that housed the Sanchez family could no longer be described as a mere estate. They owned hundreds of square miles of fertile land, adorned with valuable agave crops and multiple opulent mansions—a super estate.

Unlike those billionaires on the Forbes list whose wealth is often tied up in valuations and shares that can't be readily converted into cash, the Sanchez family's billions were tangible.

Entrepreneurs' wealth often hinges on company valuations and shares that can't be liquidated easily. For instance, if an entrepreneur's publicly traded company boasts a \$100 billion market cap, and they own 51% of the shares, their theoretical worth stands at \$50 billion. However, these shares can't be offloaded freely, with only a portion available for pledge. Moreover, funds acquired through pledged shares come with restrictions, and if the company's fortunes plummet, they must repay the pledged amount.

The same did not apply to the Sanchez family.

Their wealth consisted of hard cash from drug trafficking in the United States and worldwide, allowing them unrestricted spending.

At the heart of the Sanchez family compound lay a grandiose architectural complex resembling an ancient castle—the residence of the core Sanchez family members.

Gustavo's son, Héctor Sanchez, resided there.

Since assuming control of the drug empire, he had conducted daily helicopter inspections of the Sanchez family's territory. Each inspection reaffirmed his commitment to expanding the empire.

However, the Sanchez family now operated under the Rothschild family's influence, all because his father, Gustavo Sanchez, was in their custody.

His father's captivity rendered Hector exceedingly powerless. Whenever he contemplated severing ties with the Rothschild family, those around him reminded him that his father, Gustavo, remained under their control. Consequently, he had to maintain a friendly relationship with the Rothschild family and exercise caution.

Héctor had devised numerous brilliant and strategic plans, but they were consistently thwarted by the Rothschild family. Each time he contemplated breaking free from their influence, Gustavo was always the Rothschilds' leverage, exploiting his vulnerability.

This convinced him that the Rothschild family was the main obstacle impeding the Sanchez family's continued growth and success.

To fully rid themselves of Rothschild control, Héctor devised a plan to arrange for his father's murder in prison, thereby severing Rothschild's grip on him.

Even as Héctor lay asleep at this moment, in his dreams, he yearned for Joseph to expedite his father's demise and eliminate all future complications.

However, at that very moment, his uncle, Ricardo Sanchez, Gustavo's younger brother, unexpectedly called him. As the call connected, his uncle impatiently declared, "Hey, Héctor, check the news. Something has happened to your father!"

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"What did you just say?! Something happened to my father?! Really?!"

Hector, fixated on the idea of his father's demise, heard those words in a daze. His whole being was overwhelmed with uncontrollable excitement. When he responded, his emotions got the best of him.

Ricardo, on the other end of the line, couldn't help but ask with some skepticism, "Hector, are you alright? Your father is in trouble. Why do you seem so pleased?"

At this moment, Hector snapped out of it, realizing he was indeed overly excited. Swiftly, he corrected himself, saying, "I didn't wake up entirely. I dreamt just now that the Americans released my father, and I was ecstatic..."

Then, he quickly inquired, "Uncle Ricardo, you said something happened to my father. What's going on?"

Ricardo swiftly responded, "I sent you a video. Please take a look!"

Hector promptly ended the call. After watching the video, where his father disclosed his near-death encounter, he almost jumped out of his skin with fear.

He had assumed Joseph hadn't made a move yet, only to discover that Joseph had acted and failed.

Thankfully, his father sought his help in the video, indicating he wasn't aware of his son's intentions to harm him, which offered Hector a shred of relief.

It appeared that despite Joseph's failure, at least he hadn't betrayed him.

But what should Hector do now?

Continue seeking an opportunity to eliminate his father?

Or pretend he had just learned about all of this?

When Hector was at a loss, his military advisor and most trusted confidant called him.

As soon as the call connected, Hector asked, "Jose, have you seen the video?!"

Jose on the other end quickly replied, "Boss, I just watched it and immediately called you. Have you seen it too?"

"I have," Hector replied anxiously. "What should I do now? Should I continue with the plan to eliminate the old man, or should I play ignorant until the end?"

Jose asked, "Boss, setting aside the risks, which option do you prefer?"

Hector replied without hesitation, "I'd prefer to eliminate the old man, or it'll always be a huge problem! What if one day he finds out the truth, or worse, the Americans run out of options, and he's released?"

Then, he tentatively suggested, "When the old man posted this video, he put the blame on Rothschild. If I execute this cleanly, I might be able to resolve this once and for all, don't you think?"

Jose considered for a moment and said, "Boss, theoretically, that's a solid approach. But have you considered that the Rothschild family might be willing to shoulder the blame? If they find out it's you, they won't just expose the truth, they'll lobby the US government against you. At that point, other Sanchez family members will resent you, and the US might facilitate your father's takeover of your position. You could end up in a US jail."

Then, Jose added, "Boss, don't forget, your father appealed for your help in the video. It's seen by everyone. If anything happens to him, doesn't it imply that you can't even protect your own father?"

"Damn it!" Hector's expression shifted, speaking softly, "What should I do then?"

Jose pondered before saying, "Boss, I think the only recourse now is to publicly protest to the Rothschild family. First, act as a concerned son when your father's life is at risk, then deliver harsh words. Promise swift retaliation if anything happens to him. Given the Rothschild family's current image, this is the perfect time to add insult to injury. If the public perceives them as dirty, they'll shoulder the blame!"

Additionally, Jose added, "As for your fear of the Rothschild family uncovering the truth, there's no need to worry. We simply eliminate the messenger and present evidence of Joseph's recruitment. This breaks the chain. Even if they find a lead from inside the prison, it won't hold. Without evidence, even if they claim you're responsible, we can refute it as slander. Our concern shouldn't be what's said but what people believe."

Hector pondered and asked, "So according to your advice, I can't eliminate the old man?"

"Yes," Jose explained, "In this situation, whether or not to eliminate him isn't the pivotal question. Keeping him alive could benefit us all. Killing him would tarnish your reputation, discredit the Rothschilds, and implicate the US government. If everyone remains level-headed, the public will eventually forget about this incident. However, if someone kills him, both parties will scramble to clear their names, putting us in a tighter spot."

Hector sighed deeply, clenching his teeth. "This seems to be our only option now. I hope the Americans won't release or use my father against me."

Jose responded, "The Rothschilds are dealing with a lot themselves. Even Howard is treading carefully. They won't cause any trouble soon."

Soon, on behalf of the entire Sanchez family, Hector publicly protested to the US government and the Rothschild family through a video.

In the video, he not only angrily condemned the Rothschild family but also issued severe warnings, promising retaliation if anything happened to his father.

Online, criticism and insults toward the Rothschild family surged to unprecedented heights.

The Rothschilds remained silent, as Howard became the primary target of public outrage. Speaking up now would only further provoke the public.

They awaited the investigation's outcome before devising any plans.

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As the Sanchez and Rothschild families were embroiled in their conflict, Brooklyn Prison underwent a significant change.

The FBI temporarily took control of the federal prison. All previous guards and managers were suspended pending investigation.

Charlie, in his cell, heard the guards being replaced one by one by the FBI. Turning to Gustavo, he advised, "Gustavo, if the FBI arrives, they might move you to solitary confinement. Just comply with them."

Gustavo hastily inquired, "Mr. Wade, will they keep me in solitary?"

Charlie smiled, saying, "If it ensures your safety, solitary confinement isn't a bad choice."

Gustavo, looking somber, remarked, "Solitary confinement is just a dark, small room. Prolonged stay could lead to depression..."

Charlie retorted, "Is it better to be depressed or dead?"

Gustavo admitted helplessly, "Being alive is undoubtedly better..."

Charlie nodded, stating, "When you posted that video, you relinquished your privileges in this prison. But by doing so, you ensure your son and the Rothschilds remain connected to you. It'll also prompt the US government to prioritize your safety. Although you've lost your privileges, you're still alive. Isn't that the best outcome?"

Gustavo was speechless.

What Charlie said held truth. Living is preferable. Who would willingly choose death?

He asked Charlie, "What if they investigate what happened during the day? Should I tell them about you?"

Charlie casually replied, "It's almost dawn now. Investigations won't happen immediately. I'll be gone by dawn. Whatever they investigate later has nothing to do

with me. I have nothing to offer for their investigation. I didn't grant you privileges, plan to kill you, or use you to control Mexico. I'm just an old friend of Joseph's father, who spoke kindly at a critical moment and saved your life."



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