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Drive to Survive: The Battle Beyond the Track

BRIEF ON THE PARTIES

Michael Malice

Michael Malice serves as the Chief Technical Director for Fewrari. Hailing from Sicily, Malice is known not only for his technical expertise but also for his radical ideological leanings, particularly his affinity for anarchism. His professional history is marred by controversy, with past allegations suggesting he may have manipulated internal systems or race setups for strategic or personal ends. Malice is viewed as a brilliant but volatile figure, willing to employ unorthodox and potentially unethical methods to achieve his objectives.

Mr. 'Unlucky' Alonso

Mr. 'Unlucky' Alonso is the 'driver number one' for the McLurein in the Formula E circuit. Raised as a long-distance marathon runner, Alonso's early sporting career was derailed by a childhood accident during training for the Monaco Marathon. Despite his remarkable talent behind the wheel, Alonso's career has been defined by a string of unfortunate decisions and ill-fated team moves, earning him both admiration for his skill and sympathy for his misfortunes.

BACKGROUND OF FACTS

Fewrari and McLurein have long been arch-rivals in the world of motorsports, particularly in Formula One, where their rivalry peaked in 1989. While Fewrari remained dominant in Formula E, McLurein shifted its focus and found success in endurance racing, especially in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Despite being dismissed historically by Enzo Fewrari as a mere "garagisti" (garage team), McLurein has recently made significant strides, leveraging strategic hires and advanced powertrain development to climb back into serious contention across formats.

'Unlucky' Alonso, McLurein's lead driver in Formula E, has been at the center of this resurgence. Despite being a highly skilled racer, Alonso's career has been marred by poor team choices and persistent internal politics, preventing him from reaching his full potential. His recent strong performances in Formula E were undermined by mechanical issues—most notably, a subpar engine which cost him pole position in a key qualifying session. Disillusioned with the team's direction and seeking more competitive prospects, Alonso has been looking to negotiate a transition to a different team within Formula E.

On April 14th, during an FIA event, Alonso was found in possession of a Private Key linked to IPFS (a secure, decentralized file-sharing protocol), which contained over 20 terabytes of Fewrari's confidential telemetry data from the ongoing Formula E season. Alonso was visibly surprised when confronted and pleaded ignorance, claiming he had no idea how the files had ended up in his possession. However, in light of the scandal and fearing regulatory consequences, McLurein immediately terminated his contract. Alonso's exit was swift and final, burning bridges with McLurein and severely damaging his credibility in the paddock.

Shortly after his dismissal, Alonso discovered indications that the files had originated from an internal Fewrari address. Further, he learned that the files had been sent to his IPFS Private Key, which closely resembled Fewrari's own internal access naming convention. This led him to suspect that the files were either mistakenly sent or deliberately leaked by someone from within Fewrari, possibly to sabotage McLurein's reputation or trigger regulatory sanctions. Alonso's suspicion centers around Michael Malice, Fewrari's Chief Technical Director, known for his unorthodox tactics.

Alonso's investigation uncovered surveillance footage of an unidentified individual lingering near his office, days before the FIA event. Although he lacks definitive proof, Alonso believes this individual may have planted or accessed the data as part of a larger sabotage plan. The reputational fallout has been immense, with Alonso facing intense scrutiny from fans, the media, and potential employers.

THE DISPUTE AND THE CALL FOR MEDIATION

With both his contract and professional reputation in tatters, Alonso reached out to Michael Malice via email to confront him and share the limited evidence he had gathered. In response, Malice extended an invitation to participate in a confidential mediation session, signalling an openness to explore a non-adversarial resolution. The mediation aims to address the complex factual, reputational, and possibly legal consequences stemming from the incident.

The issues on the table include whether Alonso's possession of the telemetry data resulted from internal sabotage or external manipulation, whether Fewrari (or persons acting on its behalf) played an active role in Alonso's downfall, and whether any party should bear financial or reputational liability for the events surrounding the data leak. Alonso, though lacking conclusive evidence, maintains that the sequence of events was too coincidental to be accidental and seeks to clear his name while preserving his career.

Fewrari, through Malice, has not publicly commented on the source of the leak, and no formal complaint has yet been filed with the FIA. However, given the scale of the data involved and the seriousness of the allegations, the matter risks escalating into a full-blown regulatory investigation if not resolved amicably. The mediation session, scheduled in April, represents a last opportunity for both parties to reach a resolution before matters spiral into litigation or formal sanction proceedings. Both Alonso and Malice have confirmed their attendance and commitment to resolving the matter through dialogue.