Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1613

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1613-David waved, motioning for his assistant to pour Linus tea.

David had finally regained his composure from the surprise.

The two brothers were next to each other. They looked so much alike.

Although one was involved in business while the other was in the military, the vibe they gave off was the same.

Olivia couldn't help but inwardly exclaim the wonders of genes. After all, David and Linus didn't share the same mother, and they hadn't lived together at all.

But when they sat together, they gave off the same air to others.

Meanwhile, Henley, who was also David's brother, began to panic the moment David showed up.

Linus' appearance made his stomach churn more. Henley was a bundle of nerves right now.

One could clearly tell how flustered he was. He had lost his cool.

How could David hand over Fordham Group to someone like Henley with peace of mind?

David looked at Henley. 'Henley, are you sure you want to compete for the company with me? I'm giving you one more chance. If you give up right now, I can pretend that none of this happened."

Henley would always be David's younger brother. As the elder brother, he felt the responsibility of protecting his younger siblings.

Douglas once said, "David, Henley's foolish and prideful; Emery is uninterested in family business; and Sawyer is blinded by love. You're the only one we can count on in the family. There's more responsibilities for you to take upon in the future."

David's late mother also said, "You're the elder brother. They're your younger siblings. You should be more understanding."

Even if they hadn't said such things, David would've protected the Fordham family because that was what he had promised to himself.

David felt grateful to Douglas, who pulled both David and his mother out of their homeless life.

During that turmoil, having a safe place to stay was something to be grateful for.

Having nice clothes to wear and delicious food to eat was a luxury.

Not only did Douglas provide the materials David and his mother needed, but Douglas also spent his time cultivating David.

Douglas perceived David as one of the family.

The fact that Douglas raised David gave him enough reason to protect the Fordham family.

When David found out how much Henley disliked him, he was worried that his true identity might bring the family and his mother trouble if it was exposed.

While looking after the Fordham family, he built up his own business, intending to separate his assets from the Fordham family.

He did his everything to fulfill his duty as a son and the elder brother. Yet, Henley just wouldn't show mercy.

Honestly, David was disappointed.

At the same time, Henley couldn't read the emotions in David's eyes.

They were so complicated and deep. Henley couldn't read through David's emotions and was quite worried.

Graham nudged him. "Don't forget how much we sacrificed for today, Dad. How could you give up at this moment? Ljnuschas nothing to do with our family. He's from the Heath family. Grandpa's dead, and there's no one Uncle David can depend on.

So what if it's the Heath family? This is our family matter!" The content is.

When Graham pointed out that there was no one David could depend on, David felt bitter.

In the end, he failed to protect anything. He had also let Douglas down.

Anything could happen in life. David was just a mere human. Perfection had always been out of the question.

He could never satisfy all sides.

David quietly waited until Henley made up his mind. "David, I still want to retrieve whatever hat's rightfully mine, Mom and Dad aren't with US anymore. How could you still stay in Fordham Group so shamelessly?"

David shook his head, sighing. "You disappoint me, Henley fordham.M Fine, have it your way. T hope you don't regret it." 1

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1614-Henley gulped upon hearing that. He glanced at his scarce supporters.

He had planned this for so many years for this day to come. How could he give up right now?

"I won't," said Henley.

"Alright, let's begin."

The shareholders' meeting started. Jacqueline wasn't in the state of mind to think about Olivia's matter.

Now that she had bet her everything in the game, she couldn't lose!

There had been a huge change in the distribution of shares lately, so everyone wasn't confident about their win.

All Henley's family took over was the 20% share from Douglas. The assets weren't properly distributed due to his sudden passing.

Henley had been raking his brain to prove that David wasn't Douglas' biological son so that David would lose his inheritance right.

David clapped his hands to call the lawyer in. The lawyer was holding a sealed document.

To Henley's surprise, it contained Douglas' will, including a share transfer contract. The family assets and properties were distributed clearly!

According to the document, the 20% share belonged to David.

Henley shook his head vigorously. "T-That's impossible! Dad passed away due to a heart attack! He didn't leave anything before his death! This will must be fake!"

David appeared calm. "This is the will Dad wrote half a year ago. If you don't believe it, you can ask your lawyer to verify it. Aside from the documents, we have his video, voice messages, and signature as proof."

Not buying that, Henley gave his lawyer a look. The leading lawyer came over to verify the will.

The lawyer frowned. "It's real, Mr. Henley. This is the will Mr. Douglas wrote when he was still around."

Henley's shoulders drooped. He was Douglas' biological son! Why didn't Douglas bestow anything to him?

Henley didn't know anything about the will either!

At the same time, Douglas gave his patience and love to an outsider!

Since the 20% share was transferred to David, there was no point in continuing the battle. Henley lost.

Despite winning, Jacqueline didn't feel happy at all.

David could've won without her shares. Why did Avery tell her those things?

Something felt off.

Linus' appearance gave her more reason to be anxious.

David indifferently said, "Okay, we now know what's going to happen to Fordham Group. Now, let's talk about our family matter. Outsiders, please step out of the room."

Bryce was the last person to leave. He even closed the door considerately.

As soon as she finished, she felt someone staring at her from the opposite.

Linus' eyes fixated on her, his gaze so cold that it could seemingly penetrate through her.

"It's alright. You're one of the family. You can stay," responded David gently yet imperatively.

"Okay." She grew anxious.

She felt that Linus kept looking at her. Was she overthinking?

Henley slammed the table. "You've won. Are you going to show off too?"

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1615-Although it was supposed to be their family matter, Jacqueline didn't know why she felt anxious as the clock ticked by.

Henley didn't have an inkling of her thought. The sense of defeat was wearing him down.

He lost. The meticulous plan he devised failed in the end.

To Henley, David only seemed to be wielding his power in front of him like a winner.

Emery and Sawyer came to the scene not long after. They were relatively calm as they didn't share the same notion as Henley.

Even though they didn't share the same mother, David was still their halfbrother!

There was no reason for them to go against David.

"David, are you alright?" said Emery.

"I'm glad you're alright, David," Sawyer greeted.

After small talk, they finally noticed Linus, who hadn't left the room. "Isn't he "This is Mr. Heath. I'll explain to you about him later. I gathered everyone here because of a family matter."

Even though the two brothers were curious about the reason for Linus' visit, David was able to keep the situation under control.

He was the leader, after all. It was nothing to be surprised by.

Emery and Sawyer took a seat. Judging from David's serious expression, it had to be something important.

"Many things have happened to our family lately. I've heard what happened to Garrett. I was saddened by the news."

Henley coldly snorted. "Save the acting, please."

His eyes reddened at the mention of Garrett.

"Henley, David has nothing to do with what happened to Garrett. Why must you do this?"

"Oh, shut up, both of you. Stop calling him so endearingly. Don't forget that he's not one of US. Look, even the Heath family has come to find him."

Emery and Sawyer finally comprehended the situation-David had something to do with the Heath family.

"Don't put it that way, Henley. At the very least, we share the same mother. He's our eldest brother."

Henley was going to rebut that, but David raised his hand to stop the fight." I know that you've never liked me. I've tried my best to be a good brother all these years. But I'm afraid things aren't going according to my wish.

"You did so much just to drive me out of the family. Forget it. You guys should distribute Dad's assets while everyone is around."

"Us? What do you mean, David?" Emery asked dubiously.

"To be honest, I was there when he wrote the will. The will was confirmed upon my agreement."

Henley turned sour. "Trying to brag again? How I wish I had your skills to fool Dad around. In the end, he bestowed his assets to an outsider."

"Take a look at it yourselves first." David didn't explain himself.

Henley didn't want to waste his time reading the document. He assumed that David had hogged the good things for himself.

Emery and Sawyer exclaimed, "Henley, look! Something doesn't look right."

"What is it? Did David take everything for himself? David Fordham, I'm warning you, if you-"

"Dad!" Graham interrupted. "I think you should take a look at it first."

As for the remaining assets, the ratio was quite different.

David's name wasn't written there.

"How could this be..."

Even Graham would be receiving something from the will! But nothing was bestowed on David's family!

However, nothing was left for David. Let alone for her!

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1616-The Fordhams were stunned.

How could this be? Douglas favored David so much!

"Why didn't Grandpa leave anything for you? How could you agree to this? This has to be fake!"

David explained indifferently, "He wanted to, but I rejected. I've been amassing money myself for the past few years. I've never thought of getting anything from the family."

He remembered something and took over a signed check. "Oh right, here's one billion dollars. Take it as Dad's 20% share. Although it's not tantamount to the market share price right now, it's a few times the fold of the 200 thousand dollars he first invested.

"Take it as a token of appreciation for looking after my family."

The check served as a reality check to Henley.

Emery and Sawyer quickly rejected it.

"David, we can't take this money. We know that you've been the one supporting the family. If Dad were still alive, he wouldn't want it."

"He's right. You're Mom's son, which means you also have the right to inherit part of the assets. Besides, Dad loved you the most. Why are you giving his money to US without taking a single penny for yourself?"

Douglas wouldn't have accepted that check if he were still alive. Accepting it would indicate that David would cut ties with the Fordham family.

David smiled faintly. "I don't mean anything. I've always seen you guys as my younger brothers, but whatever I do, I can't seem to make everyone happy. This happened just to have my family driven out of the company.

"Well, I figured that I might as well leave for the sake of your family's peace, other than distributing the assets, there's another reason why I gathered all of you here. I have to tell you guys something."

"'David, don't do this. We've never seen you as an outsider. You can't leave."

"Yes! Henley did cross the line. Henley, apologize to him. Hurry!"

Things were escalating in the way Henley didn't expect it to be. He couldn't understand why all of this was happening.

He had yet to recover from the shock.

Emery nudged at him, and he finally came back to his senses.

Henley blurted out, "What did you say? You want me to apologize to him?"

Henley had always been a prideful man. If he apologized, that meant admitting whatever he had worked for all these years was wrong!

"I didn't do anything wrong. Why must I apologize?"

Emery and Sawyer wanted to persuade Henley further, but David raised his hand, stopping them.

Henley looked at him worriedly. 'What are you planning to do?"

"David, you've been handling the business well. Why are you giving it to US?"

David smiled. "I did all I could, but I never gained what I wanted. I should leave it to you guys. Plus, I'm not young anymore. I should do the things I should do now."

Then, he looked at Graham. "You've won a lot of awards in showbiz. If you want to prove your worth, please manage Star Records Entertainment well."

Graham's expression changed. "D-Do you own it?" 1

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1617-"To be exact, it's one of the Fordham family's secret business."

That statement alone was enough for Graham to understand everything.

He thought his smooth sailing career in showbiz was owed to his capability, thinking that his encounter with an excellent manager wasn't just pure luck.

The first drama he starred in was of top quality as well.

How could there be so many coincidences? Someone was there to help behind the scenes.

"It was you." Graham didn't expect that his father wasn't the one protecting him this entire time but the uncle he looked down on!

Graham shut his eyes. "So you're the actual owner of Star Records Entertainment. I didn't know that."

"As a veteran, you know the rules in showbiz. So, you're the most dependable person I can entrust Star Records Entertainment to. Your grandfather and I talked about it too."

Graham tightly clenched the hem of his shirt as his emotions churned in him. He didn't know how to express his feelings at the moment.

Similar to Henley, Graham couldn't believe what was transpiring right now.

This wasn't what they were expecting!

Graham had always seen David as an autocratic, prideful, and powerabusing man. To think that the same man had actually been protecting him in secret?

Unbelievable!

Instead of explaining it further, David looked at Henley. "Terrence has been working for me for many years. I personally trained him. You can ask him anything about the Fordham family business.

"I've handed over the official seal, the key to the drawer of important documents, and the safe password. Dad adopted him. You can trust him."

"You..." Henley parted his lips, but nothing came out of him.

Something invisible was sitting on his chest.

"You and Graham are the same. You're too straightforward and will never back down. It's easy to offend people in the business world like this. Now that I won't be cleaning up your mess anymore, think before you do anything from now onward.

"Emery, you and your wife are into arts. Once I'm gone, you and Sawyer have to stay in the Fordham residence. The Fordham family is running too many businesses at once. You guys should manage the household and family business together to prosper."

Emery, who had always been an emotional person, grabbed David's hand with reddened eyes. "I was wrong, David. I know Henley has always disliked you, but I thought you'd surely take care of everything because you're that good. If I had known this day would come, I would've stopped him from doing that."

"David, don't go! We can't do it without you! Henley, say something! This is all your fault! Are you not happy enough? Do you really want to force him to go?"

Henley was equally flustered. He didn't mean anything bad.

He was merely dispirited after living in David's shadow all these years.

Yet, David had always been thinking for the Fordhams. He even gave up on his inheritance right after knowing Henley's intention.

David looked at the bigger picture and, in comparison, Henley appeared like a clown.

"I... I was just..." Henley was trying to find the words to explain himself, but nothing could be done to change David's decision.

David had made up his mind.

Even After Death by Lilting Champ Chapter 1618-"David, no matter what happens, you'll always be our brother. Nothing can change this."

"I know our sister-in-law is in trouble. If you need anything, just tell US."

David waved his hand. "I appreciate it. You may take your leave first. I have something personal to take care of."

Emery and Sawyer glimpsed at Linus before leaving.

Henley's family didn't budge at all. Shock riveted them at the spot.

"You guys should leave too."

Henley had mixed feelings about this.

He seemed to have lost the battle as he couldn't gain ownership of David's company.

But he became the head of the family instead!

To say that he had won, he didn't feel happy in the slightest.

Things shouldn't have turned out this way.

He didn't want any of this to happen!

Driving David's family out of the family had always been his wish. He spent his whole life trying to achieve it. In the end, his attacks turned out to be nothing.

"David Fordham, don't expect me to be grateful for you, I..."

He didn't intend to say that, but the words twisted when they reached his mouth.

"Dad, stop." Graham nudged him.

David advised seriously, "Graham, help your father when I'm no longer around.

Your grandfather spent his whole life building up everything. Don't let him down "

"Uncle David..." Graham muttered.

All those times he averted the crisis in his career were thanks to David's support. He couldn't possibly regret it more than he was now.

"I'm sorry."

David sighed. "You may leave." He didn't want to say much about it.

Just like that, Graham pulled David away. 1 The moment the door was closed, the noise was shut out beyond the door.

David's family was the only people left in the room.

No matter how foolish Jacqueline could be, she could tell that it was a trap.

If David could casually give Henley's family one billion dollars, how could he not have the money to buy the shares?

He even made plans to cut ties with the Fordham family! Yet, he lied to her and said that he would let her be the head of the house!

Silence filled the air as most of them gazed at Jacqueline.

Now, she finally realized that her identity was exposed a long time ago.

Run? She was already in the trap, though.

Sitting there, she fished out a packet of cigarettes.

There was no point acting at this point.

After lighting the tip of a cigarette, she inhaled it and breathed out a cloud of smoke. "Is it fun playing a fool with a young lady like me?"

Her composure impressed Olivia. It was no wonder Jacqueline coulan attempt samany assassinations on her without leaving a trace.

Unable to take it anymore, Sean slammed the table. "You were the one playing a fool of us!"

Jacqueline continued smoking. "When did you guys know?"

Olivia walked over while tearing the mask off her face to revealthe same face Jacqueline had.

"If you didn't want anyone to find out about it, you shouldn't have even started it" The ferson speaking was the woman standing behind David.

Her ordinary face would make it easy for her to mingle around with a crowd.

However, her voice sounded the same as Olivia's.

Jacqueline's eyes widened. "You..."

"Jacqueline Fordham, what does it feel like to use my face?" Olivia coldly asked.