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“Leslie is a commander, after all. Severin wouldn’t dare to kill him!” Nana said casually.

Logan smiled and said, “That’s good. It means he’s conducted himself properly. He may have won, but he spared Leslie and Franko because he simply wanted to teach them a lesson. It would be good to keep the Marsdens’ ego in check. There’s not sound reason for us to avenge Franko, is there?”

Logan then took a deep breath before adding, “I know that you like Franko, but he’s arrogant, and he doesn’t feel the same way for you. I think it’s best that you just give up.”

“No! Franko likes me too. My relationship with him is progressing well, but Franko has lost his masculinity.” Nana became angrier with each passing thought. Her eyes were already red, and she was already about to cry.

“What do you mean when you say that he’s lost his masculinity?” Logan did not understand what she meant and looked curiously at her.

Nana then said awkwardly, “He... umm... Severin castrated him.

“What? That’s rather bold of Severin!” Logan was startled and somewhat elated. He did not like Franko very much, and he did.

not want his beloved daughter to be with someone like that. Franko’s emasculation all but guaranteed that he would not become Logan’s son-in-law, which undoubtedly made Logan very happy.

“Exactly! You must avenge Franko!” Nana pleaded anxiously.

“It doesn’t change the fact that Severin is one of our nation’s talents. It’ll be difficult to talk to Shadraw’s members, and it’s also not ideal for me to seek their help.” Logan appeared to be conflicted.

Nana had an idea. “If you think that Severin is a talent worth keeping, then we can always just castrate him without killing him. Isn’t that good enough already? He’ll be alive to serve Dracodom, and at the same time, we can give him a taste of his own medicine. His emasculation will be the talk of the town, and he’ll be subjected to a life of shame. That should be okay with you, right?”

To Nana’s surprise, Logan sighed. “It’s not easy to take this up with Shadraw. Why don’t we just let this go?”

Nana took a few steps back. She steeled herself, waved her palm, and took out a sword. She placed the blade against her neck and said, “I’ve already given Franko my word. If you don’t get Shadraw to help me avenge him, then I’ll end my life right before your eyes!”

Some of the guards saw her act of desperation from a distance.

They came over immediately and were prepared for the worst. No, Your Highness! Don’t do it!”

“No, Princess Nana!” A few servants persuaded her worryingly too.

“You...” Logan was lost for words. He never expected Nana to force his hand for the sake of a man.

“Will you do it, Father? I’ll kill myself if you say no!” Logan’s hesitance prompted Nana to apply a bit of force on the blade. A small gash appeared on her neck and blood began to flow out.

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Logan smiled wryly. “There’s nothing to suggest that’s the case. He has such a high level of attainment, but he never came to me and asked to be appointed province governor or commander. Why would he want to usurp my position? Besides, don’t practitioners like yourself tend not be interested in securing these positions of power?”

Francis nodded. “That does seem so. Our thoughts are occupied by attainment. We’d prefer to enjoy our day rather than concern ourselves with these worldly things. We wouldn’t have any time to train if we had to devote some of our time to handling matters involving the country.”

Logan nodded approvingly. “That’s true. But the characters of some people might not be as clear-cut as it would seem. Many are still motivated by money and power.”

“Tell me, Logan. Why did you seek us out to handle this Severin. you speak of?” Alex asked Logan after some thought.

Finally, an embarrassed Logan explained what happened to the both of them. He then added, “Sigh, my daughter is giving me so many problems and there’s nothing I can do about it.”

Alex smiled bitterly. “You spoil her too much. It might not be good for her to continue in her willful ways. She needs to change her attitude.”

Logan could only nod. “You’re right. I had six sons before I finally got a daughter. She was spoiled because her mother and

I love her very much, and so do her six elder brothers. We can’t kill Severin though. It would suffice to teach him a lesson by castrating him.”

His remark elicited a frown from Alex. “You ought to think twice before going ahead with this plan. From what I gather, Severin has already reached significant heights in his attainment despite his young age. Even Leslie is no match for

him anymore. Under such circumstances, the best available option would be to kill him. If we simply castrate him, then there is a possibility that we will be facing trouble in the future.

It would be bad news for all of us if he continues to make rapid breakthroughs in the future and resents you for what you did

to him.”

Francis nodded approvingly. “Yes. It’s best to nip everything in the bud to avoid any trouble in the future. Sparing him might give him a chance to catch up to our level of strength. We might no longer be a match for him then.”

Logan immediately felt a wave of fear. He frowned and said, Thank you for that reminder. I can see how tricky it is right now. If we kill a county governor just because of something trivial, the other governors might find it too distasteful. After all, Franko’s character isn’t exactly good in the first place. Then again, both of you have a very high attainment. I trust

that Severin won’t have it so easy if he wants to catch up to your level.”

Logan then asked Alex, “Do you have any better suggestions?”

Alex thought for a moment and said, “If killing him isn’t an option, then don’t kill him. It will still be possible to castrate him, but you would have to destroy his attainment. That is the only way to avoid any future issues.”

“Sigh, I suppose that is the only option. But we’d be losing a real talent if it comes to that.” Logan sighed, for he did cherish Severin’s talents to Dracodom.

“Haha, Dracodom is a big country! There will be plenty of other talented people around. The four war gods, for example, have reached impressive heights in just a few years, did they not?” Alex chuckled.

“We can lend you a hand on this occasion, but please do not seek our help on such trivial matters in the future. We won’t help you a second time if your daughter does this stunt again. I’m quite certain that she won’t commit suicide.”

Logan could only smile awkwardly as he gestured respectfully and said, “Thank you, Mister Alex. I’ll leave you to finish your chess game. Your words have reassured me.”

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However, Alex then said to Logan, “Hold on a second there. We do not wish to make a trip to the South County just to deal with. Severin for you, so why don’t you figure of a way to get him to come to Oolong City? It shouldn’t be that big of a problem for you, I believe.”

Logan nodded. “That can be done. I’ll head back and figure out a plan. I’ll notify you once he arrives and we can make further arrangements after that.” He then excused himself and left.

Alex moved a chess piece after Logan left and said calmly, “Severin, was it? He’s unlucky, I’ll give him that. Of all the commanders he could have offended, he just had to pick Leslie. And as luck would have it, Leslie’s son is exactly Princess

Nana’s type.”

“How did it go, Father? Did they say yes?” Nana had been waiting a long time at the gates for Logan to return. Once he returned, she immediately came up to him and asked eagerly.

Logan nodded and then let out a heavy sigh. "They did, but they made it clear that this is the first and the last time that they'll do this favor for you. They were not too happy when they were asked to handle something so ridiculous."

Nana could not help but feel overjoyed when she heard that." That's great, Father! I knew you'd be able to persuade them! I

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promise there won't be a second time."

Logan looked his insufferable daughter and said coldly, "The same goes for me. I won't give in to you next time even if you threaten me with suicide. I'll just disown you if it comes to that.

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"I understand, Father. Don't worry. There will be no next time! I promise!" Nana raised her hand and swore on her heart.

"Hmph. I'm glad you understood the message loud and clear." Logan snorted coldly.

"When are they leaving for the South County, by the way?" Nana asked impatiently.

Logan smiled wryly. "Were you genuinely expecting them to make a trip there for this sort of thing? They had no intention of going there, so they told me to find a way to get Severin to come over. Since they also hold the view that Severin is very talented, they think it's important to destroy his attainment if they don't kill him. Failure to do so might give Severin the chance to improve his attainment and seek revenge on us in the future for what we did to him."

Nana nodded. "Yeah, it's good that they've thought about such a possibility. Castrating him and removing his attainment. would make him useless in both body and spirit!"

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Sofia pouted. "I didn't want to just leave either, but I couldn't find an excuse to stay in South Link City. I'm a shy person, there are certain things that I can't bring myself to say."

Birk nearly fainted. She said somewhat resentfully, "You can't be shy all the time. Let me give you some advice you need to be bold when you meet someone you like! Your mother was also a very beautiful woman. There amount of men who tried to win her heart could fill an entire airplane! Do you know how I managed to get one over them?"

That was Sofia's first time hearing such a thing. She looked curiously at her father and asked, "How? Tell me, Dad! This is my first time hearing you mention something like that!"

Birk cleared his throat slightly and said, "Well, the first reason

is that I'm handsome. Since I've beaten more than a third of

her suitors in terms of looks, there were only two-thirds left of

the competition."

Sofia looked at Birk's belly and said with disdain, "Look in the mirror, Dad. Did you think you can fool me into believing you're handsome when you have a beer belly?"

Birk immediately explained, "Hey, I might be much fatter than I used to be, but I was a very handsome guy when I was younger.

Sofia did not want to argue with Birk on that. "Okay, okay, I

believe you. You've beaten more than a third of the

competition, so what then? What about the remaining two-thirds? How did you defeat them?"

Birk smiled and said, "The second thing I did was to keep the contact going. I sent some treasures to your mother from time to time, such as spiritual herbs or similar items. I gave her something to look forward to and show some affection to her. You do understand that, don't you?"

"And then?" Sofia found his explanation somewhat fascinating and was eager to know more.

Birk immediately smiled and said, "Finally, you need to be shameless. Be as shameless, as bold, and as proactive as you can be. With time, you'll gain the upper edge over all other competitors. You understand that, don't you?"

Sofia frowned. "It seems to me that you're just being a bootlicker."

Birk's face scrunched up when he heard her remark. "What nonsense are you talking about? How could you liken working hard to win someone's heart to being a bootlicker? Besides, even if you think I am a bootlicker, then I wouldn't be where I am today without doing that!" Birk then put on a serious expression and looked at Sofia. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and patted Sofia's shoulder. "If you love someone, you

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shouldn't be embarrassed to tell them. It's fine if you end up getting rejected after telling them your true feelings. At least you won't live without regrets."

Sofia then nodded approvingly and said, "I understand, Dad. I'll get some rest for now and leave for South Link City

tomorrow morning."

Birk was glad to see Sofia's determination. "Women have it easier when they're chasing men. I trust you'll do just fine."

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He then paused for a moment and added, "By the way, succeed, you don't have to ask me for permission again. I think highly of Severin, so you have my unequivocal approval!"

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Sofia did not know how to react when she saw her father's

reaction. In the end, she chatted with him for a while before excusing herself to get some rest.

The next morning, Severin had just woken up when Megan ran upstairs all of a sudden. She came to inform him and Diane that Skystream Province's governor had come to visit.

Severin frowned when he heard that. "Why did Zeke decide to visit us all of a sudden? It's not often that a province governor would take the initiative to visit a county governor."

Diane thought for a moment before smiling wryly and saying, "You gave him a second-grade high-rank pill that helped him get a breakthrough in attainment. Is he here to request more pills?"

Severin smiled and said, "That might just be the case. His attainment probably already stabilized, so I wanted to come over and see if I can get any pills."

The two of them went downstairs after the conversation.

"Haha, it's been a while, Mister Severin! You look more energetic than before! I'm sure you've made yet another breakthrough in your attainment," Zeke remarked with a chuckle when he saw Severin coming down with Diane.

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Catherine, along with a few others, were there too. They were very happy when they found out that the province governor

came to visit. After all, it was all the more reason for them to be proud once the public found out about it.

Severin smiled and said, "I didn't make that big of a breakthrough. There are just too many things on my plate, and

I'm very busy with alchemy too. I don't have much time to train as a result, so I only managed to secure a small breakthrough in my attainment."

"You're being too humble, Mister Severin," Zeke said. He then chuckled and asked in passing, "By the way, since you're

already a second-grade high-rank alchemist, I can't help but wonder if you've gone a step further. Your talent in alchemy is one to be admired!"

Zeke was merely making small talk with that question. He did not think that Severin was able to make another breakthrough in such a short period and become a third-grade low-rank alchemist. After all, it was not easy to do alchemy, and it was

even more difficult to make good progress. Making a breakthrough to third–rank alchemist was a herculean task.

To his surprise, Severin smiled and said, “I did make some progress, of course.”

The smile on Zeke’s face stiffened in an instant and his jaw dropped open. He wondered if he had misheard Severin’s

answer. “Have you become a third–grade low–rank alchemist already?”

Sheila exchanged glances with Diane and smiled at each other. Severin was not a third–grade low–rank alchemist, but a third–rank medium–rank alchemist. Zeke might probably faint from fright if he knew that!

Since there were no outsiders around, Severin answered in a roundabout manner and simply nodded. “Haha, that shouldn’t come as a surprise, right? Do keep this a secret though, Mister Zeke. It would be troublesome if word gets out, and I’d like to avoid that as much as possible.”

Zeke inhaled sharply. Severin’s talent was truly unprecedented after such a successful breakthrough to third–rank alchemist. He gulped and took some time to compose himself from the shock. “Don’t worry! My lips are sealed.”

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Zeke was already thinking about how he could try and get on Severin’s good side. He would benefit greatly if Severin

gleefully gave him a third–grade pill.

Severin chuckled. “You didn’t come here just to ask about my progress in alchemy, did you?”

Zeke waved his hands and said, “No, no. Of course not!” He then paused for a moment before saying, “I’m here because I have some good news to tell you.”

“Good news?” Severin was stunned for a moment but was soon overcome with joy. He had asked Zeke and the others to ask around about the other halls, so his first thought was that Zeke had already received some news from them. Severin glanced eagerly at Zeke, hoping that his first guess was right.

The Shanahans looked eagerly at Zeke too. They were all curious to know what sort of good news they would receive. It had to be something very important, or else someone of Zeke’s status would not have had to come over in person.

Zeke smiled and said, “Prince Philip, the eldest prince, will be having his birthday a few days from now. His father, the king, has invited several people of note to the celebration. Among them are the three commanders, the four war gods, and the nine province governors. He prepared an invitation card for

you.”

“It’s amazing to hear that the King invited Severin to a banquet!” Maurice, was overjoyed when he heard that. The king’s gesture brought pride to their family.

“Our family is improving by the day. I never dreamed that a day like this would come.” Catherine was more excited than

anyone. Her eyes were red and she was on the verge of tears.

However, Severin did not look very happy and was frowning instead.

He glanced at Zeke and asked, “I was invited? Has the king ever invited other county governors to his children’s previous birthday banquets? Wouldn’t there be a lot of people then? I’m sure the county governors have a lot of relatives.”

Zeke chuckled. “Usually it’s just the commanders and the war gods that get invited. Province governors like us, less so. Of course, the king might occasionally invite us depending on His Majesty’s mood. The county governors were never invited. before, as far as I recall.”

Zeke then paused for a moment before continuing, “On this occasion, you’re the only county governor out of the thirty–six that was invited. How do you feel? Doesn’t it make you feel proud? This shows that the king values very much.”

“That’s great news, Severin! You are the only one out of thirty- six counties that were invited by the king! This is a true honor!

The rest of the county governors will feel as though they’re a step below you if they find out!”

George, Stanley, and the rest of the family were all smiling.

The invitation was undoubtedly cause for celebration in the Shanahans’ opinion.

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Everyone there, including Diane and Sheila, were jumping for joy. They were extremely happy. Severin was the only one with a frown. He did not seem the slightest bit excited.

Zeke could see that Severin reacted a little differently to the news. He frowned and asked, “Why don’t you look too happy?”

Severin smiled awkwardly and explained, “I just find it a little odd. Why would the king invite just me when I’m of the same rank as the other thirty–five governors? It’s not out–of–place

for you and the other province governors to be invited, but I’m on a very different level compared to the two of you. My status isn’t the same as yours, so you can’t blame me for feeling a

little puzzled when you told me that I was invited.”

Zeke laughed. “Haha, is that what you’re worried about? Well, you don’t need to get yourself in a twist. You were the most recently -appointed county governor, so he’s a little curious

about you and wishes to meet you. He heard that you’re an

alchemist too, so you can imagine his curiosity toward you.

That’s the reason he invited you. He simply wants to get to

know you.”

“He wants to meet you because he’s curious about you. You don’t have to be so suspicious.” Diane rolled her eyes at him.

You should be happy that you got the chance to meet the king.”

Severin, however, stretched his waist and remarked helplessly, “Sigh. I’m running out of time, and now I have to attend some

prince’s birthday party. It’ll take up at least several days of my time. The worst part is that I have to prepare gifts for them! It’s such a drag!”

Zeke smiled wryly and said, “Well, I agree with you on that last

part. He has a lot of gold, silver, and jewelry, so I thought about what I could give to him and settled on some spiritual herbs.”

After a pause, Zeke continued, “You have it easy though. You just need to prepare a few second-grade high-rank pills!

They’re valuable, after all, and you’ll even be able to steal the show.”

Severin did not know how to respond to that. “Haha, I don’t

know what else to give, and pills make it convenient for me.

Still, I wouldn’t dare to give them any third-grade pills. If the person who is responsible for recording the gifts announces that I’ve given third-grade pills, it would be the same as

announcing to the world that I am a third-grade alchemist! I don’t think such alchemists exist.”

Zeke nodded. “Probably not. I’ve never heard of anyone who is

a third-grade alchemist, aside from you. I was shell-shocked when you said that you’re already a third-grade low-rank

alchemist.”

He then took out the invitation and handed it over to Severin.

Severin took the invitation with a smile. He glanced at it briefly

and put it away. After putting away the invitation, Severin waved his palm again and quickly took out a third-grade low-level pill for Zeke. "Here. You've come a long way, and we're all friends anyway. This is a token of my appreciation for your

trouble."

Zeke's eyes glimmered with excitement when he saw that it was a third-grade low-rank pill.

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"I can't possibly accept this! Part of the reason I came is because I haven't seen you for a long time! Don't get me wrong, I didn't come here to request any pills!" Zeke spoke as if he was turning the pills down, but he nevertheless took the pill swiftly and put it away.

Severin was a little amused to see Zeke's subpar acting. In any case, he still asked sternly, "Haha, I know you're not that kind of person. Now that you've made the trip here, you should stay around for a couple of days."

Zeke accepted the offer with a smile. "Of course! The

opportunity to hang out doesn't come that often. Let's have a good drink tonight. There are another five days to go before the eldest prince's birthday, and we have to make our journey at least one or two days earlier. I might as well stay here for two or three days and set off with you! At least I'll have a companion!"

Severin nodded. "You're right. It's just a couple of days away, and I'd appreciate having the company."

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Sheila asked eagerly, "Can I tag along, then?"

Diane then said with anticipation, "Oolong City is the largest and most prosperous city in the nation. I'd like to come with you and see the sights too!"

Zeke chuckled. "Sure! That won't be a problem, but you can't bring too many people along though. This invitation is only for five people, which is why I came here with only four others."

"That's perfect!" Sheila said excitedly. "I'll be able to go with

Diane then!"

Megan immediately said, "That leaves two slots, right? I want to come along too! It'll be an eye-opener for me, Brother-in-Law!"

Felicia's eyes then lit up, as if he was worried that the last spot might be snatched away. She raised her hand and said, "And me! You can't go without me! I want to Oolong City too!"

Severin was speechless. He had no issues with Sheila and Diane coming with him, but the thought of Megan and Felicia coming along as well made his head throb.

He smiled wryly, and said to the two of them, "The both of have no attainment at all, and you'd be powerless to protect yourselves. It's not a good idea for the two of you to tag along. The journey is a long one, and we're not going there for a

holiday."

Megan was not too pleased when she heard that. She folded her hands over her chest and said, "How could you do this to us? Since you were given the option to bring a maximum of four companions, we should make the most of it instead of wasting the quota you were given!"

Felicia was just as angry, and she said to them, "How could you be so cruel? I've allowed you to take my daughter's hand in marriage, so the least you could do is bring your mother-in-law out on your

travels. Megan and I might not have any attainment, but it's not like we're going to actively get into trouble when we're with you. Besides, I am a law-abiding woman. How much trouble do you expect me to get into?"