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"Second-in-command? You mean Darizan?" Yasmin was quite startled by that. After thinking over Severin's allegations, she could not help but shake her head and say, "That can't be possible. He and my father are sworn brothers. Why would he harm my father?"

After asking him that question, she glanced at Severin again and asked suspiciously, "Why should I believe what you say when I don't even know who you are?"

Severin could only smile awkwardly and reply to her, "My name is Severin. You might not know me, but if you can arrange for your father to meet me alone, I'm sure he will recognize who I am!"

"You know my father then?" Yasmin glanced at Severin from head to toe before saying, "Okay, You don't look like a bad person, so I'll let you meet my father."

Severin smiled and complimented, "Your talent is pretty good, Miss Yasmin. You're still in your teens, but you're already a level eight profound master. I believe your father will be a warrior king then?"

Since Earl and the others had never heard of Tigris Hall before, Severin had fretted over whether or not Tigris Hall's strength was too weak, and whether Tigris Hall's attainment would be too low. However, those suppositions were proven to be groundless after he met Yasmin and saw that she had a rather decent attainment.

"Really? Well, I think my talent is pretty good too." Yasmin beamed with a smile after being praised by him. She led him to the villa where she stayed and said, "My father is a warrior king, that's for sure, but his attainment isn't as good as that of our second-in-command. They're both level two warrior kings, but he's slightly lower in terms of combat strength. That's also why it's a little difficult for Tigris Hall to get by in Drackham. There are too many forces that we can't afford to offend, and we're usually on the more submissive side in the eyes of outsiders. During the past two years, we've been suppressed by the newly-emerged Wild Blood Gang, and our lives have become even worse. This Tulio you mentioned is probably the Wild Blood Gang's Tulio Sawyer."

"Is this Wild Blood Gang strong?" Severin asked as he followed her into the villa.

Yasmin nodded. "They're probably one of the stronger forces in the north side of the city, but some of the gangs in the south and east of the city are more powerful than them. In any case, they're still much stronger than us."

After a pause, Yasmin continued, "Their gang leader just had a breakthrough a while ago and reached level four warrior king, so there's no doubting their strength."

Severin soon arrived at the villa with Yasmin leading the way.

"Wait here. I'll see if my dad's in and get him to come and meet you." Yasmin smiled and said to Severin.

Severin nodded. "Thank you for taking the trouble. Make sure not to let your second-in-command know about this though."

"Jeez, I'm not stupid." Yasmin rolled her eyes at Severin before running out.

Before long, Yasmin came back with her father, Zoheb,

"I was told by my daughter that you wanted to see me because you have something important to talk to me about. She also said that I'd recognize you once I see you, but why do I feel like I haven't met you before?"

Severin was sitting leisurely on the sofa, and Zoheb frowned when he walked up to him, thinking, 'How naive can my daughter be? I can't believe she trusted the words of a random stranger.'

With a smile, Severin stood up and stretched out his hand. "I wonder if you recognize this ring, Hall Master Zoheb?"

Zoheb's pupils widened as soon as he saw the ring, and his entire body stiffened too.

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"Isn't that just a normal spatial ring? What's so special about it?" Yasmin folded her hands in front of her chest and remarked flippantly before Zoheb could even say anything.

Seconds later, Zoheb immediately said to Yasmin, "Hurry up and kneel to him, Yasmin." Then, he knelt and said to Severin, "Greetings, Supreme Leader."

"Supreme Leader?" Yasmin was confused and had no idea what was going on, but when she saw her father kneeling on the ground, she could only grit her teeth and follow suit. "Greetings, Supreme Leader!" Severin immediately smiled and said, "You may dispense with the courtesies. At ease, you two!"

"What's a Supreme Leader, Dad? Why haven't I been told about such a person before?" Yasmin frowned and looked skeptically at Zoheb.

"You were still young then," Zoheb explained. "and I never really mentioned it to you when you were older, so you wouldn't know much about it. But it all started when..."

Zoheb told Yasmin about the situation briefly.

"Are you saying that there are eleven other halls like ours and all of them are his subordinates? Didn't you say that the supreme leader is supposed to be an old man? Why is he so young, then?" Yasmin looked at Severin in surprise and disbelief..

Zoheb then said, "I don't have the answer to that, but I do know that this ring represents the Dracodeus Token. Anyone who bears this token is our Supreme Leader, whom all twelve halls must obey."

Yasmin still felt that Severin was a little too young. She pursed her lips and said, "But he's so young! Why should we obey his orders? What if he just found the ring somewhere? This all feels like a sham.

In that case, I can be the Supreme Leader too if I snatch the ring from him."

Zoheb was appalled at his daughter's remarks and reprimanded her hurriedly, "What are you talking about, Yasmin? Age doesn't matter here! I won't be able to help you if he takes offense with your remarks and decides to kill you."

After that scolding, Yasmin was so terrified that she immediately closed her mouth and lowered her head. "I... I was just joking. I wasn't serious when I said I'd snatch it from you."

Yasmin was so adorable that Severin smiled at her instead of getting angry with her. "It's no big deal. It was the old wacko who set this rule back then, and I think it's a bit ludicrous too. He's the kind of person that just likes going against the grain." Severin then paused for a moment before finally saying to Yasmin, "You can snatch it from me if you want, but you must be strong enough to do so. If you succeed, then you'll become the new supreme leader."

"I'm kidding, Supreme Leader. Please don't take my words seriously." Yasmin smiled awkwardly and breathed a sigh of relief after noticing that Severin was not that angry at her.

"Why are you here, Supreme Leader? Is something the matter? Do stay here a while longer. I will be happy to play host to you and serve you in any capacity."

Zoheb did not know what Severin's attainment was, but if the old man could give him the Dracodeus Ring, then it was almost certain that Severin was very strong.

Severin said with a smile, "I have my reasons for coming to meet you all, but I didn't think that you would be in trouble. When I was at the entrance earlier, I heard your second-in-command speaking on the phone with someone called Mister Tulio, and I believe I should inform you about this."

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She earlier felt a little proud when Severin praised her for her talent, but if Severin's strength was that of a level five or level six warrior king, her talent was not even worth a mention when compared to Severin.

Zoheb was afraid that Severin would be unhappy after being questioned like that, so he immediately glared at his daughter and said, "Know your place, Yasmin. Do you think you can just casually ask our supreme leader what sort of attainment level he has?"

Severin laughed and said, "Relax, Miss Yasmin. Killing Tulio will be as easy as crushing an ant."

"Whoa, I couldn't be happier to hear that! I can finally breathe easy after hearing your words." Yasmin jumped up excitedly. With Severin's help, they no longer needed to fear anyone in Tigris Hall.

"Right. First things first, let's get Darizan out of the way. Severin then discussed the plan with Zoheb beforehand.

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After a while, one of the guys from Tigris Hall was sent over to bring Darizan over.

"Haha, is there anything I can help you with, Hall Master?" Darizan's heart was filled with anticipation when he thought about the plan to lace Zoheb's wine with poison and kill him. As soon as he laid eyes on Severin, however, a bad feeling surfaced in his heart and he immediately asked, "Who is this guy?"

Zoheb's face turned gloomy and he said to Darizan, "I've always treated you well, Darizan, and I never thought that you'd one day want to kill me. You're a very ambitious person, you know."

Darizan was taken aback and hurriedly tried to explain himself. "What are you talking about, Hall Master? Why would I want to kill you? You're like a brother to me, and we vowed to become sworn brothers! How could I possibly kill you?"

Severin took one step forward and said with a cold smile, "Oh, quit pretending, will you? I heard you talking with Mister Tulio out by the road earlier."

"That's impossible! You couldn't have heard our conversation when you were so far away from me at that time!" Darizan was startled and had a slip of the tongue.

Severin could not help but laugh. "Aha! You just exposed yourself and admitted to calling Mister Tulio!" Darizan's mouth twitched a few times before he explained, "Yes, I was talking to Mister Tulio, but your accusations that I am colluding with him to kill our hall master is nothing but nonsense! I just told him that we won't join them, and I pleaded with them not to put so much pressure on us!"

"I didn't think you'd be so stubborn still." Zoheb laughed. "Are you only going to give up on this charade after I search your body and find the poison you were supposed to prepare for me?"

Darizan frowned, thinking to himself, 'Was he really able to hear my conversation? How is that possible when my voice wasn't even too loud at that time?'

However, Darizan knew for sure that he could not admit anything at that moment.

He glared at Severin and then said to Zoheb, "Why do you trust him more than you trust me? He was probably sent here by the Wild Blood Gang to drive a wedge between us! If we crumble from within, then we'd only leave ourselves open to be attacked!"

"Haha, drive a wedge, you say?" Zoheb laughed loudly. "Oh, Darizan, why did you have to join hands with the Wild Blood Gang? Couldn't you hang in there for a while longer? Do you know who this young man is? He's the person I told you about once before: the leader of Dracodeus Temple-our Supreme Leader!"

"Our Supreme Leader?!" Darizan was startled. Zoheb told him before that the Supreme Leader was a very powerful old man who instructed him to set up a force and call it Tigris Hall. Then, the supreme leader seemed to have disappeared later on and never showed up again.

Zoheb had long forgotten about it, and everyone even thought that the supreme leader had died long ago.. However, their supreme leader had somehow managed to locate them again in a twist of fate!

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"No... this can't be possible! Isn't he supposed to be an old man? How could he be the supreme leader?" Darizan shook his head frantically, and he could already see the downfall of his perfect plan.

"Time for you to meet your maker!" Severin clenched his fist and enveloped it with a surge of spiritual energy.

"You can't possibly be the supreme leader! The Wild Blood Gang must've sent you! I'll kill you right now." Darizan thought to himself, This kid is young, and his attainment probably isn't that high. It

doesn't matter whether or not he's the supreme leader, because I will kill him right now. It's because he eavesdropped on me that my plan was exposed! (1)

After finishing his sentence, Darizan clenched his fist to release powerful spiritual energy from his fist. The next second, he charged right toward Severin and delivered a swift punch.

"You brought this upon yourself." Severin made light work of the person's attack. With a flash, he dodged the opponent's punch and countered with a punch to Darizan's chest.

A muffled blow was heard, and Darizan was sent flying several meters back. A bowl-sized hole appeared in his chest, and there was no chance for him to survive anymore.

"No way. He could kill our second-in-command so easily?" Yasmin's jaw nearly dropped to the ground. Zoheb stood there in a daze too, and he was completely shell-shocked by Severin's strength. He could tell that Severin's attainment was incredibly high, or else he would not have become the previous supreme leader's apprentice.

"Hall Master! What just happened? Is that..."

"Yes. That's our second-in-command. I don't know why he was killed."

Many of the stronger people from Tigris Hall ran over after hearing the clash of blows, and they were all stunned when they saw Darizan's body on the ground.

Zoheb immediately explained, "Calm down, everyone. This here is our superior, the Supreme Leader of Dracodeus Temple. You probably remembered the backer that I told you about before. If you still don't believe me, then you can meet him for yourselves."

After a pause, Zoheb continued, "As for our second-in-command, he colluded with the Wild Blood Gang and wanted to poison me, but our supreme leader has fortunately been able to help us to get rid of this traitor."

"So Tigris Hall does have a backer?"

"That's great news! I really didn't think our Tigris Hall's backer is the Dracodeus Temple! I wonder if it's one of the stronger forces?"

Several elders, all of whom were level one warrior kings, were all excited when they heard that Tigris Hall had a backer. That way, they would not be pushed around so easily by other factions in the future.

"Aren't you going to kneel and greet our supreme leader?" Zoheb smiled, and his anxious heart was much more at ease after seeing Severin's strength.

"Greetings, Supreme Leader!" Everyone knelt before Severin and shouted in unison..

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Severin then hurriedly told them to get up. "At ease, everyone. We're all friends here, so there's no need to be so formal. There aren't a lot of people who know about Dracodeus Temple, so you don't have to call me Supreme Leader. Just Mister Severin will do."

"Do you see how humble our Supreme Leader is, Yasmin?" Zoheb remarked with a smile.

“Okay, guys, Get rid of the body and get someone to prepare some good food tonight. I’d like to celebrate with our supreme leader!” Zoheb instructed his men to dispose of the corpse before dismissing the others.

“Let’s take this conversation inside. There are certain things I wish to speak to you about,” Severin said to Zoheb with a nod.

Zoheb could not help but smile wryly as he said, “I knew there was a reason you came to look for us. You probably wouldn’t have shown up here if it wasn’t important.”

Severin smiled and said, “Tigris Hall doesn’t seem to be very powerful, so I suggest that you move to South Link City so there’s more support for your hall there.”

“South Link City? That can be arranged. We won’t have anything to fear if you’re with us.” Zoheb said with a smile after they entered the house. “Unfortunately, we have many members and plenty of assets too. We’d probably need a few days to prepare for the move, and those assets will have to be dealt with too. I’m afraid we can only dispose of them on the cheap.”

Severin nodded. “Draco Hall, Mus Hall, Equus Hall, and Serpent Hall are all in South Link City right now. Your Tigris Hall now brings the tally up to five. I will have to find a way to locate the other seven.”

“You’ve already found some of the other halls? And they’re all in South Link City too? That’s... That couldn’t be better!” Zoheb was overjoyed to hear that. We’ll be stronger if everyone banded together, and ! don’t need to keep worrying about how we’re going to get by here in Drackham.”

Severin smiled and said, “Well, I am the governor now, and I’m heading South County Mansion. They live pretty near to where I stay too, so we can all take care of each other in the future.”

“No way. You’re the governor? That’s incredible!” Yasmin’s eyes lit up, but a sudden thought then came to mind as she frowned and said, “But the underground forces aren’t usually acknowledged by those in the system, and the war gods probably look down on us too. How did you manage to become the governor when you’re the supreme leader of Dracodeus Temple?”

Severin smiled wryly. “It was sheer luck, haha! By the way, your attainment isn’t too bad, and I think it’s sufficient to get the breakthrough to level one warrior king.”

“Hehe, I’m only a level eight profound master now, and I’d probably need about a year or two at least to break through to becoming a level one warrior king. I need to get a breakthrough to level nine profound master before I can even think about becoming a warrior king.” Yasmin chuckled, feeling that Severin was exaggerating when he claimed that she could break through to level one warrior king.

However, Severin took out a first-grade high-rank pill from his spatial ring with the wave of his palm. “You can have this. I believe it’ll be very helpful in allowing you to break through to level one warrior king.”

“What grade of pill is this?” Yasmin became excited when she saw the pill in Severin’s palm.

“First-grade high-rank,” Severin answered with a smile.

“A first-grade high-rank pill?! Are you sure you want to give it to me?” Yasmin jumped up excitedly.