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The very second Harold came, Eren threatened, “Harold, you thought you were the best, but here you are! Hurry up and get on your knees before you apologize to my wife. Otherwise, I'm going to make Dellmoor your personal living hell. No one will dare to spare you any money even if you end up as a beggar here!”

Brittany, who was on the couch, instinctively tried to stand up, but her mother stopped her.

She could only look at Harold with a complicated look. She was eager to see him kneeling before her and telling everyone that he regretted proposing to Isabella instead.

There were some other emotions beneath that anticipation, too, but she could not find the words to describe them.

Harold ignored Eren and Brittany after entering the Xenos residence. Instead, he went straight to Matthew and pulled the man up.

“Mr. White, are you all right?” Harold asked with concern.

He could tell that Matthew had been kicked in the knees.

“I'm fine. I'll be fine as long as you don't ditch me and the company!” Matthew, a man, choked out like a girl bullied by others.

The others scrunched up their faces, but Matthew ignored them all.

Harold asked with a chuckle, “You didn't think I ran away, did you?”

“I...”

Matthew felt guilty upon hearing Harold's question.

He genuinely thought that Harold had set him up and fled.

“It's just the Sinclair family. They're not a threat to me. Also, I did say that I'll make Jacques apologize to you in person if Eren crosses the line too much. I'll call Jacques now.”

With that, Harold took out his phone to make the call.

Eren and the Xenoses burst into laughter when they heard Harold's words.

Eren and his brother-in-law, Gordon, laughed the loudest.

Only Brittany was enthralled by Harold's domineering words.

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Gordon wanted to please his brother-in-law, who came from a prominent family, so he grabbed Harold's clothes and tried to kick the latter to the ground.

However, Harold shot him an icy glare before he could do that. A shiver ran down his spine, and he instinctively retracted his foot and took a few steps back.

“Eren, Gordon is being bullied. Why aren't you helping him?” Mandy shouted at Eren upon seeing Harold glare at his son.

Eren wanted to step forward and teach Harold a lesson upon hearing Mandy's words, but he suddenly thought of what had happened at the City Hall and hesitated. He quickly called Ricky.

“Ricky, send a few capable bodyguards to my house. I want that brat to be carried out today!” Eren ordered with his face contorted in rage.

“Yes, Mr. Eren. I'll make the arrangements right away, but Boss is—” Ricky tried to explain respectfully upon hearing Eren's words.

He wanted to tell Eren that Jacques was already in Dellmoor and was about to reach the Xenos residence.

However, Eren thought Ricky was trying to persuade him to return on his father's behalf and interjected, “Don't waste my time by telling me nonsense. I'll return after I finish my business here. You have ten minutes to send the people over to me!”

With that, he hung up and smirked at Harold.

Since you want to do this the hard way, I'll do this the hard way.

Harold couldn't be bothered by Eren's smug look. Instead, he dialed Jacques' personal phone number.

Jacques, the founder of Freya Group, was absolutely livid when he discovered that his son, Eren, whom he had high hopes and expectations for, had gone to Dellmoor to marry into the Xenos family, who were

involved in vegetable farming. It almost gave him a heart attack.

He immediately ordered Ricky, the person in charge of Freya Group in Dellmoor, to bring Eren back in two days.

However, he only got a rejection in reply.

He was so furious he took a private plane to Dellmoor the next day, so he was now on the way to Brittany's place with Ricky leading the way.

On the way, Ricky received a call from Eren.

Since he had already brought many bodyguards to protect Jacques, he immediately agreed to Eren's request.

Within twenty minutes, a long line of cars stopped in Brittany's residential area.

Ricky was in the car at the front. He got out of the car and instructed a few bodyguards to go up first to assist Eren. Then, he opened the door of the Rolls-Royce, which was in the middle of the line of cars.

A tall, slender old man with slicked-back hair holding a cane got out of the Rolls-Royce with a grim expression.

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Only a few people in the country had this number.

Besides Jacques, the rest had also become international or domestic leaders in their own industries.

This included the founders of a leading domestic e-commerce company, a shipping conglomerate, an air-conditioning and home appliances company, and a social networking company.

Harold had given them this number so they could get in contact with him if they ever encountered any difficulties they couldn't solve.

In the past five years, Freya Group had been able to develop rapidly and smoothly, especially with the God of War's reputation.

Jacques didn't have the chance to call this number for the past five years, so he didn't expect Harold to give him a call personally now.

He took a deep breath to calm down before answering the call.

"Hello, Mr. Campbell. Is there something I can help you with?"

Although he knew that Harold couldn't see him from the other end of the line, he couldn't help but behave respectfully.

It was as if Harold was standing before him.

His actions stunned Ricky and his subordinates behind him.

They didn't know who was calling Jacques for him to behave so differently from his usual calm demeanor.

He was the head of the most powerful family in the south, an existence that rivaled the well-established families in the north.

Only others would be respectful in his presence, and even those in positions of power would be courteous to him.

His subordinates had never seen Jacques grovel before anyone ever.

Yet now, he was so nervous and respectful to the person on the phone, so they found it hard to believe.

Jacques didn't have the time to pay mind to Ricky and his subordinates as he listened to Harold's lecture attentively.

"Mr. Campbell, I'm already in Dellmoor. Okay, no worries. I'll teach that kid a lesson right now!"

After listening to Harold for a while, Jacques finally hung up. He had broken into a cold sweat.

Ricky glanced at Jacques, who was sweating profusely, and asked tentatively, "Boss, who was that on the phone just now?"

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"Go ahead and teach him how to kneel, boys! Feel free to break his legs if he dares fight back!"

Realizing that the members of the Xenos family were staring at him in dissatisfaction because Harold refused to kneel and apologize to Brittany, Eren ordered the bodyguards to take action.

"Understood, Mr. Eren!"

All four of those bodyguards were highly skilled professionals. Having received Eren's orders, the one leading the group walked up to Harold with the other three following closely behind.

Brittany got a little scared when she saw the menacing looks on their faces.

While she did want Harold to apologize to her, she didn't want him to get injured in the process.

Brittany was about to stand up and tell them to forget about it, but Mandy stopped her by grabbing her arm.

Shocked by the turn of events, Matthew instinctively stepped in front of Harold and shouted angrily at the bodyguards, "What do you guys think you're doing? This is against the law!"

"This is none of your business! Now, get lost!" two of the bodyguards said in unison as they grabbed him by the arms and tossed him aside.

Despite how tough Matthew looked, he paled in comparison to the professional bodyguards, and they were able to make light work of him.

The four bodyguards then surrounded Harold and reached out to grab him at the same time.

"Stop!" someone yelled in a panicked voice from the front door.

The members of the Xenos family instinctively turned toward the front door when they heard that.

Even Eren, who was grinning smugly, tensed up when he recognized that voice.

I-Isn't that my dad? D-Did Harold really call my dad just now? Even if that were the case, there's no way my dad would be able to show up so quickly!

With an uneasy feeling in his heart, Eren slowly turned around and glanced at the front door.

An old man came rushing in with the help of his cane while Ricky and a few bodyguards followed closely behind.

"What are you doing here, Dad?" Eren asked with a confused frown when he saw them.

"I told you yesterday that Boss will bring you home himself if you don't return, but you never let me finish my sentence. I tried to tell you about it again just now, but you cut me off again," Ricky explained.

Eren breathed a sigh of relief when he heard that.

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"Of course! Since when I have ever lied to you?" Harold exclaimed in displeasure when he saw the look of disbelief in Matthew's eyes.

Eren, however, didn't take too kindly to those words of his.

Jacques was able to confirm Harold's identity as he recognized his voice.

While he didn't know who that God of War was who was going around the world hosting events, he couldn't care less about that at the moment.

There's no doubt that this young man standing before me is none other than the God of War himself!

He was about to step forward and greet Harold, but Eren was faster. He jabbed a finger at Harold and shouted angrily, "Hey, Harold! Have you no shame? My dad came here because of me! How dare you claim to have summoned him with a single phone call?" Still feeling dissatisfied, he turned around and ordered the bodyguards, "Break his legs right now! I want to wipe that smug grin off his face!"

Those words had barely left his mouth when he felt a sharp pain in his left thigh.

"Ow!" Eren yelled in pain as he turned around, only to see Jacques glaring furiously at him with the cane in hand.

Confused by Jacques' actions, Eren stared at him and shouted in confusion, "Hey! What are you doing, Dad? I'm your son! It's that ass*le who's disrespecting you here! What are you hitting me for?"

Jacques's face turned pale when he heard Eren insulting Harold again. "I'm hitting you because you haven't even realized your mistake!" he chided while striking Eren with his cane once again.

"Argh! My leg!" Eren screamed in agony while staring at Jacques in fear.

He had no idea why Jacques kept hitting him.

Jacques wasn't in the mood to explain any further. Having identified Harold, he quickly pushed his way through the crowd and ran up to him.

"M-Mr. Campbell! I apologize on behalf of my son! I should've taught him better! I'm terribly sorry he offended you! Please forgive him this once! I promise he won't dare offend you ever again!" Jacques said as he knelt before Harold.

He got on his knees not only to beg Harold to spare Eren but also to thank Harold for his help over the years.

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The children did not know Jacques or the many complexities of society. Hence, they were utterly fascinated by the adults around them, who were slack-jawed in a stupor.

Eventually, one of the children piped up, "Granny, what's wrong with all the adults? Do their jaws hurt?"

He had spoken softly, yet the question rang loud and clear across the dead-silent space.

The men and women promptly snapped out of their trance, each wearing an awkward expression.

"Don't say silly things!" The old lady covered her curious grandson's mouth and shot the crowd an apologetic look.

Harold hastily supported Jacques to his feet when he noticed the latter was about to get on his knees. "Do get up! You're not young anymore. There's simply no logic in an elder paying his respects to a junior like me!"

Jacques responded insistently, "This is nothing, Mr. Campbell. In fact, the whole country should be paying its respects to you. If you hadn't stepped forward five years ago, we would've died under our enemies' blades or become their prisoners. This is but a basic show of our reverence toward you, Mr. Campbell!"

Then, he tried to kneel again.

He believed Harold's immeasurable contributions toward his nation and fellow countrymen deserved everyone's most profound respect.

Jacques' words stunned the crowd into silence.

Who is this young man? Why does Old Mr. Sinclair revere him so?

In this day and age, the only person who rightfully deserved the country's wholehearted gratitude was none other than the legendary God of War.

Wait a minute. Could Harold Campbell really be the God of War?

The crowd quickly arrived at an unthinkable conclusion.

Matthew, who stood the closest to Harold, sputtered in disbelief, "Mr. Campbell, a-are you the God of War?"

Everyone else cast equally bewildered glances toward Harold.

If the young man was indeed the God of War, they were incredibly lucky to be in his presence.

To breathe the same air as the legendary God of War was an unbelievable opportunity.

Alas, the Xenos family clearly had their thoughts running in a different direction.

They would be cursing their earlier stupidity if Harold and the God of War were one and the same.

After all, he should have been their son-in-law.

Yet, they had foolishly ousted the God of War from their family.

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Unlike the rest of the crowd, Jacques appeared to be in deep thought.

If the God of War is collecting funds, why didn't he approach large corporations like us?

Almost all the major corporations in the country owed their founding success in some way or another to the God of War, including Freya Group.

However, Freya Group had not received any fundraising requests from the God of War.

And to the best of Jacques' knowledge, neither did the other major corporations in the country.

The only logical explanation was that the fundraising God of War was a fake.

He could be a decoy put in place by Harold or something else entirely.

Yet before Jacques could chastise his son over his rude accusations, Harold spoke up.

"Indeed, I'm not the God of War!"

Harold stopped himself from revealing his true identity after hearing Eren's words.

The reason was simple.

On the fifteenth of the following month, the fake God of War would arrive in Dellmoor.

Harold planned to investigate the impersonator's identity and motives on the sly. Naturally, it was prudent to conceal his own identity for now.

Otherwise, the impersonator would only be on his guard, complicating Harold's investigation.

Luckily, Eren's words reminded him to keep a low profile.

The crowd scowled at Harold after his “confession,” while Matthew and Jacques stared at him in incomprehension.

Jacques, in particular, was flabbergasted. He was a hundred percent certain that the young man before him was the God of War.

Though he had never seen the God of War's face, the young man's voice and phone number had never changed over the years. Harold was clearly the real deal.

Matthew and Harold's confused expressions had Harold shooting them warning looks, hoping they would not give his act away.

“Did you hear that, Dad? He even admitted it himself. He's not the God of War!”

Eren jumped on the opportunity to repeat Harold's confession to his father.

The poor fellow was under the impression that his father had fallen for Harold's ploy.

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“Dad, please don't! All right! I'll kneel, okay?” Eren, who had already been beaten once already, turned pale when he saw his father lifting his cane into the air.

Eren then quickly crawled toward Harold and grabbed Harold's leg. “M-Mr. Campbell, I've been an utter fool. Please have mercy on me and let me go. I'll never do such a thing again. If you can agree to let me go, I'll divorce Brittany...” Eren begged.

The looks on the faces of the Xenos family members turned extremely gloomy when they heard those words.

Initially, they thought they had managed to snag the heir of a rich and prominent family. They assumed that once Brittany had married Eren, the Xenos family was going to soar to greater heights.

However, their perfect dream only lasted for two days.

Mandy was pissed off when she saw how Eren was acting like a coward. She then instinctively roared, “Eren, you piece of trash! Why—”

However, she was too scared to finish her sentence when she saw Jacques shooting a cold glance at her.

At the same time, Brittany pulled Mandy back and shielded her. Eren is a piece of trash, but his father is a big shot. How could Mom insult Eren in front of his father? Isn't that just looking for trouble?

Jacques let the matter slide when he saw that Mandy had calmed herself down. After that, he turned toward Harold, hoping to plead for mercy on his son's behalf.

"I can forgive you, but I need you and your father to agree to two of my conditions." For Jacques' sake, Harold decided to give Eren a second chance.

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"Mr. Campbell has just given you a second chance. Are you deaf? Why aren't you responding?" Jacques thundered.

Jacques grew frustrated and kicked his son when he saw the latter lying on the ground desolately.

"I... I accept Mr. Campbell's conditions."

Eren steeled himself and accepted the terms because he was afraid that his father would whack him with the cane again.

However, Eren wasn't optimistic about his future after he saw his father's behavior toward Harold. Harold is giving me a chance, but he'll still be deciding if I'm able to pass his test. Based on how I treated him before, I'm sure he won't let me make it through the evaluation. Harold only said that because he wanted to show respect to Dad in public.

"In that case, apologize to Mr. White now!" Harold ordered coldly.

Harold had his reason for doing what he just did.

Obviously, one of the reasons was his promise to Matthew.

The second reason was the fact that Freya Group was the current leader of domestic private enterprises.

Therefore, the reputation of the country and its people was at risk.

Harold knew Eren was good at finding ways to make life difficult for others. Despite that, he's a capable man, and his leadership skills are exceptional. Unfortunately, he's not fully utilizing the skills he has. With his current abilities, he's not fit to run a company like Freya. He needs to have a stronger mental fortitude, and he has a long way to go. This is a good way to train him for the future. As for whether he can succeed, that solely depends on him.

As soon as Jacques and Eren heard what Harold said, Jacques dragged his son along toward Matthew to apologize.

Despite not knowing the full story, Jacques humbled himself and apologized sincerely, “Mr. White, I failed at educating my son, and we caused trouble and losses to you and your company. We would like to apologize to you and seek forgiveness. Freya Group will pay for all the damages you've incurred. Please forgive us, Mr. White!”

Matthew was flabbergasted by what he saw and heard. He's Jacques Sinclair, the overlord of the south! Is he apologizing to me? Although Mr. Campbell told me he would get Jacques to apologize to me, this still feels like a dream! This is unreal and unbelievable!

Matthew was so stunned that he had forgotten to respond to Jacques' apology.

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“All right. Now that the matter is settled, let's disperse. Old Mr. Sinclair, go home and educate your son so that he won't bully others anymore. Mr. White, you can go back to the office and get back to work,” Harold uttered.

“Mr. Campbell, I'll bring this rebellious son of mine home and discipline him!” Jacques felt as though he had just escaped death and quickly brought Eren out of Brittany's home.

Matthew left promptly after that.

The Xenos residence, which was initially packed with people, suddenly became spacious, with only the members of the Xenos family and the onlookers from the neighborhood present.

“If there's nothing else, I'll make a move as well!” Harold shot Brittany a complicated glance and turned around to leave.

Seeing that, Mandy gave Brittany a nudge.

“Wait!” Brittany subconsciously yelled out at Harold's retreating figure.

“Yes? What's the matter?” Harold halted in his tracks, but he didn't bother turning around.

“I...” Brittany was at a loss for words.

Mandy grew anxious when she saw her daughter stuttering.

In the end, Mandy took the matter into her own hands and said shamelessly, “Harold, you've already

divorced Isabella, right? Eren, the piece of trash, is also divorcing Brittany. Since both of you are single now, perhaps you should get back together with Brittany. You can give however much you like for the betrothal gift. What do you think?"

As soon as those words fell, the neighbors were all giving Mandy strange looks. This woman has no shame! Back then, she forced her daughter to break up with the man because he couldn't afford to fork out three hundred thousand for the betrothal gift. Now, she's asking them to get back together just because the man is rich! Besides, she even has the cheek to mention the betrothal gift again when her daughter, Brittany, is still legally married to Eren!

Even Brittany was embarrassed by her mother's shameless words. Still, since Mom has already said those words, I'm eager to see Harold's reaction.

Brittany stood behind Harold and stared at his back.

In response, Harold frowned and mulled over the matter before saying, "I'm sorry, Mrs. Xenos, but the relationship died the moment Brittany took off the bracelet and returned it to Isabella."

With that, Harold moved to leave the Xenos residence.