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Everyone present had been suspicious of Martha's words, but what had happened proved that Martha was telling the truth.

The fact that Catherine killed her confidant told everyone that she really did those evil things.

Catherine didn't care about the different expressions on everyone's faces.

At this moment, she could only see Stefan standing not far away.

Her eyes turned red, she shook her head in disbelief, and asked in tears, "Son, why do you protect this woman?"

It was Martha and Elsie's fault. Why was everyone protecting them?

Elsie should have been severely punished for escaping marriage, but the late king didn't have the heart to do so and let it slide.

Later, Catherine's parents forced her to marry the late king for the Hopper family's sake. They even killed her husband and newborn child.

If it weren't for Stefan who was tough enough, he would have died in the sea long ago.

Stefan resisted the pain from his chest, his thin lips were tightly pressed, his eyes were fixed on Martha and he kept shaking his head-

He wished Martha would not believe Catherine even if Catherine was telling the truth.

He finally managed to get Martha back, so he didn't want Martha to push him away again just because of this bad woman.

Seeing Stefan's reaction, Martha got his hint immediately.

With her eyes cast down, she said softly after a while, "I've known it already."

She knew the truth last night.

She didn't believe it was true at first, but now seeing Catherine who had gone crazy, she understood that Stefan was really Catherine's son.

Stefan's pupils shrank slightly, and his face turned pale.

He held Martha's hand slightly, and opened his mouth to say something, but the wound on his chest robbed him of the strength to utter even a word.

Martha already knew, so would she not be with him anymore?

Thinking of this, he looked at Martha with a hint of panic in his eyes.

He tightly grasped Martha's hand, trying to defend himself, but in the end he didn't have the strength to say anything else.

At this moment, King Ducasse, who was standing aside, looked at Catherine in astonishment.

The shock in his eyes increased.

Did he hear wrong just now?

How could his mother call Stefan "Son".

He must have misheard just now.

After King Ducasse recovered, his golden eyes were full of shock.

King Ducasse regained his composure and looked at Catherine with a mix of surprise in his golden eyes.

After a moment of silence, he fixed his gaze on Mother, who stood not far away from him, and asked in a questioning tone, "What did you call him just now?"

"You heard me right. He is my son!" Catherine replied with an excited expression on her face.

Over the years, every time she woke up from a nightmare, she would think of her innocent husband and son.

Now that her son had survived but treated her like this, how could she accept it?

As these thoughts raced through Catherine's mind, all the emotions that had been suppressed for so long burst out uncontrollably.

In the next second, Catherine's roar filled the hall.

"He is my son! The child I gave birth to with my beloved man!"

King Ducasse was taken aback for a moment, his thin lips parted slightly. His eyes met hers again as if asking for an explanation.

Catherine looked mockingly at King Ducasse who was standing not far away, and smiled ironically.

"My beloved man wasn't your father; it was someone else."

She wiped away tears from the corners of her eyes while speaking out loud, "If your father hadn't forced me into marriage back then, I wouldn't have lost my beloved man or been separated from my own child!"

King Ducasse's pupils shrank suddenly, and his hand trembled unconsciously.

He looked at Stefan, whose chest was covered in blood, and bit his lip tightly.

Stefan was his mother's another child and his brother!

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King Ducasse couldn't accept the truth, and shook his head vigorously.

"It's impossible."

"It's true," Catherine replied frantically, her eyes filled with madness.

At this time, everyone present was shocked to see the scene before them.

They didn't expect that the relationship in the royal family would be so complicated.

Not long after, all the ministers and ladies present couldn't help but started talking in low voices-

"That man turned out to be Catherine Queen Dowager's illegitimate son?"

"I didn't expect Catherine Queen Dowager to have a child before marrying the late king."

"Well, that man and Catherine Queen Dowager looked similar in some senses."

"Is Catherine Queen Dowager crazy now?"

"What a drama!"

"..."

Eve, who was still in shock, was now a little bit confused.

Since her sister died, she had been searching for the murderer who killed her sister, and now it was the best to find the murderer.

It was just that she didn't expect the murderer to be Catherine.

And how could Martha's ex-husband become Catherine's birth son?

Catherine just said that she lost her husband and child because of her marriage with the late king.

Did Elsie's escaping marriage cause all that to happen?

Sam was stunned as well.

He never thought that was the reason why Catherine went crazy.

Also, he didn't think Martha and Stefan could still be together if Stefan was Catherine's son.

After King Ducasse came back to his senses, he said snappishly, "Mother, are you crazy? How can you tell such a lie!"

Catherine smiled wildly, her eyes widened, and she looked at her son in dismay.

“Yes, I’m crazy. If it wasn’t for your father, how could I become what I am now!”

At this time, Catherine had changed from a graceful and luxurious lady to a complete lunatic.

Her clothes had long been dishevelled and the hair accessories she wore had been loose, making her in a mess.

After Catherine smiled mockingly, she suddenly turned to the crowd standing aside, their eyes were full of shock.

She frantically looked around at the crowd, and the smile on the corner of her mouth widened unconsciously.

“Do you all think that I am happy to be the queen?”

“Why do you all push me to where I am today in the name of being good for me and the Hopper family?”

“Have you ever thought that I never want to be the queen! Never!”

All she wanted was to be with her beloved man and son.

But from the very beginning, her dream was shattered by her parents.

Catherine couldn’t help shedding tears while complaining about her grievances.

However, after saying this, she still didn’t feel that the suppressed emotions were relieved, and she questioned even louder-

“All you can see is profit. For your own selfish desires, you force your family and your daughter to do things they don’t want to.”

“Have you ever thought how painful I am?”

“I have to maintain my decent image every day and deal with everything within the royal family.”

“If anyone really wanted to be the queen so badly, why did none of you take it yourself!”

Catherine’s words shook everyone present.

Her current appearance was very terrifying; it seemed like at any moment she might skin them all alive.

Her sharp voice echoed in the hall, and everyone present couldn’t help but feel moved.

King Ducasse listened intently to his mother’s words; instead of growing angrier he felt pity for his mother.

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He couldn’t accept the fact that his mother killed his father, but he knew she did so because she endured so much pain.

Perhaps, without everything that happened back then, his mother might have led a happy life with her beloved man.

King Ducasse’s eyelids drooped, and his golden eyes were filled with complex emotions.

Martha, who was standing beside him, was silent for a while, and keenly noticed that there was more and more blood on Stefan’s chest.

She turned her head and looked eagerly at King Ducasse who was standing beside-

“King Ducasse, please call a doctor quickly. Stefan’s condition is very bad right now.”

After returning to his senses, King Ducasse nodded, and immediately turned to the guard standing aside.

Before he could give an order, the ministers suddenly started to speak out one after another, condemning Catherine.

“Your Majesty, it was the bitch Catherine who killed the late king, you must avenge the late king.”

“Yeah, the late king was such a good person, but he was killed by this woman.”

“Catherine is the murderer of the late king; she deserves death!”

“Please don’t hesitate any longer, and sentence Catherine immediately!”

“Your Majesty, if you don’t deal with her today, she will

“Please put Catherine to death, seek the justice for the late king!”

“This vicious woman just killed her confidant in the hall, which is enough to show how ruthless she is!”

“...”

In the end, almost everyone thought that Catherine should be sentenced to death.

At this moment, King Ducasse found himself in a predicament, not knowing what to do.

Martha, who was standing beside him, frowned unconsciously when she heard what these people said.

She didn’t actually intend for Catherine to die, she just wanted her to pay the price.

She looked up at Catherine who had gone crazy, and she didn’t feel sorry for her.

In her opinion, Catherine asked for it.

Stefan, who had just been stabbed by Catherine, became even paler due to excessive blood loss.

Catherine’s madness made mixed feelings surge through him.

Finally, he closed his eyes, unwilling to look at her again.

Even so, he couldn’t help thinking to himself – would he stop it if she were to be killed? Though he was unwilling to admit the relationship between them, he could never cut off their blood relation.

He hated everything Catherine had done. Yet from another perspective, Catherine was also a victim of the power struggle.

He didn’t know what choice he would make, so he might as well not have to decide on this choice.

King Ducasse, his half-brother, also had inner struggles.

When a minister suggested executing Catherine, more and more ministers echoed him.

They said–

“Your Majesty, you’ve been raised up by the late king. I hope you can put to death this unforgivable woman.”

“I earnestly implore Your Majesty not to forget how the late king died!”

“If it weren’t for this vicious woman, the late king might have been still alive!”

“Please execute Catherine, and give the late king justice!”

“Your Majesty, you are not only Catherine’s son, you are also the son of the late king, the king of our Z Country!”

King Ducasse pursed his thin lips and finally his gaze fell upon his mother who had begun to giggle wildly.

Catherine kept smiling and said, “Kill me, come and kill me!”

Hearing this, King Ducasse frowned, and clenched his fists.

He knew that now he should order that Catherine be executed, but...

He couldn’t execute his own mother himself.

He bit his lip, and after a while, he said sharply, “Quiet.”

As soon as King Ducasse’s voice sounded, the previously noisy hall suddenly quieted down.

He looked around, sighed silently and his gloomy voice sounded in the hall-

“I now announce that the wedding between me and Martha is canceled!”

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He pointed to the guard standing next to him and continued, “Take Catherine Queen Dowager away for

now. Without my orders, no one can take action against her!”

“Yes!”

The guards immediately stepped forward and took away the almost insane Catherine.

After Catherine was taken away, King Ducasse looked at Stefan and ordered the guard standing beside him, “You go find a doctor right now and have the doctor check on him.”

“Yes.”

The guard turned around and quickly left the hall.

After the guard left, Stefan couldn't hold on any longer. He closed his eyes and passed out completely.

Seeing this, Martha supported Stefan who was about to fall.

Her eyes were full of worry, and she dared not to touch Stefan's clothes soaked in blood for fear of touching his wounds.

At this moment, everyone present watched as what was supposed to be a happy wedding turned into chaos. Their hearts trembled with fear.

They all looked towards where King Ducasse stood with their heads bowed respectfully,

“Your Grace, if there is nothing else, we will leave first.”

King Ducasse pursed his lips slightly and nodded gently.

After that, all of them left with their families without daring to stay any longer.

Eve watched Martha from a distance as tears welled up in her eyes.

‘Martha has suffered so much. Unexpectedly, she fell in love with the son of the woman who killed her mother.’

Yet Eve said nothing, turned and left the hall.

Another member of the Lucas family, Sam, sighed helplessly and shook his head slightly.

The murderer of Elsie had been found. He hoped that Elsie can rest in peace.

But he didn't know what was going through Martha's mind or whether she would accept Stefan eventually or not.

He, however, would let them solve everything themselves.

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Stefan lay pale-faced on the bed, while the doctor was treating his wounds carefully at the bedside.

The doctor understood he couldn't afford a slight misstep with King Ducasse being here.

At this time, both Martha and King Ducasse stood aside, looking at Stefan with furrowed brows.

Martha was worried that something might happen to Stefan due to excessive blood loss.

By contrast, King Ducasse stared blankly at Stefan.

He still couldn't accept that Stefan was his half-brother, though he knew it was probably true.

The woman he liked was his brother's beloved woman. This thought made King Ducasse's brow furrow even tighter. Pain crept into his eyes.

Martha noticed his emotional change and sighed silently.

She knew that King Ducasse was probably suffering more than anyone else right now, since he had just learned so many shocking truths all at once.

It was too much for anyone to bear.

Yet right now she couldn't focus on anything else but Stefan's well-being.

In order to protect her, he was stabbed in the chest by Catherine, and bled so much. Would his life be in danger?

As she thought about this, her mind drifted back to when Stefan protected her from Catherine's attack earlier.

At that time, Even though they were far away from each other, without hesitation, he rushed over and risked his life to protect her.

Martha felt a pang of guilt mixed with affection as she remembered how brave Stefan was despite everything going against them both.

The next second, bitter thoughts hit her, 'Stefan is Catherine's son who killed my mother. Can we ever be together? He is my enemy's son. How can I accept him? What will the Lucas family think?'

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Half an hour later, the doctor managed to stop the bleeding on Stefan's body.

"Your Majesty, there is nothing serious for the time being, but he has lost too much blood and needs rest."

King Ducasse looked at the sleeping man on the bed and nodded.

Soon the doctor left, leaving only King Ducasse and Martha in the room.

After hearing from the doctor that Stefan was fine, Martha heave a sigh of relief.

She turned to King Ducasse, who stared at Stefan motionlessly.

After a long time, she heard King Ducasse murmuring in a low voice, "He's not like me at all..."

Martha was startled, and understood what he was talking about.

"Catherine is an oriental, and Stefan's father is also an oriental, so naturally Stefan doesn't look like you."

King Ducasse's father was from Z Country, and the color of his eyes showed the difference.

Martha understood that King Ducasse couldn't accept the fact that Stefan was his half-brother.

Although she also didn't want to accept it, it was the truth.

"What are you going to do with Catherine?"

At the moment he heard his mother's name, King Ducasse's heart twisted with pain.

"What do you want me to do?"

King Ducasse looked at Martha with a dullness in his eyes, so evident.

That was his biological mother, he knew everyone was waiting for him to give Catherine an execution.

She committed the heinous crime of murdering the late king and deserved death.

What else could he do?

Suddenly, King Ducasse smiled wryly, "I know no one wants her dead more than you do..."

Martha lowered her eyes, but didn't respond.

Catherine admitted she had killed Elsie. Considering her other crimes, she indeed deserved death.

But Martha somehow felt Horadus' betrayal of Catherine was too sudden and there seemed to be more to it.

Horadus, however, had died. And all the clues pointed to Catherine. She was the heinous culprit without a doubt.

Only when King Ducasse personally ordered her to be executed would everything come to an end and the dust settle.

"You are the king of Z Country, representing the entire country, but I can also understand your feelings as a son."

As Martha said, she looked at Stefan on the bed again.

Catherine's true face had been exposed. If she insisted on wanting Catherine dead, she would be no different from Catherine?

Besides, Catherine was Stefan's biological mother.

The revenge was over, and Martha just wanted to get out of here and go back to her father and child.

"Martha, do you hate me?"

Hearing this, Martha looked up at King Ducasse, chuckled and shook her head, "Why should I? It's only your mother's fault. I don't hate Stefan either. We're just poor people being played by fate. I don't want to become like Catherine, or transfer my hatred onto innocent people."

She finally got the happiness, and she didn't want to miss it again because of her obsessive idea.

"King Ducasse, do what you think is right, whatever you decide now, I respect you."

King Ducasse pursed his lips lightly; he knew that Martha gave up hatred and chose forgiveness.

Even if she could do it, how about anyone else?

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Stefan woke up, and it was already night.

Under the dim light, there was only a graceful figure standing by his bed.

He slowly opened his eyes, and what he saw was an unfamiliar environment. The pain in his body hit him, and he gasped.

Then he felt a warm hand on his arm...

He turned his head and saw Martha, who was leaning against the edge of the bed, sleeping lightly.

She had been guarding him, looking haggard, Stefan frowned, enduring the pain of the wound, slowly stretched out his hand, and gently stroked her eyebrows and eyes with his warm fingertips.

His thin lips moved as he spoke in a hoarse and deep voice, "Martha..."

When Martha heard it, she opened her eyes dazedly, meeting Stefan's deep-set eyes.

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Seeing him awake, Martha's eyes lit up.

"You're up, does the wound still hurt? I'll call the doctor..."

As she spoke, she got up to leave, but he grabbed her wrist.

"Don't go."

At these words, Martha stopped.

They locked eyes with deep affection.

Then, the room fell into a long silence.

Stefan stared at her, and tightened his grip on her waist, as he was afraid that she would disappear again if he let go.

Thinking Catherine was Stefan's biological mother, she spoke to break the silence-

"Catherine is now locked in the dungeon, awaiting sentence."

Though Martha didn't want to admit Catherine was Stefan's birth mother, it was the unchangeable fact.

As Catherine's son, Stefan had the right to know her current situation.

Stefan heard this and became despondent. For a moment he lost all courage of holding onto Martha tightly.

"How she is has nothing to do with me."

He would not admit that woman, let alone his relationship with her.

This answer was within Martha's expectation.

"Everything is over. All I know is I came here to take you home," he added.

All those grudges and complicated relationships meant nothing compared to getting his wife back home.

It hadn't changed from beginning to end.

Hearing these words made Martha feel bitter, tears welling up in her eyes. She looked down at his palm, put her hand on it, and smiled suddenly.

"Okay, let's go home."

Everything was settled now.

Since they didn't want to face the reality, they'd escape together, leave everything here behind, and return home where their family lived.

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"What, are you leaving?"

Eve saw Martha again later in the evening. Martha went back to the Lucas Residence, and Eve was waiting for her.

Aside, Sam frowned without expressing his opinion.

Martha nodded and said, "The murderer of my mother has been found. I have no reason to stay here anymore."

Now that Catherine's true face had been exposed, what awaited her was an execution of her, and the entire Z Country's sanction against her. For Martha, her revenge was over.

But Eve shook her head, disapproving of Martha's choice.

"Martha, you are the daughter of the Lucas family. Although you have avenged your mother, why do you still want to leave when you've returned?"

Now the entire Lucas family would be hers. Eve and Sam would assist her in running it.

Martha didn't respond directly, but turned to Sam with a smile. "Sam, from now on, the Lucas family will be left to you."

Hearing this, Sam frowned even deeper.

He had no interest in being the head of the family at all. He had always known his identity as an adopted son of the Lucas family and didn't want to take over this position.

Besides...

Now that Elsie had been avenged, he just wanted to live in a quiet place where nobody could bother him for the rest of his life.

He thought if Martha stayed, he would help her manage all matters related to running the Lucas family.

"Have you really thought this through?"

Unlike Eve who tried hard to convince Martha, Sam respected Martha's choice.

Martha nodded and smiled slightly, "This place will always be strange for me."

Eve opened her mouth, but seeing how determined Martha was about leaving, she didn't say anything else until something crossed her mind again, "What about Stefan? He's Catherine's son, you still want to be with him?"

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Martha's eyes darkened, as she heard Eve's forceful tone.

In Eve's eyes, nothing was more important than revenging her sister.

So, she couldn't allow her sister's daughter to stay with her enemy's son.

But Stefan didn't know he was Catherine's son and like her, didn't want to accept this reality.

Why should Catherine's mistake be borne by her child?

Moreover, she loved Stefan; she didn't want to reject him again because of someone or something else.

She believed that her deceased mother would support her. As long as she was happy, her mother would be happy, too.

"I know what you want to say, but this time I want to follow my heart and make my own choice."

"Follow your heart? Martha, he is the son of your enemy! How can you..."

But before Eve could finish speaking, Sam interrupted her coldly, "This is her choice."

"Sam, you let her mess around too?"

Eve looked angry and would never agree for them to be together!

Naturally Martha did not expect anyone's approval.

"In three days, we will leave. Auntie I don't want to become a second Louis, whose wrong decision leads him a lifetime regret."

Upon hearing Louis' name, Eve's pupils shrank.

Although she did not know what had happened, his son had completely shut himself off from everyone recently, which had never happened before.

In Eve's understanding, Louis was the eldest son of the Caesar family, and represented the pride of the Louis family. He should not have ended up like this now...

Martha thought, if Louis was just an ordinary man, maybe he would have realized his feelings for Jane and led a happy life with Jane long ago.

She wondered where Jane was now and whether or not she started a new life somewhere else.

A day passed quickly, and Stefan frowned as he looked at the bandages wrapped around him.

Catherine gave a stab with great strength, but fortunately he protected Martha.

Thinking about it made him clench his fists suddenly. Although it had been in the past, his mind remained unsettled.

When King Ducasse arrived, Stefan was staring at the moon outside. The huge royal place was unusually quiet and still at night.

Hearing the footsteps, Stefan didn't turn around, and the corner seemed unwilling to speak to him.

They remained silent for a while until King Ducasse broke the silence.

"I just went to see her. She's emotionally unstable."

To be more precisely, she was completely insane. She couldn't be restrained by chains and screamed uncontrollably even after being injected with tranquilizers.

King Ducasse didn't know what to do now, his people were waiting for him to punish Catherine, but given that she had gone mad, he didn't have the heart to sentence her.

Stefan remained silent in response to King Ducasse's words.

It annoyed King Ducasse.

"Why aren't you saying anything?"

"What do you want me to say?"

"You..."

Stefan's indifferent attitude once again angered King Ducasse who stepped forward and stood behind Stefan with a hint of anger in his tone.

"Stefan, she's your mother too. How can you be so indifferent?"

Compared with King Ducasse's excitement, Stefan remained as cold as ever.

"She has gone insane! I just saw her; all she has in her eyes is hatred and you."

In Catherine's mind, even if she was crazy, the person who stayed on her mind for more than twenty years was still her son whom she missed dearly instead of King Ducasse.

He also knew that Catherine wished he would die and all those years of maternal love were fake.

“So what? I won’t acknowledge her,” said he in a low voice, as he looked out at the bright moon through the window with narrow eyes.

Everything here was strange. Even if Catherine was her blood relation, he would not admit that she was his mother.

Because he knew very well that if he acknowledged Catherine as his mother, he would never be able to be with Martha again in his life.

He could give up everything else except Martha.

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“Whether you accept it or not, she is your biological mother! She made a terrible mistake, anyone else can blame her, except you!”

When Catherine became insane, she still remembered Stefan, but Stefan appeared so heartless.

As Stefan listened to these words, unfathomable emotions filled his eyes.

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“I don’t blame her because I don’t even know her.”

If it weren’t for Martha being here, Stefan would never have come to this country at all. He would always be the president of the Harrison Group.

He loathes the bloodline ethics that restrained him!

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“You!” King Ducasse couldn’t take it anymore and didn’t care about Stefan’s injuries as he swung his fist towards him.

At this time, the door was pushed open with a “bang”, and a woman’s voice stopped them.

“King Ducasse, stop it!”

Both of them looked towards the voice.

Seeing the comer, King Ducasse stopped his attack, but didn’t let go of Stefan, while Stefan didn’t break free, looking like an innocent bystander instead of someone who almost got hit.

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He was the highest power holder in this country, if he really wanted to exert pressure on someone, there would be no one daring or able enough to resist it.

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“You can’t leave without my permission.”

That being the case, he exercised his right to detain them both.

He wouldn’t allow Stefan to leave Z Country without acknowledging Catherine as his mother!

King Ducasse turned and walked away, his gaze passing over Martha as they brushed shoulders.

“If I hadn’t called off the wedding, you would have been my wife.”

Martha understood the meaning behind those words.

While she was grateful for King Ducasse's cancellation of wedding, it didn't mean she had to agree with any of his actions.

The room fell silent, and Martha walked up to Stefan, looking at him in silence.

They were caught in a dilemma where choosing one side meant giving up the other.

Martha couldn't be with the son of her mother's murderer, and if Stefan acknowledged Catherine, she would cut all ties with him forever.

But if he chose her, they could leave together and stay by each other's side without ever separating again.

This was her final concession.

"Don't worry; we'll leave here."

Stefan took her hand; this was his promise that he would keep.

Martha nodded, leaned gently in his arms, and listened to his heartbeat before asking softly, "Would you regret choosing me?"

"No." Stefan said quietly.

Even without Martha, he wouldn't acknowledge Catherine as his mother.

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The maid hesitated before nodding slightly and recalling the process of Catherine Queen Dowager's illness. Martha turned around slowly, and said in a deep voice, "Please describe to me what you saw." "Yes," the servant replied respectfully before beginning to recount it. "The time of Catherine's onset has always been uncertain, sometimes during the day and sometimes in the middle of the night." "When Catherine was sick, she would smash things at first, and then slowly lose her mind and start yelling. At this point, her personal attendant who was by her side would go find Catherine Queen Dowager's medicine and give it to her." "These medicines were very effective for Catherine Queen Dowager. After taking them for a short while, she would return to normal except that she usually rested in bed for a while." After pondering for a while, Martha suddenly asked, "Is there anything else?" "What would Lady Martha want to know?" The maid looked at Martha eagerly, as if she knew everything.

Although Martha hadn't agreed to marry the king and become a new queen yet, she could tell that Lady Martha held a special place in the king's heart.

If a noble woman like Martha could speak well of her, her life would be better.

After thinking for a moment, Martha said what she wanted to know.

"You mentioned earlier that sometimes Catherine Queen Dowager suffered from headaches. If this happens, does she still take these medicines?"

"Yes," replied the maid respectfully as she continued explaining further.

"Catherine Queen Dowager sometimes suffers from severe headaches which are excruciatingly painful. These same medicines are used then too; only by taking them can she fall asleep."

As soon as her words trailed off into silence, Martha asked one more question.

"Were these medications prescribed by doctors within royalty?"

The maid shook her head and denied it, "Nope! These medications were prescribed by an expert physician whom Catherine herself found."

Martha furrowed her brows even more tightly upon hearing this.

She didn't understand why Catherine Queen Dowager had to find a doctor outside of the royal family. Shouldn't the doctors here be the best in the country? With confusion on her face, she asked, "Hasn't Catherine Queen Dowager let any of the doctors within the royal family see her?"

The maid sighed helplessly and replied, "She has seen them, but their prescriptions were useless. Catherine Queen Dowager no longer trusts them."

"Then do you know where that expert physician is?"

Martha had a hunch that there might be something wrong with this so-called expert physician and even these medicines.

But the maid didn't know where the expert physician lived, and she didn't know anything else except Catherine's illness.

She took the medicines that Catherine took and asked the doctors in the royal family one by one, but none of them claimed to have prescribed them.

In fact, many doctors didn't even know that Catherine Queen Dowager suffered from headaches.

After asking around among all of those physicians again and returning to Catherine's chamber once more, Martha found herself standing before that same maid who spoke about these things earlier.

"You have served Catherine, you should know who brought these medicines for Catherine?"

Since she didn't know where that expert physician was, she decided to find clues to it.

She felt that there was an even bigger conspiracy behind all of this.

After hearing this, the maid looked at Martha in confusion.

"I don't know where these medicines come from, but every time Catherine runs out of medicines, Horadus sends them to Catherine."

Horadus?

Hearing this familiar name, Martha felt even more sure that someone behind-the-scenes must have been pulling strings.

It seemed like maybe Catherine wasn't actually a mastermind but pawn.

After thinking through everything, she turned and walked towards the Side Palace.

Since Stefan got injured in the hall, he was arranged by King Ducasse to live in the Side Palace to recuperate.

When Martha walked to the Side Palace, she saw King Ducasse.