

Chapter 0019

"What the fuck!" Neil cursed under his breath, furious. "Do you think you can act all high and mighty in front of me? Do you think you can disrespect me?"

Neil glared at Alexander's receding figure, gnashing his teeth in frustration. "Are you showing off just because you've returned from the military, with soldiers to back you up? I'll have you know that General Gonzales, the head of Ol' Mare Military, is my friend! With just a word, he can make you disappear!"

Alexander paused in his steps and could not help but chuckle at Neil's theatrics. Turning to face Neil, he taunted, "He can make me disappear with just a word, you say? Is Steve Gonzales really your friend? Uncle Neil, I'm a coward. Don't scare me!" ①

Neil swiftly retrieved his phone, his frustration evident as he exclaimed, "Oh? You think you have the upper hand? Just wait!"

He glared at Alexander before swiftly locating Steve's phone number in his contact list. With a tap on the screen, he dialed the number. After about 15 seconds, the call connected. Steve's deep, serious voice resonated through the phone. ①

"Neil, what's going on? I've told you numerous times not to

call my personal number without a good reason. I'm quite busy today with an important issue. Whatever it is, we'll have to discuss it another time."

Neil became tense, but he continued, "General Gonzales, please don't hang up. It's just something trivial. Your soldiers are causing a commotion at Ol' Mare Hospital, delaying my son's treatment. I thought I should inform you, just to protect your reputation. If this news gets out, it won't look good for you." 1

On the other end of the line, Steve, clad in full military uniform with three golden stars on his shoulders, suddenly jolted. "Repeat that for me, Neil. Where is this happening?" 1

"Ol' Mare Hospital," Neil repeated, confused. "Where else would I take my son for treatment? I—"

Steve clenched the phone tightly, cursing Neil for being an idiot. Did he not notice the soldiers' unit number? These soldiers were from the Temple of War. They were Alexander's elite troops, not his! 1

Steve ordered through gritted teeth, "Stay there! Don't say a word or move an inch. I'll be there in a moment."

Beep! The call was abruptly terminated.

Neil stood still, holding his phone and staring at it blankly. Long after the call had ended, he looked at Alexander, laughing triumphantly, and said, "You're in for a rough time, Alexander. General Gonzales is on his way! You thought you



could act all tough in front of me? How naive!" Neil chortled with glee.

Alexander, holding Olivia, smirked. "Alright, I'll be waiting."

Approximately 20 minutes later, a camouflaged SUV sped through the hospital gates.

It was Steve.

He had not even brought any guards, choosing to drive himself and rush to the scene. He quickly got out of the car and instantly spotted Alexander's face. ¹

His heart trembled.

Others might not know, but Steve was well aware. After all, as the highest-ranking military officer in Ol' Mare, he knew that the young, handsome man before him was the legendary and invincible Lord of War, Alexander Kane. His accomplishments were world-renowned, and his status equaled that of the nation's ruler.

Neil stood before Alexander, and his face lit up upon seeing Steve. He approached with three bodyguards and began praising, "General Gonzales, a simple order from you would have sufficed for such a minor incident. It's truly an honor for you to come in person!"

Neil rambled, "When this is sorted out, how about we have tea together? I've had someone fetch a couple of ounces of invaluable tea from the Ixelle Mountains—"

A thunderous slap silenced Neil, leaving his mouth in a gory mess as he hurled out a mouthful of blood. His teeth were shattered, and his tongue was bloody. After spinning in the air a few times, Neil finally crash-landed, his mind buzzing.

Everyone, from Zachary and the two assistant directors to the Chesire family's bodyguards and even Amber, stared in shock and froze.

"U—Ugh..."

What on earth just happened?

Was Neil not supposed to be Steve's friend? Why did Steve slap Neil instead of Alexander?

The force in that slap was unbelievable!

"You idiot!" Steve yelled as he unleashed a flurry of punches and kicks that battered Neil into a quivering pulp, which left him on his back lifelessly.

Then, Steve delivered a mighty kick at the Chesire family's bodyguards, sending them flying. However, it did not stop there. Instead, he grabbed their ankles and effortlessly dragged them into his SUV alongside Neil, gave a curt nod of respect in Alexander's direction, and sped away. 1

Zachary and the others remained in a state of shock.

Steve's sudden appearance and swift exit took less than half a minute, and he said no more than a single sentence.

He was quick and decisive, leaving no room for delay. With the bodies of the defeated in tow, he vanished without a trace...

Was this how he did things? It was unexpected, to say the least.

Amber, watching the departing SUV, gulped. Then, she slowly raised her hands as if trying to convey her questions through sign language. However, she hesitated, not knowing where to start.

Noticing Amber's adorable expression, he was downright smitten. He could not help but wonder what he would say if she had her voice.

Her laughter would surely be the most enchanting melody. 1

Alexander spoke with utmost seriousness to Zachary, "Doctor Kramer, you'll be the one performing the surgery on my wife. The procedure will be image-guided, and it's minimally invasive. It'll involve cleaning the surface of the scar tissue formed in the throat and meticulously sorting out the blood vessels and nerves. Finally..." 1

Alexander glanced at Amber and said softly, "Amber, please give it to him."

Amber nodded and retrieved the dainty, pink Skyflower from her pocket and handed it to Zachary with great care.

Zachary accepted the flower, closely examining it. He

instantly began to sweat, trembling as he murmured, "I-It's—"

It was the world's only known specimen of the rare and exotic flower, the Skyflower. It was meticulously cultivated in Serandsi Palace and was their national flower!