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Sei looked like a father who was so glad that his son finally chose the right path. He had been waiting for this day for many years. Sei had been searching the world for a cure all this time. He wanted Zaki to live because he thought that this was the only thing he could do for him.

Moreover, to Sei, Zaki was his responsibility. He could never just stand there watching his brother die. That was why he never gave up searching for anything that could cure him or at least lengthen his life.

However, Zaki had already accepted his fate. He didn't have the desire to fight for his life. He believed that since it was inevitable, there was no use fighting for it.

Sei even remembered how they fought because of this before. Thinking about it, Sei suddenly raised his hand and he rubbed Zaki's head. He was glad that Zaki finally found the missing part of him. He was glad that he found someone powerful enough to give him a reason to cling to whatever could save him, no matter how hopeless it seemed.

"Good. I've been waiting a long time for you to say this, Zaki." Sei uttered as he continued rubbing Zaki's head. He seemed so happy that he didn't notice that Zaki wasn't pleased with what he was doing to him.

"Hey, who told you to pet me? Didn't you say before I'm not your dog and I don't look like a dog?!" Zaki seemed annoyed as he caught Sei's wrist to stop him.

"Idiot. Who's petting you? I'm rubbing your head like what I do with little Shin when he does a good job."

"Huh?! I'm not your son so don't do that to a grown up man!"

"Ohh... so Zaki is a grown up man now. That's good to hear."

"You... ahhh," Zaki's shoulders could only drop. Somehow, he couldn't retort and tease this man anymore like before. It looked like it was now his turn to be teased by Sei.

Watching Zaki as he heaved a long sigh of surrender, Sei was about to tell him to go and eat when the man suddenly straightened up. He looked at the sleeping Hinari before he spoke.

"Okay, first thing I need to do is to eat. Come Sei, eat with me. I need to eat and restore my energy!" Zaki's voice was energetic and determined. He seemed to be fired up now and it made Sei feel like he could finally relax now.

As soon as they were out of the room, Sei spoke behind him.

"I ate already so you will have to go and eat alone."

"Huh? How could you be so cold?"

"I can't eat anymore. I'm stuffed today since my dearest wife was the one who cooked breakfast. And I have something I need to attend to. You can ask Ryou and Kaide to join you."

After Sei said those words, the aforementioned duo who were waiting for them, jolted.

"Err... big boss. I'm also stuffed now," Kaide suddenly pleaded and Ryou followed suit.

"Me too. I also ate too much---" Ryou was still speaking when Zaki glared hard at them.

"You two, follow me and eat with me or you'll die." Zaki threatened but unlike before, Kaide and Ryou didn't even flinch anymore.

However, to their surprise, all of a sudden, Sei, who usually didn't bother helping Zaki with trivial things like this even if Zaki asked, suddenly came to his aid.

"Kaide, Ryou... from now on, listen to whatever he says. No excuses." He firmly said and the men's mouths hung open, including Zaki's, as they watched his back as he left.

Boss, you've been pampering Zaki too much lately. What exactly happened?!