

The Formidable Son-In-Law: The Charismatic Lucas Gray

Chapter 1015 – 1030

Chapter 1015: Actually Dead

Carlos's shout was so loud that the four people in the car heard it clearly, even when Maddy didn't have the speakerphone on.

Maddy held the phone away from her ear and rubbed her ear, which was ringing. "Dad, it seems you already know about it. But Mark Branson and Becky Sanders were clearly the ones who started it. It's not our fault!"

Once again, an angry roar came from the phone. "Shut up! Mark Branson is dead! It doesn't matter who's at fault anymore!"

"Anyway, you have caused a terrible disaster for the Stones, so get back here right now! Otherwise, don't blame me for disowning you!"

With that, Carlos hung up furiously.

On the other hand, Maddy was holding her phone and couldn't come back to her senses for a long time.

After a long time, Maddy finally said in disbelief, "My father said that Mark... is dead!"

Jordan directly turned the steering wheel to the side, stepped on the brakes, and pulled over at the side of the road.

He said with a puzzled look, "That shouldn't be possible! I only broke his limbs. Logically speaking, he shouldn't have died!"

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Cheyenne's face turned pale, and her fingers trembled uncontrollably.

She had previously led a peaceful life, and it was the first time she encountered an incident resulting in a fatality. To make matters worse, the deceased was of high status, and he died because of the people she knew.

Maddy's expression also became very solemn. "Since my father said that Mark Branson has died, he must really be dead. Things are going to get troublesome!

"Although Mark Branson is an idiot, he's a direct descendant of the Bransons, one of the eight top families of DC. Becky also said that Mark's father is the Bransons' next helmsman. The Bransons are definitely going to find trouble for my family.

"Lucas, it seems like I really need your help this time."

Maddy frowned and looked at Lucas.

If Mark was still alive, things would be much easier to handle. Since Mark was the one at fault for provoking them, the Stones would probably have been able to handle it.

But now that Mark was dead, things would become much more serious, and the Bransons definitely wouldn't let the Stones off.

Maddy wasn't close to her family and had even gone against them because they kept forcing her to get married to form a marriage alliance with the Dempseys.

But no matter what, they were still her family. If the Bransons wanted to settle scores with them, there was no way they would be able to resist.

Besides, although Mark's death was caused by Jordan breaking his limbs, it actually stemmed from Maddy's feud with Becky. Jordan had just stood up for her.

Thus, she couldn't stand by and leave the Stones in the lurch. She had to take responsibility for this matter.

Lucas nodded without hesitation. "Don't worry. I will definitely help you. That bastard had a death wish. If the Bransons are willing to stop, that's naturally best. But if they refuse, I will settle scores with them and see how their upbringing is!"

Maddy and Jordan were close friends with Lucas, so he naturally wouldn't stand by and watch the Bransons bully them.

Maddy felt much more at ease with Lucas's guarantee and thanked him gratefully, "Alright, thank you so much, Lucas!"

Then she looked at the time and said, "My father has lost his temper at home. It seems like I have to hurry back."

Jordan immediately said, "I'll send you back!"

Lucas smiled and shook his head. "Okay, you guys better get going. We're almost home anyway."

Then he opened the car door and got out with Cheyenne.

Fortunately, this place was only a few minutes' walk away from the new villa, and they would be there soon.

"I'm sorry, Lucas, Cheyenne!" Jordan scratched his head in embarrassment. He had wanted to drop off Lucas and Cheyenne at their home before leaving. But instead, they got off in advance and had to walk a few hundred meters.

"Okay, get lost now!" Lucas said jokingly.

After Jordan drove away with Maddy, Cheyenne walked toward Lucas and asked worriedly, "Honey, they... should be fine, right? Maddy's father seems to be really mad..."

After overhearing Carlos's outburst over the phone just now, Cheyenne was worried about the wrath that Maddy would have to face when she returned home.

Lucas comforted, "Don't worry. Jordan won't let Maddy face the wrath of her family and the Bransons alone."

But despite saying so, he wasn't actually that optimistic.

He wasn't worried about Jordan, but rather, he knew that the Stones wouldn't be that easy to deal with.

Back when Lucas came to DC to save Maddy, he had already had some brief dealings with the Stones.

Although the Stones eventually agreed to let Maddy and Jordan get married, it was only because they were impressed by Jordan's proficiency in martial arts and scrupulous toward Lucas, Jordan's backer.

But if the Stones faced massive pressure one day, it would be hard to say what their attitude toward Jordan and Maddy would be.

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In one of the luxurious villas of the Bransons at this moment...

A chubby corpse was lying quietly on the floor. Although there were no obvious wounds on his body, his limbs were twisted at bizarre angles. They had obviously been broken before his death.

The corpse naturally belonged to Mark.

A chubby middle-aged man roared angrily, "Have you found out? How did my son die?"

A butler-like person next to him immediately came forward and reported cautiously, "I've just ordered people to check the surveillance camera footage in the clothing store and interrogate a few staff members. We've found out the truth!"

"Mr. Mark was shopping with a woman named Becky Sanders, but she suddenly provoked Maddy Stone. The two of them got into a quarrel, and Becky then instigated Mr. Mark to deal with Maddy and her boyfriend.

"Maddy's boyfriend is a martial arts expert, and he broke Mr. Mark's limbs!

"And that bitch Becky immediately knelt and begged for mercy after seeing Mr. Mark injured and unconscious. After they let her leave, she abandoned the unconscious Mr. Mark and fled on her own.

"The staff of the clothing store called 911 afterward, but... probably because of the delay, Mr. Mark passed away by the time the ambulance arrived!"

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Chapter 1016: Taking Responsibility

The chubby middle-aged man was Eric Branson, Mark's father!

When he saw his son's cold corpse and heard what the butler said, his eyes were brimming with boiling fury.

"Bitch! Where is that bitch Becky Sanders? Where is she now?" Eric hollered furiously.

The butler hurriedly said, "I've sent someone to the Sanders' to find her. It shouldn't be long before we bring that woman here!"

"That bitch must die! If she didn't create trouble, my son wouldn't have died!"

Eric gritted teeth, resentment written all over his face. "But that bitch can't be the only one who dies! At the end of the day, Maddy Stone's boyfriend is the one who caused Mark's death. If he hadn't had the audacity to break Mark's limbs, how could he have died in the clothing store because he wasn't rescued in time?

"Maddy and her boyfriend are the murderers of my son. I won't let anyone involved in Mark's death off!

"Tell the Stones to hand over that couple! Otherwise, I will remove the Stones from DC today!"

The butler quickly bent forward. "I've already told the Stones about this matter, but they only agreed to give us an explanation. I told Carlos Stone to hand them over, but he kept stammering, seemingly reluctant..."

Hearing this, Eric immediately flew into a rage. "He's defying me! How dare he disobey us?"

"Tell him to bring his daughter and her bastard boyfriend to my house within an hour to confess. Or else, I won't spare him!"

The butler immediately agreed and hurriedly turned around to go make arrangements.

Although Eric had yet to become the official helmsman of the Bransons, he had long been regarded as the head. His status was inferior only to the current helmsman. Since he said that he would remove the Stones from DC, he would definitely be able to achieve it!

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Meanwhile, Jordan had already arrived at the Stone residence together with Maddy.

Maddy opened the car door and said to Jordan, "Head back to Lucas's first. I'll call you if I can't solve it."

"No, I'll go with you." Jordan had always obeyed Maddy, but this time, his attitude was extremely firm. After turning the engine off, he got out of the car with Maddy.

"Maddy, you're my girlfriend now, and I am also responsible for this incident. No matter what, I'm going to face it with you. If your family is angry, tell them to come to me. Anyway, I can take a beating."

Jordan looked at Maddy with a smile.

Maddy felt touched.

Although Jordan was a few years younger than her, he was indeed a rare gem because he was actually willing to do so much for her.

She took Jordan's hand without saying anything else, and the two of them entered the Stone residence.

"How dare you have the cheek to return, you unfilial wench?!"

As soon as they stepped inside the Stones' main villa, they were greeted by a thunderous roar of fury.

The furious person was naturally Carlos, Maddy's father, the current helmsman of the Stone family.

The last time Lucas had dealings with the Stones, Geoffrey, the former helmsman, had planned to pass the position of helmsman to Maddy, but she refused to accept it. Thus, he had handed it over to Carlos.

The moment he saw Maddy return, the veins on his head began bulging, and he wanted to slap her hard.

In particular, seeing her return with Jordan hand in hand, he was livid.

Maddy took a deep breath and said, "Dad, didn't you tell me to hurry home?"

"Shut up! How dare you talk back?! You'd better come clean about how you created so much trouble for us!" Carlos scolded as he kicked a vase over to the floor.

Maddy said truthfully, "Dad, I've said that it's not our fault for what happened today. Mark Branson and his girlfriend, Becky Sanders, started it. Mark attacked us first, and he even used a knife. Jordan was just helping me. All he did was break Mark's limbs. We didn't expect him to die either."

As soon as she finished speaking, Carlos became even more furious and directed his anger at Jordan. "In that case, you were the one who killed Mark Branson?"

Jordan took a step forward and said sincerely, "If he really died because of my mistake, I will take full responsibility!"

"Bullshit! How can you be responsible? How are you going to be responsible? Only if you pay for it with your own life will the Bransons stop pursuing this matter!"

Carlos hurled vulgarities before saying, "Do you know that the dead Mark is the scion of the Bransons?! His father, Eric, is already the designated future helmsman of their family, yet you killed his son at this time. He obviously won't let us off!"

"I'm not afraid to tell you that the Bransons' butler has just called me and told me to take you two to the Branson residence to confess. Otherwise, they won't spare us!"

"Jordan, you indeed killed Mark. If you still love my daughter, go to the Bransons, confess your guilt, and take all the responsibility! Do you hear me?"

When Jordan heard this, the expression on his face froze for a moment.

Although he did think so himself and was willing to take all the responsibility alone for Maddy because he loved her, now that Carlos ordered him to do it, the significance was different. It made him feel extremely uncomfortable.

Moreover, Carlos said that the Bransons would only be appeased if he compensated them with his life. Since Carlos asked Jordan to go to the Bransons' to take responsibility for everything, wasn't he basically telling Jordan to go there to die?

After Maddy heard what Carlos said, anger instantly surged in her heart. She stood beside Jordan, held his hand tightly, and said to Carlos, "Dad, if the Bransons really want to hold it against us, then so be it. I was the cause of it all, and Jordan was just protecting me! If you must appease the Bransons, then you can hand me over to them!"

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Chapter 1017: Taking Responsibility Together

The fact that Maddy would protect Jordan to such an extent and not hesitate to contradict her father made Carlos incredibly furious. The other members of the family were also shocked.

Seeing that Carlos was so angry that he was trembling and about to rush forward to hit Maddy, the other Stones hurriedly said, "Maddy, is this how you should be speaking to your father? He's doing this for your own good! The Bransons clearly want to take revenge for Mark Branson. If we really hand you over, do you think you'd still be able to survive?"

"Yeah, Maddy, it's all for your own good! Besides, that punk Jordan killed Mark! Taking responsibility and going to the Bransons to confess is what he should do and what he deserves!"

"The Bransons are one of the eight top families of DC, and they're not what second-tier families like us can deal with! The only solution now is to get Jordan to take responsibility alone so that we won't be implicated!"

"Maddy, you should be more rational. Don't get our family harmed because of you!"

The Stones frantically tried to persuade her, but their core idea was to have Jordan confess to the Bransons so that they wouldn't be implicated.

But Jordan had only gotten into a conflict with the Bransons to help Maddy. How could she possibly allow him to take all responsibility alone while she stayed home safe and sound?

"My mind is made up. Since it's my responsibility, I won't run away from it. Why should I let my boyfriend take all the responsibility? That would be too shameless. I can't do it!" Maddy said extremely firmly.

Hearing this, Carlos couldn't take it any longer. He dashed forward to slap Maddy's face tightly. "You unfilial wench, will you be at ease only after you get all of us killed?"

Maddy watched Carlos's slap coming closer and closer, but she stood still stubbornly without dodging.

Even if her father wanted to hit her, she wouldn't change her mind and leave Jordan alone to take responsibility to the Bransons!

Just as Carlos's slap was about to land on Maddy's face, Jordan suddenly pulled her away and stepped forward to take the slap.

Smack!

The loud slap resounded throughout the hall!

Carlos, Maddy, and the Stones were all astonished.

Maddy quickly returned to her senses and rushed over to check Jordan's face.

On Jordan's handsome face was an extremely bright red palm mark.

"You... you... why..." Maddy was greatly distressed and didn't know what to say. She felt that Jordan was really foolish.

The rest of the Stones weren't aware of Jordan's identity and merely thought that he was a highly-skilled subordinate of Lucas. But Maddy knew exactly who he was.

Lucas was known as the Invincible God of War and the supreme leader of the Falcon Regiment in Calico. And Jordan had been his direct subordinate for years and was a senior member of the regiment, with 400,000 majestic soldiers under his command. He had also made many remarkable achievements.

If it wasn't for Jordan's determination to give up everything in the Falcon Regiment to follow Lucas, he would now be one of the most powerful core members. How could he possibly accept the slap?

But Jordan actually now took a slap for her sake. His face was already red.

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The thought of it made Maddy feel touched and heartbroken.

Jordan only smiled at Maddy. "It's okay. I have thick skin and thick flesh. I can take a slap. It'd be worse if you got slapped. I'd be so heartbroken."

Then he turned to Carlos and said with a serious expression, "Uncle Carlos, just hit me if you want. Don't hit her. She's a girl. How can she withstand your strikes?"

"And you're right. I was the one who killed Mark Branson, so I will take full responsibility for it. I won't let anything happen to the Stones!"

In fact, Jordan was a little sad and angry when he said this.

He grew up as an orphan and had never experienced what it was like to have parents and relatives. Lucas was a true brotherly figure to him.

So ever since he and Maddy got together, he had been treating Carlos like his own father and had done plenty of things for the Stones while he was in DC.

Jordan originally thought that Carlos had accepted him as his son-in-law and treated him as one of the Stones. But he finally realized that he had been too naive.

It turns out that in the eyes of Carlos and the Stones, he had always just been an outsider whom they could abandon without hesitation.

Maddy was also extremely sad. She held Jordan's hand tightly and whispered, "Fool."

Jordan responded with a radiant smile and held her soft hand back. "You're all I need."

As long as Maddy loved him and cared about him, the Stones' opinions didn't matter.

But even if he resolved the matter with the Bransons this time, he could no longer bring himself to treat Carlos and the Stones as his family members and pour out his heart and soul for them.

Carlos still didn't know what he had just lost. Hearing that Jordan was willing to take full responsibility, he heaved a sigh of relief.

"Okay, since you're saying you'll take full responsibility, you should go to the Branson residence now and seek forgiveness! If you're too late, the Bransons will be even more furious," Carlos said indifferently.

Jordan nodded and stopped talking to him. He said to Maddy softly, "Wait for me at home while I go to the Bransons to settle this."

Maddy looked at Jordan, who was extremely meticulous and considerate toward her in every aspect. Unable to contain her emotions, she leaped into his arms and clutched his back tightly. Two streams of warm tears fell and stained the fabric on his chest.

Maddy had always been a very strong woman. When she had been alone on the cruel battlefield at the borders, she had braved countless bullets to save the wounded and ill without flinching.

But now, she was crying.

Jordan was at a loss for words and patted Maddy's back in a panic. He stammered to comfort her, "Maddy, d-don't cry! I'll be fine! Don't forget that Lucas is here. This matter will be resolved soon!"

In Jordan's arms, Maddy raised her head, looked at him with teary eyes, and said sobbingly, "I don't care. I want to go to the Bransons with you. Even though you killed Mark Branson, you did it to protect me. I can't bring myself to hide and let you take all the responsibility!"

"I'm going to face it with you. No matter what the Bransons want to do, we will face it together!"

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Chapter 1018: Severing Ties

What Maddy said immediately filled Jordan's heart with warmth.

In fact, over the past few years, he had always been loving her silently. He was willing to give everything he had for her, but he wouldn't expect her to do the same for him.

As long as Maddy agreed to his pursuit and gave him a genuine smile, Jordan would be over the moon.

But when Jordan felt Maddy leaping into his arms for the first time and heard her say that she was willing to face everything with him, he suddenly felt that everything he had done for her was worth it!

They loved each other and were willing to weather all storms together. They had already reached the peak of a romantic relationship.

But Carlos was greatly angered by Maddy and hollered at her with reddened eyes, "Maddy, do you know what you're saying?!"

"If you dare to take a step out of this house today and go to the Bransons' with this punk, you can leave with him for good and never come back again!"

"I will take it that you're no longer my daughter. Do you hear me?"

Maddy wiped the tears on her face and looked at Carlos with a bitter smile. "Dad, I told you. Jordan only killed Mark Branson to help me. Since I'm his lover and fiancée, how can I possibly stand by and watch him take responsibility alone? I can never do that!

"But don't worry. We will definitely solve this matter and make sure that the Stones aren't implicated."

Carlos refuted resolutely, "You're making it sound so casual! Will the Stones not be implicated just because you say so? Anyway, you must stay home today. You're not allowed to go anywhere! If you dare to leave with this kid, go ahead! I'll sever ties with you!"

His words left Maddy dumbstruck, as if she had been struck by lightning.

Seeing this, the rest of the Stones immediately began persuading him.

"Carlos, you shouldn't say such things out of anger. No matter what, Maddy is your biological daughter. How can you really sever ties with her?"

"Maddy, look how angry your father is. Hurry up and apologize to him."

"Your father is right. No matter what, you're a member of our family. If you really go to the Bransons to confess, they won't really kill you, will they? But it will definitely implicate us in the end!"

"Exactly. You're still young and insensible. It's not up to you to say if you won't implicate the Stones or not. Don't be overly idealistic. You have to understand that the Bransons are one of the top eight families of DC. They can easily kill us!"

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These people were talking incessantly, all afraid that Maddy would make the Bransons think that Mark's death was related to the Stones and thus harm them.

But since Maddy had already made up her mind, how could she possibly be easily persuaded by her family?

"I won't let Jordan take all the responsibility alone. I must go with him!" Maddy said extremely firmly.

Crack!

Carlos flew into a rage and smashed a teacup onto the floor. "Okay, since you want to go, get lost immediately!"

“From today onward, you are expelled from the family, and you no longer have anything to do with the Stones. You're no longer my daughter! We'll go separate ways from now on! Get lost!”

Carlos actually severed ties with Maddy and kicked her out of the family because he was afraid she would implicate the family!

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Maddy was full of disappointment. Staring at the teacup fragments on the floor, she smiled bitterly.

“Don't worry. We will solve the issue today, and we won't let the Stones be involved! Since you want to drive me out of the family and sever ties with me, I hope you won't regret it in the future!”

With that, Maddy took Jordan's hand and said firmly, “Let's go!”

Seeing that Maddy had actually ignored his threat and would rather sever ties with the family than drop the idea of going to the Bransons' with Jordan, Carlos was so furious that he swept away all the teacups and teapots on the coffee table onto the floor.

The sound of broken porcelain resounded throughout the hall.

“If you really dare to take a step out of this home, you will never be allowed to set foot back inside again. I'll immediately publicly announce that you've been disowned by the Stones, and we'll never have anything to do with you again!”

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“Don't think I'm scaring you. I'm serious!” Carlos hollered furiously.

Maddy stopped, but she didn't turn around. Two streams of tears rolled down her cheeks.

Jordan's heart ached when he saw her like this and said affectionately, “Actually, you don't have to do this. With Lucas here, the Bransons won't be able to do anything to me. Just stay at home and wait for me to come back!”

But Maddy shook her head. “Since we're engaged, we should bear this burden together. If I let you face this alone just because I think you'll be fine this time, what about next time?”

“I don't want to turn into someone I despise. We're lovers, so no matter what we face, we have to brave it together!”

Happiness surged in Jordan's heart.

After hearing these words from the love of his life, Jordan really felt that death would be worth it!

The person you love loves you too. The person you're willing to give up everything for is willing to do the same for you. This is the most precious love anyone could ask for!

Maddy turned around and looked at Carlos calmly. "I'll tell the Bransons that we bear all the responsibility. The Stones won't be implicated. Don't worry!"

Then she pulled Jordan away and walked toward the gates of the Stone residence without looking back.

This time, the rest of the Stones didn't say anything.

The reason they persuaded her earlier was that they didn't want to be implicated and face the wrath of the Bransons.

Since Maddy said that she would sever ties with the Stones and make sure that they wouldn't get implicated, it was just what they wanted.

Even Carlos didn't say another word.

For the sake of the Stones, he had already expelled his only daughter from the family.

He had clearly already made up his mind. But for some reason, when he saw how determined Maddy was and that she was really leaving the Stones, he felt a sense of guilt.

"Hold it right there!" An old voice suddenly sounded in the hall.

As soon as she heard that voice, Maddy, who was about to leave, suddenly stopped and looked at the person who spoke.

"Grandpa!"

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Chapter 1019: Between Father and Son

"Father!"

"Uncle, why... why are you here?"

"Grandfather!"

Upon seeing this figure, Carlos and the rest of the Stones bowed and greeted him respectfully.

The person who came was none other than the Stones' former helmsman, Maddy's grandfather, and Carlos's father, Geoffrey!

After hearing that the Stones were in trouble, Geoffrey had immediately rushed over, only to hear Carlos say that he was expelling Maddy out of the family and disowning her. He was instantly angered.

Some time ago, Carlos had taken a liking to Lucas and Jordan's potential and strength, which made him believe that Lucas was the only one who could help the Stones achieve glory. Thus, he had immediately announced on the spot that he would step down and that Maddy would be the new helmsman.

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But Maddy wasn't interested in being the helmsman at all. She had refused repeatedly, so Geoffrey eventually let Carlos take over the position.

It was all because Carlos was Maddy's father!

But it had only been about half a month, and Carlos was about to kick Maddy out of the family! Geoffrey obviously wouldn't allow this!

"Carlos, you've really got some nerve. You want to kick my granddaughter out of the family without even asking for my opinion?" Geoffrey stared straight at Carlos with a sharp gaze, disappointment on his face.

Carlos hurriedly explained, "Father, I have no choice! You probably don't know that this unfilial daughter has caused Mark Branson to die, provoking the Bransons. They're furious and demanding that we give them an explanation!

"So, in order to prevent the Bransons from venting their anger on us, I have no choice but to expel her from the family and make her sever all ties with us!"

The rest of the Stones said one after another, "Yes, Uncle Geoffrey, please don't intervene!"

"Yeah, Grandfather, just rest well at home and leave everything to Uncle Carlos!"

"Yes, let Carlos handle everything!"

"Please let Mr. Carlos handle this!"

The Stones were persuading Geoffrey one after another.

In their eyes, Carlos had already made the most beneficial decision for the family, and since Geoffrey had already stepped down, he should stop interfering with the family's affairs, lest it result in further complications.

Seeing the Stones' reactions, Geoffrey was almost speechless, and his heart tensed up.

He was already in his seventies, but he had always been the head of the family. He didn't hand over his position to his son earlier, not because he couldn't bear to let go of the power but because he knew that Carlos wasn't qualified for the position at all.

If he hadn't wanted to hand over the position of helmsman to Maddy, he would have never handed it to Carlos.

But Geoffrey didn't expect Carlos to be so good at winning over the members of the family despite his lack of competency. In less than a month, he had actually managed to get so many of them on his side. They even began going against Geoffrey, the former helmsman who had worked so hard for the family for decades.

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At this moment, Geoffrey felt extremely disappointed.

“Carlos, do you also think that I should no longer interfere with the affairs of the family?” Geoffrey looked at Carlos.

Carlos felt diffident for a while. He looked away from Geoffrey and stammered, “I... Uh, uh...”

“Answer me!” Geoffrey hollered furiously, his snowy white hair fluttering with his movements.

After hesitating for a while, Carlos finally gritted his teeth and raised his head to look at Geoffrey. He said, “Father, since you've given me the position of helmsman, let me be fully responsible for handling the affairs of the family! I can assure you that I will definitely develop the Stones well and bring our family to greater glory !”

Although he didn't say it explicitly, it was clear what he meant.

Carlos hoped that Geoffrey could delegate his authority and stop interfering with his management of the family.

“Dad, how... how can you say that? Grandpa is the true pillar of the family!” Maddy couldn't help saying. She felt really sad for Geoffrey.

“Shut up! Don't forget that you've been kicked out of the Stone family, and you're no longer my daughter. Stop calling me Dad!” Carlos shouted angrily in embarrassment because Maddy had exposed his thoughts.

Maddy bit her lip and didn't speak again. But she looked at Carlos with clear disappointment in her eyes.

She could accept Carlos not wanting to acknowledge her as his daughter because she had caused trouble for the family. But Geoffrey had always been the anchor of the Stones, and he had done so much for the family. She couldn't understand why Carlos would treat him like this.

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A bitter smile appeared on Geoffrey's face.

At this moment, the wrinkles on his face seemed much deeper than before, and his spine, which was originally straight, seemed to have lost the strength to keep his back straight and hunched a little. He seemed to have aged several years in an instant.

Geoffrey didn't expect that he would encounter such a thing one day.

“Only now do I know that in your eyes, power and profit are more important than your daughter and father!

“Carlos, do you know why I stayed in the position of helmsman and didn't hand it over to you all these years even though I'm already in my seventies?” Geoffrey asked bitterly.

Carlos had already gone all out, and he no longer wanted to pretend to be a dutiful son. He said bluntly, “Isn't the reason obvious? It's because you wanted to occupy the position of highest power, so you refused to hand your authority over to me!

“Father, there are some things I've been bottling up for years, and I've decided to tell you everything now!

“I'm your only son, so I naturally have to take over the position of helmsman. But you occupied it and refused to let go even though you're in your seventies. You didn't even announce to the public that I was the successor!

“You know what? Because of your actions, countless people in DC have mocked me. They called me an incompetent good-for-nothing who wasn't good enough to be the helmsman. They said that that was the reason you looked down on me and refused to let me become the helmsman!

“Over the years, I've been ridiculed so much because of this, and it's all your fault! At your age, most of the helmsmen in DC had already given up their positions and handed

them to their successors more than ten years ago. But what about you? You refused to step down and insisted on holding power. Even the number of businesses you gave me authority over was pathetically low!

“Father, you're already in your seventies. You should have allowed me to take over a decade ago so that you could enjoy life and do what you should!

“Now that you've finally given me the position, you still want to meddle with my decisions! Father, I'm the person who's in charge of the family now, not you!”

Perhaps because he had been holding it in for too long, Carlos vented everything in one go without hesitation. The more he spoke, the more agitated he became. Toward the end, he even shouted.

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Chapter 1020: Cruel Truth

Geoffrey silently listened to Carlos shout. After he finished speaking, he said calmly, “So, it turns out this is what you've been thinking all this time. Even you think that I'm greedy for power, and that's why I handed the position of helmsman to you so late, right?”

“Isn't that the case?” Carlos immediately asked back.

Geoffrey laughed self-deprecatingly. “Hah, do you know how much effort I've put in over the years to make you a qualified helmsman sooner?”

“Don't you think I want to enjoy the last years of my life? If it wasn't because you weren't capable enough to take on the responsibility of the helmsman, do you think I'd still drag my old and weak body around to take up the duty and exhaust myself to make plans for the family?”

At this moment, Geoffrey was so disappointed with Carlos that he didn't even want to look at him anymore.

But perhaps because Carlos was stimulated by Geoffrey's remarks about him being not capable enough to take on the responsibility of the helmsman, he flew into a rage immediately and shouted, “Who are you to say that I'm not capable enough?”

“If I'm really incompetent, how could the businesses I manage generate so much revenue every year?”

“You keep saying that you put in effort to make me a qualified helmsman, but what exactly have you done? Whenever I asked you to hand over some of the family's key businesses to me, you kept turning me down!”

“You had no intention of letting me inherit the position of helmsman, and you never wanted to nurture me. Now, you're actually saying that I'm not competent enough?”

Geoffrey didn't want to say much to Carlos at first. But after hearing his accusation, he said with a self-deprecating sneer, “Do you really think that you're the reason those businesses are doing well?”

Carlos frowned and asked in confusion, “What do you mean by that?”

“Have you forgotten? When I first handed those businesses over to you, all of them suffered immense losses. And they only started generating profit after a period of time. Surely you haven't forgotten about this, have you?”

“I planned to keep this a secret forever, but now that you're acting like this, I have to tell you the truth. If I hadn't helped you behind the scenes, those businesses would have gone bankrupt in your hands, let alone make any profit!”

Geoffrey's words were like a heavy hammer slamming into Carlos's head, instantly making him dizzy.

“No, you're lying to me! You must be lying to me! Those industries only became profitable because of my hard work. You didn't help at all!”

Carlos couldn't believe this cruel truth at all. His face turned pale as he frantically denied it.

Geoffrey sneered. “Do you think you're so lucky that each of the businesses that suffered heavy losses of hundreds of millions of dollars a year miraculously started making profit?”

“If you believe that this is your luck, it just means that you're hopelessly naive, and I have nothing else to say.”

Carlos stood dumbfounded for a while as various details of the past were presented in front of him again and again.

Although he was extremely reluctant to admit it, he could no longer describe his past experiences as coincidences or attribute them to luck.

It turned out that the businesses he managed in the past had all been revived and turned around for the better because of the help that Geoffrey had secretly given him...

“Wow, I only found out today that those businesses he managed suddenly started generating profit wasn't really because of luck...”

“Uh, I also thought Carlos was lucky. That's why it seemed like he could avoid all danger and turn the situation around for the better, but it turns out that he received help from Geoffrey!”

“Oh, that reminds me of many things that happened back then. If it wasn't for Uncle Geoffrey, I'm afraid those companies would have had losses of over a billion! My god!”

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The Stones discussed the matter incessantly.

After hearing the conversation between Geoffrey and Carlos, many of them recalled what had happened in the past.

Just over ten years ago, there was indeed a time when Geoffrey agreed to Carlos's request and handed over a few of the family's major businesses to him to manage.

However, the strange thing was that these businesses had been thriving before Carlos took over, but they had suddenly started incurring losses once he did. Thus, the family had held several meetings to propose taking back these businesses from Carlos.

But soon, these struggling businesses simultaneously stopped suffering losses and even started making profit.

The Stones all thought that Carlos was just lucky enough to reverse the situation and turn the losses into profit.

But since then, Geoffrey took away some of the businesses from Carlos and refused his requests for Geoffrey to hand over other businesses to him.

However, although the key major businesses were not handed over to Carlos, he was still in control of most of the family's small and medium-sized businesses.

Now, they finally understood everything and knew that Geoffrey made this decision because he didn't want the family to suffer heavy losses but also wanted to give Carlos an opportunity to train.

But this just proved that Carlos was indeed an incompetent person.

Carlos was definitely not willing to accept this!

“Nonsense! You're just spouting nonsense to tarnish my reputation because you want to take power back now. You want to make me obediently hand over authority to you again by saying that I'm a good-for-nothing!”

"It's been over a decade since those things happened. Why did you choose to bring it up now? It's been so many years. What evidence do you have? It's all a one-sided statement on your part!"

"Father, you are already so old. Why are you still unwilling to let go and let me make decisions for the Stones on my own?"

Carlos yelled maniacally, refusing to admit that he was incompetent. Thus, he blamed Geoffrey and accused him of making things up to regain control over the family's affairs.

Seeing how Carlos was behaving, Geoffrey felt extremely disappointed.

He had put in so much hard work and effort behind the scenes for his incompetent yet ambitious son.

If Carlos was a little more capable, he would have handed the family over to him a long time ago and retired leisurely. He wouldn't have had to slog his guts out every day for the family.

But in Carlos's eyes, his father was doing it purely because of his selfish desire for power, for which he would even go so far as to fabricate a story to defame him.

It really wasn't worth his effort.

At this moment, Geoffrey felt deeply discouraged, disappointed, and emotionally exhausted.

He had already done his best for his son and family. From now on, he decided that he would stay out of their affairs.

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Chapter 1021: Leaving The Stones

Maddy looked at her grandfather's white hair and the dejected look on his face, and her heart ached.

She looked at the furious Carlos and shouted, "Dad, how could Grandpa possibly slander his own son for the sake of power? If he were really greedy for power, he wouldn't have given you the position of helmsman, would he?"

"Why are you so afraid of admitting your own mistakes? Why must you do this to Grandpa?"

Tears gushed out of Maddy's eyes uncontrollably.

At this moment, she felt extremely unjust for her grandfather.

Jordan didn't say anything and simply gripped Maddy's hand tightly to comfort and support her silently.

“Shut up! You're in no place to talk here!” Carlos yelled at Maddy. “Don't forget that I've already expelled you from the family, and you're no longer one of us! You have nothing to do with the Stones anymore! You're in no place to say anything!”

“Get lost. Get lost immediately with your man! Don't ever come back!”

He was already infuriated and had nowhere to vent his anger, so Maddy became the perfect outlet for him.

Geoffrey watched everything coldly. “Carlos, do you think you can avoid all the trouble just by driving Maddy out of the family? You're very wrong!”

“Only with Maddy as part of the family can the Stones thrive and achieve greater glory! If you drive her out, with you helming the Stones, I'm afraid the family won't be far from destruction!”

Since he was extremely disappointed with Carlos, Geoffrey was no longer polite.

Carlos naturally didn't accept what Geoffrey said, and he hollered furiously, “Maddy is just a woman who practices medicine! Her business and family management skills are far inferior to mine. Why do you speak so highly of her but nitpick on me all the time?”

“I'm telling you, since you don't have faith in me, I will make brilliant achievements and show you that I can bring the Stones to the peak!”

“I'm going to show you that I'm the most suitable helmsman of the Stones!”

Looking at the raging Carlos, Geoffrey was speechless. “Since you think so, suit yourselves. I hope you won't regret it in the future!”

Then Geoffrey immediately turned around and walked outside.

Seeing that Geoffrey was extremely upset, Maddy felt a pain in her heart and immediately caught up with him. She held his arm and asked, “Grandpa, where... where are you going?”

Seeing Maddy, Geoffrey smiled kindly.

He stroked her hair. "Maddy, I'm leaving the Stones. But before I go, I have a request I hope you'll agree to."

Hearing this, Maddy felt even more anxious. "No, Grandpa, you... you're already so old. How can you leave the Stones alone? Where are you going? I'll go with you! At least, I can take care of you!"

Geoffrey showed a heartened smile. "I can still walk, and I'm in good health. I don't need you to take care of me. Just go ahead and do your own things."

"But no matter what, the Stones raised you. Even if I leave, I'll still be worried about the family. So, I'd like to ask you and your friends to help the Stones in case we really face a crisis that puts our existence in danger one day. I hope you'll give us a hand and prevent us from being destroyed."

"Otherwise, I won't be able to answer to our ancestors when I see them in heaven in the future. Maddy, please promise me, okay?"

Seeing that Geoffrey seemed to be saying his last words, Maddy felt extremely sad, as if her heart was being cut by knives. Her tears couldn't stop at all.

"Okay, I promise, Grandpa. As long as I'm still alive, I won't let the Stones be destroyed!" Maddy nodded with tears streaming down her face.

"Haha, what a good girl. I can be at ease with your promise!"

Geoffrey smiled for the first time today, as if a huge burden had been lifted off his shoulders. He then stepped out of the door without looking back.

The rest of the Stones watched him leave and looked at each other before looking at Carlos. They hesitated for a moment but eventually remained quiet.

They didn't even try to make him stay.

When her grandfather finally vanished out of sight, Maddy looked at Carlos and the other Stones. "All of you will regret it."

Maddy wiped her tears and left the Stone residence with Jordan.

Soon after the two of them left, Carlos received a call from the Bransons. "Carlos Stone, an hour is about to be up! If I still don't see your daughter and her boyfriend at my place to confess their guilt and give up their lives, your family will vanish from DC tonight!"

Frightened, Carlos frantically said to the butler over the phone, "Here's the thing. Maddy was kicked out of the family yesterday, and the Stones have already severed all ties with her. Everything she does no longer has anything to do with our family!"

“Moreover, the two of them are heading to the Bransons' now, just... the two of them. You can do whatever you want to them. They have nothing to do with the Stones anymore!”

The butler snorted. “Kicked out of the family? Do you think this matter will have nothing to do with the Stones just because you've done that? Dream on!

“I'm warning you. Mr. Mark is a direct descendant of the Bransons and the future successor of the family. Even if we want your entire family to die with him, it'll only be right for us to do so!

“Don't think that you can appease us just by kicking your daughter out of your family and pushing two scapegoats to us! If you, the helmsman, don't come over to settle this personally tonight, your family will definitely be annihilated!”

With that, the butler hung up.

Carlos was completely dumbstruck and at a loss for what to do. He immediately collapsed to the floor!

The Bransons are refusing to give up just because Maddy has been kicked out. What should I do now?

Are the Stones really going to be wiped out?

At this moment, Carlos's mind was in a whirlwind and full of boundless fear.

A subordinate of his ran over and whispered something into his ear. His eyes immediately lit up as if he found the last straw to clutch at!

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Chapter 1022: Marriage Alliance

Meanwhile, Jordan and Maddy were driving their car toward the Bransons' manor.

Throughout the journey, Maddy stared silently out the window at the traffic, her eyes red and swollen.

Jordan knew that Maddy was in low spirits because of the various incidents that had happened at the Stones', but he didn't know how to comfort her because the matter mainly concerned her father. He didn't know what to say or do.

Suddenly, Maddy asked, “Jordan, do you think that power and interests are really more important than familial ties and kinship?”

Jordan sighed. "This is only the choice of a small number of people, right? It's just like how Lucas left all his power, authority, and status behind without hesitation just so that he could stay by the side of the people he loves and cares about.

"To me, no power and benefit can compare to a smile from someone I cherish.

"Maddy, I don't know what to say about what happened earlier. But I can actually feel that although Carlos may seem heartless for chasing you out of the family and angering Geoffrey, he's actually feeling terrible too.

"Maybe he's muddled for the moment, but I believe that he'll come to his senses when he realizes his mistakes in the future."

Jordan comforted Maddy while driving.

Maddy smiled bitterly. "I know you're just trying to comfort me. My father is beyond hope. I don't expect him to wake up and turn over a new leaf since he always stubbornly insists on his ideas. Besides, even if he really changes his attitude toward me, it will probably be because he sees value in me. Hah, it's so disheartening."

"..." Jordan remained silent, not knowing what to say.

After a while, Maddy patted her cheeks, adjusted her emotions, and smiled. "I'm just feeling uncomfortable for now. I'll be fine soon!"

At this moment, Maddy's phone rang.

When she saw the caller ID on the screen, a trace of surprise appeared in her eyes. The person calling was her father, Carlos!

Maddy's heart was lifted.

Carlos had just kicked her out of the family after losing his temper at her, so it didn't make sense for him to call her so soon.

Unless... something serious happened, so he had no choice but to call her!

No longer hesitating, Maddy picked up.

As soon as the call connected, Carlos's voice came. "Where are you now?"

Maddy asked directly, "What happened?"

No matter what, the two of them had lived as father and daughter for decades, so Maddy was worried that Carlos might encounter a serious ordeal.

Carlos snorted coldly. "The Bransons' butler just called me and told me to arrive at the Brandson residence with you two within twenty minutes. Otherwise, they'll make sure the Stones vanish from DC tonight!"

Maddy frowned.

She knew that the Bransons wouldn't give up just like that, but she didn't expect them to be so eager to force the Stones to give them exclamation so soon.

Maddy pursed her lips. "Don't worry. Jordan and I are on our way there now. We will arrive within twenty minutes! At that time, I will tell the Bransons that we will take responsibility for this and that the Stones have nothing to do with it!"

To Maddy's surprise, Carlos didn't sound any less angry. Instead, his voice was full of anxiety as he said impatiently, "That's pointless. Even if you explain to the Bransons that you no longer have anything to do with the Stones, they won't let us off! They've just given me a warning!"

"So now, if you want to resolve our crisis, you have to find another solution!"

"But I have a piece of good news for you. Rayson, the helmsman of the Williams, contacted me just now. He told me that if you agree to marry his youngest son, Cody, right now, they will help us deal with the Bransons!"

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"Just like the Bransons, the Williams are one of the eight top families of DC. In that case, the Bransons naturally won't dare to do anything to us, and our crisis will be solved."

Carlos instructed indifferently, "So, you don't have to go to the Bransons anymore. Come back immediately, and I'll have someone get your documents and send you to the Marriage Bureau to get your marriage license with Cody Williams!"

"As soon as the two of you get your marriage license, the Williams will step in to help us deal with the Bransons. Come back immediately!"

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Hearing this, Maddy remained sitting in the car with her phone in her hand, spacing out in shock for a long time.

She could have never imagined that her father would one day so self-righteously and indifferently ask her to marry a stranger without any regard for her opinion at all.

The more terrifying thing was that Maddy had long heard about Cody Williams.

He had Down's syndrome and a mental age of only three years old, even though he was physically over 30 years old. He also had severe violent tendencies, and he had once killed several servants of the Williams!

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Yet her father wanted her to marry such a violent and intellectually disabled man!

Moreover, Carlos clearly knew that she was already engaged to Jordan and that they were getting married on Valentine's Day!

Anger suddenly surged in Maddy's heart.

"No, that's absolutely impossible!

"I've already found the love of my life, and he's the only person I'm marrying. I won't allow you to use me as a bargaining chip for a marriage alliance again!

"If you want to use your identity as my father to pressure me, don't forget that you just kicked me out of the family ten minutes ago. I already have nothing to do with you and the Stones. Who are you to arrange my marriage for me? I don't agree!

"I'll settle the matter with the Branson matters on my own. You don't have to come up with any funny ideas! If you must make someone get into a marriage alliance with the Williams, go look for someone else. I won't marry him!"

Maddy yelled in exasperation, greatly emotionally agitated.

After hearing Maddy's refusal, Carlos was even more furious. "Even though I've kicked you out of the family, you're still my daughter! You have to do what I say!

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"I'll tell you the truth. I've already promised Rayson Williams that I'll get you to marry his son. So if you don't go to the Marriage Bureau to get your marriage license with Cody Williams within twenty minutes, do you think the Williams will let us off?"

"When the time comes, we'll not only be unable to resolve the problems with the Bransons, but we will face another great enemy like the Williams. There will be no chance of survival for us then!

"So, no matter what, you have to marry Cody Williams. Otherwise, you'll harm the Stones, and no one will let you off. Do you hear me?"

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Carlos' words were like a bottomless abyss that he wanted to push Maddy into!

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Chapter 1023: Bringing It Upon Himself

Maddy completely lost the strength to speak and communicate with Carlos. She found her father to be absolutely absurd and ridiculous.

When he kicked her out of the family and severed ties with her just ten minutes ago, she felt sad, but she didn't resent him for doing so because she knew that he just didn't want her to implicate the family.

But Carlos actually didn't even discuss it with her and decided to marry her off to someone intellectually challenged with strong violent tendencies. He was pushing her to her grave!

If it was any other family, she might be able to file for divorce when encountering her husband's domestic violence. But if she married into the Williams, no one would speak up for her even if she was beaten to death.

This kind of life would be a living hell!

Moreover, Maddy had a loving relationship with her fiancée. How could she be willing to put herself in such a terrible situation?

“Even if you're my father, you have no right to make arrangements for my life! If you think I'm being unfilial, so be it. If I face any punishment in the future, I'll bear all the consequences! But no matter what, I won't marry someone like that!”

With that, Maddy hung up and turned off her phone furiously.

Maddy felt aggrieved and devastated as tears streamed down her cheeks.

In one day, Maddy had cried more than the total number of times she had in the past year.

When Carlos told Maddy to marry Cody Williams in a marriage alliance, a shocking killing intent surged in Jordan's chest. He took a deep breath, parked the car on the side of the road, and quietly waited for Maddy to finish the phone call.

He was boiling with fury. If he continued driving, he was afraid that he would lose control of his emotions and the car.

Carlos's actions and words made Jordan livid. If someone else had wanted to force his beloved woman to marry an intellectually challenged and violent man, Jordan would have ripped his heart out. Unfortunately, Carlos was Maddy's father, and he couldn't do anything to him.

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Watching Maddy cry in misery, Jordan felt his heart ache.

He took a few deep breaths and said, "It's okay. As long as Lucas and I are here, the Bransons won't be able to do anything to the Stones. The same goes for the Williams!

"Let's go to Lucas now and ask him to help us handle this. With his help, you don't have to worry about anything!" Jordan said earnestly while holding onto Maddy's shoulder.

"Uh... yes." Maddy nodded solemnly.

Looking at the man beside her, she finally felt like she had someone to rely on.

Soon, the two of them started driving toward Lucas's new villa.

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At this moment, in the Stones' villa...

After Maddy hung up on him, Carlos was enraged and called her twice more, but he couldn't get through to her.

"Damn it! Damn it!" Carlos cursed furiously, but a great sense of horror surged in his heart.

Maddy was strongly against the idea of a marriage alliance with the Williams, and now, she had even turned her phone off. Clearly, she didn't want to marry Cody.

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But Carlos had already promised Rayson, the Williams' helmsman. What should he do now?

If Maddy didn't marry Cody Williams within the time frame given by the Williams, Rayson would definitely think that Carlos played tricks on him and wouldn't let the Stones off!

When the time came, the Stones wouldn't only have to face the wrath of the Bransons but also the Williams'!

These two families were among the top eight most powerful families of DC, and Stones couldn't rival either of them. Together, they would pose a deadly threat to the Stones!

Carlos was panic-stricken and at a complete loss for what to do.

Only now did he finally realize what Geoffrey had said to him previously. Indeed, he wasn't competent enough!

If he had called Maddy to seek her consent before agreeing to the Williams' proposal, things wouldn't have turned out this way!

Carlos initially wanted to seek help from the Williams to get support against the Stones, but he ended up offending two top families at the same time!

This was absolutely terrible!

"Mr. Stone, you were too rash about this... Miss Maddy is already engaged to Jordan, and they were really loving in the hall just now. Miss Maddy will never agree to marry anyone else, especially someone like Cody Williams..." The Stones' butler sighed.

But before he could finish, Carlos immediately interrupted him, "Then, what do you think I should do? The Bransons are forcing me to take those two sinful wretches to their place immediately to give them an explanation. What can I do?"

After a moment of silence, the butler said, "Actually, I think Mr. Jordan is really powerful. He easily defeated so many of the Smiths' experts in the DC Hotel. Moreover, he's so close to Mr. Gray. Maybe they can really resolve the Stones' crisis on their own without implicating us."

"What's the point of talking about this now? And do you really believe those two boys can solve the problem?" Carlos hollered in annoyance. "Enough, stop it with the nonsense! Anyway, I will definitely come up with a solution and protect the Stones even without their help!"

At this moment, Carlos's cell phone rang.

As soon as he saw Rayson Williams' number on the caller ID, his body shivered, and a wave of fear immediately surged in his heart.

But no matter what, he had to answer this call!

He picked up the phone in fear, only to immediately hear an urging voice., "I've already brought my son to the Marriage Bureau. When are you and your daughter coming? How much longer do I have to wait?"

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Chapter 1024: Lucas Helps

Carlos was shocked. What he feared the most had come true. His greatest fear now was Rayson asking him about the marriage issue.

But no matter what, it was impossible for him to avoid this matter since Maddy had refused to marry. He could only bite the bullet and explain what happened.

Carlos gritted his teeth, plucked up the courage, and said cautiously, "Mr. Williams, here's what happened. My unfilial daughter caused a disaster, so I kicked her out of the family some time ago. She's no longer a member of the Stones... So, how about this? We have many other beautiful female descendants in our family. I'll pick one and send her to you..."

"What the hell are you saying?" Rayson interrupted with a series of expletives. "Stone, are you deliberately playing tricks on me? I want your daughter, Maddy Stone. If I just wanted my son to marry a pretty woman, why would I bother coming to your family?"

"Damn it! You promised me that you would get your daughter to marry my son and get the marriage license immediately. But now, you're saying that you've already kicked your daughter out of your family. Damn it, are you deliberately messing with me?"

"You're really audacious. Just you wait. I'll bring people to your place and demand an explanation from you!"

With that, Rayson hung up without waiting for Carlos to respond.

Carlos's legs went limp. Unable to stand anymore, he fell straight to the floor.

With a blank expression, he kept recalling Rayson's threat to bring his men to the Stone residence.

"It's over for us! The Williams are coming to the Stones to demand an explanation from me. W-what should I do now? What else can I do?"

Meanwhile, Jordan had already brought Maddy with him to the entrance of Lucas's villa.

On the way here, Jordan had already called Lucas and asked for help. But he didn't elaborate on the details.

Lucas was already waiting at the entrance of the villa. As soon as he saw Jordan, he closed the door and got in the car.

After getting in, he saw that there was something amiss with Maddy's expression. Her eyes were red and swollen. She had obviously just cried.

"What's going on?" Lucas immediately asked solemnly.

He knew that Maddy had always been extremely strong and would rarely cry like this.

Just as Jordan was about to speak, Maddy sniffled and said, "Let me do the talking. Focus on driving."

Then she told Lucas about everything that had happened earlier.

When he heard that Maddy had been kicked out of the Stone family and disowned by Carlos while Geoffrey had left the family in anger, Lucas was completely speechless. In fact, he even felt a little angry.

The reason he had promised the Stones that he would keep them alive and even bring them to greater glory was because of the relationship between Maddy and Jordan.

But Lucas didn't expect that Maddy would be kicked out of the family just twenty days after Carlos took over Geoffrey's position as helmsman.

When Lucas found out that Carlos also wanted to force Maddy to marry Rayson's intellectually challenged and violent son so that he could get Williams' help, he was angered to the point of speechlessness.

He couldn't figure out how Carlos could be so stupid when he had a wise father like Geoffrey and an intelligent and valiant daughter like Maddy!

Carlos's actions were hopelessly stupid, and Lucas couldn't even be bothered to scold him.

"Your father will definitely regret what he did today!" Lucas said coldly.

Maddy was Lucas's comrade in arms and the person who mattered the most to Jordan. Ye, Carlos wanted Maddy to marry a violent and intellectually challenged person like Cody. He was simply ruining Maddy's life and Jordan's happiness!

If it wasn't for the fact that Carlos was Maddy's biological father, Lucas would have killed him!

Maddy said bitterly, "Actually, before Grandpa left, he said something like that too, but my father disregarded his words. Who knows what he's thinking now."

Seeing Lucas's gloomy expression, Jordan suddenly felt worried. "Lucas, you... you're not going to do anything to Carlos, are you?"

“Uh, h-he did make a lot of mistakes, but I think he's just too timid and only cares about his family. His incompetence is the reason that he... does some irrational things.

“Lucas, give Carlos a chance. He might repent later!”

Jordan was really worried and afraid that Lucas might kill Carlos out of anger.

Lucas glowered at Jordan and berated, “Hmph, of course I know that. You're naturally going to put in a good word for him since he's your future father-in-law!

“Hey, look at you. All you care about is your fiancée and your future father-in-law now. I'm afraid I'll mean nothing to you in the future!”

“No, that's impossible, Lucas! No matter what happens, you'll forever be my best friend!” Jordan explained in panic before noticing the playful smile on Lucas's face. He immediately understood what Lucas was doing, so he played along. “Lucas, why does it seem like you're jealous right now? Are you actually jealous of Maddy?”

Then Jordan deliberately looked at Maddy in the rearview mirror and made a face at her.

“Pfft!” Maddy laughed and pursed her lips.

Her laughter and the joyful banter between Jordan and Lucas immediately put her in a better mood.

This was also the common goal of Lucas and Jordan.

Of course, Lucas wouldn't harm Carlos. No matter how overboard Carlos was, it was still the Stones' family affairs.

Maddy could resist Carlos, get mad at him, and even oppose him, but Lucas couldn't do anything to the Stone family because he respected Maddy.

But now, the Stones not only had to face the pressure from the Bransons, but they had also provoked the Williams, leaving them in a dilemma.

Of course, all of this wasn't a big deal to Lucas.

Moreover, since an incident involving the Williams happened again, Lucas decided not to go to the Bransons' first but instead go to the Stones' to see how they would handle the issue.

As soon as they reached the door, they got out of the car and entered the Stone residence, only to see Carlos storming over furiously.

The first thing he did after rushing over was yell at Maddy. “You unfilial wench! You've made me offend the Williams and caused a huge disaster for the family. Trust you to have the cheek to come back!”

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Chapter 1025: Shameless Family

Carlos wanted to slap Maddy's face right on the spot, but he was still rational. Seeing Jordan and Lucas standing next to Maddy, he finally retracted his hand and resisted the urge, but he still looked extremely gloomy.

Maddy gritted her teeth. “I've already said that I'd settle this matter on my own! If you hadn't agreed to those nonsensical requests presumptuously, things wouldn't have turned out this way.”

“What are you saying? Are you blaming me for this? If you had obeyed me and gone to get married to Cody, the Williams would now be our in-laws, and they would have helped us resolve our crisis with the Bransons!”

“But you wench, you defied me and even dared to hang up on me. Now, the Williams are completely infuriated! Not only are the Bransons hounding us, but even the Williams aren't going to let us off. They will bring their people here and demand an explanation from us soon!

“This is all your fault! Let's see what you can do now!”

Carlos hollered furiously at the top of his voice. Instead of reflecting on his own actions, he put all the blame on Maddy, as if she was the one who caused everything to go awry.

The other Stones were also glowering at Maddy.

“Carlos is right. This is all your fault! You caused the disaster with the Bransons, and the Williams are coming to confront us too. We're all going to be killed by you!”

“Maddy, don't try to shirk responsibility. Since you're the cause of it all, you should be the one to solve it.”

“Uncle Carlos, I suggest we immediately tie Maddy up, send her to the Marriage Bureau, and get her to get a marriage license with Cody Williams. That way, we might be able to gain the understanding of Mr. Rayson Williams!

“Or maybe we can just tie her up and wait here for the Bransons! And that young punk Jordan is the culprit who killed the scion of the Bransons. We can't let him get away either! The Bransons' helmsman will be here soon. We must tie them up and hand them over to the Bransons so that they can see our sincerity!”

“In my opinion, Maddy is just a scourge. Why don't we just kill her, lest she brings even more disasters to the Stones in the future!”

The Stones scolded and cursed Maddy, and some even demanded that she immediately marry the violent Cody Williams. Many of them even said to tie her up and leave her to the Bransons. Some even wanted to kill her to end all future troubles.

Hearing the cold and terrifying words from these family members, Maddy was disappointed and felt as if her heart was slashed by daggers. Her entire body was cold.

At this moment, she experienced the same disappointment that Geoffrey had.

Lucas watched on coldly without saying anything.

The Stones were way too subservient.

Out of fear for top families like the Bransons and the Williams, they decided to push their own family member out to face the wrath of the Bransons to appease them. Such people were nothing but garbage.

At this moment, Lucas was even thinking about how the Stones would face Maddy once the matters regarding the Bransons and the Williams were resolved.

While Lucas could observe coldly with indifference, Jordan could no longer continue listening.

Maddy was the person he loved the most in his life. He obviously couldn't bear to let her be insulted and hurt by these trashy members of the Stones.

“Shut up!”

“If I hear you insult Maddy again, I don't mind turning you into corpses!”

“I believe that many of you witnessed my skills in the DC Hotel last time. If any of you are still unconvinced, feel free to try!”

Jordan's face was brimming with killing intent, and the aura he released made all the Stones turn pale in fright. Their hearts almost jumped out of their chests, and they didn't dare to utter a single word.

Jordan had killed several experts working for the Smiths and the Dempseys back in the DC hotel, all of whom he had killed with one deadly blow. How could they possibly dare to test Jordan's power with their fragile bodies?

This would be an absolute act of courting death!

All of a sudden, the Stones who had yelled at Maddy immediately cowered at the side, not daring to move at all.

Even Carlos was scared out of his wits and broke out in cold sweat.

He was just about to teach Maddy a lesson and tell her to marry Cody Williams in order to appease them.

But after seeing Jordan's outburst of anger, Carlos realized once again that Jordan was no longer the kid who used to address him respectfully but a top expert who could easily kill more than ten experts with one hand!

After seeing the reaction of her family, Maddy no longer felt angry. All that remained was disappointment and the feeling that they were absurd.

It was really ridiculous for her to have a family like this!

It was really depressing and pathetic!

She took a deep breath and finally looked at Carlos calmly. "We will settle the matters regarding the Bransons and the Williams. We won't get the Stones involved.

"But once today's matter is over, I will really have nothing to do with the Stones anymore. You'll no longer be my father too!

"If the Stones encounter other troubles in the future, I won't give you any help!

"Even if the Stones are destroyed, it will be your own responsibility!"

Carlos suddenly panicked and blurted, "No way! You've already promised your grandfather that you'll never let the Stones be destroyed. If you fail to keep your promise, he will never be able to face our ancestors!"

He had overheard Geoffrey and Maddy's conversation!

Maddy sneered. "If the Stones really perish, you should be the one too ashamed to face our ancestors, not Grandpa and me! Besides, even if the Stones really perish, I'll start a new Stone family. This won't be in violation of my agreement with Grandpa!"

"You... you..." Carlos seemed to want to scold Maddy again, but when he saw Jordan at the side, he didn't dare to curse out loud and could only swallow his pride.

But at this moment, a bodyguard hurriedly ran in and shouted in panic. "Mr. Carlos, bad news! The Bransons have already arrived!"

Report

Chapter 1026: Greeting the Bransons

Hearing the report of the person who came, Carlos instantly shuddered, his heart panicked.

The Bransons actually came so soon. What should they do?

"Mr. Carlos, we'd better hurry out to receive the Bransons. Don't let them get angry," one of the Stones immediately said to Carlos.

"Yes, that's right!" The panic-stricken Carlos seemed to have found his backbone and nodded again and again. "Quickly, come out with me to greet the Bransons!"

Carlos took the lead and ran toward the gates of the Stone residence with a large group of the Stones behind him.

Seeing the crowd rushing toward the entrance, Maddy stood still with a look of disappointment and a sarcastic smile on her face.

Grandpa is right. Dad isn't someone who can take on an important role like the family's helmsman.

In the face of an emergency, all he did was panic and lose control of himself. He couldn't even come up with his own idea and just listened to the opinions of others.

Besides, what if the Bransons came?

The Bransons were indeed one of the eight top families in DC and extremely powerful, but the Stones weren't weak either. In DC, they were second only to the eight top families.

The Stones were naturally no match for the Bransons, but if the Bransons wanted to destroy the Stones, it wouldn't be easy either. They would definitely have to pay a huge price.

The eight families of DC were evenly matched, and there was also some rivalry between them. If any family was struck hard, they would definitely face the coveting and attacks of the other families. They might even be annihilated as a result.

Thus, as long as the Stones realized this point and used it to their advantage, the Bransons wouldn't really dare to wipe out the Stones because the price of doing so would be too high. The Bransons wouldn't dare to take the risk at all.

But Carlos couldn't realize this at all. All he knew was that he was in a weaker position and spinelessly viewed the Bransons as menacing beasts.

Now that he had led so many members of the Stones to the entrance to receive the Bransons in such a subservient manner, this would only make the Bransons look down on them and despise them even more and allow the Bransons to manipulate them.

Even if the Stones managed to save themselves by being subservient to the Bransons this time, the latter would only continue treating them as pushovers and possibly even make them their servants. The Stones would never be able to hold their heads high again!

With Carlos's approaching, let alone staying as a second-rate family, the Stones would likely soon become a third-rate family.

But at this moment, Carlos didn't know what Maddy was thinking. He was standing at the entrance with all the direct members of the Stones to welcome the Bransons respectfully with their waists bowed and heads lowered.

"I'm Carlos Stone, the head of the Stone family. My family and I are here to welcome you!"

They were behaving as if they were the Bransons' servants.

The Bransons were getting out of their cars with a powerful aura at this moment.

The middle-aged man at the front had a chubby face, and he obviously wasn't to be trifled with. He was Eric Branson, Mark's father!

Eric was now in his fifties, and he had been announced as the next helmsman of the Bransons several years ago. Now, he had control over more than half of the Bransons' businesses. Thus, he was now the second most powerful person in the family, and before long, he would become the actual helmsman.

Behind him were two tall bodyguards dragging a woman out of the car by her hair.

The hair of the woman being dragged out was in a terrible mess, and her body was covered in dirt and footprints. In particular, her face was bruised, swollen, and covered in slap marks. She had obviously received a hard beating.

Even Maddy wouldn't be able to recognize her now.

Indeed, the woman who had been beaten horribly was Becky, Mark's girlfriend who had provoked Maddy.

This was a demonstration of authority!

Carlos, who was already scared, became even more frightened after seeing the disheveled and terribly beaten woman. Even his calves began trembling.

"Carlos Stone, you're quite courageous. I've already given you an hour to bring your daughter and her boyfriend to the Bransons to confess. How dare you ignore my instructions? Now, I've had to come and demand an explanation from you!" Eric stared into Carlos's eyes coldly.

Carlos's legs went limp, and he almost fell to his knees. He said with fear on his face, "Mr. Branson... I absolutely don't dare to ignore you, but my unfilial daughter is rebellious now that she's grown up. She doesn't listen to me at all!"

"She has already cut off all ties with the Stones. There's nothing I can do!"

Eric sneered and mocked relentlessly, "Nothing you can do? Hah, Carlos, do you take me for a fool? You should have brought them to me even if you had to tie them up!"

"How dare you tell me now that there's nothing you can do? How ridiculous! I can't believe you're the head of the Stones. Are you that incompetent? You're indeed a good-for-nothing!"

Carlos's face turned pale, but he didn't dare to argue. He just kept saying, "Mr. Branson, please calm down. Calm down!"

He was already terrified. He originally thought that someone else would come from the Bransons, but it turned out that it was Eric Branson himself. Now, the Stones were in an even worse predicament.

"Calm down, my ass! Hand over the two murderers who killed my son. Otherwise, none of you will be able to escape!" Eric roared angrily.

Of course, he wouldn't really fight the Stones to the death. He only wanted the Stones to hand over Maddy and Jordan and compensate with a massive amount of money and assets. After all, the dead couldn't come back to life. Killing all the Stones wouldn't be able to bring his son back to life.

But seeing how cowardly and subservient Carlos was, Eric began developing more ideas. If he seized all the Stones' assets, he would definitely gain great credit.

Carlos was now scared out of his wits. When he heard Eric telling him to hand over Maddy and Jordan, he had no other choice. He yelled at Maddy, who was more than

ten meters away, “Unfilial wench, what are you waiting for? Hurry up and come here to beg Mr. Branson for forgiveness.

“And Jordan, didn't you say you were going to take full responsibility for this? Now that Mr. Mark's father is here, you should immediately get your ass over here and use your death to apologize!”

Report

Chapter 1027: Twisting the Truth

Carlos's words made Maddy even more disappointed, and her heart sank further.

It was clear that Carlos wanted her and Jordan to take all the responsibility so that the Bransons wouldn't be angry with the Stones.

Maddy wasn't surprised by his choice, but she was saddened that Carlos's expression was subservient and terrified when he said this. He wasn't worried about her at all.

At this moment, he had completely given up their father-daughter ties of many years.

Lucas glanced at Carlos coldly. If it wasn't because he was Maddy's biological father, Lucas wouldn't let him off.

Maddy raised her feet and was about to walk forward when Jordan pulled her behind him.

“I killed your son. If you want someone to take responsibility, just come at me.” Jordan stepped forward and looked at Eric calmly.

Eric narrowed his eyes and glowered at Jordan.

This young man was the murderer of his son Mark. No matter what, he would make him pay for it with his life!

“Punk, you're really arrogant. Not only are you not repentant for killing my son, but you're so arrogant in front of me! You should already know my identity and the fate you're about to face, huh?”

Eric's eyes were brimming with killing intent.

Jordan remained fearless. “Aren't you just from the Branson family? Speaking of which, it was your son who thought he was all high and mighty and took the initiative to provoke me. Not only did he attack me first, but he even used a knife and wanted to kill me! But he was incompetent and ended up having his limbs broken by me.

“However, I didn't expect him to die easily after having his limbs broken.”

Jordan shrugged.

In fact, Jordan really felt a little speechless about Mark's death. He had merely broken Mark's limbs and turned him into a cripple, yet Mark had ended up dying.

What Jordan said undoubtedly provoked Eric, causing him to grit his teeth in fury.

"Tell me! How did my son die?" Eric suddenly looked at Becky, who was being pressed against the ground by one of his bodyguards with her head held up by her hair.

Becky's heart trembled as she hurriedly said, "Yes, it's him! He was really arrogant since we met in the clothing store. Later, he even hit Mark because of a disagreement and broke his limbs! At the time, Mark... Mark screamed so loudly that the entire store could hear him. I begged him to stop, but he refused to listen!

"Uncle Eric, Mark died of pain! He died so tragically. You mustn't let this bastard off!

"Oh right, and the woman behind him is Maddy Stone. She's the one who started this. If it wasn't for her, Mark wouldn't have encountered such a mishap. She's the culprit and the cause of it all. Uncle Eric, you mustn't let her off either!"

Becky spoke with great resentment, but what she said couldn't be further from the truth. She twisted facts and put all the blame on Jordan and Maddy.

In particular, when she accused Maddy of being the culprit, she couldn't conceal the hatred in her eyes at all. She wanted Maddy to die immediately!

Mark frowned and sneered. "Becky Sanders, you're really good at twisting facts! You clearly provoked us first. You even repeatedly instigated Mark to attack my boyfriend and me. Now that you're afraid of the Bransons holding you accountable, you pushed all the blame to us. You're really shameless!"

A trace of panic flashed across Becky's face, but she gritted her teeth and said, "Now that things have come to this, stop arguing! It's all your fault, bitch!"

Becky was a shameless villain, but in order to survive, she became even more spineless.

Maddy knew that it was pointless to argue with such a shameless person, so she looked straight at Eric. "If you want to know the truth, there are surveillance cameras in the clothing store and the store's staff. No one can twist the facts easily!"

"Mr. Branson, I think you're a smart person, so you should already have a clear idea of what happened. You won't be easily fooled by this woman, will you?"

Eric rubbed his fingers and looked at Maddy with narrowed eyes. This woman seems different from the other Stones. She has quite a backbone.

Eric had naturally sent his men to find out the truth, but so what?

“I'm not interested in the truth or any other bullshit you have to say! I only know that you people caused my son's death. So no matter who's right or wrong, you must all go to hell with my son!” Eric's face was covered in murderous intent as he said to his bodyguards, “Go capture them both and bring them back to the Branson residence!”

With his order, four of his bodyguards immediately rubbed their fists and walked toward Jordan and Maddy.

Jordan stood in front of Maddy like a brick wall and said coldly, “I'm giving you a warning. If you leave with your people now, I can spare your lives.”

Eric was stunned for a moment, but then he instantly flew into a rage.

“Brat, I don't think you have a clear idea of the situation now! My subordinates are about to capture you. Do you think you have the right to continue being arrogant in front of me?” Eric said.

Jordan said coldly, “Want to capture me? You and the Bransons are not qualified!”

Hearing this, almost everyone was stunned!

Who was Eric Branson? Eric was the second most powerful figure in the Branson family and the future helmsman of the family!

And who was Jordan? How dare he speak to Eric like this and even say that he wasn't qualified? He was incredibly arrogant!

Even the Stones, who had witnessed how powerful Jordan was, weren't optimistic about him.

The Bransons were one of the eight most powerful families in DC, while Jordan only knew some martial arts. Did he really think he was invincible?

Eric was furious. “Okay, great! What an arrogant kid! Wait a little longer. I will make you regret saying that! I'll make you wail in pain and beg for mercy!”

Just as Eric was about to order his men to make a move, he suddenly heard a mocking voice from behind. “Eric Branson, trust you to have the cheek to blow your trumpet! You're not going to lay a finger on him today!”

Everyone was stunned and turned their heads to look. A woman decked out in luxurious clothes was walking over slowly with a group of bodyguards behind her.

Report

Chapter 1028: Unexpected Ties

When the crowd saw the noblewoman's face, there was obvious confusion on their faces.

Even Eric, Jordan, Maddy, and Lucas were surprised.

The person who came over was Florence, the current helmsman of the Howards!

Eric narrowed his eyes and questioned in a threatening tone, "So it's Ms. Howard! What's the matter? Are you so free now that you want to interfere with my family's affairs too?"

Florence's voice had arrived before she did. She was clearly targeting Eric to defend Jordan.

Moreover, Florence even brought five of the Howards' top bodyguards, making Eric feel that something was amiss.

One of his purposes in bringing his subordinates to the Stones was to capture the murderers of his son to avenge him. The other was to take advantage of the opportunity to pressure the Stones and obtain maximum benefits. It would be best if he could encroach on all the Stones' assets so that they would become a vassal family of the Bransons and do their bidding from now on!

Just a moment ago, Eric felt that the Stones were an easy target because Carlos, the family head, was just a weak and incompetent fool who was easily controllable.

But why did Florence appear here with the Howards' bodyguards?

Do the Howards also want a slice of the pie?

But even so, Florence shouldn't have targeted him to protect the punk who killed his son!

Just as countless thoughts flashed through Eric's mind while he pondered what Florence's goals were, she said with a smile, "Eric Branson, since you've already decided to get your subordinates to harm my goddaughter, of course I have to interfere."

Goddaughter?

Florence's goddaughter?

Everyone was shocked. But after thinking about it for a bit, they immediately figured out that Florence's goddaughter was probably Maddy!

Even Maddy had a trace of surprise in her eyes, but she soon understood that Florence had said that because she needed a reason to help her!

Eric's face turned gloomy, and he sneered. "Ms. Howard, since when did you have a goddaughter?!"

"Do I need your permission to recognize my goddaughter?"

Florence was now the head of the Howards, and her status was much higher than that of Eric, the future helmsman of the Bransons. Thus, she retorted curtly without any politeness.

"Maddy, don't worry. No one will dare to touch you with me here!" Florence said to Maddy domineeringly.

Maddy smiled sweetly. "Alright, thank you very much then, Godmother!"

Her demeanor and expression looked extremely natural, as if she and Florence were already very close to each other.

Seeing the interaction between the two, the Stones were flabbergasted!

They had no idea when Maddy actually had such a powerful godmother!

Florence was the current helmsman of the Howards, one of the eight top families!

She had an even higher status than Eric!

If they had known that Maddy had such a powerful godmother, they wouldn't have agreed to let Maddy marry Eric's intellectually challenged and violent son.

At this moment, Carlos felt as though a sledgehammer had struck his head. His body stiffened, and he stood rooted to the ground with his mouth wide open!

Maddy actually recognized Florence as her godmother! The person who was the most shocked was none other than Carlos!

He had never imagined that the unfilial daughter he had driven out of the family had such good fortune!

At this moment, he suddenly recalled what Maddy had said to him previously. She said that she would settle the matter with the Bransons on her own and wouldn't involve the Stones.

When Maddy was driven out of the family and disowned by Carlos, she had said to him, "Don't regret it."

Was the reason she had the confidence to say this because she had long become Florence Howard's granddaughter?

If he had known earlier, Carlos would have never done the things he did earlier!

But it probably wasn't too late now. No matter what, Maddy was his daughter. Once they dealt with the Bransons, he would apologize to Maddy and let her return to the family. Given the relationship between Maddy and the Howards, the Stones would be able to gain the support of the Howards in the future and rise to greater glory. It was a blessing in disguise!

The thought of it made Carlos's heart burn with excitement.

At this moment, Maddy was no longer the unfilial wench that he had called her previously. She was now his promising and competent daughter!

Eric looked extremely sullen. Florence was clearly here to protect Maddy, so he didn't dare to act rashly.

After pondering for a while, Eric made up his mind and decided to compromise. "Since Maddy is your goddaughter, I'll take a step back and not hold it against her.

"But that man over there is the culprit who killed my son. I must take him back to the Bransons and use his blood to pay homage to my son!"

Eric felt that he had already made a compromise and thought that Florence would definitely do him a favor so that they would both have an out.

After all, the Howards and the Bransons were among the eight most powerful families in DC, so it would be best if they didn't get into a conflict.

But Florence didn't have the slightest intention of giving Eric an out. She smiled and rejected, "I'm sorry, but this young man is my daughter's fiancé, so I won't let you harm him!"

"You! Eric immediately flew into a rage. "Ms. Howard, don't go overboard! I've agreed to take a step back because of my respect for your family, but it's not because I'm afraid of you!"

In his opinion, he had already agreed to spare Maddy for Florence's sake and take only Jordan. If Florence played by the rules, she shouldn't interfere.

But Florence was so domineering that she actually wanted to protect the two murderers of his son. It was way too overboard!

For a time, Eric's face was extremely gloomy as he glowered at Florence.

Report

Chapter 1029: Gathering of Three Families

Florence saw the anger on Eric's face, but she acted like she didn't see it. "Eric, I feel sad for the death of your son, but I've already sent someone to investigate it thoroughly.

"Actually, that woman Becky Sanders is the cause of everything. Maddy and the rest were happily shopping when Becky ran over and provoked her out of nowhere. She even deliberately brought your son into it and instigated him to deal with my goddaughter and future godson-in-law.

"Moreover, it was your son who took out a dagger and wanted to kill them. But in the end, Jordan crippled his limbs because he was too incompetent.

"At this point, it's already clear what happened. Although your son's limbs were crippled, his injuries weren't fatal. But Becky abandoned your son after he lost consciousness and ran off on her own, causing him to miss the best treatment time and eventually die."

"So, regardless of the cause or the outcome, the person to blame for your son's death is neither my goddaughter nor Jordan, but Becky! Eric, don't you agree?"

Since Florence had decided to come to the Stones to help, she naturally came prepared and had already sent someone to thoroughly investigate the situation while on the way here.

Eric's eyebrows twitched a few times, and he didn't speak for a long time.

He knew that Florence had spoken the truth. Otherwise, he wouldn't have sent people to drag Becky over.

But he was unwilling to admit that his son deserved to die and let Jordan, the person who had brutally crippled his son's limbs and caused his eventual death, off the hook!

Becky, who was being pressed against the ground by the Bransons' bodyguards, had a drastic change of expression after hearing what Florence said. She immediately broke out in cold sweat.

At this moment, she even wanted to play the same trick of twisting facts again and put all the blame on Maddy and Jordan. But in the end, she didn't dare to speak up.

Florence was the head of the Howard family, and she had even acknowledged Maddy as her goddaughter. Florence probably wouldn't listen to what she said, and she might even end up offending her.

With just Eric, Becky already felt that she was on the brink of death. If she offended the Howards, she would definitely die miserably!

Florence smiled and said firmly, "Eric, you know clearly what I'm talking about, so I'm taking these two with me today."

With a gloomy look on his face, Eric remained silent. He was naturally unwilling to let Jordan off.

But suddenly, a loud and striking voice came from outside the gates of the Stone residence. "Eric Branson, don't be fooled by that woman!"

Everyone was astonished and turned to look at the speaker, only to receive a great shock!

The man who spoke was Rayson Williams, the head of his family, and following him were 30 bodyguards and experts, who were streaming endlessly out of a long line of Mercedes-Benz cars. They each carried a formidable aura.

They immediately charged into the Stone residence, overwhelming everyone with their menacing auras.

"Rayson Williams!" Florence's face turned gloomy when she saw the middle-aged man in front, and anger surged within her.

Previously, Rayson had brought twenty-odd subordinates to Felix's funeral to help the Piers pressure Florence while her position as helmsman was yet to be stable. He had tried to gouge the Howards of their assets, but to no avail because of Lucas's presence.

Now, Rayson actually showed up at the Stones with even more bodyguards, and the first thing he did was target Florence. Clearly, he was out to take revenge.

The Stones' legs went limp when they saw so many people.

The reason the Williams brought so many bodyguards to the Stones was that Carlos had previously promised to let Maddy marry Rayson's son Cody. But Maddy refused, so Rayson naturally came to settle the scores with her.

The Stones couldn't help but look at Carlos, wanting him to come up with an idea quickly.

"Mr. Williams, you're here too." Eric smiled and went forward to greet Rayson.

Rayson had merely said a sentence just now, but Eric could immediately tell that Rayson had a feud with Florence. In that case, it was very likely that the Williams would side with the Bransons and fight against Florence together.

He refused to believe that Florence would dare to fight against the Bransons and Williams, two of the eight top families of DC, at the same time!

Rayson guffawed loudly and said to Eric, "Eric, I think you almost got fooled by this woman, Florence Howard! She's not a kind soul. She actually killed her own father for the sake of becoming the head of the Howard family. A vicious woman like her deserves to die!

"Furthermore, she has nothing to do with the Stones, nor is she the godmother of Maddy Stone. She deliberately came here to fool you so that you would let them off because she wants to take over the Stones!

"Eric, you mustn't be fooled or intimidated by her. If she tries to use her family to pressure you, I'll stand by you and help you deal with her!"

Rayson's words put Eric on cloud nine. It was exactly what he wanted to hear.

But Florence was hopping mad. "Shut up, Rayson William! My father died due to illness. If you continue slandering me and accusing me of killing my father to become the family head, I won't spare you!"

"Haha, Florence, you dared to do it, but you don't dare to admit it? Your family were the ones who revealed that you killed your father to take the position of helmsman. But, you're saying that I'm slandering you? You know better than anyone else what the truth is! There are male heirs in your family. If you hadn't seized the position of helmsman and driven your father to his grave, how could you have become the head of the Howard family?"

Rayson deliberately insisted that Florence didn't get her position the rightful way. He wanted to insult her because the angrier she was, the happier he would be.

He had been forced to kneel and apologize at the Howard residence, and it had been bothering him like a thorn in his heart. Thus, he wanted to do everything possible to humiliate Florence and take revenge on the Howards!

Florence was indeed so angered by Rayson's shameless slander that her body was trembling and she couldn't even utter a single word.

But at this moment, she heard an indifferent voice from the side. "Rayson William, since you have a death wish, I'll fulfill it for you!"

Lucas, who had been standing quietly in a corner, finally spoke!

Report

Chapter 1030: Intimidating

Rayson initially looked furious and wanted to see who had the audacity to speak to him so rudely. But when he looked in the direction of the voice and saw Lucas standing behind the crowd, his heart skipped a beat, and he almost jumped on the spot!

Why is this menacing man here at the Stones'?!

Rayson had aggressively brought so many people to the Stone residence to settle accounts with Carlos for reneging on his promise and fooling him. He had even heard that Florence was also here. Thus, he had brought so many people over to suppress Florence and regain some pride.

But Rayson never expected that Lucas, who had forced him to kneel, was actually here!

Not only was Lucas here, but Rayson also saw Jordan standing near Lucas!

The scene that had happened at Felix's funeral immediately appeared in Rayson's mind.

Back then, Jordan had disconnected the joints of the twenty-odd top bodyguards of the Piers in an instant, forcing them to join the Howards. This had caused the Piers to suffer a huge loss.

Under Jordan's terrifying strength, he had had to kneel down to Lucas and admit his mistakes so that he could leave the Howard residence safely.

It could be said that Jordan and Lucas were just like devils who had greatly traumatized Rayson.

But he didn't expect to see the two of them at the Stone residence!

At this moment, Rayson simply wanted to escape.

Even if he had brought more than thirty of the Williams' experts, he didn't feel safe at all with these two terrifying figures here.

But Eric didn't know Lucas. After hearing Lucas's rude tone, he questioned, "Who are you? How dare you speak to Mr. Williams like that?!"

Lucas glanced at him coldly. "You don't have the right to know who I am. You just need to know that you can't afford to provoke me."

"You!" Eric immediately flew into a rage. He was the next helmsman of the Bransons, yet a young stranger in his twenties actually told him that. It was simply a provocation!

"Mr. Williams, look at this punk..."

Eric was about to instigate Rayson into joining him against Lucas, whom he thought was an ignorant punk. But before he could finish, he unexpectedly saw fear on Rayson's face, making him speechless.

Rayson was actually feeling fear instead of anger!

Why? Because of this young man?

That doesn't seem right!

Rayson was the head of the prestigious William family, so there was no need for him to be afraid of a young man in his twenties!

Could this young man... have an extraordinary identity?

At the thought of this, Eric no longer dared to belittle Lucas or speak rashly. Instead, he sized Lucas up solemnly while trying to guess his identity.

Lucas ignored Eric and said bluntly to the pale Rayson, "If you leave with your people right now, I'll let this matter slide. Otherwise, you know what the consequences are."

Rayson shuddered, clenched his jaw, and remained silent.

But everyone else present could tell that Rayson was definitely terrified of Lucas and had lots of scruples about him. Otherwise, he wouldn't have restrained his anger and not retort against Lucas's rude words.

"Who... who is this young man? He actually dared to speak to the head of one of the eight top families so rudely. What's even more terrifying is that Mr. William seems to be scared of him!"

"When he was faced with the Smiths previously, I had a feeling that the eight top families didn't seem to faze him at all. How great is his identity?"

"Who knows, But Maddy's fiancé looks like Lucas Gray's friend. I'm afraid he has an extraordinary identity!"

The Stones discussed fervently.

It wasn't their first time meeting Lucas. They had witnessed just how powerful he was in the DC Hotel. He wasn't even afraid of the snipers sent by the Smiths and the Dempseys. Later on, Geoffrey even invited Lucas over for dinner.

But none of them knew what Lucas's identity was, only that he was extremely powerful.

At this moment, the Stones finally felt that Lucas's power was far beyond their imagination!

Carlos felt his mouth go dry.

Since Lucas could intimidate the head of the Williams, one of the eight most powerful families in DC, how terrifying must his identity be?

At this moment, Carlos suddenly recalled what his father, Geoffrey, had said to him before leaving the residence—he said that he would definitely regret his actions today.

Now, Carlos was really regretting it!

If he had known that Maddy was the goddaughter of Florence, the head of the Howards, and that Lucas's identity was so terrifying that Rayson was afraid of him, he wouldn't have kicked Maddy out of the family and forced her to marry Cody in exchange for the Williams' help!

At this moment, Carlos was full of regret!

Rayson looked at Lucas's eyes. Finally, he still chickened out and said, “Mr. Gray, I-I definitely didn't come today to go against you. But the Stones... they actually dared to fool my family. That's why I brought some people here to ask for an explanation.”

Compared to when he yelled at Florence earlier, his attitude now was drastically different!

The moment everyone heard what Rayson said and his tone, they were stunned!

Is it really the Williams' helmsman speaking so humbly?

If they hadn't seen and heard it with their own eyes and ears, they wouldn't have believed it!

Carlos's heart was pounding violently. Rayson actually used the Stones as a shield to prove that he wasn't deliberately targeting Lucas and the Howards.

What should he do now?

Carlos knew very well that Lucas and the Stones didn't actually have any friendly ties. Lucas was just friends with Maddy, and he had helped the Stones before for her sake.

But now that Maddy had been kicked out of the family, would Lucas still be willing to help the Stones?

But at this point, he couldn't worry about so much. Carlos gritted his teeth and said in a thick-skinned manner, "Mr. Williams, what happened previously was all a misunderstanding. Please let my family off on account that my daughter is friends with Mr. Gray!"

He especially emphasized the friendship between Lucas and Maddy, for fear that Rayson wouldn't understand what he meant.

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