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1288 Pointless Speech

Norman was furious. He retracted his arm, pushed the helmsman away, and hollered, "Shut up! Stop being so flustered!"

After calming down, Norman gritted his teeth and glowered at Damon. "Mr. Parker, you've crossed the line today!"

"Why are the Parkers acting like bandits? As soon as we met, you actually said that you wanted half of the businesses and properties of all seven of our families?! This is completely unacceptable. You've really disappointed us!"

"To be honest, after receiving your invitation, the seven of us arrived here on time to discuss cooperating. This alone has already proven our sincerity."

"In fact, before we came, we had gathered to discuss our course of action for tonight."

Norman paused for a moment and looked at Damon's reaction before continuing, "Mr. Parker, you're definitely not a fool. Our families are merely second-tier families in the eyes of behemoths like the eight top families in DC. They can disregard us, bully us, oppress us, and snatch from us as they please. In fact, they can even decide the life and death of a family. They are the greatest threat to our existence!"

"The seven of us have unanimously agreed to invite the Parkers to join our alliance, which we formed with the purpose of resisting the suppression and plundering of resources by the eight top families of DC. We will go through thick and thin together. By combining our resources and uniting as one, we will protect all our families."

"If the eight top families try to harm any member of the alliance, we will mobilize all our power to resist them together and protect ourselves!"

"Out of kind intentions and with utmost sincerity, we came to the Parkers to discuss this matter with you, but we didn't expect you to treat us like this. It makes us utterly disappointed!"

Norman made a long speech in one go, and he made himself and the other helmsmen sound incredibly righteous and loyal, as if they genuinely wanted to ascend to greater heights together with the Parkers.

At the same time, he made Damon sound like a despicable, scheming, and shameless ingrate who not only didn't reciprocate their kind intentions but even wanted to plunder half of their assets!

Those who were unaware of the situation would definitely criticize Damon for his behavior.

The other helmsmen were stunned. If they weren't fully aware of what was actually going on, they would have really thought that Damon was an ungrateful and scheming villain who took their good intentions for granted.

In fact, the seven helmsmen had indeed formed an alliance and had even discussed this matter seriously during their last gathering.

But they definitely had no intention of letting the Parkers join them.

In their eyes, the Parkers were just sheep waiting for them to slaughter sooner or later. How could they possibly let the Parkers join their alliance and protect them?

But Norman's lies weren't purely nonsense. He had his own purpose for doing so.

At the very least, he had to stabilize the Parkers, lower their vigilance, and guilt-trip them. He thought that Damon might even change his mindset and hold a proper discussion with them in order to join the alliance.

It didn't matter whether or not their discussion succeeded. As long as they could get past the ordeal today and convince Damon to release them, they would have countless ways to destroy the Parkers afterward!

They also blamed themselves for underestimating the Parkers and assuming that Damon wouldn't take action against them in the Parkers' manor, causing them to fall into an awkward situation.

Damon rested his chin on his hands and smiled while looking calmly at Norman speaking incessantly, seemingly enjoying his performance.

After Norman finished speaking and stopped talking, Damon pointed at the clock. "Are you done? Let me remind you that more than seven minutes have passed. You only have two minutes left."

The helmsmen immediately felt their hearts sink as they looked at the clock in unison, feeling even more flustered.

They originally thought that after hearing Norman's speech, Damon would be eager to join their alliance regardless of what had happened.

But unexpectedly, Damon didn't react at all, as if he hadn't heard what he said.

They absolutely didn't believe that the Parkers weren't interested in joining the alliance!

Unable to endure it any longer, Norman asked indignantly, "Mr. Parker, what's with your reaction? We sincerely want to form friendly ties with the Parkers. Do you want to join our alliance or not? Give us an answer!"

Damon raised his brows without speaking. He simply looked at the clock in the middle of the living room while tapping his fingers on the table to the rhythm of the ticking of the clock.

His answer was self-evident. He couldn't be bothered to speak with them. He was just waiting for the ten minutes to be up and for the helmsmen to make their choice.

Norman was on the verge of losing his mind, and the other helmsmen were distracted and at a loss, just like headless flies.

They didn't expect Damon to be so difficult to deal with and convince. He was so domineering and overbearing that he insisted on making them choose between two choices that were unacceptable to them.

No matter how reluctant they were, time was still passing minute by minute, second by second.

When the long second hand reached the top, Damon suddenly said, "Okay, time's up. It's time you tell me your choice now."

The seven helmsmen, including Norman, looked extremely sullen and horrified, but none of them said a single thing.

"As I've said earlier, if you don't make a choice, I'll take it that you've chosen the second choice, which is complete destruction." Damon stood up domineeringly.

As he did, dozens of the Parkers' experts immediately got into position. They would immediately attack as long as Damon gave the order.

The helmsmen immediately turned deathly pale and shuddered in horror.

Norman also turned as pale as a sheet as he shouted furiously, "Damon Parker! How dare you?! I'm telling you, our families have already formed an alliance and made the necessary preparations. If you dare to lay a hand on us, we will destroy the Parkers tonight!"

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Damon narrowed his eyes. "Okay, it seems that we don't need to discuss any further. Since you've chosen death, I'll get my men to make you die miserably later!"

The other helmsmen were shocked and frantically clamored in a panic. “No, we don’t want to die. We... we...”

After stammering and hesitating for a long time, they still couldn’t bring themselves to say that they chose to hand over half of their assets in exchange for their safety.

Norman sneered. “Why are you still hesitating? At most, we’ll fight to the death with the Parkers! With our families united, we can definitely destroy the Parkers!

“Damon Parker is just trying to scare us. If he really dares to harm us, he will immediately face the revenge of our alliance. I don’t believe he has the guts to lay a hand on us!”

Hearing this, the helmsmen seemed perplexed and uncertain. They looked at Damon to see if he was really making things up and trying to scare them.

But Damon merely sneered. “You can try and see if I’m just trying to scare you.”

The more confident he looked, the more nervous the helmsmen were.

Could they really give something like this a try?

The slightest mistake would end with them really losing their lives!

Damon’s actions were completely illogical and beyond their expectations. If he really ordered for them to be killed, they would have no chance to change their minds.

Seeing these helmsmen behaving cowardly and not even daring to say anything, Norman was furious.

If everyone reached a consensus to fight against the Parkers, they might be quite confident.

But these helmsmen didn’t dare to say anything. What was the use of Norman going forward alone?

Seeing that he couldn’t convince these helmsmen, Norman could only turn to look at Damon. “Mr. Parker, you’re the head of a dignified family after all. Aren’t you being too shameless by tricking us into coming here and then surrounding us and threatening us? If you’re still a man, let us go, and we can have a fair fight!

“Otherwise, even if we really hand over half of our assets to you, we’ll still be indignant about it and reluctant to pledge allegiance to the Parkers!”

Damon suddenly said, “You want a fair fight? Okay, I can fulfill your wishes.”

“Didn’t you say your alliance has already prepared your forces to deal with the Parkers? I’ll give you a chance then. You can call your people now and call them over. Deploy all your forces. The Parkers will fight you to the end!”

Damon’s words completely dumbfounded Norman and the other helmsmen.

The Parkers were really willing to give up their plans and allow them to call their people over for a fair fight?

“Mr. Parker, are you serious? Will you really allow us to call our people here?” one of the helmsmen asked in disbelief.

Damon said calmly, “Yes, of course. You can call them now.”

He extended his hand and gestured for them to go ahead.

Only then did they dare to confirm that Damon really allowed them to call their people over.

Logically speaking, they should be overjoyed that Damon was giving them such a godsend opportunity and immediately call their people over to eradicate the Parkers to take revenge for what happened today.

But for some reason, the helmsmen were hesitating and feeling anxious again after seeing the confident and fearless look on Damon.

Although their seven families were just second-tier families in DC, who were far inferior to the eight top families, they had a lot of people. And if they joined forces, even none of the eight top families would be able to withstand them!

But the Parkers actually dared to give them the chance to call their people over for a fair fight. Weren’t the Parkers afraid of their combined forces?

At this moment, Damon added, “I can give you half an hour to get your people here. But before doing so, you must think it through carefully. You still have two choices now. You can choose which of your family’s assets to hand over, and you can keep the remaining half.

“But once you have chosen to call your people here for a fight, it means that you’ve chosen to stand against the Parkers. When the time comes, even if you beg me on your knees after I wipe out your people, I won’t show you any mercy. Understood?

“Now, you should think about what you want to do!”

Damon smiled mysteriously and stood up to leave the living room with Bruce and the rest!

Of course, the experts of the Parkers didn't leave and were still surrounding the living room. Likewise, no one moved away the clock in the middle of the living room either, leaving it to serve as a reminder to the helmsmen.

It had to be said that Damon and the others were behaving arrogantly by taking the initiative to leave.

Since these families wanted a chance for a fair fight, Damon allowed them to call their people over.

He even gave them sufficient time and space to discuss and call whomever they wanted without interfering.

His attitude of a superior figure giving small fries a chance made the seven helmsmen even more nervous.

If the Parkers didn't have enough power and confidence, they wouldn't have dared to do this!

"Everyone, why... why do I feel that something is amiss... The Parkers actually gave us a chance to call our people here, and they aren't forcing us at all. Does this mean that the Parkers aren't afraid of us calling our people here at all?"

"I think so too! The Parkers have already taken control of us. To put it bluntly, had they threatened us, it would have been much simpler to deal with us. Why would they let go of the upper hand when they've already obtained it? I keep feeling that the Parkers are really confident, and I think we might have underestimated the Parkers' true strength!"

"Yes, that might really be the case! I think we've underestimated the Parkers! Think about it. The Waltons were so powerful back then, but didn't the Parkers completely replace them overnight? I doubt any of the other eight top families can do that, right?"

"Is it possible that the Parkers are already stronger than the eight top families of DC? But if that's the case, why have the Parkers... stayed silent all this time and only come out now?" someone said in shock.

Another helmsman continued, "The Parkers might really have that strength, but they've just never revealed it before. There's always going to be someone better than you. No one can be sure about how much power the Parkers really have, but it has only been a few months since they moved to DC before replacing the Waltons. I wouldn't be surprised if the Parkers join the ranks of the top eight families soon!"

All of a sudden, everyone felt that it really made sense, and deep down, they became fearful of the Parkers.

It wasn't that the Parkers weren't strong enough, but rather, they had been hiding their true power and abilities. Within a few months of arriving in DC, even though they had help, they had already taken down the Waltons, one of the former top eight families who had stood strong for decades. Given time, it wasn't impossible for the Parkers to become one of the eight top families by their own merit!

The Parkers were actually so terrifying!

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1290 Alone

"How about... we hand over half of our assets? Although losing so much is heartwrenching, at least we'll get to keep our families and lives! And we'll still have half. Compared to losing everything and having our families destroyed, this isn't so difficult to accept, right?" a thin and petite helmsman said hesitantly.

The other helmsmen immediately resonated with him.

Indeed, although losing half of their assets would feel terrible, given how powerful the Parkers were, if the Parkers really wanted to destroy them, it would be hard to say whether or not their families could survive.

Wars between families were just that tragic.

Seeing the helmsmen wavering and intending to surrender to the Parkers by handing over half of their assets, Norman was exasperated.

"Everyone, we had agreed to deal with the Parkers together. What are you doing now? Are you scared? Are you going to hand over half your assets to the Parkers without a fight? You've really disappointed me!

"To be honest with you, the Holmes will never submit to the Parkers! If you want to surrender to them and give them half of your assets, I won't stop you. After all, it's your own choice.

"But you should consider it carefully. Anyone who chooses to surrender to the Parkers also chooses to withdraw from our alliance and become an enemy of the alliance!

"Once we finish dealing with the Parkers, none of the families who withdraw from the alliance will escape! You have to think this through carefully!"

Norman gritted his teeth toward the end, and there was an obvious sense of threat in what he said.

The other helmsmen were already extremely hesitant, but now, they were suddenly caught in a dilemma.

The Holmes weren't weak either. For many years, they had been second only to the Waltons. Without the Waltons, they might have become one of the eight top families in DC.

Moreover, the Holmes had always been the founder and leader of the alliance, so even if they didn't obey Norman in everything, they at least valued his opinion greatly.

But now that Norman's opinion was opposite of theirs, and he even said that anyone who submitted to the Parkers would become an enemy of the alliance, who would dare to say anything else?

The thin and petite helmsman who suggested that they hand over half of their assets could only say helplessly, "Mr. Holmes, you said you wouldn't stop us from making our own choices. But now that you're saying this, what else can we do?"

Norman sneered. "Don't blame me for speaking harshly, but we formed our alliance for our common benefit. But now that we're facing such a crisis, the withdrawal of any family will weaken the alliance. To put it more seriously, it's betraying the alliance! Isn't this becoming our enemy?"

"I will naturally give it my all for the wellbeing of my allies and share all benefits with the alliance, but I will be merciless to my enemies!"

"Anyway, you better consider carefully before making a choice! I've already made my stand known. I will definitely fight the Parkers to the end!"

Then Norman took out his phone to call his people over.

The remaining six helmsmen looked at each other in dismay, at a loss for what to do.

Of course, they didn't dare to call people over before making a decision, and they could only discuss the matter anxiously.

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Meanwhile, Damon had returned to the hall of the main villa with Lucas, Bruce, Edmund, and the rest.

As soon as he sat down, Bruce immediately gave Damon a thumbs up. "Damon, you were so domineering just now. Even I'm in awe and admiration! Well done!"

Edmund guffawed. "Indeed, Bruce really has the demeanor of the helmsman of a prominent family. You shocked and deterred them all without batting an eyelid. Even I was stunned, let alone those people. No wonder they were so frightened. Haha!"

Damon smiled. "Hey, stop teasing me. I was just putting on a front because Lucas is here. His presence is why I had the confidence to say those things without worry. Actually, it's all thanks to Lucas!"

He wasn't pretending to be modest, but rather, he was stating facts.

Damon knew exactly how capable the Parkers really were and how they could achieve such great progress within just a few months.

Without Lucas, the Parkers wouldn't even be a third-tier family in DC, and they wouldn't have been able to afford to offend any of the seven families in the living room, let alone threaten them calmly and force them to hand over half of their assets.

Without Lucas's permission, Damon would have never dared to let those helmsman call their people over for a duel.

So he didn't dare to take credit and smiled at Lucas respectfully.

Lucas looked at Damon with approval. "Damon, you don't have to be so humble. You performed well tonight, and it wasn't entirely thanks to me."

His presence was indeed a deterrence, but Damon's control of the rhythm and speech techniques just now were very commendable.

He slowly grasped the rhythm step by step and exerted psychological pressure on those helmsmen, causing them to be shaken and waver.

Damon's performance just now was indeed very eye-catching.

After a few more praises and humble remarks, Bruce said, "What do you think those helmsmen will choose?"

Edmund said, "I bet Norman Holmes won't compromise, but the other six helmsmen are clearly wavering and no longer dare to go against the Parkers. They will probably choose the first choice."

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Indeed, just as Edmund said, the atmosphere in the living room of the other villa wasn't great.

After discussing and deliberating intensely for a long time, a helmsman finally said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Holmes, but I've decided to withdraw from the alliance!"

Norman's face immediately stiffened, and he said furiously, "Mr. Kaye, are you really going to submit to the Parkers? You should know what that means, right?"

Kaye said firmly, "I know, but I won't risk losing my family's business empire and lives. I've decided to hand over half of my family's assets to the Parkers. At least, I'll get to keep the remaining half!"

Norman's face was extremely gloomy, and just as he was about to threaten him, he heard another helmsman say, "I'm also withdrawing from the alliance and choosing to hand over half of my family's assets!"

"Me too! For the sake of protecting my family, this is the only correct choice!"

"I'm also compromising to the Parkers. I'm sorry, Mr. Holmes!"

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All of a sudden, the other six helmsmen actually made the same choice one after another. They chose to hand over half of their assets and surrender to the Parkers.

They had also chosen to withdraw from the alliance.

Now, the Holmes were the only family left in the alliance, and it was basically disbanded!

The six helmsmen chose to stand together, leaving Norman alone on his own. It was extremely ironic.