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As for the others, they were all banished out of Eastcliff's borders and forbidden to ever return again.

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Most of the people that he saved from human trafficking were all brought here.

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But, in the end there were still slightly over twenty children left.

As these kids were all still young, they did not know the way home at all.

As such, Matthew could only let them stay here temporarily, as his people were slowly finding their relatives.

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After settling those children, Matthew then brought Seshe back to Lakeside Garden.

At 1 AM in the morning, Matthew, upon seeing that Seshe was fast asleep, secretly went to the basement alone.

Sitting down cross-legged, he swallowed another Godly Emergence Pill and began to meditate.

Matthew, who had been pursued by people and even escaped from the jaws of death multiple times, gained a lot from this incident.

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After a week, Matthew suddenly received an invitation letter from the Eastcliff's Ten Greatest Families, inviting him to attend a banquet in their city.

Matthew had already prepared himself, as he knew that this would eventually come.

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Amongst them was a woman and a man, Charlie and Lily.

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Following along, Evelyn saw a lot of her classmates here, thinking that they might be able to connect them to the families.

Feeling a bit unsure, Charlie asked in a low voice, "Evelyn, is it really here?"

Proudly, she replied, "Of course it is!"

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Lowering his voice yet again, Charlie asked, "Not that. What I'm asking is, are the Ten Greatest Families really converging here tonight?"

Evelyn nodded in response. "That is of course!"

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With a beaming face, Lily then held her arm excitedly.

Closing in, Charlie said, "Evelyn, I don't need any handsome men. Just introduce a few friends to me."

Rolling her eyes, Evelyn muttered, "Oh—shove off. Don't say I'm not giving you a chance. When you go in later, there'll be loads of women there, so just pick one you fancy."

Smiling pervertedly, Charlie then rubbed his hands together with a face full of anticipation.

Just as the trio was ready to go into the main hall, a taxi slowly drove up to the entrance of the hotel from afar.

Lined up beside the hotel were all cars that were worth millions. Comparatively, the taxi seemed very out of place there.

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With a sour expression, Charlie nodded. "That's right. It's that b\*stard. Strange, though. Why would he come here?"

Thinking about the previous incidents, Lily whispered in shock, "Say, do you think that he was invited by them?"

Shaking his head, Charlie replied, "How can that be? This is Eastshire, not Eastcliff! Even if he was a bit capable in Eastcliff, he's just some nobody in Eastshire! On top of that, the Ten Greatest Families of Eastshire have bad blood with Billy. With Matthew being his friend, why would they even invite him here?"

Dazed, Lily asked, "Then... Why is he here?"

Charles was always dumbfounded by this.

At that moment, Evelyn exclaimed yet again, "Did he... really go inside?"

Looking from afar, Lily only saw Matthew entering the hotel.

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## **Chapter 1334**

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"Am I hearing this right? What did he just say? Did he just say that I'm powerless? Ha! You sure are arrogant. Do you really think that you can swagger about here just because you have some power in Eastcliff? Talk about not knowing who I'm facing. Hmph! Do you even know who I am?" Claire shouted.

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Then, he rushed up to the few people from the Sonnet Family and slapped a young man in the face, sending him flying into the distance. The young man passed out instantly, with blood trickling down the corner of his lips.

Subsequently, Matthew gave a few more slaps to the other people of the Sonnet Family and threw them into the air; only Claire, who managed to back away on time, managed to escape the attack.

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