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After that, the man had his maid return to their room before finally going up to Melvin and kneeled to him deferentially. "How can I be of assistance, Mr. Melvin?"

If anyone else saw this, they would've been absolutely flabbergasted, for Absalon was a rather successful entrepreneur in Eastcliff.

Even the Great Families of Eastcliff would have to give him respect where respect was due whenever they saw him. But now, he was kneeling in front of a lecherous-looking man and even speaking deferentially to the latter. Just what in the world was up?!

"What the heck are you doing?" Melvin took a gander at him. "Haven't I told you not to kneel? Get the f\*ck up!"

Instead of being angry, Absalon grinned in fact, and he even looked a little simple and honest.

After standing up, he still stood deferentially next to Melvin, speaking in a shaky voice while looking excited and joyous. "I was so excited when I saw that you had come to the area a few days ago, Mr. Melvin. I really wanted to talk to you, but you have made it clear that I can only pretend not to know you unless you come to me yourself. At last, you've finally come to me, Mr. Melvin. You have a job for me, don't you? Just say the word, and I'll most certainly see to it, even if it costs my life!"

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To that, Melvin booted and berated him, "How can you still say that when you already have a wife and kids?! That's already in the f\*cking past; why still bring it up?! Can't you think about your family?!"

Absalon wasn't bothered at all by the fact that Melvin had booted him. If anything, he was grinning again.

"What I've left for them will allow them to live the rest of their lives comfortably, and I've served my duty as a father and a husband. You just have to say the word, Mr. Melvin, and I will most certainly get the job done!" he said earnestly.

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With that, he got up and left after Absolon nodded once more.

Sometime later, a black sedan left the mansion.

The driver was none other than Absolon in disguise.

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According to how the vendor described it, it was an orchard in the suburbs.

After making out the location, he returned to his car immediately and prepared to get back on the road.

However, he sensed something was off as soon as he sat in the driver's seat.

Lo and behold, right as he wanted to turn his head around, an icy dagger was pressed against his neck, and an abnormally icy voice sounded. "Drive."

Apprehensive, Absalon dared not do anything else but obey the mystery man's order.

"Where to?" he asked.

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With that, Abselon took a deep breath and feigned obedience, starting the car and heading out of town. But as they were about to reach the highway, he made a sharp turn and rammed the car against the guardrail on the side.

Below the guardrail was a ten-foot-plus high field, so the impact left Abselon dizzy when the car tumbled down.

The men behind were caught off guard as well, and his dagger slipped off his hand.

Meanwhile, Abselon seized the chance to escape. He clambered out of the vehicle hurriedly and dashed without ever looking back.

"Run, and I will kill you!" A menacing roar came from behind him, but he couldn't care less anymore.

He ran frenetically while out of breath before finally arriving outside the orchard from Melvin's address.

He had just taken a deep breath and was about to enter the orchard to search for the man Melvin was looking for when a sinister voice traveled from behind him. "Why have you stopped?"

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Though he didn't fight the men, he knew well that he was no match for the latter, or there was no way the men could arrive near him without him noticing at all!

"I have no beef with you; why would you hunt me down?!"

"What's the point of asking when it has come to this?" the men retorted disdainfully. "I gave you a chance. I would've left you alone as long as you returned to Eastcliff. But you didn't take it and deceived me instead. As such, you must die for it!"

With that, the men charged toward Absalon at breakneck speed and slit the dagger against Absalon's neck.

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## **Chapter 1813**

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Would he delay Melvin's business if he couldn't even handle this matter well?

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"Where do you think you're going?" The man jeered derisively.

With that said, he took a huge leap, appeared in front of Absalon in the blink of an eye, and kicked Absalon's chest mercilessly.

The powerful attack sent Absalon flying backward. He landed heavily on the ground and spat out a mouthful of blood.

The man stood in front of Absalon and glared at him coldly. "Being loyal and righteous is a good thing, but those who are loyal are always the first to die!"

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Yet, in the nick of time, he heard heavy footsteps.

The man was also taken aback by their audience as he hurriedly swiveled his head only to see a tall man approaching them.

He was wearing a gardener's attire and a straw hat covering most of his face.

A white towel was hanging around his neck, which was used to wipe his sweat.

There was also a sickle that was tied to his waist. Therefore, one could deduce that he only appeared in the area after a day's work in the orchard.

The man frowned in confusion. How could there be such a coincidence for the gardener to come at this crucial moment? He was still caught up in his thoughts on whether he should kill the gardener as well to silence him forever when the gardener suddenly shouted, "No outsiders are allowed in the orchard. Get out!"

The man did not expect that the gardener dared to yell at him!

He snorted disdainfully as he mocked, "Get out? Who do you think you are to order me to get out?!"

"I am the owner of the orchard!"

"You're in my orchard right now, so I'm demanding you to leave. What's wrong with that?"

"Are you sure?" The man sneered and glanced at the gardener dangerously while flashing his sharp dagger at the gardener, who was allegedly the owner of this same orchard.

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The other man's expression turned icy. He gripped his dagger tightly as a murderous aura enveloped him.

At the same time, Absalon struggled into a sitting position and called out to the gardener in a quivering voice, "Hey, man. You should watch what you're saying. Just run. This guy is a killer. If you don't leave now, he'll kill you!"

The man sneered and gave the gardener a smug look. "You got that? Do you still want to chase me out now?"

However, it was almost as if the gardener hadn't heard what Absalon had said as he fumed, "Do you even understand what I'm saying? I told you time and time again. This is my orchard, and I want you to leave. Are we clear?"

The man flew into a rage. He threw his dagger in one swift motion to silence the rowdy gardener.

Absalon sighed. He didn't have any strength and couldn't think of a way to save the gardener.

It was the gardener's fault for being so stubborn. He brought calamity upon himself!

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The man's expression darkened once more. He thought that the gardener would've been dead by now.

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"How did a piece of trash like you get so lucky? Well, now that you've pissed me off, even luck can't save you now!"

The man roared and leaped toward the gardener. His right hand formed a claw gesture as he reached for the gardener's throat.

"You're dead meat!" the man bellowed. He was certain he could break the gardener's neck once he got his hand on him.

However, just as the man made his move, the gardener moved as well.

With an off-handed flick of his hand, he easily shoved the man's arm away.

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"A-Are you telling me the truth?"

Then, the man beside them roared, "Have the two of you forgotten about me? I'm going to send you off to hell!"

He lunged forward before he even finished speaking and charged right at the gardener's back as he mustered all of his strength to deal a fatal blow to the gardener.

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However, something completely unexpected happened next.

In a split second, the gardener turned around and swung a blow of his own. His fists smashed right into the other man's fists.

A deafening crack filled the air as both of the man's arms broke at the same time. He howled in agony.



Even then, the gardener wasn't done yet.

After breaking both of the man's arms, the gardener proceeded to slam his fist straight into the man's chest, which sent him flying so hard into the tree behind him that the trunk split.

The tree trunk was at least six inches wide.

Just how much force did the gardener put into his blow to split the trunk apart in just one strike?

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After breaking both of the man's arms, the gardener proceeded to slam his fist straight into the man's chest, which sent him flying so hard into the tree behind him that the trunk split.

The tree trunk was at least six inches wide.

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"D-Do you know who I am?!" the man bellowed.

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Both the man on the ground and Absolon were shocked to hear what the gardener said.

They stared at him incredulously with their jaws dropped.

How many people would dare to say such an outrageous thing?

He showed no respect for Master Levi, the King of the South! Just who on earth was he relying on to be this arrogant?

The man's face twisted up in fury as he fumed, "H-How dare you disrespect Master Levi? I'm going to kill you!"

He took a deep breath and forced himself on his feet before staggering toward the gardener.

However, just one kick from the gardener had sent the man sprawling back onto the spot he once was. "Save it. Leave while you still have some breath left and tell Levi something for me. If he wants to stop me, he'll have to do it himself," Salazar announced coldly.

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Though, it was just as Matthew said as well.

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If someone were willing to confront their obstacles, even if they lost, they would still be viewed with respect.

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After sitting around for a little longer, Matthew checked the time and got up. "It's about time. Melvin, don't come with me. Remember, if I don't come back tonight, don't try to avenge me."

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## Chapter 1819



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He stepped out of the car and was just about to head upstairs when a few people came out to block him.

The man in the lead was the member of the Damron Family who had just come down.

He eyed Matthew and asked icily, "Are you Matthew Larson?"

"That's me," Matthew replied calmly.

The man scoffed. "Alright. I'm Harper Damron. Jasper was my brother. Master Damron, the head of the family, has said that in order to prove to us your sincerity, you'll have to complete the bow of respect to my brother's memorial plaque before you can go upstairs!"

Once Harper finished his sentence, he flicked his hand, and a few people came forward with Jasper's memorial plaque.

After hearing everything, the crowd broke out in chatter once again.

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He eyed Matthew and asked icily, "Are you Matthew Lerson?"

"That's me," Matthew replied calmly.

The man scoffed. "Alright. I'm Harper Demron. Jasper was my brother. Master Demron, the head of the family, has said that in order to prove to us your sincerity, you'll have to complete the bow of respect to my brother's memorial plaque before you can go upstairs!"

Once Harper finished his sentence, he flicked his hand, and a few people came forward with Jasper's memorial plaque.

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Harper's eyes flickered over to Tiger. "Who do you think you are? What makes you think you have the right to speak? Someone, come and slap him!"

One of the men behind Harper immediately rushed forward with his hand raised to slap Tiger.

Tiger didn't budge. He immediately tried to stop the man, but unfortunately, Tiger was a pretty sloppy fighter.

The man shoved Tiger's arm away with his raised hand, then back with a backhand slap toward Tiger.

Just as his palm was about to make contact with Tiger's face, Matthew grabbed the man's wrist and shielded Tiger behind him.

"He's my friend. He speaks for me," Matthew declared coldly.

Harper chuckled. "Hahaha. Hey, Larson. Who do you think you are? Even a punk like you doesn't have the right to speak in front of me. What makes you think you can stand up for him? Since he speaks on your behalf, then fine. You can get slapped right along with him!"

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Others began to taunt and jeer as well.

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Harper cut him off immediately. "Get your facts straight. We didn't invite you over. We ordered you to come over! You're here to resolve the matter involving Jasper. We're not here to throw a party for you. Don't flatter yourself!"

"I'm not the one who killed Jasper Domron. Why am I the one who's supposed to resolve it?" Matthew retorted gravely.

Harper scoffed. "You don't get to decide if you're the one who killed him! Larson, it doesn't matter whether or not you're the one who sent people to kill Jasper. Regardless of everything else, he did die on Eastcliff territory! You're the so-called Lord of Eastshire, aren't you? So, you're going to take responsibility for his death!"

Tiger was infuriated as he bellowed, "Why, you... You people are being unreasonable!"

Harper smirked. "Reason? Hah! Who cares about reason? What I say goes! Larson, I'm giving you one last opportunity. Kneel here and slap yourself ten times before bowing in respect to Jasper's memorial plaque, and then you can head upstairs! Otherwise, I'll break your f\*cking legs and press your head to the ground before dragging you upstairs. It's your choice!"

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