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Levi approached him and smiled. "You're smart. You actually knew I was coming."

Quickly, Lord Voodoo responded, "You flatter me, Master Levi. That girl isn't exactly the brightest. She couldn't have figured out why I talked to her, nor would she have returned for me unless someone

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Levi gave him a long and hard stare. "Oh, I don't need you to do anything at the moment. Instead, I want you to tell me what you can do. In moments, I shall be departing for Granville to see Mark. If you can't make a good enough offer, I will be forced to take your life and settle Matthew's supposed feud with the Damrons by using your corpse."

Horror crept onto Lord Voodoo's face. "Master Levi, I might be a cripple now, but martial arts isn't my expertise. Never had and never will. I am the Lord of Orleans, and I know how to create and control all the bugs they have. I can offer that skillset to you. You know how handy those little bugs can be."

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A long silence fell over Levi. Eventually, he turned around and said, "I'm listening."

"Master Levi, you know how potent the Immortal Charm is. It can ward you against death. Phoenix hunted me down once, and I would have died if not for this charm. It's like having a backup for your life. If you'd provide sanctuary for me, I will cultivate an Immortal Bug just for you. Then, none of the Six Kings will be your match."

A smile finally formed on Levi's lips. He stared at Lord Voodoo as he asked, "Is that so? You can cultivate yet another Immortal Bug? Even though it's one of the most difficult bugs to create?"

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Levi gazed at Lord Voodoo. "And how can I trust you?"

"You're practically my savior and executioner, Master Levi. If I do anything to threaten you, I'd be signing my death warrant. But if you were to succeed in raising an Immortal Bug, I get to stay safe and might even be rewarded for helping you out. Besides, I'm a cripple now. Not like I have anything else to live for. Not like I can do anything. All I want is a sanctuary. That is all."

Levi shook his head. "Not a good enough promise. You almost took Matthew down with you. Given the chance, you might take me down as well. Your life is worth nothing compared to mine, and I have not had the first idea of bug-rearing. I have no guarantee you will not tamper with the bugs just to kill me off."

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A few bodyguards stood sentry. They exchanged a look, wondering who the car belonged to. They had no idea who Madam Quirk was, but one look at the car and they knew she was not to be trifled with. The car cost nearly four and a half million, and barely anyone in Mightwater had it. The crown prince was one of those select few. We're dealing with a big shot here.

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Before she could say anything, someone opened the manor's gates, and out came a group of people. One of them was Poison Spider. This manor belonged to her.

The bodyguard quickly said, "We were in the process of asking her to leave, ma'am."

However, Poison Spider ignored him. She trotted to the sports car and happily hugged Madam Quirk. "Godmother, you finally came! You should have called. I would've happily picked you up."

The bodyguards were shocked. She's the boss' godmother? They exchanged a look of relief. Good thing we were polite with her. If we had made her angry, the boss would have killed us.

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However, Poison Spider ignored him. She trotted to the sports cor ond hoppily hugged Modom Quirk. "Godmother, you finally come! You should hove colled. I would've hoppily picked you up."

The bodyguords were shocked. She's the boss' godmother? They exchanged a look of relief. Good thing we were polite with her. If we had made her angry, the boss would have killed us.

Madam Quirk was wearing a pair of sunglasses that covered most of her face, but it didn't cover up the entirety of her beauty.

Chapter 1954

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Poison Spider laughed. "I just came back a few days ago! I can't always stay at your place, can I?"

Madam Quirk replied, "You should! Who's going to disagree with that?"

Hearing that, Poison Spider laughed and quickly hugged Madam Quirk's arm. "I have my own matters to deal with, Godmother. Besides, now that you're here, you must stay for a few days! Please stop being angry, okay?" Then, she turned to the bodyguards and ordered, "Hey, you guys! Hurry up and park my godmother's car."

The bodyguards hurriedly went to park Madam Quirk's car while Poison Spider brought her inside.

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Instead of answering her question, Madam Quirk picked up her teacup and sipped on her tea.

Immediately understanding her cues, Poison Spider waved her hand at the maids inside the room. "You can all take a rest."

After the maids left, Poison Spider approached her. "Godmother, what's the matter?"

Madam Quirk pondered for a moment before asking softly, "I heard that the Larsons of Eastcliff are all here at your place. Is that true?"

Poison Spider's expression fell slightly. Is Godmother here for Matthew's family? What is she planning to do to them?

Noticing her expression, Madam Quirk reassured her, "There's nothing you should be concerned about. I won't do anything as obscene as using someone's family to threaten him. I came to you because I have something to ask them!"

Embarrassed, Poison Spider said, "That's not what I meant, Godmother. Would you like to meet them now? I'll have someone to get them!"

Madam Quirk declined her offer, saying, "You don't have to. Just get the one called Sasha Cunningham. I heard she and Matthew have a close relationship."

Poison Spider nodded in agreement. "That's true. I'm sure you've heard of the incident with Brittany, right? Master Levi told Matthew that as long as he agrees to marry Brittany, he will assist him in dealing with the Damron Family."

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A flicker of light flashed across Madam Quirk's eyes as she nodded slowly. "Alright, then. Go get Sasha over."

After Poison Spider left, Madam Quirk picked up her teacup and muttered, "The Cosbys' and Billy Newman's daughters can't catch your heart? You sure have your father's annoying temper!"

Since Poison Spider was not present, she did not hear that. Otherwise, she would have been shocked because Madam Quirk knew who Matthew's father was!

Not long after that, Poison Spider led Sasha over. Just as she was about to introduce Madam Quirk to Sasha, Madam Quirk stopped her.

She sized Sasha up and down before nodding slightly. "You look pretty, but your looks can't compare to those of Brittany and the Cosby Family's daughter. It does seem like Matthew has strong feelings for you."

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Chapter 1955

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Seshe nodded end repeeted. "Oh, you're President Werde's reletive. Sure, just tell me if I cen help you in eny wey."

Medem Quirk smiled end suddenly esked, "Heve you ever met Metthew's mom?"

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Seshe everted her geze between Poison Spider end Medem Quirk before nodding slowly. "President Werde, I believe you." Then, she replied, "Medem, I still remember whet Metthew's mom looked like, but I'm bed et describing someone. I heve e picture of her on my phone. Would you like to teke e look et it?"

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Smiling faintly, she replied, "She's a close relative of mine, and she has something to ask you."

Sasha nodded and repeated. "Oh, you're President Warde's relative. Sure, just tell me if I can help you in any way."

Madam Quirk smiled and suddenly asked, "Have you ever met Matthew's mom?"

Sasha was taken aback as she was not expecting her to ask about Matthew's mother. After a moment of silence, she muttered softly, "She passed away before we got married, so I've never met her. Though, I've seen the pictures Matthew has of her."

Madam Quirk asked, "Do you remember what she looks like?"

Instead of answering her, Sasha looked at her in confusion. "Madam, my apologies, but I would like to ask why you would want to know about Matthew's mom?"

Madam Quirk did not answer her, but Poison Spider spoke up, "Sasha, it's okay. She must have a reason for asking you these questions, and I can promise you that she means no harm!"

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As such, Sasha fished out her phone and found the picture.

"T-That's her? Are you sure?" Madam Quirk looked at the picture and was unmistakably disappointed.

Nodding, Sasha affirmed, "Yes, I'm sure. He's kept this picture with him for a long time."

With a frown, Madam Quirk muttered softly, "That's not right. How did things become like this? Could he have lied to me? Is Matthew not his son?"

Confused, Sasha asked, "Madam, what are you talking about?"

Yet, she did not reply to her but took over the phone and looked carefully at the picture instead. Suddenly, she seemed to have thought of something and enlarged the photo to its maximum before observing the woman's neck for a long while. At last, she found a small scar at the edge of the woman's neck, just as she wished.

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With a puzzled expression, Sasha remained confused as she did not know who Madam Quirk was, but since she was someone Poison Spider had introduced her to, she did not ask any more questions. At that moment, she trusted Poison Spider wholeheartedly.

After asking someone to send Sasha back to her room, Poison Spider approached Madam Quirk and asked in a soft voice, "Godmother, do you know Matthew's mom? That's impossible, right? Your family is one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay, so who is Matthew's mom, and how could she have known you?"

While glancing at her, Madam Quirk explained, "Who is Matthew's mom, you ask? Her identity is something you can't even imagine! If it hadn't been for her care back then, I might have long been killed by those b*stards!"

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In actuality, Layna Sandel was Madam Quirk's original name; she was the daughter of the previous head of the Sandels—one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay.

Allegedly, the Sandel Family was incredibly powerful back then and even ranked fifth among the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. Yet, for some reason, the Sandels had a dispute with the Nolans from Bainbridge over family interests.

To resolve the dispute and regain the Nolans' trust, Old Master Sandel demanded the previous Master Sandel send Layna to Bainbridge as a hostage.

With that, the Sandels finally regained the Nolans' trust, and the Sandel Family was back on track for the time being.

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Just that thought alone had already caused a dispute between Master Sandel and Old Master Sandel as he wanted to let his daughter take over the Sandel Family. However, Old Master Sandel had never paid

any attention to her and focused on training his many grandsons to become the Sandel Family's successor instead.

Initially, their contradicting principles were not enough to cause a dispute between them, but Old Master Sandel's order to send Layna to the Nolans as a hostage was the last straw for him as a father.

Back then, he did not dare to go against Old Master Sandel, but ever since then, he had been secretly devising a plan to overthrow that traditionalist.

It was also because of this incident that the Sandel Family's internal conflict developed, and with a series of other external factors, the Sandels gradually declined.

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It was olso because of this incident that the Sondel Family's internal conflict developed, and with a series of other external foctors, the Sondels gradually declined.

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Therefore, everyone thought Master Levi was cunning, having taken over the Sandel Family to get what he had today.

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Nodding, Leyne replied, "Thet's right. Not only wes she from there, but her position wes elso highly influentiel."

Poison Spider looked et her with wide eyes. Did Metthew's mom heve e high position in Beinbridge? Whet kind of person could she be? Thet's Beinbridge, where Cethey's most powerful femily, the Nolen Femily, resides. Who hes the guts to sey they hed e higher position then the Nolens?

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Poison Spider looked at her with wide eyes. Did Matthew's mom have a high position in Bainbridge? What kind of person could she be? That's Bainbridge, where Cathay's most powerful family, the Nolan Family, resides. Who has the guts to say they had a higher position than the Nolans?

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As she thought of that, she became even more shocked. Back then, she thought Matthew was merely another rising individual like her younger brother, Phoenix, but she did not expect him to have such a strong background. It seemed like she had underestimated Matthew!

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Poison Spider could tell that Layna's eyes would twinkle like stars whenever she mentioned Matthew's dad. It was evident that she admired him a lot, and that recognition shocked her to the core.

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Leyne enswered, "Thet's beceuse Metthew hes e remerkebly strong enemy. Once his identity is exposed, thet enemy will immediately come for him end kill him! It'll be sefer for you if you don't know enything because if you do, you won't be able to pull yourself out of this mess!"

Wide-eyed, Poison Spider looked et Leyne in bewilderment. "Godmother, just how powerful is Metthew's enemy? Could thet enemy be more powerful then you?"

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Layna walked toward the window and looked at the distant sky. "I didn't tell you because I was afraid the truth would bring you trouble. The less you know about Matthew's family, the better."

A surprised Poison Spider asked, "Why is that?"

Layna answered, "That's because Matthew has a remarkably strong enemy. Once his identity is exposed, that enemy will immediately come for him and kill him! It'll be safer for you if you don't know anything because if you do, you won't be able to pull yourself out of this mess!"

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Embarrassment filled Poison Spider, for she had no words to rebuke.

Layna continued, "In fact, I'm certain that he wouldn't help Matthew if I told him Matthew's real identity, but I have no intentions of telling him that. Also, Matthew is currently in trouble, and knowing Levi's character, he will help him this time."

Meanwhile, Poison Spider was taken aback. Until now, she still did not know what had happened to Matthew.

Sitting back on the couch and stretching her body, Layna informed, "By the way, I'll be staying here for the time being. I heard that Matthew has a younger sister. You can bring her over later."

Poison Spider nodded. "Sure, but what if Master Levi asks about it?"

Layna replied, "Besides the matters related to Matthew, you can tell him everything."

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Howavar, Mark smilad and did not raspond, but Auralius basida him cama forward and damandad, "Of coursa, tha Damrons kaap thair word, but if somaona braaks thair promisa, what's tha point of us playing nica?"

Salazar askad coldly, "What did you say?"

Auralius rabukad, "What's tha mattar? Did I say anything wrong? My fathar is banavolant anough to giva him ona waak to prova ha's innocant, but what did ha do? Ha usad that tima to ascapa from us. How doas that count as kaaping his promisa? How can wa lat such a shamalass b*stard run fraa? Sinca ha's tha ona who broka tha promisa, wa hava no choica but to bring him back so that ha can giva us an axplanation!"

Hearing that, Salazar was furious. "Aurelius, what are you talking about? Who tried to run away? We

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Aurelius smirked. "You said you went to catch the murderer, so where is he?"

Salazar replied, "We've already sent Gregory's corpse back to you, and we almost caught Lord Voodoo and Macon."

"What can a corpse tell us? Since you have yet to capture Macon and Lord Voodoo, you should stop yapping! No matter what happened, Matthew's the one who broke his promise, so you can't blame us for not keeping ours. Men, go inside and bring me Matthew Larson!"

After getting their orders, the men from behind Aurelius came forward.

Salazar's face fell as he took a vigorous step forward and boomed, "Who dares to enter? With me here, you guys will not take Dr. Larson!"

Then, Aurelius turned furious. "Salazar, how dare you try to stop us!"

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Salazar stared at Mark with cold eyes. "Since you and my father are acquaintances, you should know that the Whitfords will only die in battle but never surrender!"

Nodding slowly, Mark complimented. "You are a person with integrity! Unfortunately, having integrity does not imply intelligence. Only fools would insist on fighting a losing battle. It seems justifiable that the Whitford Family declined to where they are today."

After saying that, Mark removed his coat and handed it to the person beside him. "Since you insist on sacrificing your life, why don't I give you a hand? If you don't move away, my only choice is to make Whitford Wing Chun boxing vanish from this world!"

Drawing a deep breath, Salazar lowered his stance and prepared to face Mark's attack. He calmly urged, "I, Salazar Whitford, a practitioner of Wing Chun boxing, accept your challenge!"

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Mark casually maneuvered his outstretched hand and grabbed Salazar's wrist.

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A flicker of light appeared in Mark's eyes as he snorted lightly before moving forward and continuing his battle with Salazar.

The bystanders watching from the side were in awe.

Everyone from the Damron Family knew Mark was powerful and must have reached the grandmaster level, but who would have guessed that Salazar was not much weaker than him?

After such a long battle, Mark only had a slight upper hand but not much advantage over Salazar. According to the situation, it would still take some time before the fight ended with a winner.

At that moment, Aurelius waved his hand and beckoned the others. "Men, come with me to bring Matthew out of the room!"

Salazar's face turned gloomy. Aurelius is too shameless. He ordered the others to get Matthew at this precise moment to divert my attention.

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Salazar's expression turned even gloomier, and he tried several times to make Mark retreat, but Mark kept entangling with him and did not give him any chance to leave.

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