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As soon as the order was issued, the concerned personnel began acting immediately.

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The man in the cloak suddenly felt uneasy in his heart. At that moment, since the support troops sent by Master Levi had entered the battlefield, the situation on his side suddenly turned for the worse. Seeing that his men were decreasing, the man gritted his teeth and ordered, "Everyone, take that car down for me."

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Looking around, the men saw that his subordinates had all been killed, and despair rose in his heart spontaneously. He had lost; he didn't expect that the convoy his opponents risked their lives to protect would be a red herring.

Thinking of that, the men in the cloak revealed a sad smile. "Hehe! The King of the South is indeed as fiendish as the rumors say. I didn't expect Perry to be used as bait to distract us!"

Anyone who investigated Master Levi's background would know that although Perry was the son of Master Levi's sworn brother Patrick Lyndon, he treated Perry like his own son. When the cloaked men realized Perry was in convoy, he immediately assumed Matthew was among them. It never occurred to him that Perry was a red herring used by the King of the South to distract them.

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Her intent to murder was clear. If the man said no, Freya would cut his head off. However, even in the face of death, the man was still not fazed. Instead, his lackeys started roaring and approaching Matthew and the gang, but they stopped when the man raised his hand.

"Miss Green, I have shown nothing but courtesy. This is rude on your part." He lashed his right hand out and moved away from the blade as if he was carried by a gust of wind. Because Freya was tired, she moved a lot slower.

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