

### Chapter 2723 A Chance For Redemption

Matthew chuckled, casting a glance at the bewildered crowd, and declared, "I assured you there would be no surprises. Can't you trust me?"

As he spoke, he casually removed his mask. After the initial shock, he had deciphered the purpose of the Desmares mask. It significantly enhanced his spiritual power and vision, but it also incited inner hostility in the wearer.

By employing the nimbus to suppress the hostility within the mask, it would appear as an ordinary mask to others. However, it still retained a slightly eerie and sinister appearance.

Naturally, if someone with weak willpower were to wear this mask, it could transform them into a puppet controlled by it. This transformation would effectively turn them into a lethal weapon.

Overall, Matthew was quite pleased with the mask. He stated, "Mr. Solon, I'm truly grateful for this gift. In return, I'll assist you in extricating yourself from this predicament."

Even without understanding the mask's function, Solon, who had faced imminent doom earlier, realized it was no ordinary object. He questioned how something he had created could now be used against him. He sarcastically asked with a bitter tone, "Do you really possess such a benevolent heart?"

Matthew responded earnestly, "Your current predicament should be of greater concern than questioning the kindness of my heart."

He continued, "I'll give you one last opportunity. Tell me where the Keller Family obtained this item. Furthermore, every year, the Keller Family's Victorious Cruise follows a consistent route. Why, then, does it take a month to complete a ten-day journey? Is there a hidden secret behind this?"

Solon's eyes widened in terror as he stared at Matthew, his breath involuntarily growing heavier. "You're aware of this too?"

Following the old adage, those who play with fire are likely to get burned. The Keller Family's clandestine collaboration involving the Victorious Cruise had already aroused suspicions from the head of the Durham Family.

With a composed demeanor, Matthew looked at Solon and warned him, word by word. "Solon, this is your final opportunity. Share all the internal information you possess, and I'll provide you with a chance for a new beginning. I'm not here to interrogate. It's purely out of respect for this mask." With that, he raised the mask in his hand and waved it in front of Solon.

Solon had gradually lowered his guard as Matthew continuously unveiled his secrets. It dawned on Solon that he not only lacked strength but also fell significantly short in strategic thinking. Essentially, he couldn't outsmart Matthew.

Solon took a deep breath and spoke deliberately. "Ask everyone else to leave. Right now, I just want to converse with you."

Following a quick exchange of glances with Matthew, the crown prince signaled his subordinates to leave the room and then closed the door.

Solon began, "I don't expect to turn the tide. I hope that, after sharing this with you, you can safely return me to the Durham Family."

He continued, "Your deduction was spot on. The Keller Family's Victorious Cruise is indeed involved in covert operations. I don't have all the details, but it's certainly linked to the black box incident. The Elder Council of our family dispatched me to investigate, under the guise of participating in gambling."

Intrigued, Matthew interjected, "Is your family aiming to regain control of the black box's product?" He pondered, Similar to my Desmares mask, which, while influencing the host's character, significantly enhances their strength.

Solon added, "That's one aspect of it. In comparison, the Durham Family is more focused on preserving their reputation. Finances and personnel are secondary. The Keller Family secretly excavating in our Durham Family's territory is a direct insult to our family."

Matthew nodded in agreement. This prioritization of reputation above all else was a common trait among the major families. Behind the facade of reputation lay matters of authority, a perspective he could comprehend.