

Chapter 2731 Gaining Insight

The underlings frantically attempted to reach their superiors, but their efforts were met with silence.

Upon hearing the news, Sahil's eyes turned a terrifying shade of red. The secrets in question were crucial to the Skargness branch. If Solon, that grubby little rat, got his hands on this information, they would be left with no other choice but death.

"Go and eliminate him immediately. Don't concern yourself with Solon's identity. Just dispose of him. If anything goes wrong, I'll shoulder the blame."

Cornered, Sahil issued the kill order without a second thought. However, their subordinates lacked Matthew's skill, and it took them a considerable amount of time to finally board the speedboat and rush to the scene!

By the time Matthew arrived at the exploration station, all the guards had already been slain. Acres of land stretched out before them, void of any survivors.

"They've been thorough. So, can you stop being a liability now?"

Solon felt a sting of resentment at Matthew's words. But alas, Matthew was right. He had indeed become a liability. Struggling to his feet, Solon stretched his limbs and to his immense surprise, he no longer felt weak.

"Matthew, what kind of miracle tonic did you give me? It's incredible."

"It's a stamina pill that I concocted."

"D*mn, you even know how to create elixirs!"

Matthew abruptly halted and fixed him with a stare. "I am a miracle doctor, remember? Plus, you sent people to vandalize my clinic not too long ago."

Solon glanced at the cold smirk playing on Matthew's lips and felt a chill run down his spine. So, he blurted out sheepishly, "Hehe. It's better to resolve conflicts than to hold grudges. Let's leave the past in the past."

Indeed, he had sent Joshua and his gang to cause trouble at the clinic. He had also ordered his men to inflict harm on Matthew and the crown prince when necessary. It was quite awkward to bring this up now.

Fortunately, Matthew was focused on the task at hand and had no intention of dredging up old grievances. After skimming through all the records in the main room, he finally understood why the Durham branch family dared to collude with outsiders despite the high risk.

The largest treasure trove of the pirate king Richie Barlow was buried beneath this very exploration station. No wonder people had returned empty-handed after searching through the pirate king's treasure trove over the years.

Rumors had it that Richie had buried his plundered treasures on a deserted island somewhere in the Seraphis Sea. This naturally attracted countless adventurers. Now, Matthew finally realized that the rumors were true. It was just that this island had been completely lost to history due to the natural disasters that plagued the area.

As Matthew perused the Durham Family's list of collaborators, he discovered that this branch had not only colluded with the Keller Family but also had other secret alliances. What surprised Matthew the most was finding two familiar names.

"Frazer Cosby. Darcy Cosby!"

These two were members of the Cosby Family, one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. Back when Matthew was in Eastshire, he had visited the Cosby Family to treat Old Master Cosby.

He had met several members of the Cosby Family at that time. Although he hadn't interacted with Frazer and Darcy, their profound and mysterious strength had left a deep impression on him.

"I never expected the influence of the Ten Greatest Families to be so far-reaching."

To make matters even more perilous, this was only what he could see on the surface. It was highly likely that the listed forces were mere puppets controlled by other superpowers.

Matthew couldn't help but fall into deep thought. Although he had encountered the Ten Greatest Families and the Six Kings of Cathay, he had never taken the time to truly understand them.

For instance, the Keller Family was nothing more than ants in front of the Ten Greatest Families. Yet, to ordinary citizens, they were seen as an unattainable existence with hundreds of assassins and firearms at their disposal.

Then there was the Zedler Family. Mortimer had clearly stated he could summon a hundred thousand Zedler Tiger Guards to crush the Keller Family at any given time if he so wished.

There was the deceased Valentin, who had tens of thousands of subordinates under his command. Finally, Enzo also possessed countless underlings and an endless supply of firearms and ammunition.

Hang on!

If these forces were considered insignificant before the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay... Wouldn't it mean that the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay were even more formidable than they appeared?

Matthew couldn't help but sigh as he arrived at that conclusion. "It turns out that what I saw was just the tip of the iceberg!"