

## **Out of Prison 191**

### Chapter 191 He Hid His Cards Well

“Eh? Someone’s here? Here at this place?” Benjamin Bloom looked around in confusion.

He wondered, had some prominent figure arrived? If so, wouldn’t their arrival have caused a commotion already?

“Who did you see?” Ashley also questioned her son, Timothy.

She had stationed Timothy outside to observe the arriving guests, and if someone significant was to arrive, he was to report immediately.

“I didn’t see anyone...” Timothy was equally baffled, shaking his head in ignorance.

Ashley gave him a stern glance as if reproaching, “What were you doing outside then?”

Timothy also felt innocent because, besides the people from the Five Major Families arriving, he hadn’t seen any other big shots.

“Hasn’t he arrived yet?” By this time, Mr. Shelton and others were also looking around.

The surrounding guests were also looking left and right, but they didn’t see any influential figures either.

“Should we go out and wait?” Mr. Itai Sullivan suggested.

However, Mr. Shelton, pointing at where Leones stood, laughed and said, “Isn’t Mr. Bloom right there?”

Mr. Bloom?

When these words were uttered, there was an immediate buzz of surprise from the crowd.

The Bloom family were the hosts today, and now another Mr. Bloom was mentioned. How coincidental?

But then, aside from the members of the Bloom family, who else in Sherland bearing the name Bloom could be considered an influential magnate? Nobody had heard of any!

Moreover, following the direction Mr. Shelton was pointing in, no one spotted any Mr. Bloom. Those standing in that direction quickly cleared out, aware that they weren't the intended individuals.

With Mr. Shelton pointing out, everyone dispersed, leaving only Leones standing proudly in place.

"What are you still doing standing there, you disgrace!" Ashley exclaimed upon seeing him, "Get out of the way now!"

The surrounding guests also looked at Leones with contempt, thinking, "When they call for Mr. Bloom, why are you standing there?"

Not every Bloom could be casually addressed as "Mr. Bloom".

Moreover, being addressed as "Mr. Bloom" by the chiefs of the Five Major Families carried significant weight.

Yet, just then, the chiefs of the Five Major Families, upon seeing Leones, immediately approached

him.

"Mr. Bloom!"

"Mr. Bloom, you came so early?"

“Mr. Bloom, we were late. There was a traffic jam on the way.”

The chiefs of the Five Major Families sequentially walked towards Leones.

The crowd erupted in murmurs.

“What... what’s going on? Am I seeing things?”

“Leones Bloom is the Mr. Bloom that the chiefs of the Five Major Families are talking about? Did they mistake him for someone else?”

“Very strange! There must be some mistake! Otherwise... It’s just not possible! Absolutely impossible!”

The guests at the scene were reluctant to believe what they were seeing.

“Everyone... that’s just my grandson Leones... not any Mr. Bloom...” Benjamin naturally wouldn’t believe that the youngster he had once kicked out of the house would be Mr. Bloom mentioned by the chiefs of the Five Major Families.

His initial thought was that the chiefs, being old, had weak eyesight and mistook him for someone else.

“Heh, that disgrace being Mr. Bloom? What a joke, Ashley rolled her eyes and muttered under her breath.

Everyone had thought that after the reminders from the Bloom family members, the chiefs of the Five Major Families would realize they had identified the wrong person.

However, members of the Five Major Families seemed as if they hadn’t heard anything at all, and rushed to Leones’s side to offer greetings and respect. They acted with humility, as if servants meeting their master.

For a moment, Leones was like a moon surrounded by the stars, becoming the center of everyone's attention.

This scene once again left the crowd in shock. Members of the Bloom family were even more surprised, displaying faces filled with disbelief.

Although hard to comprehend, the truth was evident, and they had to accept it. Leones, who had been expelled from the Bloom family, was actually the "Mr. Bloom" referred to by the Five Major

Families!

"What on earth is going on?"

"How could Leones become the Mr. Bloom mentioned by the Five Major Families?"

"What did we miss? Why haven't we heard about this?"

"Didn't he just get out of prison not too long ago?"

The guests looked puzzled and filled with questions. The Bloom family members were also in the dark, sharing the same doubts.

But then, everyone had a realization.

"No wonder Leones acted so arrogantly earlier... He indeed had the credentials to back his bold -claims!"

"If all of this was orchestrated by Leones, then doesn't it mean that with the Five Major Families obeying him, Leones has now become the largest shareholder of the Bloom family?"

“That statement, that the Bloom family will be led by him from now on, seems to—be more than just a boast!”

Realizing this, the people at the scene were again astonished. No one had expected Leones’s

earlier bold claims to actually come true.

Everyone had laughed at him earlier, thinking him mad. The realization that they were the real fools hit them unexpectedly fast.

“Has he... he really...” At this point, Benjamin’s expression fluctuated between different emotions. Seeing that the chiefs of the families, whom even he sought to appease, were now surrounding and paying respect to Leones, Benjamin truly didn’t know where to put his face.

Only now did he understand the source of Leones’s confidence and why he dared to make such audacious statements about the future of the Bloom family.

“So that’s how it is...” Benjamin sighed deeply, “Clever boy... He hid his cards well...”

Even with his age and experience, he couldn’t imagine what groundbreaking feat his grandson, who had just been released from prison, had accomplished to command such respect and loyalty from the members of the Five Major Families.

“How is this possible!” Ashley gritted her teeth, looking at Leones in horror.

She originally thought that Leones was already down and out, and there was nothing to worry

about. However, to Ashley’s surprise, he made a comeback out of nowhere!

“How could that wretch possibly be Mr. Bloom... Have these people from the Five Major Families gone senile?” Even at this moment, Ashley refused to believe any of this.

“Mom... What do we do!?” Seeing this, Timothy was terrified.

Thinking back to yesterday, even the children of top magnates, like Darius and Lily, referred to Leones in the same way. Timothy suddenly realized a horrifying reality.

The current Leones might be beyond their wildest imagination. Opposing him would be tantamount to seeking one’s own doom!

Chapter 192 You Won

“Leones... You...” At this time, Jason suddenly returned to his senses from the shock. It was still unbelievable that the dramatic change happened in Leones’ identity. This kid... How did Leones suddenly become the Mr. Bloom all the bosses discussed?

“Could it be...”

Jason thought of an impossible possibility. And his expression changed drastically.

But then he shook his head to himself, thinking it was impossible.

Those people were all dead. No one would know anymore.

At this moment, among the Five Major Families, only the Shelton family was the most active.

Because Leones’ secretary, Susan, was from the Shelton family.

“Susan, congratulations on becoming Mr. Bloom’s secretary. You should follow Mr. Bloom well and learn more valuable things in the future.

“This opportunity is not available to everyone.”

Kale chatted with Susan cordially in the tone of an elder and even hinted that she would seize the opportunity and go further.

Meanwhile, Kale invited Susan's family to return to the Shelton family on weekends for a visit and to communicate with the family members more. After all, they were from the same family.

As the saying went, friends and relatives would be plenty in times of prosperity, but in times of adversity, not one amongst twenty.

Now that Susan was lucky enough to be by Leones' side and become his person. Everyone in the Shelton family gradually started to pay more attention to Susan's family as a branch of the Shelton family.

When these people from the other four families saw it, they were envious of the Shelton family's luck. A junior in the family was a classmate of Mr. Bloom and took the initiative to occupy the intimate position of secretary.

At this moment, after meeting with everyone from the Five Major Families.

Turning around again, Leones looked at everyone in the Bloom family. Leones was no longer alone but was followed neatly by dozens of people from the Five Major Families.

If the ranks and worth of these people were added up, they were enough to crush everyone else present.

For a time, it seemed self-evident which was stronger and which was weaker.

The guests looked at Leones again without the contempt and disdain they had before.

It turned into a deep fear and reverence. And the guests didn't dare to show any slightness.

Leones led the crowd and came over again.

Everyone around him, fearing to avoid him, consciously made a way out of the way.

Facing everyone in the Bloom family again, Leones sat on an equal footing with them and even outnumbered them.

Even when Benjamin met Leones again, he also felt an unspeakable pressure that made him unable to lift his head and panicked inside.

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with lingering fears.

They wished they could be invisible so that Leones would not take the initiative to trouble them again.

After a moment of confrontation between the two sides,

Benjamin finally said with difficulty, "Well... You won!"

The current situation was no longer that the Bloom family gradually expelled Leones but that they had to accept his return as a king.

After all, Leones held over 30% of the family group shares and became the largest shareholder. Everyone in the Bloom family had to make peace with him. They had no qualifications to resist. "I didn't win," What Leones waited for was not this sentence. "Because I have never lost!" From the moment Leones was released from prison, no one could make him lose.

"Now, I will be the head of the Bloom family. Are you convinced?"

Leones asked.



As soon as these words came out, everyone in the Bloom family was stunned.

Everyone didn't expect that Leones would be so straightforward that he would cross the border, usurp power, and directly seek the position of head of the family.

"I'm not dead yet!" Benjamin gritted his teeth.

Benjamin planned to give in, let Leones return to the family, and give him a certain status and power for the family affairs in the future.

Since then, Leones would have become one of the family core members, with the same status and treatment as his father, Jason.

It turned out that Leones was young, but his ambition was not small.

As soon as Leones showed up again, he wanted to replace Benjamin!

How could Benjamin bear it?

"Huh..." Leones smiled calmly and said, "Grandpa, you are getting old. It's time for you to retire.

"If the Bloom family is left to me, it will be stronger than if it is in your hands!"

Standing behind Leones were the newly promoted Five Major Families in Sherland.

If Leones integrated all the power of these families, he would lead the Bloom family to soar high.

The Bloom family could become the first of the top ten distinguished families.

And all this was something that Benjamin never dared to dream about and was impossible to achieve.

Honestly, what Leones said was not false.

However, in full view of the public, Benjamin was forced to give way to his grandson, who was just expelled from the family.

How could Benjamin accept this cruel reality and swallow this breath?

“I can sign a will and make you the next heir.”

Benjamin replied with difficulty.

It was already the most significant concession and commitment Benjamin could make.

If it was widely announced to the outside world and coupled with Leones’s current power,

Benjamin thought it wouldn’t be long before the Bloom family would be overthrown.

However, Leones would disagree, even if it were a smooth transition and a decent handover. “Grandpa, you have no choice.”

Leones smiled and said, “If the Bloom family doesn’t listen to me, then next week, as the largest shareholder, I will convene a board meeting to disqualify all members of the Bloom family from the board!”

The Bloom family would also fall into Leones’s hands at that time.

But that would be more radical. And the Bloom family would lose everything they have.

“Mr. Benjamin Bloom... Why don’t you give up your seat to Leones?”

“Yes, since Leones has excellent talent and can lead the Bloom family to a higher level, why not d it?”

“The head of the Bloom family belongs to the capable one. I agree with Leones to be the head of our family immediately!”

For a time, all big and minor shareholders of the Bloom family realized the seriousness of the problem.

They had to choose one to support.

If they stood with Benjamin, they would lose everything once the shareholders meeting was held

The immediate interests forced them to bow down to Leones.

After all, in the Bloom family, Leones was the largest shareholder!

“You... You?!”

Looking at the familiar faces, Benjamin didn’t expect them to betray him so fast.

Betrayal of the family members and the cold world made Benjamin feel very sad.

The heat in his heart suddenly made Benjamin’s mouth feel hot.

A mouthful of blood spurted out.

Chapter 193 The Replacement of Old

“Puff!”

Benjamin seemed to be forced to the edge of a cliff. And suddenly, he was so anxious that he spat out a mouthful of blood.

“Grandfather!

“Dad!”

The children saw it and helped Benjamin one after another.

It took a while for Benjamin to regain his composure.

But suffering such a blow also made Benjamin very old.

It was as if he aged more than ten years all of a sudden. His former vigor disappeared. Even the hair turned half-white instantly.

“Dad!”

Jason couldn't bear it and didn't want his father to suffer such a blow again.

“Leones, Let's stop here for today!

“Your grandfather's health is essential.

“Your grandfather has already promised himself that you will be his heir.”

Faced with Jason's persuasion, Leones remained indifferent..

Let Leones stop here?

When Leones was wrongfully accused and persecuted, who showed mercy to him?

Was it his grandfather?

Or his father?

Or the rest of the Bloom family?

Leones looked at the familiar and unfamiliar faces of the Bloom family members. None of them could make him think about giving up.

Persistence was the key to success!

When Leones was released from prison, didn't he want this moment?

In the Bloom family, Leones could only have the final say now.

No one could change his decision.

"Grandpa, since your health is not good, you should retire and live in the countryside."

Leones smiled calmly.

His smile was so harmless and gentle. But in Benjamin's eyes, it was like the cold winter, making Benjamin feel cold from head to toe.

"That's right... Didn't our family just build a large nursing home in the countryside of Sherland to prepare for the aging population in the future?"

“Mr. Benjamin Bloom, you have worked hard all your life. It’s time to enjoy yourself.

“It’s time to let go.”

All big and minor powerful shareholders of the Bloom family persuaded Benjamin again, standing firmly on Leones’ side.

Facing the aggressiveness of his grandson and the betrayal of the surrounding clansmen,

Benjamin closed his eyes heavily. He sighed heavily

Benjamin understood that everything was over.

He had no power to recapture the control.

“Well...

“Leones, you win!

“The Bloom family... Is yours!”

Benjamin finally chose to let go and surrender on the spot.

At this moment, there was once again an uproar.

The surrounding guests never dreamed that today’s grand Bloom family meeting would end this way.

The handover of the old and the new in the Bloom family was so hasty and quick, which was struck dumb.

At the same time, everyone had to admire Leones' decisiveness.

Leones even persecuted his grandfather mercilessly.

He was like a ruthless machine, controlling everything in the Bloom family.

"The Bloom family... Things have changed after all..."

The guests thought that Benjamin's abdication was only a matter of time since they saw Leones. return strongly.

No one thought everything happened so quickly.

Everyone could even imagine that it would be tomorrow's headlines. Even this afternoon, the big news in front of them would cause a sensation in the whole city and country.

[The abandoned son of the Bloom family in the past was released from prison for a week. Now the king returns!]

It was afraid that people even dared to write this in a novel. But the reality happened like a miracle.

Sure enough, the reality was the most bizarre and exaggerated existence.

"Congratulations, Mr. Bloom, for becoming the head of the Bloom family!"

Immediately, everyone from the Five Major Families came forward to congratulate Leones.

“Welcome to the new chief!”

Everyone in the Bloom family also changed, addressing Leones with a new title.

They honored Leones as chief!

“Mr. Benjamin Bloom has a high moral integrity and bravely retreats from the rapids. It is truly a -good story!

“With Mr. Bloom in charge of the Bloom family from now on, it will make significant progress and further progress!

“Congratulations to Mr. Bloom. Congratulations to the Bloom family! Chief Bloom, please take care of me in the future!”

The guests around were also tactful and came forward to celebrate, flattering and flattering.

So far, the head of the Bloom family naturally fell into Leones’s hands.

No one was dissatisfied.

“This...”

At this moment, apart from Benjamin, who was forced to abdicate, Ashley and Timothy probably felt the most uncomfortable.



They watched helplessly as Leones counterattacked all the way and directly took the position of the head of the Bloom family?!

It was so fast that Ashley and Timothy couldn't react at all.

They only saw that the overall situation was decided, and the Bloom family completely fell into Leones's hands.

Ashley's face was pale. She felt scared.

Timothy was even more frightened and trembled all over, not knowing how to face this. half-brother in the future.

Was it too late to beg for mercy, crying out for brotherhood?

For a while, Ashley and Timothy were very concerned.

Their good days in the Bloom family were over!

At this time, Leones exchanged greetings with everyone who came to congratulate him individually.

Unavoidable, he looked at Ashley and Timothy.

Facing the unkind look cast by Leones,

Ashley shuddered. Her heart skipped a beat. She suddenly felt terrible.

What was supposed to come was coming!

She couldn't hide even if she wanted to.

Immediately, Ashley set her mind and looked like she threw the handle after the blade.

“Leones! You evil son! Don’t think usurping the Bloom family’s head can make us obey you!”

“I don’t believe you can keep winning!”

“You win for a while, but you can’t win forever. You will lose it all sooner or later!”

Chapter 194 Trust Me or Her

The odds were stacked against her, yet Ashley refused to bow her head.

What could Leones do even if he managed to reclaim the Bloom family’s estate?

Would he execute her and her daughter right then and there?

She reminded herself that she was still the heiress of the Olsen family, one of Sherland’s top distinguished families, and even more influential than the Bloom family.

She had no reason to be concerned.

“Timothy, let’s go!”

Ashley called out to her son.

She’ll return to her parents’ house if this place can accommodate them.

“Stop!”

At Leones' command, Ashley halted.

"You think you can just walk away?"

"You wish you can!"

Just as Ashley turned around, she heard Leones' voice and couldn't help but pause her steps. "What?! What more do you

want?"

Ashley turned back around, her expression daring him to challenge her.

"Let it go, son!" Jason, Leones' father, advised from the side.

After all, one was his son and the other his mistress. He loved them both and hoped for a peaceful resolution.

"No way!" Leones scoffed.

"If you want to leave, explain the car accident you staged five years ago to frame me!"

"If you don't come clean, don't think about taking another step out of here!"

What?!

The room filled with gasps of surprise.

That car accident from five years ago? Was there more to the story?

Most of the guests, close to the Bloom family, were familiar with the incident, albeit through media coverage.

Today, hearing it from one of the involved parties, it seemed there was more to the story, and this piqued everyone's interest.

"What framing?"

Ashley feigned ignorance and continued to argue. You killed someone with your car, and now you're blaming it on me?

"If it weren't for our family pulling strings and covering for you, given the impact you caused back then, you would've been executed! You only got a five-year sentence. What more do you want?"

Ashley sneered again. "The Legal Authorities reviewed that case! If you want to blame me, fine, but are you questioning the system now?"

Upon hearing this, everyone found it to be a reasonable point.

That case years ago had rocked the whole city, its impact immensely damaging. It was only thanks to the Bloom family's financial and influential intervention that it didn't end worse.

With the involvement of the Legal Authorities, no one questioned its fairness.

For Leones to challenge this narrative now, trying to turn the tables, seemed presumptuous.

"I didn't even drive the car. I didn't kill anyone!"

Leones angrily questioned, "Who was behind that case years ago, and who is framing me?"

“If you don’t clarify this today, don’t blame me for being rude!”

Ashley remained defiant, retorting, “Do you have any evidence? Accusing people without proof?”  
“Evidence? What evidence do I need?” Leones was involved. He knew whether he had done it or

not.

“Ha, you try to accuse without evidence?” Ashley scoffed, “You can’t just frame me because I’m your stepmother.”

Seeing this, the crowd felt a little disappointed.

They had hoped Leones would have some concrete evidence to clear his name.

But he had none? This was child’s play.

“Everyone saw it, right?” Ashley seized the moment to keep pressing. “This is the kind of person Leones is!

“He made a huge mistake years ago, causing a death, and everyone knows it! It was our Bloom family that saved his neck.

“Now he comes out of prison, not repentant but trying to flip the blame onto me? This is ridiculous!

“You can’t just slander me to clear your name! In this transparent world, everyone has clear eyes!”  
Standing on the high ground, Ashley lambasted Leones with several criticisms.

The thing was, people found her points valid, as Leones lacked any proof of his innocence.

Were it not for his current status and the backing from the chiefs of the Five Major Families, people would have joined Ashley in criticizing Leones long ago.

However, Leones now holds great power, and he has the backing of the chiefs of the Five Major Families.

People can only grumble in their hearts, daring to be angry but not to speak out.

“Mr. Leones...”

Seeing that the situation seemed unfavorable for Leones, members of the Five Major Families also stepped in, trying to convince him to discuss the matter another day.

At the very least, they should wait until some evidence is obtained.

“Leones,” even his father, Jason, sighed, “I know you and Ashley don’t get along. But this is a serious matter. You can’t just make false accusations against her, and she’s your stepmother, after

all.”

At this, Leones looked at Jason and said, “Dad, what if I told you I didn’t kill anyone? Everything is a setup by that woman against me. Do you believe me or her?”

This left Jason speechless. Faced with such a dilemma, he was difficult to choose.

“Honey, don’t listen to his nonsense!” Ashley quickly said, “I was with you the whole night the

accident happened!”

This reminded Jason of that night five years ago when he received the call saying his son had caused a deadly accident while street racing. He thought it was a prank.

Only when he and Ashley arrived at the scene and saw everything did they have to accept the cruel reality.

“Leones,” Jason said painfully, “we rushed to the scene as soon as the accident happened. You say she set you up? She was with me the whole time.”

Leones replied, “She had someone else do it!”

Ashley laughed even louder upon hearing this.

The people she had manipulated back then were all dead now.

Coincidentally, they all died on the day Leones was released from prison. So, there’s no corroborating evidence.

“Where’s the evidence?” Ashley continued to press. It’s just your word against mine.” “Evidence?” Leones stepped forward. “That’s what I’m here to find out from you!

“As long as you confess, that’s all the proof I need!”

At this, Ashley’s face turned pale with fear. “What!? Are you trying to force a confession?! “Everyone, look! This wretched son will go to great lengths to clear his name! Don’t go too far!”

Tired of her talk, Leones stepped forward, about to take action.

“Sherland Guardians, clear the investigation area! All bystanders, move aside!”

With that, a group of guards filed into the room.

Upon seeing them, Ashley felt her saviors had arrived and were about to ask for help.

But then the guard leading the group sternly asked, “Who is Ashley?”

Chapter 195 Key Evidence

Who is Ashley?!

The moment the words were spoken, a sudden hush fell over the room.

Even Ashley herself stood there, dumbfounded.

She thought. “I haven’t even said anything. Why am I being singled out?”

Investigation? What investigation? Is it about me?

Confused, Ashley wondered why she was being targeted, as she had been keeping a low profile recently and hadn’t done anything wrong.

She then glanced at the approaching guards, their armor glinting and emanating a sense of authority.

Leading them was a confident woman surveying the room.

“Ah, the leader... Isn’t she the officer close to Veronica of the Sherland Guardians?”

“Yeah, I remember her. Her name is Lois, isn’t it?”

“It’s Officer Lois!”

Seeing this, the guests around the room paid their respects.



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But then they looked suspiciously at Ashley, wondering what she had done to be publicly called out by Officer Lois.

“Who is Ashley?”

After scanning the room, Lois’s eyes settled on Leones for a few seconds as if surprised to find him there.

However, she wasn’t there for him today.

Leones was equally surprised. He didn’t expect Veronica’s officer to burst in.

And why was she specifically looking for Ashley?

He was just about to ask Ashley something when the Sherland Guardians caught her attention.

Why now, of all times, did she have to come and take the person he was going to question? Leones felt somewhat dissatisfied, but he waited quietly to see what she would do next.

Finally, Lois’s gaze fell on Ashley.

“Ashley!” Her husband, Jason, nudged her, bringing her back to reality.

“I... am Ashley,” She stepped forward. “What does officer...”

Just as Ashley tried to muster a smile, hoping to engage in some small talk, she was abruptly cut off by Lois, who sternly questioned, “Do you know Lancer Stone, also known as Lenny?”

Lenny?!

At the mention of the name, not only Ashley but also Timothy, standing nearby, were taken.

aback.

Before Ashley could respond, Timothy interjected, "Have you found the culprit behind Uncle Lenny's death?"

"Uncle Lenny was diligent in his work for the Bloom family. You must get to the bottom of this and avenge him!"

Upon hearing this, Ashley wished she could strangle her too-talkative son.

Anyone with a clear mind could see that the best move right now was to distance oneself from the situation. Even if you knew the person, it was better to claim not to be close.

Instead, Timothy had just referred to the man as Uncle Lenny, practically confessing a close relationship.

Even his father, Jason, let out a resigned sigh, looking at his son with an expression usually reserved for a foolish child, unsure what else to say.

Timothy, noticing the mood, suddenly realized he had misspoken.

Mainly because Lenny had been very loyal to him, doing many unmentionable deeds on his behalf. Their relationship was intense, akin to that between an uncle and nephew. Lenny's death was a significant blow to Timothy. He hoped the authorities could investigate thoroughly and catch the murderer to avenge Uncle Lenny.

So, in the urgency of the moment, he had slipped up.

“Well, actually, it’s not a big deal,” Timothy said, “My mom doesn’t really know him...”

This addition only worsened the situation, like digging a deeper hole for himself. Even a fool wouldn’t believe him now.

“I do know him,” Ashley finally admitted. “But we haven’t been in contact recently. So, is there any progress in the investigation concerning his death?”

Even though she was well aware that Lois’s visit was not primarily about Lenny’s death but something else entirely, Ashley still tried to steer the conversation back.

“The investigation is ongoing,” Lois replied, pulling out an item of physical evidence. “Do you recognize this?”

It was a pair of pink diamonds, each quite large, like dragon eyes.

Under the room’s lighting, they gleamed brilliantly clearly of great value.

Upon seeing the diamonds, despite her best efforts to control her expression, Ashley couldn’t hide her reaction.

“This...”

Not only was Ashley shocked, but even Jason, standing next to her, was taken aback.

He was no stranger to those pink diamonds.

After all, he had bought them overseas as a wedding anniversary gift for him and his wife.

Later, when his wife seldom wore them and claimed they were lost, Jason felt quite heartbroken, given their high cost.

Yet, who would have thought that those pink diamonds would reappear as if they were stolen goods in the hands of the Sherland Guardians?

What in the world was happening? Was his wife keeping something from him? Were the diamonds not actually lost?

Indeed, Lois continued, "This diamond was found in the car driven during Lenny's incident!"

What?!

At this revelation, Ashley was utterly stunned.

Meanwhile, her mind was racing, filled with fleeting images and regret. She mentally cursed

Lenny and his ancestors for being so foolish.

That's because she had casually given the diamonds to Lenny, instructing him to get rid of them as soon as possible.

Yet, they had ignored her and kept the diamonds, perhaps as an investment.

But that very decision had exposed Ashley.

"That jerk!" Ashley took a deep breath and quickly explained, "They must have stolen my wedding anniversary diamonds.

"Honey, you remember I told you they were lost, right?"

Hearing this, Jason also chimed in. “Yes, yes, it must have been them who stole them. Man, what a relief to find them!”

The couple played off each other brilliantly, providing cover stories for one another.

“Oh, really?” Lois continued to inquire. “Do you remember when these diamonds were lost?”

“It’s been... about a year or two?” Ashley replied casually.

“That’s weird!” Lois hinted at something more while making her point again. “At the time of this incident, only one diamond was found in the car.

“And this other one was discovered in a car accident... five years ago!”

Chapter 196 At a Loss for Words

Five years ago? That car accident?!

As soon as these words were spoken, the crowd erupted in whispers!

Without needing further explanation, everyone understood what that car accident referred to!

Coincidentally, Leones had just been pressing Ashley about that accident from years ago.

Initially, people thought that everything was just Leones’ side of the story.

But who would’ve thought that even the Sherland Guardians were tracing it back to Ashley? Now, with the involvement of the Sherland Guardians, an authoritative force has stepped in. The skepticism Leones had raised earlier now seemed more convincing.

“Maybe... that there’s more to the story from back then?”

“Is Mrs. Bloom actually involved in that car accident?”

“No way... This is too unbelievable!”

“But the Sherland Guardians have looked into it, and they must have some key evidence, right?” “Oh, I see. Ms. Quinn, the Commander of Sherland Guardians, was also a victim of that accident, wasn’t she?”

After much discussion, the crowd felt more than ever that the incident from years ago was far from straightforward.

And the people involved in that past incident now hold significant positions.

Leones, needless to say, has just proven himself.

And the most prominent victim, Veronica, has even risen to become the Commander of the Sherland Guardians, a person of great authority!

“So, Ms. Quinn has been secretly investigating that incident for years? No wonder...”

For a moment, the trust scale seemed to tip overwhelmingly in favor of Leones.

Things took a turn for the worse for Ashley.

“What’s going on?”

Caught off guard by the situation, Ashley couldn’t hide her shock and was left scrambling. Moments ago, Lois had intentionally hidden the discovery timeline of the two diamonds, which were actually found five years apart.

This misled Ashley, and she fell for it hook, line, and sinker.

Never in her wildest dreams did Ashley think that Lenny had left something so crucial at the crime scene years ago.

Even worse, he never came clean about it, leading her to believe that he had sold the diamonds. "It's been so long..." Ashley managed a bitter smile, "Perhaps I'm misremembering?"

"Misremembering?" Lois asked, her voice icy. "So you're saying these diamonds have been missing for over five years?"

"Um..." Unsure of how to respond and wary of further traps, Ashley could only offer a non-committal hum.

"So, how do you explain this diamond chewis

continued her relentless questioning.

What?!

Ashley was speechless, frozen in place. She couldn't answer that question, of course.

She couldn't possibly say that she was the puppet master behind all this and that the diamonds were meant as payment or a deposit for Lenny.

"A diamond was left in the car at the time?!"

Upon hearing this new information, Leones was also taken aback.

He hadn't expected such crucial details to be omitted from the public reports.

This was precisely why he had wanted to examine the case files, hoping to discover some undisclosed details.

And this significant piece of evidence could be the key to overturning the case or the final nail in Ashley's coffin.

"That... that must mean Leones stole

my

diamonds!"

Suddenly, it clicked for Ashley, who quickly shifted the blame to Leones.

"Yes, he stole my diamonds and then ran over you with the car?"

"This one was stolen by that wretched Leones. The other was taken by Lenny!"

"Yes... that must be it!"

Ashley's mind raced, finally settling on a seemingly plausible excuse.

"Really?" Lois was no fool and could instantly see through Ashley's lies and nervousness.

She never trusted a single word Ashley said from the very beginning.

Nothing but lies!



She must be hiding something.

“Mrs. Bloom, we’d like you to come with us for further questioning.

“Ms. Quinn also has questions for you.”

Upon hearing Lois’s words, Ashley went pale with fright.

So now, the victim from those years ago will interrogate me personally?

At this moment, Ashley felt immense regret, as if fate was playing a huge joke on her.

Had she known that the victim from the past had risen to Command the Sherland Guardians, she wouldn’t have dared to scheme anything even if one gave her the courage tenfold.

“Mrs. Bloom, please come along.”

Lois said please, but the guards beside her swarmed, leaving her no choice but to go.

“Wait!”

Just a few steps out, Ashley suddenly turned back, still hopeful. “What about him?

“Leones, that scoundrel, was the perpetrator back then! Why isn’t he also being taken in for questioning?”

Chapter 197 Head of the Family

Ashley, facing arrest, tried to drag someone else down with her.

“Take him too! Question him along with me!” she demanded, pointing at Leones.

Lois was not one to indulge in Ashley’s antics.

“We are under orders to summon you for questioning. This has nothing to do with anyone else!”

Lois glanced at Leones. Though Veronica was keen on arresting this arch–nemesis as well, all current evidence pointed to Ashley. It might even exonerate Leones to some extent.

So, Veronica decided to summon only Ashley, and Lois was just following orders. Of course, she thought that if Veronica knew Leones was here, she might have come personally.

“Let’s go!”

Lois didn’t waste time and took Ashley away by force.

Though Ashley was highly reluctant, she had no choice but to comply.

“Ashley, don’t worry, I’ll hire the best lawyer to get you out,” assured her husband, Jason.

“Mom!” Timothy was equally concerned.

“Don’t worry, I’ll be back soon,” Ashley straightened her clothes and shot Leones a cold sneer, “Don’t get smug. We’ll see who has the last laugh.”

Ashley couldn’t believe that she, a young lady from the distinguished Olsen family, could be bested by someone like Leones.

Soon, Ashley was taken away.

A buzz of speculation and surprise filled the room.

Who could have thought that past events would take such a twist? Was there some dark secret behind that car accident after all?

Even Jason found himself doubting. Could it be his own wife who was sabotaging their son?

No... it couldn't be!

Jason quickly shook off this absurd notion, convinced that there must be a misunderstanding.

However, the crowd, led by the Five Major Families, continued to congratulate Leones.

"So, Mr. Bloom, you were falsely accused for five years, and now the case is finally moving forward. Congratulations!"

"Absolutely! I always said that with your character, Mr. Bloom, you couldn't have committed such a heinous crime back then. Something must have been off, and sure enough!"

"Who would have thought that the one framing Mr. Bloom would be his stepmother? And a member of the Olsen family at that! We'll have to keep our distance from them in the future."

Once the situation settled down, Leones, as the head of the Bloom family, issued his first command.

"From this day forward, Ashley and Timothy are to be expelled from the family, never to return!" The crowd was instantly shocked by his firm decision.

Leones had been so decisive, showing no consideration even in front of his father, expelling his stepmother and half-brother from the family.

“Son, what’s the meaning of this?” Jason was equally shocked. His wife was already taken for

investigation, yet Leones showed no mercy.

Even if Ashley had crossed lines with him, what fault had Timothy committed to deserve such harsh treatment?

“Why?” Timothy immediately began to protest. “I haven’t wronged anyone, shamed the family, or killed someone in a car accident. Why should I be expelled?”

Maybe things would have been different if he hadn’t brought up the car accident.

Seeing Timothy so unrestrained, how could Leones let it slide?

“Why?” Leones sneered, “Because I’m the head of this family! Is that reason enough?”

That...!

Timothy was left speechless.

He suddenly realized that there had been a change in the Bloom family.

When they looked at his father and grandfather, their faces showed resignation.

No one in the Bloom family dared to oppose any of cones’ decisions now.

“Who agrees with expelling Ashley and Timothy? Who disagrees?”

Leones raised his voice, addressing the Bloom family members. After a few seconds of silence, everyone almost unanimously responded, "We abide by the chief's decision!"

They decided to kick Ashley and her son out of the family without hesitation.

"You all..." Timothy Bloom looked around incredulously at his uncles and aunts. He couldn't believe how quickly they had turned on him right after his mother was caught.

Not a single person stepped forward to defend him

Was family really this fragile?

"Tim," his father Jason sighed, "Go to your grandparents' place for now."

Realizing the situation had come to this, Jason decided it would be best for his son to lay low at the Olsen family residence until his mother was freed.

The Bloom family had become a hostile environment for both of them.

"Fine!" Timothy clenched his teeth, glared at Leones, and snapped. "If I'm not welcome here, then I'm better off somewhere else. Are you leading the Bloom family? I couldn't care less!"

Just as he was about to leave in a huff, cheerful laughter echoed from outside.

"Bravo! Truly bravo!"

As the clapping sound filled the air, an elderly man and a young man in casual clothes walked in.

The elderly man moved gracefully, each step seemingly not touching the floor, making no noise at

all.

Meanwhile, the young man behind him stepped so forcefully that each step shattered a tile.

Everyone gasped. The floor was made of earthquake-resistant marble, and yet it was crushed effortlessly by the elderly man. Who were these people?

Their sudden appearance caught everyone off guard, eliciting shock and fear.

“Who are they?”

“Don’t know, never seen them before.”

“The way they walk, they look like fighters.”

“Could it be...”

The murmuring guests stepped aside.

Benjamin’s eyes lit up, sensing an opportunity.

He quickly deduced that these two strangers were here for trouble and that the Bloom family wasn’t in a position to provoke such influential individuals.

His mind raced to one conclusion. They were likely here for Leones.

“What might your names be, honored guests? If you’re here for the Bloom family gathering, you honor us greatly.” Benjamin quickly greeted them with a bow.

The elderly man ignored Benjamin. His eagle-like eyes locked onto Leones.

Benjamin didn't take offense, instead feeling more confident about his suspicion.

"Congratulations, Bloom family, on establishing a new leader," the young man sneered sarcastically.  
"We, the Kingsley family, decided to join the festivities and share in your joy."

Chapter 198 Unexpected Guests

"The Kingsley family!" The newcomer didn't beat around the bush and directly announced their identity.

However, the name of the Kingsley family was not widely known in Sherland.

After all, the mysterious family like them seldom appeared in the world.

"The Kingsley family? Is there such a force in Sherland?"

"I've never heard of it! None of the top ten distinguished families is surnamed Kingsley, right?"

"Judging by their appearance, they are obviously not ordinary people. Perhaps... they are from the legendary ancient families?"

"Ancient families!"

As this idea was thrown out, everyone was stunned, their jaws dropping in surprise.

"Could it be..."

At this moment, Kale from the Shelton family, one of the Five Major Families, suddenly thought of some legends about ancient families.)

"The Kingsley family? The Kingsley family?!"

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“Could it be the Kingsley family from the Three Mountains, Five Sects, and Seven Families?”

The crowd was in shock, all eyes fixed on the two newcomers.

The young man smiled slightly and said, “Since you’ve already guessed our origins, there’s no need for us to be pretentious.

“That’s right. We are from the Kingsley family, one of the Seven Families of ancient families.

“I’m Vincent Kingsley. This is my uncle, Samuel Kingsley.”

As soon as this was said, the scene erupted into an uproar.

“My goodness! They are from the legendary ancient families!”

“No wonder they left a trail of crushed marble floors wherever they stepped!”

“What’s going on today? How can we actually witness ancient warriors with our own eyes? It’s truly eye-opening!”

As everyone marveled at the bizarre encounter with the two ancient warriors, they couldn’t help but feel a bit puzzled.

What were these two ancient warriors here for?

The sudden upheaval in the Bloom family had actually attracted the attention of the ancient families. That seemed unlikely!



At this moment, Benjamin, upon learning of the two men's distinguished status, became even more respectful.

He could barely straighten his back as he bowed repeatedly.

After all, the honor of ancient families must not be violated.

It was an unwritten rule.

Anyone who encountered the ancient families must show them great deference.

Moreover, given the current situation, Benjamin, who had already fallen out of favor, seemed to

"It turns out you are the two nobles from the Kingsley family!" Benjamin bowed deeply. "I apologize for my disrespect!"

"I wonder what brings you here personally? Our internal disputes in the Bloom family have caused embarrassment, and I hope you won't take it to heart."

Benjamin specifically mentioned the internal disputes within the family, hoping to gauge the two

men's reactions.

Vincent, the young man, did indeed react. He smiled and said, "Congratulations, Mr. Bloom! Someone sent us to congratulate you."

As soon as this was said, everyone was once again shocked.

It was getting increasingly hard to understand the attitude of these two ancient warriors towards Leones. Were they friends or foes?

Even Benjamin himself was a bit confused.

He wondered if Leones had sent these two men. If that were the case, it would be a great embarrassment.

He had hoped that these two would bring a glimmer of hope. But if they were sent by Leones, then his hopes would be shattered.

“Who are you?”

Leones frowned, feeling suspicious of the uninvited guests.

Apart from the Newman family, one of the ancient families he had encountered before, this was the second time he had met ancient warriors.

However, the Kingsley family had no prior connection with Leones.

Who had sent them?

Various thoughts raced through Leones’s mind. Were they sent by the Johnson family from Fatuma, the illegal market in Tonkai, or perhaps...

“The Pope family!” Vincent got straight to the point. “It’s the Pope family that sent us to meet you!

“I heard that you are a Feng Shui master who defeated Mr. Weber, a renowned figure in Sherland?”

The Pope family! It was one of the top ten distinguished families in Sherland!

As soon as this was revealed, everyone suddenly realized the situation.

They also recalled the conflicts between the Soler family and the Pope family, which had even led to bloodshed not long ago.

They hadn't expected the Pope family to strike back so quickly, and they had even enlisted the help of ancient warriors to reclaim their honor!

The members of the Five Major Families were shocked and frightened, realizing that things were taking a dire turn.

They hadn't anticipated that the Pope family had such a strong background, enough to summon the ancient families to take action.

In this situation, even though they knew Leones was exceptionally powerful, they couldn't help but feel pessimistic. Faced with ancient warriors, what chance did they have?

In fact, when ordinary people faced ancient warriors, it was like ants confronting an elephant, completely outmatched.

Although Leones had once defeated ancient warriors, it had only been in secret battles against the Martial Alliance, so it was not widely known.

Now, with the Kingsley family appearing in person, even the members of the Five Major Families who were on Leones's side couldn't help but lose confidence in him.

Upon learning the true background of the situation, Benjamin felt overjoyed. He saw a glimmer of hope for a turnaround.

So, the ancient warriors from the Kingsley family had really come to cause trouble for Leones! As long as they used this situation to their advantage, the Bloom family could still be saved.

“Leones Bloom! You disobedient child! How dare you offend the Pope family and even make the two nobles from the Kingsley family come all this way? What crime do you think you’ve

committed?”

Benjamin immediately scolded him. “You disobedient child, kneel down and apologize to the two nobles, and await their judgment!”

Chapter 199 Who Holds the Upper Hand

Benjamin’s words, seemingly in defense of his grandson, were actually fueling the fire.

If Leones truly knelt, the Kingsley family would not easily spare him.

In that case, if Leones suffered severe injuries and lost face, the Bloom family would still be under Benjamin’s control.

However, if Leones remained defiant and continued to resist the two ancient warriors, that would be even better.

In that case, he would be digging his own grave.

By using the ancient warriors’ strength to get rid of Leones, Benjamin could eliminate future

trouble.

Even if the Bloom family eventually aligned with the Kingsley family, Benjamin would accept it. Having ancient families as a backing seemed like a good choice.

Just like the Pope family, it had secretly aligned itself with the ancient families and had thrived. “Leones, do you understand your wrongdoing?” Benjamin continued to scold Leones, trying to assert his dominance.

The surrounding people were anxiously watching the tense standoff, worrying about Leones. Facing two formidable ancient warriors, even someone as capable as Leones might have to admit defeat this time.

“Mr. Bloom...” people from the Five Major Families whispered, trying to persuade him to be more cautious and not act recklessly.

“Leones!” Jason hurriedly shouted, fearing that his son might make an irrational decision.

“Leones...” Susan, who didn’t know much about ancient families, also felt uneasy seeing everyone’s fearful expressions. She tugged at Leones’s sleeve, hoping to dissuade him from impulsive actions. Timothy, seeing that Leones was about to suffer, decided not to leave just yet.

He thought maybe he wouldn’t need to leave the Bloom family, because the orders of a dead man no longer held any meaning.

Like Benjamin, Timothy secretly hoped that Leones would remain defiant and get killed by the

ancient warriors.

As they both wished, Leones didn’t back down and didn’t consider kneeling or apologizing. “So, it’s the Pope family?” Leones realized with a smirk. “They don’t dare to come personally, so they send you to cause trouble here?”

“It seems that the Pope family is nothing special. Their decline is inevitable.”

If the Pope family dared to come in person, it would be a sign of their courage.

But currently, they were hiding in the shadows, not daring to show their faces, even with ancient warriors backing them. It was clear they had been intimidated.

Why should he even care?

“The Pope family is indeed nothing special!” Vincent also agreed with Leones’s point of view.

After all, having to rely on ancient warriors to regain their standing against ordinary people was quite pathetic.

“But the Bloom family is no different!” Vincent continued.

In the eyes of ancient warriors, whether it was the Pope family, the Bloom family, or even the entire top ten distinguished families in Sherland, they were all insignificant ants.

They could support the Pope family and easily crush the Bloom family, too.

It all depended on their whim.

“No!” Leones shook his head. “You’re wrong.”

“Oh?” Vincent raised an eyebrow, curious about what Leones would say next. “Where did I wrong?”

“In the past, the Bloom family was indeed insignificant, just like the Pope family,” Leones. admitted.

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“But in the future, under my leadership, the Bloom family will become a force that even the Kingsley family can’t afford to underestimate!”

What?!

As soon as these words came out, the crowd was suddenly dead silent.

It felt as if they had stepped into a graveyard, and everyone around them was frozen and frightened.

Even Samuel, who had been silent all this time, couldn't help but change his expression slightly, his eyes filled with intense murderous intention.

It was over. It was over!

After a moment of shock and fear, the crowd gradually snapped out of it.

They believed that Leones had just stirred up a huge problem and sealed his own fate.

How could a mere ordinary family compare to the ancient families?

To become a force that even the Kingsley family couldn't afford to underestimate was nothing short of fantasy!

Ancient families must not be insulted!

Leones had dared to make such bold statements in front of two ancient warriors, and it seemed like he was digging his own grave.

With their fury, they could easily wipe out the Bloom family in an instant.

"Oh

my god! Is Leones insane?"

“We’re finished... He himself has offended the ancient warriors, and there’s no need for our entire Bloom family to go down with him!”

“Yeah, this could lead to the destruction of our entire family!”

At this moment, the Bloom family was filled with panic and fear.

They hadn’t expected their new chief to bring such a catastrophic disaster to the family right after taking over.

“Please spare us, Your Excellency!”

Benjamin also broke out in cold sweat, never imagining that Leones would act so recklessly. Benjamin had hoped that Leones would stand his ground, and then the ancient warriors might kill him.

But it was not like dragging the whole family down with him!

“Leones’s words represent only himself and have nothing to do with our Bloom family!” Benjamin declared, “Moreover, he forcefully took the position of the family head using ruthless means.”

“We, the Bloom family, really dare not oppose the Kingsley family. Please, Your Excellency, see this clearly!”

Benjamin led the way, and the rest of the Bloom family members followed suit.

“That’s right! Just now, we were threatened to give in to Leones.”

“In our hearts, the family chief has always been Mr. Benjamin Bloom, and it  
so!”



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“Leones is not the head of our family, and we expelled him from the Bloom family long ago. He doesn’t represent us!”

The Bloom family members who had previously supported Leones now began to shift their allegiance to the other side, firmly opposing Leones.

In an instant, the situation on the scene underwent a dramatic upheaval.

Who would be in charge of the Bloom family?

Everyone eagerly awaited the outcome.

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## Chapter 200 No Kneeling Allowed

The members of the Bloom family were always fence-sitters.

When Leones was in a position of power, they could abandon their old family head and side with Leones without hesitation.

But now that Leones had become the weaker side, they were quick to switch sides and support the Kingsley family.

Even though the Kingsley family would have to deal with their own kin, the Bloom family chose comfort and self-preservation.

After all, they were ancient families!

A small family like theirs couldn't afford to offend them.

So, distancing themselves from Leones was the only way to ensure their safety.

"Your Excellency, both of you have seen and heard," Benjamin seized the opportunity to speak again, "This young man has nothing to do with the Bloom family."

"If I had the power that you both possess, I would have expelled him long ago. How could he continue to cause trouble everywhere?" he continued.

The other Bloom family members chimed in, "That's right! Five years ago, he ran someone over with his car. Now, he's out of prison and still causing trouble, even offending the esteemed ancient warriors. He really has no sense of self-preservation!"

"We, the Bloom family, have no association with such a person!"

At this moment, Leones found himself once again on the receiving end of criticism.

The surrounding guests couldn't help but sigh at the situation.

But there was nothing they could do. After all, the visitors were ancient warriors, and no one dared to stand by Leones. It would be suicide.

Even the members of the Five Major Families, who had always supported Leones, couldn't help but feel fear. They didn't know what to do.

If it weren't for the curses that Leones had placed on them, most of them would have defected immediately.

Seeing this, Vincent nodded in satisfaction.

He had effortlessly gained control of the situation simply by announcing his family.

Leones, who had been the center of attention just moments ago, now found himself isolated. "Leones, do you see this?"

Vincent gloated.

"In the end, it's all about who has the stronger fist in this world!

"And without a doubt, our ancient families are something you can never provoke!"

How could an ordinary family be compared to ancient families?

Could they even be considered equals?

“As for the Pope family, no matter how trashy they are, they are under the protection of the Kingsley family,” Vincent continued.

“Now, you killed someone from the Pope family, and it’s an insult to the Kingsley family!

“Now, I’ll give you two options.”

Vincent raised two fingers.

“First, like the Pope family, become servants of the Kingsley family and serve us loyally.

“Second, today I will wipe out your entire Bloom family, and the world will be rid of the Bloom family forever!”

What?!

When this statement was made, the members of the Bloom family were shocked and fearful. When they heard the first option, they thought it was a great opportunity.

To serve the Kingsley family, just like the Pope family, was a dream come true!

But after hearing the second option, they were terrified.

They were afraid that Leones might lose his mind and make the wrong choice. “Well... it seems the Kingsley family is showing mercy.”

The surrounding guests sighed with relief.

In their eyes, the Kingsley family had given Leones a way out.

As long as they pledged allegiance to the Kingsley family, they would be spared from extermination.

Although there were two options, in reality, there was only one.

The other option was a dead end.

“Leones, what are you waiting for? Declare your allegiance to the Kingsley family!” Benjamin urged Leones.

Without waiting for Leones to respond, Benjamin himself was the first to kneel.

“Our Bloom family will now be the Kingsley family’s loyal slave!”

With that, a majority of the Bloom family members knelt, submitting to their new masters. Vincent saw this and laughed in satisfaction. “That’s right, you all have some self-awareness!” “To serve the Kingsley family,” it sounded honorable. But in reality, they would be nothing more than the Kingsley family’s slaves, just like the Pope family.

Whatever unreasonable demands the Kingsley family made, the Pope family would have to comply. Either money or people, the Pope family had to offer anything they wanted.

And now, the fact that the Bloom family had this realization was the best outcome.

This satisfied Vincent.

“Being slaves?”

However, Benjamin’s words offended some younger members of the Bloom family, who found it somewhat hard to accept.

They could accept not getting involved in Leones's feud with the Kingsley family or caring about who would lead the Bloom family.

But they couldn't accept becoming vassals to any power.

The mention of being servants was particularly humiliating to them, not to mention Benjamin's blunt words about being slaves for the Kingsley family.

As young and ambitious individuals, they couldn't tolerate such a drastic difference in status. So, an unusual scene unfolded at the scene.

Most of the Bloom family, including Benjamin, knelt before the Kingsley family.

But there was a group of young and proud individuals who remained standing, refusing to kneel.

Leones was impressed by these people.

They represented the future of the Bloom family, unlike the older generation who had already bent their backs.

"Hmm?" At this moment, Vincent noticed the young people who hadn't knelt yet and voiced his dissatisfaction, "Are those also members of your Bloom family? Why aren't they kneeling?"

Benjamin turned to look and was taken aback.

Indeed, they were!

So, Benjamin immediately scolded, "What are you waiting for? Kneel down!"

Faced with the chief's reprimand and the pressure from the Kingsley family, the young people began to waver.

At this point, a young man in his twenties stepped forward and boldly said, “Chief, I think your choice is inappropriate!

“We, the Bloom family, can maintain a cooperative relationship with the Kingsley family, with mutual respect and benefit.

“But having our entire family serve the Kingsley family as servants for no reason is hard for us to accept. Being called ‘slaves’ is even more insulting!”

Upon hearing this, Benjamin was once again taken aback and scolded, “What nonsense are you talking about?

“How many people want to serve but can’t?

“You, a junior branch member, dare to question the family’s major policy and make suggestions? You’ve

gone too far!

“I’ll give you three seconds to kneel down and apologize to the Kingsley family. Otherwise, I’ll immediately exile all members of your branch!”

Faced with such a naked threat, even the young man began to falter.

He had the courage to question.

But when he saw his parents, relatives, and friends in the crowd looking at him with pleading, confusion, anger, and other expressions, he began to doubt himself.

With a swish, most of the young people knelt down with only one knee.

That was their last bit of stubbornness.

Finally, the young man who had led the resistance sighed and was about to kneel down in –submission.

“Don’t kneel!”

A voice suddenly came from the side.

It was as loud as thunder and made everyone’s hearts pound.

“Stand up, all of you!”

“In the Bloom family, there are only men who die standing, not cowards who kneel to live!”