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Abigail realized that she had let the cat out of the bag.

“Does Levi have any other identities?”

Zoey looked at Abigail dubiously, wondering if they were hiding anything from her.

Levi laughed it off as he joked, “Abigail was just worried that they’d found out that I was an ex-convict.”

“Yeah, I thought that was the reason the alarm went off,” Abigail reacted swiftly to Levi’s cover-up, which managed to temporarily ease Zoey’s suspicion.

“What happened just now? Were you carrying anything that caused the alarm to sound non-stop?” Aaron asked.

“Oh, it’s just my lighter that is made of brass, that’s why it got picked up by the metal detectors!” Levi replied, as he took out his lighter and showed it to Aaron.

“Oh, let’s go then, Bailey had sent someone to pick us up. The car had been waiting outside for a while!”

Caitlyn was also raring to go.

The group was driven to the Hilton Hotel.

Due to the large number of guests invited to the birthday banquet, the guests were temporarily arranged to stay at the hotel.

mom had not yet completely gotten over what happened last time! Otherwise, we would be staying at apparent as

later. I guarantee that their opinions of

was brimming with optimism as he comforted his

to be recognized by the Black

“My cousins from the Black family are

Levi and

to the venue in

held at

meal there costs

could be seen parked in the hotel’s

where dozens of people had already

is here! Let’s welcome

Rogers family, she was  
in the room, it was their  
Zoey, most of them were stunned by her beauty and were  
you not introducing your friends to us?" One  
our cousin too! This is  
it's our  
were the

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People stopped being curious about him after that. After all, no one would waste time inquiring about a nobody.

Hayden Zeller, a distant relative of the Black family who was from North Hampton, joined in on the conversation and said, "Oh I know what happened! Levi was sentenced to jail after he was convicted of taking advantage of his sister-in-law! If I'm not mistaken, he was only released a few days ago?"

"That's right! It was one of the biggest news in North Hampton when it happened!" Some others, who were listening to the conversation, concurred.

Keane's expression changed when he heard that, but still remained friendly as he asked, "So, Levi, you're currently unemployed?"

Levi nodded and replied, "Kind of!"

After getting the man's answer, Keane and Quintus had totally lost interest in continuing the conversation.

Even Zoey, who had just secured an investment of a few hundred million, suddenly seemed boring to them.

The men changed topics and carried on with their own conversations. Zoey hardly had anything to contribute to their subsequent discussions.

"Oh, by the way, is Russell back yet?" Keane asked all of a sudden.

Russell was his dad's godson. The man had been outstanding since young, and he's currently the leader of a subdivision of the Special Security Unit.

Word has it that he was going to be promoted to the Chief of the Special Security Unit next year.

Russell, he's truly the pride and joy of our

Quintus laughed.

indeed the

though Russell was not related to the Black family by blood, he conscientiousness and performed well in every endeavor he next year, so it was an impressive feat that he was already the an abundance of wealth, but what the family lacked however, was a talent piece to the puzzle mentioned, Russell Black arrived at days! I even had to specially apply knows he's the apple of grandma's eye, so he has to at the train station today, that even and replied, "Yeah! You heard about it too? That's actually the reason I was late for I'm sure everyone wants was a super big shot who visited the train station today! He came to examine out a gasp, as he recalled the out that it was him?" Everyone was train station, the alarm sounded! We

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After Russell's description of the event, Zoey suddenly realized that it could have been the metal pieces lodged inside of Levi's body which caused the metal detectors to go off, instead of the lighter, which was what he had told them earlier on!

She wished that she could see through Levi's clothes, and verify what Russell said with her own eyes that very instant.

Quintus, who was intrigued, asked, "How's that even possible? Russell, who is this guy?"

"We don't exactly know who he is, as his files had been classified as 5s level, which means no one in the entire of South City would have access to it! But I heard from our Chief that he used to be an officer from the Iron Brigade!" Russell replied excitedly.

"Iron Brigade? Isn't that the team that's personally led by the God of War?"

"Exactly! That's the strongest military unit in Erudia! Every soldier who's part of that team is a man of indomitable spirit!"

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The men at the gathering were all stirred at the mention of the 'God of War' and the 'Iron Brigade'.

Every men, regardless of age, would have dreamed of becoming a soldier at some point in time of their lives.

Being in the Iron Brigade was the greatest recognition and highest honor for every soldier.

was at the military academy, my goal was also

Russell was no exception.

the longing expressions of those men

that the God of War, who was

be present at grandma's birthday banquet,

once guards as well! They'll definitely

special alcohol and cigarettes provided by the war zones, but nowadays

...

contributing to the lively discussion going on in the

do you think you can pull some strings and invite just one of the officers from the Iron Brigade to

do that, it'll definitely be the best birthday present for

for a second before nodding his head and said, "OK, I'll try.

was not confident at all that he'll

the man who appeared at the train station in the afternoon was someone out of his reach, not to mention Russell,

or Levi for the rest of the night, it was just as if the both of them were

family like the Blacks, they

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Even though they had been sleeping on the same bed, they had not been intimate, so it was only natural that Zoey had not seen Levi's naked body.

As such, she had planned to examine Levi's body tonight, in order to verify if he actually had those scars on his body.

However, Abigail had requested to share her bed, so in the end, Zoey was unable to carry out her plan.

The next day arrived and it was the day of old Mrs. Black's birthday.

Levi and the rest were being woken up early in the morning, and were all gathered at the hotel lobby.

Shortly after, transportation arranged by the Black family arrived to pick them up to the Black family manor.

Aaron clutched the birthday gift for his mother-in-law in his arms. He was looking forward to impressing his wife's family at the banquet later on.

Caitlyn had also checked with Levi if he had prepared any gift, and only felt at ease after confirming that he had not done so.

The scale of the Black family was comparable to the Garrison family, which was recently listed.

The family manor was extremely posh and grand.

The various luxury cars that were parked at the front porch were sufficient to form an auto show.

The three brothers from the Black family stood at the entrance to receive their guests personally.

The head of the Black family household, Robert Black, and his wife Meredith, were in the main hall of the manor. They were both dressed in red, all ready for the auspicious occasion.

empire over the years. Because

The couple had expanded their family and was joined by their many children and

the Black family were very contented with their current state of

look who's

led Aaron's family

"Dad, mom!"

and shed tears of joy when

also feeling emotional and was ready to greet the

Meredith let out a cold snort and only

both stunned to be given the

invited them to her birthday celebration, it would still take some time for her to fully accept

was already feeling grateful to be able to see her parents

the room turned awkward for a

and dad, weren't you two looking forward to meeting

she shoved Zoey in front of

grandma!" Zoey greeted her

it was her first time meeting

said in satisfaction,

that Zoey is really capable. She even managed to  
two elders of the family thought rather highly of  
lady was a successful woman herself,

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Looks of shock appeared on everyone's faces.

Especially Caitlyn who was seized by terror.

Everyone was well aware of Meredith's stern and stiff personality. She couldn't tolerate people who behaved in a boisterous manner like Levi.

Someone with a military police background like Russell would be well-liked by her.

Besides, how could a mere foundling gain a foothold in a wealthy family?

Meredith gave Levi a deep look before she left, obviously disappointed in him.

Robert let out a deep sigh before following suit, lamenting about how Zoey, given her status would marry such a husband.

"What the hell are you doing? You're challenging the authority of the old lady. She hates people who fool around like you the most!"

Bailey and Pamela glared daggers at Levi.

"You've ruined us! The old lady has finally accepted us because of Zoey, but you just had to provoke her again, didn't you?!"

cried

today if our son-in-law weren't

cry. We'll regain our dignity and make the old lady acknowledge us

supposed that's all

physically and

guests had arrived, apart from

personally greeted them at the door, with Levi and the

cars marked with the SWAT logo

down. He ran to the back, opened the car door,

the Special Security Unit; Hugo Gibson, the vice-captain; Frankie Wimmer, the

about seven to eight leaders

a dozen more leaders behind who were at the same level as Russell, all of whom held official positions such as

everyone forward, extending their blessings, “Mrs. Black, may you be blessed with longevity and  
and Meredith grinned from ear to ear, seeing the support

Quintus chuckled. “You really outdid yourself

Mrs. Black, I would like to commend Russell,” Perry said. “He has so much potential! I’ll make him vice-captain next year!

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Levi had heard of Jennie and Logan just now.

Jennie was the daughter of Xaiden, the eldest son of the Black family, and she was currently the deputy governor of New Alliance Bank in South City.

Her husband, Logan Zachs, was all the more powerful. His grandfather, who had now retired, once served on the front lines of South City.

His father was the deputy director of the Ministry of Economy and also served as a leader in the Ministry of Commerce.

Jennie and Abigail were both Meredith’s favorite granddaughters.

As expected, Jennie and Logan arrived shortly after, together with Logan’s grandfather, Graham, and his father, Felix.

Graham was also a big shot who was formerly the deputy leader at the South War Zone. He had many disciples but had since retired.

Felix was in the prime of his life, holding an important position.

Their attendance had greatly elevated the Black family’s social status.

“Happy birthday!”

their wishes one after

and Logan’s hands, smiling brightly with

Envy!

filled with

their son-in-law could set the Thames on fire just

son-in-law can never compare to that of

luck to have met such a son-in-law

how many people in South City have as many talents and skills as our grandson-in-law?” Meredith said proudly

others chimed in. "How many are there

Grandma. The sons-in-law of the Black family are all outstanding! I heard that there's a son-in-law from North Hampton. Isn't he

Logan was referring to Levi, Aaron and Caitlyn suddenly felt ashamed. They lowered their heads and pulled Levi aside, wanting

Uncle Aaron, why are you guys hiding? North Hampton's  
pointed

around retreated, revealing a large open space showing only  
once, all eyes

over a billion. How about now? I bet it's now worth

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"How intimidating! Can you give us an exact number regarding your net worth?"

"Yeah, tell us! Grandpa and Grandma will certainly be proud of you!"

Logan and Jennie laughed out instead of getting angry.

"Levi, don't!"

Zoey and her parents were so anxious that they almost covered Levi's mouth.

But Levi slowly raised a finger. "At least this much!"

"At least ten billion?" Logan asked.

"No." Levi shook his head.

"Could it be a hundred billion?"

Logan winced when he said that number.

Levi chuckled. "You're wrong. It's at least one trillion!"

"Pfft!"

"Hahaha..."

Everyone laughed themselves silly at Levi's words.

The reason everyone was quiet from was before was to see how far Levi could go with his big talk...

But who knew it was out of this world!

At least one trillion?!

on earth



a hundred times the Black

and father all

such a

Even the Ministry

The others laughed wildly.

speech and

for Meredith and Robert, their faces

was an insult

was blatantly challenging their

there be such a huge difference?"

said directly to Aaron and Caitlyn. "He should know what he should say and what he shouldn't say on such an

in fright and dared not raise

even

had never felt

had happened at the Lopez family, she had never

thirty years and now there was finally

in front of her relatives when she finally

end her life

It's Levi's fault!

It's all Levi's fault!

Aaron's fist clenched.

he would punch Levi in the face

is too f\*\*king

through and

gotten used to talking

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“Don’t you think you have done enough to embarrass the entire family in front of so many people?!” Bailey chided in disappointment.

Aaron and Caitlyn had no choice but to return to the villa.

“Don’t follow me!” Caitlyn shouted at Levi.

After arriving at the manor’s main hall, everyone was seated according to arrangements.

Aaron and his family were seated at the corner, far away from Meredith.

Only those who Meredith regarded as important could sit at the front.

“Honey, the gift presentation is up next. I’m sure Meredith will be happy to accept our gifts,” Aaron said.

Caitlyn wiped away her tears and waited silently.

When the guests had filled up the room, the host announced the start of the banquet and the ceremonies proceeded one after another.

“Now is the time for gift presentation!”

Everyone started presenting their gifts as soon as the host finished.

of a wide variety, but they

what the others had brought, Aaron and Caitlyn were filled

presented could be compared to what their

were far

sorts of gifts, Meredith

She will

Zoey to the front, waiting to present

see you’re well-prepared, Caitlyn,” said Xena, Caitlyn’s cousin who was queuing at the

and so were

Meredith would be upon receiving their gifts in just

calligraphy painting of an ancient notable artist worth seven hundred thousand—a five-hundred-year-old wild ginseng, and last but not least, a Jade Buddha Xena had sought from the holy mountain to bless Mrs. Black with good

room burst

was satisfied with

Jade Buddha especially was

flashed a smile at last, obviously

like your gifts very much!"

and Zoey

had prepared were

importantly, the former's gifts were several times more

## **Chapter 189**

Why is life so unfair to us?

Why does such misfortune always befall us?

Their gifts were exactly the same, but the price was twice as low as theirs! And they were queueing right behind them!

Even Zoey felt ashamed. She couldn't bear to stay there any longer.

Xena and Samson looked at Aaron's family helplessly.

They didn't expect that they had prepared similar gifts!

"What do you mean, thoughtful? Isn't that just a duplicate?"

"At least prepare similar gifts at the same price. Who are they trying to fool?"

"Aren't they looking down on Mrs. Black? Is Mrs. Black short of that few hundred thousand?"

"Are you kidding me?"

...

The crowd erupted in anger.

and her family had gifted, Meredith snorted angrily, "If you don't want to prepare gifts, just don't! Why do you

sighed. What

longed to

this

I shouldn't have come!

It's all Levi's fault!

Levi is powerful enough, we wouldn't have

billions, Mom would have been happy with just our presence

behind them was

casually presented

status, their presence

Meredith was thrilled.

of Legendary Luminous Pearls worth ten million! I had to travel to ten foreign cities in

crowd seethed

gifts from Aaron and his family before, it was an instant kill. The difference was like night

pair of Legendary Luminous Pearls so

a gift! Even if Logan's gift

the corner and dared

hope for the birthday banquet to end soon and leave South City as soon as

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"No way. Doesn't that mean he didn't prepare anything? Did he have to run away for that?"

"I know, right? I mean, even if he did prepare something, Mrs. Black wouldn't have liked it either."

Everyone sneered.

"Who said I didn't prepare a gift?" a voice as loud as thunder was heard.

Everyone turned to look in the direction of where the sound came from, only to see Levi standing at the doors, holding two black plastic bags in his hands with a cigarette in his mouth.

Meredith and Robert's faces scrunched up in disgust at Levi's frivolous appearance.

They hated it. And seeing the two black plastic bags in his hands that were obviously meant for grocery shopping, what good could come out of it?

"Hahaha, this is hilarious!"

"Could there be vegetables or steamed buns inside?"

...

Everyone laughed so hard that their stomach hurt when they saw those two plastic bags.

Using such a bag to pack his gifts on such an occasion was definitely an insult to the old lady!

doing, Levi? No one

to no good, Caitlyn and Aaron were about to dash forward

already

anything to add fuel to the

"Sit down!"

Meredith suddenly shouted.

and Aaron could only

what can he even put in that

Let him come. I want to see what

what this son-in-law has

burning

to

Black family's son-in-law who

went forward step by step,

the plastic bags, everyone was guessing what was

approaching, Perry and the others who were sitting at the front were petrified when

him when

looked at

who

just got a cramp

Meredith