Just as Levi was headed toward the North, his cell phone unexpectedly rang.

The sound broke the silence that lasted for two hours. All attention was now focused on Levi.

Levi looked at the screen and saw that the caller ID was "Honey".

Just when he was going to answer the call, he hesitated.

He struggled to make a decision...

Levi's veins bulged and he frowned as frustration surged from within him.

He took a deep breath and decided not to answer the call.

He knew that if he took the call, he would not be able to stick to his decision to leave.

Truth be told, it was a tough choice for him to choose between heading to the North or staying with his family.

However, now that the rampage of the Blood King Palace was even more horrifying than before, Levi had no choice but to settle in his role as a warrior from Erudia.

For the sake of Erudia, he must head toward the North.

One should prioritize the country before the family.

He decided that he must protect his country with all his might.

His family was less important compared to the safety and sovereignty of Erudia.

Levi held onto his phone tightly and crushed it forcefully.

"Mom, I'm sorry. I'm a useless son that is unable to protect you."

"Zoey, I'm sorry that I cannot take care of you anymore."

"My child, I'm sorry that I will not be there to witness your birth."

Levi held back his emotions and mumbled on his own.

Everything happened so suddenly that he could not make arrangements for the safety of Zoey and the others.

He could not find any person to help him in such a short span of time.

After all, the enemy was just too strong.

It was not something any ordinary people could handle.

The only plan that Levi had in mind now was to head toward the North, eradicate the Blood King Palace, and rush back as soon as possible.

He wanted to return in the shortest possible period of time.

"That's weird... Why is Levi not picking up his phone?" Zoey repeatedly dialed his number but to no avail.

Her heart sank and she had a bad feeling about this.

"What? He's not picking up his phone?" Emma then tried calling Levi on her phone.

"Sorry, the number you have dialed is unavailable," the robotic voice sounded from the phone.

"What does this mean?" Emma felt uneasy.

Zoey's face turned sour immediately.

Not only he didn't pick up the phone, but now he had his phone switched off?

This meant that Levi did it on purpose!

He's not picking up the phone...

This is bad.

What I feared the worst may have happened...

Meredith and the others repeatedly tried to contact Levi, but he was unreachable.

"I was right! Levi is scared off by the Garrison clan!" Meredith said in a cold voice.

"He must have run away... Didn't you all notice that he's gone right after Tyrone's warning? It has already been a few hours, and he's still nowhere to be found. I'm sure he has run away!" Logan scornfully remarked.

Everyone pondered about Logan's statement.

What he said is true.

Levi did disappear right after Tyrone's warning.

"Emma, didn't you say that you were proud that your son is a fine gentleman that will never run away? How about now? Now that he's gone you should give us an explanation!"

"That's right! For the past few months, he has always been by Zoey's side to the point where if the situation permits, he'll even want to follow her to the toilet! Now, it's been a few hours, he's nowhere to be seen and his phone is even switched off!"

Harry and Robert joined the conversation.

Unfortunately, their proposition indeed made sense.

Emma could not rebuke their allegations.

Her face turned pale and she started shivering uncontrollably.

She thought to herself, Son, please don't follow in Tyrone's footsteps and abandon your family.

"I tried searching for him but Levi has vanished without a trace!" Aaron was infuriated.

As soon as Aaron found out about Levi's disappearance, he immediately ordered his men to look for him.

However, Levi was nowhere to be found.

Abigail's parents even contacted the Rogers family to help locate Levi.

However, the Rogers family failed to discover any important clues about his location as well.

Besides, the Rogers family knew about Levi's identity.

"No one knows where Levi is?" the hard-hitting truth was unacceptable for Zoey.

She was trembling.

"That's impossible! Levi will not abandon me! He will never do that!" Zoey confidently asserted.

Emma gritted and assured, "That's right. I believe in my son, he will not leave us! I assume he must have something important to attend to right now!"

The two of them trusted Levi the most.

"Stop deluding yourself! The truth is right in front of you! Why isn't he answering the phone? Why did he switch off his phone? Why is he gone for such a long time? You should know better than anyone! Stop trying to make excuses!" Jennie yelled unemphatically.

Zoey and Emma exchanged glances and their frustration was evident.

Although they trusted Levi, the reality of their situation was cruel.

"Let me ask Iris! She should know where Levi is!" Zoey immediately thought of Iris.

"What? I'm not sure. Why? Is he gone?" Iris sounded surprised.

Zoey sighed in disappointment.

"Iris, I can't find Levi. He appears to have disappeared and refuses to pick up the phone. Please help me locate him." Zoey asked for her help.

Upon hearing Zoey's request, Iris acted immediately.

Ten minutes later, Iris called. "Zoey, I can't find him at all. And, I have some bad news for you..."

Zoey's heart sank.

Iris continued, "I tried contacting Neil and he is also unreachable. I made further investigations and found out that Levi's contact number has been deleted as well..."

Because Levi received an order of the highest level, it meant that it was also a top-secret mission.

As such, all information related to him must be erased.

Erasing the contact number was the basic protocol.

Upon hearing Iris' words, Zoey's grip on her phone loosened and it dropped onto the floor.

The news struck her like lightning.

She remembered Levi once mentioned that Neil was his best friend. They were inseparable.

Now that Neil was also unreachable like Levi...

It could only mean the rumor that Levi ran away must be true!

"You hear that, Zoey? Levi must have run away! I gotta say, he's quick on his feet! Even his own company was abandoned by him!"

"You're so confident that he will not abandon you, and yet, he did!"

"Also, Emma, what is wrong with your son? How could he abandon his family at such a critical time!"

Facing the countless criticism that was thrown their way, Zoey and Emma could only bow their heads in embarrassment.

They remained silent for they were unable to rebut them.

Unarguably, the truth was before them.

No words could mitigate the situation.

"Zoey, all I can say is that you've chosen the wrong partner. Frankly speaking, Levi is just like his father. It is unsurprising that he will abandon you," Aaron said.

Everyone came to a sudden realization.

That Levi was just a chip off the old block.

Just like how Tyrone had abandoned his family, it was no surprise that Levi would do the same.

Even Emma was unable to refute the statement.

Is it true that Levi is no different from Tyrone?

"No, I refuse to believe this! I'm going to look for him! I know a place, he should be there..." Zoey stood up.

As expected, Levi was not in South Hampton as well.

It didn't take long before Zoey and her group arrived at the South City.
They raced toward the Warzone compound.
Although the place was run-down, Zoey knew that this place was Levi's base camp.
Levi's secrets were hidden here.
His best friends all lived here before.
However, when Zoey and the group arrived, there was not a single person in the Warzone compound.
Even the dogs that used to run around the place were gone.
Based on the settled dust and cobwebs, the place had been unoccupied for a long time.
Zoey could only stare blankly at the sight before her, feeling lost and helpless.
Levi's not here
Zoey could not imagine where would he be.
Just then, Emma received news from South Hampton.

This proved that Levi had indeed disappeared.

Zoey's vision went dark and she collapsed onto the floor.

"Zoey!" everyone rushed to her side.

When Zoey woke up, she was already on a hospital bed.

"Zoey, hang in there. Please take care of yourself!" Emma held onto her hands and sobbed.

"Stop faking it! You're just like your son! Leave my sweetie alone!" Caitlyn raged and tried to separate them.

"Mom, stop it! You can't blame it on her! She has nothing to do with this." Zoey tried to mediate the rising tension.

"This is all Levi's fault! He's an animal! Not only did he abandoned Zoey, but he also left his own mother!" Meredith fumed.

Levi's sudden disappearance stirred up intense turmoil between the Lopez and Black families.

His disappearance coincided with the timing when Tyrone made the threat.

All circumstances suggested the irresistible conclusion that Levi was scared away by the Garrison clan.

"He's a coward! A hypocrite! How could he call himself a man!"

"Does Levi not feel any shame? He abandoned his own mother, wife, and unborn child! What an animal!"

"I'm ashamed to even know him! He's not worthy to be a man, a husband nor a father!"

Logan and the others condemned Levi relentlessly.

Sylas tried to defend Levi, "He must be away because of some urgent matters, he'll definitely be back!"

She knew Levi's actual identity and guessed that he was probably summoned to handle some urgent matters.

At that, Zoey's eyes showed signs of hope. "She's right, that must be it! I believe he will not abandon me!"

"Zoey, why are you so stubborn? He even deleted his contact number..."

"He's never coming back! Back then, he was capable enough to solve his problems. However, it's different this time. The Garrison clan wants him dead, he can only run away!"

Meredith and the others tried to dash Zoey's hope.

Nonetheless, Zoey was adamant. "No, I don't care what all of you are saying. My gut tells me that Levi will return very soon! I believe in him, he will not abandon me!"

"Return? That's impossible! If he wants to return, he wouldn't have left quietly nor delete his contact number!"

Zoey smiled. "Mom, Dad, dare to make a bet with me then?"

"What are we betting on?" Aaron asked.

"We'll bet if Levi will return within one month's time. If he does return, all of you must apologize to him!" Zoey proposed confidently.

"Alright!" Aaron agreed.

"If he doesn't return, I will believe that he abandoned me!" Zoey placed the bet based on her trust in Levi.

"Fine. We'll find out in one month's time then! I'm sure that a month's time is more than enough for Levi to finish whatever he's doing." Aaron agreed to her daughter's proposition readily.

We're winning this bet.

Everyone knew that Levi would not be coming back.

However, Zoey trusted Levi too much.

She was hopeful and optimistic.

By giving Levi a month, it served as a form of solace for her and also represented her trust toward him.

"Alright, it's settled then. If Levi doesn't return in a month, I will send you overseas to give birth to the baby, and no one can stop me." Meredith was excited.

Zoey nodded, "Fine. If he doesn't return in a month, I will travel overseas. If that happens, I will need to trouble Logan to make the necessary arrangements."

"Don't worry about it. One word from me and it's settled." Aaron hesitated for a moment before he said, "Zoey, you must ponder on the issue regarding the child's family name. The Garrison clan clearly prohibits the child from bearing their family name! If you insist, it might entail serious consequences! I suggest that the child bear your own family name."

Zoey nodded again. "All right. If Levi doesn't return in a month, the child will bear my family name."

Now, everything was dependent on the outcome in a month's time.

Emma started to tear up. "Son, what are you doing? Please return quickly! If you don't, your child would bear the family name of Lopez."

Nevertheless, the situation wasn't all bad after Levi's disappearance.

For instance, the final decision-making power in Morris Group was now passed to Zoey.

Aside from that, the top hundred prominent families in North Hampton declared that they would protect Zoey at all costs and would be at her command.

This was comforting to Zoey.

Her confidence started to build and she was looking forward to the end of the month.

She was certain that Levi would return.

Meanwhile, Levi arrived at North Base One.

He had already fought hand to hand with the Blood King Palace.

The Blood King Palace was indeed stronger than three years before.

The moment Levi was transferred away from North Hampton, Zoey and Emma instantly fell under the watchful gazes of those abroad.

On an island abroad, a group of people with different colored skin were having a meeting.

Presiding over the meeting was Tenichi, the military strategist from Raysonia.

Even though Levi was transferred away, they dared not act rashly.

They must be sure that Levi truly left North Hampton.

Moments ago, they received news that Levi arrived at North Base One and battled with the Blood King Palace.

Even so, they did not act immediately upon receiving the news.

In order for them to act, they would need to have a meeting and sufficient intelligence must be gathered first.

"Mr. Watanabe, I suggest we act immediately and send people to Erudia to capture her." Someone from the group proposed.

They were all impatient.

Tenichi shook his head. "No, my intelligence suggests that there are elite warriors protecting her. There might even be traps waiting to ambush us! Even if we successfully capture her, the loss is simply too great."

The others replied swiftly, "If that's the case, what should we do? The God of War has already been transferred away. It's a golden opportunity that we must not lose."

"No. I received news that in a month's time, Zoey will leave Erudia to give birth to her child! Once the time comes..." Tenichi trailed off and smirked maliciously.

"Is that true? We might not be able to touch her in Erudia, but once she leaves, that just means that we can do whatever we want then!" Another person exclaimed.

Everyone had excited grins on their faces.

"Alright. Make the necessary preparations! By the time Zoey leaves Erudia, we'll act immediately!" Tenichi had everything planned out perfectly.

Zoey and the others were unaware of the perilous danger that was steadily advancing toward them.

The threat was not posed by the Garrison clan, but rather, it was forces located abroad.

Logan thought that he had a lot of connections abroad.

However, he was oblivious to the fact that his every move was being manipulated by many.

Zoey never imagined that everything would change drastically one month later.

But for now, she was safe.

Percy and many other warriors were secretly protecting her. They were willing to devote their lives to protect her.

The Amethyst Guards were available as well. Therefore, Zoey's safety was well protected.

Nonetheless, Percy was afraid of any sort of infiltration by strong enemies.

Since the order that summoned Levi was of the highest level, this meant that everything must be kept a secret.

Percy didn't dare to disclose anything.

He could only stay strong and take it upon himself to protect Zoey.

It didn't take long before the news regarding Levi's disappearance reached the Garrison Clan.

"What? We were right? Levi ran away?" Damien and Tyrone could not believe it.

They didn't really mean it when they first said it. As such, Levi's disappearance was completely unexpected.

"That's correct! Levi ran away! Even his contact number has been deleted!" Damien and Tyrone received confirmation.

Tyrone laughed and said, "This is Emma's son? What a coward! A wimp! I can't believe he wants to be my child! Dream on!"

Damien sighed, "I thought that he's a principled person that will face any challenge. Who knew he turned out to be a coward that ran away simply because of a warning from you, father."

"He's unworthy to be part of the Garrison clan! What an embarrassment! The fact that he bears the same family name has brought shame upon the Garrison clan! I can't believe he really ran away!" Tyrone ridiculed.

They had always thought highly of themselves. The series of aggressive acts and retaliation from Levi was deemed as a futile struggle in their mind.

Now that Levi had run away because of a simple threat, the disdain they felt for him intensified.

"And he had the audacity to challenge me and the Garrison clan? Even saying that he wants us to regret what we did? Hah! What a laughing stock!" Tyrone continued his contemptuous remark before changing the topic. "Damien, find out where is Levi."

"Of course, rest assured I will locate him. Does he think that he can just run away like that? Such wishful thinking! I'll make sure he's shamed and laughed at by the whole of Erudia!" Damien sneered coldly.

As the day passed, Levi was still nowhere to be seen.

It was as if he had vanished into thin air.

There were no trails left behind at all.

All this while, Iris together with the Lopez and Black families had been looking for Levi.

However, their efforts were in vain.

It wasn't just them who couldn't find Levi, however, as even Damien could not find the slightest trace of Levi's whereabouts.

Unbeknownst to them, it was actually impossible for them to find any information regarding Levi. After all, he was on a special mission with the highest level of confidentiality.

"I don't understand how, but Levi's completely untraceable. I've tried my best but so far there's nothing!" Damien was bewildered.

"Anyway, it seemed that Levi is really gone! What a joke!" Damien burst out laughing.

He recalled the brave and valorous statement made by Levi and Emma in their previous encounter.

Now it seemed that those were simply empty threats that served no purpose other than comedic value.

In the end, Levi ran away with his tail between his leg...

In a blink of an eye, Levi's disappearance approached the one-month mark.

it was the last day before the time was up.

Zoey was dejected but she still had a tiny ounce of hope.

She was still waiting for her hero to appear.

The whole month, she had been waiting for him.

"Zoey, give up. He's not coming back."

The sky turned dark and Levi never showed up.

Zoey was heartbroken as her hopes and expectations were shattered.