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Both Jerry and Edwin glanced at Levi contemptuously.

They were curious to find out what kind of nonsense he was about to make up.

"[..."

Levi began to hesitate.

"Go on! You're not going to say you were busy protecting the country, are you?"

"Well, that's possible. Someone like him could come up with anything!"

Levi gazed at Zoey. "Yes, I was indeed protecting the country. I really had no choice. It was a top-secret operation, so I couldn't tell you about it."

But right after he finished speaking, the few of them glared at him with fury.

"Did you hear that, Zoey? He's full of sh\*t! To think he has the balls to say he was protecting the nation!"

Edwin was livid.

He had always been hot-tempered, and everyone in Oakland City feared his existence as though he was Hades.

Most importantly, he despised people like Levi most.

Even Zoey was skeptical with what he said.

"I said I want an explanation. I didn't ask you to manipulate me with your lousy excuses!"

Zoey spoke hoarsely with tears brimming in her eyes.

"Forget it, Zoey," Edwin scoffed. "We don't need to hear his explanation. He has nothing to do with you and Evie anymore."

"Nothing to do with them? What the hell do you mean by that? The child is mine!"

Levi began to get worked up.

"The child's name is Forlevia Lopez, do you understand?" shouted Edwin. "Zoey's forgotten all about you. She thinks you're dead! Where were you while she was in labor? Have you performed a single duty as a father? What the hell are you doing here now?"

"How dare you come back, Levi Garrison? I'll kill you, you b\*stard!"

A furious voice came from the entrance. Both the Lopez and Black families had arrived.

Meredith attempted to strike Levi with her walking stick.

"No, Grandma!"

Zoey frantically stopped her.

"I have no words for you, Levi Garrison. How dare you show yourself and bother Zoey?"

Aaron and Caitlyn were beyond exasperated.

"Zoey is now the Queen of the Corporate World. She's also the goddaughter of Mr. Dale Lehman, the head of Erudia's third-ranked ancient family. She's way out of your league!"

"And you're coming back to your wife and daughter only now? How shameless can you be? Get out of here!" "Take a look at yourself! You look like a refugee. Do you actually think you're cut out for Zoey?"

Harry and the others proceeded to humiliate Levi.

Zoey did nothing to stop them.

Levi's past actions had indeed crossed the line.

Hence, she felt everyone had a point.

"Give me the baby."

Zoey snatched Forlevia from Levi.

"I'm telling you, Levi, Mr. Dale Lehman has arranged for Zoey to marry Jerry Gott, the third on the Heir Leaderboard. You're out of luck now," Meredith remarked with a smirk.

"Dear elders, I have but one request—I'd like Evie to bear my last name," Jerry pleaded sincerely.

"Okay, we'll take care of this. Once Zoey marries you, Evie will have her last name changed to Gott."

"Yup, we'll do just that!"

Aaron, Caitlyn, and the other members of the family immediately agreed.

Right in front of Levi, they made plans to change the child's last name.

Anyway, the child was never a Garrison to begin with.

Everyone began discussing among themselves, disregarding Levi.

"Did you even ask for my opinion before deciding on that?" he demanded.

"Huh? Your opinion? What does this have to do with you?"

"Evie's real father is long dead. Who the hell are you? Why would we need your opinion?"

"Get the he\*l out of here!"

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Levi's face was cold as he articulated each word clearly, "Don't force me!"

He exuded a murderous aura as he spoke.

The people around him felt as though there was a heavyweight pressed on their chests, making it difficult to breathe.

Meredith became furious upon seeing Levi acting like a wild beast. "What? Are you gonna hit me?"

Everyone could feel his intense desire to kill someone, and both Jerry and Edwin fell into a daze that instant.

The man standing before them gave off a vibe of a powerful master.

But that's not possible!

We knew everything about him. There's no way he could be a master.

A flash of killing intent flashed through Levi's eyes as he growled, "I'll kill whoever that changes my child's last name! Just know that I don't make frivolous remarks!"

"How dare you? I will change Evie's surname whether you like it or not. She'll be called Forlevia Gott from now on! There, I said it!" Edwin roared, obviously enraged by Levi's words.

"Mr. Lehman, you're Zoey's godbrother. You definitely have the right to change the child's surname!" Meredith and the others said in an unctuous manner.

"Are you going to kill me?" he provoked as he gave Levi a push.

Meanwhile, Meredith and the others were happy the see the situation unfold.

They knew that Edwin was hot-tempered, and he was capable of terrifying things, so death would be Levi's only outcome for provoking him.

Once they had gotten rid of him, Zoey would definitely give up completely.

"You're asking for it!"

At that moment, Levi's fury was obvious, and he was about to murder someone soon.

He had been living his life in a violent world for a whole year, so he would easily give in to his murderous intent was very irritable.

To put it simply – Levi was just like a gunpowder keg that was highly flammable.

This is outrageous! Who does he think he is - trying to change my daughter's surname?

Right then, Edwin slowly advanced towards him and sneered, "Come on. Didn't you say that you're going to kill me? Make a move, then."

"Die!" the latter roared.

As he said this, a violent, domineering aura filled the space. How he wished he could kill Edwin on the spot.

At the same moment, a pang of terror washed over Edwin.

Looking at Levi's face, Edwin felt as though he would actually be killed soon. Hence, his expression changed drastically.

"Levi Garrison!!" a voice suddenly screamed at the most critical moment.

Emma rushed over and blocked Levi's way. Then, she gave him a slap across his face. "You unfilial son! How dare you come back? What are you doing? Have you gone crazy?"

The latter's face darkened, but he put on a strong front as he looked at his mother.

He didn't blame anyone.

Just like many other soldiers, many things were out of their control. Their family and friends couldn't understand them.

However, some things were secrets that couldn't be told to anybody, and because of that, their hands were tied.

"Why did you come back? Zoey had already forgotten about you. She's going to get married to someone else and is about to live a happy life. Are you here to ruin their relationship?" Emma scolded angrily.

In truth, she wasn't trying to criticize Levi but was actually protecting him.

If he had actually made a move earlier, Edwin would've killed him.

That was why she was putting on an act to protect her son.

When Emma slapped him earlier, it may have hurt him physically, but it also hurt her heart to do so.

"Unless I die, I will never let anybody change my daughter's surname!" Levi insisted.

"Alright then. Let me ask you this, where were you when Evie was born? Where were you when Zoey stood before the Garrison family's doors, fulfilling her promise? Ask yourself this, do you really have the right to be their husband and father?" Emma asked.

At the same time, Zoey was crying profusely when she said, "You didn't even give me an explanation!"

"Follow me back to the Garrison family in Oakland City, Zoey. I'll give you an explanation!" Coldness shone in Levi's eyes as he spoke.

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He couldn't let the matter with the Garrison family from Oakland City off so easily. Besides, he wanted to give Zoey an explanation and clear his mother's name too.

Three of these things could be resolved together.

However, everyone was shocked by his words.

Back to Oakland City?

To the Garrison family?

Is this fella crazy?

The Garrison family finally forgot about this, yet he seems so eager to get himself killed.

That's Erudia's most powerful ancient family!

Even Dale Lehman has to show them respect!

Zoey glanced at Levi with a puzzled look on her face. "You... Why would you want to go to the Garrison family? Weren't you supposed to give me an explanation? What does this have to do with them?"

"Zoey, please just give me another chance. If I can't give you a perfect explanation, I'll leave on my own," he said while looking at her in anticipation. "Who do you think you are? Another chance? Are you even worthy of it?" People from the Lopez and Black families began grumbling upon hearing what he had said.

Levi hasn't made any progress at all. It's always the same things coming from him.

Yet he still has the audacity to ask for another chance in a situation like this?

Just then, a glint flashed through Emma's eyes as an idea popped into her head. She was afraid that Levi would act on impulse and do something stupid.

Hence, she spoke up, "No! Zoey, you can't give him any more chances. What he did this time is unforgivable."

Emma was actually being so insistent because she wanted to protect her son.

Then Edwin said while looking at Zoey, "Your father arranged this wedding, Zoey. If you give him a chance, your father will definitely be upset."

"I-" she stuttered as she was in a dilemma.

At that moment, Jerry shouted, "I, Jerry Gott, have always been a passive person. I acted impulsively earlier. However, I want to give my blessings. So why don't we just go to Oakland City and see what he has to say for himself? After all, destroying someone's marriage is a sin."

Everyone's eyes lit up when they heard what Jerry had said.

What a gentleman.

Mr. Lehman definitely picked the right person.

"Well, since Jerry said it himself, we'll do what you asked for. We'll head to Oakland City and see for ourselves just what kind of explanation you'll be giving Zoey," Edwin replied.

All of them stopped with the arguments after that.

"Although, I have one condition. Before you've given us the explanation, you are not allowed to see Zoey and your daughter," Aaron immediately added. "All of you don't have to worry. I'll be bringing Zoey and the kid to the Lehman residence. No matter how powerful he is, he wouldn't be able to get in."

After that, Levi left with Emma while Zoey and the others headed to Oakland City.

"What are you doing? The Garrison family isn't pursuing the matter, yet you're going to them on your own?"

Emma was so anxious even her tone had changed.

However, Levi smiled and replied, "Mom, I'm not the only one that has to go. You have to as well! Did you forget your dream already?"

"Uh..."

That dream of mine is just wishful thinking.

It will never come true.

Especially when my son went missing for half a year. Besides, I have nothing. How in the world could I ever fulfill my dream?

"I'll make your dream come true this time, Mom. You should get ready, and then we'll head to Oakland City."

This time, he would finally make a move against the Garrison family.

"Oh, alright then! It's now or never!"

Emma decided then and there that she would die with her son.

Then, Levi gathered Azure Dragon and the others.

"Azure Dragon, we're about to head to Oakland City soon. Are you ready?" he asked.

He needed to settle his own matters as well as Azure Dragon's while at Oakland City.

The latter stayed silent for a moment before answering, "Yes! Here I come, Stuart family!"

His eyes burned with fury at the thought of Curtis and the fiancée who betrayed him.

He had held it in for so many years, waiting for the day he was strong enough. Now, the day had finally come.

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Zoey and the rest arrived at Oakland City first, and they stayed at the Lehman residence in the meantime.

They saw an authoritative old man sitting in there the moment they entered.

Though he was seated, his aura was so intimidating and heavy that everyone found it difficult to breathe.

It's Dale Lehman!

The head of the third ancient family in Erudia.

In the eyes of an ordinary person, he was just like a god.

"What? That b\*stard is back?" Dale spat.

As a blunt and righteous person, he liked Zoey's personality. At the same time, he was disgusted by Levi for abandoning his wife and daughter.

"Yes! He even tried to ruin the engagement you planned and take his daughter away," Edwin said.

Dale glared at him and asked, "Where did that temper of yours go? Shouldn't you have broken his legs for doing so?"

The latter hung his head. "Father, I was going to cripple him, but Jerry said that we should see just what kind of explanation he would give Zoey. Jerry's a gentleman after all, and he wanted to give his blessings."

Hearing that, Dale sneered, "Hmmph! What kind of explanation could a shameless person like him give? He's just like his father. They would do anything just to get what they want. The excuses they give are just too much! Besides, so what if he'd given her an explanation? Is he worthy enough for my daughter? Based on his identity and his background, do you really think he's worthy?"

He then changed the topic, "Unless he becomes the young master of the Garrison clan, I will not accept him! He needs to show me that he's capable if he really wants his wife and daughter back. I will never accept it if I'm not satisfied."

Zoey knew that it was bad when she saw that her godfather's face was black with rage.

Yet, she didn't have the guts to go against what he said.

After all, he was a person of virtue and prestige. Everything he did was for her sake.

"I heard that he wants to go to the Garrison residence?" Dale asked.

"Yes. Apparently, he wants to go there to give Zoey an explanation. Although, I don't know what it is."

"Alright, then. We'll wait and see just what exactly he'd do," Dale said furiously.

Meanwhile, Levi and his group arrived at Oakland City.

It was his first time here.

Well, technically, he had received awards countless times, but he rejected it every time.

I am here, and I'm here to conquer.

Azure Dragon seemed like a completely different person the moment he stepped foot into Oakland City.

He clenched his fists tightly.

I'm back!

I'm here to take back what belongs to me.

Curtis, Eldora and Grandpa. Are you guys ready?

"Boss, are we heading to the Garrison residence straight away?" Kirin asked.

"No, we'll need to help Azure Dragon take care of his matter first. I'll deal with mine a little later."

Levi was always like that, putting others before himself.

"Alright. Thanks, boss!"

Tears of joy escaped Azure Dragon's eyes as he had been waiting for this moment for so long.

It didn't take long before the news regarding Levi's return reached the Garrison family.

"What? He actually resurfaced?" Tyrone asked in shock.

He thought that Levi would stay hidden for the rest of his life and would never show his face anymore.

"Not only has he resurfaced, but he also even plans to come to us!" Damien replied.

"Does he have a death wish?" Tyrone's eyes were ice-cold as he spoke.

"I don't know. But based on the news I heard, Levi looked miserable, as if he was a refugee. I even heard that he coughed up blood after someone pushed him," the latter said.

"He's probably going to prove something to Zoey by coming here – probably to prove that he wasn't going to back down."

Tyrone snorted, "Hah! Using the Garrison family to prove himself? How naïve of him. Okay, then. Since he's in Oakland City, we'll make sure he can never leave!"

He became murderous upon the thought.

I'll never spare Levi this time!

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A lot of people found out that Levi had resurfaced and planned to head to Oakland City.

As for Tiffany, she was absolutely delighted when she found out.

Martin, on the other hand, was extremely excited upon hearing the news.

His reputation had been ruined in just a year, and his place on the Heir Leaderboard fell from second place to seventeenth place.

Everyone within Oakland City humiliated him for being unable to handle Levi.

Martin had suffered through all the insults and criticism the whole time.

Gradually, he became reticent and tended to shut himself off from the world.

Even the Preston family thought that he had gone insane.

With that, Martin scoffed and said, "Now that he's here, all of you would finally understand."

He looked forward to seeing Levi stir up chaos in Oakland City so that the arrogant and impudent people would finally understand that there was always someone stronger.

On the contrary, all the other prominent families were waiting for Levi to make a fool out of himself when they heard he was about to head to Oakland City.

After all, he was already the biggest disgrace last year.

The name Levi Garrison had become an adjective to describe men – men who were pathetic and irresponsible.

In the meantime, the so-called pathetic man was leading his group of people when they ran into four people in masks.

The masks made them look cold and terrifying, each of them giving of murderous auras.

It was Asura and his three disciples – Zar, Bolgun, and Talon.

"Winsor!" Levi called out with a smile.

"Not bad. You were great."

Even though Winsor spoke only a few words, he was actually praising Levi's contribution to eliminating the Blood King Palace.

"Thank you so much for taking care of my mother and my wife. I owe you a favor now," the former said while taking a deep bow.

If it weren't for him, Zoey and the others would've been in great danger.

The least I can do is bow to him.

Winsor stared at him before nodding. "Indeed, you do owe me a favor. You can return it now."

The rest of them were rendered speechless.

They had never expected Winsor to be so direct.

Levi froze for a moment before answering, "How should I return the favor?"

"Accept my challenge!" Winsor said with determination.

All these years, he had been displeased with the former.

Levi isn't even as strong as I am. I should've been named the God of War, not him!

He had challenged the latter dozens of times, but the latter didn't care much for rankings and would reject him every time.

It made no difference even if I were to hold a knife against his neck. He'd still reject the challenge.

That was why Winsor never had the chance to prove that he was stronger than Levi.

Now, his opportunity was finally here.

"Actually, if you want my position, I can definitely let you have it. I owe you such a huge favor after all." Levi told him.

"No! Let me have it? Are you looking down on me? I'll get it with my own capabilities. I don't need you to let me have it!"

Levi's words sent him into a rage.

The former then pursed his lips and said, "No, you misunderstood me. The favor I owe you is just too huge. I feel like I wouldn't be able to repay it fully even if I accepted your challenge."

"I don't need you to return the favor. I just want you to accept the challenge and let us fight," Winsor replied coldly.

At that moment, Azure Dragon, Zar, and the rest grew anxious as they watched the scene unfold.

They wanted to know for themselves who was stronger too.

Everyone had their own opinions and thought that both of them were basically on the same level, so all of them were curious to see who was actually the stronger one.

Left without a choice, Levi took a deep breath before agreeing, "Okay. I accept your challenge."

"Great. If you lose, you have to give me your title. If I lose, I'll follow your orders for the rest of my life," Winsor said as a wicked gleam flashed through his eyes.