Logan sighed and said, "Grandma, during this period of time, my father, grandfather, and I have used all the connections we can find and asked them to persuade the Caesar family to let the matter go. However, they are unyielding in their stand, and it didn't matter who went.

They are determined to deal with the Black family! Russell's slap had made Richard very angry, and he vowed to use all the resources of the Caesar family to deal with us!" Logan explained.

"What?"

"The Black family will then cease to exist!"

Everyone in the Black family panicked.

"Grandma, there is no other solution. The Caesar Family has set their hearts to be ruthless this time! Their target is not only the Black Family but the entire South City!" Logan pointed out the facts.

The Black family was just a sacrifice.

"I can't accept this!" Meredith cried out, on the verge of tears.

"Grandma, there is only one way now..." Logan said.

"What is it?" Everyone in the Black family looked over to him.

"Surrender to the Caesar family and give up everything to them!" Logan then glanced at them and whispered, "In addition to that, hand over Russell, Levi, and Zoey to them!"

"Only by compromising in this way will the Caesar family let us go! Otherwise, we will end up exterminated!" Logan's proposal resonated among the members of the Black family.

Bailey and the others agreed one after another, "Yes, that's right. Where there's life, there's hope. We can always rise again!"

Meredith and Robert exchanged glances, and they said helplessly, "Well, it can only be so."

"Grandpa, Grandma, don't be stressed out! First of all, Russell is just an adopted son. Secondly, Aunt Caitlyn's family was already expelled from the Black family. So, these people are not essential. It's okay to give them up." Logan said.

Everyone looked at each other.

What he said was true.

They were not the direct bloodline of the Black family.

Hence, it would make more sense to give these people up to preserve the Black family's direct lineage.

"Okay, let's do it!" Meredith gritted her teeth and decided.

Although Zoey and her family were a distance away from them and could not hear what everyone was discussing, they were all smart enough to understand what was going on.

"Looks like Grandpa and Grandma are going to abandon us..." Zoey said.

Caitlyn was already sobbing uncontrollably, and Aaron was visibly stressed.

Zoey understood through this incident that the Black family still didn't accept them.

At that moment, all she could feel were grievances and grief.

Darling, where are you?

Zoey missed Levi very much.

Later on, a few days passed by quickly.

Yet, Levi still did not appear.

In a blink of an eye, the day where the Black family and the Caesar family were due for a battle had finally arrived.

"Haha, are you still waiting foolishly? He already ran away!" Logan sneered.

Zoey stubbornly shook her head, "No! My husband will show up!"

Caitlyn and Aaron roared with anger, "You still believe him at this time? It's over for us! Why don't you ask him to show up now?"

"I..." Zoey muttered under her breath worriedly.

Where's Levi?

"The biggest regret in my life is marrying my daughter to this scumbag!" Aaron shouted and threw a fist at the wall violently.

Caitlyn added helplessly, "Me too! The worst thing that happened in my life was meeting Levi."

In their opinion, this incident happened all because of Levi.

On the other hand, both Abigail and Russell said in unison, "Don't worry. He will show up!"

Soon afterward, there was a noise outside the Black family's manor.

The Caesar family was here...

It was a shocking scene outside the manor.
The guards of the Black family were so scared that they almost knelt on the ground.
Cars arrived one after another.
Soon after that, more than two hundred black sedans surrounded the entire manor.
Clack!
Clack!
Clack!
The doors of the cars opened one by one, and burly men dressed in white alighted from them.
Everyone had the word "Caesar" embroidered in front of their chests on their white clothes.
The men stood neatly in formation around the manor, completely locking down the area.
The Caesar family was serious about this.
They even dispatched their family's skilled experts!

There must be at least seven to eight hundred skilled experts present!

This was the consequence for whoever dared to provoke Richard or slap him.

There were several cars surrounding a Lincoln limousine.

The door of the Lincoln opened, and Richard Caesar alighted from the car.

He glanced at the Black family's manor and sneered, "I shall see how the Black family escapes from my clutches!"

Beside him, Thomas Caesar, the top expert in charge of the Caesar family's security, sneered and said, "Master, today, our eight hundred men will flatten the Black family and take down South City!"

Hearing his words, the Caesar family's eight hundred white-robed men shouted together, "Today, eight hundred men of the Caesar family will flatten this place!"

The impact of the sound and the great momentum sounded like thunder in the sky, terrifying everyone in the manor.

"Gosh, how many of them are here?"

Meredith and Robert hugged each other as they and the rest of the Black family trembled in fear.

"This is bad! We're all surrounded!"

Right at that moment, their guard ran in in a panic, staggering to the ground in fright.

"Yes, they are everywhere! They are dressed in white clothes with the word "Caesar" written on them. The guards outside said that there were at least eight hundred of them. They have surrounded us!"

Having heard that, the color drained out of Meredith's face. We're doomed. The Caesar family is too terrifying. They were serious about this! "What should we do?" Robert panicked. "Is Logan not here yet?" Meredith asked. At that moment, Logan became her only support. "I can't reach him. I called Jennie too, but she didn't pick up either." Keane and Quintus replied. Meredith just clenched her fists and said, "I'm afraid that Logan's method will not work now. The Caesar family has prepared too large of a scale for the battle!" "It seems that Logan won't be coming. We can solve it ourselves." Although they were currently in a bad situation. Russell looked relaxed as he said that. Everyone couldn't refute Russell's words. They knew very well that Logan had run away since he surely wouldn't let the Zachs family be implicated. "It's only right for Logan to protect himself and not come. After all, he contributed much to the Black family!" Meredith said, then she looked at Zoey and her parents with a sneer and added, "What about her husband, Levi? He caused the trouble, yet he ran away and couldn't be contacted..." When Abigail and Russell heard that, they really wanted to curse.

However, Meredith was their grandmother, so they could do nothing about their frustration over her words.

Meredith glanced at Robert and said softly, "You may lose a lot today, so please be mentally prepared!"

"I am! I just hope the young ones will be safe!" Robert looked at Quintus and the rest with a conflicted expression.

He was ready to sacrifice himself.

Boom!

Right at that moment, the door of the Black family's manor was blasted open with a kick, and it fell to the ground with a loud thud.

The Caesar family launched their first attack by sending eight hundred men from their White Army.

They swarmed and completely overwhelmed the few dozen guards from the Black family as they continued their onslaught.

After that, they quickly arrived at the main hall and surrounded it completely.

At that moment, the Black family was scared out of their wits by the sudden incursion.

This never happened before!

Even Meredith and Robert gaped in shock as it was a sight that could only be seen in the military.

Only then, Zoey and her family came to realize how powerful the Caesar family was when they saw the formidable regiment.

No wonder they all say that they are unmatched in Quebec!

They really are the most powerful family in South Hampton!

To think Levi got himself into so much trouble!

Zoey gaped in shock while Caitlyn was on the verge of tears.

"Levi, you good-for-nothing scoundrel! You got all of us in trouble, but you ran away first! I will skin you alive!" Caitlyn yelled.

Aaron took a deep breath and deduced, "He must've escaped because he saw how powerful the Caesar family is!"

Very quickly, the Black family was forced to a corner as they awaited the Caesar family's punishment.

Thump! Thump!

The chaotic sound of footsteps boomed through the entire room, and everyone knew that signified the arrival of the head of the family.

The White Army automatically made way for a group of people, and the person leading the posse was Richard.

A few dozen men, including Timothy, followed behind him, and they were the Caesar family's experts in combat.

The moment he stepped into the room, he started to look for Levi, and he breathed a sigh of relief when he realized Levi wasn't there.

Our intelligence is reliable – Levi really did run away.

Now that he's gone, nothing can scare me anymore!

As long as the powerful people in the South City don't interfere in this, we, the Caesars, can do as we please.

After all, who can even match us in strength?

Definitely not the puny Black family!

Richard walked to the middle of the room and scoffed, "What happened? Didn't you ask for reinforcements? Don't tell me that the Black family didn't even try to find a single ally? How dare you disrespect the Caesar family like this?"

The Black family was petrified when they heard that.

"You must be mistaken! We have a lot of respect for your family!"

Meredith and Robert almost kneeled down.

"Hmph. If that's so, why did one of your youngins slap me?"

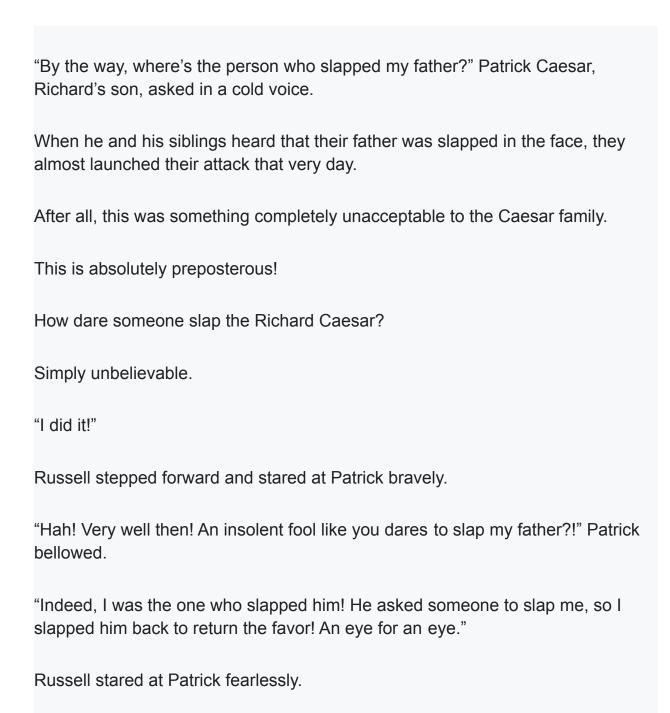
Ignoring Meredith and Robert's pleas, he chuckled. "Since you challenged us to battle, don't blame us if we go all out! Let me introduce my companions to you. These four are former Navies; these three are commanders from the army; these seven are some of the best from King Cobra Assassin Organization. Besides that, these ten are bodyguards that we hired from all over the globe, and they all served under the rulers of their country before. Meanwhile, this is Black Panther from South Hampton's underworld. We also alerted all our allies about this war. If for some reason we cannot handle this ourselves, we can summon the powerful figures in South Hampton with just one call! Don't blame us for going full force. After all, you started it first!"

The Black family gaped in shock when they heard Richard listing out all his connections.

How do we even stand a chance against them?

I bet even the most powerful families in the South City aren't their match as well!

Even if the eight hundred members of the White Army weren't involved, the few dozen experts around Richard could plow through us with no trouble!



Russell's words enraged the entire Caesar family as the eight hundred White

Army soldiers glared at him menacingly.

This was a matter of honor, so slapping Richard was akin to showing the Caesar family the utmost disrespect.

They definitely wouldn't take that lying down.

All they needed was a command for them to rip Russell into pieces.

This time, Russell really messed up by stepping over the Caesar family's bottom line.

Patrick laughed maniacally. "I heard that the Black family's younger generation are all boastful little brats, and I got to see that for myself today! By the way, where's that girl, Abigail? Who does she think she is to reject my son?"

He bragged before that no lady in Quebec would ever reject his son's advances, so imagine the irony he felt when Abigail rejected Timothy!

That was why the entire Caesar family was curious to see how Abigail was like.

Upon hearing that, the Black family panicked.

It's fine if Russell gets into trouble, but Abigail mustn't get involved in all this!

After all, she's a direct descendant of the Black family!

Despite their concerns, Abigail stepped towards Patrick fearlessly and smiled. "I'm Abigail. I'm sorry, but I'm really not interested in your son!"

Patrick scrutinized her before saying, "Not bad! However, you're not worthy of my son. Brilliant ladies are hard to find, but pretty ladies are littered all over the city. My son can get a pretty lady any time he wants, so of course, there's no way you're fit for him!"

"That's right! Does she even look in the mirror? How dare she reject him?"

"Apart from her pretty face, does she even have anything else?"

The Caesar family lambasted her at that instant.

Abigail's expression turned into a contemptuous one as she snorted, "You're right! I am not worthy of Timothy, so why are you are looking for me now?"

"What I heard was true then – Youngsters from the Black family really are cocky!" Patrick sneered.

"Oh, there's also that person... the one that challenged us, Caesars, to battle! Where is he?" Patrick changed the subject.

In an instant, the hall fell silent as everyone exchanged glances of apprehension because they didn't know how to answer his question.

Patrick was stunned for a moment before he burst into a chuckle. "Don't tell me he's not even here?"

Everyone lowered their heads in shame when they heard that.

However, at that moment, Zoey stepped forward.

"I am Levi Garrison's wife! I will take responsibility for my husband's actions!" she declared.

At that, Caitlyn, Aaron, and the entire Black family froze in shock because they never expected Zoey to make such a declaration.

Meanwhile, Abigail stared at Zoey in admiration.

Originally, Abigail thought that Zoey didn't like Levi that much, but now she realized they both respected and adored each other.

"Hahaha..." Patrick chortled.

"What a joke this is! A man actually ditched his wife and forced her to bear the brunt of his actions!"

"Who said I ditched her?"

At that moment, a resonant voice echoed across the hall.
"Levi!!"
"Darling!!"
"Is that Levi Garrison?"
Abigail, Zoey, and Russell immediately squealed in joy when they heard the familiar voice.
At the same time, the Black family looked in the direction of the voice as well and saw an unmistakable figure.
Levi had an imposing aura that commanded attention, and everyone's gazes were drawn to him as he strode towards the center of the hall.
Timothy's heart sank to a bottomless pit when he made eye contact with Levi, and his right eye inexplicably started to twitch.
He had a very bad feeling about it.
Meanwhile, Richard's temper flared when he saw how Levi was as smug as usual.
The person that slapped me was Russell, but Levi was the mastermind behind all this!
Besides that, he was the one who challenged us to battle as well!

"Honey, what's wrong? Why the tears?"

Levi pulled Zoey into his arms and wiped her tears away with a piece of tissue while everyone was watching.

"You're here at last! I waited for you for seven whole days! Where did you go? They all said that you ran away and left me behind..." Zoey sobbed uncontrollably.

"I told you that I will handle this, so of course, I will come back here. I just went to take care of some other issue over the past few days."

After Levi calmed the unrest in the South City, he donated tens of billions of charity funds to help everyone in need.

Not only that, but he also established the Morris Group in the South City's market ahead of schedule.

By doing that, he managed to expand the Morris Group's operations to serve the general public better.

On the other hand, Abigail and Russell were getting emotional as well. "Levi, we waited for you for so long! A lot of terrible things happened while you were gone..."

"Don't worry. As long as I'm still here, I will make sure that no one dares to trespass into our territory!" Levi announced coldly.

At that, the Black family was utterly shocked.

Are you kidding me, Levi? Why are you so freakin' cocky?

Meanwhile, while they spoke, they completely ignored the Caesar family.

It was as if the Caesar family was invisible to them. When the Caesar family realized that, they were infuriated. Thud! Patrick kicked the door violently, and the loud bang shocked everyone. Zoey, who was in Levi's arms, was visibly startled as well. Meanwhile, Levi's expression contorted into a menacing one as he turned around slowly and glared at Patrick. "How dare you startle my wife. You will face the consequences of that!" While he said that, he had remembered every single mole and feature that Patrick had. Patrick's face was strongly imprinted in Levi's mind. I'll make sure he pays the price for his actions! Patrick sneered, "Really? That is such a joke! Didn't you say you'd admit defeat if you can withstand our attack regardless of how many reinforcements we call for?" Levi nodded in acknowledgment. "Yeah, I did say that. You can call all the reinforcements you want! I'll admit our loss if you defeat us!" "Haha..." At that, everyone in the Caesar family chortled. What a foolishly cocky man he is!

Patrick smiled and asked, "Are you gonna ask for reinforcements too? Are you thinking about going into battle without any reinforcements?"

"Well, that's not really the case. After all, you're not powerful enough to warrant my involvement!" Levi pronounced.

But even if Levi really did want to get into battle, Kirin and Azure Dragon wouldn't let him.

Patrick bellowed furiously. "Where are your reinforcements then? Ask them to hurry up, or we'll launch our attack first!"

The Black family trembled in fear when they heard that.

The Caesar family is getting serious this time!

What should we do now?

Damn it, Levi!

Did you really think that you can oppose the Caesar family?

Meanwhile, Levi took out his phone and called someone. "You can all come now!"

"Haha..."

The Caesar family burst into laughter when they saw Levi making a call because they thought that it was an act of pure stupidity.

Just imagine the Black family's embarrassment right now!

We know Levi way too well!

So what if he calls every single powerful figure in North Hampton?

The Caesar family can crush them with just a flick of the finger.

Besides, Levi isn't powerful enough to do any of that!

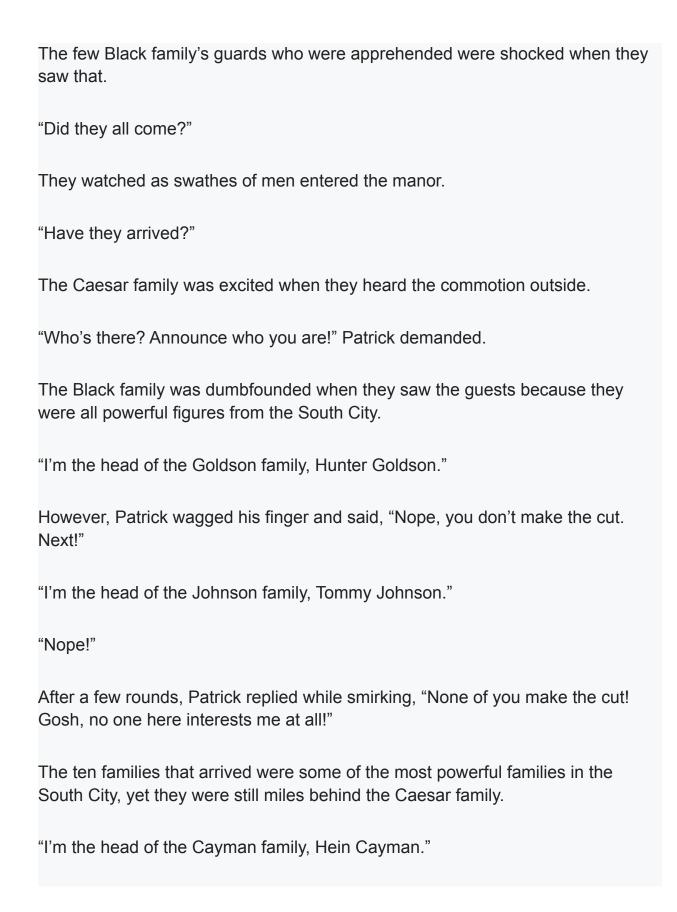
On the other hand, Abigail breathed a sigh of relief because Levi finally retaliated.

Meanwhile, Russell felt excited at the prospect of battle.

Richard sat on the chair and mocked, "I am curious to see what kind of reinforcements you called!"

Following that, Patrick commanded, "Tell our brothers outside to let everyone in no matter who they are."

In a matter of a few minutes, numerous luxury vehicles filled the streets.



Everyone, including Richard and Patrick, was stunned when that name was uttered.

The Caesar family was a quasi-royal clan, but one of the four most powerful families in the South City, the Cayman family, showed up, and they had the power to threaten the Caesar family.

"I'm the head of the Herman family, Draco Herman."

That name reverberated through the entire hall like a sonic boom.

"I'm the head of the Oliver family, Stanley Oliver."

Like an atomic bomb, that name blew everyone's minds!

Three out of the four noble families in South City had arrived!

The Caesar family started to panic at the prospect of facing them and the other ten powerful families.

"Is that enough for you? Am I, Alexander Stark, invited to the party?"

A middle-aged man wielding a staff appeared at that moment.

"Are you the Master of South City's underworld?" Patrick's voice started to tremble.

The Caesar family was now officially panicking because they knew how powerful they were!

"Can I join too? The Stone Buddha – Brock Green, reporting for duty!" an orotund voice spoke.

Brock Green had arrived with a hundred experts from the underground boxing scene, some of which were like caged beasts waiting to wreak havoc.

Upon their arrival, the Caesar family's White Army sensed danger in the air.

"Is... the Stone Buddha here too?"

Richard and Patrick were absolutely dumbstruck.

They knew that they couldn't possibly afford to cross Brock because he might be even more powerful than Scott Yates.

That was why the Caesar family was determined to avoid Brock at all costs when they came to the South City to assert their dominance.

He really is here!

This spells nothing but disaster to us!

"Let me introduce three more friends to you!"

With a clap of the hands, three figures appeared behind Brock.

"This is the Beast of Death, who scored 99 victories the Eastern Deathmatches!"

Gasp!

Everyone drew in a sharp breath.

All of Richard's troops' expressions darkened instantly when they heard that, so it was obvious that they heard about the vicious reputation of the Beast of Death before.

"Next up, we have the Wolf King, who had 100 consecutive victories in the Eastern Deathmatches!"

The Wolf King emitted a dangerous aura that made a chill run down everyone's spines.

"I know who he is! He came too?" The bodyguards beside Richard were scared out of their wits.

It wasn't an exaggeration to say that the Beast of Death and the Wolf King could deal with a few dozen of them at once.

"Finally, we have Hades, who broke the record of the Eastern Deathmatches by having a total of 188 consecutive deathmatches undefeated."

When Brock said that, the hall went deathly silent.

The Caesar family had been searching for powerful fighters on the local and international scale over the past few years, so they were familiar with internationally famous combatants like Hades.

They received some news a few days ago saying that Hades was hired by someone else with an astronomical price, but they never expected that Brock was the one who hired him.

Hades emanated a cold and murderous aura honed through countless battles when he stepped into the hall.

In his presence, everyone felt their extremities tingling from the cold as a chill permeated their entire body.

Just his presence was enough to intimidate everyone there!

However, it was not unexpected as he was the strongest fighter from the Eastern Deathmatches.

"It... really is him..." Richard's men started to tremble in fear as they gave Hades a cautious look.

They say that he kills without even blinking his eye!

Even with the help from the eight hundred people from the White Army, he'll cut through all of us like butter!

It was evident now that the Caesar family didn't have the home advantage in the South City.

Hades gave Levi a courteous bow before scanning through the Caesar family menacingly.

"Those who want to challenge the Black family must get through me first!"

The Caesar family was shocked when they heard that, and they fell silent afterward.

We really can't afford to cross him!

The Caesar family was between a rock and a hard place now because they couldn't attack or retreat.

Even though Richard seemed like he was sitting down calmly on the chair, his fingers were trembling anxiously.

This was the biggest obstacle the Caesar family had ever faced.

Meanwhile, the Black family stared at Levi in disbelief.

How did he even do that?

Even the Zachs family isn't able to ask all the powerful figures in the South City for help!

But now, the all-mighty Brock and Alexander are both here.

And not to mention Hades! Goodness, gracious! That guy intimidated the entire Caesar family with just his presence!

Bailey, Pamela, Meredith, and Robert were all dumbfounded.

Just who the heck is this Levi?

How is he able to ask so many powerful figures for help?

Meanwhile, Abigail and Russell felt an overwhelming sense of pride.

On the other hand, Caitlyn and Aaron could feel the nuances in the atmosphere because the Caesar family seemed more subdued now.

What is Levi's identity actually?

Zoey was, too, curious as she wondered how her husband managed to pull it off.

Does he have a secret identity of some sorts?

The piece of news was just like a bolt from the blue to the Caesar family.
Is someone else coming?
Is this just the start of a nightmare?
Timothy's pupils suddenly constricted as he realized something.
He almost fainted at that realization.
Coming to the South City was a very bad decision!
That person is no ordinary man!
The Black family was taken aback as well.
Is someone else coming?
A few more cars arrived shortly, and their license plates indicated that they were powerful figures from the South City.
After that, a group of people dressed in suits rushed towards the main hall of the manor.
Even the White Army standing guard outside the manor was frightened when they saw those people. The guards could tell that from their auras that their power was overwhelming.
Tap tap tap

Both the Caesar family and the Black family was shocked when they heard the sound of footsteps. Someone else is here! When Meredith and Robert saw those people, they almost fainted. "What? Oh my God!" The rest of the Black family were astonished beyond belief as well. The most powerful figures in the South City are all here! Levi actually managed to accomplish something that Logan and his entire family couldn't? That's insane! Richard didn't recognize those people, but he could tell that they weren't the usual next-door neighbors. Meanwhile, Timothy was absolutely terrified when he saw Stephen, Tim, and the rest. It's them again? Weren't they at The Abyss that night? Timothy's body trembled violently out of fear. We're screwed! Regardless of how powerful the Caesar family is, we still are no match for them!

"I am Tim Cronan from Quebec. I heard that someone was causing trouble to the Black family, so I decided to see for myself what's happening." Richard and Patrick almost passed out when Tim revealed who he was. He's the governor of Quebec! If he's here, that means that the people behind him are... "I am the South City's mayor, Stephen McKay. Who are you? Why are there so many people outside?" "I'm the Deputy Leader of Quebec, Woodie Emil." "I'm the head of the Police Department, Wright Hector." "I'm the Deputy Leader of the South City, Korey Madisen." They all introduced themselves one by one and made the Caesar family tremble in fear. Richard panted heavily as if he was out of breath, and Patrick's face turned paper white. Meanwhile, Timothy's legs gave way as he lost balance and stumbled. He really asked all of the most powerful figures in the South City for help! How is it possible for the Caesar family to even match that? It's impossible!

The Caesar family was stuck in a very difficult position right now, and they didn't know what to do anymore.

They couldn't afford to cross anyone present in the hall.

Hades is powerful enough to take on our entire army, and Tim has more authority than all of us combined!

We have no leverage at all!

We are so screwed now.

On the other hand, Abigail and Russell gave Levi a gaze of admiration.

They knew that this was only a small taste of Levi's abilities because he was powerful enough to rule the entire world if he got serious.

Similarly, Zoey was very proud too because her husband turned the tables and saved the Black family.

In the meantime, Aaron stood up straight and Caitlyn wiped away her tears as their expressions seemed to say – "As expected of our son-in-law!"

However, Levi wasn't finished yet. He asked, "Are you already afraid now? Don't worry. We still have more to come!"

The implications of his words were visible in the shocked expressions of the Caesar family.
What?
Someone else is coming?
Is this not the end yet?
Oh my God!
How can we even handle this?
Thump!
Timothy seemed to have realized something at that moment. In just a split second, his vision blurred as he fainted and fell to the ground.
However, the other members of the Caesar family were busy worrying about their own safety, so they didn't even pay any attention to him.
Meanwhile, outside the Black family's manor.
There were about four hundred of the Caesar family's men standing on guard here to prevent anyone from the Black family from leaving.
Thud! Thud!

Suddenly, the rhythmic pulsing of a marching army was heard amongst the crowd. The earth trembled between their feet and made everyone dizzy as dust clouds formed in the air. "Is there an earthquake?" Everyone's first thought was that an earthquake was happening. "No, it's not an earthquake. I can hear the sound of footsteps!" "It's coming closer by the minute!" As the stomping grew louder, everyone started to panic. "Look!" "Oh my God!" Someone screamed and directed everyone's attention outside. They saw squads of fully armed soldiers running towards them from all directions. There were four columns for each squad from every direction – north, south, east, and west. "|-|..." The White Army was scared senseless.

They thought that they would reign victorious in their onslaught today, but that was before the arrival of that platoon!

Everyone noticed that there was something unusual about the uniforms the platoon was wearing; there were some special symbols and certain words on them that were uncommon.

At that moment, their flag-bearer raised a flag that was adorned with a dragon, and everyone was struck with a realization.

"I... I see it now! This is the Dragon Legion from the Iron Brigade under the God of War's rule!"

"That's right! I saw them on the news before! They managed to overcome an enemy a few times their size!"

"Oh my God! Is that really the Iron Brigade?"

They watched as the Iron Brigade closed in on them while gaping in shock. It was as if a tsunami was threatening to swallow them whole.

Thump!

Thump!

Everyone kneeled to the ground as they were drenched in cold sweat because of fear.

Once the Dragon Legion got into their formation, Alfie appeared from behind the platoon.

"Charge!"

As soon as his command was given, the Dragon Legion marched onwards from all directions.

The few hundred members of the White Army were caught off guard as they saw nimble figures climbing across the walls.

Before they could react to the sudden attack, they were all subdued in an instant.

It took less than twenty seconds to defeat the few hundred men, and when everyone realized that, they peed their pants out of fear.

What the f*ck is this?

If we had known that the Black family would ask the Iron Brigade for help, we wouldn't have dared to come here!

Meanwhile, the people in the main hall remained blissfully ignorant of the commotion outside because the onslaught happened too quickly.

They couldn't even hear any signs of the few hundred men outside being subdued by the foreign army.

Levi smiled as he counted down with his fingers. "Three, two, one..."

As soon as the countdown ended, a loud rumbling could be heard from outside.

Thump! Thump!

The footsteps of a thousand men made it seem like the earth was a drum as the bass vibrated in everyone's chest.

In the next moment, Alfie barged inside with his soldiers.

When Richard saw that, he grunted in shock and fainted right away.

Right then, the Caesar family had officially suffered an overwhelming defeat.

Patrick kneeled on the ground.
Thump!
Thump!
At the same time, the few hundred members of the Caesar family kneeled down as well.
Even the military is here!
We're screwed!
Wait, no!
They are the Iron Brigade, for f*ck's sake!
To the people of Erudia, the Iron Brigade was even more powerful, and their responsibilities were even more sacred than that of the military.
They are the true guardians of our country!
How unlucky can we get
Meanwhile, Meredith and Robert exchanged a glance and broke into a huge grin because they were overjoyed.
They recognized that from this point onwards, the Black family's standing in the South City was secured, and no one would dare to hurt them anymore.

"Captain Steele, you're here! The Black family extends our heartfelt thanks to you."

"I thank you, on behalf of the entire Black family!"

Meredith and Robert cried tears of joy as they almost kneeled in gratitude.

"Haha, no worries! We were marching in the wilderness when we heard that the Black family is in trouble, so we decided to come and check it out." Alfie smiled and said.

Hearing that, the Caesar family almost lost their minds.

Who are you kidding?

Who even marches when they're fully armed?

It's so obvious that they have their targets on us!

At that moment, Russell stepped forward and saluted Alfie. "Captain Steele!"

Alfie patted Russell's shoulders and chuckled. "I heard about what you did, and I must say that I'm impressed. You defied the Caesar family just to stand up for yourself!"

Russell smiled awkwardly and replied, "I can't really offer any help, so I need to thank you for lending a helping hand to the Black family!"

Russell then saluted him once again.

The Black family thought that Alfie was just being polite, but later on, they realized that Alfie genuinely admired Russell.

That means Alfie helped us out of respect to Russell!

Maybe they really were just marching, but Russell must've been their driving force to come here nonetheless.

Meredith immediately explained, "Captain Steele, we have misunderstood Russell! We thought that he was just being reckless when he slapped the head of the Caesar family in a fit of rage. But we realize now that he's a very sensible and thoughtful person. Of course, he wasn't scared of the Caesar family because he has the support from a well-respected man like you!"

Robert chimed in. "That's right! Russell, we misunderstood you. You were right all along. The Caesar family can't oppress us just because they're more powerful than us! We need to stand up for ourselves!"

Meredith bowed down. "Russell, I apologize for slapping you for no legitimate reason!"

"Grandma, um..."

Russell had an awkward expression.

That incident has nothing to do with this, right?

Alfie was dumbfounded as well.

That incident isn't even related to Russell!

What are you even talking about?

Meredith suddenly thought of something.

Russel is now the Deputy Chief, so does that mean that Tim, Stephen, and the rest came just for him?

"Mr. Cronan, Mr. McKay, thank you for helping out the Black family! Please take care of Russell too!" Meredith smiled and said.

Robert grinned too. "Mr. Cronan, Mr. McKay, you must've come here for Russell's sake, and it seems like you value him a lot. We will teach him well and make sure he doesn't disappoint you!"

Bailey was on the verge of tears as well. "Russell really is the hope of the Black family! All the powerful figures in the South City came just for him!"

"Russell really is amazing! All the leaders came just for his sake!"

"Russell is so cool! No wonder he slapped the head of the Caesar family, yet he still seemed unfazed; who knew that he had it all planned out!"

However, the South City's leaders' expressions darkened when they heard that.

Tim, Stephen, and the other leaders were rendered speechless.

What's happening here?

Didn't we come because the God of War asked us to?

What does that have to do with that Russell guy?

We don't even know him, so naturally, we wouldn't offer him any help!

What is the Black family even thinking?

They must've misunderstood something.

As the Black family expressed their gratitude, Tim and the rest looked embarrassed.

They stared at Levi, and he just nodded understandingly.

At that, Tim declared, "That's right! I admire Russell a lot, and the Black family represents excellence in the South City by contributing to society tirelessly. I definitely felt the need to step up when you are in trouble!"

Stephen chimed in. "Well said. Russell really is an amazing young man! We like him a lot!"

After they sung their praises, Russell blushed furiously out of embarrassment.

I didn't even do anything, but my family keeps thinking otherwise!

He snuck a look at Levi and saw that Levi didn't seem to be angry, so he breathed a sigh of relief.

On the other hand, the Black family was excited beyond belief.

Firstly, the Caesar family's onslaught is successfully thwarted.

Secondly, all the powerful figures are praising our boy, Russell!

This is such a blessing to the Black family!

"Long live the Black family! With Russell here, the Black family will stand tall for years to come! I now formally declare Russell as the next head of the family!"

Right then and there, Meredith appointed Russell as the new head of the Black family in front of everyone without any regard for Bailey and the rest.

Even so, Bailey and the rest didn't complain about it.

With Russell's capabilities, he will bring the Black family to greater heights, and we'll all benefit from that.

"Mr. Cronan, what do you think about that?" Meredith asked.

Tim smiled and replied, "That works! He's competent enough to take on that role!"

The Black family cheered excitedly, but Caitlyn and Aaron couldn't bring themselves to feel happy about it.

They only managed to stand up for themselves when Hades and Tim arrived, both of whom had intimidated the Caesar family.

Naturally, they thought that Levi was the one who planned this, so a sense of pride overwhelmed them as they wanted to brag about their son-in-law to everyone.

However, in the end, Levi had nothing to do with it, and instead, Russell was the one who took the credit.

It was only natural they couldn't accept that "fact".

Levi came in and turned the tide of battle, but in the end, it had nothing to do with him!

I-I don't know what to say about this...

Zoey felt the same way as them.

She thought that Levi led them all to victory, but the credit was forcefully snatched away from him.

Meanwhile, Abigail couldn't take it anymore.

Levi was the mastermind behind this! Russell had nothing to do with it!

"Grandma, Levi was the one who called them. Undeniably, Russell deserves some credit, but Levi should be the one recognized for it," Abigail said to everyone in a huff and shocked everyone.

It did seem like Levi was the one calling the shots back then.

In hindsight, Russell had nothing to do with it...

Bailey retorted out of displeasure, "Abigail, what are you talking about? Mr. Cronan and Mr. McKay admitted that they came for Russell's sake, so what does it have to do with Levi?"

Abigail snickered. "Uncle, tell me then, why did Levi make the call earlier?"

Bailey smiled and said, "The answer is simple! Since Russell is unwilling to show off, I attributed everything to Levi's efforts. Can't you tell?"

"Yes, that's right! Given how Russell normally keeps a low profile, he'll definitely not be interested in something so showy. Leaving to Levi was only natural."

Meredith and Robert nodded in agreement before responding with, "That's right, Abigail. Russell is normally quite circumspect, so he just let Levi have the limelight this time."

Everyone else murmured in agreement.

"You guys!" exclaimed Abigail in exasperation. She was pissed off as this was obviously Levi's doing.

However, not only did the Black family refuse all good intentions, but they also even insisted that Russell did this while deliberately letting Levi take the limelight.

"Do you have any idea..." retorted Abigail, but before she could complete her sentence, she was interrupted by Levi. "Abigail, let it go. It doesn't matter who did it," he said before continuing. "The Black family crisis has been averted, and we should now focus on the Caesar family."

Hearing Levi's reminder, everyone bristled. The Caesar family was their main concern, after all.

"What?" stammered Patrick. Now that all eyes were on him, he was afraid.

"You may set foot in South City, but don't think of getting away so easily," responded Levi with a smile.

"Yes, that's right," piped Alfie. "Nobody will let you!"

"I... I'm leaving it all up to you!" stammered Patrick once more. He lay on the ground and dared not lift his head.

"I've heard that the Caesar family wishes to contribute to the development of South City? How about this then – give us half of your family fortune to be invested in the city's growth!"

"What?" There was a collective roar of disbelief from the Caesar family the moment Levi uttered those words. They looked at him like he was crazy.

Half of the family fortune? Were they trying to ruin the Caesar family?

"Don't worry. I'm not done yet. I did say it was easy to come here but hard to leave, no? If you want to leave, we want ten million each in payment. Surely this is reasonable?" Levi smirked as he uttered this.

"What? One million per person?" Patrick balked at the figure, feeling like his eyes were about to pop.

There were nine hundred people in total, which added up to ten million each. It was a whopping nine billion!

Yet, Levi was far from done. "Wait, there's even more! The Black family had suffered a lot of mental distress. Let's put that to about one billion then!"

Patrick huffed, feeling his blood boil.

Ten billion and half of the family fortune, they might as well ask for our lives!

"By the way, couldn't you at least bring some gifts to South City for charity? I hear that some projects could use your help, so why don't you take up some of those?"

Levi smiled again, after saying his piece.

Patrick felt like his soul was about to leave his body out of anger. This is preposterous!

A few of Tim Cronan's associates responded immediately, saying, "That's right! There are seven of such projects, and they're short of about seven hundred million!"

Smiling still, Levi said, "This amount shouldn't be of any trouble to you, right?"

"N-no, it's no problem," replied Patrick, stuttering. Right now, he truly wished to die.

In this dispute, the Black family emerged victorious, while the Caesar family suffered a crushing defeat.

This was a massive blow to the Caesar family.

"My word, look at your son-in-law in action! It's like he's truly in charge here," came Pamela's disdainful remark, directed at Caitlyn.

"Yes, this was clearly Russell's decision, so why is Levi showing off here?"

"Isn't it so? He's here pushing his luck, so I'm really not used to seeing this!"

"He has his uses, I guess. If Russell had solved it, he probably wouldn't have even raised the issue of mental distress and that hefty sum. Only Levi would be that shameless!"

The Black family ridiculed him, one after the other. However, since Levi did have his merits, they did not give him that much flack.

After everyone left, Meredith and Robert embraced Russell. "Oh Russell," they cried, "you truly are the greatest pride of the Black family!"

The two cried with joy, and shed tears of happiness.

"Our family is so lucky to have someone like Russell!"

Everyone looked at Russell with adoration and admiration.

From today onwards, Russell became the most important member of the Black family. He would be the cornerstone of the Black family's development in the future.

Meredith directed her gaze at Levi and remarked, "Well, you deserve some credit as well since you were at the forefront with Russell."

Of course, some credit had to be given to Russell's upstanding character. He was approachable and treated everyone in the family justly. Even though we saw you as just average, Levi, Russell convinced us to treat you well and value your presence, she thought.

"In the future, Levi, you should learn more from Russell. He was very optimistic about having you around. Follow him, and you'll turn out fine."

While she was obviously praising some of Levi's merits, it became mostly praise for Russell as well.

Meanwhile, Russell felt embarrassed and lowered his head. He had not dared to look at Levi.

His fists were tightly clenched, and he secretly wished the ground would swallow him whole.

Even Abigail felt slightly ashamed.

Russell was being praised to high heaven, but only if they knew he had nothing to do with it.

Meredith then turned to address both Caitlyn and Aaron. "I know you have been wronged in the last few days," she said, "but Russell values the both of you. You can always call on the Black family if you need us in the future."

"Thank you, Mom and Dad!" replied Caitlyn and Aaron.

"If you want to thank someone, thank Russell," said Meredith haughtily.

With that, Aaron and Caitlyn made their way to Russell, thanking their nephew profusely.

"Aunt, Uncle, really, there's no need," said Russell, putting a stop to the display immediately.

If he made Levi angry, there would be hell to pay.

Just then, a car drove into the compound.

Logan and Jennie had arrived.

Earlier, when the Black family was facing trouble, they disappeared without a trace. But when the problem had been resolved, they appeared out of nowhere.

"Remember that issue involving Grandpa and Grandma? I summoned all those important people! My father and the rest had to plead with them so hard before they relented!" said Logan, without any shame.

"Huh? That was you?" Meredith was stunned.

"Wasn't it Russell?" Murmurs came from everyone in the room.

Russell immediately jumped in and clarified, saying, "That really had nothing to do with me!"

"You heard him!" replied Logan smugly.

Meredith tried to recall the earlier scene. True enough, when she brought up Russell to Cronan and the others, something was odd about the way they looked.

How embarrassing!

Come to think of it, it was not because of Russell.

Except for the Zachs family, who had a political background, nobody could have convinced these other bigwigs to act.

"Oh Logan, you truly were a savior at our most dire moments!" exclaimed Meredith as she hugged Logan.

The others also thanked Logan, eyeing him enviously.

Oh, to have had such power!

Logan felt a little embarrassed. "Actually, the credit doesn't belong to me alone," he said. "Russell also had a hand in this, from bringing in Captain Steele and everyone else. That's all his doing!"

Russell was about to protest, but seeing the look in Levi's eyes, he could only hold his tongue.

However, he and Abigail looked at Logan, feeling upset.

When the Black family was in distress, he kept his distance. Now that the danger had passed, he came to steal the credit.

What the f*ck did this have to do with him at all?

But this was a world where people like these existed. They ignored those in hardship but only showed up to receive the credit when work was done, though obviously not by them.

"Well then, you and Russell are the biggest heroes of the Black family!" said Meridith as she laughed gaily.

Logan was enjoying the moment, but Russell was embarrassed.

There was a sharp contrast between the two men.

Suddenly, Logan spotted Levi and could not help but smile. "Levi, you have to have some credit as well!" said Logan. "Were it not for you fighting against the Caesar family, we would not be able to have this show of strength!"

"Yes, if it weren't for you picking a fight, how would Grandma and Grandpa know that my Logan was so great?" tittered Jennie unabashedly. She decided to capitalize on this as well.

Abigail, on the other hand, could no longer take this.

"I'm not here to rain on anyone's parade, but what does this have to do with either of you, Jennie and Logan?" questioned Abigail.

If credit were being given to Russell, she could tolerate it. But seeing how Jennie and Russell came to steal all the credit was beyond her capacity to tolerate.

Logan looked unhappy. "Abigail, what is the meaning of this? How is this not related to me?" asked Logan. "Did I not bring in Mr. Cronan and Mr. McKay? Without them, how would this crisis be resolved?"

Jennie also sneered at her, "What do you mean, Abigail?"

"What do I mean? You know exactly what I mean," Abigail snickered and continued, "Where were you earlier? Are you only here now that the matter is resolved to steal all the credit?"

Abigail had always had a sharp tongue, so she would say whatever needed to be said.

"Abigail, are you implying that the leaders we invited had nothing to do with us?" roared Logan, raising his voice at her.

"Yes, you can't just make blatant accusations like that, Abigail!" yelled Jennie. "What do you mean by us stealing all the credit?"

The corners of Abigail's lips were raised in a mocking smile. "Didn't you say that you invited all the leaders? In that case, why don't we call them to verify this?"

"Well..." Both Jennie and Logan were taken aback. They both swallowed audibly and had a nervous expression on their faces.

"Alright, Abigail, think about it for a moment. Russell may have been amazing, but Mr. Cronan needn't have shown up in person. Logan's father and grandfather fought on the front lines with him, so it must have been no easy feat to ask!"

Meredith's timely intervention made Jennie and Logan breathe a sigh of relief.

If Abigail had insisted on making that call, they would have been exposed.

But thank goodness Meredith was here.

"Grandma and Grandpa, I've booked us a table at the Wonder Hotel to celebrate this victory. Why don't we all go and make merry?" asked Logan.

Meredith nodded and replied, "Splendid, I was just thinking about it! Who knew you had this arranged already! I'm so pleased that to have both of you in the family – Logan and Jennie. All of you youngsters, learn from this!"

"Yes, especially your son-in-law, Caitlyn. See to it that he learns to be less harsh!"

Abigail snorted coldly.

Meanwhile, Caitlyn and Aaron looked at each other, their expressions dark.

As always, their status in the Black family was still low. They could no longer rely on Levi.

It was up to Zoey now.

In the evening, the Black family arrived at the Wonder Hotel.

At the dinner table, Caitlyn and Aaron practically did not exist.

The two wanted so badly to be acknowledged by the old couple.

Finally, Meredith's gaze fell on Zoey.

"How have you been doing lately?" asked Meredith gently.

Caitlyn knew the opportunity had arrived and was prepared to seize it. "Mother, don't you know how well she's doing? She's the director of the Oriental Star Group. The market value of the company is worth almost five billion! Have you seen the two very popular movies recently? The ones starring Helena?"

"Yes, I know the ones by Helena. Zoey's company produced those movies?"

"Zoey, I love Helena! Can you please help me get an autographed photo?"

Everyone showered envious praise on Zoey.

"What? A market value of five billion?" Meredith and Robert were even more surprised.

The Blacks were considered a large family, but their portfolios only added up to about ten billion altogether.

Is Zoey's net worth going to surpass the Blacks?

"That's not all, Zoey's company is also trying to penetrate the electronics market!" Aaron carried on joyfully. "What the upper echelons of North Hampton actually intend is for Morris and Oriental Star to make up for the need in the electronics market. Since the departure of Triple Group, that is. Zoey's future is potentially limitless!"

She could finally hold her head up high in the Black family.

"That's great!" remarked Meredith and the others, their eyes fiercely lit.

She immediately gave Zoey recognition. After all, she was also a member of the Black family.

Russell's foresight was correct after all – it was necessary to treat Zoey's family a little better.

"Zoey, if you need anything, just let us know! The Black family is your strongest backing!" promised Meredith.

Zoey smiled and said, "Grandpa and Grandma, the company is going to take its business to South City. When that happens, I might have to call in a few favors."

The distribution of the Morris Group in North Hampton had been completed. Thus, the next step was to enter South City.

Oriental Star Group was the vanguard of this operation!

"Really? That's wonderful!" Robert and Meredith looked at each other in awe.

If Zoey owned such a large company that was interested in penetrating South City's market, it would really benefit the Black family.

Unlike the Lopez family, they were not trying to claim Zoey for themselves. What they wanted was a mutually beneficial relationship.

The Black family could support Zoey, and Zoey could support the Black family in return.

"Don't worry, Zoey! Rest assured, when you come to South City, we will pave the way for you. Russell will be able to quell other troubles in your path as well. Since Logan is with the Ministry of Commerce, he will be able to help you. Your sister is also the vice president of the New Alliance Bank. Many problems can be resolved with ease," promised Meredith.

"Thank you very much, everyone."

Initially, Zoey was worried about how the subject matter should be broached.

But now, it was much better since Meredith took the initiative to propose.

"Come on, let me propose a toast to our double happiness – The Black family is no longer in distress, and Zoey will be expanding to South City! "

Robert raised his glass.

After finishing a glass, Levi turned to Zoey and said, "You're coming here to grow, so who would dare stop you? I doubt you need anyone's help."

Levi desperately wanted to protect Zoey, so he felt that they didn't need anyone else.

Bailey, who happened to overhear this, sneered, "What's this? Dismissing the Black family's help?"

"What's going on?" inquired Meredith.

"Mom and Dad, Levi just said he didn't need our help," remarked Bailey as he gave Levi a cold stare.

Aaron and Caitlyn's expressions shifted immediately. It was not easy to get the Black family to help Zoey.

Was this supposed to be bad? On what grounds did he have to refuse their help?

Meredith and Robert looked at Levi unhappily. "You said that?"

"Yes, I did. My wife does not need any help because she is perfectly capable. If you need help from Zoey, just say so. But we don't need your assistance," answered Levi in all seriousness.

As he said this, Caitlyn and Robert huffed. They were seething with anger.

Meredith and Robert's expressions had turned dark.

What is the meaning of this? Are you looking down on us? Are you implying that we, the Black family, need to curry favor with Zoey instead?

There was a loud bang. It was Meredith who slammed her fist on the table, shocking everyone.

Meredith hissed. Immediately, silence befell the room.

Everyone was frightened and dared not even breathe.

Right then, Meredith did not stop the barrage of questions she had for Levi.

"What does Zoey's company have to do with you? Are you in any position to decide for her? You really think you're all that, don't you?"

Others had also chimed in angrily, "Yes, she owns the company. How does that concern you? What charade are you trying to pull here?"

"You're obviously underqualified here, so shut the hell up. At best, you're a kept man!"

Levi's words had drawn the Black family's ire.

Zoey, hearing the commotion, tried to pour oil over troubled waters. "Alright, Grandma and Grandpa. Don't mind him," she soothed. "He meant well and just did not wish to trouble you, that's all."

Meredith stopped but retorted sarcastically, "Well, I'm sure he thinks that way!"

Logan then looked at Levi and smirked, "Have you ever considered how unworthy you are of Zoey?"

Jennie echoed her husband's words immediately, "That's right! Zoey's company has a market value of five billion and is backed by the Morris Group! What do you have?"

"Yeah, it's obvious! In the Black family, the both of you are not equal in status!"

The dinner was very unpleasant, with Meredith looking sour the entire time.

"Zoey, stay for a moment, alone. I have something to ask you," said Meredith.

After the event, Zoey went up to Meredith alone, nervously. "What's wrong, grandma?"

"Zoey, I have a personal question to ask," said Meredith, as she gently stroked Zoey's hair.

"Oh? What is it?" replied Zoey, puzzled.

"All this time, have you not planned to have kids with Levi?" gueried Meredith.

Upon hearing the question, a hint of bashfulness flitted across Zoey's features. "Not yet, grandma. For now, we're focusing on our careers."

"No, I think you've misunderstood. I'm asking you in all honesty – have you slept with Levi yet?" asked Meredith again, more directly this time.

"W-what?" stammered Zoey. She was stunned, and her face was a deep shade of red.

Out of everyone, she did not expect her grandmother to ask such questions.

"Be honest. What is the situation like between the both of you?" questioned Meredith.

Zoey felt her breath quicken.

"Grandma, he hasn't touched me yet," came Zoey's truthful answer.

"Alright, I understand," nodded Meredith.

After Zoey left, Meredith summoned Robert, Bailey, and some of the others.

"I just found out Zoey and Levi are only man and wife in name but are neither in reality," said Meredith.

"Mom, you can't possibly mean that..." Bailey trailed off. Everyone understood what she meant.

"Yes, that's right! I want them to divorce and for Zoey to remarry!" exclaimed Meredith truthfully.

Bailey, Pamela, and everyone else present raised their hands in agreement. "They should have divorced ages ago. Levi is obviously unworthy of Zoey! What a joke!"

"Yeah, we don't like Levi. He's incompetent and has a fiery temper!"

Meredith nodded and continued, "Well, I don't like him either. Before this, I couldn't interfere because she wasn't a member of the family. But things are different now. She's an important part of the Black family, and I can't let this slide. She needs to divorce him, and I will find her suitable in-laws!"

"Yes, Zoey is growing as a person, and Levi will only hold her back," echoed Robert.

"How about this? To prove that Zoey is still untouched, you will need to take her to the hospital for a comprehensive check-up tomorrow. I won't be at ease until I see the report!" ordered Meredith.

Meredith was still a bit anxious over what Zoey said.

She needs to go for an examination, only then will I be relieved.

Later on, she could arrange a suitor for Zoey after the report proved her virginity.

That way, the groom's family would not have any concern in regards to this.

"Mom, Dad, there might be a problem," said Pamela hesitantly.

"What would that be?" asked Meredith, looking over at her.

"If you get a divorce, will Levi agree to it?" Pamela asked.

Everyone immediately spoke up, echoing the sentiment. "Levi will definitely not agree! Why would he give her up?"

Robert snickered and retorted, "Who said we need his consent for the divorce? Just hand in the cert after it's done! This matter needn't involve him at all!"

Everyone laughed.

With the reach of the Black family, quietly arranging a divorce was a walk in the park.

Until then, Levi would only realize he was divorced when he received his divorce certificate.

"Mom, shouldn't we inform Caitlyn and Aaron about this?" asked Jeremy worriedly.

"You can go ahead and bring them here."

Soon, Aaron and his wife arrived at a complete loss.

Then Meredith filled them in on the details.

When Meredith finished, the couple looked at each other, dumbfounded.

"I'd suggest you listen to me regarding this matter. Soon, Zoey's net worth will be tens of billions, and Levi will become her weakness. All unsavory incidents like going to prison or bullying her sister-in-law will be exposed. This will destroy Zoey!"

After hearing what Meredith had to say, the couple sighed. They had never considered this problem.

With Zoey's personal development becoming better and better, her momentum was strong, impeccably so.

Levi, on the other hand, was a ticking time bomb waiting to explode. The one who would be hurt the most was Zoey.

Furthermore, Levi was far from worthy of Zoey.

"Just listen to me," urged Meredith. "I'll tell you the truth. Their divorce will be good for Zoey and the Black family. To prove our sincerity, if they divorce, we will immediately invest two billion in Zoey!" said Meredith sincerely.

The couple looked at each other again before deciding. "Alright, mom and dad. We'll listen to you."

They could not see the harm in this. Receiving the approval of the Black family and helping Zoey be rid of Levi was something they dared not even think about.

"As for Levi, I will give him a settlement sum," said Meredith decisively.

The next day, the Black family collectively went to the hospital for Zoey's examination. Levi attended as well.

By the afternoon, the results were out.

Meredith looked at Zoey's report with joy.

"The girl was right – Levi had not touched her at all! This is splendid!" she exclaimed with excitement.

"Bailey, arrange for their divorce at once!" urged Meredith.

"I've already made the necessary arrangements, Mom and Dad. The Civil Affairs Bureau did not even require the marriage certificate or household registration," said Bailey gleefully.

"Perfect."

An hour later, Bailey produced the two divorce certificates.

"Haha, this is wonderful!" Robert and Meredith smiled.

Everyone in the Black family was happy. After all, this was very beneficial to them.

"This matter is finally resolved!" said Caitlyn and Aaron as they collectively breathed a sigh of relief.

But the pair did feel sorry for Levi since he did not perform too badly throughout this period.

After that, Meredith gathered everyone around her.

"Go and bring Levi to me. I have something to announce. But keep Zoey away for now!" ordered Meredith.

She would not announce this in front of Zoey.

When Levi arrived at the Black family's foyer, he noticed that something felt off.

"Did you ask for me?" queried Levi.

Meredith and Robert shared a look before announcing, "Yes, to tell you something. You and Zoey are now divorced!"

As soon as the news came out, Levi was stunned.

Abigail and Russell, who did not know of the plot, were also shocked.

What? Divorced? When did this happen?

Levi quickly regained his composure. "I divorced Zoey? That's funny, but how was I unaware of this?" he asked as a matter-of-factly.

With that, Bailey tossed the divorce certificate at Levi.

Levi picked it up and had a look.

There was no doubting the authenticity of the certificate as it was also stamped with an official seal.

This is hilarious. How can the couple involved not know about this?

"It's clear now, right? You and Zoey are divorced, so stop pestering her in the future. She no longer has anything to do with you," said Meridith smugly.

After a while, Levi burst into peal after peal of wild laughter.

Meredith and the others were surprised. What was he laughing at?

Levi held the certificate and snickered, "I have a question to ask. Shouldn't a divorce only occur with the consent of both parties? When was my marriage controlled by other people?

As he said this, a violent, domineering aura filled the space.

Suddenly, the hall was filled with the sounds of people gasping for air, as if an immense pressure had entered the room.

The air was heavy, in fact, suffocating.

Levi was furious.

Fortunately, he had restraint.

But with his murderous aura, no one in the room would remain unscathed!

Meredith and Robert were both shocked as they were rooted to the ground like corpses, unable to move.

At this moment, they felt like they were in a trance.

For some reason, it was as if they were on the battlefield.

Standing in front of them was an invincible, unchallenged, and furious God of War.

He had the aura of someone who felled thousands of enemy troops alone.

Who dares challenge me? I am the God of War!

"What? Why can't we decide? You are unworthy of Zoey, so naturally, we had to take charge!" retorted Bailey, squaring up to Levi.

Meredith and Robert eventually came to their senses and responded as well.

"We are Zoey's elders," said Meredith. "Who's to say that we can't decide for her?"

"Of course, we knew you wouldn't divorce her, Levi. You wouldn't leave even if it meant death, so we had to pull a few strings!"

"Divorce or not, we want you gone!"

Pamela and the others also joined in.

In this marriage, Levi was only a tool to be manipulated, with no decision-making power to be held.

"What's more, Zoey's parents are here. They consented to this too. If you don't believe me, go ahead and ask them!"

At the mention of them, Aaron and Caitlyn shifted uncomfortably. After all, what they did was wrong.

Hence, they felt guilty towards Levi.

Upon hearing this, Levi looked at the two of them and sneered, "Mom, Dad, did you both agree to it then?"

The couple looked uneasy and did not dare look Levi in the eye.

However, they did nod and reply, "Yes, we did."

"Alright then, I know now," said Levi.

Meredith snickered, "I told you – everyone agrees that you're both divorced!"

"Yes, you are not good enough for her! Get a divorce now!" echoed the junior members of the Black family.

Abigail and Russell, however, took Levi's side. "No, we do not agree to this!"

Levi waved a hand and said, "I don't care for your opinions. The question is, did Zoey agree to this?"

Saying that, Levi surveyed the room and asked, "Where is Zoey?"

Meredith shook her head and said, "Let me tell you, Zoey did agree to this! She merely didn't have the heart to tell you. That's why she isn't here right now!

"Yes, she agreed! How could you get the certificate otherwise?" echoed everyone else.

"No, I refuse to believe this! Tell Zoey to tell me this in person!" yelled Levi, his eyes turning red.

"LEVI GARRISON!" roared Logan. "Don't think for a second that we're unaware of your schemes! You're unwilling to divorce, and you want to beg for her back!"

"Don't even bother coming here to see Zoey!" said Logan firmly.

"Yes, that's right! With us here, don't even think about seeing her!" sneered Meredith.

"Now that the divorce certificate has been issued, and you're fully aware of the situation, leave! And stop being delusional, but Zoey is out of your league!" said Robert mercilessly.

Meredith shot a look, and Pamela stepped forward to present Levi with a check.

"The Black family will not let you divorce in vain, of course. Here is your compensation of ten million!"

Again, Levi was stunned.

Damn, I thought the Lopez family was heartless enough, but the Black family is even worse!

Ten million to buy back his marriage to Zoey? This is complete bullsh*t!

Seeing Levi's expression, Pamela thought he was faking it. "Stop pretending and take it!" she urged. "Ten million is enough to last you a lifetime!"

Abruptly, Pamela stuffed the check into Levi's hand.

The onlookers laughed, seeing how Levi accepted the check.

He was a plebeian, for sure. Ten million was enough to win him over.

"I told you he wasn't worthy of Zoey!" sneered Logan.

Abigail and Russell watched the scene unfurling in front of them, completely dumbfounded.

What was the Black family thinking, letting Levi divorce Zoey?

Did they not know what they've missed? Did they also have no brains?

Levi, who did so much for them, and yet they did not notice anything at all?

Without him, the Black family could've been destroyed!

Why were they all so confused?

Abigail and Russell were both so anxious they could cry.

They're all idiots!

"Hurry up and leave already! Don't even think of setting foot beyond these doors!" urged Logan.

Levi snickered and replied, "Very well."

With that, he turned around and left.

"Wait, Levi! Don't go!" Abigail and Russell tried to chase after him, but they were stopped.

"Don't you dare!"

Pamela and Jennie laughed. "Here I was, thinking that this kid had something in him! I didn't expect him to just take the check and leave!"

"Indeed. I was expecting him to tear up the check," said Logan scornfully. "Who knew he would be that spineless!"

"Can you blame him? It's ten million! How could he possibly give up that sum?"

Laughter was heard coming from the Black family.

Their impression of Levi had truly hit rock bottom.

Unbeknownst to them, however, Levi threw the check into a nearby bin after he left the residence.

Did they think he would be swayed by money?

This scene was discovered by a servant of the family, who quietly ran forward and fished out the check from the bin.

In the foyer, Abigail was questioning Meredith. "Grandma, Grandpa, does Zoey know about all this?"

Meredith smiled and replied, "It wouldn't matter even if she did. Levi had already taken his copy of the certificate."

"You have to ask for Zoey's consent at least," cried Abigail, close to tears.

"By the way, Abigail, you are forbidden from telling Zoey about this for now. I'll tell her later!" asserted Meredith.

In the meantime, Russell was already sneaking away.

"No, Zoey must know about this," he muttered and ran off to tell Zoey.

At this time, Zoey had already started working.

She was making preparations for Oriental Star's entry into South City.

Little did she know that all these happened in that short amount of time.

Now, the Black family would have everything sorted out for her. She would never be allowed to leave, let alone see Levi.

There were ten people guarding the door.

The moment they saw Russell heading towards them, they held him back.

"Get out of my way. I want to see Zoey!" said Russell coldly.

Having noticed that is was Russell Black, they had no choice but to let him in.

"Russell, why are you here?"

Zoey looked up and saw Russell standing there. She could not help but be surprised.

"Zoey, something terrible happened!" said Russell urgently. "Grandpa and Grandma went through divorce proceedings for you and Levi!"

Russell recounted all that happened in her absence.

The news struck Zoey like a bolt from the blue.

"What? I divorced Levi? How did I not know of this?"

Zoey slumped to the ground.

She then understood why Meredith had asked her such personal questions and even asked her to go for an examination at the hospital.

"Now they have notified Levi and driven him away," announced Russell.

Zoey shook her head, "Impossible! As long as I don't consent, there is no divorce!"

"Zoey, while it is true that this is your marriage, but after you're married, your families become a part of the deal," said Russell helplessly. "Their opinions hold equal weight, unfortunately. Plus, I think Levi is very upset."

Zoey burst into tears as she could only think about how sad Levi would be right now.

"No! I wanna find Levi!" cried Zoey.

"Okay, I'll take you!"

With that, Russell successfully whisked her away.

Zoey managed to reach Levi on his phone. Upon seeing him, she rushed into his arms, crying bitterly.

"Why did you agree? This is between the both of us. What does it have to do with them?" asked Zoey, choking back tears.

Levi stroked her hair in silence.

"I'm sorry! My family keeps hurting you again and again. I'm truly sorry!"

Zoey was even apologizing to him.

Levi smiled and replied, "It's alright. Knowing that you care about me is enough!"

"Then why did you agree to a divorce and even took the certificate with you? We'll remarry right away! I'll get rid of this right now," said Zoey, ripping the certificate apart.

Levi smiled meaningfully, "Do you remember when I said I wanted to reorganize a wedding ceremony for you?"

"Of course, I remember. I never forgot!" said Zoey tearfully.

"Well, it just so happen that now, I can court you again. And then we can get married again!" replied Levi with a grin.

Immediately, Zoey understood why he left.

He wanted to marry her all over again, to follow through on that promise he made her.

Zoey wiped away her tears. "Well, you can court me again, but promise me you won't go after other women!"

Zoey loved Levi very much. She already loved him then, but it would only grow deeper now.

Even if Levi could not bear the brunt of her love, she had made her choice.

What she chose was for a lifetime, and nobody could stop them!

"I promise! That wedding will tell everyone that you are the most beautiful woman in the world!" exclaimed Levi, hugging her.

Seeing this scene, Russell smiled. The Black family could still be salvaged.

Just then, the sound of screeching tires was heard as cars stopped in front of them, one by one.

"LEVI GARRISON! What are you doing, still pestering Zoey?" roared Logan.

In mere seconds, the Black family members rushed out of the cars in rapid succession.