Levi hissed before he growled, "That is truly cruel!"

"The Garrison family locked your mother up, to keep her away from the rest of the world. They wanted to make it seem like your mother had never existed, so that she would never appear to have had any connections with their family," informed Michael.

"And my mom just stayed put and never stepped out of the city?" asked Levi.

From what he had come to learn about his mother, there was no way that Emma Jones would ever come to fear death.

She is the kind of person who would ignore everything and come looking for me, anyway. The fact that she never did, meant that there was another issue.

"She had never left because the Garrison family had placed a tombstone in the yard, where your mother had lived," announced Michael.

"A tombstone? Whose grave is it?" asked Levi, who didn't understand what Michael had meant.

"Yours. The name carved on the tombstone is Levi Garrison. The tombstone served to remind your mother that if she ever dared to step out of the place, the Garrison family would hunt you down and kill you. It prevented her from searching for you, or from exposing the Garrison family's secret," answered Michael.

"Oh, the Garrison family is cruel indeed," commented Levi, who couldn't help but crack his knuckles.

"That is why you and your mother's identity was never exposed, even though it has been decades. It was as if the Garrison family never had any connections to either one of you," informed Michael as he grinned bitterly.

Levi suddenly thought of something, and he couldn't help but ask, "And what about my birth father? What did he do while my mother was suffering? Why didn't he stop them? How is he okay with my mom kneeling in the rain for three continuous days, getting imprisoned for the rest of her life? My mom loved him, didn't she? So he must have loved her dearly as well, right?"

Levi was curious about what his biological dad had done, the entire time.

"Your father remained silent, throughout the entire incident. He let his family take care of matters, while he stood at the side and ignored everything. He watched, as your mother suffered, and he never once voiced up for her," responded Michael to Levi.

Levi's fist clenched, and fury burned in his soul when he heard that.

How can my biological father be that cruel? What kind of man is he? And to think that my mother had loved him so much.

"The reason he had kept silent was simple. He was the sole heir of his family, and if he had spoken on behalf of your mother, his family would have taken away his rights to inherit everything. Hell, they might have even disowned him. That is why he had chosen to remain quiet, merely standing idly by. All that, just for his personal gain and money!" insulted Michael.

Boom!

Levi was so angry that he had gone borderline insane, upon hearing what Michael had said.

My mother was willing to die for me, whereas that a**hole abandoned his family for money?

How can anyone be that cruel? Mom was too blinded by love and she didn't see him right. A man like that is not worthy of her love! She had gotten pregnant because of him, and she had given birth to his son, while he remained distant and ignored everything!

"What about after? Did he visit my mother even once?" demanded Levi.

"No, not even once. Naturally, the Garrison family wouldn't allow him to do so, even if he had wanted to," informed Michael.

"Hmph, as expected. It would be weird if a guy like him had actually visited," growled Levi.

"Let me share something else with you. Your birth father had married another woman and had started another family right after his family had finished dealing with both you and your mother," muttered Michael, whose words had succeeded in getting Levi's jaw to drop.

"What? He had married another woman and had another child?" blurted Levi in disbelief.

"Hmph, that's right. If I've done the proper calculations, the child should be merely two years younger than you. The woman he had married was the daughter of another wealthy family, and the Garrison family regarded their marriage as the unification of two noble bloodlines. They supposedly had the best genes and had produced the most powerful heir!" scoffed Michael.

Michael knew that Levi had hated it, when others had spoken about noble blood, so the former deliberately used those words.

"Noble bloodline my a**! We're all just humans, aren't we? What? Can that a**hole fly or something?" roared Levi.

Bang!

Levi was so angry that he had punched a boulder at the side, successfully pulverizing it.

Michael was stunned, because Levi was truly furious at that moment.

It's bad enough that the man had abandoned both his lover and his child, but marrying another woman and having another child immediately after? That is merely infuriating!

Levi had never felt anger like that before.

It has been decades! Has he no conscience? Does he even remember that he has a child whom he has abandoned, along with a woman who is suffering because of him?

"Just you wait. I, Levi Garrison, swear that I will find you. I will have you answer to all the pain and suffering that my mother has endured!" swore Levi, as his eyes shone with determination.

Sooner or later, I will kick the Garrison family's front door down, and I will take my mother with me. We will stand in front of that monster and make him regret everything he has done!

"By the way, do you know where my mother is locked up?" asked Levi, who had desperately wanted to meet his mother.

Michael shook his head and replied, "I don't know where she is either. I only know that she is locked up, but the Garrison family won't tell us the exact location."

"Fine, I will investigate on my own. She is Levi Garrison's mother, and she can go anywhere that she wants! No one would dare to stop her," announced Levi, as his entire body exuded a domineering aura. It was the type of aura that could the reality itself.

Michael would assume that the guy was bullsh*tting, if he were anyone else, but the guy standing right there was Levi Garrison.

No one dared to question his words and his promise.

The Joneses' anniversary meeting ended, after Levi and Michael had returned.

Everyone left.

Levi had Phoenix locate his mother's prison after that.

Phoenix started looking for Emma Jones immediately after that.

"It is a little tough to crack. Someone covered everything up to prevent anyone from locating her. This will take some time," admitted Phoenix as he frowned.

Levi gritted his teeth.

My birth father's family truly is powerful. The fact that Phoenix is having trouble tracing everything, can only mean that the Garrisons had done an impressive job covering everything up.

Levi strode around Edburg Manor and asked Mia to show him the place where his mother had used to reside in.

It was a small, separated villa.

Everything inside was fine, and it was clear that it had been cleaned regularly.

"Grandpa had actually loved Aunt Emma the most, and he had kept everything in her room maintained," explained Mia as she sighed.

Levi didn't reply.

He understood that Michael was a father after all, and that Michael had only treated Emma so poorly because he was afraid of the Garrison family from Oakland City.

Levi scanned every corner of the place, to find a trace of his mother's past.

She is Levi Garrison's mother after all, and she has to be welcomed. Anyone who had dared to imprison her is an enemy of the God of War!

Levi was lost in his thoughts while sitting in that room, when Zoey had suddenly called him.

Zoey was still furious about the incident, but she was also worried that the Joneses might have bullied Levi, so she called to ask how he was faring.

"The anniversary meeting is over, right? When will you be home?" asked Zoey, whose tone remained distant.

However, Levi grinned when he heard that, because it was evident, that she was worried about him.

"I have to deal with some matters here, but I will be back soon."

"That's fine. I'm hanging up now."

Zoey hung up without saying or wasting another word.

Levi's grin became brighter. That idiot of mine is obviously still upset.

Just then, an incident happened at the Edburg Manor's front door.

Eight men carried a coffin and walked in.

Bang!

The coffin was placed at the front door.

The Joneses' security guard rushed over and had the men surrounded immediately. "Oy, what are you guys doing here?"

The security guard soon caught the emblem engraved on the men's uniform, making the security guard begin to tremble.

The emblem signified a powerful family in South Hampton.

"Tell the b*stard, Levi Garrison, that the Gonzales family has given his mother, the b*tch, Emma Jones, a coffin. They wish her a lifetime of suffering, and for her to continue being a b*tch in her next life!" announced the leader of the men, who had carried the coffin.

The men left immediately, upon delivering both the message and the gift.

The security guards were flabbergasted, as they stared at the coffin dubiously.

Someone actually gave Emma Jones a coffin and had called Levi a b*stard?

The Joneses had learned of Levi's true identity by then, so they were all rightfully terrified.

No one knew what dire consequences were awaiting the people who had sent the coffin and insulted the man.

The security guards turned to one another before they ran in to deliver the message.

"Something terrible has happened!"

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Troubled screams echoed throughout the Edburg Manor.

That was definitely a terrible situation that had to be reported, without any form of delay.

Michael soon received the news, and he went to Levi immediately.

"God of War, something terrible has happened..." informed Michael, in a grim manner.

Levi asked, "What's going on?"

"Come with me!" Michael led him to the front gates of the house.

Seeing the coffin that lay beside the gate, Levi's eyes grew cold. He demanded, "What is the meaning of this? Is this for me?"

"No, it's for your mother! They had said..." Here, Michael hesitated and shook with fright, too afraid to repeat what he had heard just now.

"Say it!" Levi ordered, raising his voice in a menacing manner.

Gritting his teeth, Michael replied, "The Gonzales' had arrived with a message for you, their bastard child Levi Garrison. They've sent your mother this coffin to congratulate her on being a wretch, and they had mentioned that they would pray that she would continue to be a wretch in her next life!"

Immediately, everyone felt the tension in the room rise.

The temperature seemed to drop by a few degrees Celsius.

A chill shot down the spines of the onlookers.

Levi stared frostily at Michael. "Back then, you had arranged for a marriage between my mother and the son of the Gonzales family, right?"

Michael nodded. "That's right. I had betrothed your mother to Klaus Gonzales, back when she was still alive."

"When Klaus Gonzales had discovered that your mother was pregnant, he had nearly killed her. He had announced her pregnancy to the whole of South Hampton and had humiliated your mother for being a sl*t and an adulteress. He had even told everyone that you were a bastard child."

"When news of your mother's pregnancy got out, your mother and the Jones family became the butt of South Hampton's cruel jokes. Every day, people would leave all sorts of trash outside our house, vandalizing our walls with filthy words..."

"At that time, the Jones family had lost all respect in South Hampton, and your mother was their biggest source of their shame. Whenever she appeared in public, people would hurl vulgarities and even throw things at her."

Levi sucked in a deep breath. "So all of this has been caused by the Gonzales family?"

"Exactly! When he had found out that your mother was pregnant, Klaus Gonzales had only one thing on his mind—to destroy both your mother and the Joneses! He would have liked nothing more than to see your mother become the shame of South Hampton, and for everyone to remember her as a wh*re!" Michael announced.

Levi mused aloud, "How cruel! He had put her through so much physical and mental torture."

"If the Garrison family hadn't issued a stern warning, your mother's story would still be floating around in the city today!" Michael admitted.

Levi changed the topic. "So now Klaus Gonzales wants to change the target of his anger, and use me to carry out his revenge instead?"

Michael looked down and shook slightly. "As far as we know, that's probably the case. The Gonzales family are aware that you have returned, so they're taking this chance to get their revenge on you!"

Michael laughed silently to himself.

What a pity! The Gonzales family has chosen the wrong person to pick on.

Levi is a Demon King!

The Gonzales family would be so shocked if they knew that the bastard child that they were talking about was the God of War!

Suddenly, Levi threw his head back and burst into a fit of laughter.

"The Gonzales family wants to provoke me? I must hand it to them. They have got some courage!"

Hearing this, everyone in the Jones family knew what was going to befall the Gonzales family.

They could have picked a fight with anyone. Why did they have to choose Levi?

Levi continued, "How does this Klaus Gonzales like? There must have been a reason behind my mother's reluctance to marry him."

Klaus Gonzales hesitated before admitting, "Yes, there was a reason, behind your mother's actions! Klaus had a reputation for being quite the playboy back then. He used to do nothing but fool around with his parents' money all day long. Your mother had even witnessed him, sleeping with another woman, with her very own eyes!"

Here, Michael didn't dare to continue further. Sensing Levi's anger, he bowed his head and remained silent.

Levi asked angrily, "Even while knowing this, you had chosen to marry my mother to this man?"

"I had no choice in the matter! Marriages in clans like ours are largely decided by the elders in the family, and neither your mother nor I had a say in it. Besides, Klaus had taken a liking to your mother and had insisted on marrying her. I couldn't reject his offer."

"Back then, I'd agreed to allow your mother to marry him because I had hoped that an alliance between our families would be beneficial to us, the Joneses!"

"However, that was the biggest mistake I had ever made in my entire life!" Michael gave out a huge sigh.

"Is the Gonzales family very powerful?" Levi asked.

To the best of his knowledge, the most powerful royal family in South Hampton was the Goel family.

"They're powerful, very powerful! Xabian Goel might be the most famous in South Hampton, but he's nowhere near being the strongest!"

Michael sucked in a deep breath. "The most powerful forces in South Hampton is actually the Restaurant of Peace, started by The Three Musketeers and Osborn St. Jacques."

Levi pressed forth imperiously, "Well, tell me more about it!"

Michael explained, "The Restaurant of Peace has existed since a very long time ago. There's a legend in South Hampton, saying, that any criminal, no matter how heinous his crimes, is safe, once he enters that restaurant. No one will be able to punish him, regardless of their position in society."

Levi was incredulous. "Can the Restaurant of Peace really grant amnesty to criminals? If I go into that restaurant after killing hundreds of people, will I be safe? Can nobody touch me?"

Michael nodded. "Yes, that's right. Hence, everyone regards the Restaurant of Peace as the strongest forces in South Hampton."

Levi smiled. "Wow, it must be a restaurant of great reputation then. Continue!"

"The second most powerful group of people in South Hampton are The Three Musketeers. The first Musketeer is Lionel Gonzales, and the second Musketeer is Ritchie Fulmer. Finally, the last Musketeer is Perseus Emil."

"Klaus Gonzales is the son of Lionel Gonzales. That's why I'd gone ahead with the marriage, despite my own misgivings."

Michael was very clear about how powerful the Gonzales family was.

Levi smiled. "By sending this coffin to your doorstep, isn't the Gonzales family trying to announce how poorly they regard the Jones family?"

"Exactly! The Gonzales family doesn't even humble itself before the Goel family sometimes. Of course, they aren't going to care about a small clan like us," Michael replied carefully.

Hence, this year's anniversary meeting was extremely important. Michael wanted to take the opportunity to climb the ranks for his family.

Levi gritted his teeth. "I don't care how powerful the Gonzales family is! Since they'd humiliated my mother in the past, I'm going to get my revenge!"