

Chapter 716 The Past About The Duncan Family

After everyone had departed, Liam trailed Sergio to his lounge.

Bewilderment clouded Liam's thoughts. Just as he was about to pose a question to Sergio, Sergio beat him to it. "When did you realize that child wasn't yours?"

Caught off guard, Liam hesitated before replying, "It's irrelevant now. I've come to terms with it. You don't need to console me, Grandpa. I'll manage on my own."

He refrained from revealing his secret plan. After all, his grandfather was woven into this intricate plot, momentarily serving as a pawn.

A chuckle escaped Sergio's lips. Clapping Liam's shoulder, he remarked, "Ah, you brat. You knew all along the child wasn't yours, didn't you? And you staged a show for those in Invone today, eh?"

Liam offered a sheepish grin. "You see through me, Grandpa."

With a jesting tone, Sergio added, "I had a hunch you knew the truth. During your time in the delta region, you should have found out."

Having led the Hoffman family for countless years, Sergio was no stranger to such maneuvers. His worldly wisdom allowed him to discern these games with finesse.

It was evident that the Hewitt family were the target of this show. Their only defense would be if they were more formidable than the Hoffman family.

In fact, when the assassins made their moves, Sergio sensed something amiss.

Such a novice attempt wouldn't have succeeded in front of Liam.

Yet, understanding Liam must have a reason for staging this assassination, he chose to play along, aligning himself with his grandson's scheme.

After realizing Liam's true goal was to gain control over the Hewitt family, Sergio felt a stronger inclination to assist. Regardless of the Hewitt family's declining power, gaining control of it had the potential to weaken the Sandoval family.

Yet, Sergio's expression shifted to one of deep concern. "Liam, what happened to Julie? I've heard a lot about her from Theo. She didn't seem like a bad woman."

With a knowing smile, Liam responded, "You've picked up on that, Grandpa."

He then relayed the entire situation to Sergio, highlighting the fact that the Julie they knew had been replaced.

Taking in the revelation, Sergio let out a heavy sigh. "Times have changed. The younger generation seems more cunning and audacious than ever."

Pausing for a moment, he added, "Putting that aside, if this Julie is an imposter, do you have any idea where the real one might be?"

A glint of excitement appeared in Liam's eyes. "I believe I've located her, but I need to confirm it first."

Sensing Liam's hesitation to divulge more, Sergio chose not to probe further.

After a brief pause, Liam inquired, "Grandpa, could you tell me the dynamics between the Duncan and Hoffman families?"

Sergio, standing tall with his hands clasped behind him, began, "You're aware that the Duncan family once held significant influence in Invone. I had two sons and a daughter. Beyond your father and uncle, Demetrius Hoffman, there's also your aunt. She wed an heir of the Duncan family back in the day. Originally, there were five great families in Invone, with the Duncan family being the least influential. The turning point came when another heir of the Duncan family, known for his scientific curiosities, uncovered the unique

properties of rare-earth ores. However, these ores were largely under our family's control. Seeing an opportunity to outshine our family, the Duncan family covertly expanded their empire, capitalizing on this discovery. Eventually, when another rare-earth mine was discovered, they launched a covert attack, seizing the majority of the ores. Your parents vanished in the ensuing conflict. The aftermath, as you're aware, saw a total fallout between our families, resulting in the Duncan family's expulsion from Invone."