Chapter 948 Wipe Them Out First

Nolan's words shocked all the guests.

The buzz of frantic, hushed conversations filled the air immediately. Everybody was discussing the issue.

"The Duncan family? They are powerful giants!"

"They sure are! Today, no other families can dare to claim that they are better than the Duncan family. Even the top four families before couldn't match up to them in terms of scale and strength! The Hoffman family might have been at its peak in the past, but today it's nothing compared to the Duncan family!"

"I heard that there is a mysterious force behind the Duncan family, and even the National Defense Department can't touch it!"

"No wonder the Hoffman family dared to challenge Liam! Looks like the Duncan family is backing them!"

All these conversations caused utter confusion, and everyone was not sure which side they should take.

Taking the opportunity to persuade Tristan, Nolan said, "Brother! Come with me to ask the Hoffman family for protection. You don't have to kowtow before Liam. It won't do you any good!"

Tristan was a little hesitant, but he was wiser than the others. He didn't reveal his thoughts but secretly observed Bowen's expression.

Seeing that there was no change in Bowen's calm expression, Tristan made up his mind.

He was aware that Bowen knew Liam better than anyone else.

With his mind made up, Tristan chose to follow Bowen and refuse Nolan's proposal.

"No way! I have taken my stand. I can't go back on my word!" Tristan replied.

This time, he didn't try to persuade Nolan to join him. Because another plan was brewing in his mind.

Even if Liam couldn't defeat the Duncan family, Tristan and his brother could reap benefits from both sides. Perhaps he could even take advantage of the situation.

Liam looked at the crowd in anger and realized that they were still debating.

"If you want to go, leave now! Those who are willing to stay should begin to divide the interests! But I must warn those who are leaving that people of Salem will never do business with you again!" he said menacingly.

Liam's threat put the guests in a quandary again.

Lenny and his guys knew that they had nothing to gain if they stayed here, so they began to boast about the Hoffman family, hoping to gain favor from them when they joined them.

Lenny yelled, "Liam, you're so arrogant now! Do you think any of us need you? You are nothing compared

to the powerful Duncan family! How dare you declare a war against them? No one wise would support you!"

As expected, those people who had not yet made up their minds were swayed by Lenny's proclamation. They stood up from the table.

"Fuck you! You want to lead us to death, don't you? Fortunately, Nolan brought us a better option. Otherwise, we would have been tricked by you!" they accused.

"Yeah! You are no match for the people of the Duncan family! Let's go!"

Many people stormed out of Heaven Star.

Seeing this exodus, some of the other guests hesitated. They didn't dare to offend Liam. So, they started making feeble excuses.

"General Liam, I'm not feeling well. I'll leave now."

"I'm going to Earth Star just to see the arrangements.
I'll come back later."

Everyone was purposely being ambiguous as they wanted to curry favor with both sides. However, they were not as discreet as Tristan, and Liam saw through their plans. He threw them out.

In less than five minutes, there were only one-third of the original guests left at the Heaven Star banquet.

And most of them had agendas with Bowen and Tristan.

Looking at the rest, Liam finally spoke. "If you all have chosen to stay, then it means that you believe in me.

Let's start planning the business map of Salem! My plan is very simple. I will divide Salem into various areas, such as entertainment, infrastructure, medical resources, catering, and other fields. I will assign the field you will be responsible for based on the nature of your companies."

He continued, "After this is settled, I will provide you with all the resources. But there will be a precondition that you need to share a percentage of the profits with me. Of course, you can rest assured that I will be fair. We will discuss my commission percentage and arrive at a figure that is acceptable to both sides."

After outlining his plan, he glanced at the crowd and found, to his dismay, they were somewhat absent-minded.

Liam frowned and asked, "What's wrong? If you are dissatisfied with my proposal, just let me know."

One of the guests plucked up the courage and responded, "General Liam, it's not that we are unhappy with your proposal. It's very good, and you didn't exploit our interests. We just feel that... The other side at the Earth Star has put too much pressure on us."

Liam's expression turned cold. He nodded slightly and declared, "All right! If you all are feeling concerned about them at the Earth Star, I will wipe them out first!"