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Even Chloe, who was slightly aware of Levi's capabilities, thought he was mad. You are rich and packed with connections. But Stephan's father is the Chief of the district council! Are you out of your mind to ask him to apologize to you? Are you seeking death?

Chloe did not expect Levi to be so full of himself.

Stephan nearly exploded with rage when he heard Levi's words.

He stretched out his hand to slap Levi's face. But Levi grabbed Stephan's hand in a split second and twisted his wrist. Then he kicked at Stephan's knee.

"Arrghh..."

Stephan wailed in pain and fell heavily in front of Levi on his knees.

Clap!

Levi swiftly dragged Crystal and slapped her forcefully, causing her to fall onto the floor.

The couple knelt before Levi in just a few seconds.

"What are you doing, Levi? How dare you hurt Stephan? Did you get tired of living?"

"You're out of your mind, Levi!"

Jed and Wayne yelled and rushed forward at the same time as Levi slapped Stephan across his face.

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

Both men screamed blue murder.

"Stop right there!" Levi commanded.

Everyone stayed still and looked at Levi in disbelief.

Chloe was already shivering fearfully.

Levi patted Stephan's cheek. "You better contact your father immediately and ask him to apologize to me."

Stephan hurriedly fished out his phone and made the call. "Father, come save me. Hurry up!"

Levi snatched the phone from Stephan and said with a smile before the other party could speak. "You're Draco Simmons, right? You better come here and apologize to me swiftly. Oh, by the way, my name is Levi Garrison!"

He's mad! He must be nuts! Levi has now become a lunatic in everyone's mind. He's blatantly provoking Stephan's father.

Malicious intent glinted in Stephan's eyes as he smiled wickedly at Levi after the latter hung up the phone call. "You're doomed, Levi Garrison! I will let you suffer along with Zoey and her entire family. I will never let you off the hook!"

Levi did not say a word and instead grabbed a fork and stabbed Stephan's thigh.

"Arrghh..." A horrible and hysterical scream rang inside the private room.

Stephan wanted to threaten Levi further. But he shut his mouth obediently upon meeting with Levi's eyes.

Everyone shared a similar thought at that moment. Levi's as good as a piece of dead meat now.

Chloe was shocked to her core. I did not expect Levi to destroy his own life like this. No one can save him now.

She leaned closer and whispered beside Levi's ear. "You should escape now. Run as far as you can from this place."

Levi smiled. "Why should I? I am still waiting for my apology."

Chloe was rendered speechless.

About twenty minutes later, rows of cars were parked outside the Royal Hotel as a horde of people rushed into the building.

Stephan was invigorated when he heard the thundering footsteps in the hallway.

Jed, Wayne, and the others were excited as well.

A group of men clad in suits and ties dashed into the room. An extraordinary air and overwhelming presence enveloped the body of the middle-aged man leading the group.

The man in lead was none other than Draco Simmons!

They hastened their footsteps after seeing Stephan and Crystal kneeling before Levi.

“Save me, father! He beat me up!” Stephan begged for his father’s assistance.

But Draco took large strides and came to a halt in front of Levi and asked him with concern, all the while ignoring his son. “Are you alright?”

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Draco’s subordinates did not have the courage to look at Stephan and Crystal. They focused all their attention on Levi.

“Are you alright? We were so worried when we received the news.” They said in a hurry.

Everyone else inside the room was flabbergasted.

Stephan was in utter disbelief. “I’m your son, father! I’m the one who’s injured.”

But Draco fixated his gaze on Levi despite Stephan’s effort to express his grievances.

“I’m fine. But my clothes are soiled.” Levi answered.

Everyone saw the visible wet stain on Levi’s clothes.

Draco was infuriated. He scanned the room and asked angrily. “Who did this? Who’s the one that poured water all over him?”

The other subordinates raised their voices as well. “Who’s the daredevil?”

Those in the know gazed at Crystal simultaneously.

Crystal lowered her head as her body trembled visibly.

Draco grabbed Stephan by his collar and slapped him mercilessly. "You're a wastrel! Why do I have a son like you? You will be the cause for my downfall!"

Slap!

Thump!

Draco beat up his son furiously. He finally stopped when he was out of breath.

Stephan was confounded. What's going on? Why is my father hitting me? I am the victim of this incident. Why does he concern about Levi Garrison instead?

The other classmates were also bewildered as they looked at Levi differently.

What's happening? Chloe was relatively calm. Don't tell me Levi's status is even higher than the Simmons family? Is that the reason behind his brazen attitude?

At that moment, a man dressed in a suit entered the room holding a briefcase.

"Isn't that the Head Secretary of North Hampton, Cedric Jones?"

"You're right! That's him! The Head Secretary of North Hampton City. He's the secretary of the most influential figure in the city. His appearance carries the same weight as the great Mr. Jesse himself!"

Everyone recognized Cedric as soon as he entered the room.

But Cedric behaved similarly to the others before him. He walked up to Levi hastily and asked him with concern. "Are you alright, Mr. Garrison? I am worried sick about you! Mr. Jesse left over ten missed calls on my phone because he thought something terrible happened to you. He's currently attending a meeting overseas, so he cannot come here in person. That's why he asked me to come in his stead."

Huh? Levi's ex-classmates were astounded to their limits. Who is Levi Garrison? Why is Mr. Jesse so attentive towards him? Oh my God! This is driving me crazy. Can anyone tell me his identity already?

"I'm fine. Jesse got worried over nothing. I'll treat him to a meal someday." Levi said with a smile.

"Yes. Sure. I will convey your message to him. Mr. Jesse will be pleased to hear this!"

The Head Secretary of North Hampton is so excited because of Levi's offer to treat Mr. Jesse to a meal?

Cedric turned to look at Draco sternly. "What's happening here, Mr. Simmons? My boss wanted me to clarify the situation with you!"

"This is all my fault! I failed my duties as a father in educating my child. This is the gravest mistake of my life for my son to offend you, Mr. Garrison!" Draco Simmons bowed deeply in front of Levi and continued. "I am deeply sorry, Mr. Garrison. This is all my fault. Please punish me!"

Everyone gasped after witnessing that scene.

No one expected that the district council's chief, Draco Simmons, to bow so lowly in front of Levi.

Stephan was dumbfounded.

Crystal fell into a daze.

Chloe was astonished.

Everyone inside the room was stupefied.

This is unbelievable. Levi Garrison's status is frighteningly overwhelming.

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Tap tap tap...

Footsteps rang in the hallway again.

A man dressed in police uniform and another man dressed in a soldier's uniform entered.

Jed voiced out unwittingly after noticing the badges on their shoulders. "The Captain of Patrol Squad and a colonel from the army!"

“I know him. He’s Steven Shaw, the Colonel of North Hampton’s First Metallic Regiment.”

“And that’s Xavier Fields, the Captain of Patrol Squad!”

Everyone’s scalps tingled with unease at that moment. I can’t believe Steven Shaw and Xavier Field is here!

Both men were having a meeting nearby. They rushed over as soon as they were made aware of the situation.

The two fearsome men came to a halt in front of Levi and saluted him.

The crowd could not be more amazed. Who is Levi Garrison, actually? Why are all these remarkable men in society showing such great respect towards him? Even Mr. Jesse nearly rush back to the country from abroad for him. Levi’s authority is beyond our comprehension.

A hint of terror glinted in everyone’s eyes as they looked at Levi. The lowly criminal has become a powerful figure in just a few minutes.

Chloe’s body shivered as she stood beside Levi. Her legs felt heavy as lead, rooting her to her spot. She finally understood the hidden meaning behind Levi’s explanation earlier. He said he’s dealing with firearms. If I think further from that perspective, Levi may be a high-ranking officer in the military.

She did not dare to imagine further.

“Bring them away and never let me see them again.” Levi commanded nonchalantly.

Draco complied without a moment to waste. “I will discipline this useless son of mine. He will not cause any trouble from now on!”

Everyone glanced at Crystal simultaneously.

Crystal knew she was doomed. I made a terrible decision in offending this man.

Draco and the others left swiftly after. But Levi asked for Steven Shaw to stay.

Steven stood politely beside Levi, admiring his idol. “Please give your orders, Sir!” Steven Shaw said.

Levi scratched his nose before he said, "I need one hundred thousand men next week. Convey my request to the regiment."

Levi was preparing his secret weapon to defeat the Garrison family.

Steven Shaw was shocked. But he nodded in agreement anyway. "I will accomplish this mission!"

The private room was already cleaned up by the time Steven Shaw left. The restaurant staff even changed the tablecloth for Levi's table.

Everyone tensed up as they eyed Levi nervously.

They knew Levi had the ability to destroy their future and career with a single word.

"Let's relax ourselves. This is a gathering, am I right? Let's enjoy the reunion then." Levi smiled.

Chloe immediately took the initiative to smooth things over. "Let's take our seats and pretend as if that incident earlier never happened."

Everyone's movements were stiff as they returned to their seats.

Jed, Wayne, and the others who sided with Stephan earlier were trying their best to diminish their presence.

Earlier, all of them felt the urge to bootlick Stephan to win over his favor, but none of them had the courage to do the same to Levi.

"They should be serving the dishes by now. I'm getting hungry already." Levi raised his tone.

Levi helped himself to the food after the dishes were served on the table.

He ate without a care for his image or any dining etiquettes, but no one had the guts to laugh at him.

Levi soon realized he was the only person eating inside the room. Everyone else was tensed and quiet.

He got up from his seat after he was done. "I'm full now. I'll take my leave first."

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Chloe wanted to send him back, but Levi rejected her offer.

Noises erupted inside the private room after Levi's departure.

"Oh my God! What just happened? Levi Garrison is so scary."

"The Head Secretary of North Hampton, the Captain of Patrol Squad, they were all here. You guys must be so ashamed now, attempting to hook him up with a job."

Jed, Wayne, and the others were beyond embarrassed by that comment.

"Oh? Is this the cigarette Levi was puffing on? I've never seen this brand before." Someone picked up the empty box and asked curiously.

"You're an idiot. This is a cigarette available only for military personnel. Moreover, this must be a rare edition limited only to the high-ranking officers based on the label."

"What's his current status, I wonder? He's so intimidating."

"He's truly an impressive man. He was a successful person six years ago. Now, his achievements are even greater than before!"

Chloe did not join in the discussion. Mixed emotions churned in her chest as she felt grateful and regretful at the same time.

Her phone rang all of a sudden. It was a call from Levi.

"Morris Atkinson did not attend the gathering today?" He asked.

Morris Atkinson was Levi's classmate as well as his best friend. He stayed by Levi's side throughout high school and their university years.

Morris contributed to the establishment and success of Levi Group in the past. But after Levi was tricked by the Garrison family, Matthew Green and the others betrayed him. So Levi assumed Morris to have betrayed him as well since he was the vice president.

Levi attended the reunion with the sole intention of meeting with Morris Atkinson. But he did not expect him to be missing.

“Huh? It’s only natural that Morris Atkinson won’t be able to attend.” Chloe replied, surprised by Levi’s question.

“Why not?” Levi frowned.

“He passed away, didn’t he?” Chloe reverted the question back to Levi. I even suggested everyone not to mention Morris’ name at the gathering in advance because I did not want to dampen the mood.

“Passed away?” Levi was caught in utter astonishment.

“Ah. You really don’t know? Not long after your imprisonment, the Garrison family and Levi Group confronted each other. The news of Morris jumping off a building was made aware to the public shortly after. It was said he committed suicide because he was afraid of facing the punishment for his crime.” Chloe explained.

“What? Something like that happened?” Levi asked astoundingly. I did not investigate this matter because I knew the Garrison family orchestrated everything. So I was oblivious to Morris’ death. But if that’s the case, perhaps Morris did not betray me after all. Someone must have driven him to his death. It is impossible for Morris to commit suicide out of fear of punishments!

“Alright. I understand now.” Levi hung up the phone. Then he contacted Azure Dragon to investigate the matter immediately.

Azure Dragon reported back to him after a few seconds: Morris Atkinson swore to protect Levi Group with his life. But the Garrison family set him up and forced him to jump off a building. The media falsified the news of Morris Atkinson’s embezzlement of company funds to engage in secret affairs. News reported him to have committed suicide out of fear of facing punishment.

“The Garrison family!” Levi punched a hole through the wall in anger. “I’ve misunderstood you, my brother!” Levi muttered to himself guiltily.

Zoey sensed Levi’s abnormal demeanor when he arrived home that night. She asked. “What happened to you?”

“Do you know about Morris’ death?”

Zoey was stunned. “I thought you knew all along.”

Levi elaborated. “I was only made aware of it earlier tonight.”

“Please do not act impulsively. Just let go of the past!” Zoey was afraid Levi would seek revenge against the Garrison family.

“He was my best friend! He’s dead because of me. How can you expect me to let go of this so easily? I will never forgive the Garrison family!” Levi said menacingly.

Zoey consoled him right away. “You need to calm down. Our business is still developing. We do not have the power to confront the Garrison family at the moment.”

Levi responded in an tone. “The one-month period I gave them will be up in another week. I will have them pay the price for what they did to Morris at his grave by that time!”

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The next day.

Azure Dragon accompanied Levi to Morris Atkinson’s grave.

Morris was not buried in a proper cemetery because of the Garrison family’s interference. He was simply buried in a secluded spot in the wild. Weeds had since covered his long-unattended grave.

Perhaps this grave will no longer be distinguishable after a few more years. “I am here to see you, my brother!” Levi said loudly. You were my first comrade-in-arms to weather the battlefield-like business world. No one will ever comprehend the bond we shared.

Levi cleared the weeds on Morris’ grave with his own hands and fixed his gravestone.

Levi took a limited-edition bottle of wine available only in the army and sat in front of his grave.

“Let’s share this quality wine today, my brother.” Levi gulped the content after he spoke.

“Azure Dragon, inform everyone in the Garrison family to pay the price for their terrible deeds here after six days.” Levi commanded.

“Understood, Sir.” Azure Dragon nodded.

“Kirin, ask Nueve to bring a few men here to fix up this grave. I cannot allow my brother’s grave to be in such a shabby condition!” Levi told Kirin.

Then he continued to drink the bottle of wine while taking a stroll down memory lane. I made a promise to Morris that I would provide him with the most luxurious Rolls-Royce during his wedding.

Levi stayed at Morris’ grave for almost an entire day.

“Let’s go and visit Morris’ parents.” Levi straightened himself.

“I’ve located his parents, Sir. They are staying in a village not far away from the city.” Azure Dragon reported.

Levi grimaced. “What? Morris’ parents worked as governmental staff in the past. They own a house in the city. So why are they staying in a village now?”

Azure Dragon hesitated briefly before he continued. “The Garrison family is behind this. They revoked his parents’ ownership of the house and their pension. So they had no other choice but to move to the village and are now barely surviving.”

Levi’s expression darkened. The Garrison family drove Morris’ parents to the brink of desperation! They would’ve been dead if not for their old age. I must destroy that wretched family!

“Let’s go! I want to visit them. I think of them as my own parents now. Anyone who dares to lay a finger on them will face certain death!” Azure Dragon and Kirin trembled fearfully as they listened to Levi’s unforgiving words. It’s been a very long time since he was so mad. I remember the last time was when he single-handedly faced the strongest battalion from those eighteen countries.

Nueve led a group of men to the spot and refurbished the grave shortly after the trio left.

Trey and all the other mafia bosses from different gangs followed Nueve. They brought no lesser than three hundred men with them. After all, it is our obligation to fulfil the task Mr. Levi gave us.

The village was not far away from North Hampton but was significantly more rural compared to the city.

The people staying in that lawless area all came from complicated backgrounds.

Homeless people and provocatively-dressed women filled the dirty alleyways.

Levi felt a heart-wrenching pain as he took in the surroundings. How can Morris' parents live in such a place?

He finally found Morris' parents abode in a small building with a total of thirty square meters located deep in an alleyway.

"Cough up the money now, you old fools! You're the only family left who haven't pay the fee!" Levi and the others heard the commotion from afar.

They realized what was happening after they entered the courtyard.

A few thugs with blonde hair were collecting protection fees from Morris' parents.

The two of them had visibly aged from when Levi last saw them six years ago. It was obvious they had suffered greatly.

"Please give us a little more time. We will receive our subsistence allowance soon. I will make sure to pay you first by that time!" Morris' father, Rowen Atkinson, was begging for mercy.

"Damn you! You told me the same thing last time." The leader of the gang raised his hand to slap Mr. Atkinson.

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His hand was stopped in mid-air as Levi caught his wrist firmly.

"Who the hell are you? Let go of me right away!" The leader of the gang threatened.

Bam!

Levi punched his face forcefully. His head snapped back and blood spurted everywhere.

The thug yelped in pain.

Kirin and Azure Dragon handled the rest of the thugs.

All of them scrambled away from the scene on all fours.

The leader of the gang yelled before he fled. "Damn you, old man! How dare you call for backup. I will summon Tiger here. Just you wait!"

They then left instantly.

Mr. Atkinson and his wife closed their eyes hopelessly.

Tiger was the boss in charge of the village. He had no lesser than fifty thugs working for him. And he had the guts to do as he pleased around the area.

Tiger and his subordinates maintained a living by collecting protection fees from the villagers. Anyone who did not submit the fees or was late to hand in the money would get beaten up or even crippled at times.

Tiger was a cruel man who had his share of living behind bars. His name would invoke fear in all of the villagers.

"Thank you, young man. You should leave while you can." Rowen said.

"Uncle, Aunt, it's me! Levi Garrison!" Levi introduced himself passionately.

"Levi? Is it really you? This is great. It's so good to see you after so long!" Rowen and his wife were on the verge of tears. Our dearest son, our only hope in this world, is gone. Seeing Levi now reminds us of Morris. Oh, Morris!

"Uncle, Aunt, please do not worry from now on. I will take care of you for the rest of your life in Morris' stead. No one will ever dare to lay a finger on both of you!"

Anger surged within Levi when he noticed the bruises on the old couple's necks. Bastards! They did not show any mercy to these elderlies!

Rowen glanced at the ground floor and said in a hurry. "Levi, you should leave immediately. They must have informed Tiger. He will be here soon."

"He's right. Your lives will be in danger once Tiger is here. That man is ruthless. You might even get crippled by him. Leave now while you can, my child!"

Morris' mother nudged Levi for him to run away.

"Uncle, Aunt, what will the both of you do if I leave?" Levi asked.

"Do not worry about us. We will at most suffer a beating. Moreover, our lives aren't valuable anymore. You should survive and return to clear Morris' name. Avenge him!" Rowen was tear-stricken as he talked.

Levi comforted them. "Fret not. I am now strong enough to protect the both of you and avenge Morris at the same time."

"That's not going to work. You've never seen Tiger in action. He even has the courage to murder someone!"

I see. This Tiger has instilled fear in everyone's mind upon hearing his name. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are trembling at the mention of Tiger. That means he must have bullied them frequently. Levi thought to himself.

"Please leave now. We do not want to trouble you with this matter!" Morris' mother was anxious. She urged them to leave while glancing at the ground floor from time to time.

"Uncle, Aunt. Please calm down. Nothing will happen now that I'm here. I want to meet this Tiger in person as well." Levi turned to look at Kirin. "Ask Nueve and his men to come here."

Kirin nodded. "Yes, Sir."

"Go. Go now! It's dangerous for you to stay."

"No, wait. It's too late now. They're already here!" Rowen said frightfully.

Over ten men, wielding batons and all kinds of weapons, entered their vision. The scary man leading the group was wearing a singlet. The tattoo of a tiger was clearly visible on his torso. "Who the hell punched my brother? Show yourself this instance!"

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Tiger roared at the top of his lungs some distance away.

The other residents hurriedly shut their windows in fear. They wanted nothing to do with the mess.

The two elderlies grasped Levi's arms as they heard Tiger's voice.

Levi patted them. "There's nothing to be afraid of."

Tiger and his men reached the staircase swiftly, where Kirin and Azure Dragon were standing guard.

Tiger's face turned sour when he saw Kirin and Azure Dragon's imposing manner.

He sensed danger from the menacing aura exuding from their bodies.

"Who hit my brother?" He asked.

Tiger was furious because no one had ever dared to defy him in the village. He had always gotten his way each and every time. So it was an unprecedented scenario for his subordinate to be hit by another person. That's the reason why he came to seek revenge in person.

Levi said with a smile. "It was me."

"Aren't you the daredevil? Are you Rowen's relative? How dare you call for help to beat up my subordinate, Rowen Atkinson? I will torture you and your wife to my heart's content!" Tiger threatened the old couple blatantly in front of Levi.

Rowen and his wife were scared out of their wits. They begged for mercy right away. "Please forgive my nephew, Mr. Tiger. I beg of you. I promise there will be no next time."

"I can forgive him if you pay me five hundred thousand for the medical fee. I will call it even if each of them breaks one of their arms." Tiger sneered.

"What? Five hundred thousand?" The couple of elderlies were dumbstruck with terror. "You can't do that! They are still young. So please don't break their arms. Please break our arms instead!" Tears streamed down Rowen's cheeks as he begged Tiger.

"That's not going to work! Your arms are not as worthy as theirs. Hey! Are the three of you deaf? Don't force me to break your arms myself!" Tiger's lips curled upward maliciously.

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

The sound of tires screeching reverberated in the alleyway as multiple cars closed in on the area.

The sound attracted Tiger and his men's attention. They turned around to look at the source of the noise.

More than ten vans skidded to a stop.

Countless men rushed out from the vans and dashed into the courtyard.

Click. Click. Click...

The men assembled themselves around the narrow space and surrounded Tiger and his subordinates. The newcomers glared at the thugs with a baton in each of their hands.

“Mr... Mr. Tiger... I’ve counted their numbers. They have around two hundred people here, not counting the other one hundred standing outside.” A thug reported shakily.

“What? three hundred people?” Tiger and the other thugs were astounded.

They scanned the surroundings and discovered a problem. Every one of these men is huge and muscular. I can tell that they are skilled fighters because of the sinister aura they are giving off. These people are on a completely different level compared to us. Each of them can defeat five of us effortlessly.

“What’s going on here?” Tiger was trembling in fear as well.

At that moment, a smaller group of people appeared. Nueve walked in front with three other mafia bosses following closely behind him.

“Lord Nueve? And that’s Trey and two other Mafia bosses from North Hampton?” Tiger recognized the powerful men because he was an experienced thug. I am at most qualified to be Trey’s subordinate, while Nueve is certainly a figure far beyond my reach.

“What brings you here, Lord Nueve?” Tiger greeted him politely with a bow.

But Nueve completely disregarded Tiger. He walked towards the staircase and addressed Levi courteously. “Please give us your orders, Mr. Levi.”

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“What?” Tiger and his men were caught in disbelief as they witnessed the scene unfolded in front of their eyes. Lord Nueve is so polite towards him. Who is that young man?

Everyone was dumbfounded, including the Atkinsons. They stared at Levi incredulously. I can tell these people are far more capable than Tiger based on his reaction. But even they had to pay respect to Levi.

Levi merely waved his hand. "They bullied my godfather and godmother. I'll let you handle the rest."

He led the old couple into the house after he spoke.

Nueve turned around slowly and smiled at Tiger and his men ominously after he received the instruction. "Beat them up. Show no mercy!"

Tiger and his subordinates almost passed out from hearing Nueve's words.

"Rush them!"

Tiger and his gang members were helpless facing the crowd. The fighters barely warmed up themselves, but Tiger's party was already lying on the ground.

Nueve's men hit their opponents with batons mercilessly.

Tiger received the worst beating. Soon, he was lying in a pool of blood as his body twitched continuously.

His men received a similar fate.

Levi could not care less about the things happening outside the house because he had faith in Nueve's competency in dealing with the men and cleaning up the mess. I am quite sure I will not see a drop of blood on the floor by the time I walk through the door.

"You are so impressive, Levi." Rowen looked at Levi in amazement.

Levi smiled. "Be rest assured, Uncle. I have the capabilities now. I will make the entire Garrison family kneel before Morris' grave six days later to pay the price for their terrible deeds!"

"Huh?" Rowen thought the idea was unthinkable. But he felt a tiny bit of hope after what happened earlier.

"Uncle, Aunt, I hope I can have the honor of referring the both of you as my godparents from now on. We will move out of this place tonight!"

Levi brought the Atkinsons away shortly after.

The courtyard was spotless as Levi expected. Moreover, there wasn't a single trace of the crowd left behind in the courtyard.

Levi arranged for Rowen and his wife to stay in a five star hotel that night. He planned to purchase a new villa for them the next day.

Meanwhile, the Garrison family received Levi's invitation.

Bryan Garrison said mockingly, "Levi has the guts to summon all of us to kneel before Morris Atkinson's grave. He must be dreaming!"

Joseph responded nonchalantly. "Levi does not have a clue about the Garrison family's influence, after all."

"Haha, I can't wait to see the desperate expression on Levi's face six days later!" Ben and Jaycob laughed out loud.

Rick was a meticulous man so he couldn't help but asked. "Bryan, are you absolutely sure Nueve is the man who is supporting Levi?"

Bryan reassured him. "I am certain about that, Uncle. Nueve went to clean up Morris Atkinson's grave today and even visited his parents' house in the village. I also heard Nueve beat up the gang leader, Tiger, who's in charge of that area. So I'm sure Nueve is the person! There's no mistake about this."

Rick nodded. "That's a weight off my chest in that case. But we should proceed with caution nonetheless."

"Don't worry, Rick. I've contacted Jack Smith earlier. He promised to come in person and bring along all his men to support us." Joseph put on a wicked smile. "Levi Garrison, we had our ways of ruining your life six years ago. Now, we will force you to realize how easily we can muck up your life again."

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The next day.

Levi contacted Chloe, but all he could hear was her mumbling through the speaker as if she was occupied.

"Tell me your location. I'll come find you." Levi said impatiently.

“I’m at North Hampton city center’s Sue’s Western Cuisine Restaurant.”
Chloe informed Levi of her whereabouts.

Levi drove his car towards the aforementioned restaurant immediately.

Meanwhile, in Sue’s Western Cuisine Restaurant.

Chloe sat at a table awkwardly.

A middle-aged couple sat beside her. They were her parents, Theodore Macy and Suzy Shorts.

A young man and another middle-aged couple sat opposite them.

Chloe’s parents had forced her to attend a blind date. She was closing in on her 30s, after all. So it was understandable why her parents are starting to get anxious. The young man seated opposite her was Vernon Tate. He has a net worth of over ten million, and owned five properties across North Hampton.

Vernon Tate was determined to get what he wanted for the blind date today.

Although Chloe was an excellent woman, Vernon was certain that he was still better than her. His parents shared the same sentiment, which explained their relatively arrogant attitude during the meeting.

Theodore Macy and Suzy Shorts were satisfied with Vernon Tate as their potential son-in-law.

“If you do not have any objection, Theodore, let’s allow the young ones to get together.” Vernon’s father, Larry Tate, said.

“Ah? That’s great! Vernon is an outstanding young man. He’s the right man for our daughter.” Chloe’s parents were delighted.

Chloe knew Vernon was a good fit for her in every aspect. But the thought of someone flashed across her mind all of a sudden. She immediately rejected the idea. “No way. I think we still need more time to understand one another.”

“What? How much further do you need to understand one another? You’re sufficiently familiar with each other by now.” Chloe’s rejection did not amuse Larry and Vernon Tate.

“This is moving too fast. We’ve only known each other for less than a month!” Chloe steeled her resolution.

Vernon looked at Chloe surprisingly. “We can always get to know each other better after we start dating. Moreover, I think we are already familiar with one another. We are not getting younger, after all. I believe our relationship is heading towards marriage.”

Theodore, Larry and their wives nodded in agreement. “He’s right.”

At that moment, a figure arrived at the scene.

The man was none other than Levi Garrison.

He grabbed Chloe’s arm and ordered assertively. “Follow me. I need to talk to you about something.”

Everyone was dumbfounded, including Chloe.

She did not expect Levi to be in such a rush to the extent of grabbing her by force.

“Who are you? What are you doing? Let go of her!” Larry Tate was the first to regain his senses.

Theodore and Suzy eyed Levi curiously. “Who is he, Chloe? He looks a little familiar.”

Chloe answered helplessly. “He’s Levi Garrison.”

Chloe’s parents were taken aback. “What? Levi Garrison? No wonder he looks familiar. What is he doing here? Why are you still keeping contact with him?”

“We... we used to be in the same class. It’s only natural we kept in touch.” Chloe explained.

Larry Tate questioned immediately. “What is the meaning of this, Theodore? Did you arrange for Chloe to undergo two blind dates at the same time?”

Levi finally grasped the situation.

Theodore quickly clarified. “That’s not it. He’s her ex-classmate. Moreover, he’s nothing compared to Vernon. Levi is just a poor loser who’s fresh out of prison. He doesn’t even have a job.”

Larry Tate's expression softened significantly upon hearing that. They could not help the exaggerated reaction because they sensed the odd emotions glinted in Chloe's eyes upon Levi's arrival.

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Vernon Tate breathed a sigh of relief. He sized up Levi mockingly. "So, your friend is jobless, Chloe? I do have a security guard position available in my company. I'll offer him six thousand a month because he's your friend. His physique is perfect for the job. What do you say?"

Levi ignored him. He apologized to Chloe. "I'm sorry to have interrupted your blind date."

Chloe shook her head. "That's alright. Did something happen?"

"I am buying a house for an uncle and aunt of mine. So I came to you." Levi said.

"Oh. I see. I didn't know you have an uncle and aunt looking for a house? Hehe..."

Vernon and Larry sneered. A house? I guess Levi can at most afford the tiniest apartment in this city. Any place over two million will be impossible in his case.

From Theodore and Suzy's perspective, they thought Levi was looking for Chloe because he wanted a special offer. Chloe is a manager, so she has the authority to give out special discounts. There has been plenty of people looking for her to buy a house in the last few years because of this reason alone. Those people can save up to a few hundred thousand at times because of Chloe. Levi must be here for the special offer.

"I understand now. You're not satisfied with just Bayview Garden, I suppose?" Chloe was an experienced sales agent. She figured out Levi's intention after listening to him. He's looking for a villa. Otherwise, he could've directly purchased a house at the Bayview Garden Real Estate Agency.

"Yes." Levi nodded.

"I do have a few properties that might interest you. I'll bring you to our company now." Chloe then turned to look at the people seated around the table. "Uncle Larry, aunt, I'll be back soon. I have to handle this matter now."

Larry got up from his seat and suggested with a smile. "Why don't we accompany you? We can take a look at your workplace as well. What do you say?"

"Let us join you, Chloe." Vernon sounded excited. Then he glanced at Levi tauntingly.

Chloe did not agree to their request immediately. Instead, she turned to look at Levi as a gesture to seek his opinion.

Levi nodded. "Sure. Let's go together."

"Alright. We'll go together then."

Vernon paid for the bill before exiting the restaurant.

He said nonchalantly with the receipt in his hand. "A meal for six people that costs less than five thousand. This is cheap."

Theodore added cheerfully. "You must have luxurious meals even on normal days to consider this as a cheap meal, Vernon."

Vernon glanced at Levi before he replied. "Indeed. I spend at least two thousand for every meal because of my work."

Chloe's parents could not be fonder of Vernon.

Chloe said to Levi when they arrived at the underground parking lot. "I'll fetch you there."

"Okay. No problem. You are more familiar with the destination anyway."

In the end, Chloe fetched her parents and Levi, while Vernon brought his parents as they headed towards their destination.

They were almost at the suburbs after driving continuously for over an hour.

Vernon and his father scoffed. "We're almost at the suburbs now. I'm afraid he's going to buy a house in the village."

Vernon's mother added. "He should consider himself lucky to be able to afford a house."

But half an hour later, Chloe's car came to a halt in front of a villa area.

“Why are we here, Chloe? I thought your friend is going to buy a house?” Vernon asked curiously after getting out of his car.

Chloe looked at him in astonishment. “We are here to buy a villa!”

Silence filled the air following Chloe’s explanation.

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Everyone was astounded as they looked at Levi and Chloe in disbelief.

“Vi... villa?” Vernon asked with a shaky voice.

“That’s right. If we are talking about a normal house or flat, Bayview Garden will have served the purpose.” Chloe said.

Larry Tate and his son were flabbergasted. Our family can barely afford a house in Bayview Garden, not to mention the villas owned by Bayview Garden Real Estate. These villas cost at least thirty million to over a hundred million. Can Levi Garrison really afford a villa? We don’t believe this.

Even Theodore Macy and his wife were doubtful. We are relatively familiar with Levi Garrison’s current condition. He certainly can’t afford a villa. He’s no longer the billionaire he was 6 years ago.

Just as they were pondering about Levi’s current situation, a group of people rushed out from the villa area.

Chloe’s parents recognized the man leading the group of people.

He was Bayview Garden Real Estate’s boss, Jim Spencer, as well as Chloe’s superior. They met with him once during the annual general meeting.

Jim Spencer walked forward hastily in Levi’s direction and greeted him excitedly. “It’s an honor to meet you, Mr. Garrison. You could’ve informed me before your arrival. It is my duty to welcome you in person.”

“Welcome, Mr. Garrison!” All the staff working under Bayview Garden Real Estate lined up in two neat rows to welcome Levi. They even prepared a red carpet and flower petals to celebrate his advent.

Vernon, Larry, and the others were stupefied. What’s with this grandiose formation?

Theodore and Suzy on the other hand started to see Levi in a different light.

Levi said casually. "There's no need to go through all the trouble. I'm only here to purchase a villa."

Levi's words took Larry and his family by surprise.

Theodore questioned his daughter to confirm the thought in his mind. "Did he buy a house from you previously?"

"Yes. He bought the most expensive unit in Bayview Garden and paid the fifty million in cash. He's now the VVIP of Bayview Garden Real Estate." Chloe explained.

Her parents nearly passed out from the shock. This is crazy. He paid fifty million in cash?

"Please follow me, Mr. Garrison." Jim led Levi into the sales center in person.

The sales center was embellished with champagne and decorations in preparation to celebrate Levi's purchase.

"May I know what kind of villa are you looking for, Mr. Garrison?" Jim asked.

"The most expensive one." Levi answered without any hesitation. I will make it up to Morris by treating his parents well from now on. Buying them the most expensive villa is the least I can do.

Levi's nonchalant request frightened the Tate family members. Even if we combine all of our assets, they are not worth even a hundred million, yet Levi is here casually acquiring a villa worth more than our family's net worth.

Their faces reddened in embarrassment when they thought of the insults they threw in Levi's face earlier. Perhaps we are just some clowns in his eyes, making a fool out of ourselves.

"Please follow me, Mr. Garrison. This is the most expensive villa we have. The price is one hundred and twenty million, but we will provide you with a twenty million discount. The size of this villa is..." Jim began to explain the details of the villa.

"Okay. That's good. I want to move in tonight. Can you handle the rest for me?" Levi asked.

“Absolutely! We will also provide you with three housekeepers, a butler, a van, and a chauffeur.” Jim offered.

In the end, Levi paid for the hundred million villa in full amount using his card while everyone stared at him.

Then Levi pointed at Chloe and said, “She’s my agent. The commission belongs to her.”

“Please be rest assured, Mr. Garrison. I understand what you mean.” Jim smiled.

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Chloe did not know how she should respond to the turn of events. I can receive at least a fifty million commission from this sale alone. But I did practically nothing.

Chloe’s parents now realized Vernon’s success was actually nothing to be amazed by. Their family’s wealth was insignificant either. “Larry, let’s discuss our children’s matter another day.” Theodore said mercilessly.

“Huh? But...” Larry and his family were left rooted to their spot dumbfoundedly while Chloe and her family left swiftly.

Levi brought the Atkinsons to the new villa in the night. “Please stay here from now on. I will take good care of you in Morris’ stead!”

Levi finally felt at ease after he was done arranging his godparents’ accommodation.

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Meanwhile, the Garrison family was keeping track of Levi’s movements as usual.

Bryan Garrison sneered. “Levi bought a house for Morris’ parents and even vowed to avenge Morris’ death.”

“Hmph. He’s just a piece of trash. I doubt he will ever find out the truth behind Morris’s death, much less carrying out any revenge.” Victoria responded disdainfully.

“Is the Lopez family aware of this matter? Bryan, I want you to inform them immediately. I want them to be present as well five days later. I want the Lopez family to see with their own eyes as I torment Levi. I can finally avenge Ashton after so long!” Jaycob spoke coldly.

Bryan Garrison’s arrival at the Lopez family scared Harry and the others.

Members of the Lopez family were fearful after they were made aware of the gathering at the cemetery.

Bryan threatened them. “I will wipe out the entire Lopez family if I do not see all of you there five days later.”

“Please be rest assured, Mr. Garrison. We will definitely be there!” Harry Lopez’s legs wobbled.

It was only until Bryan left that Harry unleashed his anger. “Levi is really a curse! Why must he go and offend the Garrison family? Now he’s invited trouble for our family too. I’m going to kill him! Let’s go to Aaron’s house now!”

Harry brought everyone to Aaron’s place. He asked Aaron to summon Zoey and Levi as well.

Levi and Zoey saw a lot of cars parked outside the house when they arrived. They were startled to see the crowd inside the house. Every member of the Lopez family was there.

“You’re a bastard, Levi! You’re the cause of the Lopez family’s demise!” Aaron rebuked Levi the moment he walked through the door. Everyone else started hurling abuse at him too.

Zoey shifted her gaze onto Levi incredulously after she knew about the whole story. She sniffled. “I told you not to provoke the Garrison family. Why did you not listen to me? I know you want to avenge Morris, but have you ever thought about us? Have you ever thought about me?”

“I...” Levi was interrupted the moment he started to speak.

“No! You never thought about anything from my perspective! You always do as you please. Now you’ve completely offended the Garrison family and involved my family in this mess! The Lopez family will cease to exist in North Hampton if the Garrison family is dissatisfied with us. Our lives are all in danger now. Do you want to drive me to my death before you’re contented?” Zoey was tear-stricken.

Levi did not explain. They will not listen to anything I say anyway.

“What should we do now?” Aaron panicked.

“There’s only one way to resolve this...” Harry voiced out. “Zoey must divorce him! Cutting all ties with Levi Garrison is the only way to secure ourselves now.”

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Samuel and Shaun agreed to the proposal. “That’s right. They must get a divorce! This is the only method to protect our family now!”

Although Aaron and his wife were mistreated by the Lopez family all along, they took their side in that argument.

Aaron said coldly, “Deal with your own mess. Do not trouble us. We agree for the both of you to get a divorce as well.”

Caitlyn nodded in agreement. “That’s right. I thought we would be able to live peacefully. But you had to stir up this mess. You no longer have the right to stay in the Lopez family!”

Everyone firmly requested for Zoey to divorce Levi. They did not want him to stay a second longer in the family.

Levi could not care less about the outsiders’ opinion. He only wanted to know Zoey’s stance.

Levi looked at Zoey and asked her. “What do you think? I will respect your decision.” Levi would not oppose Zoey’s wish if she desired to divorce him.

“To be honest, you’ve disappointed me greatly. You gave up a peaceful life to deliberately provoke the Garrison family. This is no longer a problem revolving around yourself because the Lopez family is now involved as well. The Garrison family can crush our family effortlessly if they wish to.” Zoey expressed her thought harshly.

Harry and the others were satisfied with what Zoey had said. Zoey will divorce Levi if she’s blaming him now. In this way, our family will escape this predicament unscathed.

“Can you please take into consideration others’ points of view before you do anything in the future? To prevent dragging my family into this mess, I have decided...”

Levi shut his eyes as he awaited Zoey’s judgment. It seems like she wants a divorce, after all.

“I will leave the Lopez family and sever all my ties with all of you. I choose to stay by my husband’s side and weather through every hardship together.” Zoey took a step forward and stood next to Levi.

Levi fell into a daze as he processed Zoey’s words in his mind.

He was overjoyed. She is indeed my wife!

Everyone else inside the house was bewildered by Zoey’s announcement.

Aaron and Caitlyn shouted simultaneously. “What do you think you’re doing, Zoey Lopez? You must get a divorce! Divorce him!”

Zoey shook her head. “No. I will not get a divorce. Why would I wait for him for six years if I wanted a divorce? Grandpa, if you desire to cut off all ties with Levi, then please banish me from the family.”

“This...”

Harry was reluctant to make the final call because Zoey was her granddaughter at the end of the day. Moreover, she was handling a large project with high returns at that moment.

“Hurry up and make the official statement, Grandpa. We can safeguard the Lopez family by sacrificing her alone.” Samuel urged. Other members of the family convinced Harry as well.

Aaron and Caitlyn had no other choice but to stand aside and watch on helplessly.

Levi’s voice was heard just as Harry was about to speak. “Do you believe in me? I will settle this matter without causing any trouble to the Lopez family. But I will only do so if you promise not to banish Zoey from the family.”

“No one will believe you. Where did you find the confidence to utter those words?”

“Even Zoey is disappointed in you, not to mention us.”

Levi's statement triggered a wave of dissatisfaction to erupt among the members of the Lopez family.

At that moment, Zoey was doubtful as well. So she did not expect anyone else to have faith in Levi.

Harry Lopez glanced at Levi and Zoey in an unforgiving manner before he announced. "I have decided to banish Zoey Lopez from the Lopez family. From now on, she will have no relationship whatsoever with the Lopez family. I will clarify this situation with the Garrison family and make a public declaration as well. We are no longer related to the both of you from now on. You will have to settle your own mess!"

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Aaron and Caitlyn looked at Levi disappointingly. They insulted him angrily. "You're just a piece of useless trash! You are not even capable of protecting your own wife! How can you stay indifferent after your wife is banished from her family? How can you call yourself a man?"

Levi merely held Zoey's hand and left.

He glanced at everyone else before exiting the house. "All of you will regret the decision you've made today."

"Hmph! Regret? Impossible!" Everyone sneered.

The news of Zoey's banishment was quickly spread all over North Hampton. Everyone knew Zoey because of Levi, so the news became a sensation in no time.

Bryan Garrison laughed out loud after hearing the news from Harry Lopez himself. "Haha. This is great! Even the Lopez family cut ties with him. Levi is truly all alone now!"

"Hmph! Just you wait, Levi. Nueve will ditch you too. I'll see what you can do by that time."

"Go to hell, Levi! Coincidentally, we can bury you next to your best friend in that cemetery."

Everyone in the Garrison family was pleased. In their opinion, Levi would be doomed after a few days.

Levi said with a smile after they arrived home. "You do believe in me, Zoey."

"No. I don't! I don't think you have the capabilities to settle this matter. But I promised to stay by your side for the rest of our lives during the birthday banquet the other night. So I will tough through everything with you." Zoey explained solemnly.

Levi grinned. I am getting more excited now that the time limit I gave the Garrison family is coming to an end.

That night, Azure Dragon suddenly messaged Levi: I've found out the truth behind Morris Atkinson's death. Someone filmed the entire process before he died.

Levi straightened himself in a jerk when he saw the message. His sudden movements startled Zoey.

"I'm heading out for a while!" Levi left in a hurry.

Azure Dragon was waiting for him in an SUV when Levi reached the Bayview Garden neighbourhood's entrance.

Azure Dragon began explaining after Levi got into the car. "Sir, Mr. Morris managed the company well after your imprisonment six years ago. He made the appropriate arrangements to prevent the Garrison family from taking over Levi Group."

Levi knew well of Morris' abilities. He's a business prodigy. He was adept at manipulating the rules and regulations to his advantage.

"The Garrison family wanted to get rid of Mr. Morris because he interfered with their plans. So they laid a series of traps for him and faked evidence to frame him. Embezzlement was one of their tricks. Mr. Morris' bank account was top up with one billion a day before your wedding. A few houses were suddenly registered under his name as well, with women living in those houses. Those women were the mistresses reported by the news. They faked plenty of evidence to falsify crimes against Mr. Morris. The Garrison family even included charges of corruption against Mr. Rowen."

Levi finally understood that the Garrison family had been planning the scheme for a long time after listening to Azure Dragon's detailed report. They wanted to eliminate me, as well as my most loyal subordinates.

"I've already sent people to look for the four mistresses I mentioned. They are in transit as we speak." Azure Dragon added.

Levi met with his eyes. "Then where are we going now?"

"We are going to Queen Private Investigator Agency. This agency has been active for years. They are skilled in digging dark secrets from the past. They possess a lot of dirty secrets of wealthy people and celebrities in North Hampton. Coincidentally, someone from the agency filmed Mr. Morris' death scene." Azure Dragon elaborated.

"Okay. Let's go and have a look at the evidence at Queen Private Investigator Agency."

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I know the Garrison family orchestrated Morris' death. But I want to know every single detail. The process of how they drove him to jump off the building, everyone involved in the process, as well as every turn of events. I must be informed clearly of all these elements!

Queen Private Investigator Agency was unexpectedly located in a luxurious manor.

Levi would not have believed that place to be a private investigator agency if he wasn't made aware of it in the first place.

Once they reached the entrance, the security guards requested them to get out of the car and undergo a thorough security check before they could enter the manor.

Azure Dragon whispered. "Sir, I did not reveal our identities."

Levi nodded. "Okay."

Levi seized the opportunity to size up his surroundings. This alloy door is custom-made. I think it's bulletproof. These guards are clearly seasoned men. They are unusually calm and collected. I can even sense their menacing aura. Perhaps they are veterans from the battlefield.

The guards searched their bodies while wearing a pair of white gloves.

They allowed Levi and Azure Dragon to enter only after an exhaustive search.

A designated guide led them through a special tunnel after they entered the manor.

Both of them arrived at a meeting room after some time.

A middle-aged man with neatly combed hair sat on a leather sofa. He held a glass of red wine in his left hand and a cigar in his right.

Behind him stood six men clad in suits. Their demeanor and presence revealed their competency in combat. Nueve's men were incomparable to these professional bodyguards. Moreover, they were evidently mercenaries judging from their varied skin complexion.

"Sir, he is the boss of Queen Private Investigator Agency, Francis Hicks, also known as Mr. Secrets. A lot of wealthy people and celebrities fear him the most." Azure Dragon explained.

Francis puffed on his cigar. "Levi Garrison? You're finally released from prison. It is quite a feat for you to be acquainted with Nueve."

Levi and Azure Dragon merely stared at him. I guess he is not just an Average Joe to be able to obtain that information. But of course, I revealed that piece of information myself. My database is highly confidential and classified. There is only one person in Erudia who has the right to access my database.

Levi smiled. "I assume you are aware of my intention here?"

"Of course! You want the video of Morris Atkinson's death." Francis returned the smile.

"What is your condition then?" Levi asked.

"Wonderful! I like dealing with straightforward people like you!" Francis placed down his wine glass and raised his hand. "Five hundred million, and the video is yours."

Azure Dragon gasped. It seems to me this Mr. Secrets is a greedy man.

"Five hundred million? That's a little expensive." Levi replied nonchalantly.

"Ah, you should know that I risked my precious life to take that video! We are talking about the powerful Garrison family, after all. They can easily annihilate me at any time. This video affects too many parties, aside from the Garrison family. A lot of influential forces will be hunting me if I hand this video to you. So five hundred million is a fair amount." Francis complained.

What he did not know was that he had revealed a piece of information unwittingly. There are other parties involved in Morris' death aside from the Garrison family. Levi leaned closer while maintaining eye contact with Francis. "Aren't you afraid I will seek revenge against you?"

Tap, tap, tap...

The bodyguards behind Francis moved in at once as they glared at Levi.

I can cripple Levi Garrison with a single command if I want. Francis puffed on his cigar again and sneered. "I know Nueve's power is almost comparable to Jack Jr., but he is just a mere thug at the end of the day. I do not take him seriously, much less you!"

Francis was a confident man. He could not care less about Nueve.

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"Haha. You are absolutely right. Nueve is nothing compared to you." Levi said honestly. Francis Hicks's imposing manner alone is superior to Nueve's.

Levi sat on the sofa and poured himself a glass of wine as well. He took a sip and said, "I can tell you firmly, Mr. Secrets. Five hundred million is not possible. But we can negotiate the price..."

Francis glanced at Levi. "I am a decisive person. Offer me a price then!"

Levi did not say a word. He raised his hand as well.

Francis was unsettled by that sight. "Are you kidding me? Fifty million? That's not possible! I can consider if you offer me four hundred million!"

Levi grinned. "You're mistaken, Mr. Secrets. It's not fifty million."

Francis stood up angrily. "Five million? You're outrageous, Levi Garrison! Let me be frank. I do not care about Nueve. You will face the consequences if you infuriate me!"

Levi patted Francis's shoulder. "Calm down, Mr. Secrets. I am a sensible person. So how would I offer you five million?"

Francis's expression softened visibly. He assumed Levi was making a joke earlier. But Levi's subsequent clarification shocked him to his core.

“I’m offering you five.”

The atmosphere inside the meeting room reached its boiling point afterward.

Bam!

Francis slammed the table and yelled at Levi furiously. “Are you f***ing kidding me? I’ll kill you!”

Crack crack crack...

The six bodyguards behind Francis Hicks drew their bayonets in just a split second.

Tap tap tap...

At the same time, the door to the meeting room swung open. Over thirty men rushed into the room. A total of forty men surrounded Levi and Azure Dragon, leaving them with no room to escape.

Every one of these bodyguards is highly skilled and proficient in combat. Francis looked at Levi mockingly. “Have you never heard of me from Nueve? No one in the entire North Hampton has the guts to lay a finger on me. Even the most powerful Mafia boss, Jack Smith, has to pay respect to me! So how dare a nobody like you dares to make fun of me? You must be tired of living!” Francis was burning with rage.

Levi was unfazed. “I am not making fun of you. I am sincere in doing business with you. five is more than enough to pay for the video.”

Francis Hicks and his bodyguards were engulfed by wrath after listening to Levi’s words. He wants to buy the invaluable video with only five? Is he dreaming?

Francis asked Levi. “Are you serious?”

“I’ve never been more serious my entire life. I’ll pay you five for the video.” Levi nodded.

“Then I should be serious as well! You can either buy that video from me for five hundred million or let me chop off your arms. Make the decision yourself!” Francis panted heavily in anger.

However, both Levi and Azure Dragon burst with laughter after listening to his threat.

Francis and his bodyguards were dumbfounded by their reaction.

“Do you really think you can leave this place unscathed?” Francis put on a wicked smile. “Do you know how I established my influence in this city? These bodyguards are the pillars of my success! Let me be honest with you. They are all mercenaries and veterans from the battlefield. All of them participated in wars and killed over ten people. Their combat abilities far exceed Nueve’s men. No one dares to harm me because of them. Not even Jack Smith himself!”

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“I’ve spent millions to nurture each of these bodyguards and spend over ten million on them every year.” Francis roared in Levi’s direction. “Who are you to compete with me? Do you think you can fight against me with Nueve’s support? What a joke!”

Based on Azure Dragon’s investigation, Francis Hicks is telling the truth. No one in North Hampton dares to lay a finger on him, despite being just an owner of a private investigator agency. His bodyguards do overpower the underworld forces in this city. “Are you done blabbering?” Levi asked casually.

“Get them!” Francis commanded in rage.

But at that moment, they saw Azure Dragon slowly removing his clothes beside Levi.

Thunk!

Everyone was stunned after Azure Dragon removed his singlet.

What they saw was a staggering amount of horrible scars covering every inch of his skin.

The bodyguards were war veterans. So they were aware of the cause of the scars. Most are bullet wounds. Some are scars left behind from flying shrapnel and the corroded areas of the skin are caused by chemical weapons...

Even people who experienced the battlefield like them could not imagine a person sustaining so many injuries that left so many scars on their bodies.

These wounds are only present on those godlike beings on warzones. They must have participated in thousands of wars to accumulate those scars.

The bodyguards were certain that Azure Dragon was a soldier as well. A legendary soldier nonetheless!

Francis was caught in perplexity when he noticed the terrified expressions on his bodyguards' faces. But he yelled at the same time. "What are you doing? Are you afraid? You're frightened by the sight of a few scars? Take him down, and I will reward the person who did it with a million!"

Finally, one of the bodyguards rushed forward with his bayonet after the order was given.

Bam!

Azure Dragon kicked that bodyguard and sent him flying backward. He crashed against the wall and remained on the ground with his body twitching.

"Gang up on him!"

All of the bodyguards closed in on Azure Dragon simultaneously.

Thump thump thump...

"Ugh..."

Wails of pain reverberated inside the room. A few moments later, only Azure Dragon and Francis remained standing inside the meeting room while Levi sat unmoving on the couch.

All forty bodyguards were lying on the ground, covered in their own blood. The scene was a grotesque sight to behold.

Francis was petrified. He scanned his surroundings in utter disbelief.

"The King of War from the Five Great Wars Regiment of Erudia, Azure Dragon..."

"And the God of War of Erudia..."

The mercenaries lying on the ground finally recognized Levi and Azure Dragon since they once crossed paths with each other on the battlefield.

The God of War's legendary achievements was spread throughout all warzones and battlefields for an extended period of time.

The mercenaries worshipped Levi as their God whenever they go to war. Placing faith in the God of War provides us with hope!

Now, the bodyguards were kneeling before Levi, worshipping him after recognizing him for who he was. "God... God of War... the legendary God of War..."

Mr. Secrets profession was to collect intelligence and exclusive information. So he knew about the God of War's arrival in North Hampton. Francis was even in the know of many details compared to others.

He grasped the situation immediately after listening to his bodyguards. They are the God of War and Azure Dragon in person!

"Can we discuss the price now?" Levi swirled the wine in his glass around.

Thump!

Francis groveled at Levi's feet and begged for mercy frantically. "It's my fault for failing to recognize the almighty God of War. Please spare my life! I beg you..."

Thump thump thump...

Francis slammed his forehead against the floor continuously to express his sincerity.

The Protector Chapter 78

Levi scoffed. "What do I need your life for? I only need the video!"

"I will give you the video, Sir! I will give you anything you want!" Francis was scared out of his wits.

"I'll pay you five as promised." Levi said.

Azure Dragon took out the money from his pocket and tossed it in Francis's face.

"You don't have to pay me, Sir..." Francis forced a hideous smile.

“Just take it...” Levi raised his tone.

Francis kept the five in his pocket obediently and swiftly handed the USB containing the video to Levi.

“Play it.”

Francis hurriedly played the video on the screen after receiving the order.

Soon, a footage was shown on the screen. The background was the rooftop of Levi Group’s building.

A lot of people were there, and they were divided into 3 parties.

Morris Atkinson was by himself. The other party was the Garrison family. Namely Bryan, Victoria, Ashton, Lionel, and Tammy. While the last party consists of a few youngsters, including Philip Hardy, Kit Page, Misty Dennis, and Holly Nelson.

Those youngsters were Morris’ close friends. Holly Nelson was Morris’ love interest as he had been pursuing her.

In the past, Holly promised to become Morris’ girlfriend officially after Levi’s wedding. He was his groomsman while she was Zoey’s bridesmaid.

The rest of the video was easy to comprehend.

The Garrison family threatened Morris to jump off the building. Otherwise, they would kill Holly and the others. They also mentioned about harming Mr. and Mrs. Atkinsons.

Morris had no other choice but to fulfill their wish in order to protect his parents, lover, and friends.

But Holly and the three other people smiled cheerfully after Morris leaped off the rooftop.

I see. So they conspired with the Garrison family since the very beginning to force Morris to jump off the building. The Garrison family easily took control of Levi Group once Morris was gone. Levi grimaced after he finished the video. The temperature inside the room seemed to have dropped below freezing point.

Francis could not help but shudder. This man in front of me is too scary. His wrath will bring countless deaths...

“Let me explain to you, Sir... Holly Nelson and the others joined forces with the Garrison family to set Mr. Morris up. After his death, Holly Nelson received benefits from the Garrison family. She is now the president of Star Entertainment.

Mr. Morris' close friends received promotions as well. They now managed a company of their own, respectively. They are responsible for Mr. Morris' defamation and they are the ones that leaked the falsified information about him to the public.” Francis offered.

Crack-

Francis stared in horror as Levi crushed the wine glass in his hands as it shattered into pieces. “All of them must die!” The words slipped through Levi's gritted teeth.

Francis's legs wobbled. He fell onto the ground on his knees.

“Let's go. We are visiting Holly Nelson tomorrow!” Levi ordered. Then he exited the place with Azure Dragon.

Francis knelt on the floor for a long time even after the both of them had left. His body was drenched in cold sweat. I agreed to Jack Smith's request when he contacted me 2 days ago.

He wanted me to tag along to Morris Atkinson's grave to intimidate Nueve and Levi Garrison. I will not accept that request now, even if I have a thousand lives to spare.

Levi Garrison is the legendary God of War! Now I understand why the only piece of information I could obtain about Levi Garrison during his imprisonment was that he went to the same prison as Nueve. That's because he left the prison a long time ago. His profile is now classified and protected by the army!

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Levi and Azure Dragon arrived at a manor afterward. It was the place Azure Dragon and the others were staying in.

“The four women are all here, Sir.” Azure Dragon whispered.

“Alright. Bring them in.” Levi ordered.

He scanned through the women’s profile on the couch. These women are executives in large corporations nominally. But they are, in fact, professional mistresses. Their profession requires them to seduce influential and highly-ranked figures and become their mistresses.

Once they’ve successfully established that status, they will deliberately leave pieces of evidence to spread the news of their infidelity and indirectly ruin these influential figures’ reputations. Morris’ case is a perfect example.

All of them tried to get close to him before his death. They purposefully allowed the paparazzi to capture photos of them together. After the fake news was released, the pictures of them entering hotels as a couple became solid evidence to back their identity as Morris’ mistresses. This is their job description, and they are usually paid handsomely after completing their tasks.

The four women entered the room after a short while.

Their appearance, demeanor, and temperament were completely different from the girls in nightclubs. They gave off an aura of that of a woman with professional career.

All of them eyed Levi arrogantly.

Levi compared their faces according to their profiles in his hand. “Nicole, Gina, Tasha, and Sasha.”

“Who are you? Why did you bring us here?” Nicole and the others glared at Levi.

“Perhaps all of you can no longer recognize me. Let me introduce myself. I am Levi Garrison.”

“What? Levi Garrison?” All four women’s faces fell when they heard that.

“Don’t be nervous. I am only here to clarify something with you. What happened to my best friend, Morris Atkinson, six years ago...”

They were startled as Levi raised his tone on purpose.

“I will let all of you leave unharmed if you confess the truth.” Levi stared at them.

Nicole and the other girls exchanged glances before they responded. "What? Everything about him was reported in the news, and that was the truth! He brought that on himself. What do we have to do with that matter? Let us go immediately. Otherwise, you will face the repercussions."

Levi smiled. "But your professions are clearly stated here on your profile. See?"

"You're slandering us! We did not do that! Morris Atkinson lied to us. Moreover, what's wrong with us staying with him if he's single? That useless piece of shit brought that on himself! We've got nothing to do with his death."

"That's right. Let us go now. Otherwise, you will receive a similar fate, Levi Garrison!" Nicole and the others threatened him. They were not afraid of Levi because they had someone supporting them.

"So, you're not confessing?" Levi asked.

"We're not telling you anything. There's nothing to tell anyway." Nicole said in a pompous manner.

Tap...

Levi did not speak further. He placed a gun and a few bullets on the tabletop.

All the colors drained from all four women's faces simultaneously.

"Do bear in mind that I have limited patience." Levi stared at them coldly.

Nicole crossed her arms in front of her chest and sneered. "You're not scaring anyone now. What are you going to do? Kill us?" We have a powerful figure backing us. Does he think we are some immature young girls? We know he's just trying to intimidate us. So there's no reason to be afraid at all.

Levi kept quiet. He disassembled a bullet and poured the gunpowder on the tabletop. Then he lit the gun powder with a match.

Whoosh!

Burning flame erupted as the heat washed over the women.

"Argh!" They stepped backward startingly because they were afraid of getting burned.

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Azure Dragon grabbed Nicole's arm and brought her forcefully to where Levi was.

Levi disassembled another bullet and poured the gun powder on Nicole's face.

Nicole was already struggling with all her might trying to free herself, but her effort was for naught.

The other girls were trembling in fear because they sensed the dreadful atmosphere.

Click!

Levi lit another match and brought the flame close to Nicole's face.

Levi's slightest mistake could cause a reaction between the fire and gun powder, leading to the disfigurement of Nicole's delicate face.

"No! Please don't! I'll speak. I'll tell you everything!" Nicole yelled hysterically as she stared unblinkingly at the flame.

Thump!

Nicole slumped onto the floor after Azure Dragon loosened his grip.

"What about the rest of you?" Levi looked at the other girls.

Thump!

They knelt before Levi one after the other. "We'll tell you everything. Rick Garrison came to us and orchestrated all these to happen. He registered the houses under Mr. Morris' name too. We are telling the truth. We even have evidence to back our words! They're all in our cellphones..."

All four of them were intelligent women. They knew they had to keep the evidence to protect themselves.

All the pieces of evidence were sufficient to prove Rick Garrison was the mastermind behind the falsifications.

“Ah, I see. So it is him!” I’ve always thought of him as the most righteous person in the Garrison family. He wears glasses, gives off a gentleman vibe, and even graduated from a prestigious university abroad. Moreover, Rick Garrison was the only one who treated me well in the family previously. Perhaps he’s the evilest and most cunning among all of them. Rick Garrison might be the family’s strategist judging from this scheme he pulled off. He must’ve planned this for a long time to overthrow me six years ago.

“Hahaha... I see now... Let them go.”

Nicole and the others were frightened when they saw a few soldiers walking around on their way out. They began to feel curious about Levi’s identity.

“I’ve finally understood everything related to Morris’ death. Very well! I will see for myself how carefree your current life is, Holly Nelson!” Levi curled his lips menacingly.

The next day, Levi went to Star Entertainment early in the morning.

He saw Holly’s posters all over the building’s lobby. She appeared to be radiant and dignified in the pictures.

“She was only an insignificant model in the past. She managed to achieve her success today because of Morris. Ha...” Levi sneered while examining the poster.

Azure Dragon whispered beside him. “I’ve made an appointment with Holly Nelson in advance, Sir. It’ll be our turn to meet with her soon.”

“Okay.”

A receptionist walked up to them after a short while. “Mr. Dragon, please follow me...”

The President’s office was located on the 36th floor.

A few security guards stood near the entrance. They allowed Levi and Azure Dragon to enter only after a thorough security check.

Holly was working inside the office.

She did not spare a glance at the visitors even after she heard movements at the door. “Please wait for a moment, Mr. Dragon. I’ll be there with you very soon!”

Levi voiced out at that moment. "Aren't you doing well, Holly Nelson?"

"Hm?" Holly felt the voice sounded familiar. She slowly looked up and exclaimed when she saw the visitor in her office. "Levi Garrison?"