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### The Medical Genius's Unspeakable Marriage Chapter 1801

The whole of Stonedale and Eastshire burst into a tumult when word of Jasper's death spread across town. However, although Tiger had spread the word and many had learned that Macon, Gregory, and Lord Voodoo were responsible for Jasper's death, Aurelius, the patriarch of the Damron Family, still publicly demanded Matthew's presence in Bainbridge.

He wanted Matthew to kneel in front of the Damron Family and give them a satisfactory reply.

The Damrons were so arrogant and condescending that it was as though they regarded Matthew as their slave, someone they could boss around as they pleased.

To that, the remaining families of Eastshire and Stonedale expressed their dissatisfaction toward the Damrons' attitude, and Victor, even more so, arbitrarily accused the Damrons of making things personal.

It was evident what the Damrons were aiming for when they kept targeting Matthew instead of capturing the culprits, even when they knew who the true killers were. However, the Damrons didn't even bother themselves with the families of Stonedale and Eastshire.

Aurelius, even more so, ordered the Ten Greatest Families of Stonedale and Eastshire to immediately disassociate themselves from Matthew, or they would be deemed as Matthew's accomplices and would receive the same treatment as Matthew.

As soon as the order was given, Stonedale and Eastshire burst into an uproar. Everyone knew that the Damrons were overbearing, but never did anyone expect the Damrons to go to such lengths. They downright belittled the families of Stonedale and Eastshire!

Then again, as furious as the families were, none dared to dismiss the Damrons' order, for they were no match for the Damrons at all. Thus, the families of Stonedale and Eastshire had no choice but to ask Levi, the King of the South, to deal with this matter.

And all of this happened within one day.

Matthew, on the other hand, remained in Eastcliff the entire time, watching as the event unfolded outside.

Melvin had rushed to Eastcliff from Eastshire as well and was sitting in Lakeside Garden with Matthew right then. His scouts had constantly been delivering updates, and he burst into laughter after reading the content on a piece of paper.

"Ha! A few members of the Damron Family clamored about wanting to retaliate against Freya. As a result, Heath dismembered the arms of all the Damron Family who had gone to Centourial, then chucked them out, and the Damrons shut up immediately! The Damrons sure bully the weak but fear the strong!"

Matthew, too, chuckled, but the worry in his gaze deepened.

Macon had really killed two birds with one stone by killing Jasper, framing him as well as Freya at the same time. However, Freya had Heath to back her up, so she didn't need to fear the Damrons at all.

He, on the other hand, had no other support with Billy gone.

So how was he to fight the Damrons?

Of course, it wasn't all hopeless for him. Stonedale and Eastshire were a part of the Six Southern States, after all, and the Six Southern States were considered the South, which was also Levi's territory.

The crucial thing now was Levi's stance on the matter.

If Levi was willing to stand up for him, then he didn't have to worry about the Damrons. However, if Levi chose not to do anything about it, things would become seriously problematic for Matthew.

"Mr. Victor should be at Levi's by now, isn't he? Has any news come from Levi's?" Matthew asked.

Melvin shook his head in response. "None so far. It seems that Levi didn't see Victor at all!"

At that, Matthew frowned. 'Can it be that Levi doesn't want to get involved at all?'

Just then, there came a knock at the door, leading Matthew and Melvin to exchange a glance, only to find a hint of surprise on the other's face. There were many guarding outside, so there was no reason for one of their own to knock.

'Who could it be at this time?'

As baffled as Matthew was, he told one of his men to answer the door.

The door opened to reveal a composed man in a black suit and white gloves.

He bowed slightly while looking at Matthew and said, "Master Levi requests your presence, Mr. Larson..."

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Matthew couldn't help being taken aback. 'Master Levi? Levi Quirk?'

At that, he looked toward Melvin, who nodded and whispered, "This is Master Levi's personal chauffeur. He will be wherever Master Levi is. If he is willing to have his chauffeur escort you, that means he means you no harm..."

Matthew nodded in acknowledgment.

As long as the other party was genuinely Levi, he didn't need to worry about anything, for given Levi's status and ability, the man didn't need to do all this to get rid of him.

"After you..." Matthew said, and the man in black nodded, taking a profound gander at Melvin before leading Matthew out.

Matthew's men were all stationed in the yard, but everyone was now standing, for there stood another person, Phoenix!

He was standing next to Tiger. It seemed that Tiger and the others didn't resist only because Phoenix came forward, or how could they have allowed a stranger to enter the premise just like that?

Phoenix dipped his head at Matthew as a greeting but said nothing when he saw the latter.

From the looks of it, he, too, was reassuring Matthew that there wouldn't be any danger. However, Matthew felt somewhat nervous, for he didn't know what exactly Levi wanted.

'The master never expressed his opinions publicly when Jasper's death caused such an uproar, and yet he has chosen to come to me at this time. So, just what the heck does this mean?'

'If anything, he can very well express his support for me if he really wants to, yet he never said anything and instead has come covertly for me. Then, it surely won't be as simple as coming here just to back me up!'

As Matthew ruminated, the car arrived at an overwater manor in the south suburbs.

The surroundings were magnificent, but not many knew the place, so only a few frequented the area. And that night, not even a car was in sight outside the manor.

After pulling up at the entrance, the chauffeur turned to open the door for Matthew, then bowed slightly. "Master Levi is waiting for you right inside..."

To that, Matthew nodded in acknowledgment. "Much obliged.."

He entered the manor, where not a single soul could be found as well, traversed the overwater corridor and finally saw a middle-aged man in the overwater gazebo at the farthest end. He looked to be in his forties, 5'9" in height, and had a lean body, evidently someone who worked out frequently.

Right then, he was sitting upright next to the water with a fishing pole in his hands. His gaze was fixed on the water, waiting patiently.

Matthew knew that the man was, no doubt, Levi Quirk.

However, he was somewhat surprised, for it was thirty-plus years ago when Levi became prominent. So he would be in his fifties at the very least by now, but this man looked like he was only in his forties.

'I see that he managed to keep his shape from successfully cultivating his internal energy...'

At that, Matthew took a deep breath, stopped right in front of the gazebo, and coughed lightly, signaling his arrival. However, Levi didn't turn around but only beckoned him with a smile. "Sit..."

His eyes, on the other hand, were fixed on the water the entire time, seemingly waiting for a fish to take the bait.

Matthew obliged, sitting next to the master. Seeing that Levi said nothing, he kept quiet as well.

Finally, about ten minutes later, the bobber on the surface moved, and Levi pulled his rod up with a 'Ha!'.

A common carp then appeared out of the water and landed in Levi's hands.

As Levi removed the hook from the carp's mouth, a young woman in black appeared out of nowhere, took the carp from Levi with both hands, and retreated.

Matthew, on the other hand, was taken aback. He had been sitting there for quite some time and yet never detected a third presence outside the gazebo.

He took a gander at the young woman in black. Her feet seemingly never touched the floor when she left, as she didn't make a single noise, and that fact induced fear within him, for if this young woman wanted to kill him, he would probably long be dead!

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Matthew was surprised to learn that Levi had such a powerful young woman by his side, and this gave Matthew a better understanding of the master's ability.

'The Six Kings sure are no ordinary men!'

There naturally was something superhuman about Levi when he could reign over the South for decades.

After Levi put his fishing rod away, he looked over at Matthew and sized the young man up. Admiration filled his eyes as he guffawed, "As expected of a young hero. You look outstanding..."

"You flatter me, Master Levi," Matthew hurriedly stood up and bowed to the master. "How dare I call myself a hero in front of you?"

Levi guffawed and waved his hand. "Alright, let's cut the flattery. Young man, drink with me!"

At that, the gentleman walked to the stone table aside, where a liquor bottle was placed, and poured two glasses, handing one to Matthew before downing the other glass himself.

Matthew, too, downed his shot.

"This is good!" he couldn't help exclaiming.

Levi guffawed once more. "I've never had many interests in life apart from drinking good liquor. To think you're a fellow drinker as well. Looks like my trip here wasn't in vain. I've at least found company."

A red flag was raised within Matthew as he caught the underlying message in Levi's words. There was certainly another purpose for his trip. However, Matthew didn't ask directly but only played dumb and continued drinking with Levi.

When the bottle of liquor was half empty, the young woman came over silently again with a large bowl of fish stew made with the carp Levi had just caught. After placing it on the table, she left silently once again.

Meanwhile, Levi handed Matthew a set of cutlery and offered with a smile, "Come, help yourself..."

While speaking, he scooped up a spoonful of stew and savored it.

Matthew joined Levi and took a few spoonful himself.

"I've finally satisfied my craving," said Levi with a smile as he rubbed his belly after they finished the remaining half of the liquor.

"Alright, let's talk business..."

At that, Matthew instantly sat upright.

"I've long heard about what Jasper had done in Eastcliff," said Levi as he looked at Matthew. "The Damrons act tyrannical and condescending, thinking they can trample everyone beneath their feet just because one of theirs married someone from the Nolan Family. It's something to celebrate when Jasper died in Eastcliff, don't you think?"

To that, Matthew mumbled with an unchanged expression.

"That said, I'm not the one who killed him, but the Damrons put all the blame on me. Isn't that outrageous?"

Levi chuckled in response, "Do you think the Damrons want to avenge Jasper for his death, or do they want to use it to seek more benefits?"

Inspired, Matthew looked toward Levi and mumbled, "Master Levi, are you saying..."

"To these influential families, interests are always more important than everything else," Levi drawled.

"Jasper's dead, and a dead man poses no value anymore. To the Damrons, is it more important to seek the culprit and avenge Jasper or seek more benefits for the family using his death?"

Matthew locked his brows into a tight furrow. Levi had pointed out the crucial key.

Why did the Damrons still target Matthew when they clearly knew Macon, Gregory, and Lord Voodoo were the killers?

It was because Matthew possessed great benefits!

Macon, Gregory, and Lord Voodoo now had no one else but themselves. The Damrons could kill the trio whenever they wanted. But what could they gain from killing the three other than avenging one of their own?

Nothing!

However, things would be different if they shifted the blame onto Matthew.

All things aside, the Restoration Pill alone was already more than enough for the Damrons to lay their hands on Matthew!

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Matthew took a deep breath.

'Levi sure isn't the King of the South for nothing. Look at him! He found the crux of the matter at one glance...'

To put it bluntly, the Damrons were latching onto Matthew because of the benefits he could provide!

After a moment of silence, Matthew mumbled, "This is what they call a man's ability and ambition can be the death of him, isn't it?"

To that, Levi smiled. "When what you can provide outweighs your ability, you'll find yourself in such circumstances easily. We live in a world governed by the laws of the jungle. The strong will always keep

their eyes on whatever others have. Many would be willing to take the risk if the benefits provided are tempting enough.”

Matthew couldn’t help smiling wryly at that. “If things are as you say, Master Levi, then I’m inevitably doomed this time, aren’t I?”

Levi put his glass down with a faint smile and suddenly diverted the topic. “By the way, I visited Brittany before coming over. She seemed to have found out what had happened to Billy and had been feeling down in the dumps lately. Nothing interests her except for when I mention you... Her eyes would only light up a little at that time.”

Matthew was baffled, unsure what Levi was trying by bringing this up out of the blue.

“Brittany’s like a sister to me,” Matthew mumbled.

“I would visit her every now and then as well. Then again, anyone would inevitably feel sad when they’re met with such news...”

At that, Levi looked into the distance. “Billy and I go way back, and I watched Brittany grow up myself. I don’t have any children to call my own, but I adore the young lady. So much so that I even asked Billy if he could let me be her godfather... It breaks my heart to see her upset.”

Matthew decided not to say anything at all at this point, for he seriously had no clue where Levi was taking this conversation. Levi, on the other hand, turned to Matthew suddenly.

“Matthew, do you know why I never expressed anything regarding the Damrons’ issue?”

“Please, do tell...” Matthew bowed slightly.

“Billy told me to look after you before he left,” Levi explained. “Actually, I do look after you over many things...”

Matthew nodded in agreement. ‘Well, he’s not wrong...’

For instance, Phoenix personally dealt with the Neverland Pharmaceuticals incident. Though he said he was there to deal with Raven, the man had also indeed done Matthew a major favor.

If Levi hadn’t given Phoenix the go in the shadows, Phoenix probably wouldn’t have taken the liberty to sort things out himself.

Levi continued, “I can help you deal with the matters within the South. I’m the King of the South, after all. People within the South will still listen to me. But I can’t stretch my hands beyond the borders. Take the Damron Family’s incident this time, for instance, what will the nation think of me if I stand up for you in front of everyone?”

“We have nothing to do with each other. The nation will only think that I will fight the Damrons because I see great benefit to you, and I want it all to myself. By then, the people I have to face wouldn’t just be the Damrons anymore.”

Matthew’s heart skipped a beat.

As much as Levi was justifying his reason for not voicing his opinion, Matthew could tell the master was implying something as well.

Levi's 'we have nothing to do with each other' was clearly a hint for him. However, Matthew didn't say it outright but played dumb.

"Alas! I understand your situation, Master Levi. I will deal with the Damrons myself..."

"But it's not like this is set in stone," said Levi with a smile.

"Matthew, if I can find a reason that can shut the nations' mouths up, then going up against the Damrons will be a piece of cake, no?"

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Matthew became alert, he knew Levi's main reason for seeing him would be coming up next.

However, he continued to play dumb and asked, "What are you trying to say, Master Levi?"

Levi chuckled under his breath at that. "What do you think of Brittany?"

At that, Matthew turned grim, finally having a good idea what Levi was trying to pull off.

"Brittany is a sweet girl, and I've always regarded her as a little sister," he answered.

Levi frowned in response and took a profound gander at Matthew before saying, "I won't beat around the bush with you anymore, Matthew. I can tell that Brittany likes you, and I'm certain she will be very happy if she can marry you. Besides, Billy and I go way back, and I regard Brittany as my own as well. If you're Brittany's husband, no one can say otherwise when I shield you from the Damrons..."

Matthew's heart skipped a beat. His guess was spot on, and this was indeed Levi's purpose. The master had laid such an elaborate groundwork all just for this.

Once Matthew married Brittany, Levi would sort the Damron family out for him!

Everything in this world came with a precondition. However, Matthew didn't quite understand why Levi would make such a demand.

Could he really adore Brittany and wish for the young woman to live happily?

Matthew might not know Levi well, but Billy did tell him before leaving to watch out for Levi. Hence, Matthew had always kept his guard up against Levi, and who knew just what sort of trap lay waiting for him when Levi would make such a demand.

As Levi had put it earlier, many people in the world were breathing down Matthew's neck when he possessed such great benefit.

Sure, the Damrons had their eyes on Matthew, but was it possible that Levi himself wasn't?

No doubt this man was also devising some sort of a plan!

Then again, it didn't matter to him just what the heck Levi was planning, for it was impossible for him to marry Brittany in the first place.

With that, he stood up and bowed to the master. "I really appreciate the kind gesture, Master Levi, but I already have a wife, and I love her dearly. Thus, I will never marry another woman! Brittany is a sweet girl, but I've always considered her a younger sister. I believe she will find a better man for her than me..."

Levi took a gander at Matthew and said, "As impressive as I am with your choice, Matthew, it's not a wise one with the way I see it. I can tell you're ambitious, but ambition requires power to keep it up. This power doesn't come only from yourself but also from external factors that can benefit you..."

"You have zero foundation, and your current wife can't provide you any support. Under these circumstances, it's basically impossible to fulfill your ambitions! Let me give you some advice, one has to make sacrifices if one wants to make it big. Do you think those who stand at the top of the pyramid really love their significant other?"

"How can you gain what you want when you're not willing to make sacrifices? There's no such thing as free lunch in this world, Matthew."

At that, Matthew took a deep breath and bowed once more.

"Thank you for your advice, Master Levi. You're right, one has to make sacrifices if one wants to make it big. But either way, I will never sacrifice the people I hold near and dear. This is where I draw the line. I really appreciate your concern, Master Levi, but you can take it as me not knowing better and being unable to accept your kind gesture. I shall take my leave now..."

With that, he got up and left without hesitation.

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When Matthew arrived at the edge of the gazebo, a dark figure popped up in front of him quietly and happened to block his path. The dark figure was none other than the young woman in black.

Undoubtedly, she had been standing by near the gazebo the entire time. However, Matthew never sensed her presence at all.

The young woman's gaze at Matthew was a malicious one, making her seem like a venomous snake that would strike at any given second.

Her stare sent chills down Matthew's spine, and he felt an inexplicable coldness within, causing him to clench his fists and keep his guard up against this young woman reflexively. At the same time, he was panicking a little, for he was certainly no match for her if she really attacked him.

Just then, Levi's voice came from behind him. "Think long and hard about it, young man. Perhaps you'll change your idea! You can come to me whenever you've changed your mind..."

At that, the young woman retreated slowly and made way for Matthew.

Meanwhile, Matthew turned around to find that Levi had returned to the side of the lake and hurled the fishing hook into the water.

"I really appreciate your kind gesture, Master Levi..." Matthew cupped his hands.



“However, this is really where I draw the line. I will never do such a thing!”

With that, he turned and left.

Levi, on the other hand, looked as calm as still water. He sat by the lake as though he hadn't heard a word Matthew said. However, when Matthew's footsteps could no longer be heard, a gleam flashed across Levi's eyes, it was so quick that not even the young woman caught it despite standing next to him.

“Master Levi, why did you let him leave?” she whispered, her gaze frosty.

“He should die for not appreciating your help when you've personally come to talk to him, wanting to save him from a dire situation!”

To that, Levi waved his hand. “It's normal for a young man to not know his limits. He'll only know just how evil the world can be once he has truly suffered...”

“I've already given him a chance. It's down to him whether he will seize it. You just need to remember to keep a close eye on the Damrons. Let them do certain things as they wish, but there are some things they absolutely cannot lay their fingers on. Got it?”

“Yes, sir!” The young woman nodded in acknowledgment.

She knew Levi was referring to the Restoration Pill. The Damrons could kill Matthew all they wanted, but they were not to obtain the Restoration Pill.

Just because the Damrons had their eyes on this fat pig, it didn't mean Levi didn't.

When Levi's chauffeur returned Matthew to Lakeside Garden, Phoenix was still standing in the yard. He frowned when he saw that Matthew had returned. Clearly, Matthew and Levi didn't come to an agreement when only Matthew returned, and Phoenix didn't receive further orders from Levi.

At that, he approached Matthew and whispered, “Are you certain you want to fight the Damrons head-on?”

Matthew smiled in response. “I don't think I have a second choice...”

“Master Levi just gave me a few missions to see to in the Western Territory,” Phoenix disclosed. “I won't be able to come back so quickly. I'm afraid I won't be of much help when it comes to the Damrons.”

Matthew knew that Levi had deliberately sent Phoenix away. Evidently, he was telling Matthew to marry Brittany or face the Damrons alone!

“No matter what, I still have to thank you for all the help you've given me, and don't worry. I won't die so easily...” Matthew smiled.

Phoenix smiled wryly in response and patted Matthew's shoulder, mumbling, “Run if you can, don't act tough. Where there's life, there's hope. You'll only be able to retaliate when you're alive. I hope we can still go for a drink when I come back...”

To that, Matthew nodded heavily. After a sigh, Phoenix left.

Meanwhile, indescribable loss crept up on Matthew when he watched Phoenix leave, for he knew that he had no one to back him up this time.

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Melvin sat next to Matthew inside Matthew's mansion in Lakeside Garden, and he couldn't help but frown after listening to the latter's encounter with Levi.

"Master Newman told me to keep an eye out for Levi before he left Eastcliff," said Matthew as he looked at Melvin. "I'll be honest with you, I don't really trust this guy!"

Matthew had only told Melvin all this because he trusted the latter wholly after everything they had been through.

Melvin nodded leisurely, "I've never had much contact with Levi before, but my late mentor mentioned him in the past, saying he was most certainly a hero of his generation. He was capable, tactful, and most importantly, scheming. Nobody can guess just what in the world he's thinking, nor would anyone know what sort of agenda he has..."

"My late mentor told me this once, if possible, never get yourself involved with Levi Quirk..."

At that, Matthew glanced at Melvin, surprised that Melvin's mentor would have such opinions of Levi.

"Who is your mentor? Is he familiar with Levi?"

"My mentor?" Melvin snorted wryly. "He's just a blind old fortune teller. When I met him, he was just a wandering fortune-telling conman who would talk big whenever he got drunk..."

"He claimed to be acquainted with many big shots back in the day, but who knew if he was actually telling the truth at all? Then again, it was later verified that many incidents he said about those people were true."

Matthew couldn't help feeling shocked after hearing Melvin's words. "I take that your mentor was also a prophet, then?"

"Prophet, my a\*s!" Melvin quirked his lips. "I had to wrap him up in a shabby old shroud and dig a random pit to bury him in after he died. If all prophets are like him, then I'd rather be a laity!"

Matthew sighed in response, surprised that Melvin's mentor would be buried so shabbily.

No doubt that the man was also once a big shot. How lamentable that he ended his life so pathetically.

"In that case, it isn't as simple as Levi put it when he insisted I marry Brittany, huh?" Matthew speculated.

"Naturally..." Melvin nodded in affirmation. "All things aside, just the fact that he wants you to marry Brittany shows that he's devising a sweet scheme."

"And how's that?" Matthew asked.

“Let me put it this way,” Melvin answered, “Why do you think Billy can leave Brittany in your care so assuredly before going to Bainbridge to get himself killed? Does he honestly think his enemies wouldn’t retaliate against Brittany? Does he honestly think you can keep her safe?”

Matthew shook his head in response, knowing full well that he still wasn’t powerful enough and definitely wouldn’t be able to keep Brittany out of harm’s way.

“What are you trying to say, then?” he asked, making Melvin smile.

“I’ll put it this way, without you, Brittany wouldn’t be in any danger either. As long as she doesn’t do anything out of bounds, no one would ever dare cause her trouble! Also, the last time Macon entered Eastcliff, Levi even warned Macon to stay away from Billy’s manor. But honestly, that was entirely unnecessary!”

“Why is that so?” Matthew asked in surprise.

“Have you forgotten what I told you?” Melvin said. “Brittany’s mother is a young lady of the Nolan Family, and her maternal grandfather is still one of the elders of the Nolan Family...”

“Her maternal uncle is Gabriel, the King of Stagfort, and her maternal aunt is the Princess of Bainbridge, Gianna Nolan. Whoever in Cathay dares lay a finger on Brittany will no longer exist in this world the next day!”

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Matthew took a deep breath. He remembered that and both Ambrose and Melvin, but still told the man everything.

The Nolans all saw Billy and their young lady’s eloping as a family insult, and they never acknowledged Brittany as one of their own. That said, it couldn’t change the fact that Brittany indeed had Nolan blood coursing through her veins, and she was the reason Gabriel wandered Stagfort. He wasn’t happy with how they mistreated Brittany.

Gianna, too, made her stance by frequenting Eastcliff to visit Brittany.

All things aside, Gabriel and Gianna would never let anyone who dared lay a finger on Brittany off the hook easily. Thus, even if Billy went to Bainbridge to get himself killed, Brittany would remain safe and sound.

Levi was purely doing the Nolans a favor when he warned Macon and his men not to step into Billy’s manor, for there was no way they would dare do anything to Brittany anyway. However, it would appear that Levi was shielding Brittany if he declared it out loud.

At the very least, he would gain favor with the Nolans if word got out. Thus, why wouldn’t he do so if he could easily gain some favors by putting in little effort?

Matthew turned slightly grim at that, and at this point, he understood Levi’s character a little better.

‘This man sure is super artful!’

Melvin continued, "It looks like he's finding an excuse to deal with the Damrons by asking you to marry Brittany, but let's be real here..."

"Would he even need to step in after you really marry her? The Damrons wouldn't even dare lay a finger on you after you really marry Brittany. Sure, the Damrons and the Nolans are allied through marriage, but it doesn't mean that they're on par with the Nolans. If anything, they have only sought refuge with the Nolans..."

"Not only that, Gabriel and Gianna have an absolutely pivotal status even amongst the Damrons. The two of them adore Brittany very much, and if the Damrons dare lay a finger on her husband, all things aside, Gabriel alone would dare charge back to Bainbridge and obliterate the Damrons!"

"Is Gabriel that powerful?" Melvin's revelation took Matthew aback, and the former clicked his tongue helplessly.

"Do you think he became the youngest of the Six Kings for nothing? I can assure you that he's the most aggressive and has the worst temper out of the Six Kings. Most importantly, he's not someone anyone can afford to mess with! He is not only crazy-powerful but also one of the heirs to the Nolan Family patriarchy..."

"Even the members of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay and the other kings' men would walk away if they bumped into Gabriel. You'll only be asking for endless trouble if you cross him!"

Matthew scratched his head, surprised to learn that the King of Stagfort was actually that tough.

"Hadn't he left his family in a fit of anger? How come he's still an heir?" Matthew asked.

"That's because he only left out of anger and hadn't betrayed his family, of course," Melvin answered.

"Besides, he's the Martial Emperor's direct disciple. He obviously has the Martial Emperor behind his back. The Nolans wouldn't dare strip him of his right as an heir now, would they?"

While enlightened, another question hit Matthew, and he asked, "By the way, just who is this Martial Emperor?"

He had heard many things about this Martial Emperor in the last two days, and though he hadn't a clue who this man was, one thing was for sure, he was a tremendously powerful existence.

It was evident how powerful the Martial Emperor was when Jasper acted all condescending after learning from the Martial Emperor for only three days!

The Nolans were the most powerful family amongst the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay, yet they even had to show the Martial Emperor some respect. That itself proved that the man was no simple character.

Just how powerful of a man could he be for the Nolans to humble themselves in front of him?!

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Melvin didn't answer Matthew immediately but looked into the distance with a longing gaze for a while before finally waving his hand. "I suggest you don't ask about the Martial Emperor for now. You have

nothing much to do with him now, anyway. You just have to remember that he's recognized as the world's greatest!"

Matthew's eyes widened with incredulity at that.

Melvin might not have said much, but 'the world's greatest' already spoke volumes.

The Six Kings were already crazy-powerful, yet none dared call themselves the greatest. However, the Martial Emperor was recognized as the world's greatest. At the very least, it meant that even the Six Kings acknowledged his ability.

Imagine how powerful this man was when fighters like the Six Kings would willingly humble themselves in front of him!

Matthew nodded in acknowledgment. Indeed, someone as powerful as the Martial Emperor wasn't someone he could come in contact with at this time. What was more, the man had nothing to do with him right now.

"In that case, why do you suppose Levi wants me to marry Brittany?" he asked.

"The way I see it, there's no way Levi wouldn't give a damn about the Restoration Pill when it possesses such great benefit," Melvin assumed.

"I believe the source of all of this actually comes from the Restoration Pill. The Damrons want to obtain this pill, and Levi doesn't want to let go of such a fat pig either!"

However, Matthew thought otherwise, shaking his head after a moment of pondering.

"It doesn't look like he's interested in the Restoration Pill at all, though. He didn't get involved when we fought Neverland to obtain the Restoration Pill. If he really wants what the pill can bring him, he would've seized it while getting himself involved, no?"

To that, Melvin waved his hand in objection. "That's where you're wrong. He's the King of the South. Do you think he'll loot the Restoration Pill just like the lots of Macon?"

"In fact, he'd be in the wrong if he actually did that and might even draw attention to himself. He might not even gain anything at all in the end. Besides, the pill is within the South without him having to do anything. As long as it's within his region, it'll be within his control, so why would he need to do anything?"

Matthew nodded in agreement at that. That was indeed true.

"But this time, things are different," Melvin continued.

"Because of what happened with Neverland Pharmaceuticals, the Restoration Pill was publicized, leading everyone to put their eyes on you. However, they need a valid reason even if they want to take the pill from you..."

"Jasper's death gave the Damrons a valid reason to get rid of you so as to get to the pill, and this gave Levi a sense of crisis. Once the Damrons really get their hands on the pill, this fat pig will leave the South, far away from Levi's control!"

A glimmer flashed across Matthew's eyes at that, and he looked at Melvin. "So you're saying Levi definitely wouldn't sit back and do nothing?"

"He won't," Melvin affirmed. "However, the question is how he would deal with this. Yes, he will not let the pill leave the South, but it doesn't mean he'll stop the Damrons from attacking you. If he sits back and lets the Damrons kill you, then only step in in the name of justice to seize the pill from the Damrons, wouldn't that just make you the sacrificial lamb?"

Matthew was rendered stumped. 'Ah! That's true!'

Then, another question popped into Matthew's head. "Why would he want me to marry Brittany if he can just do that, though? Why not wait for the Damrons to kill me, then just seize the pill from them?"

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Melvin shook his head. "Things aren't as simple as you think. The Damrons aren't weak either, you know. If anything, they're a prospective family to the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay as well..."

"Sure, Levi can defeat them, but he'll pay a sizable price for it as well. He wouldn't want to make such a move unless he becomes desperate now, would he?"

He continued, "However, things will be different if you marry Brittany! After you marry her, the Damrons wouldn't dare lay a finger on you, and the Restoration Pill will remain in the South. Besides, after you marry Brittany, no one else will dare think about seizing the pill ever again. That way, he'll have kept the pill within the South without firing a shot!"

After listening to Melvin's deduction, Matthew locked his brows into a deep furrow. He finally understood why Levi had come to Eastcliff.

This man was truly scheming and hard to guard against. Thanks to Matthew's faithfulness toward his marriage, he didn't say yes to Levi's proposal. If it were someone else, they would probably have fallen into Levi's trap just like that.

At that, Matthew took a deep breath and mumbled, "Master Newman was indeed right. You really can't show your back to Levi..."

"Naturally," answered Melvin. "But as long as you're within the South and you don't pose a threat to him, you two won't be fighting any time soon. Right now, the most important thing for you is to think of a way to deal with the Damrons. You'd have rejected Brittany's protection when you rejected Levi's offer. So what will you do when the Damrons come for you?"

Matthew fell into deep thought at that. This was truly the most troubling problem at hand.

He hadn't had a good idea of what these influential families were capable of in the past. But after being exposed to the Cosby's power in their residence, he knew he was no match for the Damrons for now. Even if he had the dozens of great families of Stonedale and Eastshire behind his back, they still had nothing against the Damrons.

"I guess I can only take one step at a time," said Matthew after a long silence.

"Melvin, head to Mightwater to look after Natalie, Sasha, and the lot for me, will you?"

To that, Melvin chuckled. “What? Is this your way of keeping me out of danger? You know, I’ve come to realize that you always think about others before yourself. How can you be thinking about other people when you should be thinking about saving yourself when it has already come to this?”

Matthew chuckled as well and leaned against the couch, saying, “Well, you guys can’t do much for me even if you stay anyway. So why sacrifice everyone when my death suffice?”

At that, Melvin got up to leave. “I will leave, but only after you’re dead.”

Matthew felt touched for some reason as he watched Melvin leave. Although the man looked flippant and even incredibly lecherous, in reality, he was more loyal toward friends than most.

What was more, he had been of constant help to Matthew in the long period they had gotten to know each other, but Matthew had never returned the favor whatsoever.

Thus, how could Matthew not trust someone like Melvin, who would be willing to stay with him until the end when faced with grave danger?

Meanwhile, Melvin didn’t leave Lakeside Garden after leaving Matthew’s mansion. Instead, he turned to another residence within Lakeside Garden.

The owner of the house was Absalon Walden, a rich man in Eastcliff. He was someone who did legit business.

The family was having their meal when Melvin entered unannounced.

Absalon was first stumped when he saw Melvin, but he very quickly stood up and waved to his wife and children.

“You guys should head upstairs...”