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Harper was initially filled to the brim with enthusiasm when he was assigned the task of driving a wedge between the families. Still, when he received their responses, he was dejected as he returned.

"Aurelius, the plan isn't working! People like Tyson and Victor are going all out! Before Victor left Stonedale, he fought with the members of his family..."

"Now, the Albrights are in chaos, and several forces are vying for the position of the patriarch of the family. Victor doesn't want to return, nor will he budge from his choice, even when something like this happens. It's the same for all the other families."

Aurelius frowned in dismay, this situation wasn't within his calculations.

He initially thought that he could pressure Victor and the others by creating chaos within their families. Nonetheless, much to his chagrin, these people had burned their bridges the moment they chose to support Matthew. Therefore, the plan failed miserably before it even started.

When Harper saw that he wasn't getting any response from Aurelius, he shrugged and asked, "Why don't we just fight them head-on?!"

"Can you stop thinking about fighting all day long?" Aurelius glared fiercely at him. "Have I not made myself clear?! We can't afford such a loss!"

Harper huffed, "What should we do now?"

Aurelius answered solemnly, "Since this doesn't work, let's try another one."

"Is there any other way to force those people to leave? I don't think so."

"We don't have to force them to leave," Aurelius rolled his eyes as he replied, "Many people are on Matthew's side, but there are only a handful of real martial artists. Since we can't win against them in a straight battle, we can sneak in and ambush them..."

"Harper, call the family and request them to send a group of experts over. Then, we can sneak into Lakeside Garden and assassinate these people."

"W-What?" Harper was dumbstruck. "Are you sure this will work? There are thousands of people helping Matthew..."

Aurelius side-eyed him. "Do you think these people will surround Matthew 24/7?"

Harper blabbered, "N-No. Definitely not..."

"That's what I'm saying. Our target is Matthew, and the others are not important. We have a bigger fish to fry. This time, if we can sneak in and capture Matthew quietly, we don't have to worry about others. Even if they find out about our scheme, those experts we send in can easily escape with their abilities..."

"Matthew is the leader of the pack, so we must cut off the head of the snake. Once we capture him, these people will be frantic without their leader. It will be a piece of cake for us to deal with them later. Do you understand what I'm getting at?"

Harper's eyes lit up in excitement. "Yes! I understand! Okay, I'll contact the family right now."

Aurelius nodded and warned, "Remember, don't let the cat out of the bag. This is an ambush, so we need to lay low. Do you hear me?"

"Yes!" Harper nodded and grinned from ear to ear. "When we capture Matthew, can you let me deal with him first? This b*stard attacked me and hurt me. I want to kill him!"

Aurelius frowned, "Let's talk about it when they capture him. We need to force him to hand over the formula of the Restoration Pill. Your injury is nothing compared to the pills. We're talking about a magic potion that is worth hundreds of billions!"

"When we get the formula, we will definitely enter the top five of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay, and no one will dare to look down on us anymore, get it? You can only take your revenge once we get the formula. By then, I'll personally hand him over to you, and you can do whatever you want to him."

"Alright!" Harper moved in his seat when he heard his brother's promise and nodded profusely.

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Meanwhile, things looked different in the Lakeside Garden, with the security of the entire place greatly improved.

Previously, it was Trent who led several security guards to patrol the Lakeside Garden. Now that Trent and his men had retreated, they were replaced by the members from each of the greatest families in Stonedale and Eastshire.

Currently, those patrolling the Lakeside Garden were all fighters with extraordinary strength. So, it was impossible for ordinary people to break into Lakeside Garden with them around.

At this moment, Matthew, Victor, Tyson, and others were sitting in the main living room inside Matthew's villa.

Victor had already told Matthew about the matter in Stonedale.

"Dr. Larson, you were absolutely right! As expected, those b*stards from the Damron Family did threaten the rest of the Albright Family. They tried to incite conflicts within the Albright Family, hoping it could force me to return to Stonedale!"

"Hmph! They don't even know what's going on in Stonedale. Do they think they can subdue me by using such a trick? Pigs will fly before that happens!" Victor thundered.

Next to him, Tyson and others also nodded.

In truth, they had already arranged everything before they came to Eastcliff. Those who didn't follow them and stayed behind in Stonedale were already deemed to be in a hostile position against them.

Hence, at this moment, it would be a completely meaningless attempt for the Damron Family if they thought they could use those people to persecute them.

However, Matthew didn't feel the slightest joy at the news. Instead, he frowned as he knew that the Damron Family wouldn't rest until they received what they wanted.

"The Damron Family will definitely not let matters slide so easily this time. They will definitely think of another way if this trick of theirs doesn't work," he warned in a low voice.

Victor waved his hand and dismissed his worries by saying, "Just let them do as they please, regardless of what tricks they resort to or what kind of conspiracy they have. To be honest, I came to Eastcliff this time with the determination to die!"

"Worst comes to worst, I'll just fight them. But even if I die, I want to bring the members of the Damron Family to the afterlife with me! Being able to kill one will be worth the effort. It's a bonus if I can kill two. I'm fine with it as long as they're willing to go all out on us..."

"All in all, I will let the Damron Family know that we minor families aren't someone they can bully and harass at will, no matter what!"

Since the head of the Albright Family had been forced to death by the Damron Family before, it would be an understatement of the century to say that Victor held a deep grudge against the Damron Family. Therefore, he indeed had the thought of going all out and painting the road red with the Damron Family's blood.

Matthew shook his head as he vehemently advised against that course of action, "Mr. Victor, I understand your intention. The Damron Family had indeed taken things too far, and we definitely will have to fight them to the end if that's really our last resort. However, things have yet to reach such an extent, so let's not rush to go all out with them."

Tyson and others, who were on the side, nodded in agreement. Although they came here with the determination to fight to the death, they were still unwilling to risk their lives like this in reality.

When Victor heard Matthew's words, he smiled wryly and said, "Dr. Larson, I don't wish to fight against them either, but we're talking about the lives of hundreds of Albright Family members. Who wants to die if they have the chance to live? The problem is that even if we combine our strengths, we may still be unable to defeat the Damron Family!"

Matthew said calmly, "Don't worry, Mr. Victor. I really won't have any choice but to flee for my life if I relied on my strength alone, considering you guys weren't here in Eastcliff previously. But now that I have your support and this isn't the Damron Family's territory, I think we have a chance."

Everyone swiveled their heads toward him in surprise. Then, Tyson asked with a hint of anticipation, "Dr. Larson, is... Is it possible that you have an idea?"

Matthew smiled faintly and replied affirmatively, "I do have the barebones of an idea."

When those words fell from his lips, everyone in attendance snapped to attention.

"Dr. Larson, how confident are you that your plan will succeed?" Tyson asked, getting all pumped up.

Matthew shook his head as he answered, "Thirty percent."

Although they weren't entirely surprised by the answer, each and every one of them looked at the other with a somewhat disappointed look on their faces.

Regardless, Tyson still nodded, full of optimism. "30% is quite a lot too! We're dealing with the Damron Family here, and we all know that we can't contend against them at all. This 30% certainty is enough to build our confidence to fight them. Dr. Larson, you have the Rathbone Family's unconditional support!"

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In Lakeside Garden, the time stated was 1.00 AM, it was precisely the hour when a human being's mind was in its most sleepy state.

At this time, a coach drove to the riverside that was situated three miles away from Lakeside Garden. Once the vehicle stopped, more than 20 people dressed in black clothing got out and they were none other than the members of the Damron Family.

As the head of the family, Aurelius Damron was leading them.

Among the people present, several of them were the senior members of the Damron Family who followed him here. The others, on the other hand, were the Damron Family's Elites who flew all the way from Bainbridge today.

The strength of these people was far from weak. In fact, they could be said to be the finest fighters the Damron Family possessed.

After he swept his gaze across everyone present, he intoned gravely, "Have you all memorized the map of Lakeside Garden? Matthew lives in the villa located in the uppermost part of this residential area. Remember this. Matthew isn't the only one living in Lakeside Garden now. The masters from various provinces have also joined forces with him and reside here..."

"This means we have to deal with many people tonight, so we will be making short work of them. Don't create a fuss. Take Matthew down in the shortest possible time and remove him from Lakeside Garden. Also, unless it's absolutely necessary, otherwise, do not alert the other residents to our existence, got it?"

Those present nodded silently at their instructions.

Finally, Aurelius covered his face with a black cloth and muttered under his breath, "Okay! Go!"

At once, the crowd dispersed and rushed toward Lakeside Garden from all directions.

Since Aurelius was the mainstay of the family, he chose to rush over from the direction of the back entrance.

The Lakeside Garden today was considerably different from before. Not only was security significantly beefed up, but there were also a pretty good number of guards patrolling both inside and outside the residential area. However, the watchmen's strength was no match for that of Aurelius'.

Aurelius was like a panther hunting in the dark as he skillfully avoided these people and sneaked into Lakeside Garden.

Since Lakeside Garden occupied a large swath of land, they more or less doubled the number of security patrolling inside. Nonetheless, in Aurelius' eyes, their strength was way too weak for him and his men.

As the head of the Damron Family, Aurelius' strength was undoubtedly mighty. The fact that even Jasper was no match for him was enough to prove how strong he was. Hence, it was as easy as pie for him to move around these patrol personnel wholly undetected.

As he quietly bypassed the patrolling personnel, he quickly arrived at where the villa was located in the uppermost area, it was precisely where Matthew lived.

When he stepped foot in front of the mansion, he looked around and realized that none of the Damron Family members had arrived yet. Nonetheless, he wasn't surprised by this, for this was also within his expectations.

'My strength is the strongest among them all. In comparison, the rest are nowhere near my level, so naturally, they would be unable to move as swiftly as me...'

Aurelius didn't bother to wait for others to arrive either. Instead, he sneaked into the villa by himself.

'I'm the strongest, so naturally, I have to figure out the situation in the estate first. That way, there won't be any nasty surprises when others join me later.'

There was no doubt Matthew's villa occupied a large area of land, and a dozen men were standing in strategic positions in the yard.

Unfortunately, it was already after 1.00AM, the witching hours. Therefore, even though there were quite a number of people guarding the yard, they gradually became tired due to their monotonous task, which resulted in their inattention.

Coupled with the fact that several trees were planted in the yard with some decorations, such as rocks, the visibility in the yard wasn't that great in the dark.

Aurelius performed his excellent skill of the arts of lightness, a skill whereby it could drastically enhance the practitioner's running, leaping, dodging, and weaving ability. He used these trees and rocks as a cover to bypass the guards in the yard and eventually arrived at the heart of the villa.

The lights in the villa were still on, and more than a dozen people sitting in the main living room were none other than Matthew, Victor, Tyson, and others.

When Aurelius saw Matthew, a malicious gleam flashed across his eyes.

'The reason I sneaked in first was to check if Matthew was really there. Because if Matthew isn't here, then there's no point for us to take action, lest we act rashly and alert him and the rest of the masters. But now that Matthew is genuinely here, we came at the right time!'

At that train of thought, he stepped back a little and hid in the shadows. Then, he used his cell phone to send a signal to the rest of the Damron Family, informing them to commence with the operation.

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While Aurelius sent the signal, he viciously thought, 'The rest of the Damron Family must have sneaked into Lakeside Garden by now. Moreover, there has been no sign of movement in Lakeside Garden for such a long time, which means that the rest of the Damron Family didn't alert the guards either...'

However, Aurelius felt this was within his calculations. After all, there weren't many masters left in the families in Stonedale and Eastshire.

In fact, only a few, such as Tyson, could still compete with the Damron Family's Elites. The others, on the contrary, stood no chance at all.

Since these masters were currently guarding Matthew's side and not a single master was dispatched to defend their walls, it was definitely manageable for the members of the Damron Family to sneak into Lakeside Garden without alerting anyone at all.

After he waited for a few moments, better safe than sorry after all, he quietly pried open the window and began to eavesdrop on the conversation in the room.

A large pill furnace was placed in the middle of the main living room. Judging from the smoke emitting from the pill furnace, Aurelius speculated that Matthew and others seemed to be refining medicine.

Meanwhile, Matthew most likely placed plenty of medicinal ingredients on the marble table next to the pill furnace. This made Aurelius even more confident in his speculation about their activities.

When he came to that realization, he couldn't help but feel surprised.

'How is Matthew still In the mood to refine pills? How the hell can he still think about refining medicine at such a crucial moment? Shouldn't he be thinking about how to avoid the Damron Family's pursuit?'

Still, Aurelius continued to observe the situation in the room carefully.

'After all, since Matthew is known as a miracle doctor who can refine medicines such as the Restoration Pill, this indicates that the refining technique he used to refine the pills is definitely noteworthy. Besides, the Damron Family has also specifically looked up Matthew's background...'

'The results of our investigation revealed that Matthew had refined the Restoration Pill and created incredible medicinal pills such as the mini Rejuvenating Pill and the energy pill. Any one of these pills is enough to shock the medical industry...'

In truth, the main reason why the Damron Family wanted to capture Matthew to Bainbridge was because of the Restoration Pill. The secondary reason was that they wanted to interrogate Matthew for his other recipes.

Be it the mini Rejuvenating Pill, the energy pill, or other pills that were made by his hand, it would be enough to elevate the Damron Family's strength and status once again as long as they could master even a single one of them.

For that reason alone, Aurelius' attention was utterly focused on how Matthew performed his refining technique in the room.

'What sort of pill will Matthew refine at such a critical moment?'

Meanwhile, Matthew was staring at his watch like he was counting down the time.

Suddenly, he rose to his feet and said with good cheer, "It's done?

He first removed the firewood from the pill furnace, and then he opened the lid of the pill furnace. At once, a stream of white mist wafted out from the pill furnace.

Even though Aurelius was definitely a distance away from the room, he could smell a strong medicinal scent.

The scent of this pill made him feel comfortable and relaxed. Not only that, but he could also feel that the flow of essential Qi in his body was much smoother than usual.

When he cataloged the effect of the pill's scent, he couldn't help but feel shocked.

'So, this is the pill refined by Matthew?! As expected from a miracle doctor! If the aromatic scent of this pill alone can have such an effect, imagine how one would feel if one consumes the medicine itself!'

As he arrived at this train of thought, a trace of greed flashed across his eyes.

'If the Damron Family can take full advantage of such a remarkable individual like Matthew, his knowledge will greatly strengthen our family!'

He inhaled deeply to calm his excitement, and his gaze became even more determined as he observed Matthew from afar.

Matthew looked none the wiser as he casually took the pills out from the pill furnace and handed them to everyone present.

"These are the mini Rejuvenating Pills. Here, try them. Also, did you watch the steps closely?" Matthew inquired sternly.

Everyone in attendance took the pill before nodding in affirmation. "Yes, we did!"

Matthew's smile widened as he replied, "Excellent! Well then, next, I will teach you guys the refining technique for the energy pill. So, make sure you guys watch closely, alright?"

Aurelius, who was outside, felt his heart skip a beat when he heard Matthew's words.

'Is Matthew actually going to teach everyone here how to refine pills? But shouldn't such a mysterious refining technique be a guarded secret? If so, why does he want to teach it to these people?'

At this moment, Victor inadvertently voiced Aurelius' question with an awed stammer, "Dr. Larson, a-all of these pill formulae are priceless. I-ls it appropriate for you to teach them to us like this?"

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Matthew waved his hand and dismissed his concerns gently, "Mr. Victor, all of you are well aware of the current situation. Even though the Damron Family kept emphasizing that they intended to avenge Jasper, the truth is that they just want to get their hands on my secret formula and refining technique for these pills..."

"Although the Damron Family are currently exiled from Eastcliff, we will definitely be courting our own ruin if we are to fight them based on our strength alone... Besides, I've thought things through. I'm afraid I am also doomed this time, but the Damron Family can keep on daydreaming if they think they can obtain my secret formula for refining medicine!"

"I will never tell them the secret formulas of these pills, even if I die! However, these pills can also save lives. I can't let them be lost just because of their selfishness, so I've decided to pass these formulas down to all of you..."

"Firstly, it's because I want to repay you for sticking up for me when you didn't have to. Secondly, I also hope you guys can carry out these pills to the world."

Meanwhile, outside the villa, Aurelius' facial expression instantly turned livid when he heard Matthew's words.

'I never expected Matthew to be so determined. So, he would rather die than pass on his secret formula to the Damron Family?"

Frankly, he was pretty infuriated but didn't vent his frustration outwardly for fear of alerting them to his presence.

'Initially, I planned to only barge into the room after all members of the Damron Family arrived. But now, I have changed my mind. Since Matthew is unwilling to tell us his secret formula, I will watch from outside the room and sneakily learn it...'

'We would not need to seek out Matthew once I have learned these formulas. By then, we will kill all the people in this house, and the Damron Family will be the only family with this knowledge!'

'This! This is the most ideal situation!'

When Aurelius regarded the men in the room, he didn't hide his contemptuous sneer.

Suddenly, he realized that coming to Lakeside Garden tonight was the best decision he had ever made.

'Well... It doesn't matter whether we can capture Matthew or not this time. The most important thing now is to learn these secret formulas. After all, even if we successfully capture Matthew, we still have to consider how to bring him back to Bainbridge...'

'Although Master Levi didn't say anything, I know very well that he will definitely not allow us to take Matthew away that easily. On the contrary, there will be no need for me to capture him if I can learn these secret formulas now...'

Just as Aurelius was deep in his thoughts, a slight sound of someone landing came from outside.

He turned his head to check out what was going on and saw a dozen men dressed in black clothing had sneaked into the Villa's yard. These people were all the Damron Family's Elites.

After these men joined him, they immediately took down all the guards in the yard.

Although those guards were all fighters, they were utterly powerless and unable to defend themselves in front of the Damron Family's Elites. In fact, they were all knocked unconscious on the ground before they could even sound the alarm when the Damron Family's Elites sneaked in.

Aurelius immediately exited the house and waved to these people to signal for them to halt.

These people initially planned to storm the house, but everyone was surprised and somewhat confused when they saw him waving his hand at them.

Aurelius didn't voice out his intentions. Instead, he took out his cell phone to text his men.

He briefly told them not to act rashly and alert the people in the house, as well as ordered them to learn Matthew's secret formula for refining medicine without revealing themselves.

When everyone saw the message, they all understood what Aurelius meant. Hence, they hurriedly sneaked into the house. After that, each of them searched for a suitable hiding spot and silently stared at the situation in the main living room.

In the meantime, Matthew, too, had finished cleaning up the pill furnace and started refining the pills for the second time.

He picked up the herbs on the table, and every time he threw one of the herbs into the pill furnace, he would tell the name of the herbs and their dosage.

Not only did Aurelius turn on the recording function of his phone, but he also jotted down notes himself, not daring to lose this golden opportunity.

The same went for the rest of the Damron Family. They all watched intently and committed Matthew's technique into memory or by note-taking.

'These steps are the key to the rise of the Damron Family in the future, so there will be no room for error!'

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In order for those present to remember the steps more in depth, Matthew explained each step in great detail while he refined the medicine in the main living room.

At the same time, Matthew's explanations were all recorded by the members of the Damron Family who were eavesdropping outside.

Everyone in the Damron Family bore all the details in their mind, from the kind of medicinal ingredients used to the year and the proportion of the medicinal ingredients.

Aurelius sneered secretly while recording Matthew's explanations.

In his heart, he muttered, 'Matthew, Matthew, never in your wildest dream would you expect that we're actually here eavesdropping outside. What's that? Not passing on these secret formulas to the Damron Family even if you die, eh? Fine then. By the time I'm done writing down all these secret formulas, I will fulfill your wish. I will kill you thoroughly and let your corpse decay in this house!'

In the main living room, Matthew was unaware of all these. After putting all the medicinal ingredients in, he lit the fire and began to refine the medicine.

Outside the room, someone from the Damron Family looked at Aurelius and asked if they should take action right now. However, Aurelius glared at him, signaling him not to act rashly.

'This is such a rare opportunity! Since Matthew had explained the secret of his refining technique for the energy pill, he will definitely explain other secret formulas later on. This is an excellent opportunity for the Damron Family to sneakily learn these secret formulas. So, I must not allow them to act rashly and alert those in the room...'

Inside the room, there were bursts of white mist emitting from the pill furnace not long after the fire was lit.

The mist permeated into the air in the room and gradually spread across the rooms outside.

Everyone from the Damron Family, too, inhaled the white mist. One by one, their faces showed signs of being intoxicated. The scent of the medicine was making them feel especially comfortable, and they could feel an indescribable feeling of relaxation all over.

At the same time, Aurelius couldn't help but be impressed.

'Matthew's pills refining technique is surely incredible!'

The rest of the Damron Family, on the other hand, greedily inhaled the medicinal fragrance after feeling its benefits. However, something unexpected suddenly happened after about 5 minutes.

The person standing next to Aurelius suddenly wobbled a little and fell sitting on the ground, followed by a light thud.

This frightened Aurelius instantly. 'It'll be bad for us if the people in the room heard this!'

At once, he glared at the man and motioned him to get up quickly. However, he suddenly realized that this person was slouching on the ground and unable to get up at all. The person's gaze, on the contrary, seemed to be a little dazed.

'What the heck is going on?'

Before he could react, several people next to him tell to the ground, one after another. They were all members of the Damron Family.

At this juncture, Aurelius was dumbfounded as he had no idea what was going on.

Meanwhile, the same situation went on continuously as these people from the Damron Family kept dropping to the ground like flies. And the most crucial part was that they couldn't even stand up after they fell.

Aurelius reached out to help the person next to him, only to find that the person seemed to have lost all his body strength and was unable to stand up at all.

When Aurelius saw that half of the Damron Family fell to the ground, his facial expression finally took a turn.

He swiftly took a step back and shouted under his breath, "Hurry up and get out of there! There's poison in the mist!"

Except for the few who followed Aurelius out, none of the other members of the Damron Family could retreat as they basically all fell to the ground and couldn't even get up.

Those who followed Aurelius out couldn't hold on for long either. One after another, they collapsed to the ground.

Aurelius' facial expression became extremely awful as he suddenly realized that he seemed to have fallen into Matthew's trap.

Then, the door of the main living room opened. Matthew and others walked out while chuckling.

"Master Damron, we meet again!" Matthew said with a faint smile.

Next to him, Victor and others couldn't conceal their joy when they saw so many of the Damron Family's members lying unmoving on the ground.

Aurelius' face was livid, and he uttered through his teeth, "Larson, how despicable of you! You actually set up such a trap to harm us?!"

At that, Matthew shrugged his shoulders and said, "Master Damron, you're wrong. How can you fall into the trap if you have never harbored the thought of wanting to sneak an attack on me?"

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Matthew's words instantly left Aurelius speechless.

Looking around at everyone present, he uttered through his teeth, "Larson, how the hell did you know that we'll be coming tonight? Who told you? Did you bribe someone from the Damron Family?!"

Upon hearing that, Matthew chuckled. "Master Damron, you have misunderstood. I know you guys will come, but I don't know when you will come. Yet again, you guys will definitely fall into this trap I set as long as you all show up."

Widening his eyes in shock, Aurelius asked, "H-How did you know we were coming?"

Matthew replied, "What's so strange about it? Master Damron, I know it's definitely impossible for you guys to let go of your grudges after we drove the Damron Family out of Eastcliff last time. And since your plan of forcing those greatest families in Stonedale to lure Mr. Victor and the others back didn't work out, you surely will think of other ways..."

"However, I also know that it's only wise for the Damron Family to accumulate strength now rather than recruiting a large number of people to fight us, considering you guys are currently so eager to get listed in the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. So, the only way you can deal with us is to take advantage of the fact that the Damron Family has more elite masters than us and launch a sneak attack on us..."

"Moreover, I am certain that you guys must have thought that's a feasible plan. Why? Because your goal is to capture me. Through this method, you can achieve your goal with the least loss. Am I right, Master Damron?"

Aurelius' facial expression instantly changed, for Matthew's analysis was not wrong at all.

All of a sudden, he realized that he had somewhat underestimated Matthew.

'In other words, I was a little egoistic and didn't take Matthew seriously at all due to the immense strength of the Damron Family. But now that I think about it, how would a person chosen by Billy to be his successor be an ordinary person?'

Gritting his teeth, Aurelius uttered, "In that case, how did you find out when we will come? What if we don't come tonight? Or what if we're here an hour later? Won't all this setup be meaningless if that truly was the case?"

Upon hearing that, Matthew chuckled. "Master Damron, the outcome will still be the same, regardless of the timing you guys show up."

Aurelius was stunned for a moment before he parted his lips and said, "Why?! We can avoid inhaling the toxic fumes you'd release if we are here an hour late or an hour early!"

Matthew shook his head to deny Aurelius' statement.

"Master Damron, you are underestimating me too much. I only released the toxic fumes after you arrive. It's just like a while ago when I started releasing the toxic fumes into the air because I knew you're here."

Aurelius couldn't help being stunned.

In disbelief, he stuttered, "How... How did you know we're here? With your strength, you shouldn't be able to notice us coming in."

Letting out a chuckle, Matthew then explained, "Master Damron, we're living in a modern era now. No one is going to sense their enemies' presence solely with their sense of hearing..."

"You are right, though. With our strength, we really can't detect your trespassing. However, no matter how good your skills of the arts of lightness are, it can never escape the trail of a high-tech thermal detector. Little did you know, I have these thermal detectors installed all around my house..."

"As long as you enter, the thermal detectors will detect your body heat, send me a signal, and I will know immediately. So, you see, Master Damron, I purposely taught them my refining technique just now when, in fact, I was refining a kind of toxic fume..."

"What's so ridiculous about this is that you guys actually still stood there watching me refining it and even inhaled plenty of those fumes."

At once, Victor and the others burst into laughter.

Aurelius' eyes widened, and he was stunned all over.

'Initially, I thought that with the strength of the members of the Damron Family being so powerful, Matthew and the others would never notice even if we're here. But only now did I realize how ridiculous my idea was...'

'It's true that Matthew's strength isn't on par with mine, but he has high-tech equipment! And these are precisely the things that me and the others normally don't bother to care about. Who would have thought that it was all the equipment that made us reveal ourselves?'

At this moment, Aurelius' face was as pale as a ghost, for he knew that he was really doomed this time.

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Victor laughed and said, "Dr. Larson had long told us that you will definitely come and attack us. Besides, he also said that you guys will definitely sneakily learn from him when you guys notice he's refining pills..."

"Never once did it cross my mind that your every move will be within Dr. Larson's expectations. Hahaha... It's really funny just thinking about it!"

"Watching Dr. Larson refining toxic fumes with your own eyes and even vigorously inhaling plenty of it to force yourselves to get knocked out, Aurelius, only members of the Damron Family will do such a thing. Hahaha..."

Joining Victor was Tyson.

He, too, laughed and added, "By the way, Dr. Larson also said this kind of toxic fumes isn't so effective on masters with superb internal energy. Only by inhaling a lot of this kind of toxic fumes can it knock such masters out cold. Hahaha... Aurelius, just how much did you guys inhale, considering all of your men are down?"

Once again, everyone around burst into laughter.

The look on Aurelius' face was extremely awful.

Remembering about the situation just now, he felt so ashamed that he didn't know where to place himself.

'We all thought it was the medicinal fragrance of the energy pill and were vigorously sniffing the toxic fumes earlier. There I was thinking I was taking advantage of the situation, but now it seems that I'm just making a fool out of myself...'

Gritting his teeth, Aurelius asked unwillingly, "But didn't you all inhale the toxic fumes too? How can you guys still be fine?"

After hearing that, Matthew slowly parted his lips and asked, "Did you forget? I gave them the first batch of pills just now. Those are antidotes!"

It was only then that Aurelius remember that Matthew mentioned the first batch of the pills that came out of the pill furnace were mini Rejuvenating Pills and even shared those pills with everyone.

At that time, he didn't take it seriously, thinking that Matthew was just asking those people to try out the pills.

Only now did he know that those pills weren't mini Rejuvenating Pills at all. Instead, they were antidotes!

As he thought of this, Aurelius was so frustrated he could cry.

'Matthew's scheme can be said to be flawless. Setting us up and making us walk into his trap, step by step. By the looks of things, the Damron Family is simply here to die!'

Clenching his fists tightly, Aurelius stared straight at Matthew. "Larson, you truly are scheming! But so what? I, Aurelius Damron, have already perfected my internal energy and am only one step away from being deemed as a grandmaster. Your toxic fumes do not affect me at all!"

"You can knock the rest of the Damron Family out with it, but not me! Who here can stop me if I want to kill you now?!"

However, Matthew simply gave him a faint smile. Not only did he not have the slightest fear, but he made his way toward Aurelius instead.

At once, everyone's facial expression took a turn. Tyson even hurriedly took a step forward and reminded Matthew, "Dr. Larson, it's dangerous!"

Matthew merely smiled and waved his hand. "I'll be just fine..."

As he spoke, Matthew had already arrived 3 meters away from the front of Aurelius.

A bright light flashed across Aurelius' eyes.

'Matthew is so close to me. I can definitely take him down if I reach out right now!'

However, Aurelius eventually didn't make a move and just stared at Matthew, for he knew that if Matthew dared to come over without any hesitation, it simply meant he must have the confidence to counter his attack.

'I'd like to see what exactly he's trying to do!'

Looking at Aurelius face-to-face, Matthew said, "Master Damron, from the beginning to the end, you were never the intended target for my trap. With your strength, the ordinary poison would have no effect on you at all. No doubt, it's indeed an easy task for you to kill me. But the question is, do you dare to kill me?"

Aurelius' facial expression turned as cold as ice.

He stared straight at Matthew and questioned, "You honestly think I won't dare to kill you?"

Matthew grinned.

Slowly parting his lips, he then replied, "Do you really think the reason I released the toxic fumes was simply to knock the members of the Damron Family out?"

"Let me tell you, I have added a bone-eroding poison into the drug. Within three days, all the bones in the bodies of the Damron Family's members will erode, and they will eventually turn into boneless cripples if I don't give them the antidotes. So, Master Damron, do you still dare to kill me now?"

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The look on Aurelius' face immediately fell as he didn't expect Matthew's poisonous gas to be mixed with a poison like this.

The rest of the Damron Family was also shaking in fear as they stood off to the side.

"Matthew Larson!" Aurelius growled after sucking in a deep breath.

"You are despicable! But do you think something so insignificant can scare me off?! Do you really think you are the only miracle doctor in this world?"

"I'll have you know that the best miracle doctor in Cathay is in Bainbridge. Your poison is nothing he can't deal with!"

Matthew sneered as he countered, "Is that so? Go ahead and kill me and get the miracle doctor you are talking about to save your family. Just a reminder, I concocted the poison myself by mixing seventeen poisons together. If you want to detoxify the poison, you have to know what the seventeen poisons are in sequence..."

"Make the smallest mistake, and they die. Master Damron, do you really think the best miracle doctor in Cathay will figure out the sequence in which I added the poisons?"

Aurelius turned pale when he heard that. In all honesty, he didn't have the confidence.

He did think Cathay's best miracle doctor would be able to remove the poison. The problem was that it would be difficult to treat them if the poison turned out to be as complicated as Matthew made it sound.

The people who followed him here tonight were all the elites of the Damron Family. They accounted for one-third of the experts of the family. Moreover, many of these people were senior executives of the Damron Family, and they were in charge of the family's extremely important businesses.

The Damrons were doomed if anything happened to these people. And of course, the Damrons' power would diminish without them.

When that time came, the Damron Family couldn't even dream of being one of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay. They might even become a second-rate family in Bainbridge.

The Damron Family would surely meet their end then!

Aurelius took a deep breath. He knew very well that nothing bad should befall these people. As he stared at Matthew, he debated whether he should just subdue him and force him to heal these people.

Matthew smiled when he saw through Aurelius' thoughts.

"Master Damron, are you thinking of forcing me to null the poison in these people?"

"Do as you please... I am standing here because I have considered the possibility of this."

"Am I someone whom you think you can force into doing anything?" Aurelius' expression was cold as he squeezed out through gritted teeth, "Larson, do you think you are impenetrable?"

Matthew let out another scoff upon hearing his words. "I would have followed you to Bainbridge if I was scared of dying. Why would I bother making a fuss until now?"

"Master Damron, all I have is my worthless life. It is nothing compared to the Damrons' century-old plan. Make your choice..."

Aurelius frowned at Victor and the others beside him. "Do you believe that I can kill everyone here by myself?!"

That earned him a disdainful sneer from Victor, who then spat, "We were prepared to die the moment we went against the Damrons. You want to kill me? Go ahead! But, like I said, a few of your own will have to join me in hell if I die. I am but someone from a small, powerless family!"

"My death will be worth it if I have an important figure from the Damron Family die with me. Hahaha..."

The rest of them laughed along with determined expressions on their faces.

Clearly, everyone's attitude was the same. They wouldn't let Aurelius intimidate them into doing anything.

Matthew's gaze grew cold as he peered at Aurelius and calmly continued, "Master Damron, we definitely don't doubt your ability. We can't stop you from killing anyone. But I assure you that with every person you kill here, I will take two from your family down with them. My advice, Master Damron? Don't challenge me..."

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Aurelius' expression turned ashen, just as Victor had said.

Victor's gang couldn't possibly be compared to the top dogs from the Damrons. It wouldn't be a fair bargain at all to give up the Damrons for Victor's group!

Aurelius stared at Matthew for a long minute before he finally unclenched his fists.

He could tell after all that had happened, Matthew didn't fear death at all. And considering how Matthew had everyone's lives in his hands, Aurelius didn't dare act rashly.

'My people are doomed if Matthew keeps holding out, he thought as he sucked in a deep breath...'

"What do you want, Matthew?" he uttered in a low tone.

Matthew chuckled at that. "It seems like you are finally willing to talk to me. In that case, how about we head into the house and have a nice chat?"

"There is nothing to talk about! Just tell me what you want for you to cure them!"

Despite Aurelius' cold and demanding words, Matthew remained calm as he replied, "I am afraid we can't cure them today."

Aurelius' face was now frigid.

"You are pushing it, Larson!" he roared.

"I am warning you, if anything happens to my people, I promise all of you a horrible death!"

At that, Matthew commented, "Master Damron, this conversation can't go on if you keep talking to me with that attitude. Fine. Kill us, then. Your men will die here anyway. I am fine with the arrangement!"

Victor also chimed in as he laughed, "I am fine with it too! It is totally worth it for an old man like me to give up my life so that the Damrons can't be a part of the Ten Greatest Families of Cathay!"

The others also laughed as they looked at Aurelius with disdain, completely ignoring his threat.

A livid Aurelius growled, "Larson, when will you be able to give them the antidote?!"

"It's easy. All I need is for you to make a public announcement and I will immediately give them the antidote."

Aurelius frowned as he asked, "What announcement?"

"Make a public announcement on how Jasper Damron's death has been investigated, and it has nothing to do with me," Matthew smiled as he added, "And never let the Damrons pick a fight with me ever again. That is all."

Aurelius balled up his fists again upon hearing those words. His eyes were cold as he gave Matthew the death stare.

He finally understood what Matthew's goal was.

The reason why the Damron Family was able to mobilize a large number of troops to deal with Matthew was because of Jasper's assassination.

In fact, the Damrons were aware that Jasper was killed by Macon. However, they faked ignorance and blamed it on Matthew as this was their chance to teach Matthew a lesson.

It wasn't like anyone could say anything about the Damrons' decision. After all, the case of Jasper's assassination had been left hanging. Even if everyone speculated that Macon was the murderer, the Damrons pretended not to know anything as no evidence was presented.

No one said anything about how the Damrons wanted to take their revenge on Matthew.

Since a member of the family had passed on, it didn't seem right for any powerful forces or families to interfere. However, if the investigation was done thoroughly, or if the Damron Family admitted that this matter had nothing to do with Matthew, the Damrons would no longer be able to deal with Matthew openly.

And when the Damrons no longer had a reason to provoke Matthew, the other forces wouldn't just stand by and watch any longer.

Everyone's greedy eyes were on Matthew, after all. The Damrons weren't the only ones who were aware of the benefits of the Restoration Pill.

It was obvious what Matthew's purpose was for telling them to make an announcement.

The moment the announcement was made, the Damrons would lose whatever leverage they had over Matthew, and this would put an end to everything.