

Unspeakable 1961

Chapter 1961-Everyone's expression changed as they looked toward the door, thinking, 'Has the King of the South arrived?'

Under everyone's gaze, a group of people charged in from the door, and in the lead was none other than the King of the South, Levi Quirk!

Following close behind was his personal driver and the young woman who was always with him. As for the rest, they were all Levi's subordinates!

Once they entered, the scene became packed, and the Damrons edged into the corner.

When Levi approached and saw Mark fighting with Salazar, he chuckled and said, "Gentlemen, please take a rest!"

After saying that, he quickly dashed into the space between Mark and Salazar.

Both men went head-on with Levi's palm, yet he did not move an inch while the other two retreated three steps.

Everyone at the scene was shocked.

'Master Levi's abilities are so terrifyingly powerful!'

Salazar stood before the door and stared intently at Levi without uttering anything, but Mark's expression had changed.

At first, Mark intended to give Matthew one week because he had gotten the metal figurine from Melvin. Yet, after finding out about the events at Stonedale, especially the part where Matthew had lost his cultivation base, Mark immediately brought his men and came over here. That was because he knew well enough that Levi was watching Matthew too.

Since Matthew had lost all his abilities, Levi would inherently take this chance to protect him. Therefore, Mark disregarded his previous promise and came all the way here to capture Matthew because he wanted to and things quickly and bring him away before Levi arrived.

As long as they could get Matthew out of the South's area, Levi would not be able to do anything about them!

Mark personally came over to deal with Salazar while the others were looking for a chance to take Matthew away. Moreover, the most important thing was that Mark only found out the difference between him and the King of the South after fighting with Levi.

Although he had reached the grandmaster level, he had only achieved that recently, whereas Levi did it more than two decades ago. In other words, Levi would have almost reached the advanced grandmaster level.

If that were true, not only was Mark not his opponent, but only a few people in Bainbridge could become his opponent!

Meanwhile, Levi wore a stoic expression and smiled slightly. "Old Master Damron, you're already up there in age, but why are you still so hot-tempered?"

Anger flashed across Mark's eyes, but he squeezed a smile regardless. "Hahaha! It's not a big deal, just a sparring session with a junior."

Smiling, Levi rebuked, "This doesn't seem like a sparring session!"

Mark ignored him and changed the topic. "Since you're here, I'd like to trouble you to take charge of this situation and uphold justice! Matthew had killed my son and younger brother, so he had committed a huge crime. According to you, how should I solve it?"

After glancing at him, Levi stated lightly, "Of course, the murderer should pay with his life!"

Excitement filled Mark's eyes as he exclaimed, "Master Levi, you are such a righteous person! We feel assured after getting your confirmation! Aurelius, avenge your uncle and brother now!"

Laughing, Aurelius wanted to barge into the room, but before he could move two steps forward, he was halted by the young woman beside Levi.

He feigned ignorance and asked, "Master Levi, don't tell me you're trying to protect a murderer?"

Chapter 1962

Levi smiled. "How could I possibly protect a murderer?"

Mark demanded, "So, what's the meaning of this?"

After glancing at Aurelius, Levi answered, "I said the murderer should repay with his life! If he isn't the murderer but keeps getting harassed by you guys, he deserves an apology from all of you!"

Mark's expression turned frosty as he questioned, "Master Levi, are you implying that Matthew is not the murderer? Do you have any evidence to prove that?"

A smiling Levi taunted, "Old Master Damron, why would I be here if I didn't have any evidence?"

As soon as he said those words, Mark's expression turned ugly.

He was pretending to be tough earlier to test Levi. If Levi did not have any evidence, he could use that fact to deal with Matthew. That way, even if Levi insisted on helping Matthew, the Damrons could stand on the moral high ground and work with the other families to confront Levi.

However, judging by Levi's current attitude, Mark knew his plan was not going to work because he must have acquired some evidence. If there was any solid evidence, the Damrons would not be able to do anything!

Unwilling to accept the turn of events, Aurelius asked, "Master Levi, are you sure the evidence you have is sound?"

Levi looked at him and smiled. "Not only is it sound, but there's also a surprise!"

Aurelius frowned and snapped. "A surprise? My uncle and brother are dead, and you're telling me you have a surprise? Although the Damrons can't compare with the King of the South, we won't allow you to humiliate us this way!"

The other members of the Damron Family all looked at Levi furiously as if they were staring death in the eye.

At that moment, Levi burst out laughing. "Don't worry. I promise you the surprise's worth it!"

A man came from behind him with a laptop in his hand. Then, he turned it on and played a video that showed a dark forest.

When Aurelius saw the location in the video, he instantly turned ashen as that was the very place that they encountered the assassination!

"We found some footage, and in this footage is the entire process of Falconn's

murder! Not only that, but this video also shows Aurelius leaving the defenseless Falconn behind and escaping on his own. So, Aurelius, do you find this surprising?" Levi explained with a smile.

At that moment, everyone else was watching the events unfold in the video, including the ambush. Aurelius' complexion immediately turned beet red.

That night, he did escape alone and left Falconn behind, using his uncle's life as a divergence so that he could escape. However, he had never mentioned this to anyone because if anyone found out that he had abandoned Falconn and ran away alone, he would lose his position as head of the Damron Family!

To his dismay, everything was caught clearly on tape, rendering him dumbfounded.

After the Damrons finished watching the footage, they looked at each other before simultaneously turning to look at Aurelius, even Mark was looking at him with cold eyes.

"Aurelius, what really happened?" questioned Mark.

A terrified Aurelius stammered, "Dad, I... I..." He stuttered for a long while before suddenly thinking of something and roaring, "This footage must be fake. It has to be fake!"

However, Mark was not convinced. "The footage is crystal clear, so how could it be fake?"

At that, Aurelius anxiously debated, "Dad, think about it. How could anyone have time to record anything in such a situation? Could the one behind the assassination be Master Levi, and he had arranged for his men to hide nearby and record this footage?"

Chapter 1963

Everyone on the scene looked at Levi.

Then, the young woman beside him boomed, "Aurelius, you've got guts. How dare you frame Master Levi!"

Aurelius could not care less about the consequences of his actions.

He argued, "Was I wrong? So, tell me, how did you obtain this footage? The only possible reason is that you planned this ambush, sent someone to the scene, and recorded this video!"

By now, he had gone hysterical and had almost entirely lost his reasoning ability. Otherwise, he would not have tried framing Levi.

He had no choice either because it would have been his end if he had not done that.

Meanwhile, Levi was unfazed and rebuked while smiling, "Is there a need for me to devise a plan to deal with you? Aurelius, you think too highly of yourself!"

With a bright red face, Aurelius retorted, "Master Levi, do you think that just because you're the King of the South, you can turn the truth upside down and behave lawlessly? I'm telling you, if you don't explain how you got this footage, the D-Damrons won't let you go that easily!"

Shaking his head, Levi chuckled. "Such a stubborn man you are. How did I get this footage? Fine, I'll tell you. We found it on Lord Voodoo's phone!"

Aurelius' eyes immediately bulged as he stammered, "What? H-How is that possible? Didn't you say it was Lord Voodoo and the other two working together to attack us? Why would Lord Voodoo record this video himself? He's not stupid!"

Mark scrunched his eyebrows while staring at Levi as he, too, agreed that Lord Voodoo would not record that footage!

Still wearing an unfazed expression, Levi explained, "Lord Voodoo is a cautious yet extremely vicious person. His cooperation with Macon and Gregory was only temporary because they had a common goal-to get rid of Matthew..."

"At the same time, Lord Voodoo wanted to consume the Stargulf plant's fruit, so he recorded this footage to find the right moment to use it against you, Damrons, just so that you would get rid of Macon and Gregory under his manipulation!"

"Not only does he have this footage, but he also has footage of Jasper's murder. All these videos are shreds of evidence he has prepared to deal with Macon and Gregory!"

Once Levi finished, everyone from the Damrons looked at each other with wide eyes, seemingly stunned by the news.

Never would they have imagined or expected that Lord Voodoo would do such a thing!

Meanwhile, Aurelius was dumbfounded. If Lord Voodoo did take this footage, 'Well... I wouldn't have any excuse to rebuke him. Most importantly I'm sure that everything shown in the footage was what happened back then!'

The young woman asked, "Aurelius, do you have anything else to say?"

Blushing red, he lowered his head and kept silent.

The young woman continued, "What's the matter? Are you out of excuses? Thinking about it, it makes sense because if I were you, I wouldn't have been able to explain myself to my family if I'd committed such disgrace!"

"That man is your uncle, one of the most important people in the Damron Family, yet you left him to die just like that? You are as much to blame for Falconn's murder as the assassin, but you dare to come here and demand justice for him. on, Aurelius, don't you feel any shame?"

At that point, the Damrons were remarkably gloomy as they glared at Aurelius. Even Mark's expression was as dark as storm clouds.

He glanced coldly at Aurelius without a word.

Instead, he looked at Levi. "If what you've said is true, does that mean you've captured Lord Voodoo? Can I trouble you to hand the murderer to us and let us deal with him?"

Shaking his head, Levi denied, "I think that won't be possible because when we found Lord Voodoo, he was being held captive by someone. He gave up these videos and told us the truth, begging us to save him. Although we received them, the kidnapper still took him away."

Chapter 1964

After hearing Levi's explanation, Mark was still unconvinced, but he pretended like he was and cupped his fists at him. "Since Lord Voodoo has been abducted, our plan has to stop. Bring the news back to the Damron Family and relay my orders, apprehend Lord Voodoo!"

Of course, what he had just said was only for show because he did not believe a single word that came out of Levi.

'Who in the Six Southern States can kidnap someone under Master Levi's nose?'

"Master Levi, we'll be off now!"

Since it had been confirmed that Matthew was not Falconn's murderer, Mark had no reason to prolong his stay.

Seeing that the members of the Damron Family had left, Salazar finally came forward. "Thank you for your help, Master Levi."

With a remorseful expression, Levi waved his hand in response.

Then, he spoke indignantly, "There's no need for that. To be honest, it's kind of my fault that this happened. If I had discovered Lord Voodoo's plot earlier, Matthew wouldn't have faced such a catastrophe. Plus, he's a part of the Six Southern States, so we should lend him a helping hand. If the Damron Family wants to blame him, they'd have to go through me."

If an ordinary person had heard Levi's speech, they would have been tearing up from being touched.

However, Salazar was not ignorant, for he knew Levi was ambitious.

"Even though what you said is justifiable, you saved Matthew, So..."

When Levi noticed Salazar insisted on thanking him, he interrupted him. "You don't have to be so modest with me. I came here today mainly because I want to visit Matthew."

At that, Salazar stopped his speech and moved aside to make way for Levi. "Master Levi, please."

When Levi saw Matthew, he noticed that Matthew no longer seemed as high-spirited and enthusiastic as before. On the contrary, he looked rather dejected and lonely.

"Matthew, Master Levi is here to pay you a visit," Salazar whispered in Matthew's ear after arriving by the bed.

Matthew reflexively wanted to prop himself up when he saw the two come in, but he could not exert strength on his body. "My apologies, Master Levi. I'm not feeling well, so I can't get out of bed and welcome you."

Taking note of his current state, Levi was secretly pleased because only with Matthew in such a state would he obediently stay in the Six Southern States.

"It's fine. You don't have to be sorry for that. Forget about those formalities and lie down." While saying so, he approached Matthew's bed and helped him sit up.

As for Matthew, though he lost his cultivation base, he could still feel a wave of almost undetectable essential Qi circling his body when Levi touched him, but it soon disappeared.

'How cautious of him! After the news of me losing my core energy spread widely I wasn't expecting this Quirk guy to feel so uncertain that he came over and checked for himself...'

When he finally lay back down, Levi frowned and let out a faint sigh of relief. "I didn't expect you to end up in such a state. Alas! The heavens are jealous of heroic geniuses. It's such a pity..."

'I'm sure you must be popping a bottle of champagne inside. What a good actor you are!'

As Matthew thought of that, he went along with Levi's act and showed a disappointed expression. "If there's anyone to blame for this, it must be me. I wasn't being careful and fell for Lord Voodoo's scheme!"

Levi shook his head and did not comment. "Bring the gifts I brought for Matthew."

After he said that, the young woman who came with him handed over a wooden box. "It's just a token of my sincerity to wish you a speedy recovery."

Just as he opened the wooden box, the thick aroma of medicinal herbs instantly filled the room.

When Matthew saw the expensive medicinal herbs, he was shocked because any one of these would cost millions in the market.

'It seems like Master Levi is especially pleased today..'

Chapter 1965

"Set off in high spirits and returned in disappointment," The perfect phrase to describe Mark's current feelings.

If Levi had arrived ten minutes later, they might have been able to bring Matthew away, but now, they had lost their chance. Moreover, the footage Levi provided could prove that Matthew was innocent.

When Mark arrived back in his room, the first thing he did was to disperse the others. His eyes were filled with displeasure, obviously aimed at Aurelius for abandoning his uncle and escaping alone.

“Go ahead. I hope you can give me a satisfactory explanation.”

When faced with his dad’s interrogation, Aurelius lowered his head in shame before answering, “Everything happened so quickly at that time, and my first thought was someone had to return to tell the family about it. Back then, that woman stabbed me in the gut, and I had no strength to stay behind to buy time, so...”

He looked at Mark and quickly changed the topic after seeing his expression had relaxed by a little.

“If Matthew hadn’t ambushed Uncle Falconn, things wouldn’t have escalated into this. Although it was Lord Voodoo and the others who killed him, doesn’t Matthew count as an accomplice?”

That excuse was quite unconventional. Not only did he not mention a word regarding their previous plan to kidnap Matthew, but he was now making false accusations.

What was even stranger was that Mark had nodded in agreement because his hatred for Matthew was stronger than Aurelius’.

“No matter what, you abandoned your uncle and fled alone. That goes against moral ethics. I can disregard this matter for now, so let’s brainstorm how to deal with Matthew...”

“Two of the Damron Family’s core members have fallen in Eastshire, and their deaths had something to do with Matthew. If we can’t get rid of him, I won’t be able to rest assured.” While saying so, he slammed his hand on the table beside him.

The next moment, the solid wood table crumbled into pieces.

Although Aurelius had been embarrassed a few times by Matthew and hated him to his bones, he could not make a move on him again because of the written guarantee they had previously signed.

Most importantly, the current situation demonstrated Levi’s determination to protect Matthew, so even if he were willing to disregard the Damron Family’s dignity, he would fail.

At that moment, he began to feel conflicted. Seeing that his dad had been quiet for a long time, he piped up, “Do you think the rumors about Matthew’s hara getting destroyed are true?”

As soon as he asked that question, his eyes lit up as if he had an idea.

“Why don’t we test it out? Didn’t Matthew’s in-laws open a pharmacy in Eastcliff? Why don’t we find a few people nearby to head over there and cause a scene so we can see how Matthew reacts?”

“If his hara had been destroyed, there’s a high chance he wouldn’t appear. Or else, he would be giving us a chance to kill him.”

After pondering for a while, Mark thought it was plausible and agreed. "Let's go with your plan, but don't make any more mistakes this time. Many people are watching you, so you'd better be more cautious!"

When faced with his dad's warning, Aurelius could only nod in agreement. He then left the room after promising Mark he would do as he said.

The following day in Eastcliff.

Cunningham Pharmaceuticals was now being managed by James and Helen, with the help of the newly hired postgraduate and Ph.D. students. The youngsters were fast learners and soon got the hang of things.

Meanwhile, business at the pharmacy was also getting back on track and showing signs of rapid increase.

"Ocean, please double-check to see if you've missed any dirty spots."

"Mac, come with me to the stockroom for inventory checking."

"James, don't just sit there. Contact the Cunningham Group later and make an update on our store."

Helen had now gotten used to her role as the store manager and could easily handle every aspect of the store. However, just as the employees were busy preparing to start today's business, a few people were already waiting for them opposite the store.

Chapter 1966

"Ouch! Geez!" A man was groaning while clutching his stomach and staggering into Cunningham Pharmaceuticals with the help of his wife.

"Honey, just hang on a little longer. I'll help you get your justice."

After setting her husband down on the steps, the woman rolled up her sleeves before bellowing, "The people inside this bogus pharmacy! Come out this instance!"

Her loud voice immediately attracted the attention of the passersby. Although they did not know what had happened, they were led over by their curiosity.

Meanwhile, inside the store, Ocean had just finished cleaning up the place and was shocked by the scream. She did not know what was happening, but she knew that even if it were just a trivial matter, the woman's screams would still cause a scene, so she immediately hinted at the employee behind her with her eyes and headed outside.

"Hello, madam. How may I be of assistance?"

As soon as she saw someone coming out of the store, the woman instantly lunged at Ocean like a lunatic and grabbed her collar. "You're a bogus pharmacy! My husband was merely suffering from a mild cold yesterday but began having serious abdominal pain after taking the medicine you sold him. Now, he's even vomiting!"

As soon as her words fell, the man on the steps played along and wretched like he was about to vomit. Along with his ashen face drenched in a cold sweat, he gave others the impression that he was seriously ill.

On the other hand, Helen was busy checking the store's inventory inside the storeroom when an employee barged in.

"President Freeman, something happened! People are causing a scene outside, saying that we're a bogus pharmacy, and it attracted a crowd!"

This was the situation all pharmacies feared because businesses would inherently deteriorate after such a commotion.

Putting down her pen and paper, Helen immediately rushed over.

When she came to the store entrance, she saw the woman hugging her husband while wailing, "Oh, honey, what's the matter with you? Please be okay. How do you expect me and our daughter to continue with our lives if something were to happen to you? This wretched bogus pharmacy. How could you do this to us?"

By then, the husband was already on the floor, struggling with continuous convulsions.

Helen noticed that she had seen the couple in the store yesterday. She could remember them because they were arguing inside the store due to some petty things.

At that moment, someone from the crowd screamed, "This bogus pharmacy is selling fake drugs to kill others."

Afterward, the crowd began to chatter continuously.

"This is a pharmacy run by Cunningham Group, right? I heard something notorious had previously happened there."

"Really?"

"Of course. My husband used to work there and heard that a lot of money had been scammed by the company when they opened the pharmacy. Look, they're now selling fake drugs that almost killed a life."

"You're right. Those who sell fake drugs are so despicable. It can easily ruin a family!"

Under the deliberate sedition of someone within the crowd, the bystanders became even more irritated and began inching forward.

Despite knowing that her drugs were genuine, Helen was at a loss of action as she knew she was incapable to deal with this matter by herself.

As such, she abided by the rule of contacting Matthew whenever there was a problem and dialed his number before telling him everything that was happening.

Later, Matthew asked her to take a picture of the scene and send it to him.

When he opened the image, he did not even need to study it carefully to know that the man was not poisoned but had ingested a small amount of chlorine.

‘Chlorine is generally used to treat water, so it’s relatively safe if someone ingests it in small amounts. The person will only break out in cold sweat, which looks terrifying, but that guy is fine. Moreover, he also shows other symptoms of chlorine poisoning...’

As he thought of that, he concluded that the couple was deliberately causing a commotion at the pharmacy.

Chapter 1967

After thinking about it for a moment, Matthew suddenly thought of a good idea, so he called Helen again and explained his plan to her.

Meanwhile, her anxious heart relaxed after listening to his plan. Her eyes were filled with displeasure when she glanced at the couple, but she did not head over and expose their acts immediately. Instead, she followed Matthew’s instructions and approached the woman.

“Good day, madam. Since we can’t tell what’s happening, why don’t we call for an ambulance? Your husband seems to be in a critical situation!”

The woman became anxious. ‘Ambulance? We don’t need an ambulance! Wouldn’t our plan be exposed once we call an ambulance? We can use this chlorine trick to fool ordinary people, but doctors will immediately discover the truth with just one look.’

“No way. How would I know if you guys would take responsibility after sending my husband to the hospital? What can’t you people do? If you guys can’t settle this matter right now, we will not leave your doorstep!”

Noticing how the woman was not cooperating, Helen continued to ask, “But what would happen to your husband if you don’t send him to the hospital?”

“Also, if the medical results show that it was our drugs that caused this, I assure you that I will compensate you every penny you deserve or even willingly go to jail for this matter.”

Since she knew the truth behind this matter, she felt more confident. Also, her willingness to admit to her mistakes calmed the angry bystanders, and some even discovered some loopholes after noticing Helen’s confident attitude.

They wondered, ‘Although the woman was crying so pitifully shouldn’t sending her husband to the hospital be her top priority?’

‘Isn’t human life more important than getting justice?’

At that moment, the woman wailing on the ground realized that the situation had gotten out of hand. According to the original plan, she only needed to bring her ‘sick’ husband over here and wall to attract attention.

Following that, someone within the crowd would be inciting the bystanders’ emotions and ending it by trashing up Cunningham Pharmaceuticals.

Before the plan was executed, the couple had already received a hundred thousand as repayment and they were promised another hundred thousand for their performance. To their dismay, they did not expect Helen to insist on calling for an ambulance right before their plan was about to succeed.

Under normal circumstances, shouldn't the person who encounters such disruptions feel flustered and anxious?

Seeing their plan crumbling, the woman decided to just go with it and demanded, "You should give me five million for medical fees first. I'll return the leftover money to you if there is any, and you'll give me more if it's insufficient."

By now, the woman had revealed her true intentions, but the crowd had yet to discover it and thought she was merely trying to prevent the pharmacy's owner from escaping.

Of course, many thought that woman was naive. If the store owner was willing to give her that much money, it should mean that she would not sell fake drugs. Even worse, what shocked the crowd was that Helen agreed to the woman's request without hesitation.

"Sure, but we have to be clear that if your husband didn't get sick from our drugs, you would have to pay back every penny we gave you. I have recorded our conversation as evidence." She waved her phone.

When the woman saw Helen's seriousness, she thought her plan had succeeded. "Sure, no problem!"

After she agreed, she gave Helen her bank details. Helen then took a picture of it and sent it to Matthew.

Soon, the woman's phone lit up. She unlocked it to find a message from the bank.

"50,000,000.00 has been credited to your bank account!"

Since there were too many zeros, the woman carefully counted, "Ones, tens... Millions, ten million! Oh my gosh! It's fifty million!"

Hearing that number, the husband lying in the woman's arms could not help but tremble. He then sneaked a peek at Helen and smiled mischievously.

'Since she isn't aware, why should I remind her?'

Chapter 1968

Just as the woman was about to leave, the phone in her hand vibrated again.

Looking down at her screen, she saw another message from the bank.

"Unauthorized transaction. The funds have been revoked!"

She received fifty million and lost all of it in just under a minute. Frankly, it was a kind of stimulation no one could accept calmly.

"My fifty million! Where's my fifty million? How could it have disappeared just like that?"

The man on the ground heard that loud and clear before springing up from the floor to snatch the woman's phone. Under the puzzled gaze of the crowd, he began to look through their bank account's transaction history.

A while later, he devastatingly found that the fifty million had indeed disappeared.

With bloodshot eyes, he rose to his feet and stormed toward Helen. "It was you, wasn't it? You're the one behind all of this. You made my fifty million disappear from our bank account."

When faced with the furious man, Helen was not the slightest bit flustered.

Instead, she smirked at the man before acting like she was shocked. "Hey, didn't your wife say you're fighting for your life since you took those cold medications from us? You're pretty active and vibrant now!"

After hearing what she said, the man immediately realized what he had done. 'The f*ck! I was so anxious that! forgot! was supposed to play a dead man...'

Meanwhile, the bystanders gathered around were not feeling any better either.

They were originally thinking of fighting justice for the couple and attacking the bogus pharmacy, but they did not expect that the couple was fooling them.

Sensing that the situation had gotten out of control, the man grabbed his wife's hand, and the two ran away with their tails between their legs.

As for their accomplices in the crowd, they all wore gloomy faces while thinking,

'Who found these losers? They're useless!'

Later, they also slipped out from the crowd when no one was looking. Now, not only did the bystanders not have any show to watch, but they did not have anything to make a fuss about either. Hence, they dispersed while complaining about what had happened, but no one even bothered to apologize!

Helen finally felt relieved at that moment. 'It's finally settled! As expected of the wise Matthew, using just a few lines to trick them and lure them into exposing themselves!'

On the other hand, Levi specially prepared a banquet to welcome his goddaughter, Poison Spider, and the crown prince of Mightwater, Shawn Warde.

"Come on, eat. It's rare for both of you to visit us. These lobsters, crabs, and scallops are all brought here straight from the jetty. Here, have some!"

As the saying went, "love me, love my dog", which was why Levi welcomed the two.

In comparison to his mom, the crown prince felt more at ease. He would stand up and serve himself whatever dish he liked before digging into it joyously.

While gnawing on a crab claw, he suddenly asked, "Master Levi, how's my buddy doing?"

Though the question surprised Levi, he knew quite a little about the prince's personality.

The words unbridled, lawless, and oppressive perfectly describe the prince, so how could someone like him have a buddy?

“Your buddy?”

“That’s right. It’s Matthew. Didn’t you visit him yesterday? How was his condition?”

Levi sighed before replying solemnly, “He’s not doing good. His hara has been destroyed, so he can’t cultivate again.”

As soon as he said that, the cutlery which Layna was holding to serve the prince stopped abruptly but then quickly returned to normal. It happened so swiftly that the other three did not notice her action.

However, the prince was so shocked that he exclaimed, “What the heck? So, Matthew can’t practice martial arts anymore? But that’s fine because being an ordinary person means he can avoid many things. From now on, I’ll protect him so he can live a peaceful life!”

Many described the crown prince as a person with severe mood swings, but the buddies he acknowledged would forever be his friends.

Chapter 1969

The banquet continued.

Levi was curious about the prince and Matthew’s relationship, so he asked, “Now that you’ve mentioned it, how did you and Matthew get to know each other? To tell you the truth, I never imagined you two would become friends.”

Since he asked, the crown prince did not hide it from him and told him how he, his mom, and Matthew got to know each other.

“That’s great. I was worried you might not have any friends!”

After hearing that, the crown prince instantly rebuked, “With my status and attractiveness, the number of people wanting to be my friend could circle the Six Southern States and back. It’s because I don’t want to be their friend!”

Once he said those words, the others all burst out laughing.

After finding out that Matthew and the mother-son duo had a close relationship, Levi maintained his smile but did not say anything more, making his thoughts inaccessible to the others.

A few drinks later, he excused himself from the table, saying he had some matters to deal with. Therefore, only Layna, the crown prince, and Poison Spider were at the table.

While looking at the spread of delicious food, Layna descended into deep hesitation.

The previous Layna Sandel had now become Madam Quirk, while the Sandel Family, which used to be well-known throughout all the states, had declined to the point that others were gradually forgetting them.

However, Layna would never forget the young woman who stood up for her back in Bainbridge because she would have lost her life long ago if it had not been for her.

Of course, there was also that resolute figure of the man who was always utterly kind and gentle. Even now, she could still hear his words echoing in her mind.

"I think you have the talent. How about I acknowledge you as my apprentice? Once you're strong enough, no one can bully you ever again."

That was right!

The man was Shane Larson, Layna's master. He not only taught her how to cultivate but also taught her to be strong, and the young woman back then was Shane's wife.

Layna wanted to use the rest of her life to repay the kindness the couple had shown her, but things had changed. Before she could take action, the previous Larson Family, who were on par with the Nolan Family, was wiped out overnight.

After that tragic incident, she was devastated and thought she would never have the chance to repay the couple. However, she did not expect they still had a son, Matthew.

Despite not having done the last step in their marriage, Layna and Levi had been together for many years, so she naturally knew his thoughts.

'If Matthew can no longer cultivate, his life won't be at stake, but his only choice will be to become an obedient money-making tool for Levi and lose his freedom... As Master Shane's only son, Matthew bears the last wishes of the thousand deceased souls of the Larson Family. Anyone can lose their power but him!'

As she thought of that, she came out of her daze. "Prince, I think you should lessen your encounters with Matthew."

'Huh?'

Even Poison Spider did not expect her godmother to say such a thing!

Meanwhile, the straightforward crown prince immediately asked without thinking, "Why is that? We're good friends."

"No particular reason. Matthew doesn't know what's good for him and even dares to go against Master Levi's wishes. It's better if you stay away from such a person." Her words were a test with double entendre.

If they agreed, they would think she was helping Levi, if they did not, it would be precisely what she wanted because it meant they would stand by Matthew, even if it meant going against Levi.

People who had a strong relationship with Matthew were the ones she could trust wholeheartedly. She could not be involved in some matters because Levi's subordinates were always watching her.

Of course, she would understand if the mother-son duo decided to stay away from Matthew because of this, but her relationship with them would no longer be this close. After all, the descendant of her saviors was the most important person to her.

Faced with such a question, the crown prince gazed at his mom. Then, she nodded, indicating that she allowed him to make his own decision, which she would unconditionally support.

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The atmosphere at the table immediately became tense after Layna spoke those words.

As the crown prince of Mightwater, though he had a carefree and open-minded character, it did not mean he was a fool.

Any intelligent person would agree to Layna's request because Levi was their greatest support when compared to his buddy. Even the crown prince's uncle, Phoenix, was merely a general in Levi's troop.

The crown prince looked at his mom and turned to Layna before shrugging his shoulders helplessly and continuing to devour his crab claw.

"In all the years I've lived, there aren't many people I admire." While chewing on his plump crab claw, he continued, "The only person my age whom I admire is Matthew..."

He saved my life, and I respect him, so this is a lifetime of gratitude. If Master Levi is displeased with our relationship, my mom and I can estrange ourselves from him. However, if Matthew is in danger, I, the crown prince, will not stand around and watch him get harmed... Hmm! As expected from a fresh crab caught in the sea. This is delicious!"

After speaking, he did not look up from his food and continued enjoying the delectable seafood. His answer was crystal clear, regardless of his relationship with Matthew, he would continue to protect him.

Meanwhile, Poison Spider did not have much of a reaction to her son's answer because she had always been unconditionally supportive of her son's decisions.

Yet, when she saw Layna's darkened expression, she hurriedly reprimanded, "You brat, how could you speak to your god-grandmother that way?"

She slapped the back of the crown prince's head before turning to Layna and explaining, "Godmother, don't take a kid's words to heart. He's young and loves those delusive, illusive things like heroes and their loyalty to each other. I'm sure he'll understand what you mean after he grows older."

With that, Layna understood what she was implying. Since she did not deny her son's choice, it meant that she was on her son's side.

After a moment's silence, Layna nodded her head.

Now that she had the answer, she no longer needed to pretend. "So, it seems you two are loyal and righteous people. Alright, then. I'll drop the act."

After having said that, she smiled again and informed, "I kept a black box in a safety deposit. Prince, would you mind helping me get it out?"

As her words fell, the mother-son duo secretly felt relieved. Subsequently, the crown prince agreed to her request without hesitation.

Then, Layna took out a piece of paper from within her clothes. "Everything you need is written on this paper! Burn it once you memorize everything. Also, you can't reveal this to anyone, understand?"

After he memorized everything on the piece of paper, he obediently nodded despite being curious.

Should we keep this from Master Levi as well?

However, when he saw Layna's solemn countenance, he quickly stopped himself from asking that question.

Meanwhile, in the study, a soft breeze blew inside the room as the door pushed open.

Within a second, a woman in black stood before Levi's desk.

"Master Levi, I saw Madam instructing the crown prince about something, but I didn't dare to get closer cause I was afraid of getting found out. So, I wasn't able to hear their conversation."

Hearing his subordinate's report, Levi did not have much reaction. "It doesn't matter. There's no need to watch them."

"But..."

Just as the female subordinate was about to speak again, he interrupted her.

"They can do whatever they want as long as they aren't plotting to harm me. Moreover, if they had wanted to do so, they wouldn't have waited until this moment. Also, all of you have to ensure the Madam's safety that's all. I hope that you guys understand that there are some things you should and shouldn't listen to."

"Yes, Master Levi. I'll leave and relay your orders!"

When he picked up his pen, he regained his solitude once again in his peaceful study.