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As soon as Sean spoke, Dorodo's city defense army soldiers raised their right arms and roared.

"Can you?"

"Can you do it?"

Sean asked again.

"We can do it!"

"We can do it!"

"We can do it!"

They answered three times in a row, gathering an overwhelming momentum.

The roar was so loud that it could be heard from several kilometers away. The sound waves made the trees around the field tremble, and the leaves fell from the trees.

The place gradually calmed down after a while.

The city defense soldiers looked intently at Sean. They looked at the young commander-in-chief who was capable even though he was appointed out of the blue!

Seeing so many city defense soldiers looking intently at Sean, Wesley heaved a long sigh.

He knew he was dead meat.

He had lost power, so everything was pointless now!

Anthony, Gregory, and all of the city defense soldiers turned to look at Wesley.

It was because they knew Wesley had lost his power.

As agreed earlier, Wesley lost the battle, so he should resign as chiliarch and let Sean choose someone else to take his place!

Wesley was in agony

He regretted it!

He would not have foolishly challenged Sean if he had known that he was no match for Sean and that Sean was this strong

However, it was too late to regret it. After all, no one could turn back the clock!

There was no way to undo what had happened!

However, no one expected Sean not to dismiss Wesley's position as chiliarch as per their agreement earlier

He went up to Wesley and said solemnly 'Commander Jokerman, you were rude to me and even challenged me to a battle But you were hardworking after all Since you've done so much for Dorodo Over the years. I'll let this go I hope you will continue to work hard and contribute to Dorodo?"

Everyone was shocked as soon as Sean spoke

He did not force iesiry to step down as he proved

Why would Sean pass up such a good opportunity to make Wesley step saide so his man could take over?

None of the city defense soldiers could figure it out. Neither could Gregory and Anthony.

However, the way they looked at Sean changed.

Wesley was more surprised as he felt lucky.

"Thank you, Commander Lennon!"

Wesley was afraid Sean would go back on his word. He quickly got down on one knee and thanked him.

The commander-in-chief's office.

Wesley, Anthony, and Gregory left, and the city defense soldiers dispersed.

Therefore, only Sean and Zander were left in the office.

Zander looked at Sean, who was working, and hesitated to speak. He opened his mouth several times, hesitating for whatever reason, and swallowed back the words on the tip of his tongue.

"Are you asking me why I didn't force Wesley to step down with the battle's agreement?"

Sean asked, looking up and smiling at Zander.

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It was what Zander wanted to know. Therefore, Sean immediately nodded heavily when he said so.

Sean put down his pen and explained. "You underestimated the problem. Even though I won the battle with Wesley and showed what I'm capable of in front of so many city defense soldiers, I was appointed out of the blue after all. If I remove someone as soon as I take office, others will feel threatened and even bring down the city defense army's morale."

It dawned on Zander once he heard that.

Commander was more thoughtful than him.

He only saw the immediate benefits, but his Commander thought further. He was indeed no match for the Commander.

Sean continued saying, "Zander, what do you think of Wesley as a person?"

Upon hearing Sean's question, Zander immediately responded, "Wesley is short-sighted, narrow-minded, and nepotistic. I don't think he can make it big! His son will get him into trouble sooner or later."

“That’s right! Sooner or later, he’ll be in big trouble for his nepotism!”

Sean nodded as he spoke solemnly.

“It’s why I let him off this time. Sooner or later, I’ll get something against him again. He’ll make such a huge mistake that I have to get rid of him. And only then can he be removed from his position without any objection from others.”

Sean’s words instantly made Zander feel enlightened!

Zander looked at Sean with intense admiration. Even though he had known Sean for a long time, he was still impressed by Sean’s intelligence!

Just then, an errand runner entered the office after getting permission.

“Commander-in-chief, there’s a businessman who wants to see you.”

‘A businessman?’

Sean and Zander looked at each other and saw the answer in each other’s eyes.

The businessman was most likely Ronald.

“Let him in.”

Sean ordered.

“Yes!”

The errand runner turned around and left. Ronald came to Sean’s office a few minutes later

However, Ronald did not come alone. He was accompanied by his precious daughter, Lillian

Sean did not have a good impression of Lillian because of what had happened last night. Therefore, he was slightly upset to see Ronald bring his daughter to the army base

“Ronald, what did you want to see me about?”

Sean asked straight to the point. He had no idea of talking nonsense

Ronald chuckled before saying “Commander Lennon, I’ve heard about your new appointment and your defeat of Commander Wesley. Although I’ve already seen what you’re capable of, I was still surprised to

hear this news, Commander Lennon. After all, Commander Jokerman has been a chiliarch for many years. and is quite capable...”

“Get straight to the point, or I’ll throw you out.”

Sean snapped.

Lillian instantly shuddered with fear, but the experienced Ronald laughed and said, “Here’s the thing. I’ve completed all my previous deals with the city defense army. Now that you’re in office, I’d like to confirm future deals with you.”

‘So that’s it.’

Sean did not refuse. He immediately told Zander to call in the quartermaster and quaestor.

It was still summer, but they had to prepare food, clothing, weapons, and so on in advance for autumn. and winter.

Besides, the city defense army had a total of 3,000 men. They had a great demand for things.

The deal was worth over 100 million dollars!

Ronald watched as Sean picked up the pen, signed the invoice, and finally let out a long breath.

“In that case, our trading will proceed as usual and won’t be affected by the change of commander-in- chief.”

Ronald said, bowing and scraping.

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Just then, Gregory and Anthony arrived.

The two had something to report to Sean but saw Ronald there when they arrived, so they did not rush to report.

Gregory and Anthony knew Ronald. After all, the weapons dealer Ronald had worked with Dorodo's city defense army for a long time, so they were familiar with each other.

However, Ronald made business deals with the last commander-in-chief, so Gregory and Anthony said nothing after seeing Ronald.

'You came just in time. Check out this list and see if there is any problem. Let me know if there's anything else that the army needs. I can add it in.'

Sean said as he beckoned to Gregory and Anthony.

Gregory and Anthony hesitated. Then they picked up the list and looked over it carefully.

The two knew Sean showed them the list to let them know there was nothing shady about their deal with the weapons dealer, Ronald. They were all supplies for Dorodo's city defense army.

They could avoid a lot of trouble by being transparent about their finances.

Anthony and Gregory were touched after figuring out Sean's intention.

It was because the last commander-in-chief was not as careful and considerate to his subordinates as Sean.

Even Commander Hanson Lupin did not do that!

Putting the list down, Anthony said in a slightly hoarse voice, "We've gone over the list. Commander Lennon, the supplies you've listed are complete. We don't have anything to add."

'Oh, that's a relief."

Sean nodded before saying to Ronald, "Send over the army supplies on this list as soon as possible, and the money will be credited to your bank account when the supplies arrive."

"Thanks, Commander Lennon!"

Ronald smiled from ear to ear and nodded.

They thought it was the end of the matter, but Ronald made a request.

"Commander Lennon, there was a problem with communication when I was dealing with the city defense army earlier. So I wonder if one of my staff should stay at your army base so that we can know more about your army and enhance our friendship."

Gregory and Anthony frowned slightly at this.

Ronald's statement might sound nice, but if they let one of his staff stay in the city defense army, it would give the man access to city defense soldiers. Perhaps they might also get some secret information.

What if this person passed on information to Dorodo's rival?

Such spying activities must not happen.

Gregory and Anthony immediately tried to refuse, but Ronald immediately added, "Don't worry. The person I leave behind will have no contact with the outside world. All she needs to do is stay with the army. Consider her a hostage. You can trust me more if you have my staff."

Ronald's words made Gregory and Anthony feel tempted.

Ronald was a weapons dealer, and you could not think too highly of a weapons dealer's loyalty or credibility.

However, it would be much easier if Ronald did leave a hostage in the city defense army.

With this hostage, Ronald would be wary of betraying Dorodo's city defense army. That way, Dorodo's city defense army could trust him and thus strengthen their cooperation.

'I think that's doable."

Gregory immediately said to Sean.

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Therefore, Sean looked at Ronald and said, "That's a good idea. You can keep your hostage in our army. The city defense soldiers can help train your staff."

"Training is not necessary."

Laughing, Ronald pushed his daughter Lillian forward. "My daughter is a girl. She can't handle soldiers' training. Commander Lennon, she can be an errand runner and run errands for you if you want."

Gregory and Anthony had an epiphany.

They were wondering earlier why Ronald was so kind and motivated to keep a hostage in the city defense army.

It turned out that was what the old fox had in mind.

Did he leave his daughter here to be Commander Lennon's errand runner so she could seduce him?

The old fox was quite scheming!

Gregory was about to warn Sean, and Anthony seemed to want to say something too, but Sean spoke before they did.

"I already told you I'm not interested in your daughter, didn't I?"

Sean said with a frown.

Ronald looked slightly embarrassed, and Lillian looked even more aggrieved.

Lillian was good-looking. She was beautiful and cute. Though her figure was not very curvy, it was still quite good.

The two macho men, Gregory and Anthony, became slightly softhearted when they saw her aggrieved expression.

"Commander Lennon, what is wrong with my daughter that you despise her so much? Making her an errand runner is the best choice. Would you trust me for once?"

Ronald said with a wry smile.

Lillian summoned her courage and said, "Commander Lennon, please give me a chance. I'll be good! Although I'm a girl, I can do whatever errand runners do. And I'll be as good as the men!"

Lillian's courageous behavior made Anthony and Gregory give her admiring glances.

Zander's impression of the woman also changed.

However, Sean still refused.

He shook his head slowly and said, "It's not about whether you can do it. This is the city defense army's base. It's an army camp. The soldiers are all men. Do you know how much trouble a woman like you can cause if you stay here?"

After a pause, Sean continued saying, "And what do you expect the soldiers to think of me if you become my errand runner? What will they say about me? Do you want me to appear to the soldiers as a leader who knows nothing but lust?"

It was a pretty serious thing to say.

Ronald panicked and hurried to explain, and Lillian was pale with fear.

Gregory and Anthony hesitated for a moment before finally persuading, 'Commander Lennon, it's not a big deal. If Mr. Townsend and his daughter are willing, let her stay.'

"I think so too. It's no big deal anyway. Don't take it seriously."

Sean's expression turned serious once he heard Gregory and Anthony's remarks.

"What do you mean it's no big deal? And what do you mean by not taking it seriously? A country has its laws, and a family has its rules! If the army doesn't follow rules, how can we execute orders without fail? How am I supposed to make people trust me?"

Sean suddenly realized something as he spoke, and his expression became solemn.

The atmosphere in the office instantly became depressing.

Were there women in the army camp?

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Yes, that must be it.

Why else would the chiliarchs, Gregory and Anthony, be so blasé about women staying in the army camp?

It was because in their opinion, women staying in the army camp was not a big deal.

However, the opposite sex was never allowed to stay in conventional forces!

Dorodo belonged to the City-State Union. Although it was under Dragon Kingdom's control, management was too lenient. Was that why the military discipline was so lax?

"Are there women in the base?"

Sean asked solemnly, looking at Gregory and Anthony.

Gregory's eyelids twitched, and Anthony's expression turned ghastly.

However, they did not lie and nodded together.

"Yes, there are women in the base."

"What's going on? Gregory, explain!"

Sean chided, his tone turning harsh.

Looking at the solemn-looking Sean, who was exuding anger, Gregory said after a moment of hesitation, "It... It's like this. It's been over a month since Commander Jokerman brought his wife to live

in the army camp. Perhaps because of his influence, his son George also brought a woman into the army, but he's not married yet."

Not married-which meant George was not married to the woman he brought into the army camp.

It made some sense if you brought your wife.

However, the woman he brought here was not his wife. Was he not disregarding military rules and treating the army camp as his home?

"What about the others?"

Sean continued asking.

Gregory and Anthony hesitated for a moment before Anthony finally replied, "The others didn't keep women in the army, but they did bring women to stay overnight occasionally."

"You're not talking about you, are you?"

Sean's eyes turned sharp as he looked at Gregory and Anthony.

Gregory and Anthony got down on one knee without talking nonsense.

Sean knew he was right when he saw this.

Lower-ranked soldiers were well paid, but not so well paid that they could spend freely on women, so they were unlikely to find women.

Mid-level soldiers could afford women, but most of them did not dare to do so. After all, it was not easy to get a promotion. They dared not fool around with their future.

It was not the same for chiliarchs.

Chiliarchs could be said to be above all in the army except for the supreme leader. They had nothing to be afraid of as long as the higher-ups said nothing.

Wesley's bringing his wife into the army started this.

Wesley's son, George, was a bad influence for bringing women who were not his wife into the military.

Gregory and Anthony might have been influenced, which was why they brought women to the army camp.

However, they were smart not to keep the women they brought for too long. They sent them away after spending the night.

"You guys know how to enjoy yourselves."

Sean said slowly, his tone cold.

Gregory and Anthony lowered their heads in shame, not daring to say a word.

They were indeed in the wrong!

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'You guys know how to enjoy yourself. I've never even brought a woman to an army camp before. If you like enjoying yourselves so much, why are you in the army? Why are you a chiliarch?! Shall I relieve you of your duties and free you to fool around with women?'

Sean's scolding made Gregory and Anthony's heads hang lower.

After a while, Gregory and Anthony said together, "Commander Lennon, we're sorry. We're willing to be punished."

Ronald broke out in a sweat at the sight of it.

It was because he was responsible for causing this incident. Sean would not have noticed it if he had not asked his daughter to stay in the army camp.

Therefore, Ronald panicked and felt guilty.

'Commander Lennon, let's just let this go. It's not a big deal. We know how men are...'

Sean glanced coldly at Ronald. Ronald instantly winced and shut up.

'We're soldiers before we're men! Why bother being a soldier if you can't abide by military rules? You should pack up and leave as soon as possible!'

Gregory and Anthony blushed at Sean's words.

At least the two grown men realized what they did wrong by being that ashamed.

Sean got up and walked outside.

'Come with me. We're meeting Wesley, Wesley's wife, and their son!'

Sean's words made everyone shudder.

Dorodo's city defense army barracks were in excellent condition. Six regular soldiers shared a room, while two supervisors shared a room.

Chiliarchs like Gregory, Anthony, and Wesley did not live in the barracks but in three-bedroom apartments.

You could not find such excellent living conditions in other Dragon Kingdom armies. They were wasteful because the City-State Union was not strict.

Wesley was drinking in his room.

His wife, a native of the City-State Union with some foreign blood, had been given a Dragon Kingdom name-Wanda Cadence.

Wanda held a bottle of wine as she filled her husband and son's glasses. Then she asked, "The new commander-in-chief seems tough. I've heard the soldiers talk about him several times today."

Hearing this, Wesley snorted coldly, put down his glass, and said, "That punk is capable, but that's all there is! If he wants to go against me, he needs more than being a good fighter!"

"Dad, you're right. We've got thousands of brothers here. That Sean Lennon is only a commander who came out of nowhere. No one would listen to him. He's no match for us!"

Once he finished speaking, George sneered, put the glass to his mouth, and downed it.

Wanda was helpless. She found her husband and son arrogant.

However, Wanda knew she had no place in the army hierarchy, so she resisted persuading them and kept quiet.

"George, what's with the woman you brought into the army camp?"

Wesley asked as he took a drink and looked at his precious son George.

George immediately replied, "Dad, why do you care? I was only fooling around with her. It's nothing serious."

"Then send the woman out as soon as possible. This is an army base. What will the soldiers think when you bring her here?"

Wesley chided.

"Didn't you bring women to the army base too..."

George said, glancing at his mother.

Although the woman was his birth mother, George never saw her as his mother.

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Hearing George's words, Wesley flew into a rage.

He raised his hand to slap George, but he was facing his only son. He did not have the heart to slap him after all.

"You fool! She's your mother and my wife. She's our family. I can bring her in, of course. And I can bring her here legitimately! But is the woman you brought your family? She's only a prostitute! What will the soldiers think of a centurion bringing a prostitute back to the army camp?"

George smacked his lips impatiently before nodding and saying, "Alright, alright, I got it. HI send her away later. Happy?"

Wesley glared at his son George and said nothing more.

Just then, an errand runner came running in suddenly.

"Oh no. Oh no! Commander Jokerman, something's wrong!"

The errand runner rushed in and startled Wanda. Wesley shouted unhappily, "What's the hurry? Stand at attention!"

The errand runner quickly stood straight.

Seeing him calm down, Wesley asked, "What's wrong? What happened?"

The errand runner was breathless with anxiety as he said hesitantly, "The new commander-in-chief and the two chiliarchs have arrested Centurion Jokerman's woman!"

George, who was drinking, crushed his glass instantly as soon as he said that.

"How dare he touch my woman?"

The main camp.

A woman wearing thin clothes with her shoulders and fair legs exposed sat slumped on the ground in panic.

Sean was standing right in front of her. Zander, Gregory, and Anthony were also waiting here.

Ronald and his daughter, Lillian, did not come here. After all, it was not something they should be involved in.

Several city defense soldiers curiously came over to find out what was going on.

"What are you looking at? Stand properly!"

Gregory shouted, and the approaching city defense soldiers immediately stood in line like it was an immediate reflex.

Before they knew it, hundreds of people had gathered there.

City defense soldiers stood in a line, but they could not help but murmur when they saw the weird scene.

"What the hell is going on? Why did Commander Lennon and the two chiliarchs arrest Centurion Jokerman's woman?"

'Did Commander Lennon take a fancy to Centurion Jokerman's woman, so he wanted to steal her?'

"Don't be ridiculous. There's no way Commander Lennon is a man like that!"

"Indeed. Commander Lennon's brilliant. He doesn't look like a womanizer in any way."

Their words grew louder, but Sean did not stop them.

Blocking people's mouths was more difficult than preventing a flood. You could not stop them from speaking, and it was unnecessary.

George came.

Wesley came too.

Anxious and worried, Wesley's wife, Wanda, came over too.

Once they arrived, George pulled his woman up from the ground and shouted angrily at Sean.

"Commander Lennon, what are you doing? Are you trying to bully my woman by dragging her here?"

As soon as George said this, Wesley's expression changed.

He knew they were in trouble.

Sure enough, the city defense soldiers looked disdainfully at George.

It was because George hid a woman in his barracks. Only some of the soldiers knew about it at first. Everyone knew after he shouted.

The city defense soldiers scorned him, of course.

As a mid-rank soldier and centurion, he hid a woman in his barracks and fooled around with her.

What qualified someone like that to be a centurion?

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He was Dorodo's city defense army's disgrace!

"Do you admit that you hid this woman in the base?"

Sean asked, looking coldly at George.

George felt a thump in his heart. He knew he was in trouble.

He might have had room for defense if he feigned ignorance upon arrival or even denied that he knew this woman.

However, he asked Sean why he captured his woman as soon as he came, admitting his relationship with her and the fact that he hid her in the barracks.

In that case, what did he have to defend himself?

"Since you have nothing to say, don't blame me for handling you as per the law."

Sean turned to look at Zander and asked, "Zander, what's the punishment for hiding a woman in the army for fun and causing a major negative influence?"

"40 lashes in public and a dishonorable discharge from the army!"

Zander replied loudly that the city defense soldiers heard him loud and clear.

When Gregory and Anthony heard this, they knew George was going down today.

The city defense soldiers who had surrounded to watch looked excited, while George's face turned livid.

"Commander Killian, Commander Laurent, do you have any objections to this punishment?"

Sean asked, looking at the chiliarchs Gregory and Anthony.

Gregory and Anthony did not disagree, of course. They replied together, ' No objections!"

Sean looked at the city defense soldiers again before asking loudly, "Soldiers, do you have any objection to this punishment?"

"No objections!"

The city defense soldiers waved their fists and shouted.

George's face went from livid to pale at the deafening shouts.

The fact that so many soldiers had no objection to his punishment was a sign that he had become a target of public criticism.

He could only put his hopes in his old father.

"Dad! Dad! Help me! I can't lose my military post. I don't want to be an ordinary citizen..."

Watching his son beg him, Wesley's heart ached!

However, what could he do now?

With so many city defense soldiers watching, he could not intercede for his son!

"Commander Jokerman, do you have any objections?"

Sean looked at Wesley with a smile and asked in front of all the soldiers.

What else could Wesley say? He could only shake his head. "No... No objections..."

"Dad! I'm your son! How could you watch me get punished? You have to save me! Hurry and save me..."

George was anxious and scared.

He shouted, but Wesley looked away from him.

Sean announced the punishment loudly, "Since all soldiers have no objection, the punishment begins now!"

Once he finished speaking, several city defense soldiers rushed over and pressed George to the ground.

40 lashes were 40 strikes with wooden sticks.

However, you could not underestimate the 40 lashes! Regular people would have bled or become half-dead after being lashed 20 times. They would have died after being lashed 40 times!

Even if George was a trained soldier, he might not be able to make it.

Wesley could not stand it anymore when he saw his son being punished.

His wife knelt at Sean in front of the soldiers and Gregory and Anthony, who were his equals!

"Commander Lennon, please show mercy!"

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Dorodo city defense army's chiliarch, Wesley, never expected himself to kneel before Sean in front of so many people.

Was this the same imposing Commander Jokerman?

Was this the same Commander Jokerman who terrified Dorodo's criminal underworld forces?

Wesley did not look like a chiliarch in command of thousands of men. He looked like an old man who could not fight back!

There was slight reluctance on the faces of the soldiers waving their fists and shouting that George should be dealt with seriously earlier.

Even Gregory and Anthony had some sympathy in their eyes.

The atmosphere changed.

However, it did not escape Sean's keen eyes.

He wanted to deal with George seriously today and banish the law-breaking rat from Dorodo's city defense army.

However, he could only change his mind now.

"Show mercy? Wesley, do you know what a mistake your son Centurion Jokerman made?"

Sean asked darkly.

Wesley nodded repeatedly at that. "I know. I know what my son did was wrong, but he knows he's wrong and is willing to change and get punished. Please don't give him a dishonorable discharge. He also wants to work for Dorodo and Dragon Kingdom!"

Wesley said and turned around to look at Gregory and Anthony.

"Commander Killian, Commander Laurent, help me say something! We're old comrades in arms. We've worked together for more than ten years. Can you bear to see my son punished?"

Gregory and Anthony immediately looked away.

How could they speak up for Wesley and Wesley's son, George?

They did not want to upset Sean at such a critical moment!

After all, Sean was in the right, and Wesley's son, George was the one who made a mistake.

What if they got implicated for interceding for a sinner?

However, the change in Gregory and Anthony's expressions showed they were indeed reluctant.

Wesley did not give up and turned to look at the city defense soldiers.

Shouting sadly, "Guys, soldiers, my son George is indeed wrong. But he has been hardworking these years, even though he didn't do much. I hope you can give him another chance! Please!"

With that said, Wesley turned around and knelt at the city defense soldiers!

Besides, Wesley nodded heavily to them after kneeling.

However, most city defense soldiers did not change their minds.

There were sympathetic looks from the city defense soldiers though.

These city defense soldiers belonged to Wesley's faction and were his men.

Seeing this, Sean said slowly, "Okay, Commander Jokerman. In that case, I'll do you a favor and give your son one last chance."

Wesley was instantly overjoyed when he heard this!

Gregory and Anthony also breathed a sigh of relief.

However, Sean quickly changed his tone and added, "But this is the last chance. The next time your son breaks the rule, I will not only punish him but also you!"

"Thank you, Commander Lennon!"

Wesley shouted excitedly.

Sean glanced coldly at Wesley before turning to look at George, who was pinned to the ground.