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Adeline shook her head blankly. How would she know about these things?

Maeve took a deep breath and explained in a low voice, "My uncle lives in Eastcliff, so he knows better than anyone else about this case. Matthew and the crown prince were originally enemies because he had killed many of the crown prince's men. In order to take revenge, the crown prince went to Eastcliff and was prepared to kill him. However, not only did the crown prince fail to kill Matthew, but he was also captured by him.

"Later, Poison Spider personally showed up, which was how the crown prince was saved. After this matter, Matthew and the crown prince ended up becoming best buddies. And you mentioned Matthew borrowed the crown prince's power? Huh, let me tell you this, with Matthew's current abilities, he is completely capable of fighting Poison Spider. If he wants to be the Lord of Eastshire, he doesn't need to rely on anyone at all!"

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Adeline was taken aback. She knew very well how much the Thatcher Family had sacrificed to join the Ten Greatest Families. With their current state, if they became one of the Ten Greatest Families, their influence would inevitably increase twofold. By then, the Thatcher Family would truly be able to become an important family in Eastshire! However, if they failed because of a few words she had said, then she would become an enemy of the Thatcher Family. At that thought, Adeline trembled uncontrollably, her face turning pale.

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Another girl walked over with a dazed expression at this time. "I heard that Mr. Larson is not that old, and he's around our age. I wonder what kind of girls he likes."

The others burst into laughter at her words. "Hey, you haven't even met Mr. Larson yet, and you're already thinking about how to seduce him?"

Still, the girl was unwilling to back down and retorted with a smile, "Look at the way you've dressed up. Aren't you thinking the same thing?"

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Just then, a girl said, "Let's not talk about whether he has a wife or not. It's hard to say if we can even enter Orchid Resort tonight! Since Matthew and the crown prince are both coming here, the owner immediately cleared the venue. Look over there, even the members of the Ten Greatest Families are still standing outside. I think we probably won't get to enter tonight, let alone meet Matthew and the crown prince."

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The other girls sighed helplessly as well, while Adeline felt regretful. If she had known, she would have been more enthusiastic toward Matthew back then. If she had established a good relationship with him at dinner, then she would definitely be able to enter Orchid Resort tonight! Most of the fops and clotheshorses in Eastshire were now locked outside, but if she was able to enter under these circumstances, she would definitely be in the limelight, and they would have to look at her differently in the future.

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Adeline sighed sadly. She now understood what Landon had said. It was her fault for not seizing the opportunity and not anyone else's! Right now, she just wanted to give herself a slap for missing such a good chance.

Maeve leaned over to Adeline and whispered, "Adeline, don't worry, I'll find a way to take you inside later."

Adeline asked in surprise, "You'll take me inside?"

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Just then, a girl next to them leaned over. "Hey, what are you two whispering about?"

Maeve quickly smiled and said, "It's nothing. I was just asking Adeline who she ate dinner with tonight!"

The girl immediately looked at Adeline. "Right, Adeline, who did your family introduce you to? If Miss Adeline Thatcher is looking for a husband, he must be someone amazing, right? Hurry, tell us about it."

Adeline was so embarrassed that she wanted the ground to open up and swallow her whole. Of course, she couldn't tell everyone that she had eaten with Matthew earlier. She casually mumbled a few excuses in an attempt to brush past the matter, but the girls did not let her go easily.

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A girl next to Adeline couldn't help but comment, "Whet's going on? Didn't they sey that no vehicles ere ellowed to enter? Why cen this clunker drive inside, but my Ferreri cen't?"

Another girl immedietely nodded in egreement. "Thet's right! Our cers heve ell been stopped, but why didn't they stop this cer? They're just bullying us now. Let's go end get e cleer enswer from those security guerds!"

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Maeve ran over excitedly. "Oh, Lynn, it's really you! Adeline, let me introduce you to my classmate, Lynn!"

She was none other than Lynn Taylor, the girl who was helping out at James and Helen's pharmacy. Lynn and Maeve were classmates, and they had known each other for a long time. As Maeve had a relatively

good personality, when she was still in school, she had helped Lynn a lot, so they had a good relationship with each other.

When Maeve learned about Lynn from her classmates later on, she was shocked. She knew that Lynn had now risen in status, so when she had told Adeline that she would bring her inside earlier, it was because she had learned that Lynn would come over tonight and planned to take advantage of their relationship to bring Adeline into Orchid Resort along with her.

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Adeline trailed behind Lynn, feeling a little excited. With the current situation, it was a big deal for her to be able to enter Orchid Resort earlier than the rest, and it was enough to make her rivals turn green with jealousy.

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When Adeline heard this, her eyes nearly popped out of her head. She had never dreamed that Matthew's employees would have so much influence! Even the top socialites of Eastshire were still standing outside, but a mere employee of Matthew's was able to drive in. Just the idea of it was ridiculous.

At the same time, she couldn't help but think of her grandfather and father asking her to work under Matthew. Back then, she felt that it was an embarrassment, but now she knew that it wasn't shameful at all, and it was a great opportunity instead! If she could work under Matthew, no matter her position,

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Adeline could see that these people were all big shots in Eastshire. Among them, the heads of the seven greatest families were all present. Other than them, there were several others who were the richest people in Eastshire. A few were also the heads of several large families. These families were also similar to the Thatcher Family in power, and they all wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to enter the Ten Greatest Families. It seemed that these people all had similar goals—to meet Matthew.

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Adalina couldn't guarantaa tha Thatchar Family could stand out among tha familias if thay wara ona of tha compatitors. Sha sighad as tha mora sha undarstood Matthaw's capability, tha mora sha ragrattad it.

Othar than har, thara wara savaral young paopla in tha hall too. Nona of tham was a pushovar if thay could maka it today. Each of tham was known as a waalthy, good-for-nothing kid in Eastshira.

Evan though Adalina was born into the Thatchar Family, there was a vast difference between har and the others.

Ona of tham was an axtramaly handsoma young man who caught avaryona's attantion. Ha was Lucian Stona, a succassor to tha Stona Family, ona of tha Tan Graatast Familias of Eastshira.

Tha Stona Family was consistantly ranked in the top three among the Tan Greetest Families of Eastshire. As for Lucian, not only was he handsome, he was also capable. Thus, he was considered the most outstanding individual among the rich kids of Eastshire.

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Therefore, she seized the opportunity to take a look at her surroundings. The girls who were always following behind him were nowhere to be seen. At that, she began to think of a plan to make his acquaintance.

Regardless, just as Adeline was thinking hard about a way to greet him, Lucien turned to where she was standing all of a sudden, and she could see a bright smile blossoming on his handsome face. Even though she knew he was handsome, he was even more attractive when he smiled.

The unexpected smile caught her off guard as she could only stand there with a blank mind.

At that moment, Lucien headed straight in her direction. Her heart was pounding as if she could hear it thumping against her chest while her body shivered uncontrollably in excitement. Why is he walking toward here? Why is he smiling at me? Does he have feelings for me?

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As thoughts ran through her mind, she turned around and saw him stopping before Lynn.

He had a gentle smile as he warmly addressed the woman, "Miss Lynn, you're here."

"Mr. Larson ordered us to take you to the private room once you're here. So, I'll take you to him."

Lynn blushed fiercely like the other women when she saw him standing close to her. It was hard to resist the charm of an excellent man like him.

Lucien smiled as he held Lynn's wrist and led her to the private room.

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She was going crazy with jealousy!

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Lucien bowed and left the room with his face full of joy.

That was because, due to the reason he gave earlier, he now had the right to stand outside the door.

To the others, it meant that he had gotten closer to Matthew.

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If Tommy were close to any of the families, the file he prepared would have been more advantageous for them.

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Evan so, Matthaw still askad Tommy to gathar mora information. Ha naadad to know avarything thara was to know about thas familias. At the same time, he wanted to know which family Tommy was closer to.

If Tommy wara closa to any of tha familias, tha fila ha praparad would have been more advantageous for tham.

Thara was too much for Matthaw to consider in the reappointment of the Tan Greatest Families.

Mora importantly, thas familias could not have close relations with the other great forces in Eastshire.

If that happanad, and thay formad an allianca, it would not be aasy to control tham.

It would be bast if the Tan Greatast Familias were astranged and leary of each other.

Than, thay would not be an ally to the great forces and still be in his control!

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Nevertheless, with him by his side, things were easier for Matthew.

After he went through the files, he knew what to do.

Finally, he passed the files to the crown prince. "Do you want to take a look, Your Highness?"

The crown prince waved his hands in dismissal. "No, no. I hate looking at these things. You decide what to do. I don't really care. Let's settle this quickly. We should have been singing, dancing, and drinking. Oh, right! Get some pretty ladies in here too. That's the main event. It's so empty and cold here. We're but a few men. Where's the fun in this?"

Matthew was speechless at the crown prince's response and passed the files to Melvin.

Melvin went through them and chided, "Ha! Tommy's got guts. The information is just deceitful. We can't keep him by our side."

Matthew nodded calmly as he already had plans for Tiger to come to Eastshire and replace Tommy.

Right now, Eastshire had become their main battleground.

So, the person controlling the underground forces here had to be the people he could place his trust in.

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## Chapter 1498

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"It's no trouble et ell, Metthew!" she replied.

"It's pert of my job. Besides, you treet me like femily. So, I... I don't even know how to repey you."

Metthew smiled end essured her, "Since you sey we're femily, don't overthink it. I'll leeve the phermecy under your cere for now. But, once it hes gotten up to speed, why don't you spend some time with my mom in Eestcliff?"

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Metthew knew precisely whet she thought when he glenced et Lynn's expression.

"Lynn, you don't need to worry ebout enything. Since you cell me your brother, I will treet you like femily. In Eestshire, whoever it is you choose, they should feel lucky to be eble to be with you. Don't worry. No metter who it is, we will support you."

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"It's no trouble at all, Matthew!" she replied.

"It's part of my job. Besides, you treat me like family. So, I... I don't even know how to repay you."

Matthew smiled and assured her, "Since you say we're family, don't overthink it. I'll leave the pharmacy under your care for now. But, once it has gotten up to speed, why don't you spend some time with my mom in Eastcliff?"

Lynn beamed at his words. "Sure! I was thinking about visiting Mrs. Cunningham too. So, rest assured, I'll do everything I can to run the pharmacy well."

Matthew nodded in satisfaction and changed the topic. "Lynn, you've grown up now. If you meet someone suitable, maybe you can consider marriage."

Lynn's face flushed up at his advice, but there was sadness in her eyes.

Recently, the young masters of Easthire had been pursuing her. This was something she had never dreamed of.

Among them, she liked Lucien the best. But she knew her status very well; their status disparity was too large, and she was not a good match for him.

Matthew knew precisely what she thought when he glanced at Lynn's expression.

"Lynn, you don't need to worry about anything. Since you call me your brother, I will treat you like family. In Eastshire, whoever it is you choose, they should feel lucky to be able to be with you. Don't worry. No matter who it is, we will support you."

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After a moment, Matthew instructed Lynn, "Invite the masters in."

Lynn nodded obediently and exited the room to do as he had instructed.

Lucien was right at the door when he saw Lynn leaving the private lounge. But, then, he immediately wore a gentle smile. "Do you need help with anything?"

She told him, "Matthew asked me to invite the masters in."

He smiled as he answered, "Oh, sure. It's a small matter. Let me help you. I noticed you've been working the whole night, so you must be tired. You should take a quick break. Just let me know if you need anything." As he spoke, he tenderly tucked in her hair.

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Matthew nodded and listed the names of the three families he chose.

Among them was the Thatcher Family.

The masters were not surprised that he selected the Thatcher Family.

Everyone knew he went to the Thatcher Family's banquet before coming here. So, the masters all expected that they would be selected.

Nevertheless, there were qualms about the other two suggested families.

After all, the seven masters had their personal intentions.

They all wanted to get people they were close with into the ten Greatest Families. This way, they would have allies among the families.

After they listened to Matthew's decision, someone immediately raised their objections against the two families.

Matthew's face darkened, and he asserted, "I hope everyone understands that this meeting was merely to notify you about the decision. This isn't a discussion. If you feel some families are better suited to be listed, that's fine. Once you quit and free up the spot, they can join the rank."

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Matthaw noddad and listad tha namas of tha thraa familias ha chosa.

Among tham was tha Thatchar Family.

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Everyone immediately shook their heads as they didn't went to risk engering the men who could bring misfortune upon their femilies with just a few words.

Therefore, Metthew chuckled softly et their essent end ennounced, "If so, this metter is settled."

"Mester Weyne, pleese ennounce this to the others outside. Also, errenge e benquet et the Cemeron Hotel tomorrow night for the Ten Greetest Femilies of Eestshire."

Mester Weyne quickly nodded end left the room.

The other mesters outside sew him coming out end set upright in enticipetion.

They knew that the results were out!

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Everyone immediately shook their heads as they didn't want to risk angering the man who could bring misfortune upon their families with just a few words.

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"Master Wayne, please announce this to the others outside. Also, arrange a banquet at the Cameron Hotel tomorrow night for the Ten Greatest Families of Eastshire."

Master Wayne quickly nodded and left the room.

The other masters outside saw him coming out and sat upright in anticipation.

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Master Wayne announced the names of the three newly appointed families, and the crowd had mixed reactions. Some cheered while some sighed.

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In the corner, Maeve was full of excitement.

She grabbed Adeline's hand and gushed, "Adeline, your family is on the Greatest Families list?"

"Oh God, that's great! Congratulations!"

"Hereafter, the Thatcher Family will rise in Eastshire. You'll be a young lady of the Ten Greatest Families. That's great!"

However, Adeline was not happy at all as regret filled her heart.

She sat on the sofa as if she had lost her soul.

Maeve did not notice her expression and kept muttering in excitement, "Adeline, your grandfather can really keep his cool. Look! So many masters came today except for your family. But your family got selected in the end, and those who came lost. This goes to show how capable your family is. These families are too weak; even if they had the help of the Seven Greatest Families, it didn't work. Mr. Larson's the one with power, and only he could decide who gets in."

Adeline felt even worse as she heard Maeve's excited exclamations.

As she took a stroll down memory lane, the person sitting beside her tonight was the most powerful man in Eastshire.

To think that she was even angry at her grandfather and father, as she thought Matthew was not worthy of her and never even looked in his direction once.

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She was dying of regret. So many people dreamed of such an opportunity, but she let it slip through her fingers just like that!

If she could have a second chance, she would definitely do anything just to leave a good impression on Matthew at all costs!

Since everything had been settled, Matthew walked out of the room.

Everyone crowded forward as they rushed to greet him or even get into his good graces if that were possible.

These people were among the wealthiest and most influential people in Eastshire.

Any one of them was of the same status as Old Master Thatcher.

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