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Connor's eyes went red-rimmed as he told his story, "The two of them were already in bad shape when I was there. My son, whose whole body was covered with blood, was thrown into a pool of mud full of ants which were crawling all over his body. The moment he spotted me, he actually begged me so hard to kill him!"

Tears started streaming down his face when he got to that part because it hurt him.

After a sharp intake of breath, he wiped away his tears and continued, "As for my daughter-in-law, all her limbs were chopped off before her torso was squeezed into a jar. The Hughes fed her medicine to keep her alive and sober so that she could experience every bit of the pain and torture."

Matthew frowned at the cruelty of the Hughes in seeking revenge.

No wonder none of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff had the guts to set themselves against them; it seemed like he had indeed underestimated them.

However, it actually served as a reminder for Matthew to take this more seriously.

This was no longer just a competition in business with the Hughes.

If he turned out to be the loser this time around, he would definitely end up very badly.

Connor mumbled, "At that time, I knelt down in front of Master Hughes begging him to let my son and my daughter-in-law go, but he ignored me and continued chatting with me happily. I watched how my son and my daughter-in-law went through the torture for the entire day. At night, Master Hughes handed me a knife and asked me to kill my son myself as compensation for their family. You know what? The moment I stabbed the dagger into my son's chest, he actually looked so grateful to be freed of the misery instead of looking pained. That was not all. In the end, they dumped their bodies to a pack of dogs and I had to witness how their bodies were devoured by the animals..."

Connor choked with sobs at that moment.

It was then Matthew realized why Connor had aged so much in just two days.

"Old Master Jackson, what do you want me to do for you?" Matthew queried.

After wiping away the tears on his face, Connor explained, "The Hughes demanded us to hand over 70% of our business to them. There's no turning back for my family at this point. Mr. Larson, I've decided to go all out to fight them! However, we aren't strong enough to do that on our own so I'd like to work with you. I know you've been trying to gather funds recently and my family is willing to offer you a sum of 3 billion to fully support you!"

Matthew was stunned because he had never thought that Connor would actually offer him something like that.

Knowing well that Connor was a very cunning and shrewd man, Matthew was sure he must have guessed that he was involved in the incident.

Under such a circumstance, it was only reasonable for him to loathe Matthew. Why would he want to work with him instead?

Were there any hidden traps in his offer?

Just as Matthew was deep in thought, he received a call from Tiger.

Matthew, who was taken aback by the call, picked it up and Tiger's croaky voice came from the other end immediately. "Mr. Larson, I-I've let you down..."

Looking alarmed, Matthew asked anxiously, "What's going on? What happened?"

In a trembling voice, Tiger answered him, "Something happened to Julian! His car was knocked into by a huge truck when he was on his way to pick up his daughter..."

Matthew felt as though his brain was jammed all of a sudden and something nearly exploded in his head. That was his best buddy!

"How did it happen?" Matthew questioned in a grim tone.

After taking a deep breath, Tiger spoke in a soft voice, "I reckon the Hughes was the culprit. This morning, some people from their family came to Wellness Herbary and offered to sell some chinese herbs to us, but Julian rejected their offer. Because of that, they warned him to be careful and t-then, the accident took place. Mr. Larson, I've let you down. I-I didn't manage to protect Julian..."

Matthew clenched both fists tightly to learn that once again, the Hughes was the culprit behind the accident. "Travis Hughes, I will make sure you won't be able to leave Eastcliff alive!" he bellowed.