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Thousand Crane Shrine not only housed many experts but also a few hidden organizations. The Watanabe family was merely Thousand Crane Shrine's subordinate family, responsible for providing resources and funding.

Kai frowned when he heard what Fandor said. If what he said was indeed true, it would be difficult for Kai to eliminate the Watanabe family-even if it was just Asuka's line of descent.

Furthermore, Kazuo did not even mention the Thousand Crane Shrine when introducing the Watanabe family to Kai. Evidently, Kazuo was deliberately concealing this from Kaihe had not truly pledged allegiance to Kai.

"In that case, it won't be that easy to eliminate the Watanabe family," said Flaxseed solemnly. "Everything's in your hands..." commented Fandor before grabbing the glass of alcohol and drinking.

Since things had turned out this way, Kai decided to follow his initial plan. Instead of letting his mind run wild, he drank together with Fandor.

Back in his mansion, Ryosuke was filled with shock when he heard what his two subordinates reported to him. "Who's that young man? Is he Fandor's friend? Looks like I should meet him personally!" Filled with curiosity toward Kai, Ryosuke instructed his subordinate, "Ask Yuri to come here."

Soon, Yuri was summoned over. Ryosuke quickly asked, "Yuri, be honest with me. What's the name of the person who saved you? How did you know him?"

"Why are you asking that, Dad?" Yuri stared at him warily. She knew that her father was a suspicious and cunning man. If she revealed anything about Kai, she was afraid that Ryosuke would do something bad to him..

"Since I'd like to thank him properly, I need to know more about him. Tell me..." urged Ryosuke anxiously. Yuri was left with no choice but to reveal everything honestly. After Ryosuke heard that she met Kai on the plane, his expression changed slightly.

He could not be certain that Kai's meeting with Yuri was purely coincidental and that it was not part of an intricate plan. "Do you know his name?" asked Ryosuke again.

"He said he's called Kai, but it doesn't seem like he's lying..." replied Yuri. "Kai?" Stunned, Ryosuke frowned. "Why does that name sound so familiar? I've heard that before somewhere..."

At that moment, a subordinate stepped forward and whispered softly beside Ryosuke's ear. His eyes immediately widened as a look of astonishment filled his face. "It can't possibly be him, right? How dare he come to Jetroina?"

Ryosuke could barely believe his ears. "What are you talking about, Dad?" asked Yuri in a confused tone, having seen his reaction. "Oh, it's nothing. Go back and rest."

After Ryosuke sent his daughter away, anxiety started to invade him. If that Kai was the same man who murdered Ichiro, it would definitely be inappropriate for Ryosuke to meet him. Furthermore, it was evident that the target of Kai's trip to Jetroina was the Watanabe family.

In that case, his encounter with Yuri was probably planned beforehand. The fact that he managed to save Yuri was probably just an act to gain her trust.

Ryosuke, who initially planned to meet Kai, was now at a loss for what to do. After all, since Kai did not know the real situation with the Watanabe family, he would definitely blame the entire family for hunting him down.

As the head of the Watanabe family, Ryosuke would be Kai's first target for revenge. Yet, unbeknownst to Ryosuke, Kai knew everything about the Watanabe family like the back of his hand.

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"Mr. Watanabe, if Kai has come to Jetroina to take revenge, you'll be in danger. I heard that he's the most powerful person in Jadeborough, Chanaea. Furthermore, he eliminated the Warriors Alliance in Jadeborough and founded the Deragon Sect. It's grown to be the largest clan there! Now that the election is coming, there are already a lot of internal and external threats to deal with. If Kai intends to create mess things up here, we'd be in trouble," said a worried subordinate to Ryosuke.

Naturally, Ryosuke knew that well. However, there was nothing that he could do. "Asuka could've provoked anyone but Kai! Now, that man's probably going to settle the score with me!" Ryosuke cursed angrily at his younger brother.

If Asuka had not kept going to Chanaea to take revenge on Kai, Kai would not have come to Jetroina. Didn't he only lose a son? Since he already has three, losing one doesn't make a huge difference at all!

"Mr. Watanabe, since Ms. Yuri knows Kai, why don't we ask her to explain everything to him? She can make it clear to him that we aren't the ones trying to kill him. If she can secure Kai's help, we'd have a decent shot at winning the election! I've already heard that Asuka's trying to contact Old Mr. Watanabe…"

reported his subordinate in a low voice. "What? Asuka has already contacted Grandpa? He is already over ninety years old! It's been a long time since he stopped caring about family affairs. Could it be that he managed to convince Grandpa otherwise?"

Ryosuke was filled with shock. The "Grandpa" whom he was referring to was Masato Watanabe. He was actually not his and Asuka's real grandfather. Instead, he was their grandfather's brother.

Since Masato was already over ninety years old, he had stopped managing family affairs for a long time. However, as the eldest member of the Watanabe family with the highest seniority, he was considered an extremely important person in the family.

Hence, Masato's words held considerable power over the family. The branch family members of the Watanabe family would definitely obey his every sentence.

If Asuka managed to secure Masato's help, it would be impossible for Ryosuke to remain the head of the family. More importantly, Masato was able to directly contact the Thousand Crane Shrine that was backing the Watanabe family.

Although the Watanabe family was considered to be the subordinate family of the Thousand Crane Shrine, it was almost impossible for Ryosuke to even step into the shrine despite being the head of the family.

On the other hand, Masato was different. He could pray at the shrine any time and even manage to get a few words in with the higher- ups there. "No, I can't wait any longer. Prepare the car. I'm heading to the ancestral home..."

Attacked by a strong sense of threat, Ryosuke decided to meet Masato, hoping that the old man would not intervene in family affairs. While Ryosuke was rushing to meet Masato, Haruto had already invited Kazuo to Asuka's villa.

"Please take a seat, Mr. Kawaguchi!" Asuka greeted Kazuo with extreme enthusiasm upon meeting him. Smiling slightly, Kazuo did not sit down. Instead, he asked Asuka, "Why did you invite me here, Mr. Asuka?"

"Since you've gone all the way to Chanaea and helped me with such a huge favor, I must thank you properly." With a smile, Asuka shot a look at his son.

Soon, Haruto brought a wooden box over. A snow lotus was nestled inside it. Although it was not big, it was evident that it was from Fujio Mountain.

Snow lotuses took an extremely long time to grow, especially those from Fujio Mountain. Even though this snow lotus was not big, it had probably been growing for over a hundred years.

Since possessing a snow lotus from Fujio Mountain was a source of pride amongst the famous samurais in Jetroina, it was considered a highly precious commodity.

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"Mr. Asuka, w-what are you doing?" Kazuo's eyes widened when he saw the snow lotus. He didn't understand what kind of scheme or trick. Asuka was pulling.

"You helped me take revenge, so of course I want to repay you. Although some people were sacrificed, it's nothing," Asuka replied. Upon hearing this, Kazuo felt a bit ashamed. After all, he had not been able to kill Kai and had only deceived Asuka.

But looking at the snow lotus in front of him, Kazuo knew he couldn't just refuse it. "Thank you very much, Mr. Asuka." Kazuo quickly took the snow lotus from Haruto's hands.

As he looked at the snow-white lotus, Kazuo couldn't help but feel enamored with it. Asuka noticed this and curled the corners of his lips into a slight smile.

"Mr. Kawaguchi, I actually have one more thing I'd like to ask for your help with..." Asuka said. "Please, Mr. Asuka, just tell me." Kazuo's eyes were fixed on the snow lotus, and he would agree to anything at this point.

"I want you to capture Yuri and bring her here," uttered Asuka. When Kazuo heard this, his excitement vanished instantly, and he handed the snow. lotus back to Haruto.

"Mr. Asuka, I don't want to get involved in the Watanabe family's affairs. I hope you can understand. I have things to do, so I'll take my leave now..." Kazuo said before running away.

Kazuo wasn't stupid. He knew he shouldn't get involved in the power struggles of such a large family because he knew that no matter who won in the end, he would become the sacrificial lamb. Upon seeing Kazuo run away in fear, Asuka couldn't help but curse, "Coward! He's just a coward..."

"Dad, what should we do now? It's going to be difficult to capture Yuri, especially after this..." Haruto asked his father. After this failure, Ryosuke would certainly strengthen security measures around Yuri and might even prevent her from leaving her home..

"Hmph! Even without Yuri as a bargaining chip, I'll take the position of the head of the family. Follow me to the ancestral home..." Asuka demanded, his expression grim and menacing.

At the foot of Fujio Mountain in the Xendale. suburbs, there was a simple wooden house that served as the ancestral home of the Watanabe family. Masato Watanabe, who lived there, was. the most senior member of the family.

Ryosuke arrived at the wooden house with his men and got out of his car, walking toward the house after parking a few hundred meters away. Although he was the head of the Watanabe family, he still respected the elders and observed the necessary etiquette.

Upon reaching the front of the house, Ryosuke gently knocked on the door. It opened slowly, revealing a gathering of people inside who seemed to be discussing something. This caught Ryosuke off guard since Masato had long retired from family affairs and would not allow so many people to disturb him. This. situation was very unusual, and as the head of the Watanabe family, he was surprised that no one had notified him of it.

Seeing Ryosuke, many people stood up and bowed to him. After all, his status as the head. of the family was higher than theirs. Only two people remained seated-Masato, who had. thinning hair and missing teeth, and was seated at the top, and a middle-aged man in a samurai outfit sitting next to him.

The middle-aged man was kneeling next to Masato with an old katana placed in front of him. Although the man's eyes were cold and filled with disrespect, Ryosuke dared not show any resentment toward him.

This man was Kawano Chishima, a renowned sword master in Xendale whose skill with a katana was legendary, and whose true strength was unknown to anyone. Kawano had been guarding Masato's safety since he was young and was still doing so now with the utmost loyalty.

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This was why Masato, despite his advanced age and lack of involvement in Watanabe family affairs, remained the soul of the family. It was Kawano's presence that allowed Masato to enjoy his old age in peace..

As soon as Ryosuke had sat down, the door was knocked on, and then it opened again. Soon, Asuka walked in. Upon seeing the situation, Asuka was also taken aback, especially when he saw Ryosuke there, and conflicting emotions began to swell within him.

"You both arrived just in time. Please have at seat," Masato said, waving his hand. Everyone sat down and waited for Masato to speak. No one dared to show any signs of disrespect, knowing that even the slightest movement would be met with Kawano's sharp. katana.

"I've received news from the Thousand Crane Shrine that we, the Watanabe family, need to deliver our resources and funds earlier this year," Masato spoke slowly.

"Grandpa, I've already prepared the resources and funds, and they can be delivered at any time," Ryosuke replied immediately. With the election approaching, Ryosuke needed to show off his capabilities.

"Good!" Masato nodded and continued, "I heard. that our samurais had clashed with the Chanaean government some time ago and killed many of their officials. Is that true?"

"Yes, I investigated this matter too. It was Asuka who ordered people to hunt down some enemies in Chanaea, which led to a conflict with the Chanaea authorities and resulted in at negative impact on our family. I have sent. someone to Chanaea to explain this matter."

Ryosuke immediately recounted everything he knew to Masato when the latter mentioned the incident. He wanted to use this matter to prevent Asuka from competing with him for the position of head of the family. At this moment, there was no brotherly relationship between them. Asuka glared at his older brother and began to explain, "Grandpa, I-"

However, Masato interrupted with a wave of his hand. "Asuka, you did well. The Watanabe family will not be bullied by anyone. We will seek revenge, especially when facing the people of Chanaea," Masato said, leaving Asuka stunned. The latter quickly nodded and said, "I will follow your advice, Grandpa."

Ryosuke was also taken aback because he had wanted to suppress Asuka with this matter, but his plan backfired. Masato then looked at Ryosuke coldly and said, "As the head of the Watanabe family, you even took the initiative to apologize, which has damaged our family's reputation. I also heard that you sent your daughter to study in Chanaea. You seem to have forgotten what blood flows in your veins."

Subsequently, the old man added, "Now that your daughter has been contaminated, she must be sent to the shrine to be purified…" What Masato said shocked Ryosuke to the core. It felt as if he had been struck by lightning.

He could endure anything, including losing his position as head of the family, but he would never agree to send his only daughter to the shrine for purification. After all, he knew what would happen to her there. "Grandpa, I-"

Ryosuke wanted to argue and stop them from sending his daughter to the shrine, but Masato ignored his pleas and waved his hand, saying. "That's it. Everyone, please leave."

Everyone got up and left, and Ryosuke had no choice but to do the same. As soon as he stepped out, he saw Asuka looking at him with a mocking smile on his face.

"My dear brother Ryosuke, I warned you not to send Yuri to Chanaea, but you didn't listen. Now, Yuri will be sent to the shrine, and you may never see her again in this lifetime. My poor niece is still so young, lively, and beautiful..." Asuka said, grinning from ear to ear.

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Ryosuke glared at Asuka angrily but couldn't do anything to the latter. He could only leave in frustration. After all, he was still the head of the family and Asuka's brother, so he dared not hit Asuka in public.

He returned home fuming, and when Keika saw him, she hurriedly came up and helped him. change his clothes. "What happened? What made you so angry, Ryosuke?" Keika asked.

Ryosuke explained everything that had happened today, leaving Keika stunned. After a while, Keika became emotional and exclaimed, "N-No... That's impossible. I will never send our daughter to the shrine. If you dare to do so, I'll die before your eyes..."

Hearing that, Ryosuke held his wife tightly, feeling sorry for her. "I don't want to either, but what can we do?" he replied. Ryosuke was reluctant to do so, but he had to follow Masato's orders. Besides, it might be an order from the shrine itself. What could he do. to resist?

"We can leave. Let's go as far away as possible, and you should step down from the position as the head of the family..." Keika suggested. "Go? Go where? Even if we flee to the ends of the earth, they will find us." Ryosuke shook his head, finding his wife's suggestion unfeasible.

"I don't care! I don't care! I won't let you send our daughter to the shrine!" Keika shouted like a mad woman. Ryosuke looked helpless, but fortunately, there was no time limit set. They could still stall for time and come up with a plan.

Three days had passed since then. Kai and Flaxseed spent their days drinking and snoring with Fandor, and it had been such a drink-sleep routine for the past three days.

"Kai, it's been three days already. Your scheme hasn't succeeded yet? Ryosuke hasn't come to see you at all," Flaxseed complained listlessly.

Although they drank and slept every day, the environment here was terrible, and more importantly, there were no women. If Jessica were here, Flaxseed might not be so anxious. Kai furrowed his brow slightly. "It's strange. I saved his daughter's life. He should at least come and thank me, right?"

Kai also found it odd that Ryosuke hadn't shown up since sending people to investigate him last time. There was no news from the Watanabe family, nor had Ryosuke sent anyone to see him, and Kai found this extremely puzzling. "What are you two mumbling about? Come and drink!" Fandor beckoned to Kai and Flaxseed.

But neither of them moved this time. Seeing this, Fandor picked up the bottle and walked over. "Don't worry, he's coming. He'll be here within ten minutes," he said confidently, then started drinking by himself.

Kai and Flaxseed were surprised as they weren't quite sure whether Fandor was drunk or not. Sure enough, a few minutes later, Ryosuke arrived outside Fandor's dilapidated house, carrying a gift and accompanied by Yuri..

"Excuse me, I'm Ryosuke Watanabe. I've brought my daughter here to pay respects to Mr. Loufury, Ryosuke politely called out. "Come in," Fandor said flatly, with his eyes half- closed.

Kai and Flaxseed were both confused as to how Fandor knew Ryosuke would come. Ryosuke entered the run-down house with Yuri and placed a bottle of wine in front of Fandor, saying politely, "Mr. Loufury, this is for you."

But Fandor didn't even look at it. He slowly said, "I don't take gifts for no reason. If you want me to kill someone, just deposit the money into my account."

Ryosuke looked embarrassed all of a sudden; he didn't have billions of Anglanduran currency to hire Fandor to kill. "Kai, thank you so much for saving me from being kidnapped two days ago," Yuri said to Kai happily.

The president of Thousand Crane Shrine, who supported the Watanabe family, was rumored to be an ancient divine being who had survived the test of time after undergoing a divine transformation. It was as if he had been reincarnated into this world again!