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Each faction tried to guess the other's thoughts.

The Gu Sect decided not to take action.

Lance, the leader of Orient Commerce, also did not take action.

James' journey with Graydon to the courthouse went very smoothly.

Graydon was pushed out of the car.

Seeing the courthouse gates, he slightly panicked and hurriedly shouted, "What're you doing, James? What're you doing?!"

Walking ahead of the troops, James stopped and walked toward Graydon. He said with a faint smile, What else can I bring you to the courthouse for? The courthouse is used to trial influential figures. You should be proud to be sentenced in the courthouse."

"Who do you think you are to trial me? Let go of me! I want to make a phone call! Give me a phone. I need to make a call!"

Graydon panicked.

He knew if he did not call for help, it would be too late if he were brought into the courthouse and convicted.

"You want to make a phone call? Who can you call to save you now?"

James smiled faintly and ordered, "Bring him inside."

"Yes, Sir."

"Let go of me! Let go immediately!"

"Do you know who's the person behind me, James? It's the founding King! You'll die if you touch me!"

Graydon kept shouting.

However, James ignored him.

After Graydon was brought into the courthouse, James also walked inside.

"Emperor."

A man in his forties stood at the entrance of the courthouse.

He was the chief justice of the courthouse, Francesco Gardner.

Nathaniel had informed Francesco of this in advance. Thus, he was already aware that James was going to arrest and interrogate someone tonight.

However, seeing that it was Graydon, he was slightly nervous.

Francesco was the chief justice and considered one of Sol's most influential figures.

In the Capital, he was considered a prominent figure.

Moreover, he was a subordinate of Lance.

Orient Commerce single-handedly promoted him.

"What're you doing, Emperor? What crime has General Zabel committed for him to be put on trial tonight? Why don't we lock him up and wait until dawn?"

Upon hearing this, James glared at Francesco.

"Hmm? Are you trying to buy time for Graydon? Then, how about I investigate you before him? Should I first dismiss your position as the chief justice if I find something off with you?"

Francesco broke out in a cold sweat and replied jokingly, "You sure know how to joke around, Emperor. I'll go and prepare to start the trial right away."

James looked at Francesco and smiled.

He had been in the Capital for a while..

After Mr. Gabriel handed him the information about the people of the Gu Sect, he could roughly distinguish which side these prominent figures stood on.

There were only three factions-the Gu Sect, Orient Commerce, and the King.

Since Francesco had tried to help Graydon, he must also belong to Orient Commerce and was Lance's subordinate.

James rolled his eyes as he thought about whether he should use this opportunity to get rid of the courthouse's chief justice and arrange for one of his own subordinates to take over.

That would make it easier for him to act in the future.

He immediately took out his phone and called the King.

The King answered almost instantly.

"What's the matter, James?"

James knew that many people were watching him. However, since no one was coming to interfere, he had a rough guess of their thoughts.

He said smilingly, "King, I think there's something suspicious about the courthouse's chief justice. Get ready a document to dismiss him, and I'll arrange for someone else to take over."

"Easy for you to say, James. How will I dismiss a chief justice so easily? Do what you want, but don't ask me to officiate any documents. I'll need several parties to approve the documents, and they're definitely not going to be approved."

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Sol was a country with strict laws and regulations.

It would be troublesome to dismiss a chief justice by following the formal procedures.

As for Graydon, James also did not go through the proper procedures.

Otherwise, he would have to apply for a trial through the King. The King would issue a document and request several parties to approve it. James would only be able to arrest him after these parties had signed the document.

The King hung up the phone.

James pondered about it for a while.

He thought controlling the courthouse was necessary to achieve his plans.

In the future, the courthouse was going to be an important place.

Thus, he did not want other factions to control the courthouse.

After thinking about it, he called Maxine and said, "Maxine, I need you to investigate someone."

Maxine's voice sounded from the phone. "Who?"

"The chief justice of the courthouse, Francesco."

"Okay, no problem."

"Do it as soon as possible. Try to get me a result before dawn."

"Alright."

Maxine had not gone to bed.

She knew James was about to take action and had dispatched one thousand soldiers from the Red Flame Army to capture a high-ranking general. Therefore, she was also keeping up with the latest updates.

“Blake, use the power of the Dark Castle to investigate a person named Francesco Gardner.”

“Jake, look into someone for me. He’s the chief justice of the courthouse. I need all information on him and evidence of any criminal records by dawn.”

“May, use the Dragon Palace’s intelligence networks to investigate Francesco Gardner, the chief justice of the courthouse.”

James made several phone calls.

From the current information he had, there was no evidence of Francesco committing any crimes.

However, as the chief justice, it was impossible that he was completely innocent. As long as James could get hold of a little bit of evidence, it would be enough to make Francesco step down.

After a series of phone calls, he called the King again.

“Is there anything else, James?”

James went straight to the point. “I’ve already started investigations on the chief justice of the courthouse, Francesco Gardner. Several forces of mine are looking into his background. If there’s anything wrong with him, I’ll get him to step down before dawn. When the time comes, I’ll use the Blade of Justice to take care of these problems. I don’t need you to issue any documents, but I’ll need a new chief justice to take office, which will need your approval. I’m calling to inform you in advance.”

Hearing this, the King fell into deep thought.

After a while, he replied, “James, you’re causing a huge scene. Be careful not to burn yourself.”

James replied calmly, “Things have already come to this point. I have no way out and must resolve everything. I need to disintegrate the Gu Sect and Orient Commerce.”

“Alright. After you send me the document, I’ll sign it. However, my approval alone is useless. All three parties will have to sign the document for it to take effect.”

“It’s fine with just you signing it. I can’t be bothered with such details right now.”

James finished speaking and hung up the phone.

He walked into the courthouse.

At that moment, the interrogation was ready to take place.

The chief justice and some juries were already in place.

Graydon was handcuffed to the defendant's stand.

"Francesco, do you know what you're doing? Do you know who you're interrogating? Hurry up and call him!"

Until now, Graydon had not given up.

James overheard the conversation when he walked into the courtroom. James pulled out the Blade of Justice and said calmly, "Graydon, no one can save you today."

At that moment, someone handed over the solid evidence of Graydon's crimes over the years.

After the jury looked at it, their expressions became solemn.

"Graydon, a commercial city was built in the Capital ten years ago, and you used your position to make a profit of one billion dollars. We've gotten hold of the transfer records and have solid evidence."

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"Eight years ago, you had a lover that got pregnant. She planned to give birth to the child, but you secretly got some people to abort the baby. Here's the information on your lover's treatment records in the hospital. We also have a DNA report of the unborn child.

"Five years ago, you secretly took down a consortium and made a ten billion-dollar profit. Here's the relevant evidence."

Francesco looked at the presented evidence and read them out one by one.

Hearing this, Graydon's face paled. He roared, "Impossible! This is impossible! I'm being framed! I didn't do this! I didn't do any of it! I want to see Lance! I want to see the King!

"You're not qualified to trial me, James!

"I'm a three-star general, James! You need an approved document from the King to arrest and put me on trial! Where's the document? Without a document, you have no right to convict me!"

Graydon panicked and kept shouting.

James got up, walked toward Francesco, and picked up the large stack of documents. Then, he slowly walked toward Graydon.

"Over the past decade, thirty people have died in your hands, Graydon. Moreover, the funds in your account amount to one hundred and eighty billion dollars. Even if Lance showed up in person today, he would not be able to save you.

"Based on the crimes you've committed over the years, even a hundred shots wouldn't be sufficient punishment."

Graydon glared at James and said with resentment, "I don't believe you dare to kill me, James. I'll kill you if you try! I won't die today!"

"You can go ahead and try."

James was not threatened by him at all.

He turned to the courthouse's chief justice in front of him and asked coldly, "Chief Justice, we've collected so much evidence. Please make a conviction."

Hearing this, the group of jurors began to discuss.

After discussing for ten minutes, Francesco said, "I announce that Graydon is guilty and will be deprived of his three-star general military rank. Since this matter is significant, I suggest we take him into custody for the time being and wait for a juridical review."

"Why do we need to take him into custody? It's a crime worthy of the death penalty! He should be executed to death immediately!"

James was dissatisfied with the trial result. He glared at Francesco and said, "Chief Justice, you should think twice. There's conclusive evidence of his crime. The crimes he committed are worth being shot dozens of times."

With helplessness on his face, Francesco said, "Emperor, this is no joke. He's a three-star general. Even with conclusive evidence, I'm the only one here. There isn't any representative from the military or government. I wouldn't dare convict him."

James said coldly, "The chief justice wouldn't dare convict a criminal? Could it be that you're also trying to cover up for Graydon?"

"James, you better let me go. Otherwise, I'll make sure you're tortured to death."

"You're threatening me?"

James' face darkened.

He pulled out his gun immediately.

Bang!

A gunshot resounded.

A bloody gunshot wound appeared on Graydon's forehead.

“You...”

Graydon parted his lips.

Before he could finish his sentence, his body gradually fell to the floor.

Standing in front, the chief justice, Francesco, and the other jurors were dumbfounded.

This...

Killing in the courthouse was something they had never heard of or seen before.

They were frightened at that moment.

After James pulled out his gun, he ordered, “Clean up the body and surround the courthouse. Dispatch the Red Flame Army and investigate all the employees of the courthouse. Don’t let anyone who has committed any crime escape.”

Hearing this, Francesco trembled in fear and fell off his chair.

The same happened to the others. All of them collapsed to the floor in horror.

James ignored the people in the courthouse.

He had to take control of the courthouse to prepare for the following clean-up and put people from different factions on trial.

If someone else controlled the courthouse, they would restrict his future plans.

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The Mount Thunder Sect was supporting him.

James did not want the Mount Thunder Sect to repeat the fate of the Gu Sect of a hundred years ago.

He wanted to purge the country and restore peace in Sol.

Although he did not think he was someone with strong integrity, things had already come to this point, and there was no way out for him.

All forces had their eyes on the courthouse that night.

“The latest news is that the Red Flame Army has surrounded the courthouse.

“Our men couldn’t enter the courthouse, and we couldn’t find out what was happening inside.

“We’re not sure how Graydon’s doing.”

All kinds of news spread to the various forces and families.

Everyone was paying attention to the courthouse’s situation.

However, none of them knew what was happening inside the courthouse.

After James killed Graydon, he left the courthouse. He sat on the steps outside the courthouse and lit a cigarette.

Henry walked over and sat beside him.

Henry’s face darkened, and he asked, “James, you’ve gone too far this time. Graydon was a three-star general. It would’ve taken a long time to convict him if you had followed the proper procedures. Yet, you just killed him in the courthouse. Will something bad happen to us?”

James took a deep breath and said, “What bad things can happen to us? I possess the Blade of Justice. I have the authority to kill even without trial. I’d like to see who dares to step up and cause trouble after learning I killed Graydon.”

He was hoping someone would jump out to interfere.

It would give him an excuse to capture them all.

Upon hearing this, Henry fell into silence.

He understood that Sol would begin going through a reformation starting this night.

Sol would have great rulers if they were successful.

From then onward, no one would interfere with the country’s development.

However, failing their mission would lead to grave consequences.

Meanwhile, in a room in the courtyard house where Lance was located...

“Sir, the Red Flame Army has surrounded the courthouse and blocked all signals. We couldn’t get information about what’s happening inside the courthouse.”

Hearing the report, Lance’s expression darkened.

“This James...” He murmured and thought to himself.

Initially, he planned to use James to eliminate the Gu Sect.

Even if James could not destroy the Gu Sect, Lance hoped he would at least inflict heavy damage on them.

Unfortunately, the situation was not looking optimistic with how things were progressing.

“What is James trying to do? Could he be trying to use his strength to dismantle Orient Commerce and destroy the Gu Sect?” Lance murmured.

After pondering for a long time, he finally ordered, “Get Tobias to see me.”

“Understood.”

The subordinate left.

Soon, Tobias appeared.

Tobias looked much younger than before, and his skin was much smoother. He looked about sixty to seventy years old in the past but now had the appearance of a fifty-year-old man.

“Sir.”

Tobias arrived and greeted him respectfully.

Lance turned around and looked at Tobias.

Tobias asked, “Sir, do you have any orders?”

Lance ordered, “Lead the Phantom Army to the courthouse.”

“Understood. I’ll go kill James right now.” A hostile expression flashed across Tobias’ face.

Lance looked at Tobias and uttered softly, “Kill who? Who asked you to kill him?”

Tobias was taken aback. He recollected himself and asked, “Then, what would you like me to do?”

Lance instructed, “I want you to help James and advise him. I need you to convince him to target the people from the Gu Sect. If you can, stir up a conflict between him and the Gu Sect so they’d get into a head-on battle.”

“Umm...”

Hearing this, Tobias’ expression became solemn.

Him attacking Bennett was definitely not a secret anymore.

Would James still trust him if he approached him right now?

“Sir, I’m afraid that might be a bit difficult. James might not trust me right now.”

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Lance said indifferently, "That's your problem. Go to the courthouse as soon as possible. I need to know what's happening in there and what James is trying to accomplish."

Lance contemplated for a long time and decided not to get rid of James just yet.

There would be no one to keep the Gu Sect in check and maintain a balance if James was gone.

Lucjan was not a pushover.

Lance was not confident in an absolute victory against Lucjan.

Therefore, he could only use James to suppress Lucjan.

Who James targeted was not important.

He could easily promote another person in seconds. Thus, James' actions were not of concern.

"Understood. I'll get going right now."

Tobias did not say anything more. He turned around and left, heading to the courthouse with the Phantom Army.

"We've new intel that the Phantom Army has been dispatched."

"The commander, Tobias, is leading members of the Phantom Army to the courthouse."

The news spread like wildfire as soon as the Phantom Army was dispatched.

It was not long before the news spread to major families in the Capital.

All the major families in the Capital had been paying attention to the situation and waiting for the latest updates regarding the courthouse, especially the Sullivans and the Lees.

They were paying extra attention to the situation because Maxine had approached them to convince them to support James.

They were curious to see what James was capable of doing. Moreover, they wanted to observe the reaction of Orient Commerce and the Gu Sect.

Everyone was waiting.

The Dark Castle, Dragon Palace, Jake's underground intelligence network, and the Red Flame Army's intelligence network had launched investigations on everyone working in the courthouse.

The night passed silently.

It was a restless night for many.

Everyone was waiting for the latest updates.

At dawn, the investigation results were sent to the courthouse.

It was as James suspected. In such high positions, none of them were clean, and all of them had committed a crime of some sort. Some of the crimes were not severe enough for them to deserve the death penalty, but it was sufficient to get them dismissed from their positions.

Meanwhile, Tobias had departed for the courthouse at night. However, whether it was deliberate or not, he only appeared at the courthouse gates at dawn.

James walked into the main hall of the courthouse with the investigation materials from his various intelligence networks.

“W-What exactly are you trying to do, James?”

Seeing James suddenly appearing again, Francesco could not help asking.

He had been trapped in the courthouse all night and was anxious, unsure of what James was planning.

James handed the information to him.

Francesco took a look, and his expression immediately changed.

James said indifferently, “Chief Justice, you’ve been dismissed. From now onward, you’re no longer the chief justice of the courthouse.”

“You don’t have the right to dismiss me, James. I’m the highest law enforcer of Sol. To dismiss me, you’ll need the approval of the King himself...”

“You’re dismissed if I say so.”

James parted his lip and ordered, “Come arrest these people. Take them into custody for the time being and wait for the new chief justice to take office. Then, we’ll put them on trial and convict them.”

Immediately, a few Red Flame Army soldiers walked inside.

Francesco roared, “James, this is the Capital! This isn’t your territory! Do you really think you can do as you please...”

However, James ignored him.

“James.”

At that moment, Henry approached and said solemnly, “The Phantom Army has shown up.”

“Oh? They finally showed up?”

James smiled and said, "I thought the Phantom Army would show up and try to stop me as soon as I took action. I didn't expect them to wait the whole night. Let's go meet the Phantom Army and Tobias."

He turned around and walked out of the courthouse.

Many people were gathered outside the courthouse.

The leader was a middle-aged man dressed in a robe.

It was none other than Tobias.

Tobias no longer looked like an old man. Instead, he looked to be in his fifties.

Upon seeing Tobias' youthful appearance, James knew he had reached the eighth rank.

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Tobias' current strength was within James' expectations.

Back then, he was already a seventh-ranked grandmaster.

After ambushing Bennett and snatching the Spirit Turtle's core, he disappeared for over two months.

Since he appeared now, he must have refined the core and already stepped into the eighth rank. As for the Skyward Stairway he had ascended, James could not be sure.

James never expected Tobias to take refuge in Orient Commerce.

He used to be the mighty and superior family head of the Cadens.

Yet, he served someone else now.

James looked at Tobias, who appeared at the courthouse gate with members of the Phantom Army. He walked over and said coldly, "It's you, Tobias. I was wondering who had shown up. Do you finally dare to expose yourself again? Aren't you afraid of Bennett looking to take revenge against you?"

Tobias smiled and replied, "You must be joking, Emperor. Why would Grandpa need to take revenge against me?"

"You can drop the act. The Cadens know you ambushed Bennett and injured him to obtain the Spirit Turtle's core. What's wrong? You don't dare to return to the Cadens now?"

James did not give Tobias any face.

Those that betrayed their own would face the wrath of everyone.

Tobias was not infuriated by him. Instead, he smiled brightly and said, "What do you mean I don't dare to. return to the Cadens? I simply want to give the younger generation a chance."

Tobias was not worried since Bennett had not shown up after such a long time.

Although he never saw the corpse, he concluded that Bennett must have been dead.

Otherwise, he would not have stayed hidden for so long.

Moreover, Tobias was now part of Orient Commerce and the commander of the Phantom Army.

"What is it you're here for? Did you bring an army to stop me?" James said coldly.

"Why would I stop you? We're family, and I'm here to help you."

"Help me?" James was taken aback.

According to his predictions, Tobias would show up with people to stop him.

Otherwise, it would be to inquire about the situation.

However, he was saying that he showed up to help.

James frowned and asked, "What exactly are you trying to do?"

Tobias said earnestly, "The Phantom Army was established to maintain the peace in the Capital. I learned that you arrested General Zabel last night. In fact, our Phantom Army already had eyes on him. Thus, our army would deal with him even if you didn't take action. Moreover..."

He paused and continued, "I have a list of people with problems. Let's work together to eliminate these threats for the country and our people."

James was unable to react after hearing Tobias' words.

The Phantom Army wanted to help him?

The person behind the Phantom Army was Orient Commerce's leader, Lance.

Lance had been scheming to create an empire of his own since a hundred years ago.

What was he trying to accomplish now?

After thinking for a while, James looked at Tobias doubtfully and asked, "The list in your hand consists of people from the Gu Sect, right? Lance wants to borrow my hands to eliminate these people from the Gu Sect so that Lucjan will resent me and fight me while Lance benefits from it all, right?"

Tobias shrugged and answered, "I don't know about that. Anyway, I'm here to help you. Let me know who you'd like to arrest, and I'll help you."

After speaking, he ordered the army behind him.

"Heed my order! Take over the Red Flame Army's post and surround the courthouse."

After giving the order, Tobias looked at James and said with a smile, "James, the Red Flame Army has been standing guard for the whole day. You should let my Phantom Army take over from here."

Tobias walked over and wrapped his arm around James' shoulder, saying, "I'm really here to help you. I know you have plans to take down some prominent figures. With my help, you'll get twice the results with half the effort."

His arms were still around James' shoulder.

Those who did not know them would think they had a good relationship.

"Emperor, this..."

Henry looked at the Phantom Army members about to take over the Red Flame Army's duty with a troubled expression.

James fell into thought.

Now that Graydon was dead, his first blow had been dealt.

All that needed to be done now was to elect a new chief justice of the courthouse as soon as possible.

Since the Red Flame Army had nothing else to do, it would not hurt to allow Tobias to stay.

"Dismiss the soldiers and ask them to get some rest."

After Henry received the order, he immediately relayed the message. "Evacuate the area and return to the military region."

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Following Henry's order, the soldiers surrounding the courthouse immediately evacuated.

Henry also returned to the military region.

James, Tobias, and several members of the Phantom Army were left in the courthouse.

Inside an office room of the courthouse, James and Tobias sat opposite each other.

The two looked at each other, and the atmosphere was slightly tense.

“What are you planning to do next, James?”

Tobias spoke first and broke the silence.

James fell into thought.

His next step was to promote a new chief justice to take complete control over the courthouse and prepare for the subsequent trials of other prominent figures.

He would need the approval of several parties if he wanted his candidate to take office.

It would not be effective if only the King agreed to it.

He looked around before setting his gaze on Tobias. After a while, he said, “Next, I’d like to take control of the courthouse. I need a new chief justice to take over. Go back and tell Lance that if he wants to use me to eliminate people from the Gu Sect, he has to give me the green light for this matter.”

James knew Lance could not be trusted.

As for Lance’s character, he could not be the judge.

However, Lance had indeed made meritorious contributions to Sol. Without him, there would be no Sol.

Almost the entirety of Sol was under his control.

This was not what James wanted to see happen.

He knew Lance was afraid of the Gu Sect and Lucjan. Therefore, he wanted Tobias to assist him in eliminating the people of the Gu Sect.

It was also part of James’ plan to dismantle the Gu Sect.

He also needed Lance to give him the green light.

With Lance and the King’s support, it would be much easier for him to deal with the Gu Sect.

The others could wait until the Gu Sect was destroyed.

James left this word and turned to leave.

Tobias fell into thought.

After a while, he stood up and ordered, “Immediately investigate the things that happened in the courthouse last night.”

The members of the Phantom Army quickly left to investigate.

Investigation of the events that occurred in the courthouse last night were done in less than ten minutes.

Afterward, Tobias left to report to Lance in person.

“Sir, James killed Graydon inside the courthouse last night. He also investigated the chief justice and the other law enforcers of the courthouse, arresting all of them. James is trying to take control of the courthouse and asked me to relay the message that you should give him the green light.”

Tobias narrated the events that happened.

He also relayed James’ message.

“Give him permission.”

After hearing the report, Lance did not hesitate to agree.

“Sir, but...” Tobias looked reluctant.

He said, “James has enough power right now. He controls the Southern Plains and is the commander of the Red Flame Army. If you permit him to control the courthouse, he will become the second Gu Sect after the Gu Sect is eliminated.”

“Then, what do you say we do?” Lance looked at Tobias.

Tobias thought for a while and said, “I think we shouldn’t keep him around. Allowing him to live will pose a threat to your position.”

“Ha.”

Lance chuckled and said, “I stopped interfering with worldly affairs long ago. I established Orient Commerce and the Phantom Army because Sol’s situation was too chaotic. The Capital is also a mess. The Gu Sect has its eyes on the country. James’ purpose was to clean up this mess.”

Tobias was stunned.

Lance had masked his intentions very well, and Tobias was unsure of his real motives.

A malicious look flashed across his face.

After a while, he nodded and said, “Alright, I understand.”

“Alright, you’re dismissed.” Lance gently waved his hand.

However, Tobias stood aside and did not leave for some time.

“What’s wrong? Is there anything else?” asked Lance.

“There’s indeed one more thing I’d like to report, but it’s...” Tobias looked at the other people in the room with hesitation.

Lance waved his hand and said, “You’re all dismissed.”

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Lance dismissed everyone from the room.

Only Lance and Tobias were left in the room.

He looked at Tobias and said, “What’s the matter? You can talk now.”

“Sir, it’s about...”

Tobias approached Lance and whispered, “Do you still remember last time...”

While speaking, Tobias secretly accumulated his whole body’s True Energy into his palm behind his body.

Then, he suddenly thrust his palm into Lance’s chest.

Tobias was an eighth-ranked grandmaster.

An eighth-ranked grandmaster’s attack containing full strength was destructive.

Lance’s whole body curved and was blasted away.

Bang!

His body slammed into the wall, shattering it.

Then, his body continued to fly backward.

After smashing through several walls, his body finally fell into the ruins, and he spat out a mouthful of blood.

There were many people in the surrounding area.

The sudden movements caught their attention, and they immediately drew their swords.

“Tobias, you...”

He roared furiously.

Lance climbed up from the rubble.

He was also an eighth-ranked grandmaster. Therefore, he did not die despite sustaining a sneak attack. "Sir..."

An old man appeared.

It was Sky.

Sky quickly approached Lance. Seeing Lance's lip stained with blood, he could not help asking, "What's wrong? What happened?"

"Kill... Kill Tobias!" Lance roared furiously.

As soon as he opened his mouth, he failed to suppress the injuries in his body, and he spurted out another mouthful of blood.

At that moment, Tobias walked out of the destroyed house.

He was immediately surrounded upon showing up.

However, he showed no fear.

"What're you doing, Tobias?" Sky shouted.

After reprimanding Tobias, he noticed Lance collapsing to the ground. He quickly walked over and supported Lance up from the ground. He took out a healing elixir and encouraged Lance to consume it.

"Sir, take this elixir first."

Lance swallowed it.

However, he immediately realized something was wrong when he swallowed it.

He felt a sharp pain spreading throughout his body, and his face paled.

"You..." He pointed at Sky.

Sky immediately drew his sword.

He thrust his hand forward, and the sword plunged into Lance's body.

"Y-You guys..."

His pupils widened as he pointed at Sky and Tobias. Before he could finish speaking, he collapsed and lost vitality.

Many people gathered around him.

These people had drawn their swords but could only exchange glances in confusion and were unsure what to do.

"Everything's settled. You guys are dismissed."

Sky looked at the surrounding people and said calmly, "No one saw what happened here, and if word gets out, you guys know the consequences."

"Yes, yes, of course!"

The people dashed off as if they were granted amnesty.

Sky walked toward Tobias and smiled brightly, saying, "Good job."

Tobias laughed. "He would surely have been able to counterattack if it wasn't for your poison and you stabbing him right away. If that happened, it would be troublesome for us to kill him."

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"This old man has been controlling everything from behind the scenes for a hundred years. I've been dissatisfied with him for a long time." Sky looked at Lance's lifeless body on the ground.

"I've already helped you kill him. Where's the thing you promised?"

"Don't worry. I'll definitely give you what belongs to you." Sky cast a glance at Tobias.

That won't do. You promised to give it to me immediately after killing him. Are you going to go back on your word?"

With a hostile expression, Tobias drew his sword and pointed it at Sky. He said coldly, "Don't force me to attack you."

Sky said calmly, "Come with me."

Tobias put away his sword and followed Sky.

Sky led Tobias to an underground basement in the backyard.

There was a mechanism in the secret underground basement. Sky unlocked it and took out a box.

He opened up the box, and there was a lump of meat.

It was the size of a fist and was stained with blood that had already dried up.

Seeing the core, Tobias was ecstatic.

Sky took it out and casually threw it at Tobias, saying, "It's the core I snatched during the Mount Thunder Conference. I didn't refine it and am giving it to you."

Tobias caught the core and carefully inspected it. After confirming it was authentic, he burst into laughter. "Haha..."

Sky interrupted Tobias and said, "Alright. Stop laughing. I've already given you the core, so let's start planning our next step."

Tobias stopped laughing and carefully put away the core. He looked at Sky and asked, "What're you planning to do next?"

Sky replied, "According to our previous agreement, I'll control Orient Commerce and raise a new King. After you refine the core and increase your strength, you'll take control of the ancient martial world. Then, we'll slowly take over the world."

"Sure, no problem!"

Tobias beamed with a bright smile.

He had refined a core before, and his strength had already reached the middle phase of the eighth rank. After he refined another one, he was confident he could ascend the Skyward Stairway. As for how many stairs he could ascend, he would have to find out after refining the core. However, he was sure of ascending higher than the Third Stair of the Skyward Stairway.

He could easily kill Lucjan, James, and the Celestial Sect's leader when that time came.

By then, he would be invincible.

He would have the final say in Sol.

As for Sky...

Tobias sneered in his heart.

He would have killed Sky if it were not for his usefulness.

Tobias smiled, then his face gradually turned serious. He said, "Now, there's still James and the Gu Sect's Lucjan. It's going to be hard dealing with these two. What tricks do you have up your sleeves?"

"Nothing."

Sky gently shook his head and looked at Tobias, saying, "I'm counting on you to refine the core as soon as possible and snatch the third one."

"Where are the other cores?" asked Tobias.

Sky thought for a while and replied, "When I was in the Mount Thunder Sect back then, the Spirit Turtle's core was split into eight pieces after being slaughtered. I've investigated a bit and have a rough guess of the others who obtained a piece."

"Cut to the chase."

Tobias was excited to find out.

Sky said, "Lucjan looks much younger, so he definitely obtained one and has already refined it.

"James' strength has also improved, and he's already an eighth-ranked grandmaster. He must've also obtained one.

"Bennett also snatched one, but you took it from him.

"I teamed up with Lance and picked one up too, which I've already given to you.

"Simon from the Mount Thunder Sect also acquired one.

"Yaakov from the Johnstons also looted one but was killed by James. If I'm not wrong, the core that James had refined was from Yaakov.

"Meanwhile, Xavi from the Lees also has one core.

"The Sylvan Sect also obtained a piece of the core.

"Lastly, Callan must have also obtained one. However, he's already dead, and someone else must have taken the core."

Sky explained his analysis.

As for whether it was true, he had no idea.

However, it was most likely these people who had obtained the other cores.

He assumed James had obtained his core from Yaakov.

In fact, James' core was a gift by Callan.

As for Yaakov's core, James had no idea about it.

He was seriously injured and unconscious after the battle with Yaakov. Thus, he had no time or chance to secure the core.

After giving his analysis, he looked at Tobias and said, "Since you've practiced the Great Law of Absorption, you can also absorb other people's energy. Soon, you'll be invincible."

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James left the courthouse and returned home.

It was already eight in the morning when he reached home.

Thea did not sleep the whole night as she was paying attention to the latest news.

Fortunately, there were no accidents last night.,

Seeing James return home, she sighed in relief and quickly inquired, "Honey, did you encounter any problems last night?"

"No."

James sat down and said, "It went smoothly. It was so successful to the point where it felt a little abnormal."

Thea looked at James puzzledly.

James explained. "Last night, I arrested Graydon, but neither Orient Commerce nor the Gu Sect showed up to stop me. I killed Graydon and detained the chief justice and law enforcers of the courthouse. However, Tobias showed up with members of the Phantom Army in the morning. He said he was not there to stop me but to help me..."

James briefly narrated the events.

Thea replied with a smile, "Isn't that a good thing? You can join forces with Orient Commerce and get rid of the Gu Sect first."

"Mhm. That's what I'm thinking too." James nodded.

The Gu Sect was much more threatening than Orient Commerce.

Ultimately, Orient Commerce wanted to serve the country and its people, wishing to do what was best for its people.

However, the Gu Sect was different.

The consequences of the Gu Sect taking over were dire.

"I'm exhausted and will head back to the room to sleep."

James did not sleep last night and was fatigued. He did not even bother eating breakfast before heading back to the room to sleep.

When he woke up, it was already noon.

His sleep was interrupted by Thea.

"Honey, wake up. Something happened."

Thea's voice pulled him back to reality.

James rolled over and got out of bed. He looked at the gorgeous Thea and asked, "What's wrong? What happened?"

"I don't know either. Maxine's the one who said so. Get up and go ask her yourself."

James got dressed and walked out of the room.

Many people were gathered in the living room.

Maxine from the Cadens, Delilah, and Delainey from the Mount Thunder Sect were all present.

James walked over, sat down, and looked at Maxine, asking, "What's wrong? What happened?"

Maxine said solemnly, "We received international news that something serious has happened."

"Hmm?"

James was stunned for a moment before asking, "Something serious happened internationally?"

"Yeah."

Maxine explained, "In the past few days, many powerful martial artists from the Elysian Ranking have mysteriously disappeared. There's also news that many international martial artists overseas have been going missing in the past few days."

"Missing?"

James' expression became serious.

He remembered Lucjan poisoning the air at Mount Olympus in the past and capturing many martial artists.

Callan was the one who stepped up to stop him.

"Could it be another one of the Gu Sect's tricks?"

James had a solemn expression as he murmured, "What exactly is the Gu Sect trying to do?"

After thinking for a while, he asked, "What's the situation right now? Is there any reliable news about how these international martial artists are disappearing?"

"Rumors say that the Blood Race has begun to take action. They're wiping out all other factions that aren't affiliated with them," Maxine whispered.

"The Blood Race?"

James' expression grew anxious.

Seeing how the Blood Race was involved, Lycian had to be a part of it.

What exactly were Lucjan and the Blood Race trying to achieve?

Maxine sighed deeply and said, “The situation in Sol hasn’t been taken care of, and now even foreign countries are in chaos. There’s so much to worry about.”