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1229 Qualifications to Be a Dog

There wasn't a single trace of fear on Edmund's face. Instead, he smiled mockingly. "What's wrong? Mr. Hamilton, are you embarrassed, so you want to take it out on me?"

If he was facing Brett alone, Edmund might restrain himself.

But Lucas was now sitting here. What was Edmund afraid of?

Joel and Anthony were astonished by Edmund's hostile tone, and they were afraid that Brett would be angered and vent his anger on them.

Before Brett said anything, Joel lashed out at Edmund, "Edmund Cole, you old fogey, you've got a foul mouth! I can tolerate you insulting me, but you actually have the audacity to speak like that to Mr. Hamilton. You really don't know what's good for you!"

Anthony quickly chimed in and hollered at Edmund furiously, "Yes! Edmund Cole, we chose not to hold it against you because of your age, but this doesn't mean we're afraid of you! You actually spoke to Mr. Hamilton so rudely. Even if he forgives you, I won't forgive you!"

"If you're tired of living, you can find a place to bury yourself. Don't be such an eyesore!"

While scolding him, they also took the chance to draw a line between him and themselves.

In order to avoid Brett thinking that they were in the same group as Edmund, Joel and Anthony hurriedly explained to him, "Mr. Hamilton, before you came, we've already fallen out with this old fogey! Both of us insisted on accepting the Hamiltons' proposal, but Edmund Cole and Bruce Hale, these two old fogeys, weren't willing and even said that they would go to war with the Hamiltons! Before you came, we already planned to sever ties with them.

"Now, this ignorant old fogey actually has the guts to offend you. Mr. Hamilton, as long as you say the word, we'll be at your beck and call and help you get rid of them!"

At this juncture, Joel and Anthony had already given up on the plan to negotiate. Just by looking at Brett's aura, they could tell that the Hamiltons would never be willing to merely establish a few footholds.

At the end of the day, what the Hamiltons wanted was to control these states completely.

In that case, they might as well follow Brett's wishes and pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons as soon as possible, especially in front of Edmund and Bruce, who were stubborn tough nuts to crack. Perhaps Brett would even value them for it.

Brett glanced at Joel and Anthony from the corner of his eye and asked with doubt and contempt, "You think you can destroy the Hales and the Coles alone?"

Joel gritted his teeth and said, "Actually, the Gillens and the Crosses have already realized that the Hales and the Coles are not to be trifled with and that they might oppose you. That's why we've arranged for enough people to lay an ambush outside. With one order from you, we will immediately gather all our people to take down the Hales!

"Afterward, the Gillens and the Crosses will join forces to deal with the Coles! This will be a small welcome gift from us!"

Joel and Anthony sounded extremely deferential.

After hearing this, Edmund and Bruce were furious.

These two uninvited guests indeed harbored evil intentions. At the beginning, they had kept claiming that they came here to help the Hales, the Coles, and the other families of California pull through the ordeal. They had even thought of making the Californian families owe them a huge favor through this matter. But after Edmund exposed them on the spot earlier, they stopped mentioning it.

But now, Joel and Anthony actually revealed that they had secretly ambushed many people outside and that they wanted to wipe out the Hales as proof of their allegiance to the Hamiltons. This made Bruce and Edmund furious and contemptuous at the same time.

Brett said with raised brows, "In that case, you're willing to be the Hamiltons' dogs and get rid of all obstacles for us?"

It wasn't nice being called dogs, especially since Brett sounded derisive and contemptuous when he said it. It was enough to make anyone with any self-respect feel ashamed and humiliated.

If others called them dogs, they would definitely lose their temper.

But the person who said this word was an esteemed scion of the Hamiltons, so they naturally didn't dare to say a word of rebuttal despite blushing with embarrassment.

Joel gritted his teeth, completely swallowed his pride, and flattered shamelessly, "Yes! As long as you're willing to accept us, the Gillens are willing to be your dogs and be at your beck and call, Mr. Hamilton!"

Anthony hurriedly said, "The same goes for the Crosses! As long as you issue an order, we will definitely do our best to fulfill it! We will do anything you say!"

The two of them were extremely subservient, utterly devoid of the mannerisms and dignity of helmsmen of wealthy and powerful families.

Seeing their disgraceful behavior, Edmund and Bruce were full of disdain.

On the other hand, Ethan was wavering while looking at the two distinct camps.

Although he had already agreed to stand with Edmund and Bruce just now, he began to waver again after seeing Brett's formidable aura and the way Joel and Anthony, who were domineering earlier, behaved in front of Brett.

Based on the current situation, the Hamiltons were clearly far stronger than them. Otherwise, Joel and Anthony wouldn't behave this way and choose to be Brett's dogs.

He wondered if the Sawyers could really survive if he chose to stand against the Hamiltons.

While Ethan was stuck in a dilemma and wondering if he should re-evaluate the situation and change his stand, Brett suddenly sneered.

"Hah, there are many people who want to be my dog, let alone so-called rich and powerful families like yours. Even in DC, there are countless people who flatter me. What makes you think I'd accept you?"

"You have to consider if you have the qualifications to be my dogs!"

Hearing this, Joel and Anthony had a drastic change of expression.

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1230 Surprising Outcome

Joel and Anthony had both abandoned their dignity and were willing to become Brett's dogs, yet Brett actually said that they weren't qualified to be his dogs.

Although what he said sounded extremely insulting, Joel and Anthony didn't feel humiliated. Instead, they were afraid.

If Brett even refused to let them be his dogs, what value would they have?

People of no value were worthless to the Hamiltons, and they would end up extremely miserable!

Joel and Anthony immediately knelt in front of Brett without hesitation.

“Mr. Hamilton! Although we are indeed insignificant compared to you, and we’re just trash, we can still be of some use! As long as you say the word, we will do anything for you! Be it destroying the Hales and the Coles or dealing with other defiant families, we can definitely get the job done!

“Please give us a chance to perform, Mr. Hamilton!”

The two of them had no dignity at all as they knelt on the floor and begged Brett to reconsider them.

Brett smiled lightly. “Oh, is that so? Then I’ll be kind and give you a chance to perform.

“Since the Hales have turned down my good intentions, get rid of them first. I want to see if you really have the ability. If you do a good job, I will naturally consider letting you help me handle some other matters.

“But if you can’t even accomplish such a simple thing, it means that you’re just blowing your trumpet. You should know very well what happens to useless good-for-nothings who are all bark and no bite!”

Joel’s and Anthony’s hearts skipped a beat, and their faces turned bitter.

Although they had said it themselves, they started feeling conflicted now that Brett really told them to destroy the Hales.

They had indeed brought many experts from Arizona and Nevada, but this was the Hales’ base camp, and the Hales definitely wouldn’t have fewer people than them.

Moreover, Edmund was here, and he had brought numerous people too. If they really got into a fight, Edmund would definitely stand on Bruce’s side.

In that case, it would be difficult to decide who won.

Besides, there was also the Sawyers, who should be on the same side as the Coles and the Hales. Joel and Anthony were on their turf too, so they definitely wouldn’t have a good time.

Not to mention taking down the Hales, they might even end up getting destroyed by the families of California.

Joel and Anthony just wanted to show their loyalty to Brett, but they didn’t really plan to attack the Hales at this time!

Joel and Anthony were on the verge of tears, and they even felt as though they had shot themselves in the foot.

Seeing their hesitant expressions, Brett sneered. He knew that these two begging him on their knees were just bragging. They were actually just good-for-nothings.

Brett didn't take such good-for-nothings seriously.

On the contrary, the three helmsmen who didn't plan to succumb to the Hamiltons had quite the backbone and made Brett see them in a better light.

"How about this? Mr. Cole, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Sawyer, I'll give you another day. I hope you'll seriously consider what I said. If you're willing to submit to me, the Hamiltons will definitely not treat you badly.

"That's all I have to say. I will come back at this time tomorrow. I hope you will give me a satisfactory answer."

With that, Brett turned around and walked straight to the entrance of the hall. He actually didn't pursue the matter of Edmund, Bruce, and Ethan refusing to pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons. Instead, he gave them another day to consider and even promised to give them some benefits.

This treatment immediately stunned Joel and Anthony!

They had knelt without caring about their pride at all. They had tried their best to show their loyalty to Brett and had even been willing to be his dogs, but Brett didn't even pay attention to them.

However, Edmund and Bruce spoke rudely to Brett and even directly rejected him. But Brett actually took the initiative to show that he valued them. The drastic difference in attitude left them on the verge of vomiting blood.

Seeing Brett about to leave the Hale residence with his bodyguard, Bruce looked at Lucas and hurriedly said, "Mr. Hamilton, please wait a moment!

"You don't have to wait until tomorrow. The Hales have already decided not to pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons. Please forgive us!"

Lucas happened to make a rare appearance here today. Of course, Bruce hoped to use this opportunity to completely resolve the matter with the Hamiltons.

Even though Brett gave them until tomorrow, the answer would still be the same, so they obviously had to end this quickly.

They couldn't possibly wait until Brett brought his people here tomorrow. If Bruce asked Lucas to come over again, it would be wasting Lucas's time.

Edmund also stood up and said, "It's the same for the Coles. I've already made up my mind. Even if the Coles get destroyed, it's absolutely impossible for us to pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons!"

Ethan opened his mouth and looked at the two decisive people in front of him. For some reason, he was at a loss for words.

He should have stepped forward like Edmund and Bruce and resolutely rejected the Hamiltons' recruitment. But he couldn't bring himself to say anything when it was time for him to speak.

In the end, he still chickened out.

Brett stopped in his tracks, narrowed his eyes, looked at Edmund and Bruce, and suddenly smiled. "Oh, is that so? In that case, even if your families are destroyed because of this, you still won't pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons?"

Although he was still smiling, it was mirthless.

Cold murderous intent appeared deep in Brett's eyes.

Edmund and Bruce immediately felt a pressure that made their scalps tingle.

But they still nodded without hesitation and said firmly, "Yes!"

Brett laughed and said with a twisted smile, "Very good! Since you'd rather have your families destroyed than submit to the Hamiltons, I'll fulfill your wishes! From tomorrow onward, the Coles and the Hales won't appear again!"

As soon as he said this, the elderly man behind him suddenly exuded a strong murderous aura while staring at Edmund and Bruce, making them shudder involuntarily.

Brett turned to look at Ethan, whose forehead was covered in cold sweat. "What about the Sawyers? Are you planning to make the same decision as them?"

Large droplets of sweat emerged from Ethan's face, and his back had long been drenched in cold sweat.

After hearing Brett's question, Ethan gritted his teeth and said, "I, Ethan Sawyer, am willing to lead the Sawyers to pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons!"

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1231 You Reap What You Sow

What Ethan said was like a bomb suddenly exploding in the reception hall.

Bruce and Edmund looked at Ethan in disbelief. "Ethan Sawyer, what... what did you say?!"

Lucas narrowed his eyes slightly and glanced at Ethan.

To be honest, Lucas was surprised by what Ethan said too.

He had always known that Ethan was a mercenary person who greatly valued benefits and wasn't very principled.

He had interacted with Lucas on several occasions before, but it was all for the sake of the Huttons and the benefits he could get from helping Lucas.

But Lucas didn't expect Ethan to defect to the Hamiltons.

Not only was he betraying the Coles and the Hales, his allies from California, but he was also betraying Lucas and the Huttons, who had always supported him.

It seemed that in Ethan's eyes, the Hamiltons were much stronger than the Huttons. So he would rather betray the Huttons and pledge allegiance to Brett.

Lucas sneered and thought that Ethan better not regret his decision.

Brett looked at Ethan with interest. "Mr. Sawyer, I didn't expect you to be different from those two. If I've guessed correctly, you're the helmsman of a wealthy family in California. In that case, won't your current decision be thwarting your initial agreement?"

Ethan's eyes flashed with guilt, and he didn't dare to look at Bruce's and Edmund's expressions. He gritted his teeth and said to Brett, "Mr. Hamilton, they all say that wise people adapt to circumstances. I may have had some immature thoughts before, but after seeing your majesty, I think submitting to the Hamiltons is the most correct choice. Everything else doesn't matter."

What he meant was that even if he had previously thought of fighting against the Hamiltons with Edmund, Bruce, and the others, he had changed his mind now and planned to submit to the Hamiltons.

Ethan was the first to succumb to the Hamiltons in California, so he believed that Brett would definitely appreciate him and value him greatly.

But Brett glanced at Ethan and shook his head. “Hah, how is someone like you who can easily betray your allies worthy of pledging allegiance to the Hamiltons? We’re not garbage collectors who take in all kinds of garbage!

“You’re worse than those two from the Gillens and the Crosses. You’re not worthy of pledging allegiance to the Hamiltons!”

Ethan immediately felt a stinging pain in his face. It was as if he had suddenly received two slaps in his face that made him so dizzy he almost fell to the floor.

He never thought that after going all out to betray the other families and the Huttons and defecting to the Hamiltons, he would only end up hearing this!

He was called garbage who wasn’t worthy of pledging allegiance to the Hamiltons because he had betrayed his allies. These words were like violent slaps that made Ethan’s face red with embarrassment.

On the other hand, Lucas became more interested in Brett after hearing what he said.

After witnessing Brett’s earlier behavior, he had thought he was just an arrogant and willful scion who relied on the backing of his powerful family to behave like a tyrant and throw his weight around.

Lucas had met many such people. Generally, they didn’t have any decent skills and only enjoyed the flattery of people around them. The more humble and lowly these people behaved, the more conceited they felt.

But Brett actually turned down Ethan, who had betrayed his allies, and the spineless Joel and Anthony, who had begged like dogs in front of him.

On the contrary, he was impressed by Bruce and Edmund, who had refused to pledge allegiance to the Hamiltons, and was extremely tolerant toward them.

His behavior made Lucas think that Brett was different from other wealthy scions.

Bruce looked at Ethan, who was pulling a long face, and sneered. “Ethan Sawyer, you betrayed us and wanted to suck up to a powerful family, but your plan failed. You must regret it now, don’t you? Unfortunately, there’s no cure for regret in this world!

“Since you’ve already done this, the Sawyers can forget about staying established in California!”

Edmund said coldly, “Traitors and fence sitters will always end up being defeated because they try to act too smart! Since you’ve betrayed us, all consequences shall be borne by you and the Sawyers in the future! To put it bluntly, if it was on the battlefield, traitors like you should be shot dead on the spot!”

Ethan's face became even paler, and his legs went limp as he really fell to the floor.

He didn't expect Brett to react that way. One mistake cost him everything!

Now, Brett despised him for betraying his allies and didn't want to take him in.

Meanwhile, Edmund and Bruce were furious about his betrayal and would naturally sever ties with him in the future.

What would happen to the Sawyers in the future?

Ethan began to panic.

He couldn't just sit back and do nothing!

Ethan suddenly looked at Lucas, who had been sitting in the corner without saying much. Seemingly finding a straw to clutch at, he hurriedly knelt down in front of Lucas and begged, "Mr. Gray, I... I've indeed made a mistake in a moment of folly. Please forgive me! Please give me a chance and don't give up on me and the Sawyers!"

He knew that he had brought the Sawyers to the most terrible situation and that the only person who could change the Sayers' fate was Lucas.

Ethan knew that Lucas had an extremely high status in the hearts of Edmund and Bruce.

As long as Lucas forgave him and gave some instructions to Bruce and Hale, he might still have a chance to turn the situation around despite his mistake.

Edmund and Bruce frowned without saying anything. They just quietly waited for Lucas's decision.

Only Lucas had the right to decide whether or not to forgive Ethan.

Brett looked at Lucas with surprise.

In fact, not long after he entered the hall, he had already noticed the young man sitting quietly in the corner.

Moreover, Lucas was extremely calm, which was completely different from the five helmsmen. Due to this, he had attracted Brett's attention and made him take a few extra glances at Lucas.

But Brett didn't know what Lucas's identity was. It was only when Bruce asked Lucas for his opinion that he realized Lucas seemed to have extraordinary influence and wasn't just a random small fry.

And now, when he saw Ethan kneeling in front of Lucas and begging for forgiveness, Brett was even more certain that this young man, who was a few years younger than him, definitely had great authority in California.

He just didn't know what Lucas's identity was.