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“Westley!”

Michael was livid with rage when he heard Westley’s comment.

“Michael, I’m afraid you really made a grave mistake by handling the matter this way. Yes, Emma was wrong to give birth to him back then but still, he is your grandson! How can you let him live on his own outside and be labelled as a bastard by everyone else?”

Michael was left stumped in the face of Westley who was glib-tongued.

At the same time, he knew the Joneses in Chillshire had gained an upper hand by discovering Levi’s existence.

“I reckon you will let the kid attend the coming anniversary dinner? Alternatively, you can kill him before that and I will pretend I know nothing about him.”

Westley deliberately said so to provoke him.

Michael had no other choice but acknowledge Levi’s identity. “As he’s my grandson, of course he will attend the anniversary dinner. In fact, I wanted him to live on his own outside so that he could become tougher and more independent.”

He understood that if he refused to admit to the fact that Levi was his grandson, Westley would immediately reveal it to the public through the media.

By the time it happened, his family would suffer great embarrassment.

“Very well, I will look forward to see the kid there.”

Westley ended the phone call feeling satisfied.

Bang!

Crack!

Immediately after the phone call, Michael smashed his phone on the floor and broke it into pieces.

“Levi, oh Levi. What a troublemaker you are! You’re going to destroy my family!”
Michael cursed angrily.

The rest of his family were incensed to learn about Westley’s phone call.

“Levi has always been a ticking time bomb for our family. Now, he’s about to blow up any minute and bring us down with him!”

“I’m sure the other branches will seize the chance to humiliate us at the anniversary dinner because of him. Are we able to bear with such a degrading moment at that time?”

“Exactly! Our family is going to be ruined for good just because of him. Now, not even the God of War can come to our rescue and he might even give us a piece of his mind because of the scandal!”

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The face of all of them flushed with anger as an overwhelming desire to slaughter Levi immediately grew in their minds.

They could already picture what would take place during the anniversary dinner.

Everything was going to be destroyed by the bastard and the Jones Family in South Hampton would be turned into a laughing stock.

Michael fumed, "I really can't figure out how those in Chillshire found out about Levi's identity."

"Grandpa, I was told by one of my men that Levi had a secret meeting with Travis from Chillshire earlier today! I bet they've been in touch all along!" Tyler said.

He added, "Things are becoming very clear to me now. I'm sure Levi must have contacted those in Chillshire to ask for their help so that his identity as your grandson could be properly acknowledged! How cunning he is!"

Every one of the family looked enraged because of Levi.

"I told y'all not to underestimate Levi long before this! In this way, not only will he be properly recognized as the heir of our family, but he can also make sure we treat him nicely instead of bullying him with the protection of those from Chillshire."

Michael got breathless with anger after pointing that out.

"Grandpa, what should we do now then?"

A deep crease emerged on Wales' forehead.

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“What else can we do? Of course we have to bring him back! Otherwise, do we want the media to tell everyone in Erudia that I have an illegitimate grandson?!” Michael bellowed fiercely.

“Grandpa, we won’t go and invite him back because he’s just a piece of crap who isn’t worth our effort.”

Wales and Tyler expressed their reluctance to bring Levi back.

“We won’t do that either!”

The rest of the family rejected to take the task too.

“Just let Mia and her family do that!”

Everyone pointed their fingers at Mia and her family who had the weakest say in the family.

“Sounds good to me.”

Before long, Mia and her family traveled to South City to visit Levi.

“Levi, are you finally happy now?” Mia’s father, Calvin Jones confronted him with a note of sarcasm in his voice.

Because of Levi, they were shunned by the rest of the Jones family in South Hampton.

Things just got worse because Levi was going to put the entire family in embarrassment.

As one of the Jones family, hatred was the only sentiment they had for Levi!

“Eh? What do you mean by that?” Levi questioned him in puzzlement.

“Hmph! You deliberately revealed your identity to the those in Chillshire to compel my father into acknowledging you as his grandson, didn’t you?”

Calvin’s anger only intensified by the confused look on Levi’s face because he assumed Levi was feigning innocence.

“You should be pleased because you’ve successfully achieved your purpose now! My father is willing to acknowledge you as his grandson and he sent us here to tell you about that,” Calvin snapped angrily.

“Haha...” Levi chuckled.

Michael might want to acknowledge him but the intention was not mutual!

What the hell was this all about?

“Come back home with us now if you want or you must show up at the anniversary dinner five days later!” Calvin barked.

“Okay. Tell Michael I’ll be there!” Levi responded with a smile.

He would attend the event as the bastard of the family as well as the God of War.

“Haha...” Calvin gave him a scornful laugh.

At first, he thought Levi would have enough backbone to give up the identity as one of the Joneses and refuse to attend the anniversary dinner.

To his surprise, he agreed to be there so readily.

Because of that, Calvin despised him a great deal.

“Levi, please don’t take what my father said too seriously. He just cares too much about the image of the family but he means no harm.” Mia walked over to console Levi.

“I’m not bothered by it.”

Levi liked his younger sister Mia fairly well.

“Mia, what are you telling him? Get back here now! You’d better stay away from him in the future! Even when he becomes one of us in the future, you should refrain from getting too close to him because the blood that runs in him isn’t as noble as ours. You will put yourself in embarrassment if you are seen hanging out with him!” Calvin warned her sternly.

As pious believers that people were divided into different classes, everyone in the Jones family deemed Levi as one who belonged to the lower class while all of them belonged to the higher class.

“Dad, what nonsense are you talking about? Levi is one of us too!”

Mia then spun around to shout at Levi, “Levi, I’ll wait for you at the anniversary dinner!”

“Great, I’ll be there!”

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The anniversary meeting of the Jones family was advertised so well that even Zoey was aware of it.

“Are you going to be there?” She looked for Levi and asked him about it.

In fact, she was mainly curious to see how he thought about the event.

As far as she knew about him in the past, he would not want to waste his time attending the event nor would he want to accept the identity as one of the members of the Jones family.

Staring at him with anticipation palpable in her eyes, she fervently hoped to hear the answer she preferred from him.

“I’m going to be there because they invited me,” Levi replied nonchalantly.

What?!

At that moment, Zoey’s eyes were filled with much disappointment because Levi was no longer the lofty guy who thought he was superior to everyone else in the world.

What took its place was a soul that was willing to compromise for some worldly gains.

This wasn’t the version of him she would like to see...

Levi then asked her with a smile, “Would you like to go with me?”

He wanted to bring her there to see how he was going to shine and leave the Jones family in stupor because of his glory.

To his dismay, Zoey turned him down decisively. "I'm not going. You may attend the event on your own!"

In her opinion, it was utterly humiliating for Levi to accept the identity as one of the Joneses.

On top of that, she was really taken aback by his sudden change of attitude because he had told her that he would ignore them for the rest of his life some time ago.

Iris, who happened to come by, noticed the exasperated look on Zoey's face. Out of curiosity, she queried, "Zoey, what's the matter?"

"Levi just said he's going to attend the anniversary meeting of the Jones family!" Zoey grumbled resentfully.

"Huh? Is there anything wrong with that?"

"Iris, by attending their anniversary it shows that he's going to yield to them. The moment he accepts the identity as one of them, he will lose his backbone and embarrass himself. Didn't you hate him for doing things like that too before this?" Zoey asked in befuddlement.

"I..." Iris trailed off hesitatingly as she had no idea how to answer Zoey.

Back then, she indeed loathed the fact that Levi got things done by using his connection with the Joneses because she had no idea who he really was at that time.

But now, she knew Levi was the owner of Morris Group who clearly did not need help from the Joneses.

"Zoey, things aren't how you may imagine them to be at all. Perhaps Levi is going to be there to show off his might," Iris suggested with a grin.

Zoey shot her a supercilious glare and retorted, "Show off his might? Who is he to show off in front of the Joneses? They are one of the royal families in South Hampton!"

"Maybe..."

“Iris, that’s enough. It’s so obvious that Levi has lost his backbone by deciding to yield to the Joneses! I can’t believe he’s still going to attend their anniversary after how badly they bullied him!”

Zoey went on to lament, “Perhaps it’s because my career has been thriving so well lately that he wants to become better so that he is good enough to be my partner. Yes, he’s right! He will become good enough or even too good for me once he accepts the identity as one of the Joneses! However, I can’t help but look down on him when he gives up his spine like that! I would rather he fight for his career with his own effort. Even though his achievement might not turn out too great, it will still be the fruit of his effort!”

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Seeing how Zoey misunderstood Levi so badly, Iris was so anxious that she felt a burning desire to tell her that Levi was in fact the owner of Morris Group and even everything she owned was given by him!

He wasn't losing his spine but instead, he had become even stronger and more powerful than six years ago!

However, she managed to hold back the urge when she recalled what Levi had told her before.

While Zoey was complaining, tears started trickling down her face.

"Does he see me as a vain girl? It doesn't make any difference to me whether he is one of the Jones family members or not!"

Iris consoled, "Zoey, I think you really should believe in him. Since he was already so talented six years ago, I believe he won't be too bad now too! I have a feeling that he's become stronger after going through the challenging times in the past six years."

Zoey shook her head and insisted, "I can't see that, Iris. I can't see any hope in him especially after he started interacting with the Joneses! He's been using his connection with them to settle things very frequently and he will slowly lose the will to fight hard because he's too used to getting things done through the easy way!"

Iris hurriedly said, “Zoey, please give him more time and I’m sure he will be able to prove his talent to everyone soon! For example, I think he will prove it to you at the wedding ceremony by making sure everyone knows that you’re the most respectable lady of the entire world!”

She could only reveal the time when a change would come so that Zoey could be hopeful about things.

“Haha.” Zoey flashed her a faint smile.

It was probable that she only saw what she said as a joke.

Immediately, Zoey changed the subject of their conversation by asking Iris, “By the way, you have yet to tell me who’s the boss of Morris Group. Every time I tried to ask you, you would always give me a vague answer.”

Iris’ expression turned stiff when she heard her question.

It was all Levi’s fault that she was put in such a quandary!

Did he really have to go this far just to reveal his identity to Zoey?

“Oh, there’s no point telling you that because you don’t know him anyway.”

Iris had no choice but to answer that way.

“Seems like he’s not a good-looking man so that’s why you aren’t interested in him!”

Much to Iris’ relief, Zoey decided to laugh it off instead of pressing on.

In the blink of an eye, the day of the Jones family's anniversary had arrived.

As the venue of the event, the old manor of the Joneses in South Hampton was decorated extensively so that the event was a vibrant and merry one.

Two sides of the road leading to the manor were adorned with big red lanterns and family flags which fluttered along with the wind.

In fact, it was said that the Joneses had splurged a staggering amount of two billion during the preparation of the event!

It was easy to see how grand and magnificent the event would be.

On the day prior to the event, Mia drove to fetch Levi to South Hampton.

Soon, she returned to Edburg Manor together with him.

A board on which two large words 'Jones Family' were written was attached to the wall above the main door; it gave the place an imperial and domineering aura.

That was the manor which was resided by the royal family!

A large troop of security officers stood outside the manor in a line to maintain the safety of the place.

"Levi, this way please!"

Mia showed him the way inside.

However, just as Levi was about to enter the manor, a voice came, "It's not that easy to step into Edburg Manor!"

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Shortly after the voice, Wallace, Calvin, Tyler and Wales emerged.

Escorted by a large entourage, Michael too appeared holding a walking stick decorated with a sculpture in the shape of a dragon head.

Almost all direct descendants of the family were there.

Looking intimidating, they stood in front of Levi, who stared at them with a faint smile.

“Wait a minute. Levi, I can see that you’ve been trying very desperately to be here for quite some time already. Do you really want this so badly?” Wales taunted.

“Finally you’re able to realize your dream after working hard for such a long time. Congratulations for officially becoming one of us!” Tyler said sarcastically.

Every one of them assumed that Levi had single-handedly plotted against Michael to force him into acknowledging his identity.

“But, I have to warn you that it won’t be so easy to become one of us!” Michael growled all of a sudden.

“That’s right! You have to abide by our family rules if you want to become one of the family!” Wallace chimed in.

“Oh? What are the rules?” Levi was amused to hear that.

“There are three conditions that you must fulfill before you are approved to be one of us.” Michael stuck out three of his fingers as he explained.

“Tell me all about it!” Levi was curious to know about the rules.

“First of all, you have to kneel down in front of the memorial tablets of our ancestors as well as the seniors of the family!”

“Secondly, you have to change your surname! In the future, you will go by the name of ‘Levi Jones’ instead of ‘Levi Garrison!’”

“Last but not least, you must train yourself to become resilient so that you are tough enough to endure all challenges that come your way in the future. Therefore, you have to be slapped by all the direct descendants of the family!”

Looking cold and detached, Michael added, “You’ll only be allowed to enter the place and be recognized as my grandson after fulfilling all three conditions!”

What?!

Mia was flustered the moment she heard about the three conditions.

She had never expected that her family would make such a rude demand which was clearly aimed at giving Levi a hard time.

The family had at least two to three hundreds direct descendants. If Levi were to be slapped by each and every one of them, would he be able to survive after going through that?

Also, it was very humiliating for him to kneel down to the seniors in the family in front of so many people.

Lastly, demanding him to change his surname was the most degrading condition of all!

All eyes were on Levi at that moment. “What do you think? Are you scared or are the conditions too demanding for you?”

“You have to be very clear that we have to follow our family rules because we are a huge and distinguished family! Not every Tom, Dick and Harry can be accepted as one of us!”

“If you would like to become one of us, you have to follow the rules!” said Wallace as well as some of the Joneses.

Noticing Levi’s hesitation, Michael fumed, “Answer me now! Either you complete the three conditions or you get out of here now!”

It was agreed beforehand that they would accept Levi as one of them but he needed to go through some torture before that.

They would never let him in too easily!

Tyler sneered, “Levi, you have to know that nothing is free in this world. You have to complete the three conditions if you want to become one of us!”

“Hahaha...” Levi let loose a round of guffaw all of a sudden.