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Boom! With a loud bang, Sebastian's imposing aura instantly filled the entire area. Glancing at Joseph, he then said, "Ethan, as the commander of the Southeast region of Frogua, you shall not take part in the matters of the Kennedy family. Since you've joined the military, you're no longer associated with your family. Joseph, will you let him off if I personally plead for his mercy?" As soon as Sebastian finished speaking, everyone else dared not make a single move. In fact, they all held their breath. After all, two big shots were directly confronting each other. In the face of Sebastian, whose combat power was unfathomable, Joseph stood up once again. At the same time, he also stopped smiling and said coldly, "What if... I refused to do so?" Sebastian frowned while exuding a more imposing aura. Although he knew of Joseph's true identity, Joseph had not officially settled in Frogua at the time. Thus, Sebastian needed to respond as a commander, particularly when intimidated in front of others. At this time, Terrance saw Sebastian becoming increasingly aggressive against Joseph. The situation appeared to have escalated. He quickly shouted at the Kennedy family members, "Do you want your family to be wiped out? Who is Ethan's father? Hurry up and cut off your relationship with Ethan. Remove him from the family!" Following Terrance's warnings, Francis Kennedy, who stood behind Brandon, shouted at Ethan with tears streaming down his face, "You unfilial son! You have long been expelled from our family! You have nothing to do with our family matters, and I don't need you to pretend to be filial! Get out of here!" Francis continued shouting, "Ugh! My family has done too many evil things over the years, but this has nothing to do with you. It is all our fault. Even if it means taking our lives, we are more than willing to die here today. You should get lost!" Francis knew that he was finished, and so was the Kennedy family. However, Ethan was his son and also his pride. As Sebastian mentioned earlier, Ethan did not take part in the Kennedy family's activities. In fact, he had been disgusted with their actions since he was a child, so he joined the military in the Southeast region. His achievements over the years had nothing to do with the Kennedy family. Although Francis was shouting at Ethan, his eyes were full of love. After yelling at his son, he directly slit his throat as he did not want to put his son in a dilemma. With his death, Ethan and the Kennedy family would have one less problem. "Ah!" Ethan roared in grief. He naturally understood how much evil his father had done over the years. Otherwise, Ethan would have returned home a long time ago. Nonetheless, when Ethan heard that his father and family members were facing danger, he rushed up to save them. At this point, it was already too late. Sebastian, the supreme commander of the military, was willing to fight Joseph for Ethan's sake. However, apart from Joseph, there were four Dragon Temple Masters and dozens of military experts. Sebastian was in a dangerous position... Thinking of this, Ethan knelt down and shouted at Sebastian, "Sir, you should leave right away! Don't get into danger because of me!" As soon as Ethan finished yelling, he shouted at Joseph once again, "Joseph! I'll take responsibility for what I've done. I know that Dragon Temple has contributed much to the country over recent years. Today, I, Ethan, shall take my own life! Please don't hold a grudge against Frogua." After Ethan shouted, he immediately took out a knife and aimed it at his own neck. The moment blood started flowing out, the

dagger in his hand was knocked away. Staring blankly at the knife, Ethan then looked at Joseph. Joseph said with a faint smile, "Did I say I was going to kill you?" Ethan was stunned. Wasn't he also from the Kennedy family? Why would Joseph let him go? At this time, Sebastian nodded with satisfaction. "Joseph, you are kind and wise. Thank you..." "Hmph..." Joseph could not but help roll his eyes at Sebastian. Then, he said with disdain, "Don't flatter me. Ethan is not the same as the rest of the Kennedy family, I am not a monster, so why would I kill him? Do you think I'm the type of man who would randomly kill others for no reason?" At the next moment, Sebastian's words shocked everyone present. Glancing at Joseph, Sebastian said, "I'm sorry. I've wronged you all these years. This time, don't leave us. I'll leave Frogua in your hands in the future. We all know what happened in the past, but I was a little late back then. Please come back. Our nation needs you..."

"Er..."

"What? What are you talking about? I don't understand what you're saying. We're not even acquainted with each other. Are you pulling a prank on me?" Joseph looked at Sebastian in shock. What was wrong with this old commander? Why was he saying all these things? Everyone was dumbfounded. Sebastian then explained, "You're Jax Dawson." At this moment, Joseph finally understood that Sebastian had found out his true identity. Naturally, Sebastian also knew all about what happened in Vowhye six

years ago. Joseph almost teared up as he asked Sebastian, "You... You were there six years

ago?"

Taking a deep breath, Sebastian could feel that his tears were starting to well up as well. He nodded, then patted Joseph on the shoulder. "Well, I was there, but unfortunately, I was a bit late. I'm sorry. I didn't take good care of you..." Joseph's eyes became redder. This was the biggest secret in his heart, so much so that he even kept it from Paige. After a long silence, Joseph said with a bitter smile, "It's okay. It's all over anyway. One day, I will go back to seek justice and take back what belongs to me. This day will not be far away..." Sebastian nodded and took a black dragon-patterned medal from his chest. He handed it to Joseph and said, "I'll wait for you in Vowhye. This Black Dragon Medal is awarded to heroes of Frogua. You deserve this for what you've done in foreign countries over the years. This medal gives one a lot of authority. If you need help in the future, you can take this to the local Police Department. Of course, you probably won't need it because of your current strength, but it may just come in handy someday..." When Sebastian finished speaking, he suddenly remembered something. The next moment, he handed Joseph a ring with a black dragon design. "This ring is a gift from Matt Fletcher. He also asked me to bring you a message. Once you return to Vowhye, you should visit him and talk about the old days. He will prepare some good refreshments for you..." Hearing this, Joseph replied in curiosity, "Matt? Do I know him?" Sebastian nodded and said with a smile, "That's right. You both know each other. I won't say much. When you see him, you will understand everything." With a nod, Joseph suppressed his curiosity. Then, he put the black dragon ring in his arms and carefully kept it. His conversation with Sebastian completely stunned everyone else. In particular, Logan was shocked beyond belief. "Who exactly is this person?"

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At the entrance of the villa, Sebastian and Joseph stood across from each other. At this moment, the two of them were the center of attention. Sebastian was the 4th highest-ranked elder and a decorated military commander in Frogua, while Joseph was the head of Dragon Temple. Both of them were basically unrivaled in terms of fighting skills. Initially, everyone assumed that they would start fighting against each other. Thus, no one had expected that Sebastian would intend to pass on his legacy and the nation's security to Joseph. With Joseph's ability, would he be able to take charge of Frogua's security? Certainly. In the past five years, he had set up Dragon Temple, an organization as strong as the military forces in Frogua all by himself. Furthermore, he had done so without any resources. With the support of the entire country, how strong would the nation become under his leadership? This was beyond anyone's imagination. The smile on Sebastian's face grew even wider after Joseph received the tokens from him and Matt. He glanced at Joseph with a look of relief. For so many years, he had been leading the military all by himself. As he grew older, he felt like he was getting tired more easily over time. Sebastian had long considered passing on his responsibility to others as the pressure was becoming too immense. After all, he had to fight against both external enemies and hidden sects within the country from time to time. As such, he became mentally and physically exhausted. In fact, it was also difficult for him to make any more breakthroughs in his martial art abilities... When he found out about Joseph's true identity that day, he seemed to have seen a ray of hope in an instant. Joseph's strength was no weaker than his. He finally found his successor as the leader of Frogua's military... "Do your best, Joseph. Do whatever you want. As long as it doesn't go against your conscience or morals, we will back your decisions..." Sebastian reassured Joseph. Joseph remained silent. Noticing the exhaustion in Sebastian's eyes, Joseph could tell that he was truly burned out from his job. Despite Sebastian's intimidating aura, he seemed extremely tired... At this moment, Joseph, who well understood Sebastian's intentions, fell silent. His expression turned serious. Then, he looked at Sebastian and said, "Perhaps I'm not as good as you think. I may not be able to take on the responsibility..." "Hahaha..." Sebastian laughed out loud upon hearing Joseph's response. The next moment, he looked around and pointed to the four Dragon Temple Masters. "If you are unqualified, then who would be good enough to lead our country? If the

four of them work together, I might not even be able to defeat them. Felix's strength also increased tremendously after leaving Dragon Temple. How can you say that you're not qualified?" Sebastian swept his gaze in all directions and roared at the crowd, "Do you think Joseph has the right to take over Frogua's military forces?" As soon as Sebastian finished speaking, everyone else was all shocked. Indeed, if a formidable person like Joseph was unqualified for the job, then who else would be? What shocked them more was that Sebastian was not spouting nonsense, but he truly had the intention to hand over his seat to Joseph. How old was Joseph at the time? He was probably no more than 30 years old. Compared with the four current highest-ranking leaders within Frogua, he seemed to be really young. If he took over the military forces, he would probably

be the youngest leader in the nation's history. As such, everyone was shocked. Logan, who had made the right decision to side with Joseph, was so excited that his entire body was trembling. He was going to be rich, so was his family. As long as he held firmly onto the support of Joseph, his family would even be able to become the top aristocratic family in Frogua's Frogua. Right then, Logan was so emotional that he started tearing up. Sebastian turned to look at Joseph and said, "You should also consider your subordinates' wellbeing. They are all top-notch experts, but they are also originally from our country. Your return would benefit them. If you take over my position, they will also be happy..." Joseph frowned slightly. After thinking for a long time, he looked at Sebastian and replied, "Thank you for your kindness, but I don't want to get involved in these things anymore. I... I have a daughter now, who is still waiting for me to go home, and a person whom I have hurt. I have a lot of things to do next. I want to stay with them..." In the end, Joseph's voice became hoarse. Deep down in his heart, he had always regarded himself as a citizen of Frogua. If the country needed him, he would definitely offer help. However, he did not want to overthink at this point. He just wanted to go back to accompany his daughter. Rendered speechless, Sebastian glanced at Joseph with a rather unnatural look. He suddenly recalled the photo he saw previously. Joseph was holding his four-year old daughter in the pigsty, vomiting blood before he fainted. "Ah... F*ck!" Sebastian was disappointed. These b*stards from the Kennedy family were the ones who influenced Joseph's decision. The next moment, Sebastian roared and suddenly appeared in front of Brandon, who was shocked. Then, he killed Brandon with a single slap. With a wave of Sebastian's broadsword, all the direct descendants of the Kennedy family were killed. Since Sebastian saved Ethan's life, it was more appropriate for him to execute other members of the Kennedy family. Once he was done murdering them, he suddenly turned his cold gaze toward Ethan, "Ethan! Watch this clearly. I am the one who killed your family members. In the future, if you seek revenge, come and find me." Ethan quickly knelt on the ground and said tearfully, "I wouldn't dare! They all deserved it..." Ethan understood Sebastian's intentions. At this moment, even others in Frogua would be embarrassed because of heinous things that the Kennedys had committed, let alone Sebastian. Thinking of this, Ethan gritted his teeth and drew his sword from his waist. He rushed into the remaining crowd of the Kennedy family and began to slaughter them... "It's all because of you! I'm going to kill all of you!" Ethan was enraged. However, not long after, another series of violent footsteps came from the foot of the mountain. The next moment, Samuel brought a squadron of fully-armed police officers. The moment he saw Sebastian and Terrance, his expression drastically changed. He had never expected that the two highly ranked leaders would be there. Moreover, they both had darkened expressions on their faces. In particular, Sebastian seemed furious. Cedric Gonzales, who was behind Samuel, was even more terrified at the sight of so many big shots. He was surrounded by more than hundreds of powerful men who could easily kill him... Cedric gulped the lump in his throat as cold sweat kept dripping down his back. Then, he hurriedly lowered his head and followed closely behind Samuel. Meanwhile, Samuel greeted Sebastian, "Sir, I am Samuel Clark from the Police Department of Apren City." "Okay." Sebastian was in a bad mood. Waving his hand casually, he then ignored Samuel. Pointing at the remaining members of the Kennedy family, Terrance ordered Samuel, "Take care of these people. They deserve ten times the penalty. Kill those who deserve to die. The rest of them shall be imprisoned." Terrance was in a bad mood as well. The punishments on the Kennedy family members would be harsh. Even if they could survive the torment, they would not be able to return to their comfortable lives... "Yes!" Samuel quickly nodded. Then, Cedric arranged for his men to escort those from the Kennedy family down the mountain. "By the way, there shall be a gag order

on today's incident. Everyone has to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Anyone who leaks information will be sentenced to death!" While watching Cedric, Sebastian quickly warned. Joseph made it clear that

he did not want to reveal his identity, so Sebastian naturally had to help him. Samuel hurriedly nodded in agreement. "Sir, don't worry. I will arrange for these nobodies to undergo a minor memory loss operation. It would be fairly easy to erase their memory for the past two days." "Yes, that would be best..." Sebastian nodded. Samuel hurriedly wiped away the cold sweat on his forehead. After Cedric escorted the men down the mountain, Sebastian walked up to Joseph. "The past is behind us, and no one wants to see you suffer. Please be rest assured that you and your family will never suffer such grievances in Frogua. I will wait for you in Vowhye..." "The last thing I want to say is that you should definitely reconsider my proposal. I won't be able to last for many years. I hope you'll take over Frogua's military. Sigh..." Sebastian patted Joseph's shoulder and turned to walk down the mountain. Terrance also walked up to Joseph and said, "Joseph, if you need anything in the future, just let me know at any time. If it's inconvenient for you to come forward to deal with any trouble, I'll solve it on your behalf..." Joseph nodded. "Well, thank you, Terrance." When Sebastian and Terrance left, men from both the Kennedy and Parry families were all detained. Logan and Samuel then looked at Joseph in awe. Because of what Sebastian said earlier, Joseph would potentially become the future successor of Frogua's military, which was a global superpower. Kneeling before Joseph, Samuel bowed in respect. "Allow me to greet you in respect, Mr. Dawson..." It was unknown whether Joseph would take over Frogua's military forces in the future. Would he? If so, he would be the youngest ruler in the nation's history... O Would he?

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After Sebastian and Terrance left, Joseph approached the two mercenaries hired by the Kennedy family from Usmit. Both of them looked around sixty or seventy years old, but it would be unwise to underestimate their abilities. When Cedric escorted the detainees down the mountain, these two mercenaries were stopped by Alpha 7 under Joseph's instructions.

The two experts, who were seriously injured by Felix, quickly knelt. "I'm Bradley Armstrong from Usmit. He is Lewis Gordon. Please spare our lives. If you need anything in the future, we will do anything to help you...". Both Bradley and Lewis were terrified, but there was a glimmer of hope deep in their hearts because Joseph had left them behind. However, they did not know exactly what he intended to do. Hearing this, Joseph nodded. "The Armstrong family and the Gordon family? Very well then..." Bradley and Lewis had darkened expressions on their faces. Even though they had backing from their families, so what? Could they compete against Dragon Temple? In front of Joseph, they were nothing... However, Joseph's next words filled them with hope once again. "Do you want to live? Would you want to live on for a few years and reach another realm in terms of martial art skills?" Joseph asked. Bradley and Lewis could not help but trade

glances. Overjoyed, they immediately kowtowed to Joseph. "We are willing to die for you!" All martial arts practitioners naturally desired to become stronger. Therefore, they did not even care about their own family affairs. All they wanted was to achieve breakthroughs in their abilities. "Mm..." Joseph nodded. The next moment, he slammed both of them with his palm. Immediately, both of them spurted out a mouthful of blood, and a cloud of black mist was released from the pores all over their bodies. However, the two of them did not feel any discomfort at all. In fact, they seemed to have become much younger and energetic. Meanwhile, Joseph's face became somewhat paler. Bradley and Lewis stared blankly at the black-colored discharge. When they saw how pale Joseph's face was, they immediately understood that Joseph had used up a portion of his own strength to clear their meridians. The benefits of doing so were unimaginable. With this, the two men would be able to advance their martial art skills. In fact, both of them were confident to achieve the next realm in a short period of time. "Thank you, Mr. Dawson!" Bradley and Lewis bowed deeply to Joseph once again.

Joseph nodded. "I will visit Usmit to take care of some business in a while. You two are natives, so it'd be perfect. After you go back, you will make a breakthrough in a short time. By then, regain the family power. Do you understand?" At this moment, Joseph thought of his friend who betrayed him six years ago. Since Joseph had returned this time, he intended to settle all grudges from the past one by one... What about Bradley and Lewis? To put it bluntly, he made them his chess pieces. Bradley and Lewis both agreed, "We shall patiently await your arrival in Usmit..." Joseph nodded and let them go. He did not say when he would visit Usmit. In the past, he used to stay there for a few years during college. When he was in junior year, he established his own business, which expanded rapidly. In two or three years, it almost became like a conglomerate. As such, Joseph was well-known as a genius in the industry. As soon as he was driven out of his own family, everything was gone. Even his best friend betrayed him at that time... Nonetheless, such things were not urgent, so they could be discussed later. At this moment, Joseph intended to settle things here as soon as possible. Only then he could finally see his daughter in Oplen. Earlier, Alpha 1 sent him a video, and his daughter was still squatting at the hotel entrance, waiting for his return... Finally, Joseph came to Logan and said with a smile, "Logan." "Sir, if you have any orders, the Parry family will definitely go all out for you." Logan hurriedly bowed his head. Waving his hand, Joseph replied, "As I've mentioned previously, your daughter and my wife are best friends. Since you are an elder, you don't have to be so courteous

with me. Nonetheless, you must keep today's incident a secret. Don't tell your daughter about my true identity as I can't let my wife find out right now. You can tell your daughter that the Police Department were the ones who resolved today's incident..." o After Joseph finished speaking, Samuel, who was standing on one side, hurriedly nodded, "Indeed, Logan. You can claim that the Police Department found ample evidence regarding the Kennedy family's crimes, so we punished them..." Logan hurriedly assured Joseph, "Please don't worry, sir. I will definitely keep it a secret. Even if it's my daughter, I won't tell her anything in this life..." Joseph said with a smile, "You don't have to hide it for so long. I will eventually reveal my identity to my wife and let her gradually accept it." Joseph paused and looked at Logan again. "Logan, after all, this place is too small. Do you have the desire to expand your business in Usmit? If so, I can help you out. As you've heard earlier, I will visit Usmit shortly..." Logan was delighted upon hearing this. He quickly nodded and responded,

you, sir! I'll go to Usmait directly once I've made arrangements within my family." "Okay." Joseph nodded with a smile. Finally, he inched closer to his soldiers from Dragon Temple and said with great pride, "Thank you for your help. Please leave Frogua immediately and continue to fight in the foreign regions!" Glancing at the four Masters, he nodded. "Four of you, thank you for your hard work." The four Masters all gave Joseph a slight nod. Then, they gave a loud shout and led their soldiers away... Before all 3000 soldiers left, they knelt on one knee in front of Joseph and shouted, "Goodbye, sir!" "Farewell, sir!" "Goodbye, sir!"

The loud cheers resounded through the skies as the soldiers left. Standing on the mountainside, Joseph watched his men leave. He did not expect that he would be able to establish such a powerful force outside of the country within the past five years. As soon as he returned to Frogua, he was offered the highest position within the country's leadership. His power and influence were limitless, not to mention that he was also incredibly wealthy. He was not originally from Frogua's military forces, yet Sebastian was willing to offer his position to him. Some of his subordinates were war generals of the central region. He had never realized how much money he actually had, but he had bank accounts in various top banks all over the world. In fact, he even owned a few foreign banks... In the past few years, dozens of world-renowned companies – overseas have also fallen into his ownership... Joseph returned to protect his daughter and his wife with his own capabilities. As such, he was absolutely confident that he would give them a lifetime of glory and happiness... "Chloe... Wait for me. I'll come back soon..." "Please believe in me. This time, I won't let you down again. I'll compensate you thousands of times more for the grievances you've suffered over the years. Those who once looked down on you will regret it!" Joseph muttered in his heart, and a military helicopter landed in the courtyard. Then, he got into the helicopter. It was only six o'clock in the evening. Joseph did not want his daughter to wait even one more minute. The helicopter speed was at its maximum, heading for its destination-Oplen.

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By seven o'clock in the evening, it was still raining in Oplen, albeit much lighter than before. At the hotel entrance, Chloe was still waiting there. She seemed slightly fatigued, and the sky was already dark. Paige persuaded her many times to return to the room, but Chloe refused to listen to her. Looking at the dark rainy night outside, she was in a daze, thinking that her father would appear the next moment... "Chloe, it's already seven o'clock. Let's eat..." Paige sighed at the sight of how much Chloe yearned for her father. Noticing her daughter's expectant gaze, she felt sorry deep down. Chloe was already sensible since she was three years old. In the restaurant where Paige worked previously, she often silently looked at other children with fathers accompanying them. At the time, her eyes were full of envy and yearning. Nonetheless, she had never bugged Paige about it, as Paige once told her that her father worked in a distant country. Hence, they could not disturb Joseph. "Mom, you should eat first. I feel that Dad will be back soon. I will wait for him to join us for dinner..." Chloe shook her head,

turned to Paige with a smile, and then stared outside again. "Chloe, didn't the man from earlier say that your father won't be back today? At the earliest, he'll only be back in two days. Why don't you come inside to join me for dinner..." Paige continued to persuade Chloe. Chloe shook her head and stubbornly refused, "No, I can sense that Dad will come back today. I have good instincts... I'll wait for Dad to have instant noodles together, which is my favorite food. He will come back tonight, and I'll offer him eggs as well. That way, Dad will never leave once he is full, right? Mom..." Paige's body trembled while starting to tear up. The next moment, she hurriedly turned around because she did not want her daughter to see her crying. "Joseph, did you hear that? Your daughter's biggest wish is that you can stay by her side. All this while, Chloe was sensible enough to suppress her thoughts in front of me until your appearance last night. You must come back safely!" Paige muttered

to herself. Paige no longer knew how to persuade Chloe at the time. No matter how hard she tried, her daughter would refuse to leave the door. Chloe was afraid that if she left, Joseph would not be able to find her. At this moment, she was obsessed with her father's return. Nevertheless, she could not go on like this. Chloe was in relatively poor health condition. The rain was heavy, and she was not wearing enough layers. If it went

on like this, she would definitely catch a cold. At her age, a cold would usually last for many days... Although Paige was somewhat reluctant, she still suppressed her emotions and said to her daughter, "Chloe! Don't you understand what I'm telling you? As I've said before, your father won't come back today! What's the point of waiting here? Do you want to catch a cold? Will you finally come back inside?" Chloe's body trembled. Looking up at her mother in surprise, she also had a hint of fear in her eyes. With tears welling up, she finally shook her head stubbornly. "Dad will be back... Boo-hoo..." Paige started sobbing as well. What she did not know was that perhaps there was indeed a mysterious link between Joseph and Chloe. Chloe sensed that Joseph would return that day. As it turned out, Brandon went straight to Joseph ahead of schedule, which led to Joseph returning to Chloe and Paige on the very same day. Indeed, this was mysterious how Chloe had such great instincts. Perhaps this was because they were blood-related. Although Chloe had a great sixth sense when it came to his father, Paige did not see it coming at all. Noticing how stubborn her daughter was, Paige then grabbed Chloe's arm and pulled her into the hotel room. "Mom, I'm not going with you. I want to wait for Dad. He will definitely come back today. Mom, I beg you, can you let me stay here? Please, I want to stay here and wait for Dad..." Chloe struggled violently and refused to enter the room. "I've said it many times already! Your father won't be back today!" Paige was livid as she shouted at Chloe. Hearing her mother's roar, Chloe was stunned. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that she was frightened. Her entire body trembled as she had never seen Paige so angry before. Chloe immediately burst into tears. On the one hand, she was scared. On the other, she was worried about how furious Paige became. Thus, she said to Paige, "I'm sorry, Mom. Don't yell at me. I'm scared..." Chloe continued sobbing. Paige was startled by the scene in front of her. In fact, she even wanted to slap herself. The next moment, she suddenly squatted down and hugged Chloe. "I'm sorry, Chloe. It's my fault. I shouldn't have yelled at you..." Paige apologized while crying. After a long while, Paige eventually calmed down. She let go of Chloe and looked at her. "Chloe, your father really won't come back today. Be obedient. Come back inside and eat with me for now. Then, we both can get some rest. Can we wait for your father tomorrow instead?" Lowering her head, Chloe fiddled with the hem of her white

skirt. Since she was young at the time, she did not know how to tell Paige how she felt deep down. Nonetheless, she knew that her mother was angry and sad at the time, so she needed to be obedient.

Just as she was about to take Paige's advice, Joseph suddenly appeared in the rain. He was walking quickly toward them.

Chloe noticed Joseph from the corner of her eye. She immediately broke free from Paige's arms and ran toward her father. While running, she shouted happily, "Dad..."

"Chloe... What? How is this possible?" At the sight of Chloe running out, Paige was about to stop her. Suddenly, she heard Chloe's cheerful voice.

The next moment, she was shocked to see Joseph rushing over. She then saw how her daughter happily threw herself into Joseph's arms...

This scene made her incredibly emotional. Joseph... He was really back! How could this be possible?

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"Dad... I knew you'd be back today. Heehee!" Throwing herself into Joseph's arms, Chloe said happily while kissing him on the cheek. At this moment, Joseph had mixed emotions. Although he was sad deep inside, he was also delighted to be able to hold his daughter. Because of his complex emotions, he remained silent all the while. Joseph planted a kiss on Chloe's face. Enduring his sorrow, he replied, "That's right. You have such good instincts. I'm sorry, Chloe. I came late. I'm really sorry..." Shaking her head delightfully, Chloe replied, "It's fine as long as you are back, Dad. Mom and I plan to have dinner now. Come and join us..." Joseph suppressed his emotions and nodded with a smile, "Sure. Let's have dinner together." Then, he looked up at Paige, who was standing in a daze with teary eyes. Joseph could not help but feel even more guilty. At this time, Chloe turned back and waved happily at Paige. "Mom, let's have dinner together. Heehee! We're having dinner together as a family..." As Paige covered her teary eyes, Joseph nodded slightly at her. "Let's go for dinner now. Don't let Chloe starve..." Paige agreed. Thus, she wiped her tears and followed closely behind Joseph, who was holding Chloe in his arms. Joseph then asked Chloe with a smile, "Since it's daddy's treat, what do you want to eat? Shall we go to a nice restaurant?" Chloe responded with great excitement, "Dad, let's have some delicious instant noodles. Is that okay?" Joseph was stunned. Instant noodles? With his current wealth, how could he treat his daughter to junk food? Before he could say anything, Paige smiled and answered, "Of course. We can have instant noodles with you..." Overjoyed, Chloe immediately made a peace sign. Then, she pointed to a restaurant not far from the hotel. With her eyes sparkling, she said, "We should go there..." Joseph frowned slightly. Initially, he wanted to take

Paige and Chloe to a nicer restaurant, but since his daughter was so excited about this place, he remained silent as he followed them to this relatively small restaurant. At the dining table, Chloe happily ordered three bowls of instant noodles with eggs. When the dishes were served, Chloe immediately passed the poached egg in her bowl to Joseph. Displaying a smile, she said to Joseph, "Dad, you should eat more because you are an adult. I can't finish all this food anyway. Otherwise, you will be hungry when you sleep at night..."

Hearing this, Joseph could feel his heart skipping a beat. He vaguely felt something was off, but he was not sure. He looked at Paige in curiosity. However, she lowered her head and continued eating with teary eyes. After the meal, the three returned to the hotel. Chloe lay in Joseph's arms and talked a variety of things with him. At night, Paige took Chloe to take a bath. Then, Chloe lay on the bed and asked Joseph to tell her a story. Earlier, she waited for him all day. Since she did not take an afternoon nap, she was incredibly tired. After less than half an hour, Chloe fell asleep. Carefully covering her daughter with a quilt, Joseph noticed that Paige was quietly sobbing at the balcony. With a frown on his face, he went to her. Noticing that Joseph was approaching, Paige asked while crying, "Are you really okay? Why would the Kennedys let you go so easily? Why don't you leave quickly? Since Chloe is asleep, you should go now. Leave Frogua and hide. Don't return for the time being..." Hearing this, Joseph fell silent. After a long while, he took a deep breath and looked at Paige. "It's okay. Everything is settled now. Maybe I'm lucky. The Kennedys made a huge scene this time and angered the Police Department in Apren City. This afternoon, the Police Department came over and arrested them.

The Kennedy family's crimes over the years have caught up to them." "What? Is the Kennedy family completely wiped out?" Paige looked at Joseph with incomparable shock. She had never thought that this would be the outcome. Joseph nodded. "Indeed, the Kennedy family is gone, so I can come back safely. I don't have to leave anymore. It's okay. Don't worry..." Glancing at Joseph, she heaved a sigh of relief, "Thank goodness. Why didn't the Police Department arrest you for what you've done to Jaylah?" After pondering for a while, Joseph answered, "I'm from the military, so the Police Department can't touch me. In any case, it should be the military who would punish me..." Paige asked worriedly, "How will they punish you? Will it be very harsh?" Joseph paused and said, "It's fine. At most, they will expel me. It's no big deal. The moment I found out that I have a daughter, I do not wish to stay in the military anymore. I just want to stay with Chloe..." Paige became even more emotional. Indeed, perhaps this was the best outcome. Although he was expelled by the military, Joseph was able to return safely. At the moment, both Paige and Joseph were silent. After a while, Joseph said to Paige with great guilt, "Paige, I'm sorry, I... I really don't know how I've hurt you back then. You've led a tough life in the past few years with Chloe all by yourself. It's all my fault. I'm sorry..." Shaking her head, Paige then turned to look at Joseph. "Let's not talk about that. It's

all in the past. Chloe is a gift from the heavens. She is a good kid. You can't even imagine how sensible she is..." After a pause, Paige continued, "Joseph, do you know why Chloe took you to eat instant noodles tonight?" . Joseph shook his head subconsciously. Paige continued, "In her heart, instant noodles and eggs are the best food in the world. She never asks me for snacks. Even if she often secretly looks at other children when they have snacks, she would never ask for them." The tears started to well up even more in Paige's eyes. She looked at Chloe, who was asleep with a smile. Paige added, "Chloe also likes eggs in instant

noodles very much, but do you know what she thinks? Before you came back, she told me that she would give you her favorite poached eggs, so you would not leave when you were full...”

Taking a deep breath, she looked at Joseph emotionally. “Joseph, Chloe has never met you before, but she doesn’t hate you at all. On the contrary, she likes you very much. To prevent you from leaving, she is willing to give you all her favorites.” “Joseph, Chloe is very young, but she tried her best to give you the best things she can think of...” At this point, Joseph started tearing up. Earlier, he felt that something was off during dinner. It turned out that his instincts were accurate. Upon hearing how Chloe thought, he felt both guilty and touched at the same time. “I’m sorry...” Joseph said to Paige while sobbing. Paige took a deep breath and replied, “Phew... Joseph... We’ve never had feelings for each other from the start. What happened that night was because of your lack of consciousness. When I found out that I was pregnant two months later, I initially thought of abortion. However, I could feel the baby moving one day, so I decided to give birth to Chloe. No matter how hard life would be, I’ve decided to raise her. I did not expect that she would like you so much. Despite starvation and exhaustion, she still waited for you at the hotel entrance all day...” “Joseph, we’ve never loved each other. You have your own career, and I don’t want to use Chloe to threaten you and drag you down. Joseph... I won’t ask you to marry me. I only beg you to treat Chloe well. She is your daughter and a person who needs to rely on you most in this life, so... Please... I beg you... I beg you not to leave her. Please be with her until she’s all grown up, okay? Even if in the future you meet someone you like, you can marry that person. I wouldn’t mind, okay?” Paige looked at Joseph with teary eyes. At this moment, Joseph was completely stunned. Hearing such earnest words from Paige, he even wanted to slap himself to death. He had been fighting in foreign territories for all these years. He was even the leader of Dragon Temple, which was one of the most powerful organizations globally. However, he had never imagined that his wife and daughter were leading such miserable lives in Frogua... Indeed, he had regarded Paige as his wife. Even if she had never given birth to Chloe, Joseph still intended to marry her once he returned. After all, she was the one who gave him hope at the most desperate period of his life. Despite having many things on his mind, he could not utter a single word to Paige as she seemed depressed at the time. “You should get some early rest as you must be tired as well. Don’t think too much and put too much pressure on yourself. Your relationship with Chloe is totally a separate issue from our relationship...” Paige said before going back to sleep. Standing alone on the balcony, Joseph closed the door and lit a cigarette. He stayed alone on the balcony for a long time. In the room, Paige, who was equally exhausted, soon fell asleep. When Joseph noticed that Paige fell asleep, he took out his mobile phone and dialed Alpha 1’s number. “Alpha 1, how are the arrangements for Oplen?” At the same time, in a top private club in the center of Oplen. There were hundreds of bodyguards outside the club. In the hall, there were only three people. One was Alpha 1, and the other two were the two most powerful figures in the city. One of them was Dennis Drake of Gempoint Group, the largest conglomerate in Oplen. The other was Ernie Green, the leader of the largest underground forces. However, at this moment, both Dennis and Ernie were extremely frightened. The mysterious Alpha 1 had the strength of an elite soldier and massive funds. In just one afternoon, he had acquired all of Gempoint Group. What made them more fearful was that the leaders of Oplen did not intervene at all. After some background research, Dennis and Ernie finally learned that members of Dragon Temple, the strongest international organization, had all gathered in Apren City, which was not far from them. They

also discovered that the Kennedy family had been wiped out by the Police Department. How could that be? This was only a lie to the commoners. Both Dennis and Ernie refused to believe such a blatant lie. Moreover, they also heard that the military commander, who was in charge of central Frogua, was previously ranked 34th in Dragon Temple. At this moment, Alpha 1 said to Dennis and Ernie with a smile, "Haha. I'm sorry, you two. I don't have much time left. My boss is still waiting for my reply. I'm not in the mood for any delays. I think you have arranged hundreds of men outside. They can either come in to fight or submit to us. Please tell me the answer now. Have you made your decisions?" Dennis and Ernie traded glances at each other. They forcibly suppressed the idea of ordering their subordinates to fight Alpha 1 head-on. Ernie cautiously asked, "It's

fine to make a choice, but could you at least tell us who will we be submitting to? Otherwise, we will be anxious..." Looking at Ernie with a smile, Alpha 1 replied, "Mr. Green, stop your petty tricks. Haven't you already find out? Actually, there's no need to hide this matter. I don't think the two of you would have the guts to tell anyone. My name is Alpha 1!" As soon as Alpha 1 finished speaking, his imposing aura instantly filled the whole place. . Dennis and Ernie's faces instantly turned pale. They subconsciously stood up in fear. In front of Alpha 1, they were incredibly intimidated. After all, he was a member of Dragon Temple, an organization full of military experts. In fact, the commander in central Frogua was ranked 34th in Dragon Temple. Meanwhile, the man in front of them was Alpha 1. At this moment, both Ernie and Dennis were drenched in a cold sweat. Dennis suddenly thought of something. Did Alpha 1 ask them to submit to his leader? Did that mean... Thinking of this, Dennis cautiously asked, "Mr. Alpha 1, are you saying that your boss is here in Oplen?" As Dennis asked the question, Ernie hurriedly looked at Alpha 1. Taking a sip of his tea, Alpha 1 responded, "Haha... Ask only what you should. Or else, you may die after finding out more..." Ernie and Dennis were so frightened that they both fell to the ground. Although Alpha 1 did not say it directly, it was a tacit admission. The legendary leader of Dragon Temple was, in fact, in Oplen! "We surrender. We're willing to die for you!" Dennis and Ernie quickly knelt and shouted. On the one hand, they were afraid, but on the other, they also knew that this was a great opportunity. This was a path to success. At this time, Alpha 1's phone rang. When he saw the caller ID, he quickly stood up. Upon hearing Joseph's instructions, he responded respectfully, "Sir, everything is settled. Dennis and Ernie have submitted..." As such, Dennis and Ernie became even more certain that the legendary big shot had truly arrived at Oplen. Both of them were extremely shocked. "Very well then..." On the hotel balcony, Joseph nodded and hung up the phone. Glancing at Paige and Chloe, he took a deep breath and muttered, "Don't worry, I am back. In this life, no one can bully you anymore!"