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Diane rolled her eyes at Sheila. "What are you talking about? You're very good-looking, and you're also kind at heart. How could you say such a thing?"

*Even though he saved me yesterday, I still feel like a useless person. His attainment must be very high, while I have nothing! My attainment is terrible, and I'd probably only be a burden if I stay by his side!" Sheila then said.

Diane felt the same way before too. "We can train up until the level of a grandmaster, and once we reach level nine, we'll be able to protect ourselves a little. At the very least, we don't need to be afraid of normal thugs anymore."

Sheila smiled wryly. "I don't have the talent for attainment. I've trained before, and now I'm a level five grandmaster, but I later heard the elders saying that those without attainment talent will never be able to have a breakthrough to profound master because they can't sense the spiritual energy surrounding them. That's the reason we can't have any more breakthroughs, and without breakthroughs, one can never have true attainment!"

Following that brief rant, Sheila paused for a moment before continuing. "That's why I decided to give up on it! I haven't trained much anymore!"

Diane empathized with Sheila and immediately held the latter's hand. "Sheila, there are some treasures in this world that can change a person's constitution and talent for attainment. We just need to work hard. I have no talent either, but now I'm working hard to improve myself so I'll break through to level nine grandmaster as soon as possible!"

"Really? Do such things exist?" Sheila's red lips parted open slightly when she heard that and there was a marked expression of shock on her face. She had never heard of such treasures before in her life.

After some thought, she smiled wryly and said, "Such a treasure sounds like something that defies nature. It's probably very difficult to find, right?"

"Very much so. But Severin's uncle-master is working hard to find it for me. If there are any extras, I promise to give you some too. There will always be hope as long as such treasures exist in this world. What we need to do is try our best to break through to peak-stage level nine grandmaster. That way, we're fully prepared to become profound masters and step into the threshold of attainment when that treasure is in our hands," Diane immediately said.

After Sheila heard that, she could not help but nod as a flash of determination appeared in her eyes. "You're right. I should work harder. Even if my attainment has reached level nine grandmaster, I need to become stronger and better so I can see where that takes me in the future. After all, we wouldn't know whether or not we'd have the chance to break through to profound master in the future unless we try!"

Diane thought for a moment before saying to Sheila, "I don't think you should go back to Brookbourn tomorrow. How about you stay here and train with me? It'd be good to have a companion. What do you think?"

"But... won't that be a little inappropriate?" Sheila was overjoyed and could not help herself from feeling shy. After all, she did not expect Diane to take the initiative and ask her to stay.

"What's wrong with that? You and I are good friends, and if we get bored, we can always go shopping together and discuss our training. Isn't that good?" Diane smiled. "All right. That's settled! You're staying."

"Okay then. I'll be in your care from now on!" Sheila lowered her head and curled her lips slightly in elation.

Diane smiled too when he saw Sheila's 'head-over-hells-in-love' smile.

It was finally time for the appointment ceremony the next morning. A huge venue had been set up in one of South Link City's luxurious palace-like villas. The place was already full of people, and outside the venue were many mayors as well as some of South Link City's influential families. They had all rushed there to see who would be the new head of the South County Mansion.

Severin arrived there soon enough with Diane, Sheila, and Zachariah.

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"Babe! That's the guy! That's the one who bullied me!" Namvail's people had arrived too, and the person who made that remark was Surina, who had gone up to her husband Regan and complained to him after seeing Severin in the distance.

Regan looked over immediately. "Why is he here? Hmph, he's too powerful for us, babe. We're no match for him right now, but once I become the governor, I'll hire a strong person in the future to help you end his life!"

"Thank you, hubby! You can do it! I believe you!" Surina said and immediately kissed Regan on the face.

Regan pretended to be modest as he said, "You can't be so confident, you know. Even if my relationship with Mister Calum is pretty good and I had dinner with him before, there's no telling who will be appointed as the new south county governor."

Regan then led his men to where Severin was and glanced at Severin with disdain. "I heard you're from Brookbourn. Are you here to witness the ceremony?"

Severin could not help himself from smiling as he said, "Sure, you can think of it that way!"

"You offended my wife and killed our men that day. I'm not just going to let that slide, you know, I'll make you pay soon enough." Regan threatened Severin.

Severin did not take him seriously at all and replied with a nonchalant smile. "Oh? I can't wait already!" "Dad! That's him! That's the guy who beat Jinny and the others that day!" Yusky's Manny immediately

pointed at Severin as soon as he saw the latter. He had arrived here along with his father Yacob and their

men.

Yacob glanced over and frowned because the appointment ceremony was about to begin and it might not be appropriate to attack Severin there. He stepped forward with a cold face and said to Severin, "Are you the guy who hit our bodyguard?"

Severin shrugged calmly. "Yes. I beat him up because your son is a terrible human being who coveted my wife. I was teaching him a lesson on your behalf!"

"He's talking nonsense, Dad! I did no such thing! I just want to make friends with his wife, but he thought that I was hitting on his wife and decided to attack our men! He even slapped me in the face!" Manny immediately decided to exaggerate the story to his father.

"Hehe, still not going to admit it?" Severin chuckled. "I didn't slap you at all, but here you are accusing me of something I didn't do. Guess I should have slapped you then!"

"I dare you!" Yacob did not expect Severin to be so bold as to make such a blatant threat in front of him. "You're lucky the ceremony is about to begin, or else I would've asked my elders to teach you a lesson now!"

"Is that so? I'm happy to oblige. We can then see if your elders have what it takes to take me on!" Severin maintained his faint smile and walked in.

"Is he from Brookbourn Mansion?" Yacob asked angrily as he looked at Severin from behind.

Beside him, Surina came forward. "No, he's not. He's probably from some small family!"

"Hehe, how dare he show such arrogance when he's not even from Brookbourn Mansion?" Yacob became even angrier, and after a moment's thought, he said to the old man beside him, "Tail that kid once the conferment ceremony ends. If you get a chance to kill him, do it without any hesitation."

"Not a problem!" The old man nodded immediately.

Manny, who stood behind him, was secretly reveling in delight. As long as Severin was killed, then Manny would have a field day dealing with Severin's woman. When the time comes and she loses her backing, she might just decide to be with him on her initiative.

"By the way, Mister Yacob, did he offend you too? This is quite a coincidence. As if it's not bad enough that he bullied my mistress the other day, I didn't expect that he would offend you too!" Regan immediately stepped forward and enquired with a smile.

"Hehe, he's the kind of guy who came from a small place and has never seen the world before. He has no Tdea just how strong the people in South Link City can be, and he can't blame us for bringing trouble onto himself." Yacob chuckled, then waved his hand to lead everyone in.

"Darling, is this the same Yacob that you mentioned is your most likely contender for the title of governor?" Surina asked with a frown when Yacob and Manny left.

“Yes! But even though Yusky is developing well and harbors a host of strong people, they’re not close with Mister Calum. I can only hope that he will take into account my relationship with him and appoint me to this position!” Regan answered, feeling a little less confident than before.

More and more people came in and found a table to sit down, while others drank some red wine in the mingling area while chatting with their acquaintances.

“Everyone! War God, Mister Calum is here!” A man walked up to a table not far away and said into a microphone. As soon as everyone heard that, they immediately walked over to the main area and found a place to sit.

A door opened behind them, and Calum walked out and ascended the platform that had been erected. After arriving, Calum scanned the crowd until he finally laid eyes on Severin. As soon as he spotted his master, he could not help but smile slightly and felt relieved in his heart. To be honest, he was actually somewhat afraid that Severin might go back on the agreement and decide not to be the governor anymore.

After all, he had never gotten the chance to repay Severin, and one of the ways he could do so was by appointing Severin to the position of governor. The emcee made some opening remarks before handing the microphone to Calum.

“Welcome, one and all. I will now announce the new head of South County Mansion and leave it to his prerogative to decide how best to collect the offerings in the future!” Calum said with a faint smile.

There was a bit of an uproar when everyone heard that.

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As soon as Severin put forth that question, both Regan and Yacob stiffened.

“Murderous intent? You wanted to kill him? Do you know who he is? Not even a hundred of your lives are worth as much as a fraction of his!” Calum had a gloomy expression when he heard that and immediately questioned Regan and Yacob.

He then looked at Severin. “Would you like me to kill them both?”

Had it not been for Severin’s insistence on not causing too big of a stir in the city and his dislike of having his identity revealed, Calum would have called Severin ‘master’ already. Even so, many of the guests there were shocked because Calum’s tone sounded like he was asking for advice, much like the attitude of a subordinate seeking direction from a superior..

“Spare us!” Regan was so shell-shocked that he immediately knelt on the ground. Then, his mistress Surina, along with his men, did the same one after another.

“It’s a misunderstanding! It’s all a misunderstanding! You got us all wrong here!” Surina had a sudden idea and began to make it as if they had been wronged

Yacob, too, grabbed Manny and knelt. “It’s a misunderstanding! This was a misunderstanding! We were... we just wanted to test your verve!”

“Yes! And your verve truly is extraordinary!” Surina was sweating profusely as she cried out. When she thought about how she showed off in front of Severin by claiming that her husband would likely become the next governor, she could almost feel a sting on her cheek because everything she said had come back to slap her in the face.

After all, the relationship between Severin and Calum might be much deeper than at first glance. Severin might even have known ahead of everyone that he would be appointed to the position.

“Hehe, don’t worry. I’m not the kind of person who holds grudges. After all, you’ve already received the commensurate punishment.” Severin felt amused to see their reactions. “Just remember not to bother me again. If you do, then I’ll erase both of your families from existence!”

“Oh, you jest, sir! We promise we won’t! I would never dare to cause any trouble to you even if I had the courage of a million men!” Regan smiled awkwardly.

“Yes, we won’t! You may rest assured, sir!” Yacob’s mouth twitched a few times, and although he was very upset, he had no choice but to bear with it.

“Okay. You can get up now. It’s time to eat!” Severin could see that it was getting late, so he told them to get up because he did not want to waste any of his precious time.

Everyone soon went to the outdoors venue, where about twenty tables had already been set up there. Many of the mayors from various cities in the South County had already arrived too.

During the meal, they all came to raise a glass to Severin and praised him endlessly in the hopes that they would leave an impression on him. Severin was hardly interested in such things, but he could only deal with them with a smile.

Later that afternoon, he returned to his residence and was surprised to see a plaque bearing the words South County Mansion’ installed on the iron gate.

“That was quick...” Severin was speechless at how fast the plaque had been installed.

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After Severin and Diane got out of the car, Felicia and Megan came with several others to greet them.” Welcome home, governor and wife of the governor!”

Diane and Severin exchanged a dumbfounded glance with each other, and they were left stupefied by the welcome that they received.

“Did you and Megan put up the plaque, Mom?” Diane asked as soon as she went up to Felicia.

Before Felicia could even answer, Megan said, “Hehe, that was us! You might not know this, but as soon as you and Severin left the home, Mom asked me to could look for someone to help us put it up!”

Diane was speechless and she almost fainted after hearing that. They sure are excited.’

“Where’s the token? I’d like to see it, Severin!” Felicia immediately ran to Severin with a smile and asked eagerly with an expectant look.

Severin took out the token and handed it over to her.

“Wow... this... isn't this made of real gold? It feels so good to the touch!” Felicia took the token and touched it excitedly.

Severin smiled. “You can have it if you like it.”

All of a sudden, Felicia stuffed it into Severin's hands as if she could not bear the weight of holding it. Then, she smiled awkwardly. “Don't jest with me like that, Severin. I wouldn't dare to take something that symbolizes the governor.”

“It's just a token. Just because you have it doesn't mean that people will think that you're the governor. Almost a hundred mayors from all of the south county's cities were in attendance and saw me today,” Severin said.

“Teehee!” Sheila covered her mouth and giggled unwittingly. “My handsome Severin was so domineering at the venue today that he nearly scared two foolish mayors into peeing their pants!”

“That he did! Remember how they threatened you when we were at the entrance? Now that you were appointed as the governor, they probably won't think of killing you anymore even if a gun was pointed at their head!” Diane then added.

“Bwahaha! I laughed so hard when that happened! Did you see how ugly their expressions were at that time? Hahah!” Sheila laughed again.

“Really? Well, I didn't think there'd still be idiots who would dare to offend my son-in-law. But you're right, I'm sure they regret having threatened him after seeing him being appointed the governor!” Felicia was feeling very proud. “Let's go out and celebrate later in the evening!”

After making that suggestion, a thought occurred to her and she immediately asked, “By the way, those city mansions would have to pay annual offerings to our family, don't they? How much do you plan on collecting?”

“I decided to give them a thirty percent discount!” Severin replied with a smile.

“Thirty percent?!?” Felicia instantly felt as though she had suffered a huge loss in earnings with that discount. She felt distraught, and she asked Severin again, “Why would give them a discount? Thirty percent is a big sum, and your decision is a permanent one!”

Upon seeing that, Diane stood up and spoke for Severin. “We learned that the Neelys received much higher offerings than other county mansions, so it's still a lot of money even if Severin gave them thirty percent. Truth is, the offerings we've received are only a little lesser than the other county mansions’

After some more thought, Diane added, “Besides, Severin has just been appointed, and his priority will be to win over the people's hearts. It's only if we get along well with the mayors that they would hand in the offerings on time every year!”

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Felicia was still a little heartbroken after thinking about it, and she could not help but to protest softly. Even if you wanted to win their hearts, isn't a ten percent discount more than enough? Why does it have to be thirty percent? This is a huge loss of earnings!"

"It's not like we lack money right now. If we have a good relationship with those mayors, our business in South Link City will be much smoother in the future, As you probably already know, the mayors of many cities have their properties in South Link City, especially the nearer cities!" Severin immediately said. "That's my husband for you! I didn't think you'd be such a business-savvy person!" Diane could not resist heaping some praise on Severin.

Felicia finally conceded when she saw them singing the same tune. "Okay. Everything you both said seems to make perfect sense. So be it, then. A woman like me shouldn't bother about such things. All I can hope for is that I can get a bit more money to spend."

Severin smiled. "It's just money. I haven't given you any in a while, so how about I transfer thirty million to you in a bit? That should be more than enough to last you a while."

"Thirty million?" Felicia's face instantly burst into a smile and she could not help herself from praising, "Oh, you're such a good son-in-law. I'm so grateful to receive thirty million from you every now and then. We're in South Link City, so it's always better to have more money on us so we'll have some sense of - security whenever we're out!"

Diane did not know whether to laugh or cry, because her mother's love for money never seemed to have changed.

After Megan heard that, she immediately came over, grabbed Severin's wrist, and asked, "What about me, Brother-in-Law? I don't have any sense of security either! Aren't you going to give me some money to spend?"

"Okay, I'll give you fifteen million dollars!" Severin said with a smile. He had a lot of money on him, so he did not mind as much when they asked to get some money from him.

"Yay! You're the best!" Megan immediately said in excitement. "Diane made the right judgment from the very beginning when she insisted on you. You're so much better than that Edward guy!"

Diane rolled her eyes at Megan. "There's no need to mention him anymore now that he's dead, right?"

"Exactly. Why did you need to bring that person up during such a happy moment? You're just ruining the moment!" Felicia immediately glared at Megan.

Severin glanced at Maurice and Judith beside him, walked up to them, and said, "I'll also transfer thirty million each to the two of you. Make sure you spend it however you like."

"I can't help but feel a little worried to receive this money from you all of a sudden. I don't think I can sleep at night!" Judith was taken aback. Having food on the table, nice clothes to wear, and a decent car to drive was more than enough for her.

"We're fine without the money. Don't forget to give some to your father-in-law too!" Maurice reminded.

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William was not there at the time, so it was natural for Maurice to be worried that William might be unhappy if Severin did not give his father-in-law any money.

Severin smiled and said, "Don't worry, Dad. I won't forget my father-in-law. He'll receive his share too!"

Zachariah and Zenoah stood not too far away, and they both had a surprised look after seeing Severin transfer over a million to his family members. Although the Ballards could just as well fork out the same sum of money, they could never make such a generous gesture.

After all, God knows how long it would take for a person to finish spending 30 million dollars.

Regan and Yacob brought their people to a teahouse after the ceremony came to an end.

Once they took their seats, Regan frowned and asked, "What do you think this Severin guy is playing at? He gave us a thirty percent discount and did not show any discrimination against us, but I can't help but feel uneasy at the whole thing!"

Beside him, Surina frowned and said, "Don't scare me, darling! What do you mean by that? Are you saying that Severin is only acting as if he's not targeting us?"

Regan nodded. "That's exactly what I'm worried about. Two-faced people do exist. They might portray themselves a certain way, but deep down they're the complete opposite of what they show on the outside. They pretend to be generous and forgiving now, but they might just find an excuse to go against after a couple of months have passed and everyone else forgets about what happened today."

Surina was worried as soon as she heard that and asked anxiously, "What should we do then?"

Regan finally answered, "Well, I invited Yacob here so we can discuss it. After all, we're both in the boat!"

Yacob kept silent as he frowned in deep thought.

Manny then remarked with a gloomy expression, "Does it matter if he's the governor? I heard that he came from Brookbourn, where there aren't any huge forces there. Even if his attainment is strong, I don't think he'd be capable of winning against our family's strongest men. We don't have to be afraid of him at all! If he can only win in a fight against a level two warrior king like Jinny, then maybe he's just a level three warrior king?"

When Regan heard that, he immediately pointed out, "It's probably much more than that. His attainment is at least five or level six warrior king. Plus, he knows Mister Calum, which is why that position was given to him in the first place!"

"Hmph. We don't have anything to fear even if he is a level six warrior king!" Manny snorted coldly, looked at Regan with a little more contempt in his eyes, and said directly, "Namvail is developing well, Mister Regan, but it's unfortunate that there are still far too few strong people in your city, or your mansion for that matter. We, at Yusky, have plenty of strong guys whose attainment has reached that of a level seven warrior king!"

However, Yacob immediately stood up and slapped Manny as soon as the young man ended his sentence. "Don't talk nonsense, Manny!"

"But I'm telling the truth! He might have a high level of attainment, but his county mansion doesn't have any powerhouses at all. Why should we be afraid when he's the only strong one there?" Manny did not back down even after being slapped.

Yacob glared at him and said, "Why are you still going on about that nonsense? You're the sole cause of so terribly if it weren't for you!"